



Creating the Opportunities

Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

We are ploughing through the usual end of year but we are not doing things as we would normally do them.

Last week our **Future Leaders** graduated using a zoom platform. The participants were Year 11 students - Jade Beattie, Alex Sealey, Jamo Ballantine, Gabby Conheady, Sophie Anderson and Calief Cameron.

This is a great program and while it was unfortunate in some ways that this year's program did not have the same experiences as participants have had in other years, our students still spoke positively about their experience. I was impressed that the candidates were able to nominate what they had learnt this year despite doing it remotely. I took notes on GEM- gratitude, empathy and mindfulness- as a way to build resilience. I heard summaries and learnings that were not present in last year's summing up. I had joined an online session earlier in the year where all students listened to a presentation that was meaningful.

I apologise to parents and students for the bungle that we made by making a double booking in the TTC for the last 20 minutes of the graduation. I would like to thank all the organisers and business people who rally to provide the students in our community with such a worthwhile experience.

Year 12 last day before their practice exams was also celebrated in a different way as they confined their activities to COVID safe interactions. Boys in girls' uniforms, water pistols, food, presentations and laughter etc were still evident. We all wish the Year 12 students the best in the last few weeks of their secondary schooling and the start of their next step. This too will undoubtedly look different but I am confident that the students have the flexibility to capitalise on what opportunities come their way.

I would like to thank the students for complying with the mask rule. Occasionally we do have the odd one who wears the mask under the nose, not appreciating that scientists have found that this keeps them as safe as not wearing a mask at all. I am still searching for the magical mask wear my glasses do not fog over but I would prefer this irritation to potentially catching the virus.

Students and staff have completed **surveys** voicing their opinion of what the school has achieved- or not achieved- for the year. This year we are inviting ALL parents/carers to have a say in the Parent survey. We sometimes do not like the responses but it can help us to identify issues. It is also wonderful to have the hard work that staff and students do acknowledged. Parents/carers also give a different perspective which is appreciated.

Parent/carer consent and recognition is needed for the **Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy** outlined in this newsletter. Please read it carefully and respond on Compass. The "Camps and Excursion Policy" will appear in the next newsletter.



Patricia Nunan - Principal.

Coming Events

Tuesday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup Day
Holiday

Monday 30th November

Course Confirmation Day

Mask Hygiene



Masks should be washed regularly. It is important to always remove masks correctly and wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask.

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 12th October** to **Friday 13th November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

All parents will be emailed log in details in the next couple of days. If you do not receive an email and would like to complete the survey, please contact Assistant Principal, Jo Kindred on 55231344 for log in details.

Once available Portland Secondary College survey results will be communicated to parents through annual reporting and/or through this newsletter. Last year we used the survey results to plan changes in curriculum, the development of student leadership positions and various wellbeing and student engagement programs that we have adopted at the College.

Jo Kindred – Assistant Principal.



Biology

Year 7C and I went out for an adventure to the wetlands today. We are starting our unit on Biology. The mushroom is now in S1, so we can watch it decompose.

Ms. Frankie Jasper—Biology Teacher.



2021 Booklists are live and digital

Over the next few couple of days, students will have discussions with their Level Leaders and Sub-School Assistant Principals to finalise their subjects for 2021. All students should then go online to this link <https://portlandsc.vic.edu.au/school-resource-lists/> found on the College's website and then follow the instructions on the website to complete their booklist for items required for 2021. Simply log into the address provided, create a new account and place and pay for your order. Please note we are still using Warrnambool Books as our supplier which we have done for many years now- they have just had a name change to Campion Books Warrnambool.

Students studying in Years 11 and 12 in 2021 need to order their books quickly so they are available for the Head Start Program held in December. The Head Start Program sees all year levels begin the 2021 school year at the end of this year and is designed to give students a flying start into their new year level.

Due to COVID – 19 restrictions the process this year is a little different. All orders will be made online and must be pre-paid. We strongly encourage students to select the home delivery option so your materials will be delivered directly to your door in time for classes. If this is not possible, **Year 11 and 12 students will be able to collect pre-paid packages on Monday the 30th of November between 10am and 3:30 (this is also Course Confirmation Day).**

Students who are studying a subject outside their normal year level must also check the requirements for this subject.

Any student who cannot access the booklist online can contact the General Office for a hard copy but the order itself will still need to be placed online. Any family experiencing financial difficulty should also make contact with the General Office so alternative arrangements can be explored.

Any students studying a PSC VET subject such as Kitchen Operations or Furnishing must collect some additional information from the General Office. Please follow the instructions on the VET booklist carefully and return your VET booklist to the General Office by the due date.

If you want to trade in second Hand books please check the noticeboard in your designated locker space where students can post notes about what they have for sale. Please be very careful checking you are acquiring the correct edition. If the words 3rd edition or 3E appear, for example, then this is the edition required. However, sometimes this edition might encompass several years and can be purchased second hand.

Any enquires about the booklists can be directed to Assistant Principal Ms Jo Kindred.





KAE School Holiday Report

During the September School holidays, both KAELO's undertook a couple of events working with the KAE families and the local Aboriginal communities.

A camp was planned over Duttons Way (Portland) but was postponed due to the COVID restrictions. Since then there were some slight changes in the restrictions of COVID, which allowed us to do a couple of activities.

Due to a very busy and pressured pre-school holiday period including COVID, we decided not to inundate the students and we felt they needed a break and time to reflect and enjoy the space.

Weekly Yarn Up Webex Gatherings

We continued the weekly catch up via Webex where the numbers of the KAE students have been still pretty good with great conversations. The KAE students and KAELO's meet every Monday afternoon for an hour. Yarning Up on general information relating to their week to week with school, social outlets, family connections, activities, wellbeing, current and future Aboriginal issues and more.

On occasions we have invited guest speakers who are involved with various careers choices, education or university experiences that gave an insight to their choices and career paths and sometimes the reality of making changes.

We will continue to develop this activity and invite a broad range of community guest speakers that we feel provide a very diverse landscape of opportunities, experiences and cultural knowledge.

Guest Speakers invited to date for either our Dinners or Weekly Yarn Up sessions

Dr Mark ROSE - PVC (Indigenous) at Deakin Uni

Michael FITZGERALD - Area Executive Director, Wimmera South West Area Dept of Education & Training

Tatiana RESK-WILSON - Beyond the Bell, Community Development Officer

Naomi OAKLEY - Toorong Marnong Project Officer, VAEAI

Sarah HAYTON - STEM Program, Geelong Tech School

Tahlia WARREN-BRAND - Young Aboriginal Community Speaker/ Life Experiences

Youth Conversation Project - Beyond The Bell (BTB)

- Youth Conversations project is one of the largest youth participation initiatives in the GSC. Beyond The Bell have engaged with over 600 young people.
- Spoken to youth between the ages of 12 and 19 year
- Having a strong Indigenous voice present is a priority for the project.
- BTB are holding online workshops (ZOOM) to talk all things education, employment, Covid-19 and issues that matter to youth.
- A prize is drawn at the end of each workshop to make things more fun! (\$50 voucher to Target)
- It's about having honest conversations to communicate to stakeholders the gaps that are often talked about without youth voices being represented or taken seriously!

Parents/Guardians Webex Yarn

This activity was an opportunity of allowing them to yarn about the KAE program and what it has or hasn't done in support of their child.

It was based on providing feedback to both Denise and I as KAELO's to get an understanding of what we may need to change, or what's working well, what's the positives, changes they see in their child since in the program. This was also an opportunity for the KAELO's to give feedback to the parents/ guardians of what we see that can improve in various areas, and future planning ideas including the next stage of recruitment of KAE students before the end of 2020 and the start of 2021.



Deen Maar Property & Fishing Yambuk

This event was initiated by one of the students as an idea. This initiative is really encouraging and something we would like to see the students doing more of in the future.

In partnership with the Framlingham Aboriginal Trust, the KAE program was supported to access the property and visit the beautiful coastal andscape, learn the local history and stories, visit the main building of future opportunities to do camps and allowing families to visit anytime.

The host Linda Saunders was fantastic and provided the background of the land management projects, local wildlife and plant species, lakes, wetlands, and walks.

We had a great morning tea and lunch at the Wool Shed with all the families in a relaxing setting.

The group spoke about other things that Deen Maar can provide, and Linda offered to do another program of crystal/ rock.

After lunch the group ventured to Lake Yambuk where we fished, played, got to know each other more and had a great time in sharing stories. The location and space were ideal where the KAE students seemed to interact more as time has allowed us via Webex gatherings.

Spending that time together without the mad rush and being on Country was a great way to spend part of the holidays.

No fish were harmed or injured during this event..... due to no-one getting a bite on their fishing rods!!!!

Surfing Event in Warrnambool

Working alongside Shane BELL from Aboriginal Affairs Victoria as the Local Aboriginal Networks Officer (LAN's), we both worked on doing a surfing event in partnership with GO SURF a company that provides the required equipment and supports for all the participants involved.

Due to the Port Fairy main beach being closed during this event due to some major erosion, the event was held in Warrnambool instead.

This event had great numbers in attendance on the day with two sessions in mid-morning and mid-afternoon.

KAE families were involved alongside others from the Aboriginal community members and all enjoyed the surfing as it was a very warm day.

Suzanne Patterson – Student Pathways/Koorie Support.



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 19 March 2021

Spreading Active Smiles

The Ride2School team want to encourage everyone to reach out to a friend or family member in the local community and write a letter to say hi and check in. Write to someone close to you to share something you appreciate about them or what has made you smile recently. Then use your 60 minutes of physical activity to deliver your letter and keep active at the same time! Just make sure that you wear a mask and stay within 5km of your home, if you live in Metro Melbourne.



Spreading active smiles in this way could make someone's day!

RIDE2SCHOOL

Our National Ride2School Day sticker competition is now open!

It's time for students to show off their artistic skills and help us celebrate riding, walking, scooting and skating to school by designing a fun new sticker for National Ride2School Day on Friday 19 March 2021.

The winning sticker design will be used on our official National Ride2School Day stickers and sent to schools all across Australia.

Plus - the winning student will receive a brand new BYK bike and a healthy breakfast for their school!

RIDE2SCHOOL APP

The beginning of a new school term is a great opportunity to get kids active and start collecting HandsUp! counts - now even easier with our Ride2School app. The newest update lets you add and edit your own classes!



DR CRANKY'S BIKES FOR KIDS

Have you heard about Dr Cranky's awesome bike recycle program? Dr Cranky's aims to ensure all primary school students have access to a roadworthy bike by connecting them with others who have donated unwanted bikes.

If you would like to find out more about this great program or how your school can get involved, check out Dr Cranky's website below.

Find out more below:



Contact Us

Bicycle Network
Phone: 1800 639 634

Visit ride2school.com.au for more information





PURPOSE

• Rectangular Snip

To explain to parents/carers how Portland Secondary College will collect, use and disclose photographs, video and recordings of students, how parent/carer consent can be provided and how it can be withdrawn.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the general collection, use and disclosure of photographs, video and recordings (“images”) of students. It does not cover the use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV). The use of CCTV is covered in our school’s CCTV Policy.

POLICY

This policy outlines the practices that Portland Secondary College has in place for the collection, use and disclosure of images of students to ensure compliance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). It also explains the circumstances in which Portland Secondary College will seek parent/carer consent and how consent can be provided and/or withdrawn.

As a general rule, use relates to images which are shared and distributed only within the school for school purposes (i.e. ID photos, Compass), whilst disclosure is used for images which are shared and distributed outside of the school staff and are available to other students, parents/carers and the wider school community.

Portland Secondary College will ensure that parents/carers are notified upon enrolment and at the commencement of each school year of the ways in which our school may use images of students. There are many occasions during the school year where staff photograph, film or record students participating in school activities or events, for example classroom activities, sports events, concerts, excursions, incursions, camps etc. We do this for many reasons including to celebrate student participation and achievement, showcase particular learning programs, document a student’s learning journey/camps/excursions/sports events, communicate with our parents/carers and school community in newsletters and on the College’s Facebook Page.

Portland Secondary College will use student images reasonably, appropriately and sensitively, consistent with our obligations under the Child Safe Standards and our school’s Child Safe Policy. If at any time a parent/carer or student has a concern about the use of any images they should contact the Assistant Principal on 55 231344.

In addition to the processes outlined below, parents/carers can contact the Assistant Principal at any time to withdraw their consent for any future collection, use or disclosure of images of their child. However:

- if the images have already been published and are in the public domain, it may not be possible for consent to be withdrawn.



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- There may be occasions when the school will record whole of school or large group events and make those recordings available to the school community through DVD sales etc, such as school concerts, Presentation night, sports events etc and if your child participates, they may appear in these recordings which will be available to the whole school community.
- The school can still collect, use and disclose images in circumstances where consent is not required (see below for more information).

Official school photographs

Each year Portland Secondary College will arrange for a professional photographer to take official school photographs of students. This will generally involve both class photos and individual photos being taken.

Official school photographs may be:

- purchased by parents/carers
- used for school identification cards
- stored on CASES21 for educational and administrative purposes.

Portland Secondary College will notify parents/carers in advance of the official school photographs being taken to give them an opportunity to decide whether their child will be included in the official school photographs.

Parents/carers who choose to opt-out of having their child participate in official school photographs must contact the Assistant Principal before the date photos are scheduled to be taken to advise that their child will not participate. There is no obligation on any parent or carer to purchase any photographs taken.

Images for use and disclosure within the school community and ordinary school communications

From time to time Portland Secondary College may photograph, film or record students to use within the school community, including:

- in the school's communication, learning and teaching tools (for example, emails, classroom blogs or apps that can only be accessed by students, parents or school staff with passwords e.g. Compass, etc.)
- for display in school classrooms, on noticeboards, etc.
- to support student's health and wellbeing (e.g. photographs of pencil grip to assist in OT assessments)
- Staff Handbooks

An Annual Consent Form and Collection Notice will be distributed to parents/carers on enrolment and also at the beginning of each school year.



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Images to be used or disclosed outside the school community

External use or disclosure by the school

Photographs, video or recordings of students may also be used in publications that are accessible to the public, including:

- on the school's website
- in the school newsletter
- on the school's social media accounts
- in the school magazine
- in the College's promotional material

The Annual Consent Form and Collection Notice also covers these types of uses and will be distributed to parents/carers on enrolment and also at the beginning of each school year. We will notify you individually if we are considering using any images of your child for specific advertising or promotional purposes.

Media

The media, or the Department of Education and Training's media team, may seek to photograph, film or record students for a news story or school event. This may include broadcast media, online or social media or print media, including newspapers and magazine publications.

When our school receives such requests Portland Secondary College will:

- provide parents/carers with information about the organisation involved and when/for what purposes the photography, filming or recording will occur
- seek prior, express parent/carer consent in writing.

Students will only be photographed, filmed or recorded by the media at school if express consent is provided for that specific media event. Neither the school nor the Department own or control any photographs, video or recordings of students taken by the media.

Other external collection, use or disclosure

If there is a situation which will involve the collection, use or disclosure of images of students by or to third parties which is not otherwise covered by this policy, Portland Secondary College will:

- provide parents/carers with information about the event or activity, the organisation involved and when the photography, filming or recording will occur
- seek prior, express parent/carer consent in writing.



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School performances, sporting events and other [school approved activities](#)

Portland Secondary College endeavours to respect the privacy of all members of our school community and requests that parents/carers, students and invited guests do not photograph, film or record school performances, sporting events and other school-approved activities.

Neither the school nor the Department own or control any images of students taken by parents/carers, students or their invited guests at school activities.

[Images to manage student behaviour or fulfil our school's legal obligations](#)

On occasion it may be necessary for school staff to photograph, film or record students when necessary to:

- fulfil legal obligations, including to:
 - take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm to students staff and visitors (duty of care)
 - provide a safe and suitable workplace (occupational health and safety law)
- for identification purposes, when necessary to implement discipline and/or behaviour management policies.

Portland Secondary College does not require or obtain consent from parents/carers or students to photograph, film or record students for these reasons. However, when Portland Secondary College photographs, films or records a student for any of these purposes, staff will only collect and use such images in a way that is reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.

[Staff use of personal devices](#)

School staff may use their own personal devices to capture images of students for reasonable and legitimate educational purposes. If this occurs, staff are expected to upload the images to the school database and delete the images from their device within a week of the images being captured.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND RESOURCES

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Photographing and Filming Students](#)

REQUIRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION

- Portland Secondary College Council
- Annual communication to school community
- Staff induction process

REVIEW CYCLE

DATE	VERSION	RATIFIED BY	NEXT REVIEW
June 2020	3	N/A	June 2023

Year 10, 11 & 12 Course Confirmation Day

Monday 30th November 2020

On **Monday 30th November 2020** from 10am to 2pm, all students in Year 10, VCE or VCAL in 2021 are required to attend Course Confirmation Day.

On this day students will rotate through a variety of stations, in a similar format to University enrolments. Parents are advised to attend.

In order to make the day flow as smoothly as possible and to minimise wait times for parents we ask that where possible Year 12 students attend between 10am and 11am, Year 11 students between 11am and 12 noon and Year 10 students between noon and 1pm. Of course, if these times do not suit please come anytime between 10am and 2pm.

- **Step 1 - Students will have their subjects confirmed for 2021 and receive a timetable for Headstart. If confirmed, students will proceed to Step 3 if doing VETiS or Step 4. If subjects are not correct, students will proceed to Step 2.**
- **Step 2 – Correction of subjects.**
- **Step 3 – VETiS Students only – Students will have their VETiS course confirmed and will order and be measured for uniform if required.**
- **Step 4 – Students will pay their Essential Educational Items fees.**

Subject Essential items are those items or services that are essential to support the course of instruction in the standard curriculum program that the school provides. In order to provide educational opportunities beyond the bare basics of classroom learning, the College relies on family payments to the school budget. Each year the school programs are planned based on a budget that includes both government and family contributions. We spend considerable time selecting the most appropriate items and services to meet the needs of our students.

The approximate cost for your child's subjects will be made available to you once the students have had their subjects confirmed.

If you are in the situation where payment may be difficult, there are a range of payment plans available for those parents/students who are not in receipt of Centrelink payments.

These options can be discussed and put into place by contacting the College Business Manager which can also be done on Course Confirmation Day.

We understand that starting your child in Year 10 or Senior School is an expensive undertaking. That is why we are running an article in the newsletter outlining this day so early but we will not be able to send your exact amount until after students completed their subject selections which is occurring now.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th of November. If you cannot attend, please send your child along with the necessary funds.

Jo Kindred — Assistant Principal.





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

Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



1
WET your hands.



2
Put SOAP on your hands.



3
RUB all parts of your hands until you have a thick lather.



4
RINSE your hands under running water.



5
DRY your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel.

Stay germ free and healthy



PORTLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.
portland-netball-association.com Phone: 0438 552 351 / 5523 2425

ROCK UP NETBALL

5 weeks of Fun for juniors

ROCK UP NETBALL from
 Monday 9 November until
 Monday 7 December
 11 – 13 years 5:30pm
 15 – 18 years 7:00pm



JUNIOR GIRLS
7 – 18 Years

JUNIOR BOYS
Primary School
under 13

\$29
VICTORIAN
NETBALL
REGISTRATION
only
 (Pay online thru MyNetball)

DRIVE THRU PARTICIPATION
REGISTRATION

Complete the attached PNA
JUNIOR ROCK UP NETBALL
 Registration Form, or available
 thru FACEBOOK to print.

COVID19 FRIENDLY

DRIVE THRU REGISTRATION
 at Flinders Park

Wednesday 4 November

Thursday 5 November

5:15pm – 6:00pm

Follow the signs for worry free
 Registration



Portland Netball Association Congratulates
 Melbourne Vixens, Suncorp Super Netball Premiers 2020



All Saints Debutante Ball 2021

30th April / 1st May 2021 (Yr 12s) &
 7th May / 8th May 2021 (Yr 11s)

Registrations are open online via
 Eventbrite

search for All Saints Deb Ball 2021

or find the link on the Deb Ball Facebook page

\$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

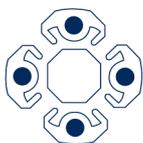
all information and questions will be communicated via these sites

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

Wise and Witty Words

If it costs you your peace it's too expensive.

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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