

**PORTLAND
SECONDARY
COLLEGE**

Parent Newsletter

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Creating the Opportunities



Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

The term continues to offer a wide range of opportunities for students. Recently, the school received the results for the staff, student and parent attitudes to school surveys. Sub-schools have been developing student forums to discuss the 'why' and 'what' we can do to improve student outcomes and needs. These conversations have been very valuable and we appreciate the feedback.

I am very proud to announce that Harold Pritchard received the Lions 'Youth of the Year Award' and Ella Sandow received the 'Best Public Speaking Award', they should be very proud of their efforts and contributions.



Harold
Pritchard

Ella
Sandow

Year 10 students visited Deakin University last Monday where they were exposed to tertiary education and learnt about the courses on offer. These visits allow students to see what the region has to offer. I would like to thank Ms Suzanne Patterson for leading this excursion as we continue to develop student pathways.

Ms Nunan, Ms Kindred and Mr Heenan attended the grand opening of the VCE Art exhibition last week. They saw incredible work from all local secondary schools and we are very proud of the efforts of our PSC students. I would like to thank the Art Department, however a special thank you to Susan Taylor and Catherine Francis for organising such a fantastic event.

A special congratulations for our students who attended the Athletic Stage Championships. They performed well and should be proud of their efforts.

We welcomed Elders Darryl Rose and Denis Rose to the school as they spoke to our Year 10 Global Perspectives students about the Gunditjmara history, country and how Budj Bim has become UNESCO listed.

Over the next couple of weeks, students will confirm their courses for 2020. Booklists will be available and information will be sent out in relation to our headstart program. Again I would like to wish our Year 12 students good luck with their upcoming exams.



Matthew Powell | Middle School Assistant Principal

Coming Events

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

Thursday 31 October
Indigenous Aspiration Day

Tuesday 5 November
Melbourne Cup Holiday

Wednesday 6 November
Chalk Art Periods 1-4

Friday 8 November
GD Tennis

Monday 11 November
Remembrance Day Assembly
Pd 3

Thursday 14 November
GD Triathlon

Monday 18 November
Yr 10/11 Swat Vac

Tues 19 until Fri 22 Nov
Year 10/11 Exams

Monday 25 November
Year 9 Exams

Tuesday 26 November
Year 8 Exams

Monday 2 December
Head Start Prep Day (student
Free Day)

Tuesday 3 December
Course Confirmation Day
(Student Free Day)

Wed 4 until Tue 10 Dec
Headstart 2020 for Yr 8 - 12

Tuesday 10 December
Grade 6 Orientation Day

Wednesday 11 December
Presentation Night

Friday 20 December
Last day of school.

YEAR 12 2019



2019 lead us into the last year of school, with many mental break downs and chocolate to fix our problems we pushed through. We achieved greatness in our sporting by not only smashing the year 11s but also the teachers in our sporting rivalries. Our casual days throughout the year brought out our competitive spirit for the Easter egg hunt but also brought some laughs with the Impersonation of Loges.

Without the help from our teachers we couldn't have done this year without them and we are thankful for their commitment and resilience with us (we know it wouldn't have been easy). Although we are excited for the next step in our lives we will not miss the magpies swooping us nor having to share the lockers with the younger years who don't respect their superior.

We would like to leave Portland secondary college and 2019 with wishing best of luck to everyone, and with the high recommendation to get into any leadership position you are able to apply for, as it is so rewarding. Always push yourself and the results will come to you. Most of all, we hope everyone has a fabulous new year.



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR 2019 STATE
ATHLETICS TEAM

PSC TEAM UPDATE

HARRY (18-20yrs)
1st in Discuss - 35.61m
3rd in Shot Put - 11.92m



ANDY (14yrs)
3rd in Long Jump - 5.35m
6th in Triple Jump - 11.32m



MITCH (12-13yrs)
6th in Triple Jump
10.84m



MARCUS (12-13yrs)
5th in Hurdles



2019 ATHLETICS
STATE TEAM

LAKESIDE STADIUM, ALBERT PARK

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

ETHAN WATT

VETis Engineering TAFE student of the year



YEAR 9/10 CRICKET



FAMILY HOLIDAYS

While it is not ideal to take family holidays in school time we understand at times it is unavoidable. If you are planning to take your child out of school for a family holiday DET requires the following process takes place:

1. Make contact with your child's Mentor to arrange a meeting. Ideally this would be done at least two weeks prior the absence
2. At your meeting your Mentor will fill out an 'Educational Absence Approval' form. This will be signed by both the mentor and Parent.
3. Work will be provided for your child to do while they are absent.



Late Arrivals

Did you know that arriving half an hour late to school every day is equivalent to missing over 3 weeks of school every year?



Staff Communication

On occasions parents may require a staff member to phone them in relation to a student matter at school. Please allow at least 48 hours for the staff member to return your call. Often staff are required to attend meetings both before school and after school and complete yard duties as well as their teaching load.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Visiting Parents

All parents and visitors to the College are asked to report to the General Office immediately they enter the school grounds via Fawthrop Street only.

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

The Respectful Relationships Initiative

The Royal Commission into Family Violence identified the role that schools have in creating a culture of respect to change the story of family violence for future generations. In 2016, respectful relationships education became a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from prep to Year 12, and is being taught in all government and Catholic schools and many independent schools. In 2017, the Department began implementing the Respectful Relationships initiative, which provides schools with strategies and tools to implement a whole-of-school approach to Respectful Relationships education.

What does the research involve?

As part of the evaluation, ACIL Allen researchers are collecting data on behalf of the department and are inviting students who have participated in Respectful Relationships to complete a short survey. The researchers would like to hear students' views on what a respectful relationship looks like, how gender equality is modelled and how confident they feel to identify unhealthy relationships and behaviours.

The surveys have been set up by the researchers on an online platform, which will provide the data directly back to ACIL Allen. The surveys will be completed in class on schools computers and are quite short.

Participation in this evaluation is voluntary and there is no obligation for your child to be involved. It is your decision whether your child participates or not. Your child can stop participating at any point during the survey, and they don't have to answer any of the questions if they don't want to.

If you decide you would prefer your child does not take part in a survey for the evaluation, you are asked to let Assistant Principal, Jo Kindred know asap.

Earn and Learn

Thanks to all parents and students who collected earn and learn stickers in the recent Woolworth Promotion. Those stickers translated into 17,000 points for the school and allowed the school to purchase library games, sports equipment, modelling clay for Animation, and most importantly a range of filaments for the 3D Printers in a variety of colours which we will be using as we expand the Digital Technology Program in the College. This is an easy way for the College to purchase extra resources so we encourage all families to get involved in this initiative each year.

Adrian and Brayden showing off some of the Earn and Learn Purchases.



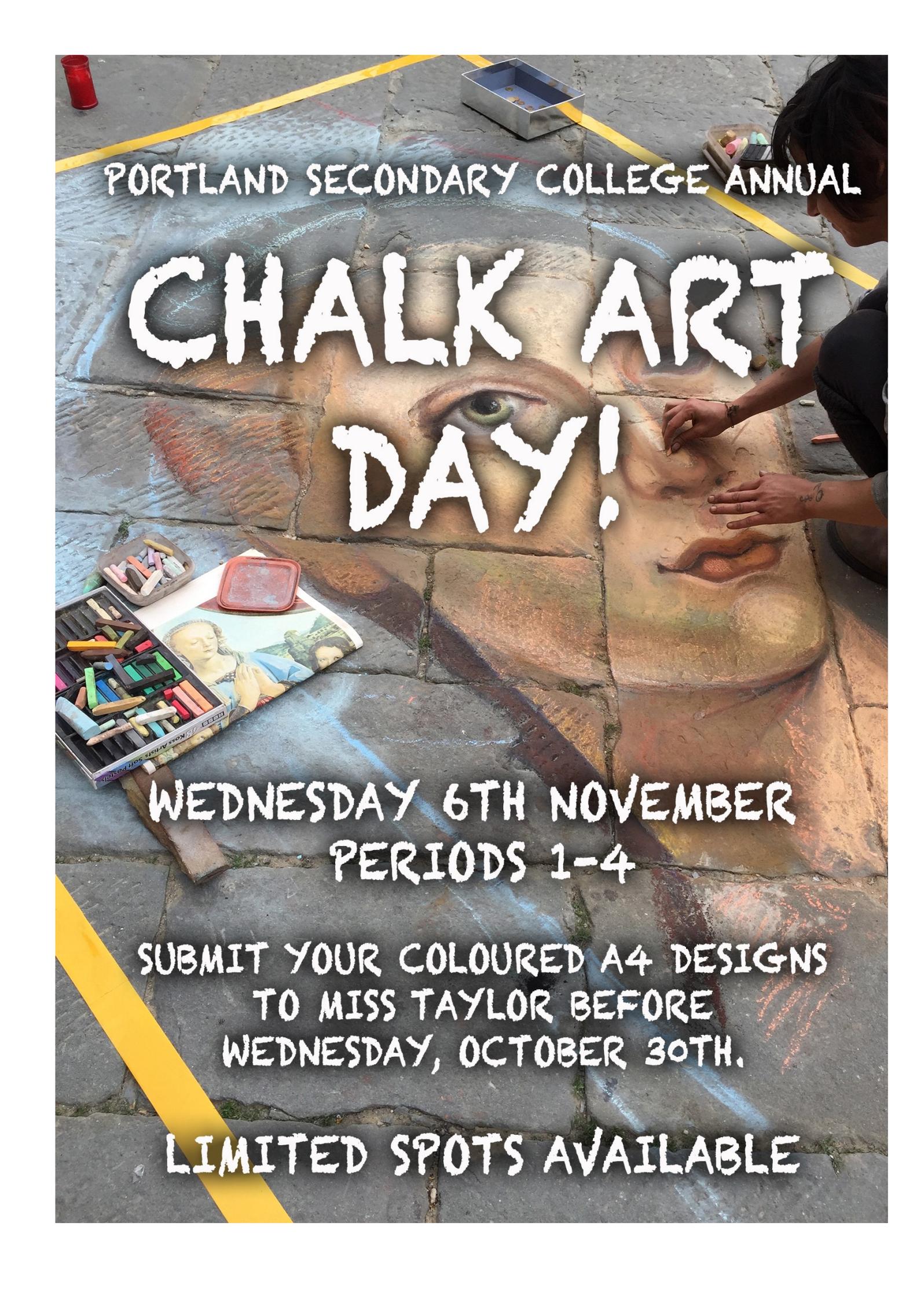
AROUND THE SCHOOL



PSC students Dylan Thomas, Dylan Jones and Ben Verhey-Avis with the BBQ bench they constructed



Senior VCAL students on their recent visit to University of SA, Princess Margaret Rose Caves and out for lunch at La Porchetta



PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE ANNUAL

CHALK ART DAY!

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
PERIODS 1-4

SUBMIT YOUR COLOURED A4 DESIGNS
TO MISS TAYLOR BEFORE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH.

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Collecting and recycling plastic bottle caps



Year 10 Global Perspectives classes and PSD are collecting plastic bottle caps to support Envision Hands to recycle them to make prosthetic hands. Please save and bring plastic bottle caps to school and drop off at PSC to Student Services or the Library. Also a big thank you to Margaret and Agnes cafe for helping us to collect caps. Any questions please contact Christine Hart or Janelle Collins.



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 envision.org.au

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SUPER 8 CRICKET

Change of Date for
 YEAR 7/8 CRICKET

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

PEDRINA PARK, HAMILTON

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NOTICE TO PARENTS

THERE IS TO BE NO PARKING IN THE STAFF CAR PARK, FOR MORNING DROP OFF OR AFTER-NOON PICK UPS.

PLEASE USE THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

Geology Excursion

On Monday the 21st October, students in 8A and 8B went on a Science excursion to Budj Bim National Park (Mt Eccles).

The students have been studying Geology in class and looking at the different rock types and how they were formed.



Led by tour guide Ian Lewis (former local Geologist), the students enjoyed the day exploring and learning about some of the most recently-erupted volcanoes in Australia.

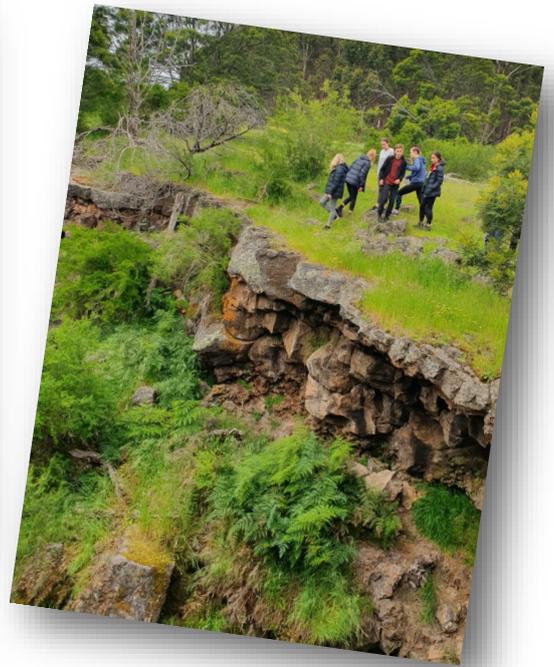


They looked at the rim of an extinct volcano crater at lake Surprise, explored tunnels made out of lava at Byaduk Caves and Budj Bim and climbed on top of 'blisters' formed by bubbling lava.



Miss Emily Clancy—8A Science Teacher
Mr. Philip Henderson—8B Science Teacher
Mrs. Vicki Withers—Integration Aide
By: Mandie Pethybridge—Laboratory Technician





Deakin Inspire Day

'Students had a great day exploring all the opportunities that University offers. Students are being shown primary teaching coding workshop and the closing speaking for the day.'

ANDY—I learnt how much or little you spend on a car there will always be excess costs

JAMES—I learnt that no matter what, you can get a job and over come anything

MATT—I learnt that a lot of variations can affect your health

COOPER—That I have a lot of opportunities

HARRY—I learnt how to make a video game

It was fun to see different careers

The speakers were interesting

The health science workshop was interesting

Study abroad was very interesting

It was interesting to learn what uni was like

The health science majors were good to learn about

The tour of the Uni was great

Coding was fun

Looking at all the careers really opened everything up for me

Listening to Ben talk. Makes you want to make the most of the opportunities you are given

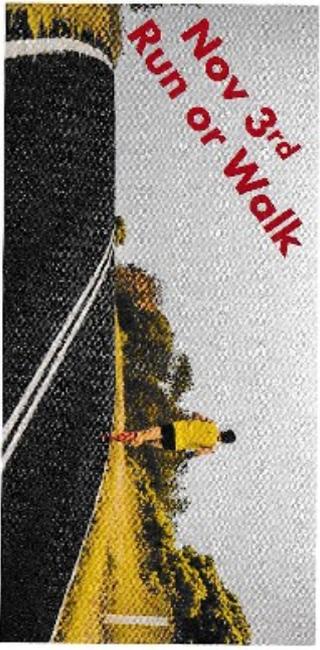


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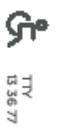


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Students Required to Leave Early

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.

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 second hand uniform items. You must request to join the page as a member pending approval.

Please contact the school if you require more information regarding this page.



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.

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.



Guitar Lessons

Jacob West
BMus (Contemporary Performance)

www.jacobwestmusic.com.au
experiencejacob@gmail.com




an initiative of
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4 Week Saturday Program



Location: Friendly Society Reserve,
13 Glenelg St, Portland
Session Dates: 26 Oct - 16 Nov
Session Time: 10:00am - 11:00am
Cost: \$10*



*full program payment (\$10 for all four sessions) is paid upfront when registering online. Sessions are \$5 each, with 2 free sessions per participant.

Register: soccermums.com.au/getinvolved

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for illness, or any other reason, please remember it is parent's responsibility to contact the school to let us know.

Alternatively, you can enter it on Compass. Phone the General Office on 55231344.




**NO RAIN
NO RAINBOW**

ATTENTION YEAR 8 STUDENTS
The Live4Life Competition 2019 is now open!

What does 'No Rain – No Rainbow' mean to you?
Express this theme creatively for your chance to win...
Thanks to Port of Portland we have \$1000 prize money to be shared
Entry forms and further information can be found at www.live4life.org.au/glenelg
Entries close 5pm Friday the 25th of October 2019.
Contact Cathryn or Kyle for more information 5522 2200

Do you have a few hours free?

Our Canteen staff are always looking for volunteers to assist in the canteen. Please contact the school 55231344 if you can assist.
Thank you for your support.

Wise Words.

Say What You Mean, But Don't Say It Mean

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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