



College Council

The first meeting of the current College Council was held last week.

The current council will finish its term in March with the change over to occur at the March Council meeting.

College Council has the role of setting direction and policy for the College and thus has an important role in determining the strategic intent. Council is made up of parents, staff and students with co-opted community members allowed. The election of the new council has been finalised.

My thanks to the following staff and parents who have been elected to Council:

Parents: Dianne Hudson, Raif Zahreddine, Lisa Haisila
DET Representatives: Shelley Haughey, Maria Pradolin
Students: Noah Andrew, Christina Jones

Coronavirus

All schools have required to understand the potential impact of the Coronavirus.

The Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer have recommended a stronger precautionary approach to managing Coronavirus for travellers returned from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) from 1 February 2020.

This recommendation is that parents/guardians/carers should ensure that any student returning from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) who was in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020 is isolated at home and should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China. This recommendation does not apply retrospectively. It applies only to students who were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020.

The existing advice remains that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days:

- following exposure to any confirmed novel Coronavirus case; or
- after leaving Hubei Province.

This same advice applies to any impacted staff.

The Commonwealth has also advised that: "additional border measures will be implemented to deny entry to Australia to people who have left or transited through mainland China from 1 February 2020, with the exception of Australian citizens, permanent residents and their immediate family and air crews who have been using appropriate personal protective equipment

YPEP

The Young Parents Education Program has begun with 5 young mum's enrolling with more to come. The students will be here on Tuesday to Thursday and will complete the VCAL certificate.

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Important Dates

2nd Mar	School Photos
4th Mar	Parent/Student Information Night
9th Mar	Labour Day Holiday - No Classes
17-19 Mar	AFL Boys ACT Trip
24th Mar	Parent/Teacher Interviews
27th Mar	Last Day Term 1
14th Apr	Term 2 Begins

Dates correct at time of publication and are subject to change. More information is available on the College's website as event/dates are confirmed.



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Assembly to Reflect on the Stolen Generation

How do you understand the context of the Stolen Generation and the trauma and impact of being taken from your family?

Aunty Di provided our college with a message relaying the impact with an overlay of hope and compassion.

The Stolen Generation is a time in our history where the impact continues even today - nearly 50 years later.

I was proud of the assembly and the respect our students held for our guests. From the Smoking Ceremony with the Welcome to Country, the students listened intently and appropriately.

Our leaders ran the entire assembly and continue to thrive in the environment.



Crossing Lines Exhibition

Visual Art students have been given an exciting opportunity through a special grant from the NGV. Year 11 and 12 Studio Art and VET Visual Art students will be given the chance to visit an exhibition by the artists Jean-Michel Basquait and Keith Haring.

They will be provided with a free bus, lunch, an introductory talk and tour of the Exhibition. Followed by a multi-media postcard workshop.

The excursion will be on Monday the 23rd March students and will be researching these artists in their class.

We are very appreciative of this grant provided by the Krystna Campbell-Pretty foundation.

Discovery Program

The Wednesday Year 10 Discovery Program is challenging students to take up new challenges. An example is the community unit where the focus for students is developing a narrative around interviewing another person.

This week the 27 students ventured to the residential care for the “oldies but goldies” at Japara Residential Care on Hallam Belgrave Rd.

The whinging about the 1 km walk and having to meet “ancient people” soon turned to a fantastic experience of interaction between our students and the residents.

Some of the residents were bed bound, some with dementia and others with intellectual disability. All were slowed physically with their age.

From the time the students walked through the gate, they changed – respect and interaction with the residents was at the forefront. Some held the hands of the older residents as they talked to them, others heard the stories of the resident’s upbringing, others went through photo albums, and one group borrowed my phone went to google translator and spoke to a lady who only spoke Italian – she was beaming as the students showed her how it worked.



Library News

Over the holidays, the library was upgraded with new carpets and freshly painted walls. Students have brightened the space with the 3500 papers cranes which are currently being returned to the walls, flags of the world strung across the space, and regularly changing displays to tie in with school values, curriculum and current events.

We've also introduced Pop-Up events in the library – events for students and staff that take place in the library. Our first was the Rock, Paper, Scissors event which saw students competing in a fast-paced, exciting competition. The ultimate Rock, Paper, Scissors champion of Term 1 was Luke with his confounding strategy of telling his competitor what he was going to play and letting the mind games unfold!

Next up was the Uno Championship – three rounds took place on Thursday, Feb 13, and the top two players from each round went through to the final on Thursday, Feb 20. The finalists were Cain, Abby, Connor, Pearce, Wijaya and our single successful staff representative, Margaret Wieringa. The ultimate champion was Margaret Wieringa, but she graciously stepped aside to allow Cain to take the champion title.

For Valentine's Day, a display was put up by students Azeeza and Braydn with information about its mysterious origins. On Friday the 14th, students were encouraged to write a heart to someone they care for, be it a significant other, a friend or even a favourite staff member.

More events are being planned for the future, including a paper plane competition and a chess tournament. Students are encouraged to plan their own events, and we look forward to continuing to welcome students into our vibrant library space.



Hair & Beauty



Beauty Blitz students are preparing and working towards end of semester piece. Some very creative work emerging.

Students in Year 2 Beauty Services have made a great start to the year. They are working on and mastering lash & brow tinting & waxing services to the college community.

Students in Year 1 Beauty Services enjoyed an interesting and informative afternoon with staff from The Body Shop, Fountain Gate. The learning and hands on experience was focussed on skin care techniques and Body Shop products. We thank visiting staff for a great afternoon and our take home samples!!!

Melbourne Career Expo

The Melbourne Career Expo, is the most comprehensive and exciting careers event in Victoria. With all career, education and training information under one roof, this event is the first stop for all Victorians students seeking a successful future.

Now in its 19th year, the event will be held on Friday 24th July - Sunday 26th July 2020 at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, 2 Clarendon Street, South Wharf (same location as this year).

The event showcases 150 exhibitors offers FREE career advice, free resume checking, inspiring and informative industry panels, employment opportunities, interactive training demonstrations and exhibits, and a wealth of information and opportunities for further study within the private education sector, TAFE's and Universities.

Free Seminars, Free Career Counselling and Resume Checking courtesy of the Career Development Association of Australia. Your students should not miss the opportunity to receive all this free information and career advice.

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