



Creating the Opportunities

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Community members,

As we move into our last week of term 3- but not our last week of remote learning- it is a good time to reflect on what has been learnt and what we have learnt to appreciate. I certainly enjoyed our rain on Saturday. The feel was something like how I imagined the weather would have been had I spent the month in Ireland that I had planned in March. Portland had a great atmosphere and the lovely old blue stone buildings added to the ambience. The morning was offset by a free coffee from Bahloo as some kind, thoughtful person had nominated me for the United Way Essential Worker recognition. Thank you. I appreciated both the gesture and the coffee.

Indonesian Speaking Competition. Although students are learning off campus, some of our students continue to strive and thrive. Congratulations to our middle years students who performed at the state-round of the competition, which was hosted by the Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers Association.

- ⇒ Year 9 – 1st place – Jayde Saliba
- ⇒ Year 9 – 3rd place – Miles Govers
- ⇒ Year 10 – Highly Commended (4th) – Zak Denham

These Portland Secondary College students competed with students from all over the state. Ibu Regina and our committed Indonesian team were a huge help in preparing them. Excellent work students and staff.

Last week of term is Assessment week. Teachers will not deliver any NEW work. Students will complete their assessment and CATs as planned. The students who are not ready (for example, who have not completed sufficient work) do not do the assessment and they will be expected to catch up and complete all outstanding work or work as stipulated by the teacher. They will be reported as 'Not ready for assessment'.

We are very conscious that some students have not progressed as well as we would have liked for a variety of reasons. For some students it was just a step too far to achieve by themselves. Some students needed the routine and discipline set by someone else. Others have selected to absent themselves from engaging and have found excuses. It has been great to see the students with the 'can do' attitude, who have tried and who have sought the help of their teachers. ALL students will be welcomed back and teachers will take every effort to get ALL students reconnected into the classroom.

Term four. We are waiting for an update on what term 4 will look like. What we know is that:

- **Week 1:** ONLY Year 11 and 12 (and the year 10s doing a year 11 subject) and ONLY on campus for assessment purposes. GAT day is Wednesday 7th. ALL other students and staff will continue with remote learning except for the onsite supervision.
- **Week 2:** Staggered start. What this looks like is **still to be determined** but the expectation is that only Year 7 and Year 11 and 12 will be in on Monday 12th October.

I wish you a relaxing and safe holiday.

Patricia Nunan - Principal.



TOP RESULTS FOR PSC STUDENTS IN...

VICTORIAN INDONESIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION

Many things have been restricted in 2020, but not the ambitions and worldviews of our middle years Indonesian speakers.

Year 9 and 10 students recently participated in the Sayembara Lisan Indonesian speaking competition with impressive results at both the regional and state rounds.

Students did PSC proud, putting in hours of practice to be able to respond to conversational questions and discuss visual prompts on culture and the environment.

The hard work paid off with all students making excellent progress.

Five students made it into to the State final held on 4 September. Jayde Saliba, took first place and Miles Govers, came third in the Year 9 category. Year 10 student, Zak Denham, earned a ‘Highly Commended’ prize.

“The speaking comp helps me grow in my Indonesian speaking skills and also helps me grow my confidence to speak to people I don’t know. It’s also a great experience that I have enjoyed thoroughly. ”

Jayde Saliba, placed 1st in Year 9 in the state-wide competition.



Jayde Saliba



Miles Govers



Zak Denham

Our Language Assistant, Regina Mulyani, was a huge asset, helping students to develop their fluency, pronunciation and intonation. Regina said, “It’s fantastic to see their confidence improve every day we practice. Even when I asked new questions, they could follow the conversation.” Zak Denham said that it really

helped to practice with Regina; “this meant you could really get the pronunciation right of each word.”

This year’s competition was particularly challenging as practice sessions and the competition were held online – and students also missed out on the opportunity to go to Melbourne for the state final, a highlight of our LOTE program in previous years. Miles Govers, who has participated in the competition every year since year 7, said whether in person or online, the effort is worth it; “I gain more confidence in Indonesian every year I do it.”

Thanks to the competition host, Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers’ Association (VILTA), for promoting student engagement in Indonesian language learning. And kudos to ‘Head Coach’ Regina who helped our students get ‘match-ready’, together with the PSC LOTE PLAT, Josh Walker, Simon Jones and Jane McGrory.

Australian Defence Force

– online info session



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AIR FORCE

I really enjoyed the zoom meeting and learning about how to join the Australian Defence Force.

Learning the multiple ways to enlist was pretty crazy and what job opportunities there were.

It was also really great to hear about some of the experiences the presenters talking have had.

Now I really do think I might enlist myself!

Zak Denham — Yr 10.



Suzanne Patterson
Careers Advisor,
Portland Secondary College.



(left) Kane Kohlman of Year 10, has been doing work experience with Keppel Prince. This is his second week with them and he is working with the electrical team. Here he is working alongside his older brother Jay a former Portland Secondary College Student.

Work Experience

(right) Jorja Lewis is a senior VCAL student at Portland Secondary College who has a passion for Beauty Therapy. She has been doing work placement with Tracey Lipscombe over the past two years in her Salon.



(below) During my work experience as a mechanic, I learned how to conduct a service on a vehicle. I also helped remove an engine, fit brake pads and install a clutch.

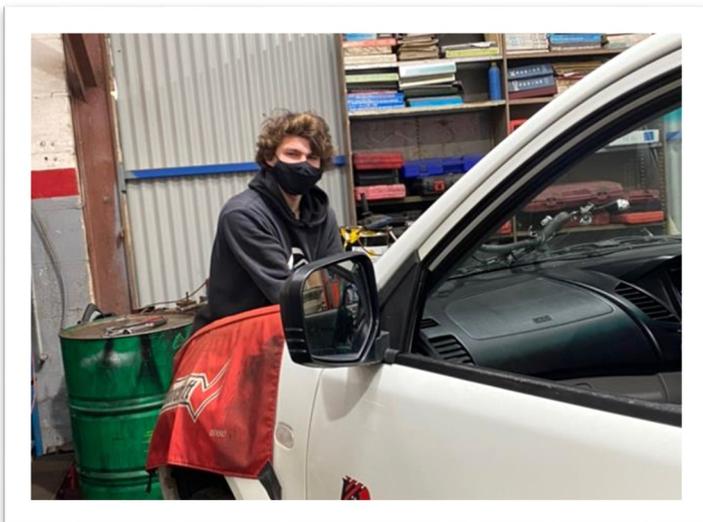
I really enjoyed my time and learned a lot.

Jake Campbell.—Yr 10.

Due to COVID-19 restriction Jorja 's placement is currently on hold. Jorja is also completing a qualification through South West TAFE Certificate II Salon Assistant & Retail Cosmetics this has involved her traveling to Warrnambool this year to undertake her studies every Thursday.

Currently due to COVID -19 restriction she has been doing virtual classes. Jorja intends on enrolling with South West TAFE to complete a Certificate III in Beauty Therapy in 2021, and then go on to complete a Diploma in Beauty Therapy.

Ms. Patterson.



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Suzanne Patterson



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Careers 2020

Welcome to the year of VIRTUAL CAREERS – students have had the opportunity to attend a wide variety of online events including Careers expo's, Open days, Numerous information sessions and workshops, virtual industry tours.

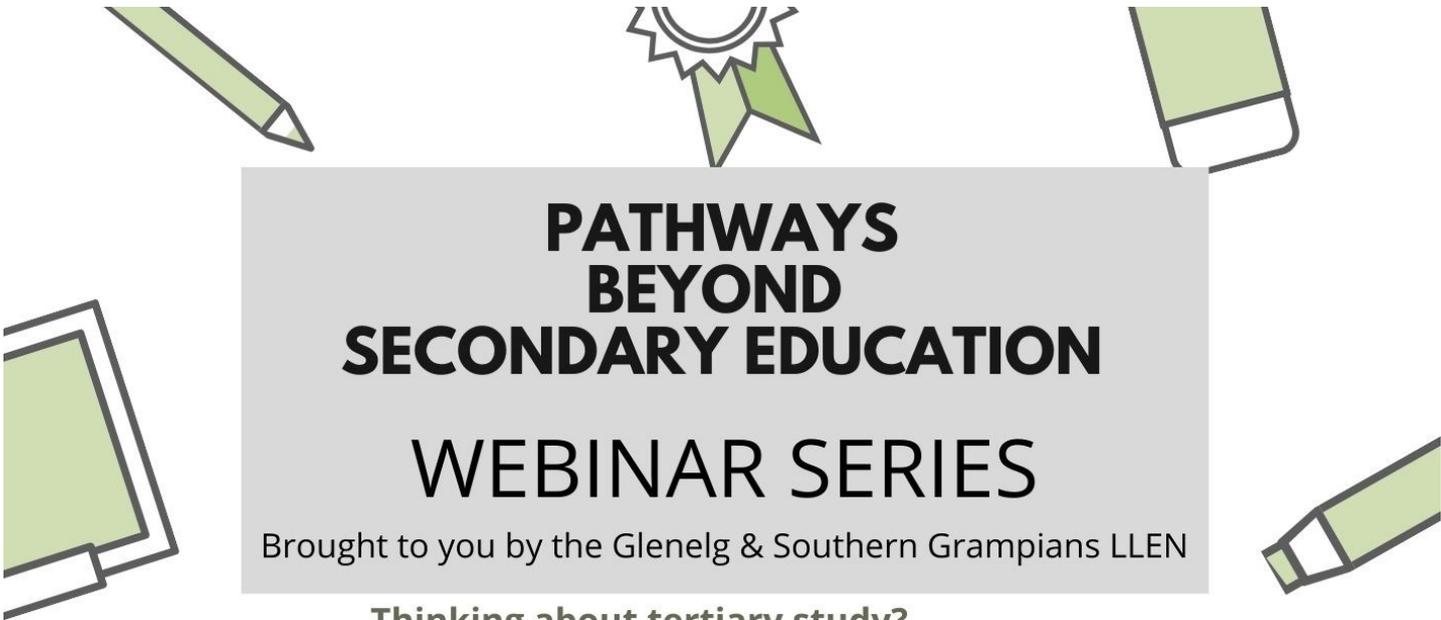
COVID – 19 has impacted our work experience and structured work place learning placement – some students have managed to get out on placements with the support of employers and parents.

Keep an eye out on the compass newsfeed for events and register and explore the www.portlandscareers.com website for quizzes, resume templates and many more resources.

We would like to extend our appreciation to all the businesses and organizations that continue to support Portland Secondary College students to pursue opportunities.

Suzanne Patterson
Careers Advisor.





PATHWAYS BEYOND SECONDARY EDUCATION WEBINAR SERIES

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Thinking about tertiary study?



Do you know what your local options are?
What are the advantages of studying locally?
How do I find the course I am interested in?
What's the go with GAP years?
When do I have to start planning?
Who can help me?



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Webinar 2: Monday 14th September, 2020
5.30pm-6.30pm

ACU; SW TAFE; CQ Uni; PDH doctors internship program;
GAP year info.

Register in advance for this webinar:
bit.ly/pathwaysweb2

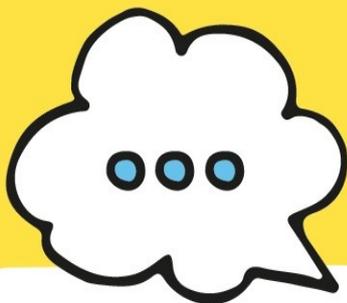


SLES

SCHOOL LEAVERS EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS



**YOUR PATHWAY
FROM SCHOOL
TO EMPLOYMENT
UNDER THE NDIS**



- Do you have an NDIS Plan?
- Are you about to finish school or have you recently left school?
- Do you want to learn more about School Leavers Employment Support (SLES)?
- Every Wednesday in September @ 4pm**

▶ JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6111987822?pwd=c09nSm1xRkYrODhRZVNsQzF6MDNvdz09>

Meeting ID: 611 198 7822 | Passcode: SLES

Come and learn more and have a chat about your SLES options.



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



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All Saints Debutante Ball 2021

30th April / 1st May 2021 (Yr 12s) &

7th May / 8th May 2021 (Yr 11s)

Registration opens online via Eventbrite on

14th Sept. 2020 at 9am

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

\$50 non-refundable deposit per couple required to register
(Debutante and partner need to register separately)

PLEASE LIKE THE RELEVANT FACEBOOK SITE FOR YOUR YEAR LEVEL

all information will be communicated via these sites

- All Saints Debutante Ball 2021 Year 12's
- All Saints Debutant Ball 2021 Year 11's



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Lockdown is hard.

We are all experiencing up and downs with our mental health, but if you are struggling, **don't wait to get help.**

headspace centres in Victoria are still open and able to offer appointments to young people via phone and online services.



Find your closest centre

headspace centres are still here for you. In response to COVID-19, headspace centres across the country are operating a combination of in-person, online and phone services – depending on the situation in their local communities.

You can find your closest centre at headspace.org.au/centres



Create a headspace account

Just by visiting the headspace website at headspace.org.au and creating an account, you can access lots of great mental health resources including group chats, online communities, interactive resources and 1:1 direct support with professionals.



Free headspace counselling in regional schools

If your school is more than 60km from a headspace centre, you may be eligible to access the headspace regional phone counselling service.

Secondary students living in regional Victoria who cannot easily access face-to-face counselling can step away from their class and speak to a professional counsellor.

To find out more, speak to your school's wellbeing support team.

headspace.org.au

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

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Wash your hands regularly



Stay germ free and healthy

A Victorian Government initiative 

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



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