

# Colac Secondary College Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

### 2020 Colac Secondary College Council

On behalf of the Colac Secondary College community, we would like to thank the following people for accepting positions onto School Council for 2020. Your decision to be involved in this important College body is greatly appreciated.

The first meeting of the new College Council will be held at the Annual General meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The College Council is made up of five Parent representatives, four DET representatives and 2 Community members that are co-opted onto the group at the AGM after accepting nominations.

#### **2020 membership is as follows:**

##### **Parent Representatives**

Ms Sallee Sell, Mr Adam Hall, Mr Shaun Carson, Ms Karyn McGlade and Mr Andrew Bloomfield.

##### **DET Representatives**

Mr Scott Dellar, Mr Xavier Davis, Ms Kerri Bauer, Ms Emma Hall (non-voting), and Ms Zen Rantall.

##### **Student Representatives**

Tianna Beckett and Jasmine Tippins from our 2020 Year 10 student cohort.

##### **Community Representatives**

Up to two community members will be nominated onto the council at the AGM to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

At this point, I would like to acknowledge the work of last year's School Council members who have not been able to continue in this year.

During 2019; our CSC College Council membership was made up of Mr Simon Dewar, Mr Stephen Gill, and Mr David Stuchbery (DET representatives); as well as Mr Dennis Lovric and Ms Caz Cole who were involved as parent representatives.

I would personally like to thank them all for their effort during this 12 month period; a time that saw the continued transition of the College towards the Community Learning Precinct notion on which it was based. Their work, commitment and support of student initiatives and new opportunities over this exciting and busy time has been greatly appreciated by all groups within the College community.



## Key Dates

- \* **Monday March 16**  
Year 9 CCC -  
Great Ocean Hike
- \* **Thursday March 19**  
House Athletics
- \* **Friday March 20**  
**STUDENT FREE DAY**
- \* **Monday March 23**  
OPEN NIGHT
- \* **Friday March 27**  
Last Day Term 1
- \* **April 20 - 22**  
Yr 7 Queenscliff  
Camp

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# PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

## College Year 8 Student Leadership Team 2020

The Year 8 Student leadership team for 2020 has been selected and we as a college are looking forward to working with them across the rest of the year. Congratulations to all students involved for their preparation and effort as they completed the process of selection.

**\*\*\* The 2020 College Year 8 Student leadership team comprises of 4 students.**

Year 8 Student Level Leaders for 2020 are:

- ⇒ Esther Bol
- ⇒ Emily Norman
- ⇒ Reegan Brown
- ⇒ Xander Cook

*Well done to our 2020 Leaders!*



## Year 8 Camp / The Grampians

Finally, it was great to spend some time with the Year 8 group on camp at the Grampians last Friday. The weather held off for us (no rain during the day) which was magic, and the students were highly engaged and participated in a variety of activities (flying fox, low ropes, archery, night hike) over the three days. The last morning before returning home was spent Rogaining (finding markers with a map only, no compass), it took us as teams all over the property searching for set points and markers.

At the end of the hour, I was sure we as a teaching group had won, only to be pipped at the post by a student group. The camp management commented on the high success of our students during this event. Good country kids at their best!!

(A full report on the camp will appear in the next edition of the newsletter.)

**Scott Dellar**  
**Executive Principal**  
**Colac Secondary College**

## Year 7 Welcome / Information Evening

Parents / Guardians of Year 7 students recently had the opportunity to meet key staff members and the Year 7 level leaders.

Information was provided on: the iPad Program, Compass and Maths Pathways.

Visitors enjoyed afternoon tea and were able to view the Year 7 home rooms.





# Year 12 Parent / Student VCE Information Evening

A **Year 12 VCE Information Evening** will be held on Wednesday, March 11 in the Senior Building, commencing at 6:30pm sharp.

During this one hour session, material will be presented on topics such as:

- The General Achievement Test (or GAT) and why it is important
- Study Habits / Tips
- Supporting your child through Year 12
- ATAR Calculations / VTAC Information
- Upcoming dates and events

This evening will also be an opportunity to meet the relevant staff in the Senior Team as we continue, in partnership, to support your children in their endeavours.

Please feel free to contact the Year Level Manager should you have any queries. We look forward to meeting you on March 11.

## Geelong Cats Leadership Session



Four Geelong Cats players visited the school to speak to student leaders about leadership development.



## Year 7 Textiles

Students in the Year 7D Textiles class have enjoyed making Hackie Sacks.

Once completed the students had a lot of fun throwing their Hackie Sacks in the air.

# Year 7 Food



## UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN THURSDAYS ONLY

8.30 - 9.00am

11.45am - 12.25pm

3.30 - 4.00pm

Other times

by APPOINTMENT ONLY



# WELLBEING

## BUILDING RESILIENCE

Resilience is our ability to cope in the face of adversity, trauma or stress. This is something we begin to learn in childhood.



### TOP TIPS

Here are some top tips for helping children build resilience.

- ✓ Remember, bad feelings don't last, have a purpose and prompt us to do things differently.
- ✓ Try to normalise setbacks. Help your child to see that it is not unusual to have difficulties in life.
- ✓ Help them to see that problems can be solved.
- ✓ Encourage young people to keep things in perspective – the problem is usually confined to only one part of their lives.
- ✓ Remember the value of humour – laughing can be a great release (but only if it is well-intentioned).
- ✓ Encourage children/ young people to accept responsibility for their actions.
- ✓ When reading stories, or discussing events, point out how people manage to overcome difficulties.
- ✓ Remember that learning is often frustrating. Encourage children/ young people to persist and believe they can get there.
- ✓ Provide support. Help them to see there are people who care about them and can give them help and advice when needed.
- ✓ Create a positive environment emphasising the importance of relationships and having a sense of purpose.

# WELLBEING



Hello everyone, my name is Kate Every and I am very excited to join your fantastic school as the new Secondary School nurse.

I live on the Bellarine and love the beach and camping with my family.

I also have a hugely satisfying and rewarding career as an oncology nurse at the Andrew Love Centre caring for all generations affected by cancer.

My role as a Secondary School Nurse is to support the health and well being of students at Colac Secondary College. I plan on doing this through classroom and small group sessions on health promotion and health education in areas of adolescent health. In addition I will offer confidential health support, individually to students.

My role doesn't specifically include first aid so continue to see your designated first aid officer at school.

You will find me at school on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Wellbeing area, so please come and say 'Hi' and let me know if I can help you out at school.

## Careers Corner

*With Frank Park, Careers Education*

### TAX FILE NUMBER (TFN) INFORMATION

#### Can you apply for a tax file number online?

##### **Online form**

The easiest way to **apply for a TFN** is to: Complete the **online** form. Print the summary, which **will** include your **application reference number**.

To **apply for a TFN**, visit the Office of the Administrator and complete a **Tax file number** – application or enquiry for individuals (NAT 1432) form. You will need to provide: one primary proof of identity document – such as a birth certificate, passport or Australian citizenship certificate.

#### Does it cost to get a tax file number?

There **is** no **fee** for lodging your **TFN application**. If you're an Australian resident, the easiest way to **apply for a TFN** is to: Complete the online form.

#### How long does it take to get a TFN?

The process is pretty straight forward and you can apply online by going to the ATO website and completing the form online. Applying online via the website is the **FASTEST** way to receive your TFN and normally takes **about 10 days** but can take up to **28 days**!

#### Can you get a job without a tax file number?

Once a **TFN** has been issued, **you** keep it for life; there is no need to reapply **if** your circumstances change.

#### May I work in paid employment without a tax file number?

Yes, however **without a TFN tax** will be deducted from your income at the maximum rate, even if **you** are earning too little to pay **tax** normally

**How do I get an age 15 years tax file number?**

**You can apply for a TFN at any age – however, if you are:**

- 16 years or older – you must sign your application
- 13 to 15 years old – you or your parent or guardian can sign
- 12 years old or under – your parent or guardian must sign on your behalf

**Do I need a tax file number if I am under 18?**

**TFN exempt**

Your payee is exempt from quoting a **TFN** if any of the following apply: They are **under 18** years of age and earn less than \$18,200 per year

**How much can a child earn without paying taxes?**

A **child** who has only **earned** income must file a return only if the total is more than the standard deduction for the year. For 2019, the standard deduction for a dependent **child** is total **earned** income plus \$350, up to a maximum of \$12,200. Thus, a **child can earn** up to \$12,200 **without paying income tax**.

