

Principal's News

I would like to extend my welcome to all for the 2023 school year. We extend our best wishes to our new students, families and staff that have joined our learning community for the first time this year. The new school year always brings much excitement as students begin their journey into secondary schooling, move into new year levels or embark upon their final year of secondary school. Regardless of the stage you find yourself in on this journey we wish you the very best of success for the year ahead.

Staffing our school continues to be challenging and we have linked into every available DET resource and initiative to ensure we get to a full staffing profile for 2023. This is not just a Traralgon College issue, teacher shortages are an Australia wide issue and there is significant work occurring at senior government levels to fast track approaches that will get more teachers in front of students in the near future. I thank the members of staff that gave up time during their annual leave to participate in recruitment panels, attend meetings and manage the administration functions related to recruitment.

Our new facilities continue to roll out with the delivery and occupancy of our new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) building. Students and staff have been incredibly impressed with spacious aspects of this new facility. We continue to see such improved learning engagement when students are provided with the opportunity to learn in our new facilities. Watch out for more to come in this space, the Shakespeare Street Campus rear playing field, and the Grey Street administration and the middle school general classrooms heading towards final stages of completion at the time of writing.

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Student Spotlight
2023 College Captains

**Maddison Brain &
Alyshia Huffer**

Privacy Collection Notice

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website.

<https://www.traralgon.vic.edu.au/about-policies/>

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365 safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy

School Council Elections

Each year the school goes through the process of renewing membership for our College Council. The College Council is comprised of:

- The College Principal
- Parent representatives who are elected by the parent community of the college.
- DET representatives who are elected by the staff of college,
- Student representatives
- and Community representatives

This year we are seeking nominations for all categories.

Any parent representatives who have completed their current term of office and who have children continuing as students of the College are of course welcome to renominate to continue as council members. We also encourage people to apply for the community positions as they are an important part of running the School Council.

School council election process and timetable

	Event	Date
A	Notice of election and call for nominations	13 February 2023
B	Closing date for nominations	27 February 2023
C	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	28 February 2023
D	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	28 February 2023
E	Close of ballot	6 March 2023
F	Vote count	7 March 2023
G	Declaration of poll	8 March 2023
H	Special council meeting to co-opt community members (the principal will preside)	
I	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	23 March 2023

Nomination forms can be obtained from the following

- Contacting 5176 2240
- Email to traralgon.co@education.vic.gov.au
- Compass News Feed
- College Website
- Main office at either campus

Schools are so reliant on the generosity of these parents, students, staff and community members who give of their time, commitment and energy to support all students and families at our school. These people have all contributed in a major way to the planning and proposals for a regenerated Traralgon College and our educational facilities in Traralgon. We are all be grateful for the magnificent work they have done for State Education in our town.



Grey Steet Campus

Welcome back to all students continuing their study with us and welcome to all of our new year 9 students. You appear to have all settled in well to your new year levels and we are really impressed with how you have embraced the vertical elective classes at middle school. Remember there are high expectations for middle school and senior school students to act with maturity and responsibility, do so and you will be treated accordingly with the level of dignity and respect you so deserve.

Welcome to all of our new staff to the campus and those joining us for the first time at the college. This issue causes a lot of conjecture and sometimes unnecessary conflict, hats are requested to be taken off when you enter a learning space, please see this link around hat etiquette to understand why. Hat Etiquette – Levine Hat Co. Once again a mature approach is to act with high levels of co-operation in displaying hat etiquette at our college, it all comes down to how you want to be treated, sometimes you have to give to get.

Attending school every day is essential to ensure you keep pace with the learning and make the most of the learning opportunities provided to you. All absences must be documented and a reason for absence provided, parents can make a call to students services or simply log on to compass and indicate the reason for their child's absence.

Camps and excursions for the year have already started, our year 12 students attended a 3 day retreat at Philip Island this week that was all about promoting connection and having a fun start to the year. The students had a wonderful time participating in a variety of activities including surfing, beach games and the penguin parade. It was a fantastic way for them to begin the year and be ready of the year ahead.

I wish all a fantastic 2023, lets work hard and celebrate our successes together, lets unite around our shared vision of growing together as adaptable, confident, successful, learners and citizens.

We are thrilled to welcome staff from Centre for Multicultural Youth to Traralgon College this term to run a lunchtime Culture Club with our students. The Centre for Multicultural Youth is a Victorian not-for-profit organisation supporting young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds to build better lives in Australia.

Culture Club will be held fortnightly beginning Thursday 9th of February. All interested students are welcome. Please meet at S20 at the beginning of lunch.



Shakespeare Street Campus

Welcome to the 2023 school year. A special welcome to the new families joining the Traralgon College school community.

It has been a smooth start to the year with students meeting their 2023 teachers, exploring the school and classroom values and expectations and getting to know and/or reacquainting themselves with their peers. For our Year 7 students there are many new and exciting things to familiarise themselves with at Secondary School. The most talked about have been the school canteen and cooking (seems like a bit of a theme!!). In addition to food, lockers have been a hot topic of conversation.

Transitioning to a new school is a significant event for a young person and their family. A Welcome BBQ will be held in the coming weeks to allow our staff and families to get to know each other. Please keep your eyes peeled for the invitation.

Should you have any questions please contact the school either via phone 5174 8733 or via email. Parents are able to email their child's teachers via Compass.

Important Dates

Outdoor Education	
Year 10 Surf Skills	21 February

Excursions	
Sunset Boulevard ACMI	27 February
Tech School Visits	6-10 March

School Sports	
Swimming Sports	28 February

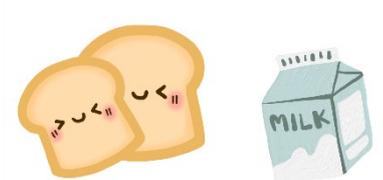
Immunisations	
Year 10	16 March
Year 7	30 March

Events	
Progress Reports	27 February
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences	2 March
NAPLAN Testing	15 - 27 March



Breakfast Club
At Grey St Campus
 Every Tuesday & Thursday
 8:20-8:50am
 Located at the front of the Hall

At Shakespeare St Campus
 Every Monday & Wednesday
 8:20-8:50am
 Located at Hands on Learning



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All of which are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF allowance is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means –tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, or formals/graduations.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

How to apply

New applications should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form, download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef or attached: [CSEF form.pdf](#)

CSEF forms are available a range of languages. Please check with the office if you require assistance.

