



### *Creating the Opportunities*

## Principal's Report

The 2020 School year is rapidly drawing to a close with many students undertaking their final assessments. Year 12 exams finish on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, Year 10 and 11 students will finalise their exams this week and students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are completing their last tests and assignments.

Presentation Night will look a little different this year due to COVID -19 restrictions, and while those restrictions might have lifted by the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, we have decided to make alternative arrangements just for 2020. A presentation will be released to the community on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December which will showcase all the students who have received an award this year.

All students are asked to remain home on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November and Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December whilst teachers correct the final assessments, write reports and prepare for the Head Start Program which begins on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December. It is very important that all students attend as 2021 classes begin. Students will experience the next week and a half in their new mentor groups with their new teachers as much as possible. As we have some staff leaving and new staff coming in next year, not all students will have the correct teacher; however, work will be provided that incoming teachers will be expecting is completed and submitted at the beginning of the year.

Quite a lot of diagnostic testing will also occur in the Head Start Program so it is very important that all students have their computers with them in this time. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should just bring their pencil cases and a couple of exercise books to write in. Students going into Years 11 and 12 will hopefully have their full booklist delivered by then. If not, they will require a book for each subject. Timetables will be issued on the first day.

I encourage all families to print a copy of the calendar in this newsletter and keep it to refer to as a lot is happening in the last few weeks of this year.



**Jo Kindred** — Assistant Principal.

## Coming Events

Regularly check Compass and PSC website for updates at [www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au)  
[Facebook/portlandsecondarycollege](https://www.facebook.com/portlandsecondarycollege)

**Thurs 19 to Wed 25 Nov**  
Year 10/11 Exams.  
Normal classes 7-9 classes.

**Thurs 26 & Fri 27 Nov**  
Normal 7-11 classes.

**Monday 30 November**  
- Course Confirmation Day.  
- Head Start Preparation/Report Writing Day  
(Student Free Day).

**Tuesday 1 December**  
- Head Start Preparation/Report Writing.  
- Year 10/11 Exam Redemption Day  
(Only those students sitting redemptions required at school).

**Tues 2 until Thurs 10 Dec**  
Head Start Program (see detailed calendar I this newsletter).

**Tuesday 8 December**  
Grade 6 Orientation Day  
(Students in Years 7,8 & 9 **not required** at school on this day.)

**Friday 11 December**  
Bridgewater Day for all students and staff.

**Mon 14 until Fri 17 Dec**  
End of Year Program EOYP for all students.

**Friday 18 December**  
Last day for staff.

*(Please refer to the extensive calendar of events in this Newsletter.)*

## Change to End of Year Calendar 2020

The end of the year is fast approaching and many people are starting to think about getting away around Christmas if COVID – 19 Restrictions permit. In the lead up to the official end of the school year, there are always families who consider taking a family holiday before Christmas prices kick in.

However, due to COVID – 19 and the impact this pandemic has had on the school year, many crucial school dates have been pushed back closer to Christmas and students must remain at school for a little longer this year. A brief calendar of what is happening was published in the last newsletter but since then we have had to make a couple of changes.

**Following the latest advice from the Andrews Government, we have been permitted to offer an Orientation Day to our incoming Grade Six students. Many of these students who are due to start with PSC in January have yet to even visit our campus as all their transition events were cancelled due to COVID-19. However, we can only hold the Orientation Day if we minimise the numbers of students at school who may come into contact with each other. In order to provide our new students a chance to visit us, all students currently in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be asked to stay home on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. However, this is not the end of the year for these students and it is essential that they return to school the following day and complete the Head Start Program. Any student who would be in year 10 in 2021 and doing a year 11 subject is expected to attend that Year 11 class. We thank parents for your support on this matter.**

18/11	Normal 7-11 classes	
19/11	Normal 7-9 classes	Year 10/11 Exams in the Gym – attend as per exam timetable
20/11	Normal 7-9 classes	Year 10/11 Exams in the Gym – attend as per exam timetable
23/11	Normal 7-9 classes	Year 10/11 Exams in the Gym – attend as per exam timetable
24/11	Normal 7-9 classes	Year 10/11 Exams in the Gym – attend as per exam timetable
25/11	Normal 7-9 classes	Year 10/11 Exams in the Gym – attend as per exam timetable
26/11	Normal 7-11 classes	
27/11	Normal 7-11 classes	
30/11	Report Writing Course Confirmation Day	Only those students entering Years 10,11 and 12 required at school to confirm 2021 courses
1/12	Head Start Preparation Year 10/11 Exam Redemption Day	Only those students who need to complete exam redemptions required at school.
2/12	<b>Head Start Program for 2021 Years 8 - 12</b> Week A – Wednesday (2021 timetable)	All Students required to attend. Use 2020 locker.
3/12	<b>Head Start Program for 2021 Years 8 – 12</b> Week A – Thursday (2021 timetable)	All Students required to attend
4/12	<b>Head Start Program for 2021 Years 8 – 12</b> Week A – Friday (2021 timetable)	All Students required to attend
7/12	<b>Head Start Program for 2021 Years 8 – 12</b> Week B – Monday (2021 timetable)	All Students required to attend
8/12	<b>Head Start Program for 2021 Years 11-12</b> WEEK B – Tuesday (2021 timetable) <b>Year 7 Orientation Day</b>	<b>(No Year 7, 8 &amp; 9 students required at school on this day)</b> Years 11-12 required to attend
9/12	<b>Head Start Program for 2021 Years 8 - 12</b> Week B – Wednesday (2021 timetable)	All Students required to attend
10/12	<b>Head Start Program for 2021 Years 8 - 12</b> Week B – Thursday (2021 timetable)	All Students required to attend. All lockers emptied.
11/12	Bridgewater Day	All 2020 Students 7 -10 required to attend
14/12	End of Year Program Activity Day	All 2020 students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to attend. Year 10 welcome.
15/12	End of Year Program Activity Day	All 2020 students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to attend. Year 10 welcome.
16/12	End of Year Program Activity Day	All 2020 students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to attend. Year 10 welcome.
17/12	End of Year Program Activity Day	All 2020 students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to attend. Year 10 welcome.
18/12	No students required at school.	

So essentially the last compulsory day for current Year 11 students is the 10/12. The last compulsory day for current year 10 students is the 11/12 and the last day for current 7, 8 and 9 students is the 17/12. Please contact the College should you have any queries.



## Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program 2022



.....We're delighted to inform you of the outcome of your students' applications to the **University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Class of 2022**.

We appreciate the efforts of both Year 10 students and staff at **Portland Secondary College** in submitting applications for the program in 2020. Students will be notified of selection results via email today.

**Successful Class of 2022 Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar:**

**Sarah Tunstall**



With over 1500 applications, it was students' academic achievements and community involvement that really impressed us.

Students selected as Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars will become part of a supportive University community and peer network through a tailored program of events and activities. We look forward to working with you over the coming years to help these future leaders reach their potential.

**On Tuesday 15 December the University will host a Welcome Event** for Year 10 students selected as Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars. Students will be officially welcomed into the program and hear from former Vice-Chancellor and the Program's namesake, Professor Kwong Lee Dow. Event information has been provided to our new KLD Young Scholars. Membership certificates will be emailed directly to successful candidates by the end of the year.....



# BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY



# Remembrance Day

COVID – 19 restrictions have certainly made for some interesting times as the College looks to both commemorate and celebrate events in the College. Recently, our School Vice Captains, Elli Aitken and Jameson Ballantyne used the College's loud speaker microphone system to deliver a traditional Remembrance Day ceremony complete with The Ode and a minute silence.

Our Principal also congratulated Year 10 student Sarah Tunstall who was recently offered a place in the very prestigious Kwong Lee Dow Melbourne University Extension Program, not with a handshake but an elbow bump.

Congratulations also to Brennan Joyce, Gina Shemeld, Nyla Conheady and Charley Thorp who recently discovered they were heading off to The Alpine Leadership School in first term next year. This is an amazing opportunity for these students who leave home for the term and join up with other students across the state to experience a term of leadership and self-discovery activities.

Congratulations to all these students.





# 2021 Glenelg Shire Council Aboriginal Education Scholarships

Open: Monday 9 November 2020  
Close: Friday 27 November 2020



For more information visit Council's Your Say Glenelg Webpage  
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# 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.

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### *Wise and Witty Words*

*Sometimes it's better to react with no reaction.*

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#### Mission Statement

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



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