



Point Cook Senior

# ***TERM 3 Newsletter***

**MADE FOR THE COMMUNITY,  
BY THE STUDENTS**



**5th Edition  
12th August 2022**

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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

It has been my great pleasure to be in the Acting Principal role so far in term 3. The role enables me to be in close contact with a wide range of our school community members and I really value those interactions. I get to see how others perceive our performance as a school and what we can do to improve outcomes for students. The wealth of knowledge and viewpoints that our community has is fantastic and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience so far.

A big part of our work this term has been in developing our 2023-2026 School Strategic Plan. We have been consulting with staff, students and parents and have been able to combine those thoughts into a document that is almost ready for publication to the wider school community. Stay tuned to see where we are headed over the next few years.

## Recently we have had a few events that have or will showcase our successes at PCSSC, including:

- School sports - Both the Boys and Girls Year 10 teams have taken out the Hobsons Bay Tournament titles.
- PDS classes and gardens - Our VCAL PDS student continue to improve our school grounds and leave a legacy for the school through their gardening projects.
- MAD FEST is back! Our Annual Arts showcase is back this year and will happen on the 13th of October so mark it in your calendars.
- Theatre Club - After a hiatus, we have a new drama club that is keen to perform for you. The group will be performing at MAD FEST and during lunch for the students.
- TMHFA (Year 10) – This extremely important training for students to assist in providing support for anyone struggling has recently occurred and we hope that it means our students' wellbeing is improved and they can access help when needed.

## Warming Up for 2023

- Even though we are only in term 3 our preparations for 2023 have begun with parent information events and our online Open Night happening over the first few weeks of the term. Most of our current year 10 and year 11 students complete their course selections for next year and this is enabling us to start putting together the timetable for next year.
- More recently the transitions team has been visiting our Precinct Partner Schools and meeting with students and parents to assist them in selecting their programs for next year. The course counselling sessions have been progressing really well with a lot of eager students who are looking forward to coming here in 2023.
- The year 12 VTAC (tertiary admissions) processes have also started with our careers and pathways department meeting with all the advisory groups. Students looking for university pathways next year are choosing their favored courses and working out what the best option is for them.

Thanks

Week 5 was gratitude week and I thought I would share my gratitude to all the staff and school community that have made the past 6 weeks as smooth as possible for me while I have been in the Acting Principal role.

Shaun Sleep

# Blue Award 2021

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# STAMP/ASPIRE Melbourne Uni Excursion

On Wednesday the 3rd of August 40 students made up of years 10s, 11s and 12s attended Melbourne University. When we arrived at the Parkville campus we were met by two current students that took us to a lecture theatre where they explained the degrees they had to offer, different pathways into their courses and the accommodation available on campus.

Upon learning this information everyone had a range of questions that were answered thoroughly by a Student Recruitment Officer and two current Melbourne Uni Students both in their second year. We then split into two groups and led by a student we were taken on an in depth tour of the campus. From this experience we were able to get a glimpse into what life would be like at Melbourne Uni, making each of us think about the different pathways and courses we might want to pursue. We ended the day ice skating at O'Brien Ice House in Docklands, which ended the day on a positive note.

By Lily Newey and Bella Monje-Gonzalez





# Year 12 Psychology

The Year 12 Psychology students have been studying Sleep & Consciousness in Unit 4. The Epworth Sleep Lab attended PCS to show students first hand the technology used to detect the stages of sleep. One lucky student from each class was connected to an electroencephalogram (EEG) and tried to sleep on a couch in a secluded room so that the rest of the class could watch their brainwaves. The incursion was a success and the students enjoyed seeing the EEG as well as other sleep equipment in person.

**Brianna Bunworth**



# Cross Country Trial

Congratulations to Will Strange and Angus Watkins!

On battling the elements on the day and competing in the Divisional Cross Country trials. Both of the boys successfully made it to the regional trails against the elements of cold weather, rain, mud and torrential rain.

They posted outstanding times. Angus posted a time of 23:32 and Will a time of 20:28.

Angus is our first ever student at PCSSC to make to the regional competition.

Both these boys exemplify the school values of effort, particularly as they took it upon themselves get to the event!





# Senior Boys Basketball



Today the Point Cook Senior Boys Basketball Side placed second in the Hobsons Bay Division Basketball Tournament. The squad went 3-1 today going down in the final by just 3 points. The Senior boys side has finished the year with a 6-2 record across our two tournaments. Mr.Noonan is very proud of each member on the team and can't wait to see the development in our young players for future years to come.

# Year 10 Boys Basketball

Today the Year 10 Boys Basketball team went undefeated 5-0 in their Hobson's Bay Basketball Tournament! The boys had a massive comeback win down at half time in both their Semi & Grand Final. Mr.Noonan was very impressed with the squad's determination and effort on the defensive end of the court. Incredible wins. Congratulations boys, you represented our school magnificently today. Point Cook Senior Basketball is moving on!



Mr Noonan



# Senior Girls Basketball

The senior girls headed to Altona Stadium for their interschool basketball competition. It was the first time in the last 2 years that basketball has been played due to covid, and it was so nice to see our teams take to the court. The team of 9 players improved greatly through the day, and grew as a team and as individuals. There were some great displays of teamwork, hustle on defence, and offensive efforts. The team had only 1 loss of the day going down by 5 points to the team who took out the competition, and therefore finishing in second place. It was a fantastic day and all players demonstrated great sportsmanship and teamwork. Thanks for a great tournament, and a wonderful day.



Mrs Suzie Letzing

# Year 10 Girls Basketball

Today the Year 10 Girls Basketball team went undefeated 5-0 in their Hobson's Bay Basketball Tournament. The girls dominated in all 5 of their games to progress onto the next round. Mr Russo is proud with how you represented our school today. Congratulations girls!

Mr Noonan



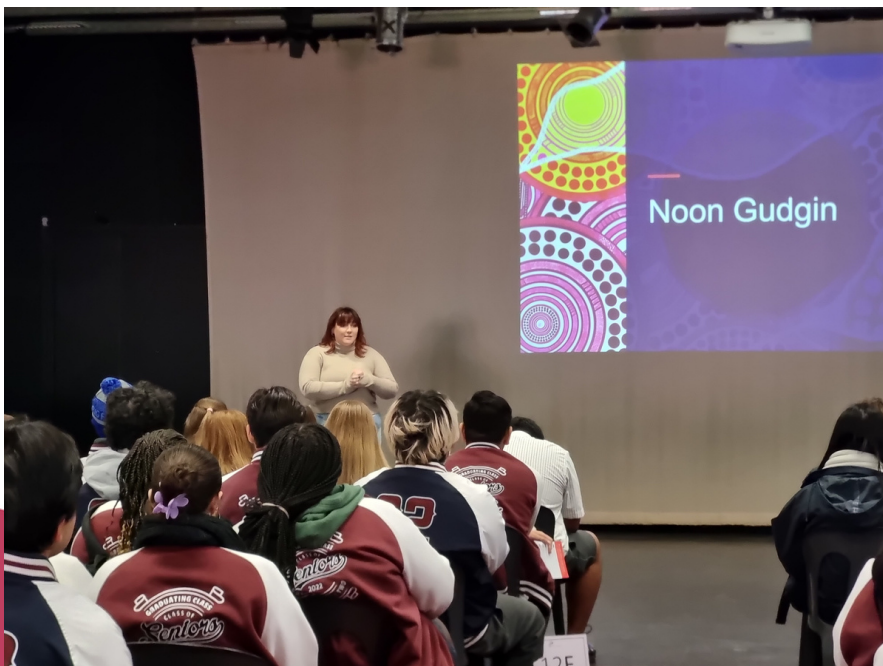


# Career News



Throughout July Year 10 and 11 students have been engaged in various career tools activities. Students have now completed course counselling and chosen their 2023 programs.

Throughout term 3, Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend University information sessions from RMIT, ACU & Victorian University. On July 22 140 Year 12 VCE students attended Deakin University Warn Ponds campus for a tour of its courses and facilities. Year 12 students have commenced their VTAC University & TAFE applications. Students will be supported to complete their SEAS and VTAC Scholarship application.



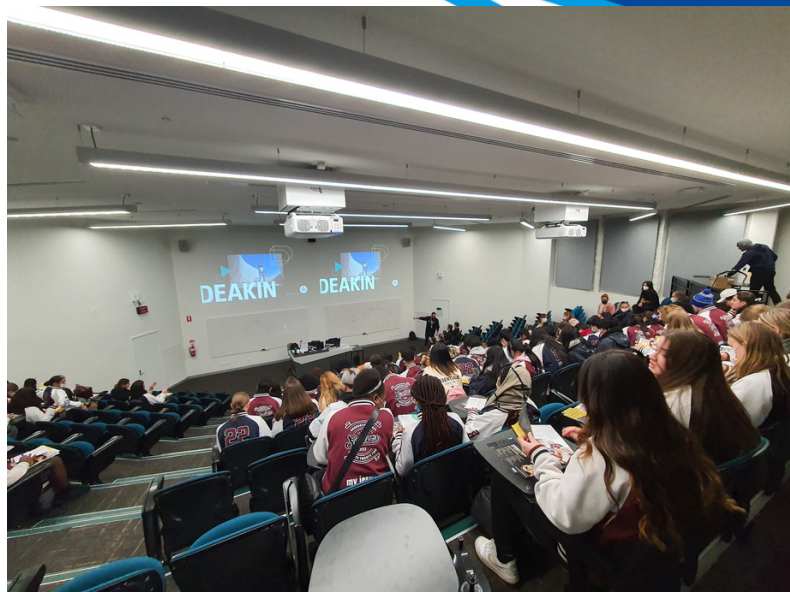
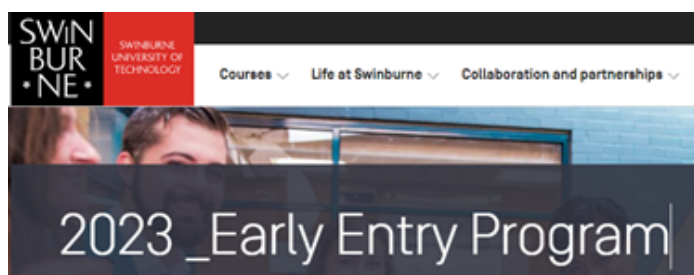


# Career News

## IMPORTANT DATES

August 1 2022- VTAC Applications Open  
August 1- SEAS Applications Open  
August 1-VTAC Scholarship Applications open  
September 29- VTAC Timely Applications Close  
October 7- SEAS & VTAC Scholarships Close  
December 1- VTAC Application Payment Due  
December 12- Victorian ATAR Scores Released  
December 12-14- Change of Preference Support  
December 21- December Round Offers Released  
January 13 2023- Domestic Offers Released

## UNIVERSITY EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM 2022



Swinburne University Early Entry Program allows Year 12 students to apply and receive a conditional early entry offer without an ATAR score (students must meet prerequisite requirements).

Year 12 students that feel their academic results will not be indicative of who they are and what they are capable of are strongly encouraged to apply.

### **How it works**

Step 1: Choose a course

While many Swinburne courses allow Early Entry, not all of them do. Browse the list of Early Entry Program eligible courses before getting started.

Step 2: Organise a recommendation

Step 3: Complete an application

Step 4: Submit your application

Once you've applied, you'll then receive a confirmation email. This will include the form you'll need to forward onto your school representative. Once they've completed that form, your school representative can then send it to us, and we'll pair it with your application.

Applications are now open, and close on Thursday 6th October 2022.

Link- <https://www.swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/early-entry-program/>

**Mary Dimech Hill**

**Careers and Pathways Leading Teacher & Counsellor**

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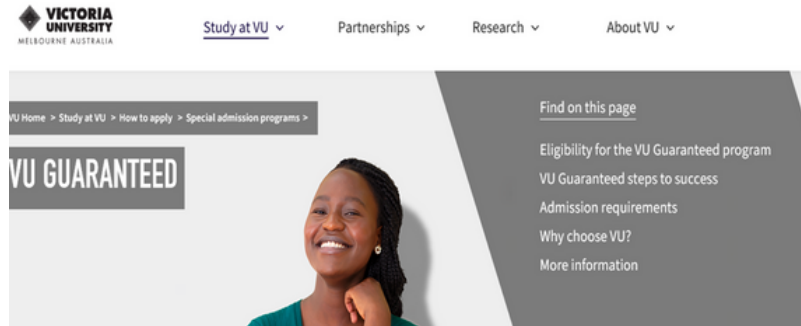
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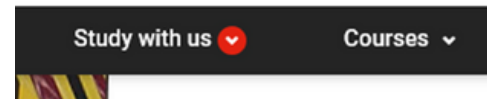
# Career News

Year 12 students can be guaranteed a tertiary course at Victoria University through the VU Guaranteed Program- Applications Close October 6.



Application Link

<https://www.vu.edu.au/study-at-vu/how-to-apply/special-admission-programs/vu-guaranteed>



La Trobe University Aspire Early Entry Program- Applications close: 16 September 2022

Link- <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire>



The ACU Guarantee program offers eligible Year 12 students a place at ACU based on your Year 11 results. Offers may be made as early as August. While successful applicants must still complete their Year 12 exams, you can do so secure in the knowledge that your marks from Year 11 meet our entry requirements.

ACU Application Link-

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/acu-guarantee>

## Deakin Regional Access Scheme

Secure an early Deakin offer

Be rewarded for your hard work long before ATARs are released. No matter where you live, you could secure a Deakin offer, sooner, with places available in selected courses at our Geelong and Warrnambool campuses.

<https://www.deakin.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/special-entry-access-scheme/deakin-regional-access-scheme> Applications close September 30.

**Mary Dimech Hill**  
Careers and Pathways Leading Teacher & Counsellor

# Alumni

## LINKEDIN WORKSHOPS

Holly Aitkin, PCSSC Alum of 2019 delivered three LinkedIn sessions across the day. Two of those sessions were within Year 12 WRS (work related skills) classes and the third a workshop style event. During the workshop the students were guided through the step by step process of opening a LinkedIn account. Holly came alive when presenting to the students, her enthusiasm and eagerness to help the students in any way was a pleasure to observe.

Holly is currently studying a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Criminology) at Swinburne Uni and interning as a Paralegal at Sanicki Lawyers.



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# Alumni

## YEAR 11 CAREER AND PATHWAYS

Annelise Ricci (class of 2012,) Lara Kaehne (class of 2013,) Christopher Eleftheriou (class of 2014,) Amber Kelly (class of 2019) & James Garnham (class of 2021) volunteered their time to share their career and pathway stories with our Year 11 cohort. The focus on the session was around the fact that no pathway is ever the same, you have to put in, show up and have a good attitude to go places. No Alumni session is ever complete without paying a visit to your old teachers too, it certainly is a lovely to finish off a success afternoon.





# Alumni

## YEAR 12 VCAL SESSION

This session we celebrated our past and present VCAL students. At PCSSC we pride ourselves on providing a supportive environment for all students to thrive, and there are a plethora of pathways on offer to cater for all. One of those pathways is of course being VCAL.

It was pleasing to hear the stigma of VCAL being the “easy way out” or for the “less academic kids” well and truly squashed during this session by our four fabulous Alumni: Mathew McCarter (class of 2011,) Mikaela Bourke (class of 2016,) Jordie Cross (class of 2019) and Caleb Smith (class of 2019,) who all followed the VCAL path.



**Mrs Melissa Patsuris  
Alumni Program Manager**



# Message from SRC

**WELCOME TO TERM 3!!**

Congratulations for making it through the first semester of 2022, we're getting closer to the big school holiday break which is fantastic!

This is the beginning of Semester Two which means another beginning for awesome opportunities and experiences especially for myself and the new cohort of Year Tens who have started here at Point Cook Senior at the beginning of 2022.

The SRC continues create new and fun opportunities to get involved with the school community and we hope you're looking forward to participating in the awesome events that are happening and are coming up like the recent Gratitude Week - this week was the opportunity for everyone to give back to the teachers and friends who we most appreciate for their kindness and helpfulness throughout this year, if you did manage to write somebody a note the SRC thanks you for your participation.

Some of the things we've planned for the remainder of year include:

- The Teacher vs Student Games
- 2023 School Captain Elections
- The Alice in Wonderland Theatre Production
- MAD Fest 2022

The SRC Is always looking for more students to become involved in our community and we encourage everyone to join us. If you have any great ideas please join our meetings, the SRC always meets every Wednesday during lunch in 603!

**Chantelle Anzaldi**  
**Year 10 Captain**



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# THE BREAKFAST everyone is welcome CLUB

**Our Breakfast Program has been supporting students in need for 11 years now!**

Not only does our program provide students with a fulfilling breakfast to start their day with, but it also improves student wellbeing, supporting their outcomes.

**Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a free breakfast and a carefree environment to start their school day.**



**Join us and build positive relationships with staff and students!**

**where? Room 312**

**when? Fridays 8:00am - 8:30am**



# REMINDERS

## KEY DATES

**19 Aug** Year 9 into 10 Course Counselling Forms Due

**22 Aug** Year 12 SEAS & Presentation

**26 Aug** STAMP Testing Saturday

**31 Aug** Hobson Bay Division Athletics Carnival

**7 Sep** GAT - No Classes for Unit 3 & 4 Students

**12 - 16 Sep** Year 12 Practice Exams

**14 Sep** Year 12 VTAC/SEAS Support Evidence Due

**15 Sep** WMR Athletics

**15 Sep** Parent Teacher Student Conference - Evening

**16 Sep** Parent Teacher Student Conference - Morning

**16 Sep** Term 3 Ends

**3 Oct** Term 4 Commences

**7 Oct** VTAC SEAS & Scholarships Close

**13 Oct** Year 10 Work Experience Form Due

**18 Oct** Year 12 Last Day

**31 Oct - 4 Nov** Year 11 Revision Week

**1 Nov** Melbourne Cup Day

**7 - 11 Nov** Year 11 Exams Week

**7 - 11 Nov** Year 10 Revision Week

**7 - 11 Nov** Year 10 Camp Week

**7 - 11 Nov** Year 11 VCAL Work Experience Week

**14 - 18 Nov** Year 10 Exams Week

**14 - 18 Nov** Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation Week 1

**21 - 25 Nov** Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation Week 2

**24 Nov** Valedictory

**28 Nov - 2 Dec** Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation Week

**28 Nov - 1 Dec** Year 9 into Year 10 Orientation Program

**20 Dec** Term 4 Ends

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**RESPONSIBILITY**

# REMINDERS

## ATTENDANCE

Student attendance information is available on Compass, including the option to approve absences and input requests to leave early for an appointment.

### ***Late Arrival To School***

Students are requested to use the Compass card to sign in at the Compass 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 having parents enter approval on Compass or contacting the attendance office.

**Students are required to provide a medical certificate when absent from a VCE class or assessment**

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Achieve Tomorrow***





**Majority of our communication 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 updated 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:***

1. go to the College's homepage: [www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au](http://www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au)
2. click on the Compass Portal icon

OR

directly go to Compass login: <https://pointcooksenior-vic.compass.education/>

**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 or see the 'Compass Help' page on the school website.





## Community health centres

Information, referral, counselling and support groups

**cohealth** 9377 7100  
(North/West/CBD) cohealth.org.au

**Djerriwarrh Health** 5367 2000  
(Bacchus Marsh, Melton djhs.org.au  
Caroline Springs)

**IPC Health** 9296 1200  
(Brimbank, ipchealth.com.au  
Wyndham, Hobsons Bay)

## Income support

Ring Centrelink on **136 150** and ask for an appointment with a social worker

## Emergency accommodation

Crisis Contact Centre **1800 627 727**

Yarra Community Housing **1800 825 955**

Melbourne Youth Support **9614 3688**

## Support for victims/survivors of sexual assault

WestCASA 9687 5811

CASA House 9635 3610

Victims of Crime 1800 819 817

## Support for men who want to change their behaviour

Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491

MensLine Australia 1300 789 978

LifeWorks 1300 543 396

## Other useful services

WIRE 1300 134 130

Kids HelpLine 1800 551 800

Parentline 13 22 89

Relationships Australia 8311 9222



**Women's Health West**

P 9689 9588

E info@whwest.org.au

W www.whwest.org.au

Current as at July 2016

# Life without family violence



English

## If you need an interpreter

First ring the Telephone Interpreter Service

**13 14 50** (24 hours)

## 24 HOUR

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE - **000**

SAFE STEPS FAMILY VIOLENCE RESPONSE CENTRE

**1800 015 188**

SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS AND COUNSELLING LINE

**1800 806 292**

## These services may be able to help you

### Family violence support services

**Women's Health West** provides information, counselling, crisis and court support for women and children affected by family violence

P: 9689 9588

W: whwest.org.au

### inTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence

supports women from diverse backgrounds who are experiencing family violence

P: 1800 755 988

W: intouch.asn.au

### Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's Services

provides support for Aboriginal women in relation to family violence

P: 9482 5744

W: emhaws.org.au

### Community legal services

communitylaw.org.au

Brimbank 8312 2000

Flemington/Kensington 9376 4355

Footscray 9689 8444

Melbourne 9328 1885

Melton 9747 5240

Moonee Valley 9376 7929

Werribee 9749 7720

### Magistrates courts

Broadmeadows 9221 8900

Melbourne 9628 7777

Sunshine 9300 6200

Werribee 9974 9300

### Other legal services

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service

**1800 105 303**

Women's Legal Service **8622 0600**

Court Network **1800 681 614**



# RE-CYCLE YOUR CYCLE



## *Bicycle Donations Needed*

**DO YOU HAVE AN OLD,  
UNWANTED BICYCLE YOU  
NO LONGER NEED OR USE?**

Preserve the environment and donate it to the **West Metro Community Work Team's Fix the Cycle Program!**

In the program young offenders are taught to repair, refurbish and overhaul old and disused bikes. Once completed, **the bicycles are donated to community members who most benefit** from a sustainable method of free private transport, such as teenagers coming from disadvantaged backgrounds and refugee families who are newly settled in Australia.

**For donations contact  
the CW Team on:  
1300 389 518**

**Westmetro.communitywork  
@justice.vic.gov.au**













# Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



\* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

## Contact

your local Saver Plus Coordinator

## Phone or SMS

your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

## Email

WerribeeSP@thesmithfamily.com.au

## Online

[saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

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