

Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and guardians,

Our Year 12 VCE students kicked off their final examinations this week, starting with the English exam on Wednesday. We couldn't be prouder of the composure and focus that our students have brought to their final exams, despite the challenges that this year has presented for them all. We wish them all the best over the next few weeks. Last week it was my pleasure to sit on the panels for the Year 12 VCAL portfolio and graduation interviews. I was impressed by the preparation and presentation of the students, and I'm confident that they are now ready for the real world of work!

Last week our Year 7-11 students completed their end of year examinations, and for the first time in our history we attempted this online. It was an enormous logistical challenge, and I would like to acknowledge Mr Jim Chanter, Mr Pip Edwards, Mrs Kelly Kinsella and Ms Maddy Muscat, and all other supporting staff, for their efforts to coordinate the program. We were also impressed by the students, who demonstrated extraordinary resilience and determination to hit their exams hard and give it their best efforts.

This week has seen all students now roll up to their new year levels and begin their 2021 classes. Our Commencement Program always brings an extra kick of energy as we head towards the end of the year! Three weeks to go, and then they are can start to slow down a little! I'd also like to acknowledge our amazing staff, who despite feeling tired and fatigued, are still putting in the hard yards every day for our students.

This week was NAIDOC week. As always, our College respects and acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land upon which our College is privileged to stand; the Wurundjeri People, and the People of the Kulin Nation. Our College recognises the injustices of the past, and we respect and celebrate your people and culture. We respect that this land was, and always will be, sacred to you, and we share your deep respect for this land. Special thanks to School Captains Fatima Mohebbi and Christy B Thomas for their speeches over the school PA to acknowledge NAIDOC week.

Wednesday 11 November was Remembrance Day. Special thanks to School Vice Captain Olivia Poulton for her moving speech over the PA to acknowledge the day.

I'm pleased to announce that we have recruited a new *Mental Health Practitioner* to join our team. A warm welcome to Michelle Guiliano! Michelle comes to us with fantastic experience and credentials, and she will be working closely with our Student Health, Wellbeing and Engagement Team to support our students.

I'm pleased to advise that from next Monday we are lifting some restrictions on practical activities for students, including Arts, Technology, Science and Physical Education. It will be great to see students engaging in practical activities again! Big thanks to the teachers in these areas who have had to be very creative in their approaches whilst we've had tight restrictions in place for the last nine months! Whilst we are pleased to lift restrictions on class based activities, we have also decided to maintain the ban on excursions for the remainder of 2020. This is not a risk we are prepared to take at this point in time. Sadly, we are also unable to run our normal end of year Presentation Evening this year; students will be receiving awards and certificates at small student assemblies before the end of commencement.

Key Dates

2020

All School Calendar dates now appear on Compass - we strongly encourage all parents to check for upcoming events through Compass, click on the Calendar Tab, then Public Whole School Calendar, you are able to view details in a Week or Month format

Friday 4th December
Commencement concludes

Monday 7th - Friday 18th December
Year 7 - 9 Activities Program

2021

Thursday 28th January 2021
2021 school year commences - students return

Monday 8th March 2021
Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 1st April 2021
Last Day of Term 1 2021

A reminder to all parents that the Parent Opinion Survey closes this evening. I sent you all a letter on 22 October with the login details. I would really appreciate your time to provide your feedback.

We've been very busy doing some significant upgrades to our buildings and grounds over the last few months! Looking forward to the grand reveal in weekly news soon!

Wishing all of you a great first weekend without as many COVID-19 restrictions!

Kind Regards

Keith Perry
Principal

ARTS News



It is our pleasure to announce that Shae Taylor (M9B) has received an award for her entry into the Casey Creations Youth Arts Competition 2020. Her artwork 'Guardian Angel' received a Merit Award and will be framed and displayed in the Casey Creations Youth Arts Exhibition 2020.

Given the climate of 2020, this is an exciting virtual exhibition! You know what that means, right? You can visit this art exhibition in your pyjamas if you want to! You'll be able to navigate your way around the exhibition however you please, zoom in for a close up look at the award-winning artworks, read the meaning behind each piece and so much more.

The exhibition will go live on THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER at 4.00 pm. You can access this digital event, which can be accessed on the City of Casey Youth Events Facebook event page, by following this link <https://www.facebook.com/events/358637571848416>

Congratulations again, Shae!

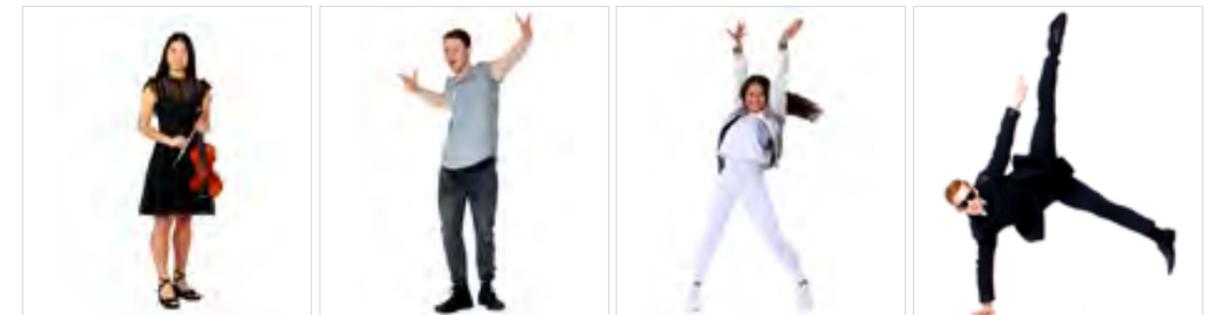
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HOD ART

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THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECTACULAR AND LEARN FROM SOME OF THE BEST IN THE INDUSTRY!



Are you interested in the performing arts, working in creative industries, or simply love to dance, sing or play an instrument?

We are seeking talented Victorian government school students to join the cast and crew of the 2021 Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Are you in a rock band, jazz ensemble or hip-hop dance group? Are you a gymnast, acrobat, circus performer, puppeteer, rollerskater, cheerleader, beat boxer, BMX or scooter trickster?

Students perform on stage and for a TV broadcast, or gain hands-on experience behind the scenes in technical roles like audio, lighting, film, photography or stage management under the guidance of industry professionals.

Participation is free!

The Spectacular is scheduled to be performed on Saturday 11 September 2021 and filmed for a TV broadcast.

To register for an audition, visit WWW.CVENT.COM/D/57QD9Q

For more information, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular or contact the Department's Performing Arts Unit on (03) 9415 1700.

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HEADSTART News

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APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The **HEADSTART** team offer congratulations to Mikayla Jones who has successfully navigated the demands of completing her VCAL senior program, whilst forging ahead in her chosen hairdressing career. She now transitions into full time employment having established her apprenticeship with the support of the **HEADSTART** program. With this support, her pathway has already been established which is particularly important in an uncertain and unstable labour market.

As an overview, **HEADSTART** is an exciting program which assists students to identify their career path and then supports them into work-based learning (apprenticeship / traineeships). Students will become qualified in their chosen field whilst also completing their senior studies and be awarded their year 12 certificate. Another benefit of the program is that it allows employers an opportunity to invest in the development of young workers, by presenting students with real life work experiences.

Like Mikayla, the ideal students demonstrate proficiency in the personal attributes and academic requirements associated with their specific identified industry. They can become involved in the program from Year 10 through to Year 12 and is open to students in either VCAL or VCE programs. They are self-motivated, organised, and committed to fulfil their long-term vision. Their program is built with all parties to ensure that the student completes not only their senior certificate but also has a “Head Start” on their peers into their chosen profession.



Mikayla on Day 1 of her Apprenticeship
(Part time) School Based with her employer.



Mikayla day one of her Full time
Apprenticeship with her supervisor.

Any interested students or further enquires please contact:

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