

PORLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE

Parent Newsletter

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Creating the Opportunities



Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

The position of principal is not always an enviable one but the flip side of that is that it is a position that allows me to witness what is the best in humanity.

Last week I was privileged to accept donations to support education at Portland Secondary College from the local Freemasons and the Freemasons' Foundation. The Portland Masonic Community Project Committee representatives, Ken Bridgewater, Max Grace and Lionel Shelton presented us with cheques for scholarships to support students in their future education. These cheques were a significant amount- \$500 for one scholarship and 2 at \$250 each. This generosity reflected \$500 raised locally being met dollar for dollar by the Freemasons' Foundation. The Freemasons' Foundation had previously given us \$600 for student welfare and to this the local chapter added a further \$400. The Freemasons also presented Katie Kelly, the Re-engagement coordinator, with a cheque to support the endeavours to attract and keep young people in education. The presentation also provided an opportunity to see some of our students learning first hand in small, individualised classes. We are very grateful and will ensure that the money is given to worthy recipients. Thank you very much on behalf of the students and our College Community.

The pride that I felt watching the Re-engagement students tackle their learning in such a positive way reflected how I felt during the graduation of the Future Leaders in Industry a few weeks ago.

Six students from Portland Secondary College participated in a program that was celebrating 15 years of partnership between Industry, local Council and Education. Students experienced a wide variety of programs that developed their leadership capabilities and finished with a speech about what the program meant to them. Ella Sandow, Angus Caithness, Harold Pritchard, Ruby Chursh, Bhoomija Chaulan and Harrison Lipscombe can rightly feel very proud of themselves and how they presented.

I would also like to congratulate the Year 8 students and their teachers for the efforts to clean up Murrell's Beach. The experience broadened the students' understanding of the effects of throwing away litter on the environment. Once again the venture provided an opportunity to engage with the broader community and I would like to thank Fisheries for their valuable contribution to the day.

This week is hump week, the middle week of Term 4, and there is plenty planned for the rest of the year with the upcoming exams for Year 10 and 11 and then for the Year 8 and 9 students. We are also looking forward to the Headstart Program to launch the 2020 year and the traditional End Of the Year program.

Mrs. Patricia Nunan — Acting Principal.



Coming Events

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

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 Fri 6th Dec
Headstart 2020 Yr 8 - 12

Mon 9th—Tues 10th Dec
Headstart 2020 yr 11-12 (SFD for 2020 yrs 8-10)

Tuesday 10 December
Grade 6 Orientation Day

Wednesday 11 December
Presentation Night

Friday 20 December
Last day of school.

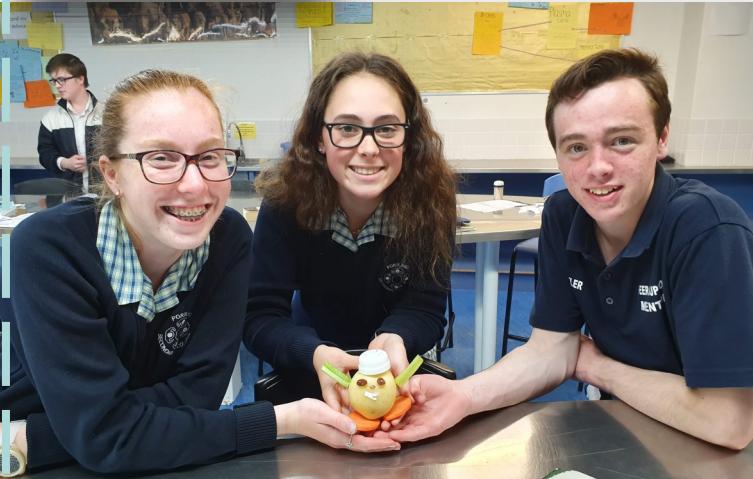
Out and about in



By Mandie Pethybridge –Laboratory Technician



Yr 10 elective Chemistry students have been looking at organic chemistry and making polymers. For the genetics unit, Yr. 10 Science students created vegetable babies based on dominant genes to show inherited characteristics.





INDIGENOUS CAREERS ASPIRATION DAY

On 31st October I was lucky enough to spend the day with Miss Patterson and some elders. We visited the Tyrendarra IPA and Lake Condah Mission. We learned many stuff such as how a fish trap worked and what it's like to be a Ranger. We also learned about bush tucker and many other cool interesting stuff. –*Chloe Peart*



L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program

The Glenelg Shire Council L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program is currently seeking eligible young learners who need assistance with getting driving practice.

The Glenelg L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program is delivered by Council in partnership with VicRoads through TAC funding. The program provides eligible learner drivers aged 16 and under 21 years of age with the opportunity to gain driving practice with trained volunteer mentors for a minimum of 1 hour per week, while also providing access to driving lessons with a professional driving instructor.

Participants use program-dedicated vehicles to gain the mandatory 120+ hours of driving practice. Support is provided to participants once they have completed their logbook requirements to undertake their driving test in a L2P Program vehicle. The driving test cost is not covered by the program.

Please Contact for more information

Rachel Brough

L2P Program Co-ordinator
Glenelg Shire Council

Phone: 55222334

L2P
LEARNER
DRIVER
MENTOR
PROGRAM



2020 South West Surf Off

Cape Bridgewater

Wednesday 16th January 2020

First Timers, Beginners, Advanced, All Abilities Welcome

Wetsuits and Surfboards Supplied

10:00am:	Registration
10:30am-12pm:	First Timers Surf Lesson
12:30pm - 2pm:	Surf Comp
2:15pm:	Presentations

"This Is A Drug And Alcohol Free event"

Contact Details: Jordie Campbell
jordie@surfingvic.com
0488935183



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INDIGENOUS
SURFING PROGRAM

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BE STRONG, STAY STRONG

INDONESIA TOUR

At the end of Term 3, eight students: Ella Campbell, Emily Kindred, Asha Sealey, Hannah Treloar, Zak Denham, Hamish Drew, Maddi Blay and Reannah Jenkins, and two teachers, Mr Jones and Ms McGrory, set out on a twelve-day cultural tour of Indonesia. For some, it was their first overseas trip, for others, it was their first time on an airplane... needless to say, excitement levels were high as the group made its way from Portland to Melbourne's Tullamarine airport for an early morning flight.

Landing in Yogyakarta, Java, the adventure began with a sunrise tour of Borobodur, the world's largest Buddhist temple. Through bleary eyes, we watched the sun dissolve the early morning mist, illuminating thousands of intricate carvings depicting humankind's journey to enlightenment on the walls of the ancient building.

Returning to central Yogyakarta, a vibrant city, students were introduced to their host families, with whom they stayed for five nights. Although there were some initial nerves about meeting their host families, the homestay experience became a trip highlight for everyone – not only for the firm friendships that were formed, but students also had the chance to tour around the crater of an active volcano, visit fun fairs, go on shopping sprees, film TikTok clips, go canoeing on the Javanese coast, and attend music concerts, amongst many fun-filled afternoons and evenings.

We started each day at our sister school, SMP-5 Yogyakarta, rising early to be there for the beginning of the school day. Given that many of our students aren't awake by the time school usually started at 7am, it was quite a shock to the system! As well as visiting classes, exploring the facilities and competing in soccer matches, our group participated in a range of cultural activities including a batik workshop, market scavenger hunt, bike trip to a local village and participate in a clinic for the popular Asian sport of sepak takraw with a local championship team. There was also time to head out for a Yogyakarta street food experience, with Zak and Hamish describing their cooked pigeon as some of the best meat they'd ever tried.

After a fond farewell to our hosts, we finished our stay in Yogyakarta with a visit to Prambanan, a ninth century Hindu temple. Despite damage received from both earthquakes and volcanic ash over the centuries, the majestic temples made a lasting impression on everyone present.

We spent the last few days of our trip in Bali, noticing the significant increase in the number of tourist-focussed shops and Australian accents as we travelled around the island. Over three days, the group completed a range of activities including a Balinese cooking course (whipping up nasi goreng, chicken sate, spicy tempeh, gado gado and deep-fried bananas), a traditional kecak dance involving a hundred men chanting in unison, and an unforgettable farming experience in which students got to plant rice and plough the wet fields on the back of a cow. Of course, no trip to Bali is complete without a trip to WaterBom, and the group spent the final day of the trip road-testing some of the largest and fastest waterslides in South East Asia.

Overall, it was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. Huge thanks to all of the students for their participation in the trip, and to Ms McGrory for all of her hard work – it was an absolute pleasure to travel with you! Here's to the next Portland Secondary adventure in Indonesia in 2021!

Trip highlights:

Emily: The host stay was really enjoyable.

Asha: The cooking class in the hills. I loved the super chill environment and new skills and recipes we found.

Hamish: 100% the food.

Hannah: the culture and participating in their daily life. I also enjoyed Bali and the touristy things we did there.

Ella: the homestay was 100% the best part, getting to experience daily life for a teenager in Indonesia.

Maddi: my favourite part of the trip was the jeep adventure and Waterbom in Bali.

Zak: the host family by far, it was just so good to hang out with them.

Reannah: meeting the host family and doing things like going to concerts with them.

INDONESIA TOUR continued....



THE FUTURE OF WORK

5 facts that will surprise you about the future of work An era of change in the workforce is well and truly upon us. The arrival of the Fourth Industrial Revolution means that the careers we once worked towards, or are working towards, are undergoing rapid change. But don't panic just yet. Despite the influx of intelligent tech, The Definitive Guide to Future-Proofing Your Career, developed by Open Universities Australia (OUA) has revealed that robots are not going to take over completely. However, it is a time to empower ourselves with the facts. The report, an essential tool for every career-conscious Australian, does just that. Here are just some of the findings the report has revealed:

1. Unexpected industries will boom

Sure, it's predicted that IT based industries are set to grow. Especially given that technology is doubling in capacity every 18 months. But the report has found that there are other, unexpected, industries set to boom. Healthcare, social assistance, IT, engineering and surprisingly geology and history are just some of them.

2. Human-centric skills will be in high-demand Sometimes known as soft skills, human-centric skills include empathy, communication, storytelling, emotional intelligence, creativity, having a growth mind-set – the list goes on. The report reveals that these skills will be increasingly needed in the future.

Why? Well, bots will take care of the administrative tasks people no longer want to spend time on. Therefore, human centric skills will be key for job security.

3. Personal branding will be big A personal brand is so much more than your LinkedIn profile picture. How you interact with key stakeholders, clients, agencies, and how you come across as a client yourself all counts.

In the future, there'll be a need to carve ourselves out as thought-leaders, demonstrating human-centric skills to fill the roles automated technology can't. Those with the strongest personal brands will fare well.

4. Skilled humans will be in shortage According to the same report, skilled human workers are set to be in shortage of around 1.5 million by 2022. People will be needed to work in tandem with new technology – supporting automation with the critical and creative thinking that only the human brain can muster. Those who are well prepared for the future will hone their human-centric skills to fill these positions.

5. Micro-credentials will be a must The report also reveals that in the new era of work, some industries are predicted to replace as much as 44% of some roles with automation. As a result, bite-sized learning has become essential in remaining relevant and progressing in the workforce. Bite-sized study covers a range of snackable learning options including micro-credentials, undergraduate single subjects and postgraduate single subjects. These can help to hone a specific skill with just a few hours of study a week. They're also a strong tool for signalling motivation to current and future employers, and remaining relevant in the digital age. When it comes to the workforce of tomorrow, there's a lot for us all to learn. Luckily, the Definitive Guide to Future-Proofing Your Career has the facts covered.

To find out more about the industries and skills that will be in demand, get your free copy now.

**Suzanne Patterson - MIPS/Careers Dev.
Coord/Koorie Liason Officer**





LOTE Students .

AROUND THE SCHOOL



VCAL Treloar Roses farm tour & Lets Talk.



The GLC crew & Mrs Pethybridge after all her hard work for the STEM program.



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.



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

Attendance

Do you think 95% attendance sound like a good attendance rate? This is still equivalent to 10 days away from school in a single year. Being away from school impacts on a Student's learning, social groups, self-esteem and routine. We ask

Parents to please only keep your child away from school when they are genuinely sick.



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.



GIRLS LEADERSHIP FORUM - HAMILTON

The Forum is an extension of the online program that provides Year 7 & 8 girls the opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills alongside their peers, with a focus on building confidence, resilience along with exploring their leadership style.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

DATE: THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2019

TIME: 9.30AM – 2.00PM

VENUE: MONIVAE COLLEGE, HAMILTON

MC: BOBBY MACUMBER

A former captain of the Victorian under 19 ladies cricket team, Bobby Macumber has represented her state in both cricket and AFL.

A career highlight was becoming an international cricketer, not in the green and gold however, rather representing the Samoan women's cricket team as the Vice-Captain in 2010 during the ICC-East-Asia-Pacific Cricket Trophy.

In 2011 Bobby decided to shift her focus towards another career; comedy. In the past eight years Bobby has performed five solo shows and multiple ensemble shows across the country, including the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, The Adelaide Fringe Festival, The Brisbane Comedy Club and Perth Fringe Festival.

Bobby has performed alongside the likes of Hannah Gadsby who dubbed Bobby as 'A natural', on stage, whilst also supporting other big name acts such as Dave Hughes and Denise Scott.

Over the last five years Bobby has had the dream job of combining her two loves; cricket and entertaining. You might recognise Bobby on the big screen at the MCG, hosting all of the Australian international cricket matches across the country as well as her beloved WBBL Team, the Melbourne Renegades for all their home matches. She has a great knowledge of the game when interviewing players and can entertain fans during the rain delays with her trademark dance moves for 'Dance Cam'.

With her passion for sport as well as her comedic background, Bobby makes MC'ing events a fun and engaging experience for all.

To register your students for the forum please [CLICK HERE](#)

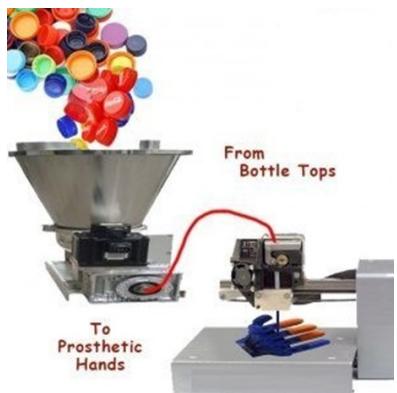
Please note to be involved in the forum, students must first complete the online program. More details can be found [HERE](#)



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.



SEND US YOUR CAPS
envision.org.au

A photograph of a young boy with dark hair, wearing a red and black plaid shirt. He is smiling and holding a yellow power drill. A Batman-themed glove is on his left hand. Next to him is a clear plastic water bottle.

EVERY ONE MILLION CAPS = 100 HANDS

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NOTICE TO PARENTS

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

PLEASE USE THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
UNDERSTANDING.



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.**

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)

Guitar Lessons

Jacob West

BMus (Contemporary Performance)

www.jacobwestmusic.com.au

experiencejacob@gmail.com



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.

IF YOU NEVER TRY, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW

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.



COMPASS
School Manager