

**PORTLAND
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Parent Newsletter

NO 12 TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2019



Creating the Opportunities

Principal's Report

The Staff have completed their annual survey for 2019. This year we had a staggering 94 per cent completion rate which is excellent considering the absences due to leave and ill health. This number reflects the effort and contribution that staff put into their work to improve student learning and well-being at our College. Parents also have been given the opportunity to provide feedback. Parents are chosen randomly by the Department and the list of selected families is given to schools for them to make contact. If it wasn't your chance this year it may be next year. Please respond if you do have the opportunity as we appreciate your feedback and suggestions. The families know the student in a different capacity and by working together we can better support the student.

It was Principal's Day last Friday which I didn't realise until my youngest son sent me a text that night. I would like to acknowledge the four other staff members in the principal class - Ms Kindred, Ms Bothe, Mr Powell and Ms Mitchell - who likewise did not celebrate this day but just 'got on with the work.'

The staff are refining the reporting of student learning to provide the best feedback to students and parents in a meaningful way and in a timely manner. We view student learning as one of continuous learning with the emphasis on growth. Students learn at different rates and often in different ways so we are trying to tailor the feedback specifically to them. Parent/family feedback is always welcome. School Council parents, students and community members have already provided input.

Yesterday I accompanied thirty students to the Sheepvention in Hamilton. The excursion was organised by Ms Patterson for investigation into careers in the rural sector. It was certainly a diverse and interest packed 'classroom'. I was extremely pleased to see the students make the most of the opportunity to participate in some hands on learning and try sheep shearing. Students were able to collect information from stall holders.

Patricia Nunan - Acting Principal



Coming Events

Regularly check Newsletters and PSC website for updates at www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au Facebook/ portlandsecondarycollege

Thursday 15 August
Year 12 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews
4.30—6.30pm

Monday 19 August
PSC Information Night for 2020

Wednesday 21 August
Course Selection Day for Years 8,9,10 & 11.
Student Free Day.

Mon 26th until Fri 30 August
Healthy Lifestyle Week

Wed 28 Thurs 29 & Fri 30 August
School Production at PAC
Tickets \$10 each
7.30pm start

Monday 2 September
RMIT STEM
Years 9 — 11

Monday 16 September
GWR Athletics - Ballarat

Tuesday 17 September
Parent/teacher/Student Interviews Year 7—11

Assistant Principal' Report

Opportunity to sail on the Young Endeavour

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is pleased to announce that applications for voyages on the Young Endeavour in the first half of 2020 are now being taken.



If you are aged between 16 and 23 and would like to develop self-awareness, leadership and communication skills all while learning all the skills required to sail a square-rigged tall ship including keeping watch, handling lines on deck, taking the helm, navigating using the ship's charts, cooking in the galley and climbing the 30 metre mast to set and furl the sails.



If this sounds like you, you can apply online now at www.youngendeavour.gov.au and voyage fees and conditions will apply to successful candidates.

Heading off for the Gnurad-Gundidj Experience

Congratulations to Year 9 Students Hamish Drew and Amber Cachia who jumped at the opportunity to take up a place at the Gnurad-Gundidj Campus of the School for Student Leadership when an opening became available this week. Hamish and Amber had just two days to pack and head off to the campus located near Glenormiston where they will spend the next eight weeks working and living with students from across the state with little contact with home. Their first full day after settling in was a 20km hike and overnight camp!

We wish them well and can't wait to hear some of their stories when they return in term 4.

Information Night and Subject Selections for 2020

Course Information Night is fast approaching and all students currently in Year 9, 10 and 11 are required to attend an Information evening on Monday August 19th in the Gym, starting at 7pm sharp. Come and hear important information about the courses running in 2020 and the requirements students need to meet to secure their enrolment.



This Information Night will be followed by Subject Selection Day on Wednesday the 21st of August and all students in years 9, 10 and 11 and their parents will be allocated a timeslot to meet with their mentor to discuss subject selections for 2020. The subject Handbook for 2020 will be released very shortly and students are encouraged to download this document so they can read up about possible subjects which interest them. Year 12 students will have normal classes on this day with the exception of Year 12 VCAL students and Year 7 and 8 students who will have a Home Study Day. More information will be released shortly to students.



Jo Kindred - Assistant Principal.

Year 9 Camp at the Waterfront in Geelong.



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This week's Successful Student

Hayley Smith - 8C



Hayley is a most deserving Successful Student, she's recently improved her participation in all classes (especially HPE) and is showing some school values. Her attitude this term has been outstanding and she is a pleasure to teach at present!

Also Hayley has been showing some dedication to the PE curriculum. She's been working on her Volleyball at lunchtimes on top of class and has caused a bit of an overuse injury as a result! Nonetheless she is now playing one handed.

Well Done Hayley!

NOMINATED BY: Mr Elijah & Mrs White

DATE: 5.08-2019

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**This Week's
Successful Student**

Nyla Conheady - 7C



7C voted Nyla Conheady 'Star Of The Week'
for her positive attitude and
determination.

Nyla always works to do her best on the
sports field and in the classroom.

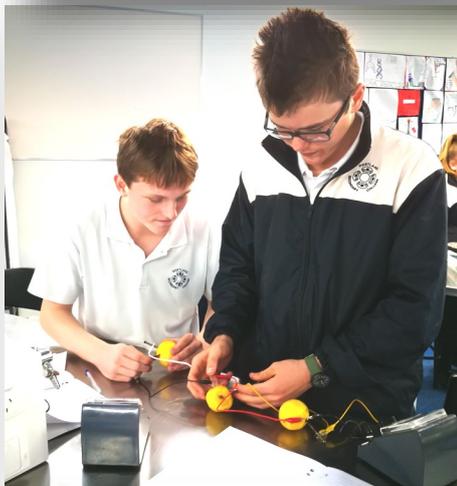
Well done Nyla!

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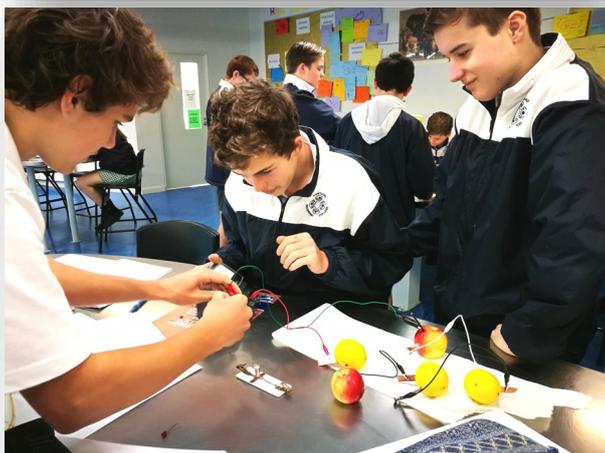
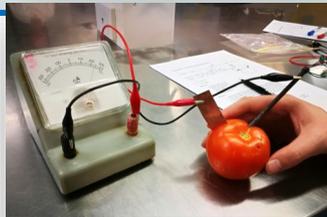
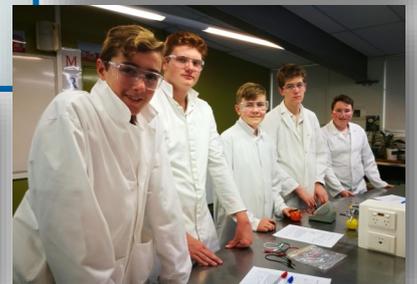
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This term, Yr 9 Science classes are looking at the field of Physics. They are currently learning all about electricity and circuits and recently tested different types of fruit as a battery source. They have also enjoyed playing with the Van de Graaf generator to look at static electricity.



By Mandie Pethybridge—Laboratory Technician

Yr 9 Science Teachers: Miss Emily Clancy, Miss Donna Jennings, Miss Jennifer Prichard, & Miss Carla Shiel

Meet the cast of the

PSC School Production 2019

'We are all Superheroes (kind of!)

Our School Production will be on 28th, 29th & 30th August.

7.30pm at Portland Arts Centre (PAC).

Tickets available at the school office or at the door.

Tickets \$ 10.00.

Name:	Ella Millard
Age:	13
Hobbies:	Video Games and Art
Favourite Actor:	Tom Ellis
Favourite Film:	The Conjuring
Where will you be in ten years?	In a job
Hopes for the Productions:	That is all goes well and it will be fun
How many productions	First production
Role	The Mayor



Name:	Jacob Peck
Age:	13
Hobby:	Literally nothing
Favourite Actor:	Harrison Ford
Favourite Film:	Jurassic park
Where will you be in ten years?	Locked away in my house
Hopes for the Productions:	I don't get tomatoed by the audience
How many productions:?	First Production
Role:	Bank Manager
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Name:	Kassi Barker
Age:	13
Hobbies:	Drawing
Favourite Actor:	Myself
Favourite Film:	
Where will you be in ten years?	23
Hopes for the Productions:	
How many productions:	1
Role:	Kung Foo Master



Name:	Caroline Ciechowicz
Age:	14
Hobbies:	Sport, art, camping, 4xdriving
Favourite Actor:	Yale Grobglas or Eva Green
Favourite Film:	There are just too many
Where will you be in ten years?	Travelling the world
Hopes for the Productions:	I hope that it all goes well
How many productions?	?
Role:	Sargent



Name:	Charlie Bassett
Age:	16
Hobbies:	Writing poetry, fiction and such, just anything to do with writing. I also love reading
Favourite Actor:	I don't have a favourite one!! I love most of them (the ones that are good)
Favourite Film:	The classic beauty and the beast and the lost city of Z (I'm also obsessed with Marvel)
Where will you be in ten years?	Hopefully rich from selling my novels and married to a secret Hemsworth bother no one new existed.
Hopes for the Productions:	Just lots of fun and experience
How many productions?	
Role:	Shelby



Name:	Sarah Brugman
Age:	13
Hobbies:	Reading, Writing and sport
Favourite Actor:	Taylor lautner
Favourite Film:	Pitch perfect and twilight
Where will you be in ten years?	Under a bridge surviving on road kill
Hopes for the Productions:	To get more than one line
How many productions?	3
Role:	Henchman



Name:	Jed Denham
Age:	12
Hobbies:	Reading and gaming
Favourite Actor:	Myself and Will Ferrel
Favourite Film:	Ms Peregrine's home for peculiar people
Where will you be in ten years?	A game show host
Hopes for the Productions:	It will run smoothly
How many productions?	I have been in a hip hop concert
Role:	A henchman and a reporter
	

Name:	Zarli Sanders
Age:	17
Hobbies:	Netball and chilling with friends
Favourite Actor:	Zac Efron
Favourite Film:	The greatest Showman
Where will you be in ten years?	Travelling the world
Hopes for the Productions:	To have lots of fun
How many productions?	
Role:	The Viper
	

Name:	Kynan Arden
Age:	17
Hobbies:	Music
Favourite Actor:	Marlon Brando
Favourite Film:	Lord of the Rings
Where will you be in ten years?	Acting and playing music
Hopes for the Productions:	To be enjoyable for all ages and to have people engaged
How many productions?	
Role:	Beeazebob
	

Name:	Racheal Perry
Age:	12
Hobbies:	Soccer
Favourite Actor:	Jack Nicholson
Favourite Film:	The shinning
Where will you be in ten years?	University
Hopes for the Productions:	That it all goes smoothly
How many productions?	First one
Role:	Henchman 2
	

Name:	Alyssa Dunstan
Age:	16
Hobbies:	Playing Clarinet
Favourite Actor:	Corey Mitchel Smith
Favourite Film:	Beauty and the Beast (animated)
Where will you be in ten years?	Living my life and hopefully in my dream job Animator/lawyer
Hopes for the Productions:	I hope that our audience will enjoy the silly story. I want then to have as much fun as the cast will.
How many productions?	
Role:	Gadget Girl
	

Name:	Ella Noonan
Age:	14
Hobbies:	Photography
Favourite Actor:	Joe Mazzello
Favourite Film:	Bohemian Rhapsody
Where will you be in ten years?	Travelling the world with my photography
Hopes for the Productions:	I hope it is a big success and it's going to really fun
How many productions?	
Role:	Regina
	

Name:	Emily Jones
Age:	14
Hobbies:	Doing 3d paintings
Favourite Actor:	Emma Watson
Favourite Film:	Harry Potter
Where will you be in ten years?	Hopefully with a good job and maybe starting a family
Hopes for the Productions:	I hope it will be a great success
How many productions?	0
Role:	Newsreader and Henchman
	

Name:	Erin Dixon
Age:	15
Hobbies:	Running
Favourite Actor:	Hugh Laurie
Favourite Film:	Evolution
Where will you be in ten years?	
Hopes for the Productions:	To have lots of laughs
How many productions?	2
Role:	Lily able to use her brain to maximum potential
	

Name:	Toby Bassett
Age:	13
Hobbies:	I am a very boring person
Favourite Actor:	Robert Downey Junior
Favourite Film:	none
Where will you be in ten years?	
Hopes for the Productions:	eventful
How many productions?	
Role:	Trent
	

Name:	Makeely Kindred
Age:	13
Hobbies:	Netball surf life saving
Favourite Actor:	Emma Watson
Favourite Film:	Impossible task...
Where will you be in ten years?	Travelling
Hopes for the Productions:	Hope I don't stuff my lines
How many productions?	1
Role:	Jasmine
	

Students Recognise NAIDOC Week

Year 11 student, Prentice Ropitini and his team hosted a BBQ to recognise 'NAIDOC Week' last week. The theme was 'VOICE TREATY TRUTH'. Student were handed Balloons and Wristbands on the day.

Suzanne Patterson -
MIPS/Careers Dev.
Coord/Koorie Liaison
Officer.



Year 7 & 8 and Seniors Netball

On Tuesday 23rd July, our Year 7 & 8 students braved the cold conditions and played in a round robin contest in Heywood. Thank you to Charlie & Heidi for helping out on the day.

On Wednesday our Senior girls travelled to Geelong and represented PSC in the State Championships in much better weather conditions. The girls played 7 games, coming away a draw and a couple of close games. The experience alone was great and they looked the part in our new netball dresses.





GIRL'S FOOTBALL

On Wednesday 31st July, the senior girls travelled to Hamilton and put in a great football performance throughout the day. A massive thank you to the year 9 girls who made up team numbers and to helpers Elli, Taya and Lainie.

According to coach White, the girls came slow out of the blocks in the first game against Hamilton College, who went on to win overall. We then won all remaining games against Monivae, Baimbridge, Good Shepherd/Balmoral, Casterton and Heywood.

Fantastic team effort. Everyone put in and can hold their heads up high!

Best Player Medal: Lashay Blurton.

Best players: Hannah Jones, Nikita Daniel, Jess Sandow, Heidi Jones, Laura Dyson, Abby Hann.



Pictured is Heidi Jones giving the footy the thumbs-up!



Lashay Blurton (third from right) 'Best Player Award'.

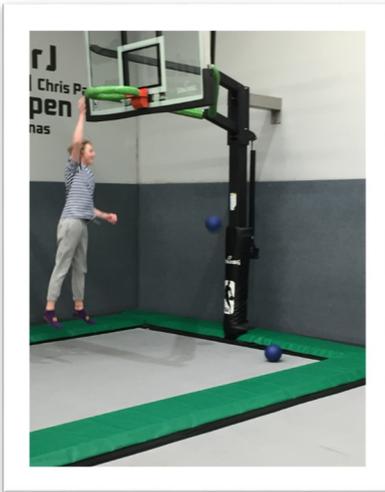
On Wednesday 24th July, Year 10 students boarded the bus at 5.45am and headed to Melbourne. First stop was Supatramp in Geelong which was one of the best activities that we did. After spending 2 hours there we continued onto Melbourne. Once we found our hostel we got put into our rooms and then went to the Vic Market for Christmas in July. After this we split into our mentor groups and travelled all around Melbourne trying to find our way around the city. Some went bowling and the rest either walked around or rode trams.

The next morning we celebrated two birthdays and went to the 91st floor building Eureka Skydeck. A lot of the students did the edge experience as well – there was a lot of screaming that day. We then broke into 3 groups and rotated with 3 different activities. Sealife, Shrine of Remembrance and Artvo. Everyone had a great day and the night got better as we went ice-skating! Everyone did a great job getting out of their comfort zones and tried something new. By the end of the night we had all students skating like there was no tomorrow.

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Year 10 Camp





..... Yr 10 Camp report continued.



Friday morning we all got ready and cleaned all the hostel rooms. We were then taken to the Careers Expo! This was very good for us as it allowed us to find universities and Careers we can pursue after Year 12. After the Careers Expo it was time to go shopping. We spend 2 hours in the DFO and everyone went on a shopping bonanza. Once our 2 hours were up, it was back on the bus for the long trek home to Portland.

Thank you teachers for organising this great experience.





Year 9 Camp

On Wednesday the 24th of July we departed PSC to Geelong for our Year 9 camp. Our first stop/first activity was Trees Adventure. It was fun and challenging. Some people got stuck in the trees. After our first activity, we headed towards our accommodation, Geelong Discovery Park. The cabins were nice with everything we needed. After settling down we left to shop at Coles for the food we needed for the 3 days. We went back to camp and lights were out at 10pm.

Day 2, we went to Geelong TAFE and Deakin. Some students went to the art gallery and others to the water front for lunch. We then went roller skating where some students fell and lost balance, and others didn't. Bus 1 went to the Escape Room to complete a heist and the Bus 2 went to Bubble Soccer for a match. Ten pin bowling was the night time activity where students showed off their skills at the bowling alley.

Day 3, the final day, we spent at the Narana Aboriginal Centre. We learned about the Aboriginal weaponry and artifacts, and what they used to take care of themselves. After the discussion we got to go to their native park and learned how to correctly throw Boomerangs and visited the Australian wildlife.

The camp was great and energetic and we got to do lots of fun activities. We highly recommend all future year 9s to go on camp because it's a great experience to learn about life style and you get to share it with your close friends.

Written by Milly Vella, Aaron Smith and James Banks-Mena.



Improving students' skills.....

Year 7 students participated in activities to practise 'persuasive devices' which they can use to improve their persuasive writing and debating.



Doctors in Secondary Schools at Portland Secondary College

Wednesdays at the Doctors Pod.

Appointments can be made via Welfare Office, Student Services, DISS@portlandsc.vic.gov.au any time of the week, or visit the Doctors Pod on Wednesdays to make an appointment. Talk to Michelle Cables, Tania Beard or Mrs Hart if you have any questions about the service.

Portland Secondary College has been supporting the successful Doctors in Secondary Schools (DISS) program since 2017. Previously PSC have conducted feedback and surveys and this will occur soon. There will be an opportunity for parents, staff and students to be involved in this process, and a flyer will be in later newsletters to inform of the dates and logins.

Christine Hart -
PSD & Student Support Coordinator PSC.

Ration Challenge

Portland Secondary raised over \$6,800 for refugees in last term's Ration Challenge

Congratulations to our top fundraisers:

Simon Jones	\$1,153.46
Lachie Warburton	\$743.69
Sophie Anderson	\$631.87
Emily Kindred	\$631.40
Elly Foster	\$615.99
Nathan Calderwood	\$371.10
Sarah Brugman	\$342.60
Jokhacia Barclay	\$296.80
Tyler Osborne-Cox	\$273.48
Christine Hart	\$238.50



Jane McGrory - Event Organiser

Thanks to the discipline of Ration Challengers and the generous donations from supporters, PSC was successful in raising \$6,823.30 to help provide food, medical care and education for refugee communities in Syria and other conflict-affected communities throughout the world. Challenge participants limited themselves to a small amount of rice, beans, legumes, flour, sardines and oil – similar foods to those provided in a ration pack for refugees - for 3-7 days (depending on the age of the participant). It wasn't easy doing without fresh ingredients or the convenience of snacks – and the lack of sugar and caffeine was tough. But when interviewed by the Portland Observer recently, all participants said the Challenge was a really positive experience that taught them a lot about themselves and helped them to empathise with refugees. Living in Australia, we are able to take a lot of things for granted. The Ration Challenge highlighted how lucky we are to be able to purchase a range of quality, fresh food in our supermarkets – something that the world 65 million refugees cannot enjoy, in addition to insecure living conditions, poor access to medical care, education, shelter and so forth. The money raised through the Ration Challenge will help to address some of these needs. And the awareness about refugee issues that the Challenge generated demonstrated our school community's readiness to stand with refugees and those forced to leave their homes through to conflict and insecurity.

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SPONSOR YOUR TEAM

GO TEAM

We're taking the Ration Challenge and eating the same food rations as a Syrian refugee for one week. Will you sponsor us?

Our top sponsors

Philanthropic Shark Tank

The Portland Re-Engagement Program will be attending this event to donate money to a cause on the night. Students have come up with their own philanthropic ideas. This includes: tie dye socks, drink coasters, mugs and teacups to name a few. Students are currently making/designing/painting and if you would like to purchase, please get in touch.



United Way Glenelg is proud to present Philanthropic Shark Tank, a spectacular live crowd-funding event where we will connect people like you, who want to make a change, with people who are doing it!

This spectacular event will support three local community organisations who will pitch their idea to a live audience for financial support of their program. Our emcee, Neil O'Donnell will engage with the audience to pledge funds, with the aim of raising in excess of \$6,000 per organisation. Thanks to the support of AWA Alliance Bank and United Way Glenelg your donation will be matched.

Standing Tall

Heywood & District

Standing Tall recruits and trains community volunteers to support young people who are at risk of disengaging from education through weekly mentoring sessions to build on their strengths and resilience. Standing Tall are pitching for funds to recruit, train and provide on-going support for 3-4 additional mentor pairings.

Portland Community Mealshare

Portland Community Mealshare improves the health and wellbeing of the community through the provision of free hearty, nutritious meals in a supportive and respectful environment. Portland Community Mealshare are pitching for funds to purchase meat and other ingredients to expand the number of weekly meals they provide from one to two evenings and introduce a breakfast program.

Live4Life Glenelg

Live4Life reduces the risk of youth mental health crisis in Glenelg Shire by supporting, improving and investing in young people's mental health by training young people as ambassadors. Live4Life are pitching for funds to support up to 45 young people to become part of the 2020 Live4life crew through induction, development, skill and team building.

When: Tuesday 3rd September

Where: Portland Arts Centre, bookings essential

Time: 5pm—8pm

Donation: \$50 minimum

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 2019.
- 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 2019 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.**

Canteen Roster

Tue 6 August	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Wed 7 August	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Thurs 8 August	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Fri 9 August	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Mon 12 August	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Tue 13 August	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Wed 14 August	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Thurs 15 August	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Fri 16 August	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Mon 17 August	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please

Attention Parents.....need to know more about Compass Student Manager?

Take the opportunity to learn more about Compass.

Lessons & enquiries for Parents are available from the General Office.



New Facebook Page

The *Portland Secondary College Facebook* page is a popular way for parents and students to keep up to date with what's happening at PSC — upcoming events, news items and daily activities.

We have now created a new Facebook page called **PSC 2nd Hand School Items For Sale** where parents and students can buy and sell secondhand uniform items. You must request to join the page as a member pending approval.

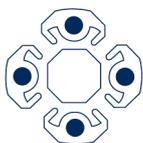
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If No Mistake You Have Made, Yet Losing You Are ... A Different Game You Should Play!

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Mission Statement

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



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