



Creating the Opportunities

2019 School Magazines

We have a small amount of 2019 School Magazines for sale. \$20 each available from the General Office.



Year 7 and Newcomers BBQ

Wednesday 5 February
6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Meet in the Junior School Building foyer.
Come along and meet your child's teachers and other parents.
Fully catered.

Welcome to 2020 - Be the Best You Can Be

Principal's Report

Welcome to all our new and returning families. 2020 is off to a successful start. All students have been welcomed into their new Sub-School, been allocated a locker, received a copy of their timetable 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 - 10 will be focussing on the introduction of the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program which will see students at these four levels have a focus on organisation and collaboration.

A number of new teachers have joined us this year. Pictured on page 4 are Mr Josh Walker (Indonesian), Mr Callum McKenzie (English), Mr Joachim Rymarz (Humanities), Ms Dakota Robinson (English/Humanities), Mr Greg Grant (Technology/Maths/Humanities) and Ms Emma Speers (Maths/Humanities). Returning to PSC are Ms Claire Walsh, Mr Michael Ciechowicz and Ms GayLene Turri. I am excited about returning as Principal for 2020.

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.



2020 College Captains:
Ella Sandow and Harold Pritchard.

Patricia Nunan - Principal



Coming Events

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

Tuesday 4th February
Italy Trip meeting—7pm in the Library.

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

Friday 7 February
PSC Swimming Carnival - all students to attend.

Mon 10 until Fri 14 Feb
Year 7 Camp at Narrawong
7A,7B,7C Mon. & Tues. 10 & 11 Feb
7D,7E,7F Thurs. & Fri. 13 & 14 Feb.

Wed. 12 Feb is a Home Study Day for Year 7 students.

Friday 21 February
School Photos

Tuesday 25 February
Year 7 & 10 vaccinations

Friday 6 March
PSC Athletics Day - all students to attend.

Monday 9 March
Labour Day Holiday

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.

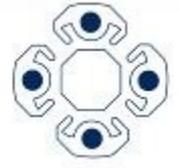
Digital literacy

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 2019



We would like to congratulate the students who were the high flyers in their year levels for 2019, 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

Oscar Barbary
Sarah Brugman

Year 8 DUX

Andy Paterson
Caroline Ciechowicz
Makeely Kindred
Miles Govers

Year 9 DUX

Zak Denham
Liam Cook
Sarah Tunstall

Year 10 DUX

Nash Wollard
Isabella Bailey
Kenny Chambers
Thomas Pratt

Year 11 DUX

Zachary Barrington
Emily Kindred

Year 12 DUX

Lachlan Arthur



Jo Kindred

Assistant Principal

Students Required to Leave Early

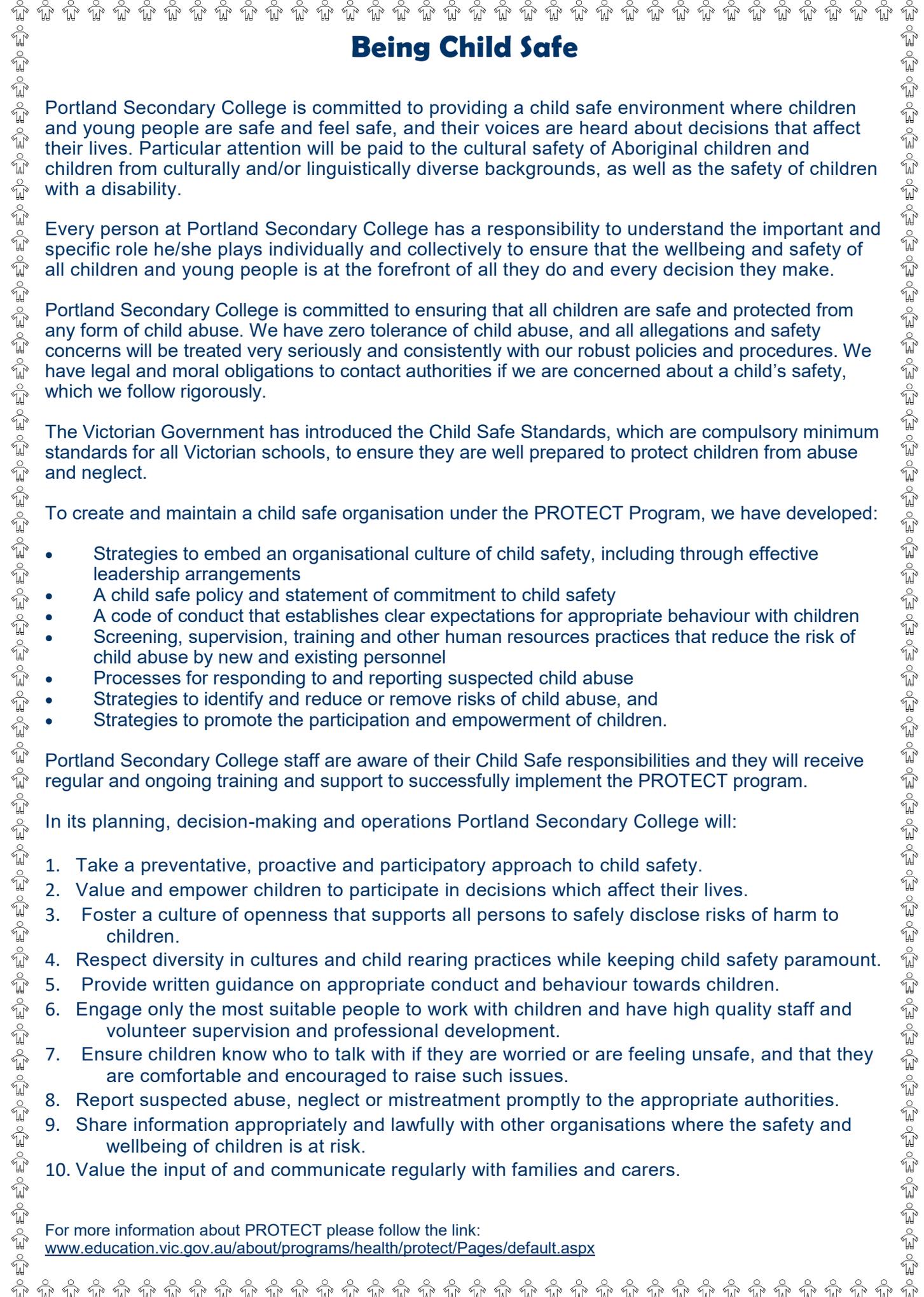
Sometimes it is necessary for Parents/Guardians to pick up a child early from school.

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

Secondary School vaccinations in 2020

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 2020 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

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 2020



Mr Josh Walker



Mr Callum McKenzie



Mr Joachim Rymarz



Mr Greg Grant



Ms Dakota Robinson



Ms Emma Speers





Day One at PSC 2020.....



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data Background

On 10 May 2013, all Education Ministers from Commonwealth, state and territory governments endorsed the implementation of a *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability* (NCCD) in all Australian schools (government, independent and Catholic).

The nationally consistent approach to data collection provides all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with a clear picture of the number of students receiving educational adjustments because of disability in schools, and the levels of adjustment they are provided to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

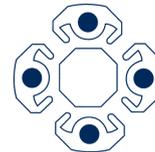
Authority for the NCCD

The *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth) (the Australian Education Regulation) requires the operators of all government and non-government schools that receive Australian Government schools funding (approved authorities), to provide information to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the Department) for the purposes of the NCCD.

If you would like to read more about the NCCD process and requirements - <https://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Christine Hart.

2020 PSC Leadership and Sub-school Teams



PRINCIPAL

Ms. Patricia Nunan

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Ms. Jo Kindred

BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Michelle Boreham

JUNIOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Assistant Principal (Junior School)

Ms. Kirsten Mitchell

PLAT Leader: English

Ms. Linda Errey

PLAT Leader: Health & PE

Ms. Emily Gorey

PLAT Leader: LOTE Indonesian

Ms. Jane McGrory

PLAT Leader: Visual & Performing Arts

Ms. Sue Taylor

Year 7 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Emma Speers

Year 8 Student Engagement Leader

Mr. Ashley Elijah

MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Assistant Principal (Middle School)

Mr. Matthew Powell

PLAT Leader: Mathematics and Digital Technologies

Mr. Michael Willie

PLAT Leader: Humanities

Mr. Ben Heenan

PLAT Leader: Science

Ms. Jen Prichard

PLAT Leader: Design and Technologies

Mr. Dale Radcliffe

Year 9 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Lynne Hollis

Year 10 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Lainey Beavis

SENIOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Assistant Principal (Senior School)

Mr. Ben Heenan

Satellite Campus Program Leader

Ms. Christine Hart

Senior Data, Exam and RTO Coordinator

Ms. Donna Matthews

Year 11 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Tayla Morley

Year 12 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Joanne Logan

Learning Specialist: Whole School Instructional

Mr. Andrew Harris

Model Leader

Learning Specialist: Whole School Curriculum and

Mr. Simon Jones

Assessment Leader

RESOURCE CO-ORDINATORS

MIPS/Careers Dev. Coord/Koorie Liaison Officer

Ms. Suzanne Patterson

Library Programs & Resource Manager

Ms. Janelle Collins

Student Services Manager

Ms. Tania Beard

PSD Programs Manager

Ms. Christine Hart

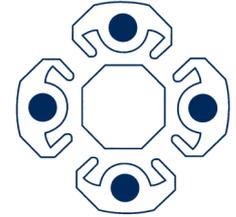
Principal's Assistant/Operations Manager

Ms. Vicki Taylor

COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Debb Oakley

2020 Mentors



Year 7 Student Engagement Team Leader – Ms Emma Speers SSE

7A	Ms Jane McGrory	MYJ
7B	Mr Callum McKenzie	MEC
7C	Mr Simon Jones	JSS
7D	Ms Linda Errey	EYL
7E	Mr Josh Walker	WRJ
7F	Ms Debbie Cobby	CYD

Year 8 Student Engagement Team Leader – Mr Ashley Elijah EHA

8A	Ms Sue Taylor	TRS
8B	Ms Chris Dixon	DNC
8C	Ms Dakota Robinson	RND
8D	Mr Thurston Bassett	BTT
8E	Ms Emily Gorey	GYE
8F	Mr Liam Doyle	DEL

Year 9 Student Engagement Team Leader – Ms Lynne Hollis HSL

9A	Mr Andrew Harris	HSA
9B	Ms Emily Clancy	CYE
9C	Ms Terry Engel	ELT
9D	Mr Braden Dawson	DNB
9E	Mr Joachim Rymarz	RZJ

10	Ms Lainey Beavis	BSL	Year 10 Student Engagement Leader
11	Mr Tayla Morley	MYT	Year 11 Student Engagement Leader
12	Ms Joanne Logan	LNJ	Year 12 Student Engagement Leader

Victoria Street Campus tbc

Senior School Mentors

Year 10 Mentors – Mr Jon Taylor, Ms Cheryl Edwards, Mr Greg Grant, Mr Phil Henderson, Ms Jen Prichard, Ms Carla Shiel

Year 11 Mentors – Ms Frankie Jasper, Ms Janelle Collins, Mr Paul White, Mrs Tracey Ward, Mr Michael Willie, Ms Bec Gould

Year 12 Mentors – Mr Brian Healy, Mr Dale England, Ms Jill Perkins, Ms Suzanne Patterson, Ms Gabrielle Robinson, Mr Dale Cummings

Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 camp will take place on Monday 10 February to Friday 14 February. Year 7A, 7B, 7C will be on camp Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 Feb. and Year 7D, 7E, 7F will be on camp Thursday 13 and Friday 14 Feb. Wednesday 12 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 2020!

- Where:** PSC Library
- When:** Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, starting Wednesday 5th February 2020.
- 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 (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
Literacy Tutor
Literacy Catchup Program

Literacy Assistance



2020

Early in Term One, all Year 7 students will be assessed in

Literacy by their English Teachers.

Those students requiring extra assistance will be referred to our Literacy Tutor for further assessment if necessary.

We offer a literacy withdrawal program called 'MacqLit' as well as encouraging students to take advantage of our Homework Program tutoring services.

Elley Foster
Literacy Tutor Catchup Co-ordinator.

Maths Assistance for 2020

Early in Term One, all Year 7 students will be assessed in Maths, and those students requiring extra assistance will be referred to our Numeracy Tutor for further assessment if necessary. In Year 7 we work in small Numeracy scaffolding groups that are withdrawn once a week.

We offer a numeracy withdrawal program called Quicksmart. This program is available to identified Year 8 students. It is an intensive program which has been highly successful.

We also offer a Program called GRIN which stands for (Getting Ready in Numeracy). This is a front loading Program in which our Year 9 cohort will benefit.

Parents will receive information and permission slips early in Term 1 if Numeracy support is recommended for your child.

Donna Chapman - Maths Tutor Numeracy Catchup Program.



PSC Swimming Carnival

Friday 7th February

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

Year 7 & 8 will compete for the Junior Shield and Year 9 & 10 for the Middle School Shield.

Each year level has a nominated colour to dress in:

Year 7 – Red, Year 8 – Blue, Year 9 – Green, Year 10 – Yellow. Please NO ZINC!

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 2020.

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.



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.



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.

Bell Times

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

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 **Tuesday 18th February 2020**.

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.

Christine Hart — Integration Manager.



Mobile Phone Policy

Students are requested not to bring their mobile phone to school.

Any student who does bring their mobile phone to school must have the phone switched off and securely stored in their locked locker during school hours and they must not be used during school hours including lunchtime and recess unless an exemption has been granted. Students are not permitted to carry their phones with them during the day.

Where a student has been granted an exemption, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exemption was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

Requests for exemption must be submitted in writing to the Sub-School Assistant Principal and must meet the exemption guidelines outlined below.

Exceptions may be granted for specific learning activities, to students for whom a reasonable adjustment to a learning program is needed because of a disability and/or learning difficulty, for students with a physical health condition, for students who are Young Carers, for students on or travelling to and from camps and excursions and for students who have a dual enrolment and who undertake intercampus travel.

Teachers are requested to confiscate any mobile phones seen at school in school hours.

Parents may pick up confiscated mobiles from the General Office after 3.30pm.

Students who do not comply with the above policy may be suspended. Please encourage your child to leave their phone at home.

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.

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. 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 Ms Nancy Outtram 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. The homework program will operate Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school until 4.30pm.

Our school has an ongoing commitment to improving student literacy skills and the entire school community reads each day after lunch. We encourage all students to drop in and find something that interests them for “Reading time.” Students may choose to participate in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Let’s read for information and entertainment in 2020.

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.

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| 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 2020 sporting calendar will kick off with the Portland Secondary College Swimming Carnival to be held on **Monday 7 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 20 February, at the Portland 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 2020. 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 2020 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 5th 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 10 and Tuesday 11 February: and Thursday 13 and Friday 14 February: with a home study day on Wednesday 12 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 2020 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. Emma Speers - Year 7 Level Leader.



Photos

The school photos are being taken on **Friday 21 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 2020.

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



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

2020 Canteen Menu (GST inclusive)

BREAKFAST 8.30 – 8.55 a.m. ONLY

TEA or COFFEE.....	1.50
HOT MILO	2.00
TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICH	3.50
TOASTED CHEESE & TOMATO SANDWICH	4.00
TOASTED CHEESE & HAM SANDWICH	4.50
TOASTED CHEESE, HAM & TOMATO SANDWICH	5.00
TOASTED CHEESE, HAM & PINEAPPLE SANDWICH	5.50

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.....	3.50	4.00
CHEESE, SALAD/BEETROOT.....	5.00	5.50
SALAD & BEETROOT	4.50	5.00
EGG & LETTUCE	4.50	5.00
TUNA & SALAD	6.50	7.00
HAM & CHEESE	4.50	5.00
HAM & TOMATO	4.50	5.00
HAM CHEESE & TOMATO	5.00	5.50
HAM & SALAD	6.50	7.00
HAM, SALAD & CHEESE	7.00	7.50
CHICKEN & LETTUCE	5.50	6.00
CHICKEN, SALAD/BEETROOT	6.50	7.00
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 BISCUITS30
CELERY & CARROT60
CHEESE	1.00
HOMMUS OR TZATIKI	1.50

ASSORTED SLICE	small 1.50 lge 3.00
MUFFINS	lge 3.00

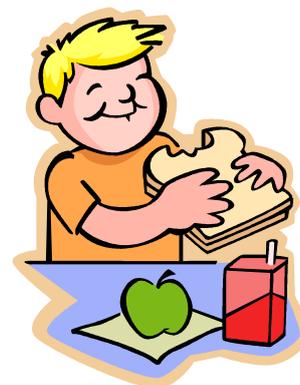
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HOT FOOD

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	5.00
FLAME GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER WITH CHEESE.....	5.50
FLAME GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER WITH CHEESE & SALAD	7.50
FLAME GRILLED BEEF BURGER WITH CHEESE & SAUCE	5.00
LENTIL BURGER	5.00
LENTIL BURGER WITH CHEESE	5.50
LENTIL BURGER WITH CHEESE & SALAD	7.50
HOT CHEESE ROLL	4.00
HOT CHEESE & PINEAPPLE ROLL	5.00
HOT HAM & CHEESE ROLL	5.00
HOT HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO ROLL	5.50
HOT HAM, CHEESE & PINEAPPLE ROLL	6.00
HOT CHICKEN & MAYO ROLL	6.00
BEEF PIE (REDUCED FAT)	5.00
TRAVELLER BEEF PIE (REDUCED FAT)	5.00
MRS. MAC'S CRUIZER CHICKEN	5.00
MRS. MAC'S QUICHE EGG, CHEESE & BACON	5.00
SMALL SAUSAGE ROLL	3.50
PASTIE ROLL	4.50
PASTIE.....	5.00
CHEESE OR VEGETARIAN PASTIE	5.00



NOODLES	2.50
WATER - 600ml	2.00
FOCUS FLAVOURED WATER 600ml	3.00

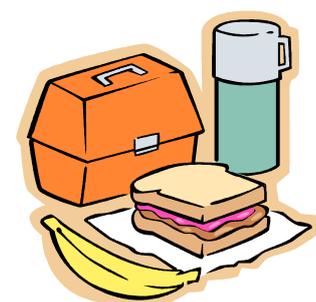


JUICE

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

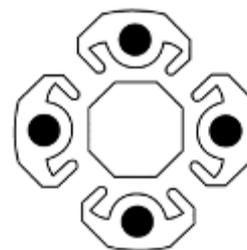
MILK

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 2020?

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-

No Interest Loans for back-to-school costs



Borrow up to \$1500 Pay back \$1500
No Fees. No Charges. Ever.

Talk to the people you know and trust



SouthWest Vic NILS
Brophy Family and Youth Services
5 Gawler St, Portland. 55221480

For people on low incomes, see eligibility criteria at nils.com.au
NILS loans are supported by Good Shepherd Microfinance ABN 36 151 124 408

In partnership:



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – payment arrangements for 2020

- 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 and our website (see below). 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 for your convenience.

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.

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.

Nanna's, Pa's and Grandma's & Grandpa's 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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