



# Portland Secondary College Newsletter

**TERM 2 WEEK 10**

26TH JUNE 2026

## Highlights

- Principal's report
- Library News
- Outdoor Ed
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- Careers
- D&D Club
- Hands On Learning
- Fundraisers
- School Calendar
- Community News and more

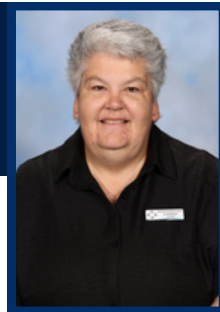
## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**
  - Student Free Day
  - Staff Professional Development Day
  - 2027 Year 7 Scholarships Open
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**
  - Students commence Term 3 classes
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**
  - Tertiary Tour
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**
  - 2027 Year 7 Scholarships Close @ 4pm
  - Year 9 Explorer Day
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**
  - Year 8 Camp – Adelaide
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**
  - Year 8 Recovery Day (Year 8 students not required @ school)



**Portland Secondary College is a Child Safe School**

# Jo Kindred, Principal



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It's the last week of Term 2 and what a term it has been!

Today marks the end of Semester One as the whole school moves into Semester Two after the holidays (our Seniors have already begun Semester 2). Senior students will no doubt be given some tasks to complete over the holidays but otherwise we hope all students can find the time to take a break and recuperate, ready to work hard in Term 3.

Reports will be available from Friday afternoon on Compass. Parents are advised to check individual tasks on Compass in order to see how their student went across the semester.

Over the past fortnight, all students sitting a Year 12 subject this year, sat the General Achievement test, the GAT, which is used to help moderate their final end of year exam scores. Our year 10 students travelled to Deakin University in Warrnambool to attend an immersive on-campus experience which provided students with insights into Uni life through hands-on learning, access to learning spaces and student panels, breaking common myths about higher education. Students got to try their hand at the practical side of many courses on offer at Deakin and the day was enjoyed by all who attended. Our Year 9 Outdoor Education and Photography students travelled to Tower Hill near Warrnambool where they worked in teams to navigate their way around the reserve, capturing images of local wildlife, geological features and parks infrastructure. This excursion provided a valuable opportunity for students to apply the skills they have learnt over the semester in a real world setting.

The students completing the Passport to Employment program enjoyed a Graduation lunch last Tuesday and showcased the skills they had learned over the past few weeks in regards to seeking employment and our Year 10 students are currently away in Melbourne enjoying a three day camp. Whilst on camp, students will be staying at The Village in Melbourne CBD and will participate in a variety of activities including a River Cruise, the Big Issue Classroom, Shopping, Bounce, Ice-skating, and visiting the Old Melbourne Goal and Melbourne Zoo.

Students have to navigate their way around Melbourne via bus, tram and trains, a very new experience for many of our students. We will hear about camp in the first newsletter next term.

Unfortunately, at the end of the week we are also farewelling four staff. Mr Denis Belden, who works as a Classroom Aide and in the Hands On Learning Program is leaving to return to the Portland Observer. Mandie Pethybridge, the Laboratory Technician is moving to Geelong to be closer to family. Ms Mara Satins is moving to Melbourne and our Disability Inclusion Manager, Ms Liz Paulet, is retiring. We wish all these people the very best in the next phase of their lives and thank them for the years of service they have provided to the PSC Community. We will have some new staff to introduce next term.

Finally, a reminder that School finishes at 2:30pm on Friday as we move into the holidays. I wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing holiday. Stay Safe and we'll see you all next term.



# 2027 YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS



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## 2027 YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP

**OPEN DATE: MONDAY 13 JULY 2026**

Students wishing to apply for a 2027 Year 7 scholarship at Portland Secondary College may collect a scholarship pack from our General Office or from their primary school's General Office from **13 July 2026**. Applications must be returned to Portland Secondary College General Office or submitted via email by **24 July 2026**.

### CONTACT US

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03 5523 1344

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2027 YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

We are pleased to announce that applications for our 2027 Year 7 Scholarships will open on Monday, 13 July.

If you have any questions, please contact our General Office on (03) 5523 1344.



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***It's not ok to be away***

| When you are away... | That equals ...   | Which is ...      | And over 13 years of schooling, that's ... |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1 day per fortnight  | 20 days per year  | 4 weeks per year  | Nearly <b>1.5 years</b>                    |
| 1 day per week       | 40 days per year  | 8 weeks per year  | Over <b>2.5 years</b>                      |
| 2 days per week      | 80 days per year  | 16 weeks per year | Over <b>5 years</b>                        |
| 3 days per week      | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly <b>8 years</b>                      |

***Attendance matters! All day everyday!***

Respect

Success

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Does it matter if your student misses a day here and there?

Does it make a difference if they "just take a day off"?

YES, IT DOES!

Attendance matters at PSC – YOUR student's attendance matters!

Every day your child misses' school is a day of missed learning.

One missed day a week equates to 40 days a year of missed learning.

Please make sure your child attends school every day.

We have attendance officers for each Year level who will make calls home regarding student absences.

If your child does need to be absent from school, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make contact with the school to provide the reason for the absence. This can be done by calling our general office 5523 1344 or via your parental Compass app.





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# **REMINDER... MOBILE PHONE BAN**



A reminder that the Victorian Government and Department of Education have banned mobile phones at all government schools. Students may bring phones due to travel needs, but they must be stored in locked lockers for the entire day. Phones are not to be in pockets, bags, or pencil cases. If a phone is seen or detected, it will be collected in line with government regulations.

This rule also applies when arriving and leaving—please wait until you are off school grounds before using your phone.

Any collected phone will be secured at the General Office, and parents will be contacted to pick it up. Failure to hand over a phone when asked will result in suspension from the year level manager.

# Portland Secondary College

## 2026 TERM 3 CALENDAR

### JULY

Monday 13th - Student Free Day

- Staff Professional Development Day

- 2027 Year 7 Scholarships Open

Tuesday 14th - Students commence Term 3 classes

Thursday 16th - Tertiary Tour

- State Cross Country

Friday 17th - Tertiary Tour

Friday 24th - 2027 Year 7 Scholarships Close @ 4pm

- Year 9 Explorer Day

Monday 27th - Year 8 Camp - Adelaide

Tuesday 28th - Year 8 Camp - Adelaide

Wednesday 29th - Year 8 Camp - Adelaide

Thursday 30th - Year 8 Camp - Adelaide

Friday 31st - Year 8 Recovery Day (*Year 8 students not required at school*)

### AUGUST

Tuesday 4th - 9A & 9B Party Ready

Wednesday 5th - 9C Party Ready

Monday 10th - Year 9 & 10 Science Engineering Challenge (*selected students only*)

Wednesday 12th - Year 9 & 10 Boys Basketball - Ballarat

Wednesday 19th - Year 7 - 12 Netball Championships

Monday 24th - Friday 28th - Book Week

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st - Year 7 & 8 Basketball

Tuesday 8th - Table Tennis/Badminton

Wednesday 9th - Public Speaking State Final - Ballarat



Calendar was last updated on  
25/06/2026.

Please monitor Compass,  
Newsletters & Social Media  
regularly for updates.



# The Food Hub

## 2026 Menu

### BREAKFAST 8.30-8.55AM

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Tea or Coffee                         | \$2.00 |
| Hot Milo                              | \$2.00 |
| Toasted Cheese Sandwich               | \$3.00 |
| Toasted Cheese & Tomato Sandwich      | \$3.50 |
| Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich         | \$4.00 |
| Toasted Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich | \$4.50 |

### SANDWICHES & ROLLS

| <i>Available in White &amp; Multigrain</i> | <i>Sandwiches</i> | <i>Rolls</i> |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Vegemite                                   | \$2.00            | \$2.50       |
| Vegemite & Cheese                          | \$3.00            | \$3.00       |
| Cheese                                     | \$3.00            | \$3.50       |
| Cheese & Tomato                            | \$3.50            | \$4.00       |
| Cheese, Beetroot & Salad                   | \$4.50            | \$5.00       |
| Ham & Cheese                               | \$4.00            | \$4.50       |
| Ham, Cheese & Tomato                       | \$4.50            | \$5.00       |
| Ham & Salad                                | \$6.00            | \$6.50       |
| Ham, Cheese & Salad                        | \$6.50            | \$7.00       |
| Egg & Lettuce                              | \$4.00            | \$4.50       |
| Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo                    | \$5.00            | \$5.50       |
| Chicken & Salad                            | \$5.50            | \$6.00       |
| Chicken, Cheese & Salad                    | \$6.00            | \$6.50       |
| Salad & Beetroot                           | \$4.00            | \$4.50       |

*No charge for Mayo, Sweet Chilli Sauce other Sandwich combinations available upon request.*

### WRAPS

|                               | <i>Half Wrap</i> | <i>Full Wrap</i> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ham, Cheese & Salad           | \$4.00           | \$8.00           |
| Chicken, Cheese & Salad       | \$4.00           | \$8.00           |
| Falafel, Cheese & Salad       | \$4.00           | \$8.00           |
| Egg, Cheese & Salad           | \$4.00           | \$8.00           |
| Veggie Burger, Cheese & Salad | \$4.00           | \$8.00           |

*No charge for Mayo, Sweet Chilli Sauce .*

### SALADS

|                              | <i>Small</i> | <i>Large</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fresh Fruit Salad            | \$3.50       | N/A          |
| Garden Salad Bowl w/ Cheese  | \$5.00       | \$8.00       |
| Garden Salad Bowl w/ Egg     | \$5.00       | \$8.00       |
| Garden Salad Bowl w/ Chicken | \$5.00       | \$8.00       |

*No charge for Sauce .*



## HOT FOOD

*Burger Buns & Rolls available in White & Multigrain*

|                                                   |        |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Flame Grilled Chicken Burger No Cheese            | \$5.00 |
| Flame Grilled Chicken Burger with Cheese          | \$5.50 |
| Flame Grilled Chicken Burger with Cheese & Salad  | \$7.50 |
| Flame Grilled Beef Burger with Sauce, No Cheese   | \$5.00 |
| Flame Grilled Beef Burger with Cheese & Sauce     | \$5.50 |
| Flame Grilled Beef Burger w/Cheese, Sauce & Salad | \$7.50 |
| Veggie Burger with Cheese                         | \$5.00 |
| Veggie Burger with Cheese & Salad                 | \$7.00 |
| Hot Cheese Roll                                   | \$3.50 |
| Hot Ham & Cheese Roll                             | \$4.50 |
| Hot Chicken & Mayonnaise Roll                     | \$5.50 |
| Premium Beef Pie                                  | \$5.00 |
| Plain Sausage Roll                                | \$4.30 |
| Cheese & Bacon Sausage Roll                       | \$4.30 |
| Hot Ham & Cheese Croissant                        | \$4.50 |
| Noodles                                           | \$2.70 |
| Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll                          | \$5.50 |

## DRINKS

|                                        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Cool Ridge 600ml                       | \$2.00 |
| Cool Ridge 750ml                       | \$3.50 |
| Focus Flavoured Water 600ml            | \$3.00 |
| Gatorade Active Water (No Sugar) 600ml | \$4.50 |
| Juice Bombs                            | \$2.50 |
| Fresha Fruit Juices 500ml              | \$4.00 |
| Emma & Toms Juices                     | \$4.50 |
| Up 'n' Go Flavoured Milks 250ml        | \$2.50 |
| Oak Iced Milk 200ml                    | \$2.20 |
| Oak Flavoured Milks 600ml              | \$4.50 |
| Ice Break Iced Coffee 500ml            | \$4.50 |
| Cans 375mls (No Sugar)                 | \$3.00 |
| Bottles 600mls (No Sugar)              | \$4.50 |
| Iced Honeycomb Nippy's                 | \$3.70 |
| Chill Iced Teas Assorted               | \$3.50 |

# SNACKS

|                                                |                           |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Assorted Fruit - Banana, Apple, Mandarin       | From \$0.70 to \$1.00     |
| Peaches                                        | \$1.50                    |
| Yoghurt Frogs                                  | \$0.20                    |
| Jatz Crackers                                  | \$0.50                    |
| Hummus                                         | \$1.50                    |
| Cheese                                         | \$0.50                    |
| Custard Scrolls                                | \$3.00                    |
| Muesli Bar                                     | \$1.00                    |
| Sultanas                                       | \$0.80                    |
| Jam or Lemon Biscuits                          | \$0.50                    |
| Assorted Muffins - Blueberry or Chocolate Chip | \$3.40                    |
| Banana Bread                                   | \$3.50                    |
| Cheesymite Scroll or Cheese & Bacon Scroll     | \$3.00                    |
| Bread Roll                                     | \$1.50                    |
| Eclipse Mints                                  | \$3.70                    |
| Monster Cookies                                | \$3.00                    |
| Slices from Clarks & Chitticks - Assorted      | Small \$2.20 Large \$4.40 |
| Our Hub Slices - Assorted                      | Small \$1.50 Large \$3.00 |
| Large Packet Chips                             | \$3.00                    |
| Small Packet Chips                             | \$2.00                    |
| Chocolate Brownie                              | \$3.40                    |
| Snapstix                                       | \$1.20                    |
| Frozen Yoghurt (Bulla)                         | \$3.00                    |



We have a "Daily Specials Board" displaying additional Hot Food Options not listed on this menu, they are specific to that day and change Seasonally.

Prices may be subject to change.





## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) 2026

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process is part of the school census and relates to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

There are four categories of disability included in the data:

- Physical
- Cognitive
- Sensory (ASD)
- Social/emotional (mental health/ADHD)

Teachers provide reasonable adjustments to enable students with disability to access education on the same basis as their peers.

This NCCD information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how we can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that we can review learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

Teachers play an important role in recording the adjustments made for students with disability to be included in learning planning. Adjustments are made in four categories:

- Quality differentiated teaching practice – class wide adjustments
- Supplementary adjustments – provided some of the time
- Substantial adjustments – provided most of the time
- Extensive adjustments – provided all of the time

These adjustments are supported by evidence such as IEPs, (Individual Education Plan) Student Support Group minutes and similar documents.

We included students in this census for whom we are making adjustments and families can see these adjustments on Compass.

Many students manage their learning at school with classroom adjustments however, if a student is struggling to make growth in their learning, speak to your child's mentor around different adjustments.

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## SIENNA STONE - BASKETBALL



Congratulations to our School Captain, Sienna, on another outstanding achievement.

ATC Academy has just announced Sienna as part of their July 2026 USA Tour Squad!

"Introducing Sienna Stone, a 6'1 forward out of Victoria, Australia.

Sienna is an exciting prospect in the Class of 2027 and brings a powerful, versatile style of play that translates exceptionally well to the American game:

- Strong, physical forward who embraces contact and competes every possession
- Versatile offensive threat who can stretch the floor and knock down the three
- Has the ability to put the ball on the floor and get to the rim with confidence
- Uses her size and strength to punish smaller defenders in the post
- Physical presence on both ends of the floor who impacts the game in multiple ways
- High-upside prospect whose game continues to develop at a rapid rate

We're incredibly excited to see Sienna take her game to the United States this July and showcase her talents in front of college coaches at Run 4 Roses and Nike TOC.

Her combination of size, strength, versatility, and toughness makes her a player that will be exciting for college coaches to evaluate.

We can't wait to see how her game translates on the biggest stage this summer."



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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## HERNY VON TUNK - VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT



### YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE

"From 17 June to 18 June, I spent two days undertaking work experience at the Victorian Parliament with the local State Member, the Hon. Roma Britnell. There, I experienced firsthand what it is like in the world of politics and gained an understanding of the daily life of a politician during a parliamentary sitting week.

During my time there, I witnessed multiple Question Times, observed bills being passed, met many politicians, received a tour of Parliament, got swarmed by reporters at one point, attended both an inaugural and a farewell speech, and met the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition.

The two days were a great experience, and if given the opportunity, I would 100% do it again."



Pictured with Henry:

Jess Wilson (Opposition Leader), Roma Britnell (Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety), and Brad Roswell (Shadow Minister for Education).

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## MIA McDOWELL - GYMNASTICS

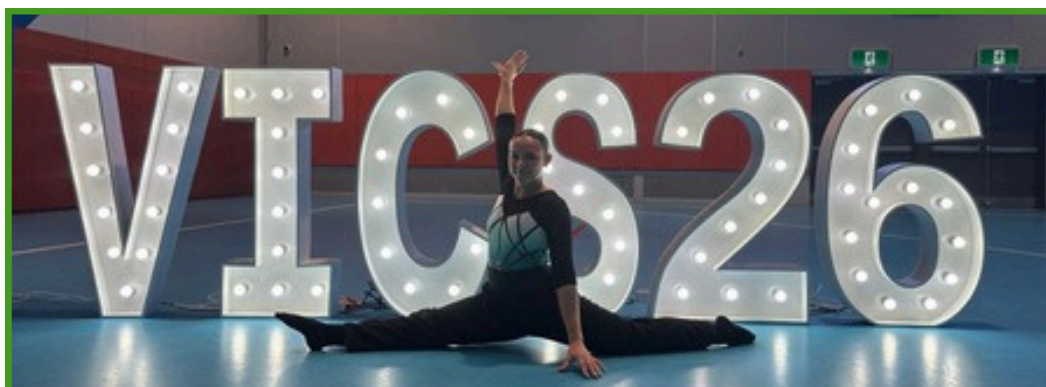


Congratulations to PSC student Mia, who recently competed at the Senior Victorian State Gymnastics Championships.

The event took place in Melbourne at the State Netball Hockey Centre at the end of May and marked Mia's 3rd year qualifying as a senior gymnast and her 8th year competing at this level.

Mia delivered incredible results — 11th on bars, 19th on floor, and 23rd overall out of 63 gymnasts from across Victoria. Even more impressively, she achieved this while training fewer hours than many of her competitors.

A huge congratulations to Mia on her outstanding achievements!





## 2027 YEAR 9, 10 & 11 PATHWAYS

### SAVE THE DATES

Parents/Guardians and students, please note the following important dates regarding subject pathways for 2027.

It is important that students and families attend interviews and information sessions to stay informed and make well-considered subject choices.

 **Monday 20 July** – Subject Handbooks available on Compass.

 **Wednesday 22 July** – VCE/VM Parent Teacher Interviews (3:40 pm–5:40 pm, GLC). Families will receive their Subject Selections Portal access code. Interviews can be booked via Compass.

 **Wednesday 22 July** – 2027 Information Night (Drama Centre):

Year 9 (2027) @ 5:30 pm

Year 10 (2027) @ 6:15 pm

Year 11 VCE/VM (2027) @ 7:00 pm

 **Monday 27 July** – Subject Selections open online. Students will receive a unique code required to complete selections.

 **Monday 3 August** – Year 10 (2027) Pathway Interviews. Times will be communicated via Compass. No Year 9 (2026) classes.

 **Tuesday 4 August** – Year 11 (2027) Pathway Interviews. Times will be communicated via Compass. No Year 10 (2026) classes. Year 10 students studying a VCE subject must attend scheduled VCE classes.

 **Friday 7 August** – Subject Selections close.

 **Wednesday 12 August – Friday 14 August** – Year 11 (2027) VM Interviews. Interview times will be communicated via Compass after subject selections. Students and a parent/guardian are expected to attend.

 **Monday 7 September** – Students receive their 2027 subject choices via student email. Any changes or clashes must be addressed during that week in consultation with parents/guardians.

 **Friday 18 September** – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Years 7–12, 2026). Interviews can be made via Compass.

Questions can be directed to:

Assistant Principal Ms Kirsten Mitchell – [Kirsten.Mitchell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kirsten.Mitchell@education.vic.gov.au)

Assistant Principal Mr Colin Payne – [Colin.Payne@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Colin.Payne@education.vic.gov.au)

 General Office: (03) 5523 1344





## APPLIED MATHS

Miss Satin's Year 10 Applied Maths class have been putting the "applied" into Applied Maths. This term, they have been finding and exploring mathematics through a range of hands-on activities. These have included baking and constructing gingerbread houses, incorporating measurement, nets, scaling, budgeting, timekeeping and converting.

The class also made good use of the new school bus. A round of golf provided the data for a statistical analysis, with students comparing the number of shots per hole against par.

Chocolate chip cookies were used to introduce statistical concepts and develop data analysis skills.

Portland was also explored through geocaching, which involved location, navigation and organisational skills.

Great work, Year 10 Applied Maths!





## DEAKIN IMMERSION DAY

Our Year 10 students recently travelled to Deakin University Warrnambool to participate in two hands-on workshops of their choice.

Workshop options included:

**Health** – This workshop combined Nursing, Medical Imaging, Occupational Therapy, and Medicine. Students tested their skills in taking medical observations, infection control, and developing plans to support independent living. This workshop ran over two sessions.

**Sports Management** – Students explored careers in sport and used their design skills to create a new AFL Tasmania or Super Netball team.

**Health Promotion** – This workshop combined psychology and marketing, allowing students to create population health campaigns and experience the effects of impairment using "beer goggles".

**Animal Conservation** – Students helped design the penguin homes of the future.

**Marine Science** – Students learned about oil spill management and developed strategies to clean up environmental disasters.

**Engineering and Construction** – Working in teams, students tested their skills in bridge building and designing wind turbine blades.

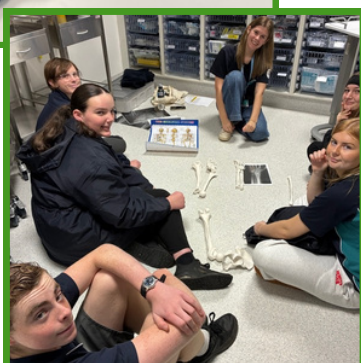
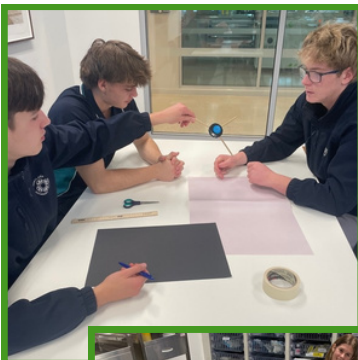
**Advertising** – Students learned about branding and the art of storytelling while creating advertising campaigns for products of the future.

**Education** – "Breadgogy or Pedagogy?" Students explored what it takes to be a teacher through a fun toast-making simulation that highlighted effective teaching practices.

**Discover Deakin** – Students heard from current Deakin University students about university life and learned about the opportunities available at Deakin, including a tour of the campus and accommodation facilities.

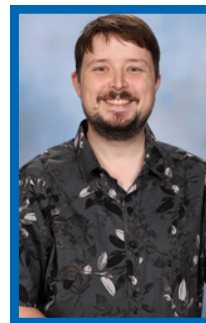
Following the workshops, students enjoyed lunch in the café.

Thank you to Ms Patterson, Ms Speers, Mrs Outtram, and Mr Dawson for accompanying the students and helping make the day a success.





# Thurston Bassett, Braden Dawson, Michael Willie



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Fuelled by the current pop-culture craze, three groups of students from Years 7–10 have been playing Dungeons & Dragons during lunchtimes and after school.

Each student created their own character, which was then 3D-printed and painted. Students bring these characters to life within the world of D&D, working together to make decisions that shape the story of their adventure.

Mr Bassett, Mr Dawson and Mr Willie run weekly sessions, with other staff members occasionally joining in as guest characters.



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# THE PUSH UP CHALLENGE

Our VCE VM students took part in The Push-Up Challenge from 3–26 June 2026 to raise awareness and funds for mental health in Australia. To date, our team has completed more than 60,000 push-ups and raised over \$2,000 for Headspace Australia.

This year, our PSC Student Ambassadors, Year 12 students Koda and Jaron Macleod, share their experiences:

“The Student Ambassador Program gave me the skills I needed to better support those around me who may be going through a difficult time with their mental health. We were also able to build a solid foundation at our school, encouraging open conversations about mental health and suicide prevention.” – Koda

“The Push-Up Challenge helped me maintain my fitness, develop my leadership skills, and contribute to building a solid foundation at PSC for open conversations about mental health and suicide prevention. The challenge also provided an amazing opportunity to learn about and support organisations that deserve greater recognition and support, such as Headspace.”  
– Jaron

A poster for 'THE PUSH UP CHALLENGE' at Portland Secondary College. The poster has a yellow and orange background. It features the text 'THE PUSH UP CHALLENGE' in large, bold, black letters. Below the text is a photo of two male students, Koda and Jaron Macleod, in a push-up position on a grey metal bench outdoors. To the right of the photo is the Headspace logo, which consists of a green square with a white outline of two people and the word 'headspace' below it. At the bottom right is a QR code.



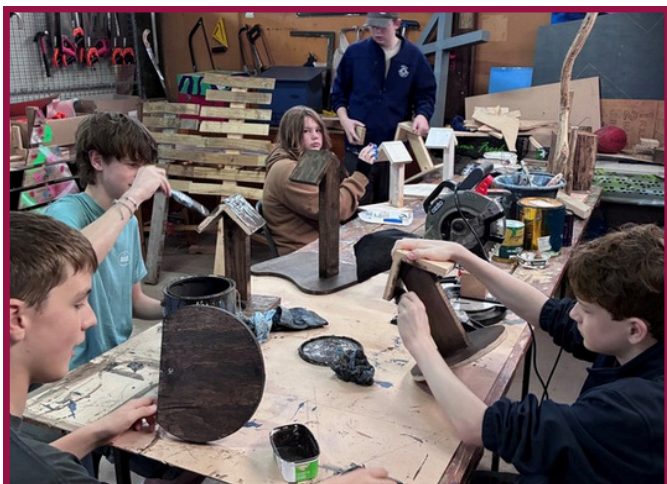
# HANDS ON LEARNING

The Portland Secondary College Hands on Learning crew have been spending a lot of time inside their shed during the recent wet weather.

Alongside the personal projects they have been working on each Wednesday throughout Term 2, they were recently given a group challenge to create a book holder or stand.

The students were given an overview of the project and an example of what the finished product could look like but were also given the freedom to adapt the design to their liking.

Some students modified their designs so that, instead of a book holder, the finished item could be used as a bird feeder or a dog bowl stand.



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**Sam Wells, Outdoor Education Teacher**



# OUTDOOR EDUCATION & PHOTOGRAPHY – TOWER HILL

Students from the Year 9 Outdoor Education and Photography electives enjoyed an engaging end-of-semester excursion to Tower Hill.

Throughout the day, students took part in a photography scavenger hunt designed to help them explore the reserve while applying skills developed in class. Outdoor Education students used their orienteering knowledge to navigate the walking tracks and locate key checkpoints, while Photography students focused on capturing creative images of landforms, wildlife, and other interesting features around the site.

The excursion provided a valuable opportunity for both groups to learn outside the classroom and apply their practical skills in a real-world setting. Students worked cooperatively, supported one another, and demonstrated maturity and respect throughout the day. Many took the chance to challenge themselves, whether by tackling difficult terrain, experimenting with photography techniques, or stepping into leadership roles within their groups.

Overall, the day was a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved and a great way to conclude the semester's learning.



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**Rebecca Harrison – PE Teacher**  
**Dale Cumming – PE Teacher**



# GREAT SOUTH WEST WALK

Our Year 8 students have spent much of this term exploring Portland's beautiful coastline and completing sections of the world-famous Great South West Walk as part of their weekly activities.

We hope this inspires our students and their families to get out and explore parts of the GSWW during the school holidays.







## Library News

Don't forget that even while we are on holidays, the PSC Library web app is there giving access to resources and our eBook and audiobook library 24/7!

You can find the Library web app link under the star menu on Compass. Log in via the blue 'Login via SSO' button and the following:

Username: OPAC

Password: read

This should work, and next term students will be given new credentials to log in. Once logged in, you can access the eBook library where you can find both eBooks and audio books – great for listening to on a long drive!

**Book Week** is approaching. This year the theme is 'Symphony of Stories' and the official week is from 22 August – 28 August.

We will be holding our annual dress up day during this week (day TBC) – why not start planning your book-inspired outfit during the holidays? More details will be publicised next term, but students not dressing up as a book inspired character are expected to be in full school uniform.

We have a number of the titles on this year's short list available for borrowing, whether in physical or digital format. Why not check something out before the winner is announced? Some are available as audiobooks, so why not borrow from our eLibrary and listen while travelling during the break?

Happy reading (or listening) 😊





# PORTLAND Community News

newsletter@schools.vic.edu.au | 03 5523 1344



**School Holiday Program on offer  
UNDER THE DOME**

Join us on the  
**30th June & 2nd July**

**Primary School students**  
10:00 - 11:30 am

**Secondary School students**  
1:30 - 3:00 pm

- Drills & Roving Jack Attack game
- 🎁 Random prizes on offer
- 🍷 Bowls are provided
- 🆓 **FREE** to participate

**Contact Paul on 0420 931 265 to register**

FREE APPETIZERS      FREE MOCKTAILS AND HOT DRINKS

## LIVE & Local

Friday 10 July  
The Yacht Club, Portland  
5:00 - 9:30 PM

**Family Friendly Event. Must register due to limited capacity.**

Join us for a special evening as we celebrate the amazing participants of Life Hacks: Intro to Hospo! Enjoy free appetizers, mocktails, and hot drinks, served by our talented trainees gaining hands-on experience. The evening will also feature a Battle of the Jams, showcasing the local talent of the young musicians within our Shire.

FREE ENTRY - REGISTER VIA QR CODE, or google  
Glenelg Youth Team Eventbrite. Otherwise please  
contact us on 035522 2250 youths@services  
@glenelg.vic.gov.au to find out more.



Funded by Amplify, Run by Glenelg Shire Council Youth Team

## FUN SWIM

FUN SWIM provides young swimmers with a fun and engaging program to explore racing, and develop and improve 'race ready' skills.



**1HR**

TOTAL SWIM TIME



UP TO 12 YEARS



RACE READY SKILLS

**Get in touch to find out more!**

Portland Swimming Club is introducing FUN SWIM to Portland on Sundays in Term 3  
Starting Week 3!  
8 Weeks / \$38 Registration  
Enquiries: portlandswimclub@outlook.com.au

FUN SWIM is made possible through the Glenelg Shire Community Grants

Portland Swimming Club Fun Swim  
Expression of Interest 2026/2027



PORTLAND SWIM CLUB  
Southern Blue Fins

# UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

## Information for Schools

**YOUthrive**  
VICTORIA

A legacy of Helen Macpherson Smith



## University Scholarships (valued at \$40,000) 18 to be awarded across Rural Victoria in 2027

For young rural Victorians wanting to study a Bachelors Degree at university following year 12. The primary selection criteria is need followed by demonstrated leadership capacity or potential, desire to return to rural Victoria after graduation, community service and academic ability.

### What is an endorsement?

Youthrive Victoria University Scholarship applications require an endorsement from the student's secondary school. This provides the scholarship panel with supporting information and confirmation of circumstance and need.

### How many applications can be endorsed per school?

Each school can endorse up to four (4) worthy applications each year, giving consideration and priority to those whose need is highest. Schools with large year 12 cohorts may apply for further endorsement allocations if necessary. Please email [andrew@youthrivevic.org.au](mailto:andrew@youthrivevic.org.au)

### Who can provide endorsements?

Applicants must first consult with their Principal to determine who can provide an endorsement. In the application the student will insert details of the approved endorser.

- The endorser will be sent the required response form.
- The principal will be advised

It is our expectation that the school will monitor the number of endorsed applications.

### Gap Year Students

Students returning from a gap year are able to apply for a Youthrive Victoria University Scholarship. They must also be endorsed by their secondary school. This student will count in the 4 allowable applications.

An online information session discussing endorsements will be held on Tuesday 21 July from 3.45-4.15pm.

Please register [here](https://youthrivevic.org.au).

**[youthrivevictoria.org.au](https://youthrivevic.org.au)**





# VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

## Information for Schools

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## Rural Chances Scholarships (valued at \$6,000)

For young rural Victorians who are facing financial or social challenges, who have career aspirations and want to/or are studying at TAFE or undertaking an apprenticeship.

### To meet the eligibility criteria applicants will need to:

- Be 16-24 years of age;
- Hold a current Centrelink health care card, or provide evidence of financial hardship;
- Identify a TAFE qualification (Certificate III or above) they would like to enrol in or are enrolled in OR an apprenticeship they would like to undertake;
- Be accountable for the use of scholarship funds;
- Participate in publicity/promotional material and research.

### Who can submit references?

This reference is a general personal reference from someone who knows the young person well. This reference should provide details of personal qualities, potential and genuine need. The referee can be a teacher, employer, family friend, family member or someone else who knows them well.

### Application Process

Applicants are welcome to apply each year, regardless of previous outcomes. Applications may be submitted in either written or video-recorded format.

### Scholarship Value

Rural Chances Scholarships can be used to fund anything that supports a young person's ability to study, including car registration and petrol, rent or accommodation, and materials required for their chosen course, such as textbooks, tools, uniforms, and other essential supplies.

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Please register [here](#).

**youthrivevictoria.org.au**



# LIFE HACKS

FREE WORKSHOPS  
AGES 14-25

Life Hacks is a free program for young people aged 14-25, offering a series of practical, hands-on workshops designed to build confidence, develop real-world skills, and explore different career pathways. Connect with industry professionals, gain valuable experience, and learn skills you can use in everyday life, work, and study.

## SESSIONS AVAILABLE:

### Intro to Hospitality

Learn café and customer service skills, gain event experience, and receive a reference for future jobs or study.

Monday 29 June Element Cafe, CASTERTON 10:00am to 1:00pm

Monday 6 July Portland Bayside Cafe PORTLAND multiple sessions available

### Green Spaces

Explore landscaping, conservation, and horticulture through practical outdoor activities and industry insights.

Thursday 2 July 1 Park St 1:30pm to 3:30pm

### Simple Mechanics

Learn essential car maintenance skills, from changing a tyre to vehicle safety checks and buying tips.

Tuesday 30 June 9 Fitzgerald Pl 1:00pm - 2:30pm



REGISTER NOW!

Scan the QR Code to register or contact the Glenelg Shire Council Youth Team to find out more. 035522 2250 or email [youthservices@glenelg.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@glenelg.vic.gov.au)



Funded by Engage! Run by Glenelg Shire Council Youth Team



CALL FOR MUSICIANS/AGED 12-25 TO ENTER

# BATTLE OF THE JAMS

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026



2 X PRIZES:  
ACTS 1-3 MEMBERS  
\$300  
ACTS 4+ MEMBERS  
\$500

**BATTLE OF THE JAMS IS BACK!** We only have 3 spots remaining for solo musicians, instrumentalists and bands aged 12-25 to compete for a chance to WIN!  
**Spots available: 3 SPOTS REMAINING**

Think you've got what it takes? Apply via email [youthservices@glenelg.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@glenelg.vic.gov.au) with:

- 🎵 Your name(s) & age(s)
- 🎵 Act name & type (solo, band, instrumental, etc.)
- 🎵 Short bio/description of your act and photo
- 🎵 Contact number

**Need a space and instruments to practice?**

Come along to Music Mondays!

Scan the QR Code to find out more or call us on 035522 2250



FUNDED BY AMPLIFY, RUN BY GLENELG SHIRE YOUTH



# PORTLAND BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Tickets to be purchased via Humanix.



<https://events.humanix.com/blue-light-disco-24th-july>



24 JULY

7.30 - 9.30PM | 8 - 13 YEAR OLDS  
\$12 ENTRY

30 Bentnick Street, Portland  
Contact: LSC Lee-Anne Nelson 03 5522 1500



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POLICE & VOLUNTEERS



PORTLANDBLUELIGHT

Portland Blue Light Disco



# Join our multicultural

PLAY  
GROUP

ALL WELCOME!

Fridays 10:30 am

South West TAFE Portland Campus

(Ask for directions at reception)

No bookings required

Contact:

Melinda Hitchcock 0428 586 921

or Carol Stewart 03 5522 2331.

