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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Respect Effort Responsibility School Vision: Every student will be supported through high quality teaching and learning practices in achieving successful outcomes and a pathway of their choice. Strive for Success – Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow

oint Cook **Senior** 

It's been an exciting start to term 3 with the successful launch of the PCSSC Facebook Page at our Open Night. It was extremely well received with the 2020 Year 9 into 10 parents and students taking the opportunity to Like it straight away. Could I encourage all parents and students to have a look at the page and some of the great photos of the activities PCSSC students are involved in. Congratulations to Simon Schorback for implementing this initiative and congratulations to the students and staff who have worked with him to put it together.

On Tuesday 6 August Victoria Police presented to PCSSC Year 12 VCAL students on a range of issues to inform them of their Rights and Responsibilities as young adults. I think these are great opportunities to inform our student cohort of societies expectations of them as contributing citizens in their local community and also giving them the knowledge needed to make decisions that won't impact on them or those around them negatively. The VICPOL Media Unit conducted an interview with myself and two of our students which will be on their website.

On Wednesday 8 August we had our annual college Open Night which was attended by just under 500 parents and students who will be attending PCSSC in 2020. This year I was limited to a five-minute speaking time slot to welcome everyone and then the Student Leaders took control and ran the night. I can say that the "kahoot" activity at the end of their power point presentation was a hit with everyone. The students from the year 10 Aspire and STAMP programs who presented on the night were also outstanding. I am extremely proud of the young adults who take on leadership roles and represent our college.

On Friday 14 students from Gyeongnam HS in South Korea arrived at PCSSC to commence an exchange student experience. Olga Verbitckaia has coordinated homestays and student buddies for the visitors as well as organizing their program here at PCSSC. They will be placed in year 10 classes (two per class) over the next week. Olga has also organized a visit to the Werribee Zoo for them. I would like t express my gratitude to the host families that opened their homes to our Korean visitors and helped them enjoy a fantastic experience in Melbourne. I would also like to express my gratitude to the students here at school who acted as buddies, to help the exchange students settle in and to Olga for organizing and coordinating this hugely successful cultural exchange.

Congratulations to Paris Luzaic a Year 10 student who recently participated in the Avalon Dance Stars on the Floor where she represented PCSSC. I received this email from Wyndham councilor Heather Marcus who organized the event.

I would like to thank you both for nominating Paris Luzaic to be one of our Stars in the Avalon Dance Stars on the Floor in July. Paris conducted herself very well and as you know she won the dancing part of the show. We would like to advise you that after the production costs we raised \$40,775.00. This is an amazing amount of money and this would not have been possible without the generous support of our Corporate Sponsors, Dance Stars and all Volunteers. We are proud so many of our residents worked extremely hard to make sure this evening was a success and that we reached this wonderful fund-raising figure. We will organise a panel who will work with Mental Health Foundation Australia on how this money will be awarded to providers who work with our young people suffering mental health and who may have suicidal tendencies.

I would like to farewell Angela Comben who has decided to retire. Angela was one of the original staff members when PCSSC opened its doors in 2008 and she is responsible for creating our ARTS department. It was through Angela's passion for Design subjects that saw the college Art Shows created and become such a huge part of the college culture. I wish Angela and her husband David all the best for her retirement and the college thanks her for her many years of contribution.

As you enter the college you may notice an addition t our front entrance signage, we have added our new attendance slogan. The message is very important, it is essential that students attend school every day.

Chris Mooney



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#### Congratulations

**To Principal Christopher Mooney for 35 years' service in Education.** Chris started his career at Sunshine technical College in1982 teaching Humanities & English. In 1989 he moved to Galvin Park Secondary College where he taught Legal studies & Humanities and became the senior years Manager. In 2008 he took up the position at Point Cook Senior Secondary as Assistant Principal at the start of that year there were 100 students 8 teaching staff and 3 education support staff. He became Principal in 2018 with an enrolment now of 900 students and 90 staff. He is now in his 37 year and has made a valuable contribution to Point Cook Senior Secondary College & education.



#### Year 10 Physical Education

Year 10 Physical Education class out on excursion at Werribee Golf driving range. Students were able to apply their new knowledge and understanding of the various fitness components, muscles and bones whilst trying out new skills on the driving range.



#### **Trip to Wyndham Tech School**

On Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> June, our Intensive EAL class went to the Wyndham Tech School in Werribee with Ms. Adamou. We travelled by a bus and when we arrived were asked to sit and listen to instructions. We experienced the Living Art, using an app on the school's iPad which made the 2D art/painting 3D on the screen.

Later we experienced the 'high tech Virtual Reality' machine, it was so big with 2 seats that allow you to sit there and play with the game you wanted to. Then we move on to the '360° space show room' the instructor showed us what's it's like to see the universe in 360°, it was crazy. After that we used a computer each and started making a game using software. We started off with an empty world then we get to put our own things into the world to make it look really interesting.

Everything was fun except some students enjoyed more than others creating the game The VR was honestly my favorite thing ever, the VR and the  $360^{\circ}$  experience just for myself because it was really cool.. It was so fun but not long enough...Overall I think it was a good day.

Noah Rith.





#### Year 12 Advisory Orientation Program Day 2

On the 26th of July, the Year 12 students got to school bright and early for a BBQ breakfast put on by the Year 12 team. Students snacked on sausages in bread, bacon and egg sandwiches and croissants in preparation for a big day ahead. At 9am, students were ushered to their advisory rooms for a 'Run Home' Elevate Session. Since 2001, Elevate has been transforming the way study skills programs are run across Australia. Drawing upon over 15 years of research into the habits of the country's top students, Elevate's high impact seminars & workshops help students improve their study techniques, increase motivation, build confidence, and lift exam performance. After a brilliant session, students heard from Mary Dimech-Hill, our careers guru who quickly spoke about upcoming Open Days and University entrance requirements. Upon completion of another brilliant talk from Mary, students made the long trip down the highway to Geelong where we stopped for lunch at Rippleside Park. With everyone full from the sandwiches and fruit provided, we headed to Deakin University Waterfront Campus to hear from George from Victoria University talk about the different options for TAFE and University. After leaving the impressive theatre, students then had the opportunity to talk to different university and TAFE providers before heading back to Point Cook.



Bryce Flannery, Year 12 Leader

#### **Habitat Heroes**

The Year 11 VCAL team have been delivering a program called Habitat Heroes in conjunction with Wyndham City Council. The *Habitat Heroes* project provides practical guidance in how to create a habitat garden. By participating, the year 11 students are discovering our incredibly rich and diverse local flora and fauna. They are learning how to work with soils to help improve gardening success. And they are also learning how to plan and develop a small

wildlife garden. Wyndham City is now home to over 200,000 people and has a high rate of urban development. With this also comes the challenges of habitat loss and fragmentation for our local fauna. Wyndham City's Habitat Heroes Program is aimed at helping create habitat gardens and improving wildlife corridors throughout the municipality.

Bryce Flannery

In Mr Flannery's Personal Development Skills class, we have been learning about habitats; and one thing that I have learnt is that there are so many habitats where animals live. I have learnt the meaning of habitat and biodiversity, which is where the animals and plant life are on earth and humans as well, also I've learnt that there are 3 different levels of biodiversity and it creates the complexity of life on earth. I have learnt so much about habitats and now I am looking forward to creating our own habitat at school.

To help us create our habitats, we had Rebecca Bond from Wyndham City Council talking about habitats and the different places where the animals live, what the animals need and how they communicate. We conducted a species audit at school and we found that we have many different animals that reside in our school such as lorikeets, crested pigeons, willy wagtails and lots of insects.

We also Bonnie Gordon from the Sustainable Land Care Group come and talk to us she spoke about how their company create habitats for animals. She gave us a map of the school and we had to point out a good habitat for animals and that's what we did. We now have the starting point for creating our habitat, and we're looking forward to ordering the trees and planting them.

Sediq Sadaat 11K





#### Year 11 Advisory Orientation Program Day 2

The day was packed with events beginning with the Fit2Drive team conducting a series of presentations and activities. The F2D approach is about empowering students to develop and strengthen their own road safety culture. The presentations aimed to educated students about 'Facts' all young drivers should know and investigated a case study 'Broken Head Road'. Students looked at scenarios and developed strategies to reduce risks. They took part in 'Don't drop the ball' and 'High/low risk continuum' activities. Students brainstormed ideas to develop personal and community plans. Some of the Community Plan ideas were:

#### Community Plan Ideas

- 1. Speak up when in the car
- 2. Be a role model for other road users
- 3. Create a poster about staying safe
- 4. Use social media to promote road safety #don't be silly
- 5. Create ads and billboards
- 6. Create rewards for safe driving
- 7. Have more F2D workshops
- 8. Slogans/phrases such as 'we are the most at risk' & 'you can thrive, don't drink and drive'
- 9. Organise a courtesy bus from events
- 10. Put safety tips on the school website
- 11. Spread the word about road safety
- 12. Make an educational booklet
- 13. Make F2D more accessible to other schools

Several students even had the opportunity to sit in a police car with lights flashing and the siren booming.



#### Trivia

The afternoon tested students' knowledge on general trivia, with prizes awarded to teams with the most correct answers for each round. Prizes were also awarded to students who won games



played in-between rounds. All students and staff had a fun afternoon spent together.

Congratulations to the overall winning team from 11J:

- Ysabella Cuejilo
- Xander lanna
- Neil Herrmann
- Zion Missen
- Janna Porras

#### Course Counselling

The end of the year is fast approaching and it is that time of the year where students confirm their subject for year 12. In most cases this is a simple process, but for students who need to replace a year 12 subject, completed this year, may find it difficult to select a new subject. There are many subjects to choose from. Students have been busy in advisory researching pre-requests required for their pathway to ensure they have selected the right subjects. Your child would have brought the paper work home for you to sign and then returned the course selection form to their advisory teacher.



#### Year 10 Advisory Orientation Program Day 2

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July Year 10 students attended their day 2 orientation program. Students had to find their way to Federation Square and then in groups explored Melbourne's famous landmarks and attractions. All students had a wonderful day and are to be commended on their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm – well done ! Thank you very much to the Year 10 teachers for your assistance, your help is greatly appreciated.



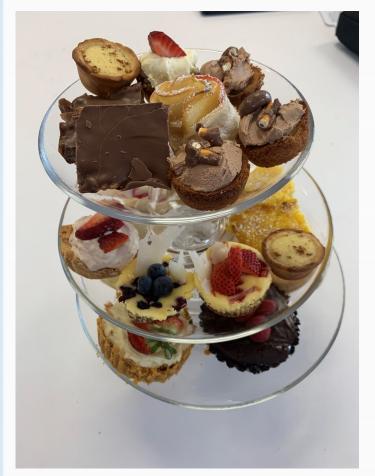
#### Year 9 into 10 Orientation Program 2-5th December

Students transitioning into Year 10 at Point Cook Senior will be welcomed once again for our 4 day Orientation Program at the College – running from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December until Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December inclusive. Students will be oriented into the College culture and life and will be able to partake in a meaningful introduction to their Year 10 pathways. Lunch will be provided on one day so please make any dietary requirements known to the front office on 9395 9271.

Isobel Hawkins

#### Year 11 Food Studies

This week the Year 11 Food Studies students prepared a range of dishes for their high tea project. Students researched high teas and followed a design brief to prepare foods for their clients. A large range of different food choices were prepared and presented that covered many different complex cooking skills. The photo showcases the cooking skills of the students at Point Cook Senior, who are now being asked to pass on their secret recipes to other members of staff.



This term Year 10 students have been focusing on career pathways and subject selections. On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July we held our Year 10 parent information evening which was a terrific opportunity for parents and students to hear about the VCE and VCAL pathways available. It was fantastic to see so many parents and students attend the night.



#### **Careers Term 3**

Point Cook Senior has commenced Course Counselling with all Year 10 and 11 students choosing their pathway program and subjects for 2020. There have been a number of Information Evenings and careers activities in Advisories and assemblies to prepare students for this transition. On July 26, over 200 Year 12 VCE students attended Deakin University Tertiary Information Service excursion. Year 12 Students accessed information about the VTAC University and TAFE application process. There were also over 20 stalls from different institutions with course information, booklets and competitions for students to engage in and take home to complete further research.

On August 5, Year 12 Students commenced their VTAC applications and will be working throughout term 3 to register and apply for tertiary courses. There was also a VTAC information evening for students and parents held at PCSSC on August 12. For further details on VTAC applications, Scholarships and Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) please see Mary or Doug or visit <u>www.vtact.edu.au</u>. SEAS and VTAC scholarships close October 11.

Mary Dimech-Hill







#### Victoria University Bus Visit

On August 1, the Victoria University bus came to Point Cook Senior to coincide with the VTAC University TAFE applications opening for Year 12s. The VU bus was very beneficial as they had lots of information on in the bus available about their courses and university structure. The VU ambassadors' were very helpful and explained different courses and pathways. They provided helpful information and were enthusiastic. The bus looked appealing and the inside was filled with course information and clips to watch highlighting University student's journey. They provided a Golden Ticket for VU's Open Day and VU Guarantee information and brochures. They also provided contacts and emails to get further information. Thanks to our schools Careers teachers for organising the VU Bus.

Lilli Anstee 12 G





#### **Student Leader Report**

#### SRC Congress

During the holidays, three Student Leaders represented themselves and Point Cook Senior Secondary College at the VicSRC Student Congress at the University of Melbourne. This prestigious event calls on students across Victoria to come together and discuss issues that are really important to students and think of ways that young people can make our society a better place. To read more about some of our own students' individual experiences, read below.

Congress was a great learning experience for me as I was able to practise many skills and was lucky enough to placed in a very nice group with a topic for those uninformed congress is a 3-day experience where students from all round the state come together and vote on proposals by the students. Out of those proposals 12 will be chosen and they will be turned into 12 working groups. At the end of those 3 days 5 are chosen as top priorities for that year for more information on the process please go to (http://www.vicsrc.org.au/ events-and-training/congress-2019/congress-2019-faqs). As for me I chose to be apart the Politics 101 group where our aim was to increase students' knowledge of politics though the use of classes and student run workshops. Although congress is mainly about the working groups there is still room for fun, unfortunately I wasn't able to stay overnight for the 3 days in congress but during the day there where hosted workshops that you could attend such as the ones I did board games and the jams sessions which help relax me after a long day of work. Congress overall was a great experience that I would recommend to any interested in making a real change.

#### Ben Roper, Year 11

Over the term 2 holidays I was given the opportunity to attend the Victorian Student Representative Council Congress event. A threeday event where ambassadors and selected student leaders from all over the state of Victoria meet to discuss key issues that we'd like to work and focus on for 2019-2020. The group that I worked with looked at the reform and improvement of inclusive sexual education with the aim of promoting safe, respectful, consensual and responsible decision making. We looked at the correlation between the accessibility students have on sexual education throughout different parts of Victoria such as rural, private, public and Catholic schools. We also looked at the content that they learn and how this has affected students.

I was also given the opportunity to talk and meet with stake holders such as those who worked for the department of education. The 5 Congress priorities are: politics 101 (educating students on politics within schools), equitable funding (funding for schools who may need it, with the aim of providing equal opportunities for students across the state), Climate crisis, Real world skills and Sustainability education. Being given the chance to voice my opinions on issues to those in a position of authority felt empowering, because I felt as though I was being taken seriously. Working with like minded people at congress helped me further develop my leadership skills and fostered my passion for making change.

Kirsten Canares, Year 11

#### **School Captain Elections**

Applications for School Captain and School Vice-Captain are now open and close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of August. Students who complete their applications will be giving speeches to Year 10 and Year 11 students soon to share their vision of how they want to shape Point Cook Senior Secondary College. This will be followed up by an election for both positions where every Year 10 and Year 11 student has the chance to vote for their leaders. This will be a very fun and informative way for students to experience how to vote and why it is important to think about the type of person they want to represent them at school and in the local community.

#### **Council meeting – Recycling**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of August, a group of Student Leaders and staff met with a representative from Wyndham City Council to discuss ways in which we can promote recycling at our school. This meeting gave us a lot of ideas and opened up a lot of options for us. Some of the ideas we generated were:

- Starting a composting system with the Canteen and Food Studies areas.
- Organising a paper recycling pick up for times in the year when students are clearing out their lockers to keep it out of landfill.
- Having GOOS (Good On One Side) bins around school so students and staff can reuse paper.
- Investigating ways in which we can separate and recycle plastics and metals and organise recycling.
- Create links with local businesses and community organisations that are involved in recycling to help in the local area.

We look forward to sharing the results of some of the initiatives in later newsletters.

#### **Project Rockit incursion**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of August, a group of Student Leaders attended an incursion from Project Rockit called 'Step Up', which was all about how we can find our own inner leader and see the potential we all have to make a positive impact in the school and in the local community. We were faced with thinking about our own values and what type of leader that would make it, as well as having very interesting discussions about the types of decisions leaders have to make and how we manage difficult choices that leaders face.





#### YMCA Cultural exchange visit

A second group of 14 students from Gyeongnam Foreign Language High School (South Korea) spent time at Point Cook Senior Secondary College from 9.

This week at PCS was an extremely fun, entertaining and worthwhile opportunity for the Korean students to practise their English and get to know Melbourne and Australian culture and nature, for PCS students to practise their interpersonal skills and for all of them to meet new people and make new friends. PCS Students Leaders have assisted Korean students throughout their visit at PCS and made sure that students are welcomed and having really good time in our school.

We would like to say a special thank you to PCS Students who have volunteered to be a buddy for the students. You have done such a fantastic job helping students to get to experience the culture of PCSSC:

Yr 10 Alannah Rechichi 10B; Maddie Kreiger 10B Caitlyn Hydes 10B Alyssa Reitter 10B Jana Park 10B Joshua Wong 10L Jed Wang 10L Sahur Hirsi Halas 10L Noah Rith 10L Sofia Yan 10L Yanina Lin 10S Hannah Song 10S Diviva Naiker 10C Jessica Ly 10S Jade Haenga-Stretch 10C Sachi Ruaya 10C Josh Kelly 10I Esther Lee 10S Guylaine Ibizi 10B



#### Yr 11

Radhe Parasram 11C Novele Ashford 11C Charlie McClean 11B Ashlie Thornburn 11C Loata Ah-Cheung 11C Judy Gay 11E

#### Yr 12

Riarn Richards 12D, Jemi Banson 12S Lilian Nguyen 12A Anisah Mohd Isa 12A Chloe Robinson 12F Lilyraine Bond 12K Mitchelle Wood 12D Danny Hoang 12G Balla Koko 12G Priscilla Chiwota 12F Fairuz Arriff 12E Jesse Sexton 12B

During the visit Korean students stayed with their host brothers and sisters PCS students from Year 10. Thank you to our students and their families for providing accommodation and different activities for our guests. Isaac Hart Zayne Branch Elizabeth Green Victoria Green Mary Torres Wendy Nguyen Mr Flannery

It was a great experience for everyone involved. Thanks to all PCS students, host families and staff members for participating in this program!





#### Year 11 Studio Arts

Year 11 Studio Arts students recently examined the aesthetic elements of Vincent Van Gogh's artworks. Rising to the challenge to complete a self-portrait in the style of Van Gogh for homework.



"Paintings have a life of their own that derives from the painter's soul." Vincent Van Gogh

James Harraden 11I, Alicia Massey 11K and Portia Woods 11A used simple materials such as crayons and oil pastels to render their likeness on paper. They have exhibited their excellent portraits in the foyer recently and feedback from the school community has been very positive.

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#### Visiting Korean Students

Recently two exchange students from Korea worked side by side with our Year 10 Art Class. The students dont usually attend art classes in their home country however produced two great drawings each during our double session. One artwork completed was a beautifully rendered life drawing of each of their hands holding art equipment. Another drawing was of a native Australian animal where each student depicted the fur and skin texture well in coloured pencil. It was nice to meet you and have a safe trip back to Korea! Year 10 Art.





#### Year 10 Dance

It is always a pleasure to teach Year 10 Dance and this year was no exception. Like every new class the students are very nervous and shy to begin with. They form a bond and create a safe space for all to participate, no matter what their dance experience may be. They show an understanding for the passion and enjoyment that lights up all students when they realise they do all have rhythm. Each year the students choreograph their own routines and solo's as part of their student lead assessment. To prepare the students they learn a combination of different dance styles from jazz, musical theatre, hip hop and contemporary. This year we were very lucky to have talented past dance students teach hip hop and cultural routines. We would like to thank Olivia Margeta from 11G, Fusha Thompson and Rachel Fan from 11I. The highlight of the year is the Year 10 Dance Showcase. Students create their own group dances and display their achievements to their peers and family. It's very rewarding to see the excitement and success from the students at rehearsal, during the show and after the event.

Danielle Ryan



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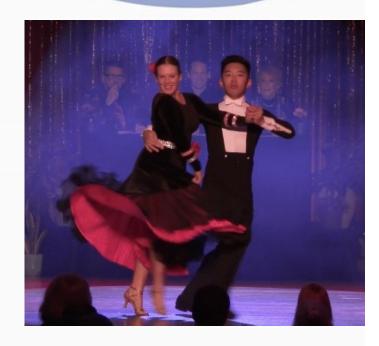


### Mental Health and Youth Suicide prevention showcase

Paris Luzaic from 10K represented Point Cook Senior at the 'Avalon Dance Stars on the floor showcase' on Friday 19 July at the Encore Events Centre in Hoppers Crossing. Paris was aware that Mental Health and Youth Suicide is a difficult subject confronting all communities and it was time that she wanted to take action and do something about it. She was nominated by Point Cook Senior and accepted to participate in the fundraising event as a dancer to raise funds and awareness in the western suburbs. Paris had only 4 weeks to learn two routines which meant many late night rehearsals, with other competitors, professional ballroom dancers and her talented Australian ballroom champion partner to prepare for showcase. The showcase was a wonderful success with the night raising \$62,000 in total. Paris individually raised \$1005 in total from Point Cook Senior, family, friends and the community. Paris' was one of the dances that was rewarding and entertaining to watch. Her first routine which she opened the show with, was the 'Paso Doble'. The three Judges gave her the highest score for that section, as she achieved straight 8's. The closing act to the show was Paris dancing to the very complicated, quick and super energetic style of the 'Jive'. Paris smashed the routine and had her judges in shock! She had a beautiful presence on stage lit up the dance floor! She received straight 10's from all three judges. There were two trophies for the night, one for achieving the 'Most Donations' and 'Best Dance Star'. With a total of 64 points Paris won the overall 'Best Dancer'. Paris has been a great representative for Point Cook Senior for this wonderful cause to prevent 'Mental Health and Youth Suicide'.

#### Danielle Ryan







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#### Year 10 Boys Basketball

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August the year 10 boys and basketball teams travelled to Altona to compete in the Hobsons Bay division competition. The girls team fell just short of victory, finishing runners up for the day out of 12 teams. The boys team training sessions at school paid off with the team taking victory. This means that they will now move onto the Western Region Competition in October. Both teams' performance was outstanding and they represented our school with pride.



#### **Table Tennis**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August the year 10 boys and girls table tennis teams travelled to Altona to compete in the Hobsons Bay division competition. The boys team consisting of Robin, Crispin, Jack and Antonio performed well and ended up finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The girls team consisting of Kelly, Angela, Angelica, Carly with support from Shania and Gwyneth made the grand final. The girls ended up tying 3 sets to 3 and the winner was to be determined by points count back. Unfortunately the team fell just short with the score being 101-99. Both teams are congratulated for their effort and enthusiasm on the day.





Just a brief reminder that the majority of our communications with parents at PCSSC are made through the Compass Parent Portal. All parents have a portal account that provides access to reports, attendance information, absence requests and approvals, school photo ordering, teacher email contact, booking for parent-teacher interviews, calendar of events, excursion consent/permissions and news items to keep you update with what is going on.

If you are a CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) recipient, please contact the school before consenting to any event so that we can adjust the costing.

To access your account:

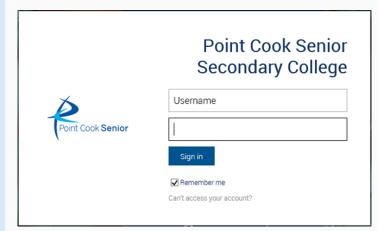
go to the College's homepage <u>www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au</u> and click on the Compass Portal icon.



**Compass Portal** Click here to login to the Point Cook Senior Compass Portal

#### or directly go to Compass login

https://pointcooksenior.vic.jdlf.com.au/Login.aspx



If you are having trouble accessing your account, click on the "*Can't access your account*" and follow the prompts to access it using your username, email address or mobile number. If you need guidance on how to navigate the Compass Portal, please contact the school.



#### Breakfast Club

Where: Room 312 When: Fridays Time: 8.00am - 8.30am



#### All welcome

Our Breakfast Program has now been running for 8 years. We have been beneficial in supporting those students in need and also developing relationships between staff and students. The program also improves student wellbeing, supporting their outcomes. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a free breakfast and a fun and enjoyable environment to start their school day.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Student attendance information is available on Compass, including the option to approve absences and input requests to leave early for an appointment. Students are required to provide a medical certificate when absent from a VCE class or assessment.

Late Arrival to School - Students are requested to use Compass card to sign in at Kiosk at the front of the school. Students who do not have cards can report to the attendance office.

**Early Leave** - Parent approval is required for any student requesting to leave early. This can be done either by parent entering approval on Compass or contacting the attendance office.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- 22 Aug Curriculum Day Student Free
- 23 Aug Y9 into Y10 Course Selection Forms Due
- 04 Sep Hobsons Bay Division Athletics
- 19 Sep Western Region Athletics
- 19 Sep Parent Teacher Interview evening
- 20 Sep Parent Teacher Interview morning
- 16 20 Sep Year 12 VCAL Work Experience
- 16 20 Sep Year 12 Practice Exams Week
- 20 Sep Term 3 Ends
- 07 Oct Term 4 Commences
- 07 11 Oct VCAL Learning Journey Presentation
- 30 Oct Year 12 Exams Commences English Exam
- 05 Nov Melbourne Cup Day
- 04 08 Nov Year 11 Revision Week
- 11 15 Nov Year 11 Exam Week
- 11 15 Nov Year 11 VCAL Work Experience Week
- 11 15 Nov Year 10 Revision Week
- 20 Nov Year 12 Exams Conclude
- 18 22 Nov Year 10 Exam Week
- 18 22 Nov Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation Week One
- 25 29 Nov Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation Week Two
- 21 Nov Year 12 Valedictory
- **25 29 Nov** Year 10 Work Experience Week
- 02 06 Dec Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation Week



#### NEW Point Cook Senior Facebook page

We are excited to announce the new Facebook page for Point Cook Senior. We are inviting parents, guardians and students to visit the page and see some of the things happening around the college. It can be found at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PointCookSenior/">https://www.facebook.com/PointCookSenior/</a> Please visit, see some of the photos and like the page.



## POINT COOK SENIOR PRESENTS MEDIA ART DESIGN TECH FOOD

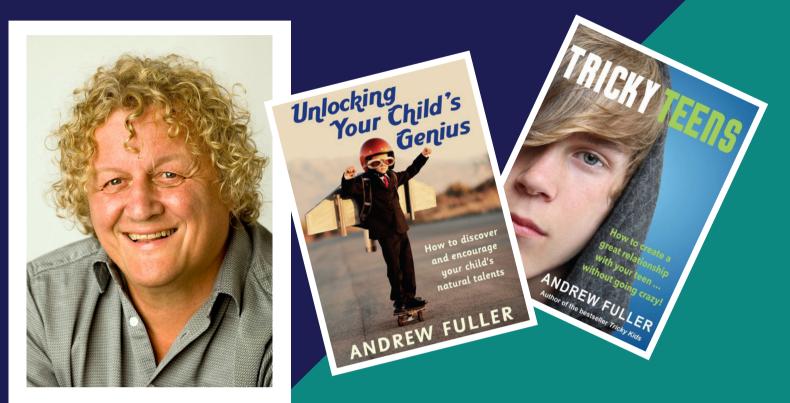




# EXHIBITION AND AWARDS

# THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 4:30PM - 6PM

# ANDREW FULLER FROM STRESSED TO STRONG-BUILDING RESILIENT LIVES



### **TOPICS COVERED WILL INCLUDE:**

- Understanding and managing anxiety
- Depression 'proofing'
- How to get synergistic effects for well-being
- How to remain sane in a crazy world
- Learn how to build the number one predictor of life success
- Why you'll never have enough time until you create it
- The six week mental health and resilience process



### Come and have a great evening!

ANDREW FULLER — AUTHOR AND PRESENTER OF TRICKY TEENS: FROM STRESSED TO STRONG, BUILDING RESILIENT LIVES

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 6.30PM-8.30PM THE MAIN HALL AT KELLY PARK CENTRE, 2B SYNNOT ST, WERRIBEE. BOOKINGS REQUIRED ON HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BDFWT 8734 1355 YOUTHINWYNDHAM@WYNDHAM.VIC.GOV.AU

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