

TRARALGON COLLEGE NEWS

Principal's News

Welcome to Term 4

Students have returned to school with an incredibly positive mindset this term, course selection processes have been completed and blocking created with a success rate of primary selections above 95%, students will be informed as soon as practical as to the selection outcomes, we now need to fit all of these subjects into our timetable and facilities so a bit more work to do behind the scenes but we are incredibly optimistic that we will be able to accommodate student voice around course selections effectively.

Final deadlines for our remaining two camps are approaching, if you are interested in attending the Year 9 Melbourne Camp in Week 5 or the Year 8 Karoonda Park Camp make sure you get your consent onto compass as soon as possible.

Our Year 12 students attended the practice exams over the holiday period and approached these in a very mature and conscientious manner. Their revision classes are now in full swing with students completing more practice exams and working with teachers to hone their exam technique. This period of the year can be a very stressful time for Year 12 students and other students completing VCE exams. We encourage all families to provide that extra support for students at this time and seek the services of our wellbeing and year level teams if required.

Finally, as College Principal I wish to extend my gratitude to our debutant ball committee for their outstanding support and organisation of the events that took place last term. In addition, I would also like to thank all the parents and families who supported the Matilda production by transporting students to rehearsals and adjusting their family program and commitments to support our students. Traralgon College is so fortunate to have such wonderful people who are willing to give their time for the good of our students.



Traralgon College policy for mobile phones and electronic devices is consistent with the department ban during the school day.

Students are reminded that mobile phones need to be in their lockers or in the phone lockers in student services.

Earpods/Eaphones are not to be worn.

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Student Spotlight
Emily Bhugwana
Year 12

Emily has been at Traralgon College since year 7. She has continued to grow and develop into a dedicated and caring person that mentors others. Emily has assisted staff and her fellow students many times over the years with running events like RUOK Day, Wear it Purple Day, IDAHOBIT Day and the National Day against Bullying and Violence. Emily has also volunteered in her own time to help with Breakfast Club to ensure that students have had breakfast and are ready to learn.

In her personal time, Emily enjoys music, horse riding and shooting (not all at the same time though lol!). She also has a strong sense of family and is a loyal friend.

As Emily is about to finish her VCE we wish her well with whatever she chooses to do next and hope that she will come back to visit!



The Traralgon College Community Debutante Ball Committee were proud to present the two Debutante Balls at the end of term 3 on the Thursday and Friday nights. Congratulations to the 47 Debutante couples who participated- learning all dances and perfecting etiquette over just a few short weeks.

The Shakespeare Street Campus Stadium was transformed into a ballroom for this event with festooned fabric and lighting and fabulous native flower decorations adorning the stage, foyer and each table. After COVID restrictions and interruptions, it was fabulous to be able to provide our senior students with a wonderful opportunity to share this milestone with family, friends and staff.

Over 300 people attended each night and a fantastic 'vibe' experienced at both balls. This event was made possible by the generous support of many local businesses, staff, students and parents.

The highlights have certainly been the great collegiality between students, families and the community all coming together to make the event a great success.



College Production

The college produced an amazing rendition of Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical with three grand performances, a full band, great characterisation and some very large dance numbers.

Lots of thanks goes to all the staff and students at Traralgon College who have put in so much time, work and dedication into making this production happen.



Wellbeing Corner

Mental Health Month started in 2010. The length of time was extended from a week to a month due to the overwhelming increase in organisations commemorating the cause. During October events are held to shine a spotlight on the importance of mental health, remove the stigma, highlight the resources and programs available and celebrate the organisations, individuals and teams that do great work in this space.





During term 3, MYLNS numeracy students have been coming along to sessions and having a guess at how many lollies are packed into a cylindrical jar. There have been many strategies observed, from trying to calculate how many packets and researching how many lollies are in each packet to estimation.

We have also had estimation methods of counting how many layers and multiplying by how many are in each layer. It has been fantastic listening to students' strategies and reasons.

As our year 8 students have been studying Statistics in their Math class, there was an opportunity to also look at some statistics using this raw data. All these guesses gave us some raw data to base some statistical analysis. With the aim of being the closest to the number of lollies in the jar, the winner of course taking the jar as their prize. Students have used their inquiry skills and targeted the proficiencies of understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning. Well done to all those students who in this participated in this investigation.

I am proud to announce the winner of this little fun competition to Tobias Nikau, who was the closest to the answer with his guess of 114 lollies. There were in fact, 108 lollies in the jar! Congratulations Tobias.

Science Update

As we move into term 4, students continue to explore the sciences at Traralgon College. Year 7's are looking into the world of living things and animal kingdoms, whilst our year 8 students will be exploring chemistry, focusing on elements, compounds and mixtures .



Year 9 students are finishing off their acids and bases assessments and then will be exploring inner space, looking at the brain, neurobiology and the central nervous system for the rest of the term.

Our year 10 scientists continue to explore aspects of Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Physics and Environmental science, while our Year 11 and 12 VCE students are finishing units 2 and 4 respectively and are preparing for exams.



Good luck to all our science students in the upcoming exams!

What's happening in humanities?

There is a buzz around humanities at Traralgon College right now! Over the course of this year, the humanities team have been working hard to redesign our offerings for years 9 and 10 in 2023 and beyond. We are excited by the prospect of being able to give TC students choice over which humanities units they engage in, and look forward to having the opportunity to teach a broad range of subjects. All of the year 9 and 10 classes will have a new look and feel next year, and early indications suggest that the new offerings have been enthusiastically taken up by students. The remainder of this term is going to see us very busy putting together units as diverse as World War history, Australian law, tourism and global politics, among others and already have ideas in the pipeline for more options in 2024. We have also been in regular contact with the Gunnai-Kurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation to take the first, careful steps towards developing authentic experiences for students to be able to travel to various locations of social and historical significance around Gippsland.

At our Grey st campus we have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to take all of the year 8 students to Melbourne to visit the Melbourne Holocaust Museum and the Jewish Museum of Australia – free of charge! A huge thanks goes to the MHM and the JMA for funding this, as well as Zionism Australia for agreeing to also provide a free lunch (and they say there's no such thing!). This connects students' learning in both English and Humanities, as well as being a great opportunity to broaden general awareness of the horrors of the Holocaust and build global citizenship qualities. This will be happening in week 4 of this term so stay tuned to Compass for further details.

At the top end of the College, our Unit 2 Legal Studies students have been working through the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Equal Opportunities, and have had the opportunity this year to engage with a variety of speakers with first hand knowledge of the Australian justice system. Sociology classes continue to be one of the bedrocks of senior Humanities at TC and our brand new VCE History unit – The British Empire – has been enthusiastically received by students and is set to become another staple of the offerings of Traralgon College.

We wish all of our senior students the best of luck with their end of year preparations and assessments, and are eager to get our new 2023 units up and running.

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Important Dates

Events	
Year 12 Celebration Day	21 October
Student Free Day	31 October
Valedictory Dinner	17 November
Presentation Evening	14 December

Camps	
Year 9 City Camp	2-4 November
Year 8 Karoonda Park Camp	14-18 November

Excursion	
Year 11 Chemistry Field Trip	10 October
Girls in Blue – Police Force Excursion	11 October
2023 English Film preview	12 October
Inspiring Young Women Dinner	19 October
Holocaust Museum Excursion	26 & 27 October

School Sports	
Wellington Cricket Year 8	12 October
Intermediate Table Tennis	27 October

Outdoor Ed	
Year 9 Surf Skills	9 & 11 November
Year 10 Lake Tyers Camp	14-16 November

VCAL Short Courses	
Responsible Service of Alcohol	7 November
Safe Food Handling	8 November
Barista	10 November
First Aid	14 – 15 November

Exams	
VCAA Year 12 Exams	26 October – 17 November
Year 11 Exams	28 November – 2 December



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