



Creating the Opportunities



Principal's Report

Dear parents, carers, students and staff

How things change quickly. On Friday we made plans for closure due to a deep clean only. Congratulations to all members of the community and the adaption to wearing masks today. Well done.

Yesterday, the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, regional and rural Victoria will move to Stage 3 restrictions to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

These requirements apply to all schools across the government, Catholic and independent sectors in rural and regional Victoria.

The changes to schools' operations will come into effect from **Wednesday 5 August, following a student free day on Tuesday 4 August, and are likely to apply until the end of Term 3.**

As outlined in the Chief Health Officer's advice on Friday, schools remain safe places for staff and students – but these steps are critical measures to reduce the movement of students and families across the state.

There are implications for our school, and for families in our school community.

A summary of what the changes mean for schools is below. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS TIME RESTRICTION WILL BE STRICTER AND TIGHTER AS WE ARE FAR MORE VULNERABLE THAN WE WERE LAST TIME IN PORTLAND.**

RURAL AND REGIONAL VICTORIA

PREP TO YEAR 10

- Prep to Year 10 students will move to remote and flexible learning.
- On-site supervision in rural and regional Victoria will be available to:
 - * Children whose parents cannot work from home (Businesses allowed to operate are yet to be announced by the government).
 - * Expectations are that Secondary students can work from home. Vulnerable children (vulnerable children are those in out of home care, children known to child protection and other agencies and children the school identifies as vulnerable).
 - * Any child with a disability.

PLEASE NOTE: This does NOT apply to parents or students who feel that they CANNOT cope.

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Coming Events

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

Tuesday 4 August
Student Free Day.

Friday 18th September
Last day Term 3.

SENIOR SECONDARY YEAR 11 AND 12 (VCE AND VCAL)

- All Year 11 and 12 provision for both VCE and VCAL will move to remote and flexible learning.
- The GAT will be rescheduled from Wednesday 9 September to Wednesday 7 October.
- The schedule for the VCE examinations and release of results will remain as previously advised.
- Further information about consideration of disadvantage and coronavirus (COVID-19) will be provided shortly.

TIMELINE

- Monday 3 August will be a 'normal' day of school under current arrangements, with students attending on site learning asked to take all their necessary learning materials home.
- Tuesday 4 August will be a student-free day across Victoria to enable teachers, especially in rural and regional Victoria, to prepare for flexible and remote learning.
- Wednesday 5 August will be the first day of new arrangements for schools across Victoria.
- This is a day ahead of the state wide introduction of the Stage 3 restrictions in rural and regional Victoria, but will provide for a smooth transition and will enable as much continuity of learning as possible. Our first week will be making sure that all our students are comfortable with online learning, accessing their lessons on Compass and how they can communicate with their teachers.

STAFFING

- Schools will ensure sufficient staff are available for necessary on site supervision.
- Staff not required for on site supervision will work from home.

We are far more informed about the nature of the virus than we were last time. For example the deep clean procedures for to combat the virus which can stay on paper for 72 hours. This knowledge will impact delivery of remote learning in remote learning as it could potentially increase risk to both staff and students. I will provide a more detailed update soon about arrangements for remote and flexible learning at our school as more information comes to hand.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Patricia Nunan

Principal.





Pictured: Renee Hill of Year 11 takes control of the whiteboard during her Indonesian class.



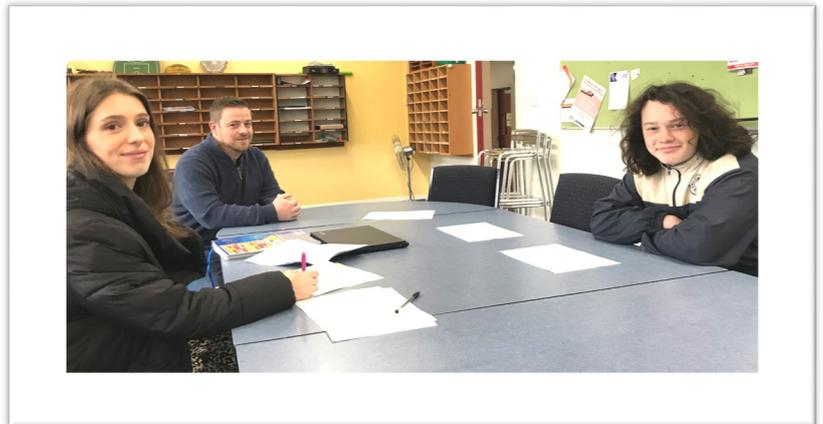
Pictured: Sam Peck and Zac Denham enjoying their Indonesian class.



Around the school.....



Pictured: James Banks-Mena during his Pathways Interview with Mr. Powell and Ms. Beavis.



Pictured: Year 11 Physical Education with Ms. Gorey.



60 Seconds with.....

Name and Role: Jordan Verbeek



What do you enjoy most about working for the Education Department?

I enjoy being able to work with great people who communicate well.

What would be a highlight to date of your time at PSC?

I have been working in an easy-going, committed office that has been a great support.

If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who would play the lead?

Ethan Hawke.

What would the movie be called?

Bootstraps.

Do you have pets?

I have a chocolate brown Labrador named Bear.

What was the last book you read?

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow.

If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs—such as food and water were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you?

Armchair and a box set of Frasier.

You've travelled and seen lots of places, which would you most like to return to?

England.

If you invited your Mentor Group to your house for dinner, what would you cook?

Chicken and vegetables.

What makes you smile?

The little things in life.



1800 Glenelg Together

**A free community
hotline for Glenelg
Shire residents
requiring support
during the
Coronavirus
pandemic.**



The hotline will direct community members to local support services such as:

- Food and hygiene support and deliveries
- Medication deliveries
- Phone check in and support

The hotline will be monitored by the friendly staff at Portland District Health.

You can contact the hotline between the following hours:

- **Monday - Thursday:** 10am - 3pm
- **Friday:** 10am - 4pm

 **Call:** 1800 512 461

 **Email:** 1800GlenelgTogether@swarh.vic.gov.au

With us moving into the flu season and the spotlight on COVID-19, it is timely to remind everyone that the best defence against bacteria and viruses is to wash your hands regularly when dirty, before eating and after using the toilet.

Nicky Grayson

Adolescent Health Nurse

Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



Stay germ free and healthy

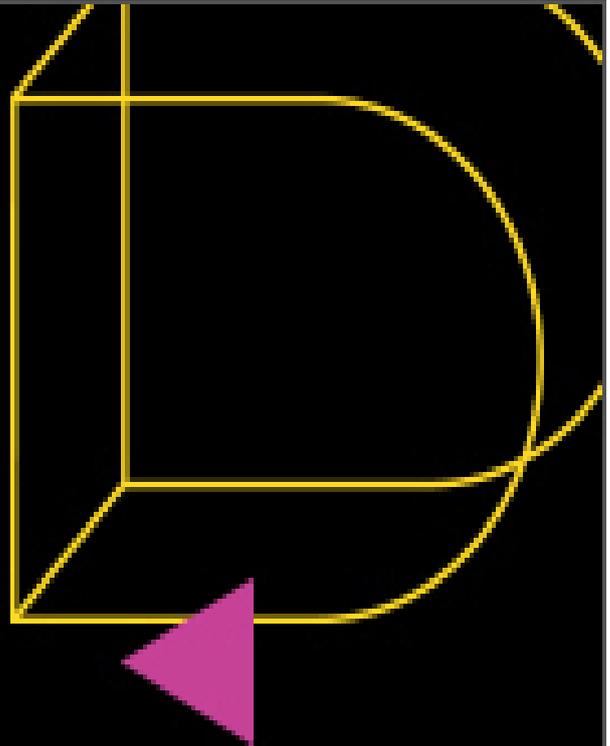
A Victorian
Government
initiative



DEAKIN VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

SUN 16 AUG

9am-4pm



REGISTER

Deakin University CMOS Provider Code: 001100



Wise and Witty Words.

Learn to Listen. Opportunity sometimes knocks very softly.

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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