



Creating the Opportunities

2020 School Magazines

We have a small amount of 2020 School Magazines for sale. \$20 each available from the General Office.



Year 7 and Newcomer's BBQ

Monday 8 February 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

Meet in the Junior School Building foyer.

Come along and meet your child's teachers and other parents.

Fully catered.

Parent Information Session from 5.00 – 6.00pm

Principal's Report

Welcome to all our new and returning families. 2021 is off to a successful start. All students have been welcomed into their new Sub-School, been allocated a locker, received a copy of their timetable and started their classes. Staff have completed a rigorous couple of days to ensure we are fully prepared for student learning. Students in all year levels will be focussing on settling into their classes and beginning their learning.

A number of new teachers have joined us this year. Joining us are Mr Adrian Porter (Maths/Science), Mr Andrew Prentice (VCAL and Kitchen Operations), Ms Emma Dixon (Humanities), Ms Gloria Yi (Maths), Mr Dylan Rispoli (Maths), Ms Alexandra Mills (Physical Education and Health), Ms Emma Gallacher (Kitchen operations), Nathan Adams (Sport's Assistant), Marlowe Richmond (Library Assistant) and Jyoti Sistadi (Indonesian Language Assistant). Returning to PSC are Ms Donna Bassett, Ms Nicole Van Veen, Ms Mel Down and Mr Ian Chambers.

Throughout 2021 all teachers will be focussing on ensuring all students have learning growth in every subject, particularly in the areas of Numeracy, Reading and Writing. Teachers will be working collaboratively on developing different levels of coursework materials, cross - marking student work and setting individual goals for all students to encourage them to reach their full potential. Student learning will be reported on regularly and all parents are asked to keep abreast of their child's progress through Compass. Of course, parents are also welcome to make an appointment to see relevant staff at any time to discuss any issues they may have.

We all know that every day counts when it comes to student Attendance. The Department is requiring that that schools, parents and students all meet their responsibilities to ensure there are as few absences as possible. If you know that your child will not be at school, please inform the General Office or enter the absence on Compass. If your child is likely to have an extended absence, let the school know – we can provide work to be completed whilst at home or on holidays.

Unfortunately over the holiday break we tragically lost one of our students in a car accident. Our thoughts and support go out to the Grayling/Job family on the loss of Erynn. We also sustained substantial damage to one of our buildings in the heavy rainstorm just after New Year. The Global Learning Centre was flooded and work is still ongoing to prepare this building for student use. In the meantime senior classes will be held in the Trade Training Centre, the library and the Drama Centre until this building can be occupied safely.

Our school seeks to provide a positive, harmonious and productive environment and prides itself on clear, consultative and open communication. Despite our best efforts, Portland Secondary College doesn't always get it right. It is a complex process to deal with 700 young people and their families on a daily basis and sometimes students and parents may not be happy with how events are handled. We encourage all parents to get into contact with us if you are unhappy about something so the issue can be resolved. The College has a Complaints and Grievances Policy which is located in full on the College's website if you want to make a formal complaint but please get in touch with either myself or Kirsten Mitchell, Assistant Principal, in the first instance.



Principal
Jo Kindred

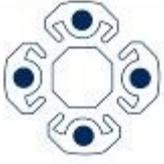
Up and Coming Events

Monday 8th February - Year 7 and Newcomers BBQ

Wednesday 10th February - PSC Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 16th February - Year 7 Hearing Test

Thursday 18th February - GD Swimming Carnival in Portland



Congratulations to our DUX students of 2020!

We would like to congratulate the students who were the high flyers in their year levels for 2020, and acknowledge the DUX awardees for each year.

It is wonderful the hard work and effort that students put in throughout the year, and the rewards that were reaped from that.

Year 7 DUX

Kirby McLeod



Year 8 DUX

Brooke Tober



Year 9 DUX

Makeely Kindred and Aisha Hollis



Year 10 DUX

Sarah Tunstall



Year 11 DUX

Bella Bailey



Year 12 DUX

Bhoomija Chauhan



We would also like to recognise and congratulate the outstanding efforts of our Year 12 students High Achievers:

DUX, Bhoomija Chauhan.

Three students have also achieved their VCE-Baccalaureate, Bhoomija Chauhan, Emily Kindred and Liya Long.

Emily Kindred for receiving a 50 study score for PE.

Multiple students who received a study score above 40.

Privacy Policy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in Portland Secondary College's Privacy Policy.

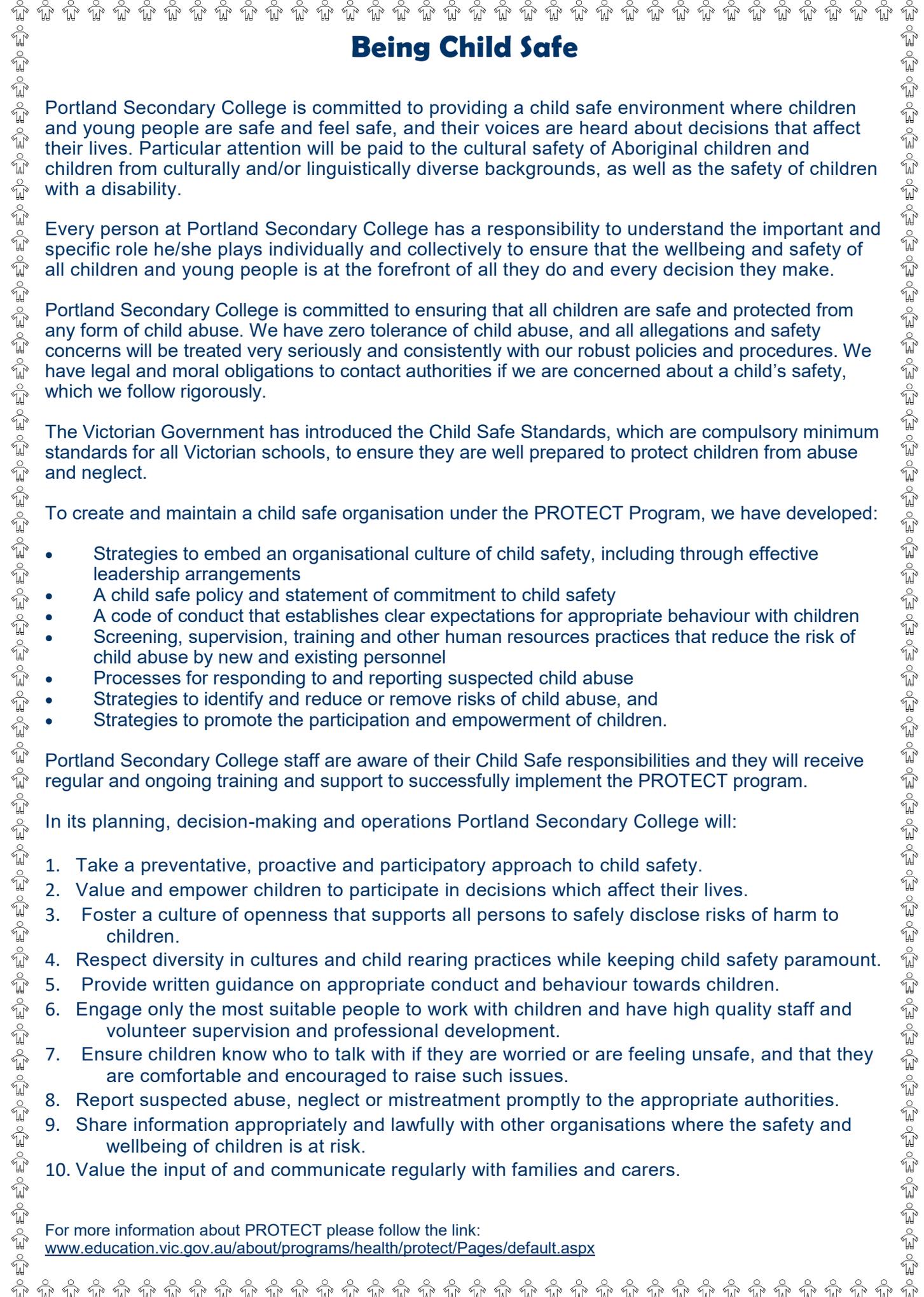
Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website:

www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au

Ambulance Coverage Recommended

Unfortunately, from time to time accidents happen. Portland Secondary College recommends that all parents have ambulance cover because staff will not hesitate to call an ambulance if they feel one is required. Parents will then be liable for the bill for the ambulance service which can be quite expensive.

Ambulance coverage for students is not expensive and could save big bills in the future.



Being Child Safe

Portland Secondary College is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person at Portland Secondary College has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Portland Secondary College is committed to ensuring that all children are safe and protected from any form of child abuse. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities if we are concerned about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

The Victorian Government has introduced the Child Safe Standards, which are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

To create and maintain a child safe organisation under the PROTECT Program, we have developed:

- Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements
- A child safe policy and statement of commitment to child safety
- A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
- Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
- Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
- Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse, and
- Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

Portland Secondary College staff are aware of their Child Safe responsibilities and they will receive regular and ongoing training and support to successfully implement the PROTECT program.

In its planning, decision-making and operations Portland Secondary College will:

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety.
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives.
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children.
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount.
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children.
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development.
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues.
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities.
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk.
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

For more information about PROTECT please follow the link:
www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx

Secondary School vaccinations in 2021

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- **Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students**
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students**
- **Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students**

Parents/guardians of Year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Glenelg Shire immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2021 if you do not want your contact details given to the Glenelg Shire immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years who missed scheduled vaccines. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).



Interschool Showjumping

Four Students participated in the MacArthur Interschool Open and PC Showjumping competition on Saturday 16th January. The competition is open to students in Years Prep -12 Heights primary from 30cm Secondary from 45cm.



Congratulations to Elaina Cocks, Alex Thomey, Holly Pauwels and Tilly Shand for attending!



Tilly came first round she came in 1st place on Dasher in the two phase 90cm round and 2nd place on Clover lodge Cassanova in the 100cm two phase class. She came 3rd overall in Clover Lodge Cassanova in the 100cm class and 5th overall on Dasher in the 90cm class. We look forward to hearing results from Elaina, Alex and Holly!



headspace
National Youth Mental Health Foundation

supporting young people during COVID-19

headspace Portland in partnership with headspace National, are hosting a webinar for parents and carers of young people to support their mental health through COVID-19.

Information presented will:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health and mental health literacy.
- Build skills and strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of your young person, including their transition to work and study.
- Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.
- Showcase local headspace centre community resources.

The webinar will consist of a presentation on youth mental health, followed by a panel with guest speakers.

When
Wednesday 17th February 2021
6pm – 7.15pm AEDT

How do I register?
Click here to register via Eventbrite, or type the URL below into your web browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/portland-covid-19-parent-and-carer-webinar-supporting-young-people-registration-132873100019>

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar.

Contact
For more information email:
headspaceSchools@headspace.org.au

Have you a story to share?

Please contact us via email:

Newsletter@portlandsc.vic.edu.au

Out and About at PSC!



PSC VALUES

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SUCCESSFUL

BE RESILIENT

BE CREATIVE

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data Background

On 10 May 2013, all Education Ministers from Commonwealth, state and territory governments endorsed the implementation of a *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability* (NCCD) in all Australian schools (government, independent and Catholic).

The nationally consistent approach to data collection provides all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with a clear picture of the number of students receiving educational adjustments because of disability in schools, and the levels of adjustment they are provided to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

Authority for the NCCD

The *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth) (the Australian Education Regulation) requires the operators of all government and non-government schools that receive Australian Government schools funding (approved authorities), to provide information to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the Department) for the purposes of the NCCD.

If you would like to read more about the NCCD process and requirements - <https://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Christine Hart.

2021 PSC Leadership and Sub-school Teams



PRINCIPAL

Ms. Jo Kindred

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Ms. Kirsten Mitchell

JUNIOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Assistant Principal (Junior School)

Ms. Emma Speers

PLAT Leader: English

Mr. Braden Dawson

PLAT Leader: Health & PE

Ms. Tayla Morley

PLAT Leader: LOTE Indonesian

Ms. Jane Mcgrory

PLAT Leader: Visual & Performing Arts

Mr. Liam Doyle

Year 7 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Tayla Morley

Year 8 Student Engagement Leader

Mr. Ashley Elijah

MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Assistant Principal (Middle School)

Mr. Matthew Powell

PLAT Leader: Mathematics and Digital Technologies

Mr. Michael Willie

PLAT Leader: Humanities

Mr. Andrew Harris

PLAT Leader: Science

Ms. Jen Prichard

PLAT Leader: Design and Technologies

Mr. Dale Radcliffe

Year 9 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Lynne Hollis

Year 10 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Suzanne Patterson

SENIOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Assistant Principal (Senior School)

Ms. Carla Shiel

Satellite Campus Program Leader

Ms. Christine Hart

Senior Data, Exam and RTO Coordinator

Ms. Donna Matthews

Year 11 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Mara Satins

Year 12 Student Engagement Leader

Ms. Debbie Cobby

Learning Specialist: Whole School Instructional Model
and Formative Assessment Leader

Ms. Donna Jennings

Learning Specialist: Whole School Curriculum Leader

Mr. Simon Jones

Learning Specialist: Literacy Development Leader

Ms. Jane Mcgrory

RESOURCE CO-ORDINATORS

MIPS/Careers Dev. Coord/Koorie Liaison Officer	Ms. Suzanne Patterson
Library Programs & Resource Manager	Ms. Janelle Collins
<i>Student Services Manager</i>	Ms. Tania Beard
PSD Programs Manager	Ms. Elizabeth Paulet
Business/Operations Manager	Ms. Vicki Taylor
Principal Assistant & Daily Organiser	Ms. Jemma Aitchison

COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT Ms. Debb Oakley

2021 Mentors

Year 7 Student Engagement Team Leader – Ms Tayla Morley MYT

7A	Mr Callum McKenzie	MEC
7B	Ms Alexandra Mills	MSA
7C	Ms Linda Errey	EYL
7D	Ms Jane McGrory	MYJ

Year 8 Student Engagement Team Leader – Mr Ashley Elijah EHA

8A	Mr Liam Doyle	DEL
8B	Ms Emily Gorey	GYE
8C	Mr Josh Walker	WRJ
8D	Ms Chris Dixon	DNC
8E	Ms Sue Taylor	TRS
8F	Ms Gloria Yi	TIG

Year 9 Student Engagement Team Leader – Ms Lynne Hollis HSL

9A	Mr Braden Dawson	DNB
9B	Ms Emily Clancy	CYE
9C	Mr Adrian Porter	PRA
9D	Mr Thurston Bassett	BTT
9E	Ms Dakota Robinson	RND
9F	Mr Dylan Rispoli	RID

10	Ms Suzanne Patterson	SP	Year 10 Student Engagement Leader
11	Ms. Mara Satins	SSM	Year 11 Student Engagement Leader
12	Ms Debbie Cobby	CYD	Year 12 Student Engagement Leader

Victoria Street Campus Ms Christine Hart HTC

Senior School Mentors

Year 10 Mentors – Mr Jon Taylor, Mr Greg Grant, Mr Andrew Harris, Ms Mel Down, Mr Dale Cumming, Ms Gabrielle Robinson

Year 11 Mentors – Ms Emma Dixon, Ms Joanne Logan, Mr Andrew Prentice, Mr Simon Jones, Ms Jen Prichard

Year 12 Mentors – Mr Brian Healy, Ms Janelle Collins, Mr Joachim Rymarz, Ms Tracey Ward, Mr Michael Willie

School Leadership



2021 College Captains:
Elli Aitken and Alex Sealey



2021 College Deputy Captains:
Hamish Drew and Elijah Roberts



Are you interested in photography?

Glenelg Shire Council has received funding from the State Government to implement activities and initiatives that bring bushfire affected communities together to build resilience and promote awareness of being fire ready.

Students are being offered the opportunity to be involved in a photographic competition to be held across the Shire as part of this initiative, with the theme of "What would I take with me in a bushfire emergency?" This could include anything from pets to the play station, the family to the fitbit. The more creative the better!

We would require an original photograph in digital form, that must be taken by the student and the competition will be judged by a local photographer. The judge's decision will be final.

There will be prizes awarded for junior, middle and senior year levels across the Glenelg Shire schools along with a major prize to the winning school from these year levels.

The competition will be judged at the end of March and the winning photos displayed around the Shire throughout the month of April.

Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 camp will take place on Wednesday 3 February until Friday 5 February. All Year 7's will attend the Narrawong camp together.

Information was given out to students last week.

A camp payment of \$140.00 must be paid to the General Office as soon as possible please. See Miss Morley or the Year 7 Mentors for further details.



PSC Homework Program- Tutoring Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays are back for 2021!

Where: PSC Library

When: Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, starting Tuesday 2nd February 2021.

Who: All students welcome. It's a great time to finish off classwork, projects and assignments. No sign-up required! Just turn up.

Time: 3:40-4:30pm

Tutors: Support Staff will be available in the Library.
Any questions? Just ask us! We hope to see you in Term 1!

Literacy Assistance 2021

At Portland Secondary College we offer a literacy intervention program called MacqLit, which is a small group instructional reading program based on scientific research into reading and has been developed to address the literacy needs of older struggling readers within the school setting, whatever the cause of their difficulty.

The program focuses on five key elements which are necessary for effective reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, spelling and comprehension.

Parents will receive information via Compass and the post which will be distributed in Term 1. Our Literacy Tutor also aides staff in years 7-9 English classes in order to support a number of students within the classroom setting.

We also encourage students to take advantage of the PSC Homework Club which operates from the PSC library on Tues, Wed and Thurs afternoons (3:40-4:30pm) in which the literacy and numeracy tutors and aides assist and supervise.

Elley Foster - MacqLit Tutor and Literacy Support Aide.



Numeracy Support 2021

At Portland Secondary College we offer a range of Numeracy Support Programs which are run by our Student Program Support Assistant for Numeracy Mrs. Donna Chapman.

All students will be assessed in Maths and those requiring additional assistance will be referred and assessed further.

We offer a Numeracy withdrawal Program called Quicksmart. This is an intensive Program which has been highly successful since its introduction 3 years ago. The aim of Quicksmart is to gain automaticity and accuracy in our four mathematical operations.

Our Getting Ready in Numeracy (GRIN) Program is based on classroom content and involves 'frontloading' students on what they will hear, see and do. We also have scaffolding and extension Mathematical Programs and general assistance in the classrooms.

Parents will receive information and permission slips early in Term 1 if Numeracy Support is recommended for your child.

Donna Chapman - Student Program Support Assistant Support (Numeracy).



MYLNS. The Middle Years Literacy Numeracy Support

During 2020, Mrs Outtram and Ms Jennings worked in classes assisting students and teachers in English and Maths classes.

This 2021-year funding has been increased and this will see Mrs Outtram working with Year 10 and some Year 8 English classes 3 days a week. Mrs Donna Bassett will be working in Year 8 classes 1 day a week at PSC and 1 day at the Re-Engagement centre. Ms Jennings will be assisting Maths teachers and students in Year 10 and 8 and Ms Van Veen will be working 1 day in Maths classes.

The Middle Years Literacy Support (MYLNS) Improvement Teacher directly supports students who are falling behind and are below year level expectations in Literacy and Maths, and instructors work closely with teachers to build their capacity to effectively deliver literacy to all students across the College.

The MYLNS teachers will provide support to prioritised students through co-teaching, providing in class support, or by providing small group instruction. They will:

- Monitor and analyse student data to inform teaching for improved student learning
- Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with students, mparents and other teaching staff to focus on student learning, wellbeing and engagement
- Differentiate teaching practice to meet the students at their point of need
- Implement high impact teaching strategies which enable prioritised students to achieve their full potential
- Track and monitor student progress
- Support the development of Literacy strategies across the College
- Collect and analyse NAPLAN, PATS and On Demand data.



Nancy Outtram



Donna Bassett



Donna Jennings



Nicole Van Veen

Students Required to

Leave Early

Sometimes it is necessary for Parents/Guardians to pick up a child early from school.

If this needs to happen please ring before coming to collect your child and we will endeavour to have them waiting for you.

If this is a pre-organised appointment please send a note with your child detailing the time of the appointment so they can show their teacher/office staff and be waiting for you in the foyer.

Whilst we understand that emergencies do occur and this may not always be possible we would appreciate at least half an hour's notice.

Ideally it would be better to make appointments either side of school hours.

Permanent Lunch Passes

We recommend that students have lunch at school. If, however, you wish your child/children to go home for lunch, applications are available from the Assistant Principal's Office.

Please note that a lunch pass does not permit students to go to the shops or friend's homes. A lunch pass is only for lunch at home.

Kirsten Mitchell Assistant Principal.

Uniform

All students attending Portland Secondary College should be in full school uniform. Parents who are unsure of the uniform requirements should contact the school. Please note that street wear cargo pants, shorts or flares are not permitted, white polo tops are not to be worn over school dresses, no coloured T-shirts under polo tops (plain white ones only). All members of our student body are expected to be wearing the correct shoes as per our Uniform Policy. This Policy states that students should be wearing black polishable shoes with an enclosed toe. Students wearing black shoes with a small coloured logo or stripe on the side, tongue or back will be asked to colour this logo black. Students wearing open toe sandals, different coloured sneakers or black shoes with large areas of coloured markings or coloured shoe laces will be issued with a uniform non-compliance note asking for the situation to be rectified. Please support the College in this endeavour. If you require further assistance please make contact with Tania Beard, our Student Services Coordinator.

Kirsten Mitchell – Assistant Principal.

Bell Times

8.50 - 9.00am	Assembly (if required)
9.00 - 9.10am	Mentor Group
9.15 - 10.05am	Period 1
10.05 - 10.55	Period 2
10.55 - 11.20am	Recess
11.20 - 12.15am	Period 3
12.15 - 1.05pm	Period 4
1.05 - 1.40	Lunch
1.50 - 2.00pm	Silent Reading
2.00 - 2.40pm	Period 5
2.40 - 3.30pm	Period 6

Learn an Instrument at PSC

Music lessons are starting up again this year, giving you the opportunity to learn an instrument at school.

Our music teachers are skilled musicians, performing regularly in the region, and are eager to share their knowledge with the students of PSC.

We are offering weekly lessons on guitar, piano, bass, drums, voice, brass, and woodwind. Instruments are available to hire, or you are welcome to bring your own.

Music can be a fulfilling hobby, provide incredible opportunities, and for those who pursue it, becomes a life-long passion.

Mobile Phone Policy

Students are requested not to bring their mobile phone to school.

Any student who does bring their mobile phone to school must have the phone switched off and securely stored in their locked locker during school hours and they must not be used during school hours including lunchtime and recess unless an exemption has been granted. Students are not permitted to carry their phones with them during the day.

Where a student has been granted an exemption, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exemption was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

Requests for exemption must be submitted in writing to the Sub-School Assistant Principal and must meet the exemption guidelines outlined below.

Exceptions may be granted for specific learning activities, to students for whom a reasonable adjustment to a learning program is needed because of a disability and/or learning difficulty, for students with a physical health condition, for students who are Young Carers, for students on or travelling to and from camps and excursions and for students who have a dual enrolment and who undertake intercampus travel.

Teachers are requested to confiscate any mobile phones seen at school in school hours.

Parents may pick up confiscated mobiles from the General Office after 3.30pm.

Students who do not comply with the above policy may be suspended. Please encourage your child to leave their phone at home.

Kirsten Mitchell – Assistant Principal.

Welcome to the PSC Library – where we encourage reading for information and entertainment.

The Library is open to all students at various times.

Students and staff will have access to fiction, non-fiction, class sets, magazines, games and equipment before school from 8.30 Tuesday to Friday and most days at recess, lunchtime and after school until 4.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

At recess and lunchtimes there will be many board and card games to play, if COVID rules allow, and students will be encouraged to use table areas as places to chat quietly or read. Tuesdays and Thursdays are tech free. Students are reminded to keep bags in lockers and eat food outside before visiting the library.

People to help you. Teacher Librarian Ms Janelle Collins will continue to promote reading and research skills, along with library trainee Marlowe Richmond. Literacy and Numeracy tutors Mrs Elley Foster, Nancy Outtram and Mrs Donna Chapman will be located in the library and will offer a regular homework program and other support to students, along with Milly Cameron on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Our school has an ongoing commitment to improving student literacy skills and the entire school community reads each day after lunch. Students may choose to participate in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. We encourage all students to drop in and find something that interests them for "Reading time." Let's read for information and entertainment in 2021.

Year 7 Computers

BYOD (*Bring Your Own Device*)

When your student starts school they can bring their BYOD (computer) to the IT Office and we can connect it to the school wireless and install Microsoft Office and an Antivirus if needed. Please note devices must comply with the following specifications:

Minimum Requirements:

- ⇒ Windows 8.1 or newer
- ⇒ Apple MacOS x 10.8 or newer
- ⇒ Apple iOS 6 or newer for a tablet

Note: Android, Windows RT, Windows S and Chrome based devices are *intentionally omitted* from the Hardware Specifications.

Families should use their discretion when considering additional software purchases.

ANDROID devices are NOT currently supported as a BYOD.

Please keep in mind that there will be an influx of devices that other students will need connected so we will do our best to return it to you in a timely manner.

New Procedures for Contacting Staff at PSC

With the creation of the three new sub schools, and the Assistant Principals, we have established a procedure for parents contacting the school if they have any queries concerning their child. This ensures parent's/guardian's receive the best results in a timely manner.

- Step 1** Contact your child's Mentor.
- Step 2** Contact your child's Level Leader.
- Step 3** Contact the Assistant Principal's Assistant for an appointment.

Thank you for your support.

Swimming Sport Information

The 2021 sporting calendar will kick off with the Portland Secondary College Swimming Carnival to be held on **Wednesday 10th February** at the local YMCA Pool. Events are scheduled to begin at 10:00am and finish by 2:45pm.

On the competitive side, any students who qualify fastest in any event will go on to represent PSC in the Greater Districts Swimming Carnival on Thursday 18 February, at the Portland Swimming Pool.

I would really encourage students who win events to make sure they are a part of it in 2021. It is a great experience to compete against the Hamilton schools as well as Bayview and Heywood Colleges.



Ms. Tayla Morley — PLAT Leader Health & PE.

Photos

The school photos are being taken on **Tuesday 23 February**. We ask that all students bring their school jumper on this day even if they only put it on for the duration of the photo. Envelopes will be distributed shortly to families. The College does not process any of the payments; these are enclosed directly in the envelope, returned on the day and given directly to the photographer.

Please Note on this day the General Office will open at 9.00am instead of 8.00am.



WE'RE HIRING

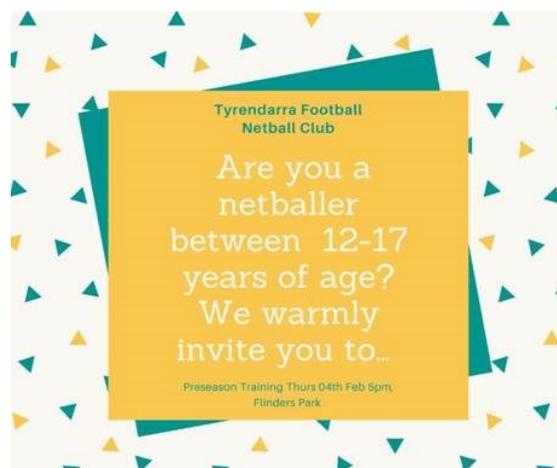


WE ARE LOOKING FOR
SALES STAFF!

MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR
AFTER SCHOOL HOURS
AND ON THE WEEKEND.

ENQUIRE WITHIN.

Bakers Delight



Tyrendarra Football Netball Club are currently seeking players for their 13u, 15u and 17u netball teams.

You are warmly invited to attend a pre-season session during February to meet coaches, players, and get a general feel for the club.

Thursday nights at Flinders Park, Portland between 5pm- 5:45pm Call or message Nathalia on 0459 672 896 or Lynda on 044 803 8042 for more details or just rock up.

Check us out on Facebook.

UNIFORM MATTERS!

From time to time, we need to clarify what can and can't be worn to school so that we are all clear on the uniform requirements. At the moment we have a variety of shoes that people are wearing at the college. To clarify this I have taken some photos of what the uniform committee has deemed to be part of our PSC uniform.



←— These shoes are fine. Popular particularly with the boys. **Good choice.**

These shoes on the right are fine; many of the girls tend to wear these all year round.

Good choice. →



←— Slip on shoes starting to be worn by many are not part of the school uniform. Not only are they not part of the uniform but they aren't safe particularly in technology classes. **Not acceptable.**

These look good on the weekend but not part of the uniform. Black is our colour not brown.

Not acceptable. →



←— Black runners are fine but they must be polishable. Black volleys don't polish up. **Not acceptable.**

Nice weekend skate shoes but not polishable and too much white down the edges. The only colour is black.

Not acceptable. →



I hope this clears up any misconceptions. Please keep these pictures in mind and ensure your child is in correct shoes for 2021.

Hoodies (jumpers with a hood) are also not part of our College uniform.

Uniforms

School Jumpers

(size 10-22) \$50

(size 24 & 26) \$60

School pants (tailored) \$45

(72cm—107cm)

PSC Bucket Hat \$8

Draw cord shorts \$20 (s - xl)

Tailored shorts \$25

(10 youth - 107cm)

Kilts \$75

(size 8—26)

Jacket \$85

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College Charges Instalment Plan

Parents are welcome to pay their essential materials and other charges by instalments over the school year. All you need to do is complete the Instalment Plan at the front office stating how much you will pay each week, fortnight or month and leave the form with the Business Manager. You are welcome to discuss payments with Business Manager Vicki Taylor at any time.

Ph: 55231344.

Personal Goods brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal Property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, IPODS, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance.

Staff, students and parent/guardians are reminded of this at the beginning of this academic year. Please do not bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Jo Kindred – Principal.

ASTHMA

If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (*e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl*) as well as a spacer while at school.

Ensure that you have provided your child's school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan.

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly.

Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.

Ensure that your child's asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child's school/preschool).

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au



Visiting Parents

All parents and visitors to the College are asked to report to the General Office immediately they enter the school grounds. The Office staff will then locate the staff member or student you wish to speak to. **Please do not wander around the grounds.**

Jo Kindred – Principal

Reminder to Parents

This is a reminder to parents/carers to keep an eye out for speed limits in designated school speed zones during specified times as follows:

(8.00 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4.00pm)

Portland Secondary College

2021 Canteen Menu (GST inclusive)

BREAKFAST 8.30 – 8.55 a.m. ONLY

TEA or COFFEE.....	1.50
HOT MILO	2.00
TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICH	3.50
TOASTED CHEESE & TOMATO SANDWICH	4.00
TOASTED CHEESE & HAM SANDWICH	4.50
TOASTED CHEESE, HAM & TOMATO SANDWICH	5.00
TOASTED CHEESE, HAM & PINEAPPLE SANDWICH	5.50

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAP (High Fibre or Multi Grain and Gluten Free available)

No charge for mayonnaise, mustard or chilli sauce	Sandwich	Roll or Pita
VEGEMITE	2.50	3.00
CHEESE.....	3.50	4.00
CHEESE, SALAD/BEETROOT.....	5.00	5.50
SALAD & BEETROOT	4.50	5.00
EGG & LETTUCE	4.50	5.00
TUNA & SALAD	6.50	7.00
HAM & CHEESE	4.50	5.00
HAM & TOMATO	4.50	5.00
HAM CHEESE & TOMATO	5.00	5.50
HAM & SALAD	6.50	7.00
HAM, SALAD & CHEESE	7.00	7.50
CHICKEN & LETTUCE	5.50	6.00
CHICKEN, SALAD/BEETROOT	6.50	7.00
OTHER COMBINATIONS AVAILABLE	Cheese	.50 extra
	Pineapple	.50 extra
	Egg	.50 extra

FRESH GARDEN SALADS

With cheese	5.00
With egg	5.00
With ham	6.50
With chicken	6.50

PASTA SALAD 2.00

FRESH FRUIT SALAD 3.50

JATZ BISCUITS

CELERY & CARROT

CHEESE

HOMMUS OR TZATSIKI

ASSORTED SLICE

MUFFINS

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HOT FOOD

We will have Gluten Free food on the menu this year.

Come in and tell us your suggestions.



BURGER BUNS HIGH FIBRE OR MULTIGRAIN

FLAME GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER	5.00
FLAME GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER WITH CHEESE.....	5.50
FLAME GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER WITH CHEESE & SALAD	7.50
MEAT BALL SUB.....	4.00
VEGI BURGER	5.00
VEGI BURGER WITH CHEESE	5.50
VEGI BURGER WITH CHEESE & SALAD	7.50
HOT CHEESE ROLL	4.00
HOT CHEESE & PINEAPPLE ROLL	4.50
HOT HAM & CHEESE ROLL	5.00
HOT HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO ROLL	5.50
HOT HAM, CHEESE & PINEAPPLE ROLL	5.50
HOT CHICKEN & MAYO ROLL	6.00
Sausage Roll.....	3.50
Pastie Roll.....	4.50
Chunky Steak Pie.....	5.50
Chicken & Leek Pie.....	5.50
Pastie.....	5.50
Vegetarian Pastie.....	5.50
Noodles.....	2.50



WATER - 600ml	2.00
Pump 750ml.....	3.50
Focus Flavoured Water 600ml	3.00
G Active (no sugar) 600ml.....	4.00



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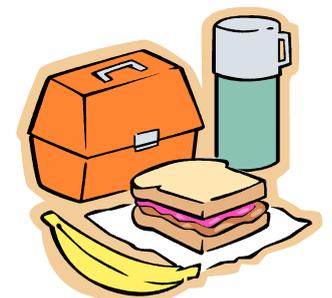
100% Juice Fresha 300ml	2.50
Fresha Fruit Juice Drink 500ml	3.50
Emma & Tom Juice.....	4.00

MILK

Oak Iced Milk 250ml	2.00
Oak Milk 600ml.....	4.00
Up & Go Milk 250 ml	2.00

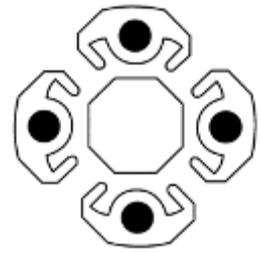
SOFT DRINK

Cans (no sugar) 375ml	3.00
Bottles (no sugar) 600ml.....	4.00



HELP

WE NEED YOU!!!



Would you be able to help in any of the following for 2021?

Canteen volunteer

Library

Working Bees

Helping at College sports days and interschool sport

Involvement in the College-Interest/skills areas (please specify.....)

NAME:.....

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:.....MOBILE:.....

EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

NAME AND YEAR LEVEL OF CHILD/CHILDREN:

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Parent Involvement

The College Council and staff encourage parent involvement in the school.

The advantages of parents being involved in our school activities are:-

- Knowledge of the school operations which will assist when you are discussing the school with your son or daughter.
- Opportunity to meet teachers who are teaching your child and as a result you are better able to discuss your child's progress with staff.
- As a parent, gain confidence in the school and feel much happier about entering the school to talk to the administration.
- Become more familiar with the student's work. As a result you will be better able to help your child with work at home.
- Your child sees that you have a real interest in him/her and a better relationship may result.
- The child, parent and teacher are better able to work as a team to educate your child.
- Your child builds up confidence in the school.
- You hear of possible changes and future directions in the College and are able to express your opinion and or assist in decisions.

Please return to General Office.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – payment arrangements for 2021

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) has changed to a Term one application process and payment cycle from 2021
- The changed timing of the program provides a better alignment with school budgeting and administrative processes and will give families certainty at the beginning of the year regarding CSEF eligibility.
- Applications for the CSEF program will open from the commencement of Term one 2021 helping to ensure that all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities.
- **Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply.** A special consideration category also exists.
- A payment of \$225 for eligible secondary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.
- The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.
- This initiative is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.
- **Application forms are available from the**

Attention Parents:

Parents please note this will be the only 'hard' copy of the Newsletter you will receive this year.

Each Monday the Newsletter will be posted on Compass and our website (see below). Parents of Year 7 students will receive/or may have already received a letter with their login details to access Compass.

A few hard copies of the Newsletter will still be printed and left at the front desk at school for your convenience.

Do you have a few hours free?

Our Canteen staff are always looking for volunteers to assist in the canteen. Please contact the school 55231344 if you can assist.

Thank you for your support.



FREEZA ARE RECRUITING FOR 2021!



THE FREEZA CREW HELP RUN YOUTH EVENTS IN THE GLENELG SHIRE.



AGE 12-25 YEARS

YOUTH EVENTS!

Live Music Events, Skate Comps, Art Projects, Youth Festivals and more.

LEARN NEW SKILLS!
Event management, design, media, performing, technical support, leadership, confidence and more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MADDY MCKINNA ON (03)5522 2137 OR MMCKINNA@GLENELG.VIC.GOV.AU



Wise and Witty Words.

When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

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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