



### *Creating the Opportunities*

## Principal's Report

### Final weeks

The final weeks are continuing to focus on student learning and well being while forward planning and tying up 2020 s occurring simultaneously.

**Victorian High Achievement Program** announced that two of Portland Secondary College students, Jake Tunstall and Ceejay Durbidge, were successful in gaining a position in the Secondary Mathematics program. The boys will participate in weekly online classes that will extend and enrich their mathematical understanding. We congratulate our first ever successful attendees into the program.

**Headstart** has provided students with the opportunity to be introduced to the next year's curriculum and to experience what will be expected of them as they progress to the next level of their learning. Headstart will remove the holiday anxiety of wondering what to expect and how hard it will be. Teachers will also have the opportunity to outline holiday homework and position the students to have a smooth start in 2021. Each subject will have different requirements. Students will be able to start earlier to read a set novel, for example, if they longer to read.

Often adversity creates opportunities. Ms Kindred and I have been contacted by several year 12 students who have expressed a desire for a **graduation celebration**. This year the celebration took a very different approach because of the restrictions at the time. Our numbers also precluded us holding a function that would cater for the students' expressed wishes. However we think that we have resolved the matter and 'graduation' has morphed into a 'send off' / 'good luck' celebration prior to students entering the workforce, attending O week at university or taking a gap year in January, 2021. Students will still have the opportunity to dress formally and be surrounded by friends and parents before being launched into the outside world. They will be able to share and celebrate their 2020 achievements.

**Presentation and Awards night** is also taking on a different flavour as it will go out to everyone online. All families will have access and be able to download photos should they wish. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the award winners, thank the sponsors and wish all students the best for their future education.

### Face masks

Face masks are no longer required in schools when people can keep distance from others however they are strongly recommended indoors for staff and secondary school students in school environments when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained. This may include classrooms, corridors and communal areas. Face masks must always be carried by individuals aged 12 and over. Existing exemptions continue, including masks not being required when teaching. Face masks continue to be mandatory on public transport and school buses.

2020 COVID Refunds. The finance team are currently working through the budgets to ascertain what proportion of the fees were expanded and whether the remote learning impacted. Payments will be arranged for all Year 12 students who have a credit. Any credit for other families will be paid into the family account and offset against 2021 spending. **Patricia Nunan** — 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

**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.)*

## Coming Events 2021

**Monday 25 January**  
Book collection day at PSC — 10.00am until 3.30pm.

**Friday 29 January**  
Year 7, 11 & 12 students first day at school.

**Monday 1 February**  
All students at school.

# End of Year Calendar 2020

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.



*Around  
the  
school*

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Pictured at right is Darcy Ainley 7B with a storage box he made recently in Technology with Mr Ciechowicz.

Pictured above is Lydia Parsons Year 11 with a dry point print of a German Shepherd she completed in Art with Mr Burgoyne's as-



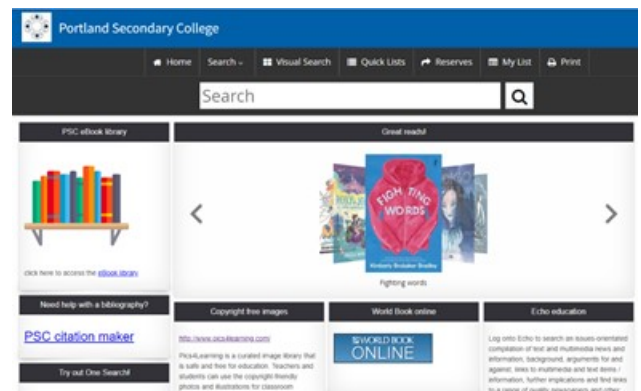
# Library news

Holiday borrowing is now available until the start of February next year, students just need to visit the library to arrange this.

A reminder that while holiday borrowing is available, all books and other materials currently on loan should be returned to the library before finishing school for the year. If you find books while cleaning out your locker, or during the holidays, please make sure these are returned to the library.

As well as physical books, the library also has an ebook and audiobook collection available for staff and students to access, including over the holidays, you can find the link for this on the library web app (under the star menu in Compass), and there is also an app you can use. Give it a try and if you have any questions, pop into the library and we will be happy to assist you.

**access ebooks and audiobooks here**





## Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



Stay germ free and healthy

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## For Sale

### PSC Bucket Hats

We now have a good supply of Bucket Hats available from the general office.

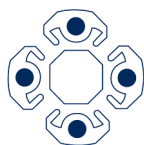
They are \$8.00 each and come in sizes M/L & L/XL.



## Wise and Witty Words

*Strong people don't put others down....they lift them up.*

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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