



# Portland Secondary College Newsletter

**TERM 3 WEEK 2**

24TH JULY 2026

## Highlights

- **Principal's report**
- **Library News**
- **Year 10 Camp**
- **Tertiary Tour**
- **School Calendar**
- **School Assembly**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Student Achievement**
- **Community News**
- **and more**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**
  - Year 8 Adelaide Camp
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July**
  - 2027 Online Subject Selections Open
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**
  - Year 8 Recovery Day (*Year 8 students not req'd at school*)
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**
  - 2027 Year 10 Pathway Interviews (*no current Year 9 classes will be running*)
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**
  - 2027 Year 11 Pathway Interviews (*no current Year 10 classes will be running*)
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**
  - 2027 Online Subject Selections Close



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# Jo Kindred, Principal



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The holidays flew past and already we are two weeks into Term 3. We were very pleased to welcome back students and staff and to particularly welcome Mr David Byrd who is replacing Mr Harris who is enjoying some long service leave this term. The College was forced to start the term down one teacher but I am very pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing the employment of an experienced Maths and Science Teacher who will start in about a week's time. This will mean that we are once again fully staffed for Semester Two.

The term began for teachers with a Professional Development Day where teachers completed sessions on the Disability Inclusion, School Wide Positive Behaviour and the Victorian Teaching Learning Model. It was a very successful and busy day and helped set teachers up for the beginning of semester two. Once students returned to school, the opportunities for students began almost immediately. In Week one we had a large number of senior students attend the Tertiary Tour to look at prospective universities and courses for when they leave school. Three students travelled to compete in the State Cross Country with Ruby Rowe, Lucy Colley and Max Bott doing very well and representing Portland Secondary College with pride. Last Friday a number of students from Years 7-10 represented PSC in soccer with some teams bringing home the win and others scoring a draw. Subject Selections opened this week with Information night held on Wednesday as were VCE and VCE VM Parent teacher interviews where many parents took the opportunity to catch up with teachers to discuss their student's progress throughout the year.

Today Year 9 students have attended Explorer Day which involves students choosing a Vocational Education & Training activity session to participate in at South West TAFE and then participating in an industry tour in the afternoon. This allows SWTAFE to showcase some alternative educational pathways for students. And next week, our Year 8 students head off to camp in Adelaide.

Whilst NAPLAN testing was held earlier in the year, the results were released to parents, students and teachers this week. A number of Year 9 students have been awarded Significant Learning Growth Certificates to recognise the huge improvement they have made on their Year 7 NAPLAN results. Congratulations to Tyler Berg, Dayna Beyer, Paige Spencer, Cylas Little and Oscar Quarrell who all improved in both Reading and Numeracy. For showing high growth in Numeracy, awards go to Zayne Medina, Molly Hinch, Ezra Hari, Ellie Bott, Nathan Wombwell and Amber Fitzgerald. For demonstrating high growth in reading, congratulations to Kyan Taylor and Jordi McIlroy. Special congratulations to Ethan Matley who achieved both high growth from year 7 and reached the Exceeding Standard in Numeracy. Congratulations also to Archer Cumming, Quinn Fleming, Elijah McKenzie and Eli Porter who reached the Exceeding standard in Reading, with Eli also achieving high growth. Year 7 will bring their NAPLAN results home this week with Year 9 Students receiving their results when they attend Pathways interviews shortly.

Pathways interviews are where we meet with students and families who are in Year 9 or 10 currently. Students will have received some information on these interviews this week with Information night being held on Wednesday evening. I hope parents took the opportunity to attend relevant sessions as lots of information was provided to families. Subject handbooks were also released on Compass. After the pathways interviews, students will be asked to select their subjects for 2027. Students wanting to move from year 10 to Vocational Major in year 11 will be required to attend an additional interview and undergo a selection process as places in this program are limited. Students going into Year 12 and Year 9 in 2027 can make an appointment with their mentor to discuss subject selections if necessary.

Kids Under Cover administers the DFFH Student Scholarship Program, which helps students and families with the costs associated with education. The Student Scholarship Program is designed to assist young people living in public or community housing, or those at risk of homelessness, by providing the support they need to stay engaged in education and achieve their full potential. The Program is for young people studying Year 11 or Year 12, or the TAFE equivalent, in the 2027 academic year. Scholarships are valued at \$1,100 and can be used to cover educational expenses including, but not limited to, uniforms, textbooks, public transport, computers and laptops. Applications for scholarships for the 2027 academic year are open as of Monday 13 July 2026 and close on Friday 21 August 2026. To view the eligibility criteria, program details, and apply, please visit the Kids Under Cover website.



# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



## SEEKING SPONSORS FOR PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our annual Presentation Night celebrates the achievements and success of our students. We are seeking support from local businesses, organisations and community members through sponsorship, donations, or contributions towards awards and prizes.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact  
Shannon Thomas on 03 5523 1344 or email  
[Shannon.Thomas@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Shannon.Thomas@education.vic.gov.au)



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# 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

 **Phone Number:**  
03 5523 1344

 **Website:**  
[www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au)

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[portlandseccollege](https://www.facebook.com/portlandseccollege)

 **Instagram:**  
[portland\\_secondary\\_college](https://www.instagram.com/portland_secondary_college)

## 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!***

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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 27th - Year 8 Camp - Adelaide

- 2027 Year 9, 10 & 11 Subject Selections Open Online

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

Monday 3rd - 2027 Year 10 Pathway Interviews (*no current Year 9 classes running*)

Tuesday 4th - 9A & 9B Party Ready

- 2027 Year 11 Pathway Interviews (*no current Year 10 classes running*)

Wednesday 5th - 9C Party Ready

Friday 7th - 2027 Subject Selections Close Online

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

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

Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th - 2027 Year 11 VM Interviews

Wednesday 19th - Year 7 - 12 Netball Championships

Friday 21st - Year 12 TAFE Tour Community Project

Monday 24th - Friday 28th - Book Week

Friday 28th - Book Week Dress Up Day

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st - Year 7 & 8 Basketball

Tuesday 8th - Table Tennis/Badminton

Wednesday 9th - Legacy Public Speaking State Final - Ballarat



Calendar was last updated on 24/07/2026.  
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.



# Kirsten Mitchell, Assistant Principal



## 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.

With our Pathway Information Night now complete, attention now turns to the next step in the subject selection process.

 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

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# Sha Gallagher, VCE VM Manager



## 2026 YEAR 12 VTAC INFORMATION EVENING

Students and families of current Year 12 students are invited to attend our VTAC Information Evening.

This session is designed for all students who are considering applying for university through VTAC, as well as those who may be thinking about taking a gap year or deferring their studies.

The session will provide an overview of the VTAC application process, including important dates, preferences, and the information students and families need to confidently navigate the next steps after Year 12.

We are also pleased to welcome Jon Pegler and the Sinclair Wilson Financial Advisers team, who will be available to provide information and answer questions about the financial considerations associated with tertiary study.

We encourage both students and parents/carers to attend this informative session. If you have any questions, please contact our VCE Manager, Mrs. Sha Gallagher on 03 5523 1344.

A vertical poster for the 2026 Year 12 VTAC Information Evening. The top section is light blue with the Portland Secondary College logo (a stylized 'P' made of four human figures) and the tagline 'Creating the opportunities'. Below this, the text '2026 YEAR 12 VTAC INFORMATION EVENING' is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. The bottom section is dark blue with white text stating 'MONDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2026' and '5:30pm - 6:30pm in the GLC'. At the very bottom, there is a row of social media and contact information icons and text: Phone Number: 03 5523 1344, Website: www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au, Email: portland.sc@education.vic.gov.au, Facebook: portlandseccollege, and Instagram: portland\_secondary\_college.

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# 2026 YEAR 12 VTAC INFORMATION EVENING

**MONDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST,  
2026**

**5:30pm - 6:30pm  
in the GLC**

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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## 2026 AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Lucy  
Colley  
-  
Year 7



Congratulations to PSC student **Lucy Colley**, who has qualified to compete at the 2026 Australian Athletics Cross Country Championships, to be held in Ballarat in mid-August.

This event is Australia's most prestigious cross-country competition and will feature the nation's best runners competing at the highest level.

We wish Lucy all the best with her training leading up to the event and can't wait to see the results she achieves.

Good luck, Lucy!

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### DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have any old towels or facewashers tucked away in your cupboards that you no longer use?

If so, please consider donating them to our Art Department!

Donations can be dropped off at our General Office.

We appreciate your support!





# SEMESTER 1 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

On Monday we celebrated the amazing achievements of our students throughout Semester 1.

Congratulations to all of our students who challenged themselves by mastering their subjects, stepping outside their comfort zones, or simply showing up each day and giving their best. Your dedication, perseverance and commitment to learning is inspiring.

## NAPLAN:

- ◆ Significant Learning Growth was awarded to:

**Tyler Berg, Dayna Beyer, Paige Spencer, Cylas Little and Oscar Quarrell**

- ◆ Showing Growth in Numeracy was awarded to:

**Zayne Medina, Molly Hinch, Ezra Hari, Ellie Bott, Nathan Wombwell and Amber Fitzgerald**

- ◆ Demonstrating High Growth in Reading Certificates was awarded to:

**Kyan Taylor and Jordie McIlroy**

- ◆ Achieving High Growth and Exceeding Standards in Numeracy was awarded to:

**Ethan Matley**

- ◆ Exceeding Standards in Reading was awarded to:

**Archer Cumming, Quinn Fleming, Elijah McKenzie**

- ◆ Exceeding Standards in Reading and High Growth in Reading was awarded to:

**Eli Porter**

## 2026 CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS:

- ◆ 13 Years: **Lucy Colley and Max Bott**
- ◆ 14 Years: **Ellie Anderson and Jett McKay**
- ◆ 15 Years: **Ruby Rowe and Zayne Medina**
- ◆ 16 Years: **Olive Watt and Indy Barclay**
- ◆ 17 Years: **Jasmine Siemon and Judd Carter**
- ◆ 18-20 Years: **Sienna Stone and Scott Bryce**

## 2026 STATE CROSS COUNTRY:

**Lucy Colley, Max Bott and Ruby Rowe**

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## MUSIC – WARRNAMBOOL EISTEDDFOD

Novice Woodwind Category:

- ♦ **Mio Miyazaki** – 1st place

Duet Category:

- ♦ **Mio Miyazaki and Mr Bill Harrower** – 1st place

Bands Section:

- ♦ **Junior Senior Contemporary Band** – 1st place
  - ♦ **Senior Secondary Band** – 2nd place
  - ♦ **Open Contemporary Band** – 1st place

Participating students: **Violett Burgess, Lily Meister, Georgie Taylor, Lindsee Wainohu, Matilda Andrews, Robert Clark, Erin McPhee, Andrae McTackett, Jack Spencer, Henry Stirling and Henry Von Tunk**

## ALPINE SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

- ♦ **Ace O'Brien**

Ace gave a recount on his 8.5 weeks through Term 2 spent at Dinner Plains. Ace had a very positive experience and has strongly recommended students heading into Year 9 next year consider putting themselves forward for this experience

## GREEN TEAM:

- ♦ **Clancy Stirling, Otis Porter and Grace Knight**

The Green Team announced that over the last 12 months, they have collected 11,594 drink containers that were able to be recycled. This has helped to reduce litter and kept recyclable materials out of landfill. This has also resulted in \$1,159 being raised that will benefit 3 chosen environmental programs.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING:

- ♦ **Bella Roberts and Isaac Legg**

Bella and Isaac reflected on a very successful Semester 1 for our Public Speaking team and are looking forward to seeing what the Public Speaking Team can achieve for the rest of this year.

- ♦ Plain English Speaking Award – 1st place – **Akshara Singh**
- ♦ Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award – **Vaidehi Baniyal** – 1<sup>st</sup> place – **Isaac Legg** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

## 2026 PUSH UP CHALLENGE:

- ♦ **Mr Prentice and our challenge ambassadors, Koda and Jaron Macleod**

As a team, PSC participants completed 66,196 push-ups over 24 days and raised \$2,200 for Headspace. This amazing achievement ranked PSC in the top 15 for all secondary schools in Victoria.

Well done to: **Mr Prentice, Mr Porter, Ms Mitchell, Mr Jones (from Amsterdam!), Mr Wells, Koda MacLeod, Jaron MacLeod, Enzo Gancena, Zayne Medina, Jayden Convy, Ryder Trickey, Archer Cumming, Brody Trickey, Ethan Matley, Jack Logan, Quinn Stewart.**

Shout out to Mr Prentice who raised \$760 and Jayden Convy, Koda MacLeod and Jaron MacLeod who each raised over \$250.







# 2026 SEMESTER 1 HIGH ACHIEVERS



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## 2026 Year 7 Semester 1 High Achievers

CONGRATULATIONS



- Adelean Harrison
- Vaidehi Baniyal
- Billie Cummins
- Jude Cumming
- Crystal Hodges
- Grace Knight
- Ruby Lancaster
- Lucy Banks
- Sophie Brown
- Emma Greskie
- Joel Prentice
- Milla Rietman



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## 2026 Year 8 Semester 1 High Achievers

CONGRATULATIONS



- Flynn Belden
- Hugo Keenan
- Mio Miyazaki
- Isabelle Richardson
- Zain Makevits
- Melodi Fairweather
- Isaac Legg
- Olive Baker
- Cameron Botica
- Mia O'Brien
- Heath Keiller
- Brody Trickey
- Noah Spencer
- Lara Waters
- Lacey Lane

# 2026 SEMESTER 1 HIGH ACHIEVERS



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## 2026 Year 9 Semester 1 High Achievers

CONGRATULATIONS



- Archer Cumming
- Ethan Matley
- Amber Fitzgerald
- Summer Stone
- Quinn Fleming
- Aurora Burns
- Ryder Trickey
- Ava Killmister
- Joie Mejorada
- Zayne Medina



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## 2026 Year 10 Semester 1 High Achievers

CONGRATULATIONS



- Harriette Eichler
- Ophelia Kort
- Akshara Singh
- Jack Matley
- Ivy Aitchison
- Tayla Keane
- Rachel De Lange
- Oscar Elford
- Lily Meister
- Georgie Taylor
- Evangenina Dodson
- Emily Legg
- Mary Noonan
- Libby Smith
- Dylan Goodman



# 2026 SEMESTER 1 HIGH ACHIEVERS



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## 2026 Year 11 Semester 1 High Achievers

CONGRATULATIONS



- Ruby O'Brien
- Paige Aitchison
- Charlee Coates
- Henry Von Tunk
- Eli Lipscombe
- Judd Carter
- Eloise Marsh
- Tanesha Leighton
- Mia McDowell
- Vincent Prentice
- Hannah Whitehead
- Michael Wood
- Claire Fahey
- Chantel Rees



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## 2026 Year 12 Semester 1 High Achievers

CONGRATULATIONS



- Will McIntyre
- Britt Walder
- Brianna Dark
- Kaetlin Dyke
- Lou-Lou Flannery
- Erin McPhee
- Jessica Saliba
- Chantelle Shemeld
- Nicola Venuto
- Gracie Watt
- Mykaylah Augoustakis
- Logan Davis
- Sy-Sy Diep
- Paige McKay
- Madison Roberts
- Sienna Stone





## VCAA PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING AWARD SEMI-FINALS

On the last Friday of Term 2, **Akshara Singh** represented Portland Secondary College at the VCAA Plain English Speaking Award Semi-finals. This public speaking competition was held in Melbourne and included senior secondary students from across the state.

The competition required Akshara to deliver a six-minute prepared speech on her chosen topic, "The Loneliest Generation," as well as a three-minute impromptu speech on the topic "Money Makes the World Go Around."

We are proud to report that Akshara spoke with confidence and poise in both sections of the competition. We also commend the resilience and independence she demonstrated by attending the event without the support of her public speaking coaches on the day.



Akshara  
Singh  
–  
Year 10

# Emily Gorey, PE Team Leader



## STATE CROSS COUNTRY

During the first week of Term 3, Lucy Colley (Year 7), Max Bott (Year 7) and Ruby Rowe (Year 9) travelled to Yarra Glen to represent PSC at the 2026 State Cross Country Championships.

Competing over a 3km course, all three students performed exceptionally well and came away with some fantastic results!

PSC are very proud of you all.



LUCY COLLEY  
Year 7  
12-13 Year Old Girls  
12<sup>th</sup> in State  
Time: 12:27



MAX BOTT  
Year 7  
12-13 Year Old Boys  
37<sup>th</sup> in State  
Time: 11:41



RUBY ROWE  
Year 9  
15 Year Old Girls  
12<sup>th</sup> in State  
Time: 12:32





# Suzanne Patterson, Year 10 Level Leader



## YEAR 10 MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE

Our Year 10 students finished off Term 2 with a three-day camp in Melbourne.

Students participated in a variety of activities, including a river cruise, the Big Issue Classroom, shopping, Bounce, ice skating, a visit to the Old Melbourne Gaol, and more.

Thankfully, they had the school holidays to recover!

A big thank you to Ms Patterson, Mr Dawson, Mrs Gould, Mr Nieuwerkerk and Mrs Clark for accompanying the students and helping make the camp such a success









# Janelle Collins, Teacher Librarian



## Library News



Once again, we will be having a Book Week Dress Up Day on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**. Students and staff are encouraged to come dressed as a book character. We will be holding a grand parade at recess for everyone to come and show off their costumes and be in the running to win prizes!

Categories include: Junior school, Middle school, Senior school, Group costumes (3 or more people) and staff.

***Any students not wanting to participate are expected to be in full school uniform.***

As well as the dress up day, we will be having various other activities during the week, such as lucky borrower prizes. Keep your eye on Compass for all the latest news.

During Book Week the winners of the CBCA awards will be announced. We have all the shortlisted titles in the older readers category, and many of the younger readers category as well, including graphic novels available for borrowing, many in multiple formats.

Why not have a read and decide on the one you think should be the winner? Don't forget that Reading Time is scheduled every day at the beginning of Period 5. Perhaps consider borrowing a short listed book to read at this time?

😊 Happy reading!

BOOK WEEK  
DRESS UP  
DAY  
FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST



*2023 Book Week –  
Staff Costumes*



# Sue Taylor – Year 11 & 12 Level Leader Suzanne Patterson – Careers



## TERTIARY TOUR

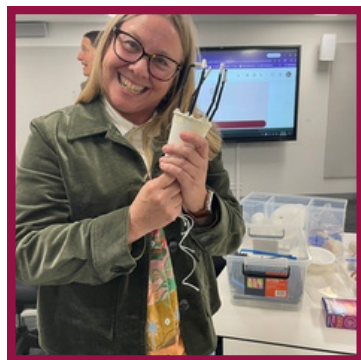
"The tertiary tour was an insightful overnight camp that helped us gain an understanding of university life. We visited ACU, Swinburne, and two Deakin University campuses.

This camp helped us narrow down key information about university in general, including living on residence (on-campus accommodation) and facilities such as laundry rooms, common areas, free Wi-Fi, and gas being included in accommodation payments.

The Careers Expo was also very interesting, as it gave us insight into the wide variety of career opportunities available to everyone." – *Student Recap*









# Jane McGrory – Teacher



## PSC GREEN TEAM

The PSC Green Team has been working to improve recycling around the school, including the roll out of special bins for container collections. Since starting can and bottle collections last year, the Green Team have collected over 11,594 drink containers making sure these containers are recycled, not wasted.

The recycling of 11,000-plus containers equates to some impressive environmental savings, including one Olympic swimming pool worth of water and the same amount of energy as the average family would use in a year. It has also prevented 799 kilograms of waste from going into landfill.

Through the Container Deposit Scheme, the collection bins also helped us raise more than \$1,159 dollars. The environmental benefits keep coming as this money will go toward three programs:

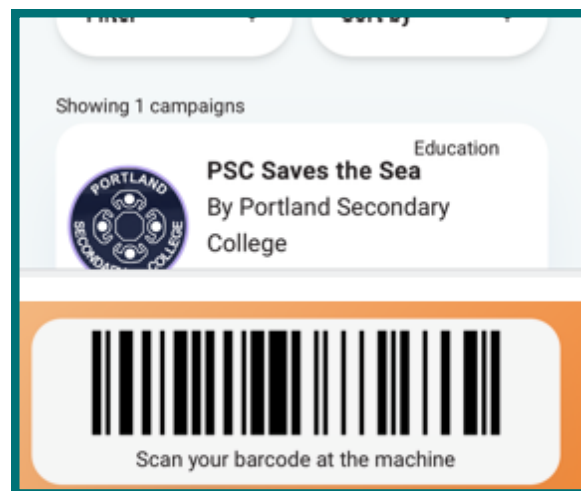
- Coral reef restoration project in Indonesia that PSC students will be involved in during the Indonesia trip.
- The Blue Whale Study to support whale research in Southwest Victoria.
- PSC will also use the money to adopt a whale through the World Wildlife Fund.

The more cans and bottles we collect, the more money we raise and the more whales and coral reefs we can save.

How can you help?

- Students can help by putting containers into the special container collection bins.
- Families can also contribute by bringing 10 cent refundable containers to collection bins at school, or selecting the Portland Secondary 'PSC Saves the Sea' as a donation partner when returning containers to the CDS vending machines on Henty Street and Tyers Street in Portland.

Amazing work, Green Team and the PSC community, for helping create a cleaner and more sustainable future!



# Karen Mizzi – Food Technician



## YEAR 10 FOOD TECH

Mr Dawson's Year 10 Food Studies class is studying *Cuisines of the World*.

In the first week of the term, they made Arabic Honey Cake.

Safe to say, it was a success, judging by the looks on these students' faces and the amount of cake left over.



### Arabic Honey Cake Recipe

#### FOR THE CAKE

- 1/3 c. salted butter plus more for greasing the pan
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 1/4 c. white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 c. all-purpose flour

#### FOR THE TOPPING

- 1/2 c. butter
- 1/4 c. white sugar
- 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 c. slivered almonds
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 8-10 whole pitted dates

#### Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit (approximately 204 degrees Celsius).
2. Grease a 10-inch springform pan with butter.
3. Beat together the eggs, sugars, and vanilla until the mixture whitens in color. Drizzle in the melted butter and continue to mix well. Sift together the flour and baking powder, then add to the batter while stirring gently.
4. Pour the batter into the springform pan and bake for 10-12 minutes.
5. While it is in the oven, get to work on preparing the topping. Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add the sugars, honey, almonds, and cinnamon. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Pour the topping gently on the cake and return it to the oven for another 15 minutes. Let the cake cool, then release it from the springform pan and place it on a cake stand or serving platter. Line the edge of the cake with the dates. Serve with coffee.



**Donna Chapman** – Numeracy Support  
**Elley Foster** – Literacy Support



## **HOMEWORK CLUB**



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## **HOMEWORK CLUB**

### **TERM 3**

Every Wednesday - Mrs Donna Chapman  
& Mrs Elley Foster

Every Thursday - Mrs Donna Chapman

**Time: 3:40pm - 4:30pm**

**Location: The HUB**

Students are reminded to bring work  
to complete or a reading book

Students need a pre-arranged way home  
as the office will be shut (no phone use)

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**

**Respect**

**Success**

**Resilience**

**Creativity**

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## Student Webinar

### Changing the World Through STEM: My Journey from Student to Growing Hearts

Guest Speaker:  
Professor Milica Radisic, University of Toronto

Thursday 6th August 2026, 4:30 - 5:30pm  
ONLINE FORMAT



## Changing the World Through STEM: My Journey from Student to Growing Hearts

**Begin your STEM journey and discover how students like you can help shape the future of medicine!**

Could we one day grow a living, beating human heart in a laboratory? And what if new treatments could be developed without the need for animal testing?

Join Professor Milica Radisic, a globally recognised leader in tissue engineering, as she explores how scientists are creating living human tissues from stem cells and developing "organs-on-a-chip."

Learn how this groundbreaking research is reshaping modern medicine and how a career in STEM can empower you to make a meaningful impact on the world.

#### Session details:

Date: Thursday 6 August 2026

Time: 4:30 - 5:30pm

Venue: ONLINE (ZOOM WEBINAR)

#### What You'll Learn

- How researchers grow human tissue in the lab
- What "organs-on-a-chip" are and how they're used
- Study and career pathways into biomedical engineering and STEM
- How these advances are shaping the future of healthcare

#### Who Should Attend?

High school students and teachers who are interested in science, technology or healthcare!

#### REGISTER



Scan the  
QR code to  
secure  
your spot

Hosted by the [Graeme Clark Institute for Biomedical Engineering](#)



# Expressions of interest now open

## Models required

**Respect 2040 is inviting community members from the Barwon South West Region to be part of a paid community photography project.**

We are inviting expressions of interest from people who would like to be photographed for the Respect 2040 Image Library project — a collection of authentic, inclusive images that celebrate the diversity of people and communities across the Barwon South West region.



The image library will support local governments, organisations, community groups and the general public of the Barwon South West to access authentic, respectful and inclusive imagery that reflects the communities they represent. The project also provides an opportunity for women and gender diverse photographers to showcase their work and be paid for their contribution.

### Who can apply?

We welcome expressions of interest from people of all ages, backgrounds, cultures, identities, abilities and body types. We are particularly interested in ensuring the image library reflects the diversity of communities across the region.

### Payment

Models will be reimbursed for their time at a rate of \$60.00 per hour.

### How to apply

Email [projects@womenshealthbsw.org.au](mailto:projects@womenshealthbsw.org.au) with the following

- Your name, contact details and location
- Provide a recent photo of yourself
- Share a short statement about yourself and why you would like to be involved

### Participants must

- Be available for a half-day or full-day photoshoot during June or July
- Be willing to travel to a photoshoot location within the South West region; Corangamite; Moyne; Warrnambool; Southern Grampians; and Glenelg.
- Be comfortable being photographed for use across community and organisational materials
- Be willing to sign a model release form