



Point Cook Senior

TERM 3 Newsletter

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



**5th Edition
11th August 2023**

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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

Over the past weeks, our school has been actively engaged in a range of significant events and initiatives aimed at fostering student development, parent engagement, and school spirit.

Yr 9 into 10 Parent Information Night:

The Parent Information Night held on 2 August was a resounding success. It was heartening to see so many parents and guardians taking an active interest in their children's education. Our teachers and staff presented valuable insights into the curriculum, teaching methodologies, and ways parents can support their children's learning journey. The event also allowed for productive discussions between parents, teachers, and administrators, fostering a strong sense of partnership between the school and our students' families.

Yr 9 into 10 Course Counselling:

Our annual course counselling sessions were conducted from 7-11 August to assist our incoming students in making informed decisions about their academic pathways. The sessions were well-attended, with dedicated teachers and counsellors guiding students through the available courses, discussing student areas of interest, career prospects, and elective choices. I am happy to report that these sessions have provided our students with the necessary information to make choices that align with their interests and aspirations.

Athletics Carnival:

The much-anticipated Athletics Carnival took place on 28 July. It was a vibrant and spirited event that showcased the talents and sportsmanship of our students. The carnival was organized seamlessly, thanks to the efforts of our dedicated staff and enthusiastic student volunteers. Students actively participated in various track and field events, and the atmosphere was charged with energy and camaraderie. It was truly heartwarming to witness the enthusiasm of our students, and I extend my gratitude to all involved for making the event such a success.

Upcoming Initiatives:

As we move forward, I would like to share several important initiatives that are on the horizon:

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Our upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for 14 and 15 September. This invaluable opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss student progress and address any concerns will further strengthen the partnership between the school and families. We encourage all parents to actively participate in these discussions.

Year 12 classes finish: Our Year 12 students are approaching the culmination of their journey with us. The Year 12 Celebration Assembly will occur on Thursday the 7th September, marking the end to normal classes for the Year 12s. During the assembly the rest of the school will celebrate their achievements as they begin the final preparations for the end of their time at school. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and wish them success in all their future endeavours.

Student-Free Day: A student-free day has been scheduled for 30 August. During this time, our dedicated teaching staff will engage in professional development activities focused on enhancing their teaching methodologies and further enriching the educational experience we offer to our students.

Shaun Sleep

Year 12 Product Design and Technology

On Tuesday 21st May the Yr 12 Fashion students were taken on an informative tour of RMIT Brunswick Fashion Department, to see the design students in study mode. There were amazing patterns and designs being created and the students all spoke with such a passion for their study. It was truly inspiring and has equipped us with the knowledge that next year will provide us and all the various career outcomes that lie before us. We had a fabulous day and left feeling absolutely inspired and motivated for our future!

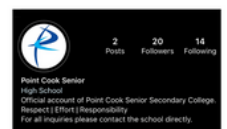
The Yr 12 Fashion class



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Year 12 AME Behind the Scenes Excursion

The Year 12 Art Making & Exhibition students ventured out to Monash University in Caulfield and Glen Eira City Council Gallery to learn more about conservation of artworks and exhibition design. We were also able to get a personalized tour of the Art and Design faculty at Monash University. Here we saw rooms full of 3D printers and laser cutters for modelmaking and mixed media design thinking beyond traditional artmaking practices. We also walked through the individual studio spaces that each art student is given at the beginning of each year to call their own and have the freedom to express their amazing artistic selves!

We were guided through the Flourish exhibition at Glen Eira by curator Diane Soumilas who walked us through her detailed exhibition design and presentation methods for varying artworks. We talked about collecting artworks to create a theme and how to conserve artworks through temperature, humidity, lux and display methods. This led onto the Behind the Scenes talk at MUMA with a look into storage, handling and transportation of artworks.

It was a fantastic day that left the students with a lot to think about. They were loaded with information to take back to the classroom to set a strong foundation for their Unit 4 studies.



My Exchange Experience

Hello, I'm Alexander Hasselbring, an exchange student from the far country of Germany. My plan was to visit Australia, more specifically the beautiful city Melbourne. For the next three months I would be without families or old friends, experiencing the easy-going life here in Down Under. The place where I would spend most of my time here and meeting new people would be the school Point Cook Senior Secondary College, who were so nice to give me the opportunity to be part of the school community, with special thanks to Chris Mooney and especially Olga Verbitckaia. Already in my first week I recognized many differences between my school system and the one here. Nevertheless that doesn't mean those changes were bad. Starting school an hour later is quite good for my sleep schedule and only having five subjects to focus on is quite new and relaxing. In addition I utterly admire the big variety of different cultures this place has, very different from how we Europeans live. What I quickly noticed here while going to this school was how friendly and open everyone was, including all the teachers I had, every single one immediately included me into their lessons and helped me adjust to the work with my classmates. It was also surprising how all of them had connections with Germany in their own sort of way. I've also got to meet a lot of wonderful people and made a bunch of new friends in that short amount of time. Collectively I can say that I had an amazing 3 months going to this school and meeting all the people and differences this place had to offer, while experiencing the typical life of an Australian student. For this reason, I will always have a good memory of this school.



Intermediate Boys Basketball

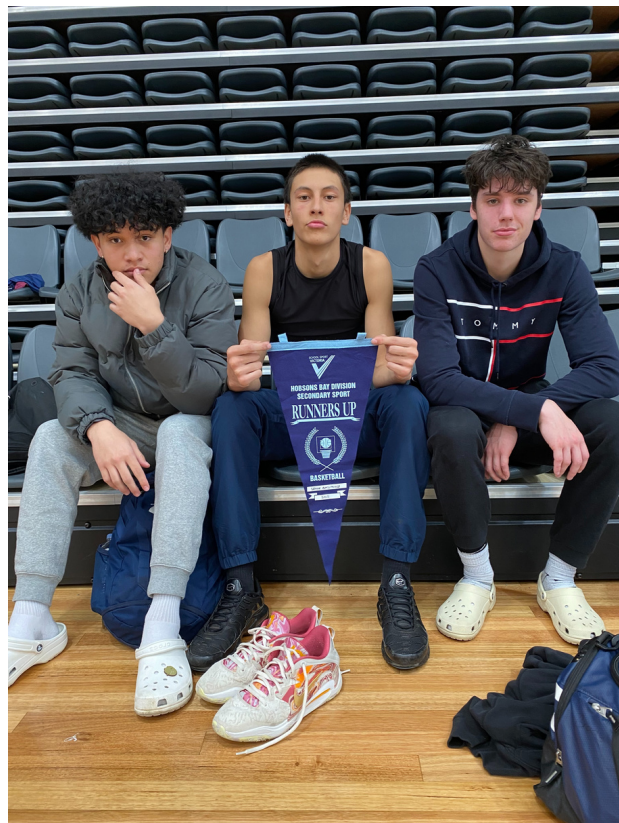
Today the Point Cook Senior Intermediate Basketball Side had there Hobsons Bay Basketball Tournament at Altona Basketball Stadium. The side was dominant throughout the day, finishing with a 4-1 overall record, finishing second place out of 17 schools earning our runners up pennant. The team was resilient, strong and showed great teamwork playing well above expectations, grinding there way all the way to the Grand Final.

Team roster:

Ring Deng, Tawhaki Little, Joshua Jones, Riak, John, Josh Lok, Ratu Tuibua, Bradley Thomas & Machut Machut.

All boys represented our school magnificently, playing elite defence all day long. I am very excited to see their development in the senior basketball side in years to come.

Mr Noonan



Intermediate Table Tennis

The boys intermediate table tennis team was formed from six eager Year 10 players who decided to try out their skills (shown every day on the yard training in front of the 100s and the LRC) at the Hobson's Bay Divisional competition at the Bayside Altona North campus which hosted a competition for eight divisional teams.

The Point Cook Senior side won in spectacular fashion, not only taking the divisional premiers title, but also managing to go "completely undefeated", winning all three ranking rounds 6-0 and defeating Alamanda's top side 6-0 in the grand final match. Aayush Timsina and Sanket Chopda were a solid anchor for the team in every contest, playing seed 1 and 2 respectively, and managing to win out against the best the other schools had to offer. But the strength of the team was also found in its depth, as Vic Jelf, Peter Hancin, Eric Zheng and Harsh Verma all proved themselves up to the task. Jelf and Hancin were the regular 3 and 4 spot, with Zheng able to take on duties against a Bayside squad and dismissing their fourth rank player to keep the side's record untarnished. Verma played a specialist role, teaming up with Timsina and Chopda to frustrate teams' attempts to salvage in the doubles competition.

Sometimes the lopsided scores were deceptive, and there were several tense matches during the day that saw PCSSC students show adaptability and mental toughness to not only stay in the match but on several occasions work from being down in games and still come back to claim victory. Excellent play all around, and the team will play in Term 4 at the Western Regionals where they will be a team to beat.



Athletics Day

The Point Cook Senior Athletics Day was held 28 July this year at the Wyndham Sports Track which saw the school's house competition play out in spectacular fashion. All year levels competed in a series of running, jumping and throwing events in which competition points were awarded for top finishers, total participation, and also for SRC-run novelty events. Tug-of-war, spikeball, scavenger hunts, and a costume contest gave all students fun activities to participate in and contribute towards the day. Year 12s were invited to come to the day in costume and all year levels were encouraged to wear house colours to support their side.

The competition saw a strong showing from every House, but this year top place went to the Demons (269), who managed to create a convincing lead early on and hold off second place Sabres (201). Huey (161) came in third in a tightly contested battle with Dragons (134) for the podium spot. Individual efforts were on display the entire day, with the top athletes at each age group also qualifying to compete in the divisional round competition, with eyes on potentially competing in the Western Metro regionals.

A special thanks to all competitors as well as both students and staff who helped to run events, organise and direct onlookers, and to all students who made the day a safe, fun, and successful all school event.



Athletics Day



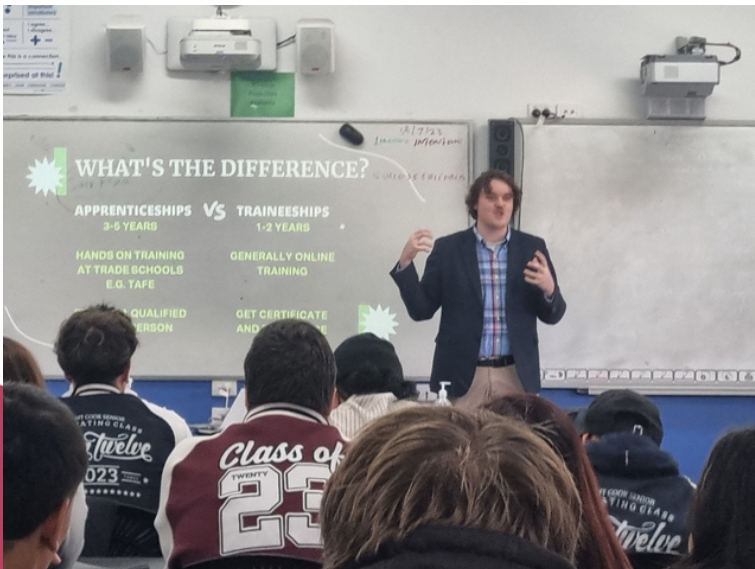
Athletics Day



Careers

Over the past month all Year 10-11 students have engaged in Career workshops, Course Counselling and completed their Career Action Plan. Year 12 VCE students received a presentation from Swinburne University and completed a campus tour at Deakin University Warn Ponds campus. This was a great opportunity for students to hear from course representatives and complete an extensive tour of the campus and its facilities.

Year 12 VCE VM students had a visit from WPC group, WPC group are one of the largest apprenticeship providers, with over 700 apprentices Australia wide. WPC Group discussed various traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities and how to apply for these opportunities. Furthermore, 128 Year 12 students completed their University/TAFE applications via VTAC. Over the next month, Year 12 students will be working towards completing various course requirements.



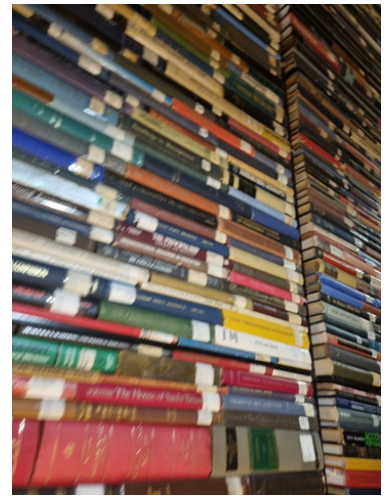
University & TAFE Open Days 2023



ACU: Melbourne Sunday August 13: Ballarat Sunday August 27
Deakin University: Geelong Waterfront & Waurn Ponds- August 20 Burwood- August 27
RMIT: City & Brunswick- Sunday August 13
RMIT: Point Cook (Pilot Aviation Only) Sunday 20th August.
Swinburne University: Sunday July 30
The University of Melbourne: Sunday August 20
Victoria University: Footscray Park Sunday August 20, City Sunday 27th August
William Angliss: Saturday August 17
For all other Universities, please check their websites.

Important Dates: Year 12 students
VTAC Timely Applications close- September 28
VTAC SEAS & Scholarships close October 6 5pm.

Regards
Mary Dimech-Hill
Careers and Pathways Leading Teacher & Counsellor
Point Cook Senior Secondary College
Ph: 93959271 (Option 3)



Instagram post

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Tina

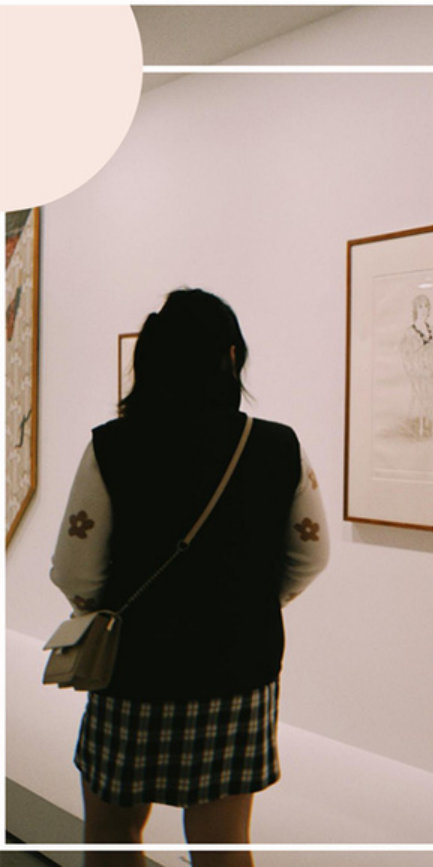


Puppy Love



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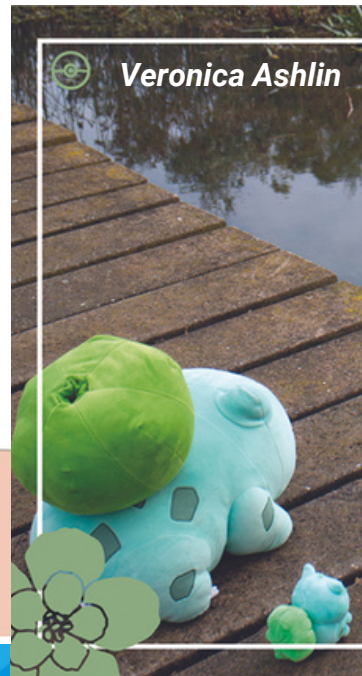
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Veronica Ashlin



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YOU'RE
GREEN,
YOU'RE
GROWING**

VisComm



Moira Hu



Celina



Aaliyah

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Serene Maze

Discover More

Grab **TICKETS** before
it's too late!

Illuminating Domes

Top 10

Magical Wonderlands

You **MUST** Visit

This Winter Season



Hiruki Jayasuriya

**EXCLUSIVE
INTERVIEW**

Wellbeing

NICOLE MUGFORD YOUTH WORKER



Hi! I am the new youth worker that you can find in the Wellbeing Hub. I use she/They pronouns, love a good chat and enjoy learning new things. I am available to support you if things are rough at home or school or you just need a friendly face to talk to. You are welcome to just pop into the wellbeing hub to chat, so together we can make a plan to best support your needs. I am passionate about LGBTQIA+ issues, mental health and the environment as well as tasting good food. I also love board games, roller derby and rainbows.

Blue Award 2021

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A FREE SPORTS PROGRAM FOR
MULTICULTURAL YOUTH

8 WEEK BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Thursdays:

Mix 7-11 years old

Sundays (seperate sessions):

Boys 12-16 years old

Girls 12-16 years old

For more information contact:

Amal Hassan Ali 0402 839 524

Amran Elmi 0401 348 464

REGISTER
TODAY



**STARTS WEEK OF
MAY 8TH**

Juniors 7-11 years old

starts Thur 11 May

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Point Cook Senior Secondary College

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

- 11 - 15 Sep** Year 12 Practice Exams
- 14 Sep** Parent Teacher Student Conference - Evening
- 15 Sep** Parent Teacher Student Conference - Morning
- 15 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
- 30 - 3 Oct** Year 11 Revision Week
- 6 Nov** Curriculum Day - Student Free
- 6 - 10 Nov** Year 11 Exams Week
- 6 - 10 Nov** Year 10 Revision Week
- 6 - 10 Nov** Year 10 Camp Week
- 6 - 10 Nov** Year 11 Vm Work Experience Week
- 7 Nov** Melbourne Cup Day
- 13 - 17 Nov** Year 10 Exam Week
- 13 - 17 Nov** Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation Week 1
- 20 - 24 Nov** Year 11 into Year 12 Orientation Week 2
- 23 Nov** Valedictory
- 27 Nov - 1 Dec** Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation Week
- 12 Dec** Year 9 into Year 10 Orientation Program
- 20 Dec Term 4 Ends**

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RESPECT
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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

***Attend Today,
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
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**

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

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