

# Parent Newsletter

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**PORTLAND  
SECONDARY  
COLLEGE**

*Creating the Opportunities*



**Welcome to 2019 - Be the Best You Can Be**

## Principal's Report

Welcome to all our new and returning families. 2019 is off to a successful start. All students have been welcomed into their new Sub-School, been allocated a locker, received their timetable via Compass and started their classes. Staff have completed a rigorous couple of days to ensure we are fully prepared for student learning. Students in Years 7 and 9 will be focussing on the introduction of the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program which will see students at these two levels have a beginning focus on organisation and collaboration. All other Year levels will begin to benefit from this program over time.

A new Leadership structure will see a change in the way the College operates in 2019. An Assistant Principal has been appointed at Years 7 and 8 (Mrs Kirsten Mitchell), Years 9 and 10 (Mr Matthew Powell) and Years 11 and 12 (Mrs Belinda Bothe). These people will be responsible for the management of their respective sub-schools and are ably supported by a strong team of teachers and student leaders at each level. These teams of teachers are listed elsewhere in the newsletter for your reference.

A number of new teachers have joined us this year — (they are pictured on page 4). Ms Janelle Collins (College Librarian), Philip Henderson (Maths and Science), Jennifer Prichard (Science), Tayla Morley (Health and PE), Gabrielle Robinson (Humanities), Bec Gould (Technology Food) and Terry Engel (Maths/Textiles).

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### For School Community:

*As you may be aware there was a very distressing accident on Wednesday evening involving a family with school aged children near Dartmoor, while we are not able to name the student involved at this early stage, we are very saddened by the sudden and tragic death of the 16 year old student. Some of you may know the family and we have offered our sincere condolences to them. We have arranged support to be available from Student Support Services and should your child need support please contact Tania Beard.*



## *Year 7 and Newcomers BBQ*

**Wednesday 6 February - 6.00 - 7.00p.m.**

Meet in the Junior Building foyer.

Come along and meet your child's teachers and other parents.

**Fully catered.**

*Parent Information Session from 5.00 – 6.00pm*

## Coming Events

Regularly check Newsletters and PSC website for updates at [www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au) Facebook/ portlandsecondarycollege

**Wednesday 6 February**  
Year 7 BBQ, an evening with parents, students and teachers at 6-7pm.  
- Parent Info Session 5-6pm.

**Monday 11 February**  
PSC Swimming Carnival - all students to attend.

**Mon 18 until Fri 22 Feb**  
Year 7 Camp at Narrawong  
7B,7C,7E Mon. & Tues.  
7A,7D,7F Thurs. & Fri.

**Wed. 20 Feb** is a Home Study Day for Year 7 students.

**Tuesday 26 February**  
School Photos

**Monday 4 March**  
Student Leaders Induction Ceremony

**Thursday 7 March**  
PSC Athletics Day - all students to attend.

**Monday 11 March**  
Labour Day Holiday

**Wednesday 13 March**  
Year 7 Vaccination

Principal's Report continued.....

As well as implementing the AVID Program, all teachers will be focussing on ensuring all students have learning growth in every subject, particularly in the areas of Numeracy, Reading and Writing. Teachers will be working collaboratively on developing different levels of coursework materials, cross - marking student work and setting individual goals for all students to encourage them to reach their full potential. Student learning will be reported on every six weeks and all parents are asked to keep abreast of their child's progress through Compass. Of course, parents are also welcome to make an appointment to see relevant staff at any time to discuss any issues they may have.

We all know that every day counts when it comes to student Attendance. The Department is requiring that that schools, parents and students all meet their responsibilities to ensure there are as few absences as possible. If you know that your child will not be at school, please inform the General Office or enter the absence on Compass. If your child is likely to have an extended absence, let the school know - we can provide work to be completed whilst at home or on holidays.

Our school seeks to provide a positive, harmonious and productive environment and prides itself on clear, consultative and open communication. Despite our best efforts, Portland Secondary College doesn't always get it right. It is a complex process to deal with 700 young people and their families on a daily basis and sometimes students and parents may not be happy with how events are handled. We encourage all parents to get into contact with us if you are unhappy about something so the issue can be resolved. The College has a Complaints and Grievances Policy which is located in full on the College's website if you want to make a formal complaint but please get in touch with either myself or Jo Kindred, Assistant Principal in the first instance. On that note, please be patient - we are in the process of building a new website for the College - it should be launched soon.

Toni Burgoyne - Principal.



## PSC Swimming Carnival

**Monday 11th February**

This is a whole school event and as such all students are required to give consent on Compass to attend the day.

Year 7 Students have received a hard copy of the permission form and any other students requiring one should ask their Form Group Mentor for one asap.

Year 10, 11 & 12, will compete for the Senior Shield and should dress in their nominated theme wear.

Year 7, 8 & 9, will compete for Year Level Pennants against the other form groups and should dress in theme wear appropriate to their nominated colour:

A = Red B = Blue C = Green D = Black E = Silver F = Gold.

**Please note:** Despite the Year Level Competitions, students are still required to swim in the correct age group, which will be the age they are turning in 2019.

Students should arrive at school at normal time for Year Level Assemblies and will then walk to the pool under supervision from staff.

Emily Gorey - PLAT Leader: Health & PE.



## What's On!

Like to try something different??

**Portland Hockey Club** presents **Junior Hockey Program**

Running Saturday mornings for 6/7 weeks

beginning 17th Feb 2018

9am - 10am

All Saints Primary School, 94-100 Fawthrop Street, held on the blue basketball court

Hockey sticks and shin pads supplied - however children are to supply their own mouth guard Cost: \$30. Contact Jemma on 0448 729 218 or Andrea on 0431 464 798 to register .

Your invited,  
Tyrendarra Junior Preseason Netball  
8-17 years  
Where: Flinders Park  
When: 5pm, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb  
Cost: Free  
Ph: Lynda on 044 803 8042  
or check us out on Face book

I LOVE NETBALL

Also a fun Junior clinic Sun 24th Feb.

**Portland Soccer Club pre-season training for 2019 kicks off this week**

Women - Monday and Thursday nights - 6 - 7:30pm  
U12 and U14 - Tuesday and Thursday nights - 5 - 6pm  
U17 and Seniors - Tuesday and Thursday nights - 6 - 7:30pm

**Portland Soccer Club MiniRoos skills program for 2019 starts Saturday 9th February at 11am**

The program will start on Saturday 9th February and will run until 22th June (excluding the long weekends, School holidays and Easter). There will be 15 sessions that will start at 11am and finish at 12pm. Contact Les on 0414559106 for more information. Go to [www.miniroos.com.au](http://www.miniroos.com.au) to register.

**Tyrendarra Show**

Here is just one of the attractions at the Tyrendarra Show to be held on **Saturday 9 February**. Check out the website:

[www.tyrendarraagriculturalshow.com.au](http://www.tyrendarraagriculturalshow.com.au)



# Raising Good digital Citizens

## At a glance



- Today's kids need new skills to behave safely and responsibly online.
- Good digital citizenship follows the same basic rules as good citizenship in the offline world.
- Filters only prevent some kinds of unsuitable material being accessed via your computer; parents still need to be vigilant.
- It's important for parents to model good online behaviour – such as courtesy, obeying the law (not downloading something illegally) and protecting yourself.

## Digital rights and responsibilities

The new-found freedom of being able to publish our thoughts online needs to be balanced with awareness that our words and photos can be hurtful to others and can exist online for many years. When something that appears online makes a child feel uncomfortable, they need to know how to deal with it.

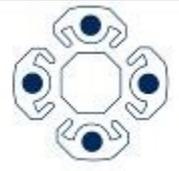
## Digital literacy

Everyone needs to spend time learning about technology before using it. Parents and teachers need to lead their children by providing a good example of technology use.

The internet is an amazing research tool if you know how to assess the credibility of a site and its content – whether it's checking consumer reviews about a new fridge or research for an assignment, parents and kids need to learn and use these skills.

**Jo Kindred** - Assistant Principal.

# Congratulations to our DUX students of 2018



We would like to congratulate the students who were the high flyers in their year levels for 2018, and acknowledge the DUX awardees for each year.

It is wonderful the hard work and effort that students put in throughout the year, and the rewards that were reaped from that.

### Year 7 DUX

Caroline Ciechowicz  
Andy Paterson

### Year 8 DUX

Lucy Burns  
Liam Cook  
Thomas Roberts

### Year 9 DUX

Sophie Anderson  
Kenneth Chambers

### Year 10 DUX

Ella Sandow  
Zachary Barrington

### Year 11 DUX

Lachlan Arthur  
Remington Clarke  
Georgia Flederis

### Year 12 DUX

Zarly Smith



**Jo Kindred**

Assistant Principal

## Students Required to Leave Early

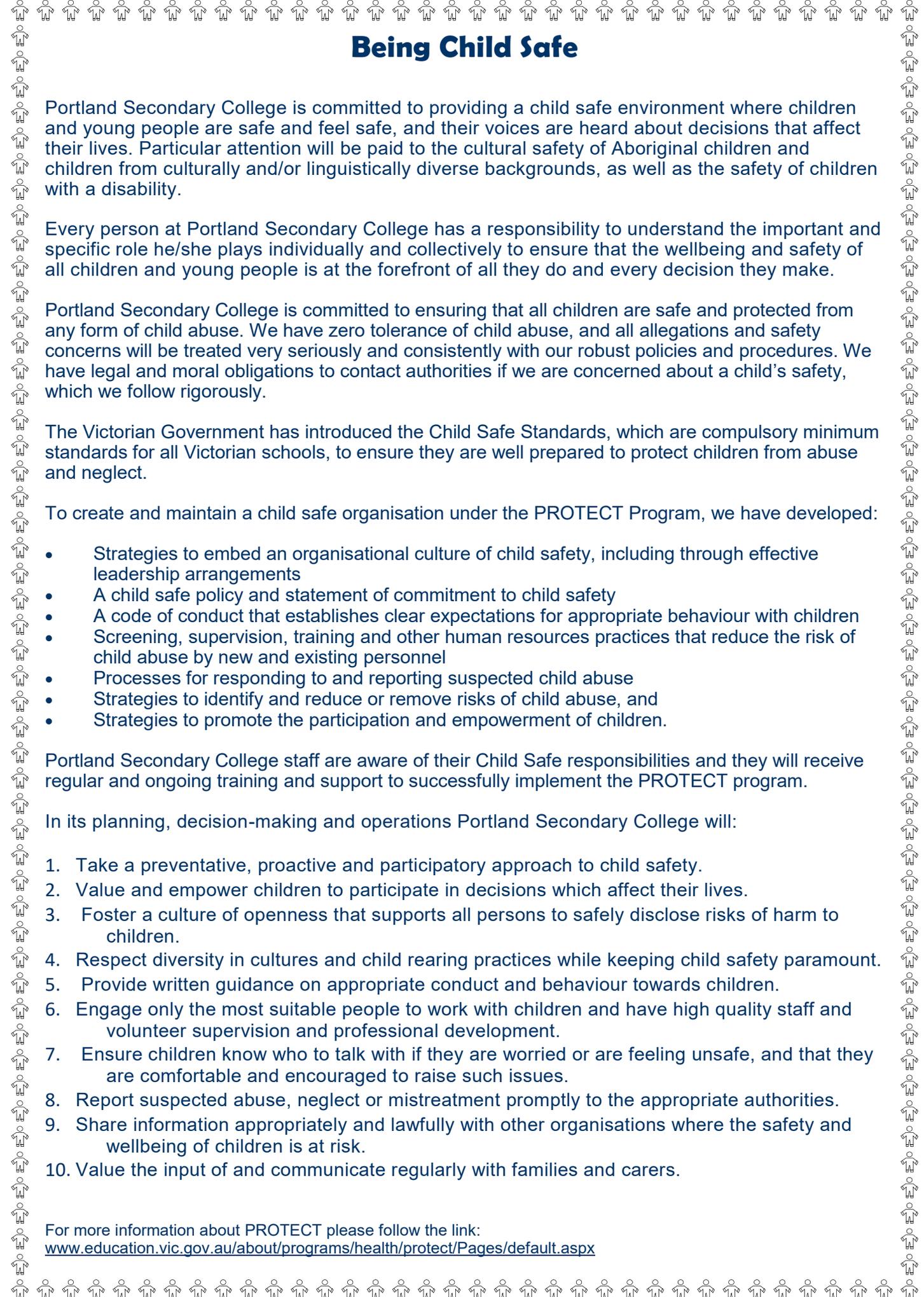
Sometimes it is necessary for Parents/Guardians to pick up a child early from school.

If this needs to happen please ring before coming to collect your child and we will endeavour to have them waiting for you.

*If this is a pre-organised appointment please send a note with your child detailing the time of the appointment so they can show their teacher/office staff and be waiting for you in the foyer.*

**Whilst we understand that emergencies do occur and this may not always be possible we would appreciate at least half an hour's notice.**

**Ideally it would be better to make appointments either side of school hours.**



# Being Child Safe

Portland Secondary College is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person at Portland Secondary College has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Portland Secondary College is committed to ensuring that all children are safe and protected from any form of child abuse. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities if we are concerned about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

The Victorian Government has introduced the Child Safe Standards, which are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

To create and maintain a child safe organisation under the PROTECT Program, we have developed:

- Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements
- A child safe policy and statement of commitment to child safety
- A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
- Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
- Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
- Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse, and
- Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

Portland Secondary College staff are aware of their Child Safe responsibilities and they will receive regular and ongoing training and support to successfully implement the PROTECT program.

In its planning, decision-making and operations Portland Secondary College will:

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety.
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives.
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children.
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount.
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children.
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development.
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues.
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities.
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk.
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

For more information about PROTECT please follow the link:  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx)

# Secondary School vaccinations in 2019

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- **Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students**
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students**
- **Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students**

Parents/guardians of Year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Glenelg Shire immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2019 if you do not want your contact details given to the Glenelg Shire immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years who missed scheduled vaccines. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).



## New Staff 2019

*Jennifer Pritchard*



*Janelle Collins*



*Philip Henderson*



*Gabrielle Robinson*



*Tayla Morley*



*Terry Engel*





## Day One at PSC 2019.....



# 2019 PSC Leadership and Sub-school Teams



PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Toni Burgoyne

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Ms. Jo Kindred

BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Michelle Boreham

## **JUNIOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM**

Assistant Principal (Junior School)

Ms. Kirsten Mitchell

PSD & Student Support Programs Manager

Ms. Christine Hart

PLAT Leader: English

Ms. Linda Errey

PLAT Leader: Health & PE

Ms. Emily Gorey

PLAT Leader: LOTE Indonesian

Mr. Simon Jones

PLAT Leader: Visual & Performing Arts

Ms. Sue Taylor

Year 7 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Mel Down

Year 8 Student Engagement Leader

Mr. Ashley Elijah

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM**

Assistant Principal (Middle School)

Mr. Matthew Powell

PLAT Leader: Mathematics & Digital Technologies

Mr. Michael Willie

PLAT Leader: Humanities

Mr. Brad Gill

PLAT Leader: Science

Ms. Carla Shiel

PLAT Leader: Design and Technologies

Mr Jon Taylor

Year 9 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Lainey Beavis

Year 10 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Donna Bassett

## **SENIOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM**

Assistant Principal (Senior School)

Ms. Belinda Bothe

Library Resources/Study skills Coordinator

Ms. Janelle Collins

Satellite Campus Program Leader; VCAL Programs

Ms. Katie Kelly

Senior Data, Exam and RTO Coordinator

Ms. Donna Matthews

Year 11 Student Engagement Leader

Mr. Dale Radcliffe

Year 12 Student Engagement Leader

Ms Joanne Logan

Learning Specialist: Professional Learning

Mr. Andrew Harris

Communities Leader

Learning Specialist: Curriculum and Whole School

Mr. Ben Heenan

Instructional Model Leader

## **RESOURCE CO-ORDINATORS**

MIPS/Careers Dev. Coord/Koorie Liaison Officer

Ms. Suzanne Patterson

Library Programs & Resource Manager

Ms. Janelle Collins

*PSD & Student Services*

Ms. Tania Beard

PSD & Student Support Programs Manager

Ms. Christine Hart

Principal's Assistant/Operations Manager

Ms. Vicki Taylor

## **COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Ms. Karensa Smith

# 2019 Form Mentors and Senior Mentors



## Year 7 Student Engagement Team Leader – Ms Mel Down DNM

7A	Ms Tayla Morley	MYT
7B	Mr Simon Jones	JSS
7C	Ms Jane McGrory	MYJ
7D	Ms Linda Errey	EYL
7E	Ms Debbie Cobby	HND
7F	Ms Gabby Johnson	JNG

## Year 8 Student Engagement Team Leader – Mr Ashley Elijah EHA

8A	Ms Chris Dixon	DNC
8B	Ms Emily Gorey	GYE
8C	Ms Sue Taylor	TRS
8D	Mr Liam Doyle	DEL
8E	Mr Philip Henderson	HNP

## Year 9 Student Engagement Team Leader – Ms Lainey Beavis BSL

9A	Mr Braden Dawson	DNB
9B	Ms Carla Shiel	SLC
9C	Ms Lynne Hollis	HSL
9D	Mr Brad Gill	GLB
9E	Ms Emily Clancy	CYE

10	Ms Donna Bassett	BTD	Year 10 Student Engagement Leader
11	Mr Dale Radcliffe	RED	Year 11 Student Engagement Leader
12	Ms Joanne Logan	LNJ	Year 12 Student Engagement Leader

Victoria Street Campus                      Ms Katie Kelly      KYK

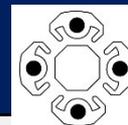
## Senior School Mentors

**Year 10 Mentors** – Mr Jon Taylor, Mr Andrew Harris, Ms Cheryl Edwards, Mr Paul White, Ms Terry Engel, Mr Michael Willie, Ms Bec Gould.

**Year 11 Mentors** – Ms Jen Prichard, Mr Brian Healy, Mr Chris Thomas, Ms Suzanne Patterson, Ms. Gabrielle Robinson, Mr Dale Cummings.

**Year 12 Mentors** – Mr Michael Bassett, Ms Jill Perkins, Mrs Tracey Ward, Mr Dale England, Mr Ben Heenan.

# Portland Secondary College: 2019 Leadership Structure



**BET: Toni Burgoyne**  
Principal

**KDJ: Jo Kindred**  
Assistant Principal

## Junior School Improvement Team

## Middle School Improvement Team

## Senior School Improvement Team

**MLK: Kirsten Mitchell**  
Junior School Assistant Principal

**PLM: Matthew Powell**  
Junior School Assistant Principal

**BEB: Belinda Bothe**  
Junior School Assistant Principal

**HNB: Benjamin Heenan**  
Learning Specialist: Curriculum and Whole School Instructional Model Leader

**HSA: Andrew Harris**  
Learning Specialist: Curriculum and Professional Learning Communities Leader

**HTC: Christine Hart**  
PSD & Student Support Programs Manager  
Doctors in Secondary School Lead Teacher

**WEM: Michael Willie**  
PLAT Leader: Mathematics and Digital Technologies

**KYK: Katie Kelly**  
Satellite Campus Program Leader  
VCAL Program Support

**DM: Donna Matthews**  
RTO, Examinations & School Data Coordinator

**EYL: Linda Errey**  
PLAT Leader: English  
Debating & Public Speaking Coordinator

**TRJ: Jon Taylor**  
PLAT Leader: Design & Technologies  
STEM Extension Activities Leader

**RED: Dale Radcliffe**  
Year 11 Student Engagement Team Leader

**GYE: Emily Gorey**  
PLAT Leader: Health & PE  
Sporting Carnivals & Active Programs Coordinator

**GLB: Bradley Gill**  
PLAT Leader: Humanities  
Intercultural – Indigenous Activities Coordinator

**LNJ: Joanne Logan**  
Year 12 Student Engagement Team Leader  
Senior School Subjects/Course Selections Coordinator

**JSS: Simon Jones**  
PLAT Leader: LOTE  
Intercultural Activities & Sister School Programs Coordinator

**SLC: Carla Shiel**  
PLAT Leader: Science  
Sustainability & Parent STEM Engagement Activities Coordinator

**TRS: Sue Taylor**  
PLAT Leader: Visual & Performing Arts  
Cultural Events Coordinator

**BSL: Lainey Beavis**  
Year 9 Student Engagement Team Leader

**DNM: Mel Down**  
Year 7 Student Engagement Team Leader  
Junior Transitions Coordinator

**BTD: Donna Bassett**  
Year 10 Student Engagement Team Leader  
Middle School Subject/Course Selections Coordinator

**VACANT**  
Discovery Hospitality Centre (Trade Training Centre) Manager

**EHA: Ashley Elijah**  
Year 8 Student Engagement Team Leader

# Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 camp will take place on Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February. Year 7B, 7C, 7E will be on camp Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 Feb. and Year 7A, 7D, 7F will be on camp Thursday 21 and Friday 22 Feb. Wednesday 20 February will be a Home Study Day for all Year 7 students.

Information was given out to students last week.

A camp payment of \$130.00 must be paid to the General Office as soon as possible please. See Miss Down or the Year 7 Form Group Mentors for further details.



## PSC Homework Program- Tutoring Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays are back for 2019!

- Where:** PSC Library
- When:** Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, starting Wednesday 6th February 2019.
- Who:** All students welcome. It's a great time to finish off classwork, projects and assignments. No sign-up required! Just turn up.
- Time:** 3:40-4:30pm
- Tutors:** Mrs. Chapman (Numeracy) and Mrs. Elley Foster and Mrs Milly Cameron (Literacy). All subjects welcome.
- Any questions? Just ask us! We hope to see you in Term 1!



**Donna Chapman**  
Maths Tutor  
Numeracy Catchup Program

**Elley Foster/Milly Cameron**  
Literacy Tutor  
Literacy Catchup Program



## Literacy Assistance



Early in Term One, all Year 7 students will be assessed in Literacy by their English Teachers.

Those requiring extra assistance will be offered help with their literacy.

Parents will receive a letter during Term 1 if literacy assistance is recommended for your child.

**Elley Foster/Milly Cameron**  
Literacy Catchup Co-ordinator.

## Maths Assistance for 2019

Early in Term One, all Year 7 students will be assessed in Maths, and those requiring extra assistance will be offered some help with their Maths.

Our numeracy scaffolding groups will continue in 2019 for Year 7's and GRIN (Getting Ready in Numeracy) will be implemented in all Year 8 and 9 classes.

The Quicksmart Numeracy Program will run with Year 7 & 8 students in 2019.

Parents will receive a letter during Term 1 if Maths Assistance is recommended for your child.

**Donna Chapman** - Numeracy  
Student Support Program Assistance.



## Bell Times

8.50 - 9.00am	Assembly (if required)
<b>9.00 - 9.10am</b>	<b>Mentor Group</b>
9.15 - 10.05am	Period 1
10.05 - 10.55	Period 2
10.55 - 11.20am	<b>Recess</b>
11.20 - 12.15pm	Period 3
12.15 - 1.05pm	Period 4
1.05 - 1.40	<b>Lunch</b>
1.50 - 2.00pm	<b>Silent Reading</b>
2.00 - 2.40pm	Period 5
2.40 - 3.30pm	Period 6

### School Office Hours

8.00am until 4.30pm

## Uniform

All students attending Portland Secondary College should be in full school uniform. Parents who are unsure of the uniform requirements should contact the school. Please note that street wear cargo pants, shorts or flares are not permitted, white polo tops are not to be worn over school dresses, no coloured T-shirts under polo tops (plain white ones only). All members of our student body are expected to be wearing the correct shoes as per our Uniform Policy. This Policy states that students should be wearing black polishable shoes with an enclosed toe. Students wearing black shoes with a small coloured logo or stripe on the side, tongue or back will be asked to colour this logo black. Students wearing open toe sandals, different coloured sneakers or black shoes with large areas of coloured markings or coloured shoe laces will be issued with a uniform non-compliance note asking for the situation to be rectified. Please support the College in this endeavour. If you require further assistance please make contact with Tania Beard, our Student Services Coordinator.

Jo Kindred – Assistant Principal.

## Student Planners

Planners are a useful tool for students, parents and teachers. They are primarily used to record work, due dates and class requirements (e.g. *P.E. gear—bathers*) and assist in student organisation. Teachers and parents use them to monitor how a student works, and also, communicate between home and school.

A brief overview of some of the major policies and requirements at P.S.C. are also outlined in the planner. A planner is not a personal diary – it is a tool for organisation and communication.

## Permanent Lunch Passes

We recommend that students have lunch at school. If, however, you wish your child/children to go home for lunch, applications are available from the Assistant Principal's Office. Please note that a lunch pass does not permit students to go to the shops or friend's homes. A lunch pass is only for lunch at home.



Jo Kindred  
Assistant Principal.

## Hearing Screening Tests

The Wimmera Hearing Society, a non-profit organisation, conducts Hearing Screening Tests across Western Victoria and will be at Portland Secondary College on **Wednesday 25th February 2019**.

Portland Secondary College, in conjunction with the Department of Education & Training, Portland Network, is providing the opportunity for all Year 7 students and any other students who may require a test or re-test to undertake a five-minute Hearing Screening Test.

While it may appear your child has normal hearing, a mild hearing loss can easily go undetected. This has consequences for their long-term education opportunities, both in the classroom and in future employment. Early detection of any hearing loss will enable schools and other professional education services to be put in place.



**If you do not wish your child to be tested please make contact with the school.**

Regards,

Christine Hart — Integration Manager.

## Mobile Phone Policy

If students bring mobile phones to school they do so at their own risk. **The College accepts no liability in cases where phones are mislaid or stolen.**

Teachers are requested to confiscate mobile phones seen in classrooms which are being used inappropriately.

The first time, teachers may use their discretion and simply take the phone for the rest of the period before handing it back. For subsequent offences confiscated phones should be named and handed in at the General Office for placement in the General Office safe.

### Consequences:

First Confiscation: Students may collect phone at the end of the day from the General Office.

Second Confiscation: Parents may pick up confiscated mobiles from the General Office after 3.30pm the next day.

Third Confiscation: If mobiles are confiscated a third time they will be retained for one week.

Fourth Confiscation: If mobiles are confiscated a fourth time they will be retained for one month.

A persistent breach of the rules will mean the mobile phone is banned completely from school.

Refusing to hand a mobile phone to teachers will be treated as defiance and appropriate consequences will follow.

Jo Kindred - Assistant Principal.

## Year 7 Computers

### BYOD (*Bring Your Own Device*)

When your student starts school they can bring their BYOD (computer) to the IT Office and we can connect it to the school wireless and install Microsoft Office and an Antivirus if needed. Please note devices must comply with the following specifications:

### Minimum Requirements:

- ⇒ Microsoft Windows S, Windows 8.1 or newer
- ⇒ Apple MacOS x 10.8 or newer
- ⇒ Apple iOS 6 or newer for a tablet

**Note:** Android, Windows RT, Windows S and Chrome based devices are **intentionally omitted** from the Hardware Specifications.

Families should use their discretion when considering additional software purchases.

**ANDROID devices are NOT currently supported as a BYOD.**

Please keep in mind that there will be an influx of devices that other students will need connected so we will do our best to return it to you in a timely manner.



Andrew Rogers - IT Manager.

## Welcome to the PSC Library – where we encourage reading for information and entertainment.

The Library is open to all students at various times.

Senior students will be able to access the Glass Room for Silent Study and Distance Education.

Students and staff will have access to Fiction, Non-Fiction, Class Sets, Magazines, Games and Equipment before school from 8.30 and some days at recess, lunchtime and afterschool until 4.30pm.

At some recesses and during lunchtimes there will continue to be many board and card games to play, and students will be encouraged to use table areas as places to chat quietly or read. If the day starts with “T” students may use technology. Students are reminded to keep bags in lockers and eat food outside before visiting the library.

**People to help you.** Teacher- Librarian Ms Janelle Collins and Librarian Mrs Mary Faure will continue to promote reading and research skills assisted by Library Assistant Mrs Deb Walder. Literacy and Numeracy tutors Mrs Elley Foster and Mrs Donna Chapman will be located in the library and will offer a regular homework program and other support to students, along with Milly Cameron.

Our school has an ongoing commitment to improving student literacy skills and the entire school community reads each day after lunch. Students may choose to participate in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. We encourage all students to drop in and find something that interests them for “Reading time.” Let’s read for information and entertainment in 2019.

Library Staff.

### **New Procedures for Contacting Staff at PSC**

With the creation of the three new sub schools, and the Assistant Principals, we have established a procedure for parents contacting the school if they have any queries concerning their child. This ensures parent’s/guardian’s receive the best results in a timely manner.

- Step 1** Contact your child’s Mentor.
- Step 2** Contact your child’s Level Leader.
- Step 3** Contact the Assistant Principal’s Assistant for an appointment.

Thank you for your support.

## Interschool Sport

The 2019 sporting calendar will kick off with the Portland Secondary College Swimming Carnival to be held on **Monday 11 February** at the local YMCA Pool.



Events are scheduled to begin at 10:00am and finish by 2:45pm. I would encourage any parents and/or family members who have a chance during the day to come along and enjoy the atmosphere.

On the competitive side, any students who qualify fastest in any event will go on to compete for PSC in the Greater Districts. Swimming Carnival on Thursday 21 February, at the Hamilton Swimming Pool. Again, parents/family members are encouraged, and more than welcome, to attend.

I would really encourage students who win events to make sure they are a part of it in 2019. It is a great experience to compete against the Hamilton schools as well as Bayview and Heywood Colleges.

**If any parents/guardians are willing and able to assist with the running of any sporting events please contact me at the school or via email.**

Ms. Emily Gorey – PLAT Leader Health & PE.



## Year 7 Report

What a great start to 2019 for our Year 7 students.

As you would be well aware this can be a very difficult and daunting time. Hopefully most of us have only been lost a couple of times and we've made it to all of our classes....

By now your child will have met and begun the process of developing the important relationship that they will have with their mentor teacher. If you haven't already you will hear from your child's mentor teacher in these first two weeks.

Please take this time to discuss any issues or worries you might have and ensure your child's mentor teacher is aware of anything that may help or information that will allow your child to develop fully within our amazing Secondary School.

Show your child how important their education is to you by coming to the **Year 7 BBQ on Wednesday 6th February** to meet their mentor teacher and other staff/students/families. This is a casual yet important step in your long term relationship with Portland Secondary College.

Please remember that camp is not far away and if you haven't already done so, **MUST** pay in full before your child will be allowed to go. **Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 February: and Thursday 21 and Friday 22 February: with a home study day on Wednesday 20 February.** Work for this home study day will be provided by mentor teachers prior to this week. Any questions relating to camp can be answered by your child's mentor teacher. Information, including an equipment list should have already come home for you to see. You will also have a medical permission slip that will need to be filled in and returned ASAP. Please ensure all names and numbers as well as any medical conditions have been checked and are correct on this form.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know both the students and families of my 2019 Year 7 cohort. Please feel free to contact me at the College if you have any pressing issues you would like to discuss.

See you at the BBQ.

Ms. Mel Down - Year 7 Level Leader.



## Photos

The school photos are being taken on **Tuesday 26 February.** We ask that all students bring their school jumper on this day even if they only put it on for the duration of the photo. Envelopes will be distributed shortly to families. The College does not process any of the payments; these are enclosed directly in the envelope, returned on the day and given directly to the photographer.

**Please Note** on this day the general office will open at 9.00am instead of 8.00am.



# UNIFORM MATTERS!

From time to time, we need to clarify what can and can't be worn to school so that we are all clear on the uniform requirements. At the moment we have a variety of shoes that people are wearing at the college. To clarify this I have taken some photos of what the uniform committee has deemed to be part of our PSC uniform.



←— These shoes are fine. Popular particularly with the boys. **Good choice.**

These shoes on the right are fine; many of the girls tend to wear these all year round.

**Good choice.** →



←— Slip on shoes starting to be worn by many are not part of the school uniform. Not only are they not part of the uniform but they aren't safe particularly in technology classes. **Not acceptable.**

These look good on the weekend but not part of the uniform. Black is our colour not brown.

**Not acceptable.** →



←— Black runners are fine but they must be polishable. Black volleys don't polish up. **Not acceptable.**

Nice weekend skate shoes but not polishable and too much white down the edges. The only colour is black.

**Not acceptable.** →



I hope this clears up any misconceptions. Please keep these pictures in mind and ensure your child is in correct shoes for 2018.

**Hoodies (jumpers with a hood) are also not part of our College uniform.**

## Uniforms

School Jumpers

(size 10-22) \$50

(size 24 & 26) \$60

School pants (tailored) \$45

(72cm – 107cm)

Plain navy caps \$10

Draw cord shorts \$20 (s - xl)

Tailored shorts \$25

(10 youth - 107cm)

Kilts \$75

(size 8 – 26)

Jacket \$85

(xs - xxxl)

## ASTHMA

If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (*e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl*) as well as a spacer while at school.

Ensure that you have provided your child's school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan.

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly.

Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.

Ensure that your child's asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child's school/preschool).

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)



## College Charges Instalment Plan

Parents are welcome to pay their essential materials and other charges by instalments over the school year. All you need to do is complete the Instalment Plan at the front office stating how much you will pay each week, fortnight or month and leave the form with the Business Manager.

You are welcome to discuss payments with Business Manager Michelle Boreham at any time.

Ph: 55231344.

## Personal Goods brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal Property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, IPODS, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance.

Staff, students and parent/guardians are reminded of this at the beginning of this academic year. Please do not bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Jo Kindred – Assistant Principal

## Visiting Parents

All parents and visitors to the College are asked to report to the General Office immediately they enter the school grounds. The Office staff will then locate the staff member or student you wish to speak to. **Please do not wander around the grounds.**

Jo Kindred – Assistant Principal

## Reminder to Parents

This is a reminder to parents/carers to keep an eye out for speed limits in designated school speed zones during specified times as follows:

**(8.00 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4.00pm)**

# Portland Secondary College

## 2019 Canteen Menu (GST inclusive)

### BREAKFAST 8.30 – 8.55 a.m. ONLY

TEA or COFFEE.....	1.50
HOT MILO .....	2.00
TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICH .....	3.00
TOASTED CHEESE & TOMATO SANDWICH .....	3.50
TOASTED CHEESE & HAM SANDWICH .....	4.00
TOASTED CHEESE, HAM & TOMATO SANDWICH .....	4.50
TOASTED CHEESE, HAM & PINEAPPLE SANDWICH .....	5.00

### **SANDWICHES, ROLLS & PITA (White, Wholemeal or Multi Grain and Gluten Free available)**

No charge for mayonnaise, mustard or chilli sauce	Sandwich	Roll or Pita
VEGEMITE .....	2.50	3.00
CHEESE.....	3.00	3.50
CHEESE, SALAD/BEETROOT.....	4.50	5.00
SALAD & BEETROOT .....	4.00	4.50
EGG & LETTUCE .....	4.00	4.50
TUNA & SALAD .....	6.00	6.50
HAM & CHEESE .....	4.00	4.50
HAM & TOMATO .....	4.00	4.50
HAM CHEESE & TOMATO .....	4.50	5.00
HAM & SALAD .....	6.00	6.50
HAM, SALAD & CHEESE .....	6.50	7.00
CHICKEN & LETTUCE .....	5.00	5.50
CHICKEN, SALAD/BEETROOT .....	6.00	6.50
OTHER COMBINATIONS AVAILABLE .....	Cheese	.50 extra
	Pineapple	.50 extra
	Egg	.50 extra

### **FRESH GARDEN SALADS**

With cheese .....	5.00
With egg .....	5.00
With ham .....	6.50
With chicken .....	6.50

**PASTA SALAD .....** 2.00

**FRESH FRUIT SALAD .....** 3.50

JATZ BISCUITS .....	.30
CELERY & CARROT .....	.60
CHEESE .....	1.00
HOMMUS OR TZATIKI .....	1.50

ASSORTED SLICE .....	small 1.50 lge 3.00
MUFFINS .....	lge 3.00

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## HOT FOOD

We will have Gluten Free food on the menu this year.

Come in and tell us your suggestions. We are starting with:

Beef Pie (Gluten Free) .....	5.50
Chicken Nuggets (Gluten Free).....	.80

### **BURGER BUNS WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN**

FLAME GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER .....	4.50
FLAME GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER WITH CHEESE.....	5.00
FLAME GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER WITH CHEESE & SALAD .....	7.00
FLAME GRILLED BEEF BURGER WITH CHEESE & SAUCE .....	4.50
LENTIL BURGER .....	4.50
LENTIL BURGER WITH CHEESE .....	5.00
LENTIL BURGER WITH CHEESE & SALAD .....	7.00
HOT CHEESE ROLL .....	3.50
HOT CHEESE & PINEAPPLE ROLL .....	4.50
HOT HAM & CHEESE ROLL .....	4.50
HOT HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO ROLL .....	5.00
HOT HAM, CHEESE & PINEAPPLE ROLL .....	5.50
HOT CHICKEN & MAYO ROLL .....	5.50
BEEF PIE (REDUCED FAT) .....	4.50
TRAVELLER BEEF PIE (REDUCED FAT) .....	4.50
MRS. MAC'S CRUIZER CHICKEN .....	4.50
MRS. MAC'S QUICHE EGG, CHEESE & BACON .....	4.50
SMALL SAUSAGE ROLL .....	3.50
PASTIE ROLL .....	4.00
PASTIE.....	4.50
CHEESE OR VEGETARIAN PASTIE .....	4.50

<b>NOODLES</b> .....	2.50
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<b>WATER</b> - 600ml .....	2.00
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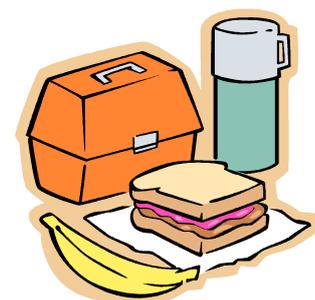
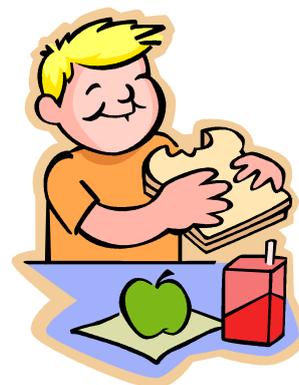
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### JUICE

100% Juice Box 200ml .....	2.00
100% Juice Fresha 300ml .....	2.50
Fresha Fruit Juice Drink 500ml .....	3.50

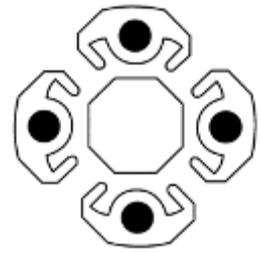
### MILK

Breaka Iced Milk 250ml .....	2.00
Oak Milk 600ml .....	3.50
Up & Go Milk 250 ml .....	2.00
Yoghurt 100gm .....	1.50
Cans NO SUGAR 375ml .....	3.00



# HELP

## WE NEED YOU!!!



Would you be able to help in any of the following for 2019?

Canteen volunteer

Library

Working Bees

Helping at College sports days and interschool sport

Involvement in the College-Interest/skills areas (please specify.....)

NAME:.....

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:.....MOBILE:.....

EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

NAME AND YEAR LEVEL OF CHILD/CHILDREN: .....

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### Parent Involvement

The College Council and staff encourage parent involvement in the school.

**The advantages of parents being involved in our school activities are:-**

- Knowledge of the school operations which will assist when you are discussing the school with your son or daughter.
- Opportunity to meet teachers who are teaching your child and as a result you are better able to discuss your child's progress with staff.
- As a parent, gain confidence in the school and feel much happier about entering the school to talk to the administration.
- Become more familiar with the student's work. As a result you will be better able to help your child with work at home.
- Your child sees that you have a real interest in him/her and a better relationship may result.
- The child, parent and teacher are better able to work as a team to educate your child.
- Your child builds up confidence in the school.
- You hear of possible changes and future directions in the College and are able to express your opinion and or assist in deci-

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – payment arrangements for 2019

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) has changed to a Term one application process and payment cycle from 2018.
- The changed timing of the program provides a better alignment with school budgeting and administrative processes and will give families certainty at the beginning of the year regarding CSEF eligibility.
- Applications for the CSEF program will open from the commencement of Term one 2018, helping to ensure that all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities.
- **Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply.** A special consideration category also exists.
- A payment of \$225 for eligible secondary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.
- The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.
- This initiative is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.
- **Application forms are available from the General Office.**

### Attention Parents:

Parents please note this will be the only 'hard' copy of the Newsletter you will receive this year. Each Monday the Newsletter will be posted on Compass. Parents of Year 7 students will receive/or may have already received a letter with their login details to access Compass.

A few hard copies of the Newsletter will still be printed and left at the front desk at school.

## Canteen Roster

Tue 5 Feb	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Wed 6 Feb	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Thurs 7 Feb	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Fri 8 Feb	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Mon 11 Feb	10am - 1.30pm	Dianne Ryan

## Canteen Reply Slip

Name:.....

Student Name:.....

Year Level:..... Phone: .....

Days available:.....

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Please return this slip to the General Office. Thank you for your support.

### HELP - we need you!!

Once a month for 3.5 hours – you are always assisted by canteen staff during this time.

The canteen is a major fundraiser for the school. If you think you could help please complete the slip above and leave at General Office or Canteen, or ring Cath Yuill on 5523 1344. Many thanks.

**Nannas and Grandmas most welcome!**

## Wise and Witty Words.

*When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.*

EFTPOS is available for your convenience at the General Office.



### Mission Statement

*To develop creative, articulate, respectful and resourceful young people able to contribute positively to the global community.*



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