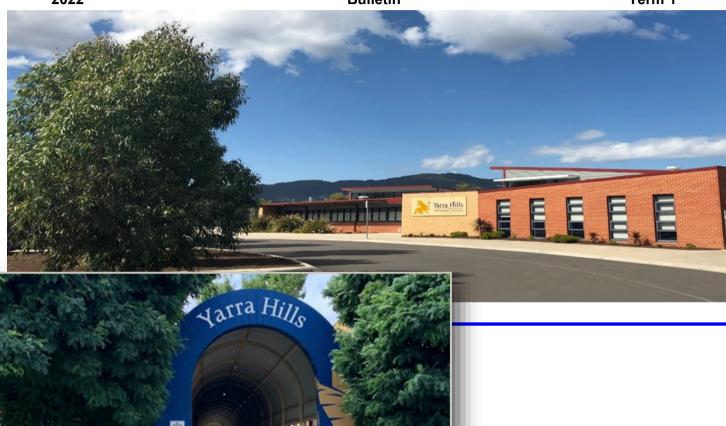


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2022 Bulletin Term 1



# College Principals' Report

Term One has certainly been a busy and exciting term at Yarra Hills as our staff and students have settled back into (almost) normal life on-site at both campuses. It has been wonderful to be able to return to providing many great opportunities outside of the classroom for our students to participate in. Inside our classrooms, students have worked well to familiarise themselves back into the school routine, completing assessments and managing their learning in class and at home. I am extremely proud of their efforts so far this term. Interim Reports are now on Compass for parents/carers to look at their child's progress this term. Our Parent/Teacher/Student Conference bookings (scheduled to occur on Thursday April 28) are now also open.

Our staff have also been working extremely hard to ensure consistency of learning across classes, monitoring and supporting students and also participating in professional learning. We have also been extremely busy preparing for our re-designed Open Night Showcase at both campuses. Without a doubt, the highlight of these events were our students – they created such a positive vibe, were extremely helpful for all parents and children who attended and were excellent role models on the night. I also thank all of our staff who worked so very hard in making our school shine.

One key way to stay up to date with all of the latest excursion, extra-curricular activities and upcoming events is to join our FaceBook & Instagram pages. These pages are regularly updated with photos and key information and is the best way to see what is happening at Yarra Hills Secondary College.

We have navigated many new things this term including the Rapid Antigen Testing program/distribution, removal of the mask mandate and juggling the many students and staff who have been absent due to isolation and the effects of Covid. I thank everyone in the community for their patience, understanding and support during the difficulties of this term. Finally, I would like to thank all members of our community; staff, students and parents/carers for your support as I have taken on the Acting College Principal role this term. Darren Trippett will be returning from Tuesday April 26 and I will be returning to my role of Campus Principal of our Mooroolbark Campus. I also thank Leighton O'Donnell who has stepped into the role of Acting Campus Principal (Mooroolbark) and Christina Shaw who stepped into the role of Acting Campus Assistant Principal (Mooroolbark) – they have both done an exceptional job.

Rachel Lynch Acting College Principal

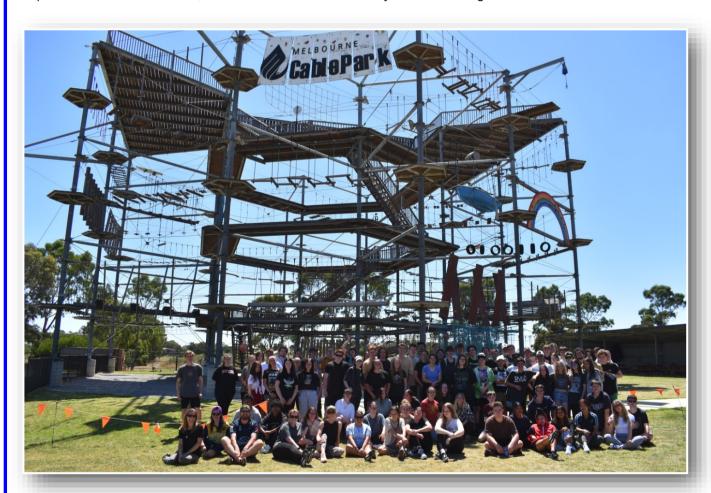
### **Senior School Update**

Our Senior students – both VCE and VCAL have settled in very well this term and I thank Mr. Sheaves and the Senior Co-ordination team for all their hard work. Our students have a focused mindset and we are seeing them responding so well to the full return to on-site learning. It has been a busy end to term with completion of SACs and/or assessments as well as many extra-curricular activities and I congratulate all of our senior students for their focus on their studies, TAFE and work placements.

# Big Day Out/Big Day In

The Year 12 Big Day In program targeted the necessary and fundamental skills our Year 12 VCE Students will need to optimize their performance in 2022. Study Skills and other workshops around time and stress managements, strategies for revision, course work requirements and tips for success.

The Big Day Out aimed to provide our Year 12 students with an opportunity to enhance their skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to maximise their success in 2022, whether it be the VCE or VCAL programs. The primary purpose of the Big Day Out Program is to provide an exciting 'off campus' opportunity for student to forge stronger relationships with their peers and their Year 12 VCE/VCAL staff. Through challenge activities at Melbourne Cable Park, we aimed to build a sense of teamwork and peer connectedness with our Senior Students, whilst aiming to challenge our students to conquer fears and difficult tasks, which await them in their final year of schooling.



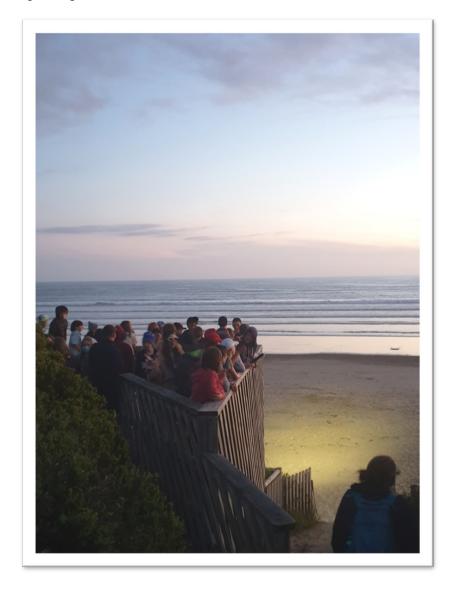
#### **Junior School Update**

Our Junior School students have also settled back into onsite learning extremely well. Mr. Gurr (Head of Junior School – Mooroolbark) and Mrs. Dunn (Campus Leader at Mount Evelyn) have done a wonderful job of working with our team of Coordinators to ensure the transition back to school has been as smooth as possible.

It has been a busy term for our Junior students - with managing routines, classroom expectations and learning tasks. Our Year 7 and 9 students have participated in the NAPLAN on-line trial ahead of the full NAPLAN online testing in May – they all did a fantastic job and I congratulate them on participating in this. We have had many exciting events this term – from excursions, to camps and many fantastic activities inside our classrooms.

# Year 7 Camp

Three days with 100 new Year 7's.... we had a blast! This year the camp was held at Waratah Bay where students enjoyed beach walks, team building activities, obstacle courses and even had a dip in the Camp pool! Our dedicated staff were personally thanked for taking time away from their own families to support our students. Staff member Rob Horwill did a fantastic job organising the event.



# **Uniform Reminders**

Our school uniform is compulsory – including PE uniform. I recently sent out a Compass post regarding this and ask that all parents ensure their children have correct and full school uniform for the commencement of Term 2. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about this.

#### **Production**

'Rock of Ages' hit the stage at the end of March and what a fantastic display of talent this brought us. I thank all of the Production Team as well as all students who participated this year – it was a long process to get there, having been hindered by the impacts of Covid last year, however the hard work certainly paid off. The shows were a huge success and it was fantastic to see so many students being part of the show – whether on stage, behind the scenes of assisting on the night of the performances. Special mention to Julia Rockett, Airlia Johns, Matthew Sharpe and Zoe Price for all of their hard work to get the show up and running so well.



# **College Photos**

All College photos were completed on Friday February 18 (which included a 'catch up session' for students who were absent from Day 1). The school photos have now been distributed to all students – if your child has not received theirs, please ask them to collect from their campus office at the start of Term 2.





Yarra Hills Secondary is proud to be working with a network of neighbouring schools who deliver enrichment programs with our Koorie Students. The photos were taken last week of our 'Welcome 2022' session where students were provided education regarding 'Free the Flag' and 'National Sorry Day'. There are currently 22 students involved in the program across both campuses. Mr Leighton O'Donnell is our First Nations Advocate at Yarra Hills SC.

#### School Tours up and running

We couldn't be happier to see parents/guardians and their Primary school children attend our Campuses for the first time last week for our School Tours. With COVID-19 protocols in place, we are able to give face-to-face 45 minute sessions detailing the best assets of our College. Booking have also been given a re-vamp, with 'Try-booking' introduced on our College Website.

# **Sport**

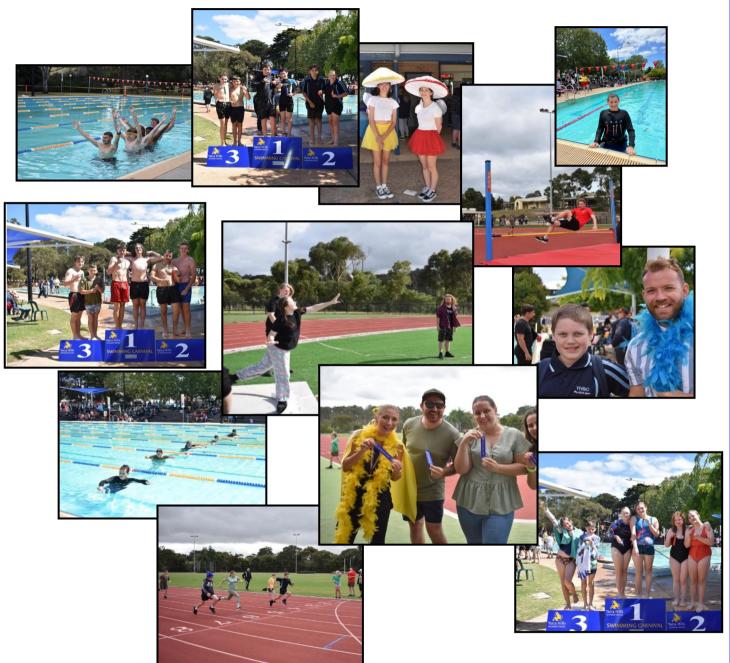
It was so great to be able to once again hold our Swimming Sports and Athletics Carnival with great attendance at both events. Our Interschool Sport is also back! Junior teams for cricket, swimming, tennis and volleyball have all competed so far this term.

### Shade sails

We have been lucky enough to secure a grant for two new shade sails at both campuses. These will be installed in coming weeks to provide further outdoor learning areas for classes, as well as for shade for students on those sunny days.

# **Swimming Carnival**

Our House Swimming Carnival was held at Croydon Pool on Monday 21 February. The weather was sunny and a perfect temperature to hold a swimming competition! It was a very pleasant day with a large number of students participating in both the official and novelty events. It was great to see students dressed in their house colours. A huge congratulations to all staff and students. Green Dragons continued their dominance to win with a score of 340 points. They were followed by Golden Eagles in second place with 156 points, Blue Dolphins in third place with 63 points and Red Back Spiders fourth with 57 points. Our Age Group Champions were: 12/13 years Abbey Owen and Luca Lombardi, 14 years Morgan Jarvis, 15 years Lilyella Taylor and Liam Pitt, 16 years Alex Hosking, 17 years Ben Lombardi and 18/20 years Max Cron. There were also participation awards to James Lombardi, Nathan Amos, Julie Matthews, Tamika Wong and Max Cron.



#### **Athletics Carnival**

Our House Athletics Carnival was held at Morrison Athletics Track on Tuesday 8 March. The weather was overcast but pleasant and it was an enthusiastic day of competition. A large number of students participated in both the track and field events.

A huge congratulations to all staff and students. Green Dragons completed the double to win with a score of 900 points. They were followed by Red Back Spiders in second place with 643 points, Golden Eagles in third place with 546 points and Red Blue Dolphins fourth with 509 points. Our Age Group Champions were: 12/13 years Tamsyn Pigdon Talbot and Kaiden Hall/Jason Western-Pittard, 14 years Natalie Piper and Bryan Tlangian, 15 years Rachel Healey and Yuvraj Singh, 16 years Beth Hardy/Skye Spenceley and Max Blennerhassett, 17 years Tiffany Snodgrass and Lachlan Taylor and 18/20 years.

# 2022 Term 1 College Interschool Sport

And we are off and running! That's right everyone, **finally** we are able to get out and about after all of those interruptions from 'you know what' for our interschool sport competitions.

Welcome to our Term 1 Sports Newsletter and more importantly welcome to all our Year 7 students.

So..... this term has seen Yarra Hills Secondary College represented in Senior, Intermediate and Junior sports, competing in the Yarra Group Interschool sports competitions.

The winning teams progress to represent our school in the Eastern Zone Competition and



- remarkable results achieved!!!! We were represented in the following term 1 sports: Cricket, Tennis, Volleyball and for the first time Golf. Watch out Tiger!

I want to congratulate all participants on their awesome results. To have so many teams finish in the top two of their pools (amongst some schools that have sporting academies as part of their school program) is a fantastic effort. I would also like to thank the staff who supported the competition by coaching and managing these teams. Your assistance is much appreciated and has achieved our great results!

#### **Term 1 Results**

#### First Place:

Senior Boys Golf Intermediate Boys Volleyball Year 8 Girls Volleyball

#### Second Place:

Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball Senior Boys Tennis Intermediate Girls Volleyball Year 8/7 Boys Cricket Year 8 Boys Tennis and Volleyball



Senior Golf: Seth Spenceley



Junior Volleyball Team



Intermediate Volleyball Team

Well done to all our participants so far. Please note that all Term 2 sporting sign-up sheets are on the notice boards and many of the sports are filling up quickly. Get in now! Sign up to avoid the disappointment NOW... WE WANT YOU... We look forward to seeing all of you on the sporting field. Who is going to give Tiger a run for his money? Who wants the next Brownlow? It could be You.. Sign-up Now!

#### Term 2 sports are as follows:

# **Senior**

Table Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Soccer, AFL, Badminton, Boys Netball and Girls AFL

#### Intermediate

AFL, Soccer, Netball, Badminton, Girls AFL and Boys Netball

# Junior Sports (7 and 8)

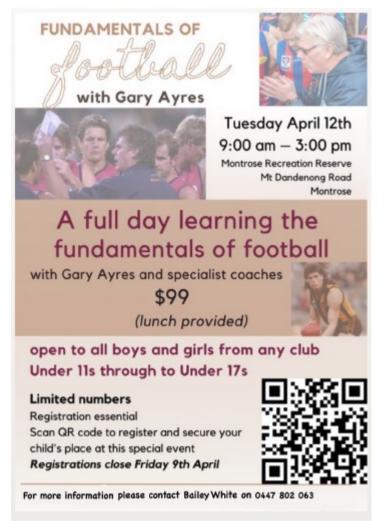
AFL, Soccer, Netball, Badminton, Girls AFL and Boys Netball

		KEY DATES	
APRIL			
Monday	25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	ME & MB
Tuesday	26	First Day Term 2	ME & MB
Tuesday	26	ANZAC Ceremony & Assembly	ME & MB
Wednesday	27	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	28	Parent Teacher Interviews	ME & MB
MAY			
Monday	2	Pat Cronin 'Stop the Coward Punch'	МВ
Tuesday	3	Unit 3 Sociology Ethnicity Excursion	MB
Wed-Fri	4-6	Music Camp - Portsea	ME & MB
Friday	6	Yarra Cross Country	ME & MB
Mon-Fri	9-13	NAPLAN Yr 7 & 9	ME & MB
Tuesday	10	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—5:00pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	10	BRAVO Friends of Music Meeting 6pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	11	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	12	Yr 11 & 12 Studio Arts To Arts & City Galleries Excursion	MB
Thursday	12	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—4:30pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	17	Music in the Round 7pm-8.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	18	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	19	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—4:30pm	ME & MB
Monday	23	Yr 10 METEC Driver Training Session 8.45am	MB
Tuesday	24	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—5:00pm	ME & MB
Wed-Thurs	25-26	VCE OE Unit 2&4 Baw Baw National Park	MB
Wednesday	25	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	26	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—4:30pm	ME & MB
Monday	30	Yr 10 METEC Driver Training Session 8.45am	MB
Tuesday	31	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—5:00pm	ME & MB
JUNE			
Wednesday	1	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	2	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—4:30pm	ME & MB
Friday	3	VCE Unit 1 Exams & Yr 10 Exams	ME & MB
Tuesday	7	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—5:00pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	8	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	9	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—4:30pm	ME & MB
Friday	10	Report Writing Day - No classes	ME & MB
Friday	10	Year 10 Social	ME & MB
Monday	13	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	ME & MB
Tuesday	14	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—5:00pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	15	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	16	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—4:30pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	21	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—5:00pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	22	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	23	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3:30pm—4:30pm	ME & MB
Friday	24	Last Day Term 1 2.30 Dismissal	ME & MB











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