

TRARALGON COLLEGE NEWS

Principal's News

I would like to congratulate and thank all the staff, students, parents, and carers who attended the VCE Information evening on Tuesday of this week. There was a tremendous feel as approximately 150 students and family members were able to receive the most up to date information about the Senior Secondary Reform. Our staff, led by Russel Praetz, Laura Johnson and Ronan O'Sullivan provided a very professional presentation and about the VCE changes, including the new VCE Vocational Major and the Vocational Pathways Certificate. A special mention must go to School Captain, Ella Maguire for her presentation on the evening. Ella is becoming an increasingly effective and confident public speaker. The VCE evening was another step in her growth as she addressed a large audience on important pathway matters. We hope that the upcoming Course Counselling Day is just as successful as students move through the course selection process.

At this time of the year we are required to issue parents and families with the opportunity to provide feedback to the College via the Parent Opinion Survey. Please be aware that we will be making contact with families through the DET processes to seek their participation in the survey. We thank families in advance for their willingness to be involved in this important department process.

Finally, members of our community will be aware of the progress that is being made with the College Redevelopment on the Grey Street Campus. There has been significant progress in the last two weeks with the completion of concrete pours and the beginning of the structural framework taking shape. While the days have been chilly, they have been perfect for this work and have us back on track for completion later this year. In the next Newsletter we will be able to provide more calendar details about this work.

2023 Year 11 Course Counselling
Monday 15th August

No Scheduled classes for Year 10 students

Parent Teacher Student Conferences
Wednesday 17th August

No Scheduled classes for all students

Appointments can be made on Compass Conferences

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Student Spotlight Harlen Bye 10G

Thank you to Harlen for fixing the coffee machine in the Grey Street Campus Canteen.

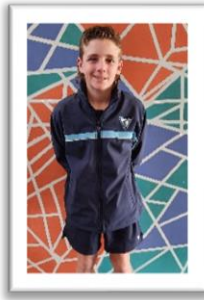


Growing together as adaptable, confident, successful learners and citizens

Interschool Sports Update

State Cross Country

On the 14th July Levi Macumber raced in the SSV State Cross Country that he had qualified for during term 2. Levi had a fantastic run and finished with a time of 11:03min. He placed 16th in the state. What a great achievement. **Well done Levi!**



Year 7 and 8 Basketball

Year 7 and 8 basketball tryouts are occurring in week 5 and 6 of this term. The students picked from these tryouts will be playing against our local schools on Thursday 8th September. There will be posters up at the stadium outlining the tryout details.

Senior and Intermediate Basketball

On Tuesday July 26th there were senior boys and intermediate boys and girls basketball teams competed at the Wellington Region Competition. They competed against other local schools in the region. All 3 teams were competitive against other schools but unsuccessful in progressing to the next round.

Senior Table tennis

The Senior boys table tennis team won the Wellington region competition and went through to the Gippsland competition in Wonthaggi on Thursday 28th July. Unfortunately, the boys did not progress through to the next round.

Gippsland region Netball

We had two teams compete at the Gippsland region netball competition after winning their respective sections at the Wellington competition in term 2. On Thursday 4th of August both the Intermediate girls and Senior boys competed against 3 other teams from regions around Gippsland. The two teams were competitive but did not progress through.



On Tuesday 26th August the Year 10 Outdoor Experiences class had a day trip mountain bike riding at the Maryvale Pines. We rode from school to the pines when we did a few tracks and had our snack at the car park. The purpose of this trip was to work on our mountain bike skills and to build resilience. On the trip we learnt some skills like the 'boss stance'. A highlight of the trip was when Leila fell off her bike going downhill because Holly stopped right in front of her. Overall, our favourite part of the day was getting out and about and hanging with our friends.

- Minetah Luke 10E

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Dennis Kelly
Music & Lyrics
Tim Minchin
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10 September 1pm & 7pm
Grey St Campus Stadium - 154-184 Grey Street Traralgon
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[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CBCQK](https://www.trybooking.com/CBCQK)
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Our year 10 Biology class, under the guidance of Rebecca Cameron, has been working to create a new sustainability area, with the aim to include a chicken coup, compost bins and a biogas generator. Through this new space students can better understand the importance of waste management, how microbes play a part in ecosystem processes and build skills they can use in their own gardens. This new area adds to gardens students have been cultivating with successive classes and includes work by students to create new seating areas.



College Update

School life is so important to our young people, the opportunities that exist beyond the school gates are such important factors in contributing to positive wellbeing outcomes and learning. We have remained steadfast in ensuring our students can engage with extra-curricular activities even in the midst of the most significant staffing shortages ever experienced by the college that is compounded by Covid and illness.

This week we have been fortunate to have Courage to Care speak to our students on both Campuses. This educational program explores the importance of standing up to discrimination and empowering us to confront prejudice and bullying. Explored through stories of the Holocaust, we were privileged to hear the personal story of a Holocaust survivor – Richard Rozen OAM – who only survived through the acts of courageous ‘Upstanders’

Last week our students participated in snow camp, this involved Senior Outdoor Education students and students from across the college. These experiences are unique and can often lead to lifelong aspiration development, I know in my own instance getting the opportunity to learn to ski on a school camp provided the motivation to continue with the activity into my adult life and to travel to accomplish this, it is a world I would never have known if not for the effort and dedication of my teachers.

Senior information evening was held this week with a high level of attendance from students and parents/carers. The information presented addressed the Senior Secondary reform and new course offerings of VCE Vocational Major and Victorian Pathways Certificate that are replacing the VCAL program in 2023.

Course counselling will occur for all year 10 students on Monday August 15th at the college and on this day classes will not run for year 10 students. Year 10 students are only required to attend for their course counselling interview and our preference is that they have a parent/carer present. You can book course counselling by going to the people icon on compass and selecting conferences to access course counselling bookings. You will be prompted to select your child’s desired pathway, VCE, VM (VCE Vocational Major), VPC (Vocational Pathways Certificate) or undecided, this will ensure you are matched up to an appropriate level of expertise within the college to finalise course selection for 2023.



Stay healthy – stay protected – catch up on secondary school vaccinations!

It’s more important than ever to make sure you’re up to date with vaccinations.

All immunisations are important to protect yourself and others from illness, including HPV, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough and Meningococcal.

If you missed out on any vaccinations during Term 1 don’t worry!

WHAT IS PROVIDED

- **Year 7** – Human Papillomavirus (Gardasil 9) and Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough (Boostrix)
- **Year 10** – Meningococcal ACWY (Nimenrix)

The second dose of HPV vaccine for year 7 students will be offered at schools later in the year if you had your first dose at school.

Check with your parents if you think you might have missed your shot!

HELPFUL LINKS

Meningococcal ACWY:
www.health.gov.au/campaigns/meningococcal-acwy-vaccine-for-teens

HPV:
www.health.gov.au/campaigns/hpv-vaccine-for-teens-tips-for-parents

Anyone under the age of 20 can book a catch-up session by visiting your GP or making a booking.
www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/immu



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Out ICT Manager Glenn Gates is participating in the Firefighter Stair Climb. Help him and the Glengarry Fire Brigade by donating.

Wellbeing Corner

Did you know Traralgon College has recently restarted a **RAINBOW PRIDE** group?

Both campuses will host fortnightly sessions on Mondays at lunchtime. We are excited to get to know and learn more about our rainbow community and host some fun events over the coming terms, including a “Wear it Purple” out of uniform day on August 26th.

If you would like to be part of the group, come and see any of the Wellbeing Team for more info. Everyone is welcome.



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Important Dates

Events	
Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences	17 August
Open Mic Night	25 August
Student Free Day	26 August
General Achievement Test (GAT)	7 September
College Production "Matilda"	9 & 10 September
Debutant Balls	15 & 16 September

Outdoor Ed	
Year 10 Canoe Skills	1 September
Year 9 Overnight Hike	13 – 14 September

Excursion	
Year 12 IT Science Works	18 August
Year 10 Biology – Melbourne Zoo	24 August
VET Sport Bush Walk	24 August
Year 12 Studio Art and Food Studies Melbourne Experience	25 August

School Sports	
Gippsland Regional Netball	4 August
Year 7 & 8 Wellington Basketball	8 September

2023 Course Selection Dates	
Year 10 Course Counselling Day	15 August
Year 11 & 12 Course Selections Due	19 August
Current Year 11 VCAL Information Session	23 August
Year 9 & 10 Course Selections Due	2 September



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