

Principal's News

Welcome back to Term 3. This term is always incredibly busy as Senior Students prepare for final assessments and the students coming through participate in the selection process for Year 10 and Year 11 subjects. In 2023 the Victorian Seniors Years reform will see changes to VCE and Vocational Education for Victorian Students. Our College will be providing students and families with the details of these changes at our VCE Information evening. (Please see important dates and Grey Street Campus section of this and future newsletters for ongoing details about the changes.)

We have started the Term in a more stable position with our staffing, however we are still experiencing workforce challenges due to staff illness. We are no different to many other schools and industries across the state. There will be times this term when we will continue to rely on your patience and understanding as we deal with workforce constraints during the remainder of winter.

The school community should be aware that all Victorian schools are required to update their Child Safety Standards policies to be in line with new legislation which came into place on July 1st 2022. Our School Council will be viewing and endorsing these new and updated policies at our next meeting. We will keep the broader College community up to date with the progress of this work.

Finally, we have committed to running the 2023 Debutante Ball events at the College later this term. I want to thank all the parents and students who attended the Community meeting and the parents who have agreed to be on the organising committee. As a College we are so fortunate to have people who will give their time and energy on School Council and on such organising committees for the good of all students. You are Traralgon College champions. We will provide more information on the Debutante Ball planning in the next newsletter after our committee has meet next week.

Traralgon College does NOT allow food deliveries from paid delivery services such as Doordash, Menulog, McDonalds etc. All deliveries will be denied. Students can access the canteens at each campus for a wide variety of options



No Food Deliveries

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Uniform Option

For these cold winter days the college now has beanies available to purchase from Student Services or the Main Office at each campus

Congratulations to our Grey Street Campus Teacher Elissa for raising \$1700 for Breast Cancer Research. The students had a great time giving her the chop.



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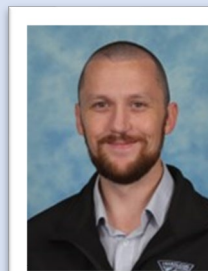
Grey Steet Campus

Throughout 2022 our Senior Teams and Curriculum Executive have been and still continue to be engaged with planning for Senior Secondary Reforms being introduced by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA). These reforms will be implemented in 2023 and will impact upon current VCAL students. Essentially the Senior School Reforms will provide a greater diversity of VET offerings and create a new pathway in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The new pathway is the Vocational Major Pathway and holds similarities and differences to the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL). The VCAL will no longer exist beyond 2022, but all students currently in this pathway will receive unit credits towards their Vocational Major VCE. This information is obviously complex and requires significantly more explanation than can be offered in this bulletin. There will be a Senior Information evening held at the Traralgon College VCE centre during week 5. Please put August 9th on your Calendar, the Senior Information Evening will provide important information around Senior School Reforms and offer opportunities to engage with staff ask questions and also engage with local industry and VET providers to support pathway planning.

The information evening will offer information about all VCE offerings for 2023, not just the Vocational Major. All year 10 students will be expected to participate in course counselling that will occur on Monday August 15th, parents need to attend to support this process and the resulting decisions that occur around course selection. There will be opportunities to book course counselling during the day or into the evening to support work commitments. On this day there will be no classes for year 10 students, the course counselling process occurs in Lieu of classes. A typical course counselling interview lasts for 15 to 30 minutes and makes sure that a student's course selection aligns to their desired career or education pathway. Students who are currently enrolled in VCAL and need clarification around the transition to Vocational Major or are in year 9 and considering and early start VCE or Vocational Major are encouraged to attend the senior information evening and book a course counselling interview.

Details on how to book Course Counselling Interviews will be released in coming weeks, full details of the Senior Information Evening will be released next week.

From the last week of Term 2 through the school holidays, Grey Street Campus teacher Stephen Jeffs has been in Broome, Western Australia. He is currently completing a university course in Aboriginal Studies and was spending time on Country, and attending lectures. As part of his course he completed a short assignment of 1000 words, looking into the Aboriginal history of Gippsland. As the final week of the holidays was NAIDOC week, a copy of his essay has been [here](#) to continue to break the 'silent history' around the period of colonisation in Australia.



Shakespeare Steet Campus

We are excited to begin term 3 of the 2022 school year. Term 3 sees us welcome a new Year 7 Leader. Rebekah Foulds who is a current Traralgon College staff member has been recently appointed to this role, following Phil Thomas moving back into a full teaching allocation. Rebekah joins Matt Suter who continues as our Year 8 Leader.

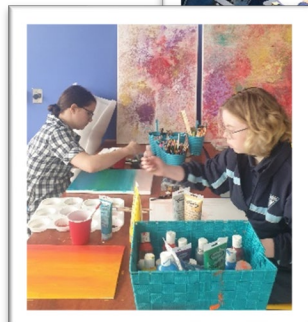
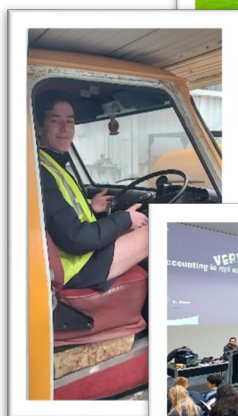
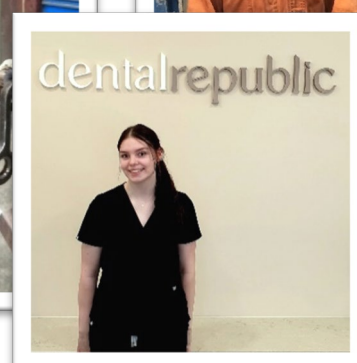
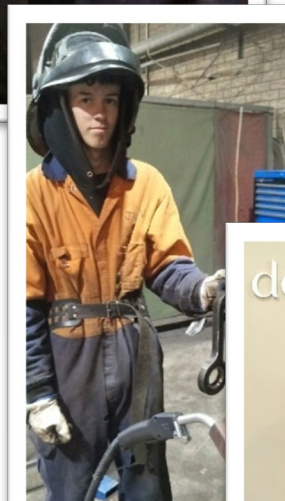
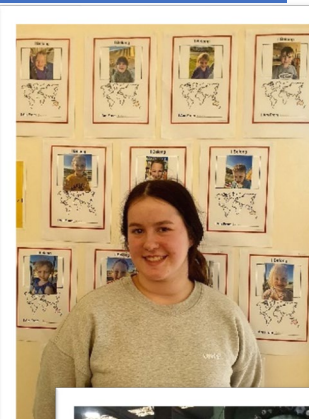
The work of both Matt and Rebekah will focus on our priorities for Wellbeing and Engagement and our school strategic goal to establish and embed a culture of high expectations for all students. Year Levels Leaders not only respond to individual student behaviour with timely interventions and disciplinary outcomes they also support the development and implementation of Behaviour Support Plans, Individual Education Plans, Safety Plans and Attendance Improvement Plans. They also contribute to maximising school life through organising year level camps, excursions, incursions, campus celebrations and activities. This term we will continue to focus on having high expectations to for all students. This includes high expectations for learning, behaviour and attendance. As a parent/carer you can support this in a range of ways. This includes ensuring your child attends school each day (when well), supporting your child to establish a routine for charging their laptop each night, making certain your child has the resources they need for each class and making sure your child is in full school uniform each day.

Careers News

In week 9 of Term 2 over 90 year 10 students took part in work experience in a variety of sectors and work places including: Childcare centres, Primary Schools, Accounting firms, Builders, Electricians, Dentist, Hairdressers, Veterinarian Surgeries, etc.

Work experience has given these year 10 students the opportunity to develop employability skills, explore possible careers options, understand employer expectations and increase their self-understanding, maturity, independence and self-confidence.

The Traralgon College Careers Team would like to extend their gratitude and appreciation to the businesses and host employers that provided these wonderful opportunities this week for growth and development to our year 10 students.



For those students in year 10 who did not do work experience the Careers Team ran a Careers Pathway Program throughout the whole of week 9. The Careers Pathway Program was a great program for students who were unsure about future career pathways, were unable to do work experience in their chosen career path due to COVID regulations or workplaces not being able to take them onboard, wanted to learn more about different industries, further education, etc.

During this week these students took part in workshops and presentations at School and many external excursions and Industry tours. On the Monday they went to Latrobe Valley Bus Line Traralgon Depot for a tour of the site and saw firsthand what is involved with the maintenance of the large fleet of buses, they even got to sit behind the wheel of a Bus. On Tuesday they went out to SafeTech in Moe for a tour of their Facilities as SafeTech are Australia's leading designer and manufacturer of dock products, freight hoists, scissor lifts, pallet loading and handling equipment, stretch wrappers, cranes, hoists and vehicle lifts. On Wednesday they spent the whole day out at Federation University Churchill Campus listening to presentations from Lecturers, took part in a tour of the campus and did some hands on practical in the Nursing labs learning how to take blood from a fake arm, taking blood pressure, etc. On Friday they spent the morning undertaking an interactive program at Latrobe Youth Space which involved baking scones and cheese toasties for morning tea, creating some art work, utilising the games facilities there and finding out more about all the programs they can undertake themselves for free that are run at the Latrobe Valley Youth Space.

Important Dates

Events	
Semester Reports	22 July
2023 Like Minds Applicant Testing	28 & 30 July
Professional Practice Day – Student Free	2 August
Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences	17 August
Student Free Day	26 August
General Achievement Test (GAT)	7 September
College Production "Matilda"	9 & 10 September
Debutant Balls	15 & 16 September

School Camps	Start	End
College Ski Camp	3 August	5 August

Outdoor Ed	Start	End
Year 10 MTB Skills	26 July	
VCE Ski Camp	1 August	3 August

Excursion	
Monash University Metro Campus Experience	21 July

School Sports	
Senior Table Tennis	22 July
Wellington Intermediate & Senior Table Tennis	25 July
Senior & Intermediate Basketball	26 July
Gippsland Regional Netball	4 August

2023 Course Selection Dates	
VCE Course Information Night	9 August
Year 10 Course Counselling Day	15 August
Year 11 & 12 Course Selections Due	19 August
Year 9 & 10 Course Selections Due	2 September

