# TRARALGON COLLEGE NEWS

### **Principal's News**

I am delighted to be writing to you in this return edition of the Traralgon College Newsletter. In the period of the pandemic, I have received feedback from parents and families that the College would benefit from



a standard communication document that can be available on Compass, our website and via social media. At the last School Council meeting, I proposed the return of a school newsletter. The proposal received unanimous support. As you will see, the newsletter will contain information relevant to each campus, student profiles and important dates that people can place in their calendars. There will also be information regarding careers and pathways that will be of particular interest to Grey Street Campus students and their families. We will also have articles about special school events. We hope that the return of the newsletter will improve communication between school and home.

Our school leaders have been remarkably busy since the return to Term 2. The Senior Leaders have attended their camp to plan the rest of the school year (see more information in the Grey St Campus section). On ANZAC Day, both senior and junior student leaders represented the College at the 11.00 commemoration in Traralgon. Our students participated in the parade and the wreath laying ceremony. It is so important that our college is a part of such events.

The Department of Education required all schools to consider the inclusion of a Professional Practice Day for all staff as a part of the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement in Term 2. This was discussed at School Council. Councilors agreed that a second Pupil Free Day will take place on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>. (Please see important calendar dates in this newsletter)

#### Student Resources for class:

Students are required to bring the following resources to class each period:

- Charged Laptop
- Writing materials (pens, pencils)
- Book/folder for subject
- Scientific calculator (Maths)

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Student Profile - Jessica Whiting 9G

Well done Jess!! Jess competed in the State Swimming Finals on the 29th of April in 50m Butterfly race and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. **Congratulations!** 



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### **Grey Steet Campus**

You have possibly noticed a subtle shift in language that we now refer to our two campuses as Shakespeare Street and Grey Street, in previous incantations they have been referred to as East and West, Junior and Senior. Why the change? As we are undertaking significant regeneration developments on both sites and structural realignment of our middle school years (9 & 10) being on one site with our senior year levels it was important to create a more inclusive brand and alignment to the changes that have occurred.

The year began with a significant organisational change with our year 9's joining the Grey Street campus and other than some issues around congestion in hallways and walkways due to the construction works, these students have settled in very well on their new campus.

Our student Leaders attended a three day Leadership development camp in the first week of this term and they have returned with a raft of initiatives and improved capacity to provide leadership to their peers and we look forward to the outcomes they achieve over the coming terms as they implement their ideas and improvement initiatives through high levels of student consultation, creating voice and agency for all.

Throughout the Covid pandemic our phones have become a necessary item for checking in to retail outlets to access the necessities for living, to prove vaccination status and comply with government legislation, with new settings many of these requirements no longer exist. We have reminded our students of the government rules that were in place prior to remote learning, all phones are to be in lockers switched off by 9am of the school day and cannot be accessed again until the end of the day at 3.13pm. These requirements are once again being implemented by our school staff and we are applying our school mobile phone policy to support compliance with this government legislation. We thank you all for your ongoing support to ensure our college is a safe space for all and that learning is our priority in the classrooms and positive social interactions our priority in all settings.

### **Shakespeare Street Campus**

What a fabulous start to term 2 it has been. We commenced the term with a Campus assembly on Tuesday. It was wonderful to have an opportunity to hold an assembly with the easing of restrictions. At the assembly students were reminded of our College Expectations – In Uniform, In Class, On Time, On Task. The key messages reinforced included:

**In Uniform** – All student are expected to be in full school uniform each day. To comply with this student are not permitted to wear hats inside.

In Class, On Time, On Task – All students are to be lined up ready for class with all required materials when the bell rings. Students are expected to maximise time in class, engaging in all learning experiences.

#### PE Uniform:

Students have practical PE lessons twice per week. As a parent you can access your child's timetable on Compass so that you are aware of days your child has practical PE classes.

9:00: FA - 07FAF - T1 - SIM	1
9:11: 1 - 07HPEF - S1E	8
- JAL	

The practical classes can be identified with the location S1A or S1B

- Please note: students must change for practical PE classes. The requirements for practical PE classes include:
  Spare t-shirt: Students should wear their house colour top: plain red polo shirt (Bulga), plain bottle green polo shirt (Tarra) and plain sky blue polo shirt (Wirilda)
  - Sports shoes
  - Black basketball shorts

If sports uniform is forgotten, there are spare tops available.

• Display folder or somewhere to keep handouts (Maths)

### **CAREERS NEWS**

**Term 1** was a busy term with lots going on in the Careers space. VCAL students started their VET courses and work placements. The LLEN's "I am Ready Program" finally started after being postponed from last year and the new I am Deadly program commenced.

These LLEN programs have been wonderful for students to engage with, building their confidence and skill sets.

We had a visit from the **Australian Defence Force**, on Monday 21st March. Leading Seaman Thomas Gower and Corporal Alan Heintz presented an information session to students who gained valuable information and an insight into the ADF. Students learnt about the recruiting process, jobs available and the various pathways of entry. At the end of the session students had the opportunity to speak one to one with Thomas and Alan and ask further questions. A big thank you to all the students who attended the session.



#### Year 9 Morrisby Profiling

Year 9 students in all Victorian Government Schools take part in a My Career Insight program. This program is designed to help students discover, develop and drive their career planning. It's a unique opportunity for them to learn more about their strengths and abilities, while exploring potential career options – giving them the confidence to start taking control of their future. Year 9 is an ideal time for students to take a moment to reflect on who they are, and what they might want from a career. It's a time for self-discovery and an opportunity to think about their strengths and find new ones.

#### Year 12 VCE City Camp

The Year 12 Melbourne Camp has been designed to allow for our students to experience what Melbourne has to offer in both tertiary education and entertainment. Students will visit a variety of both universities and TAFE. This camp will also allow for both students and staff to bond in their final year of schooling after a tough couple of years missing out on events and excursions.

#### Year 12, VCE Tertiary Information Service Tour- Tuesday 17th May

Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Tour hosted by Federation University Churchill Campus. The TIS Tour is where a collective group of Universities, TAFES and Independent Tertiary Colleges come together with a presentation focused on the transition to tertiary education after secondary school. Students will have the opportunity to talk with Tertiary Institute representatives about courses, fees, accommodation, services etc. and collect course guides and other relevant materials/resources to assist when making future decisions

#### Year 10 Work Experience & Pathways Program 20th – 24th June

In Week 9 of term 2, Year 10 students have the work experience and pathways program. Students have a choice to either undertake Work Experience with an employer or participate in Career Pathway activities.

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### **Important Dates**

Pupil Fre	ee Days			
Friday	27 May	Professional Learning Day		
Monday	13 June	Queens Birthday Public Holid	lay	
Tuesday	14 June	Professional Practice Day		
Events				
Naplan T	esting			
Year 9 M	orrisby Care	17 May	24 May	
VCAL Night Market			31 May	
VCE Music Performance Night			9 June	
School C	amps			
Year 12 City Camp			11 May	13 May
VCAL Doxa Camp			16 May	18 May
Year 10 Phillip Island Camp			6 June	8 June
Year 11 City Camp			15 June	17 June
College Ski Camp			3 August	5 August
Excursio	ons			/
2022 Ter	tiary Inform	17 May		
Outdoor	Ed			
Outdoor Ed Year 10 Outdoor Ed 3 Day Camp Lake Tyers			23 May	25 May
Year 12 Outdoor Ed Canoe Trip Gippsland Lakes			19 May	20 May
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	on Intermed	9 May		
	on Girls AFL	17 May		
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