



PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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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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Message from the Principal:

Here we are again – Lockdown 5.0. At very short notice we moved quickly into remote learning with students logging online for their classes. At this stage we don't know how long our lockdown is going to run, so it is vital that any student who is experiencing difficulties online or accessing Compass seek assistance from their Mentor or Level Leader. On any given day, at least two senior staff members are on site so contact can be made by phoning the College on 55231344 and assistance will be provided. Senior Students who are keen to know when their major assessments will take place will be notified of how this will work when we have more knowledge around the timeline of the lockdown. In the meantime we ask all our students and families continue to demonstrate the resilience they have shown in the previous four lockdowns. We have done it before so we can do it again!

In the meantime, school continues as normally as possible. In the first four days of term three, the staff managed to complete a full day of Professional Development, we moved back into the Global Learning Centre after the repairs to the building were completed and hosted a big morning tea for all Year 11 and 12 students, welcoming them and the relevant staff back into this space. Teams went off to compete in Cross Country, basketball and soccer and Senior students competed an online session of Study Skills with the Elevate Group.

Nominations are currently being called for the Australian Olympic Change-Maker 2021 program which is looking for inspiring young leaders in sport. To be eligible you must be in Year 10, 11 or 12 and must be leading a team, coaching juniors, supporting seniors, making a difference at a sports club, supporting a cause or promoting health and wellbeing. To nominate someone else or to register yourself please contact Ms Kindred via email on Joanne.Kindred@education.vic.gov.au.

The deadline for applications for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund which helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities has been extended. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 55231344 and ask for an application form. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page. Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school.

Semester reports were released on Compass for all students last week and parents are encouraged to download these reports and read them with their student(s). If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher. I'd like to share with you the comments of a Year 10 student who messaged one of their tutors on MS Teams. "Guess what? I got 4 endeavour awards and 1 excellence award !! Best report I ever got. Thank you all for the amazing support I get from you and many others. You and the other teachers are the only reason I turned my schooling around. I wanted to do better because you guys gave me the time of day and actually believed in me and made me finally believe in myself. I'm so very grateful." Wonderful feedback from a student who has recognised the value of a good education!



Jo Kindred
Principal

Important information for families as lockdown restrictions continue in Victoria.

Helplines for Students

Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800

Free, confidential counselling service available any time of the day or night by phone or webchat.

Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636

Call or chat online with a trained mental health professional any time of the day or night.

headspace - 1800 650 890 or 55221484 (Portland Office)

Online and telephone support service.

CAMHS

55619100

PSC - Student Service Office:

tania.beard@education.vic.gov.au

michelle.cables@education.vic.gov.au



PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE

REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE

MONDAY 19TH JULY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

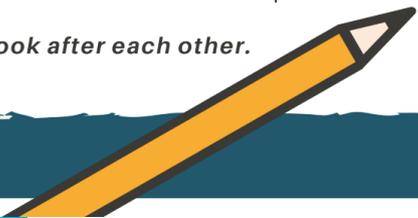
MENTOR

- Check in with your Mentor on Teams each morning.

FOLLOW NORMAL SCHOOL TIMETABLE

- Check in on Teams with your teacher every lesson.
- Follow your teacher's instructions for the lesson.
- At least two lessons for each subject, in the week will be online with cameras turned on.
- All work will be outlined on Compass, in the lesson plan section.
- All work is to be submitted on Compass.

Stay safe and look after each other.



Our Leadership Team



STAFF CONTACTS

PRINCIPAL CLASS

Joanne Kindred - Acting Principal
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Kirsten Mitchell - Acting Assistant Principal
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Senior School Assistant Principal - Carla Shiel
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THE COLLEGE

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During Remote Learning - 0417 526 748



Respectful - Successful - Resilient - Creative



Jo Kindred

Principal



Kirsten Mitchell

Assistant Principal



Emma Speers

Junior School
Assistant Principal



Matthew Powell

Middle School
Assistant Principal



Carla Shiel

Senior School
Assistant Principal

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey). It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' 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.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19th July to Sunday 22nd August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 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.

Survey results will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians through annual reporting, through Compass and through School Council. Last year we used the survey results to plan school activities and directions.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

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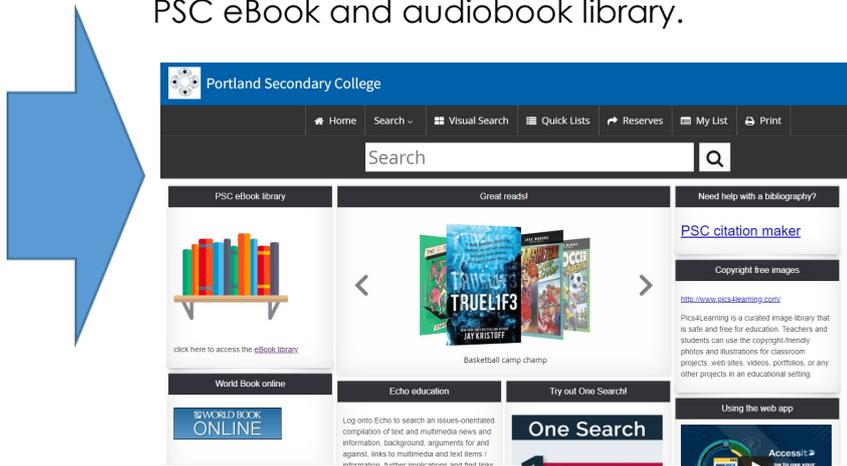
Thursday 12 August

***** All students at school*****

ANY CHANGES WILL BE NOTIFIED

Library news

Don't forget that lockdown or not, the library is still just a click away. We have an extensive eBook and audiobook library available 24/7. You can access the library web app via the star menu on Compass (log in via SSO using your Compass username@portlandsc.vic.edu.au and your Compass password) and you can find the PSC eBook and audiobook library.



In the Library web app you can also access World Book Online – a handy source for research.

There is also a link to the school's online citation maker to help with bibliographies and to pics4learning, which is a database of creative commons images. These images are ones that free of copyright and free to be used.

The One Search section has links to a number of useful online search engines that are aimed at a high school audience, making finding appropriate information and re-searching easier.

When searching for resources using the search bar in the Library web app, you will find a number of different formats – one of which is Clickview videos. Any that have the 'beetle' symbol are videos that can be viewed – if asked for logon details, use the same ones as above.

If you have any problems accessing any of these, please contact Miss Collins via Teams for assistance.



Happy reading!

Janelle Collins
Library

Year 8 Students enjoying the Library space available at PSC.





Doctors in Schools and the Services available at PSC

Visiting clinicians/specialists include:

Headspace | Portland District Health | Student Support Service | CAMHS by referral |
Vic Police | DHHS

Consulting each Wednesday at the purpose built Doctor's Pod located on school campus, appointments can be made at the Student Services office or directly at the Pod (on Wednesdays).

Please don't hesitate to contact Michelle or Tania if you have any questions about the above mentioned service.

Phone: 5523 1344

Family Payment Plans

Are now available via Compass using Parent login.

CentrePay Payment Plans are available for any Families that receive Centrelink payments.

Please contact the General Office for further assistance.

GWR Cross Country

On Thursday 15th July, Portland Secondary had 17 students from Year 7 – 10 travel to Warrnambool to compete in the Greater Western Region Cross Country.

All students demonstrated our school values of resilience, respect and success, to a very high standard. Well done to all our students for participating, doing their very best and representing our school at the next level.



Above:
PSC team
Left:
Year 8 student Eamon Drew



Congratulations to our 14-year-old boys for coming third overall and to Eamon Drew who has made it through to State Cross Country later in the year, we wish you the best of luck.

Emily Gorey
PE Department

Great opportunity for our students:

On the 24th of June 21 students from year 10 to 12 completed training with the CFMEU they under took the Construction Induction Card.

The Construction Induction Card allows you to legally enter construction and building sites from employer to employee, equipped with the essential safety knowledge required on-site. This course is endorsed by and meets the requirements of WorkSafe Victoria relating to OHS Induction training in the building and construction industry.

This training was provided at a discount rate and was supported by the CFMEU and the Office of Youth Victoria.



Year 12 students Jett Sandeman and Dane Skinner demonstrate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).



Suzanne Patterson
Career Advisor

The Laneways Project

Students from RE will be working with Julia Street Creative Arts Centre to assist with the Laneways Project. Using design skills, basic welding, and construction they will help with replacing the existing fence. The students visited the centre to familiarize themselves with the project and see what the centre has to offer in the way of art classes. Leadlight, textiles, photography, painting, woodwork. Thanks Robyn for the tour.



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Christine Hart
Satellite Campus Program Manager



News from the Food Hub!

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Welcome back for Term 3, there have been a lot of changes at The Food Hub. We farewelled Sharon at the end of last Term, and we welcome some new faces joining us this term.

We've had some changes with our suppliers and that has resulted in price changes on some hot food items –

Chicken burgers are dropping in price from \$5.50 to **\$5.00**

Pizza is increasing in price from \$1.50 for a ½ pizza to **\$2.00**

And from \$3.00 for a full pizza to **\$4.00**

We've put Samosa's back on the menu on a Monday and Spring Rolls are back on the menu for Friday to go with the Fried Rice. We have also added a small serve of Fried Rice for \$2.50.

We ran our Survey on compass at the end of last term, if you haven't had a chance, please have your say as we really value your input and feedback on the menu, prices and service.



School Beanies

We have plenty of school beanies in stock and available to be purchased at the General Office for \$15.



PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE VALUES

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SUCCESSFUL

BE RESILIENT

BE CREATIVE

GD Senior Soccer - Tuesday 13th June

On Tuesday the 13th of July, a team of students travelled to Ballarat to compete in the senior boys GWR soccer competition. Arriving at school ready to go at 6:30am, the boys were buzzing with excitement. As we neared Ballarat, the sounds of soccer anthems echoed through the bus. For a team that had minimal experience and had spent little time playing together, the boys stepped up to the occasion. The team started hot out of the blocks with a 2-0 win over Horsham College followed up with a 0-0 draw against Phoenix P-12. While the boys continued to play well, a few tough calls and strong opposition meant we went down 3-0 in each of the remaining two games.

Well done to all the boys for playing incredibly well and showing great team spirit. A special mention to Bodie Steel, Noah McKinnon and Dom Rice, who stepped up from year 9 to play with the older boys.

Results

2-0 vs Horsham College

0-0 vs Phoenix P-12

0-3 vs Emmanuel College

0-3 vs Trinity College



Above: Senior soccer team looking great in the PSC sport tops and Coach, Nathan Adams in Ballarat

Left: Goal keeper Karsen Edwards

GD Intermediate Basketball - Wednesday 14th June

On Wednesday the 14th of July, the PSC Intermediate boys basketball team travelled to Hamilton to compete in the GD basketball competition against Bayview College and Baimbridge College. The boys worked great together as a team and kept their heads despite some intense opposition. They won both of their games on the day and will now represent PSC at the GWR level of competition later this year in Ballarat.

Well done to all the boys on a great performance and for modeling good team spirit. Thank you to Jed Lucas for assisting as a referee for one of the games as well as Ty Matters and Charlie Piergrosse for helping to score.



Nathan Adams
Sport and Admin Trainee

There are a number of educational scholarships available for students to apply for. Parents need to visit the individual websites for eligibility criteria and details on how to apply.

The Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship Program provides practical support to lift the educational and career aspirations of high potential Australian girls who are experiencing socio-economic disadvantage. Each scholarship is valued at \$20,000 across four years – beginning in year nine. Applications are accepted from eligible female students (who are currently in year 8) who are enrolled in a public school within any state or territory of Australia. Basic eligibility and selection criteria can be found by visiting their website at www.hardingmillereducationfoundation.org.au

The Public Education Foundation's Jack Brockhoff Victorian Indigenous Scholarship supports Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in Public Schools in Victoria to successfully complete their senior years of schooling. The scholarship is supported by the Jack Brockhoff Foundation which was established in 1979 by the late Sir Jack Brockhoff. Sir Jack Brockhoff was Chairman and Managing Director of Brockhoff Biscuits Pty Ltd, a business established by his grandfather in 1880. Throughout his life, Sir Jack was keen to assist others in the community less fortunate than himself. The Foundation exists to support the health and wellbeing of all Victorians. Eight scholarships are available in 2022. The scholarship will provide financial support of \$1,250 per year in year 11 and year 12 for each student (total scholarship value is \$2,500 per student). To apply for the Jack Brockhoff Victorian Indigenous Scholarship, students can access the link to the online portal via the Foundation's website – <http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships>

The Public Education Foundation's National Secondary Scholarships support two Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students, two refugee students and two students currently experiencing financial hardship that may prevent them from continuing their senior years of education in a public school. (*Note – a student may only apply for one PEF National Secondary scholarship*). Six scholarships are available in 2022. The scholarship will provide financial support of \$1,500 per year in year 10, 11 and 12 for each students (total scholarship value is \$4,500 per student). To apply for the PEF National Secondary Scholarships, students can access the link to the online portal via the Foundation's website – Please select *either* the FINANCIAL NEED, INDIGENOUS *or* REFUGEE scholarship when applying <http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships>

The Public Education Foundation's Rural & Remote Indigenous Secondary Scholarship supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in Australian public schools in rural or remote areas. The intent of the scholarship is to allow students to engage, learn, strive, reach their full potential and excel through their final two years of secondary education. The scholarship will provide financial support of \$2,000 per year in years 11 and 12 to help the student with resources and services relevant to improving their educational outcomes. To apply for the PEF Remote Indigenous Secondary Scholarship, students can access the link to the online portal via the Foundation's website – <http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships>

Jo Kindred
Principal





Community News

We love hearing from our community, please contact us if you have an event or story to share.

newsletter@portlandsc.vic.edu.au | Ph: 5523 1344



Students will explore the future world of work, technology, futurism and the rapid changes occurring in our world.

Furthermore you will learn more about employability skills, the Pivot Career Navigator tool and the latest research by the Foundation for Young Australians about the impacts of globalisation and technology on future careers thinking and employment prospects.

FUTURE WORLD OF WORK AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

EMMA VAN SMALE
HEAD OF INNOVATION, PRODUCT AND OPS,
25EIGHT

SUSAN PETTIGREW
MANAGER - SCHOOLS, JOBS & PATHWAYS,
SOUTH WEST TAFE



22ND OF JULY
1:00PM - 2:30PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

<https://bit.ly/3vRhKAD>

MEETING ID: 894 0192 7235
PASSCODE: 291109



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT NATASHA@GSGLLEN.ORG.AU



Junior Basketball Registration Now Open!!

Juniors Domestic Spring Season (8-15 years)

- Registrations close **25/07/2021**
- Teams & Game Times announced **04/08/2021**
- The season will commence **11/08/2021**
- Girls (8-15yrs) - Wednesday Nights
- Boys (8-15yrs) - Friday Nights

Coaster Hoops Program (5-7 years)

Is the our 10 week introductory to basketball program, providing a fun, supportive and inclusive basketball experience for 5-7-year olds. Our Coasters Hoops program is designed to introduce kids to the game of basketball with planned skills and activities that will lead to modified game play and leading to match ready participants who will then easily transition into our local junior competitions. Commencing **17/08/2021**.

For more info or to register visit www.portlandbasketball.com.au/domestic or scan QR code



SPOTLIGHT ON AQUATIC CENTRE JOBS

Presented brought to you by:

JOIN OUR WEBINAR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SWIM TEACHING AND LIFE GUARDING JOBS.

LOOKING AT JOB OPTIONS FOR YOUR GAP YEAR? OR LOOKING AT A NEW CAREER TO FIT IN WITH FAMILY LIFE?

When: Monday, July 19
Time: 5.30pm
Where: via Zoom
Register via QR code

CAREER STORIES

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4

Industry representatives will share an interactive discussion with students about their career journeys. Click on the link at the dedicated time for the industry that interests you.

Business, Accounting and Law
3:00-4:00pm

Agriculture, Environment and Culture
4:00-5:00pm

Health
5:00-6:00pm

To get the zoom link you will have to register to the event via the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlceGqjJtoCdbriHcljEcBuQqkyZ5vRghL>

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT NATASHA@GSGLLEN.ORG.AU