

2022

Newsletter

Term 2



College Principals' Report

As we rapidly approach the end of term I'd like to firstly acknowledge the commitment and resilience of our staff, both teaching and non-teaching, during this time. Statewide staff shortages have crippled many schools, as the impact of COVID, then Influenza and other winter ills have taken effect. While we have certainly had our share of absences, the way in which our staff have stepped in for each other, and our students, has been inspirational. Staff have volunteered to work beyond their usual hours and/or days to help fill these gaps. I can only say thank you.

I must also mention our students who have braved these same waters themselves, and while many have had their own times absent due to illness, the way in which they keep turning up with smiles on their faces, has been incredibly heartening. It is this, and those smiles, that drives us all.

With all of that in mind, we have made huge efforts to continue with all of our usual school events and activities, both curricular and extra-curricular during this term. We trust and know that these are important and the effort is worth it.

Farewells

It is with mixed feelings that I announce some significant departures from Yarra Hills at the end of this term.

Jane Kuipers (Business Manager) - Jane has been a valued member of staff at Pembroke/Yarra Hills since beginning in 1995! Jane has held a number of roles, most significantly the Business Manager role she has held since 2008. Jane is now retiring, with her husband Rob who has also been with us in a Facilities role for several years now. We wish Jane and Rob all the best in this next phase of their lives and wish them all the happiness this time together and with family will bring.

Rachel Lynch (Campus Principal) - Rachel has been with us since starting as a new teacher in 2005 (she actually did teaching rounds here in 2004!). Rachel has filled a large number of responsibility positions at school during that time, culminating in her Campus Principal appointment, as well as terms as acting College Principal in recent years. Rachel now leave us to take on her own school as the newly appointed Principal to Warrandyte High School. I'd like to take this opportunity to again congratulate Rachel and wish her all the best in her new role.

Covid

As my almost daily Compass Posts and notifications would suggest, we are currently dealing with a number of students and staff contracting Covid, both in and out of school, and impacting many classes and activities. We continue to apply all of our CovidSafe measures onsite and in all offsite venues, and we encourage all members of the school community to also be cautious outside of school hours, as many cases have arisen beyond the school setting. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for their patience, resilience and compassion in supporting their students and colleagues as we work through this phase of the pandemic together.

School Production 'Rock of Ages'

This production was extraordinary. It has overcome challenges that, frankly, should have stopped it, at numerous points in its journey from casting to the stage. Interrupted rehearsal schedules, rehearsing online (!), re-scheduling two previous performance seasons, cast members unwell and/or in isolation...and a performance date in a new school year. It is a credit to everyone involved, and to their belief that, given the many that we have had to give up on the past two years, this would be persisted with. Even in the week of the performance there was 'drama', with audio maestro Matt Sharp having to isolate, only for former student, Josh Lovel, stepping in to save the day.

The performances themselves were just as they should be – high-energy, sharply delivered, very funny, impressive and well-attended. It proved to be the high point it always is, in the school life of many students and staff. We hope you had a chance to see it!



Child safety at Yarra Hills Secondary College: information for families and our school community

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

We are reviewing and updating our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. We expect to have completed this within the next few months. For now, drafts of our Child Safety Code of Conduct, and our Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedure, are available for our community to view and on our website (under Our College > Our Documents).

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Mr Cam Woods, Campus Principal at woods.cameron@yarrahills.vic.edu.au

ANZAC services

On the first day of term, Monday April 26, both campuses held our annual 'ANZAC Commemoration Service' to recognise all those who have fought in

wars, particularly in the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Our College Captains did a fantastic job running the entire service at the Mooroolbark Campus, followed by the laying of a wreath by our flag pole. The Mt Evelyn campus' service, also conducted by the Junior School Captains team, hosted President of the Mt Evelyn RSL, Mr Matt Crymble, and bugler Mr Tom Steele, as guest of honour.



World Sleep Day

As an opportunity for something fun, but also for students to develop leadership skills and experience, Year 7 students planned, organised and ran activities on the last day of Term 1. There was a stall with bedtime treats (hot chocolate and cookies), and a slumber party.



Interschool sports

Interschool programs are well and truly back, with events on almost every week. Pictured here are Senior Netball, and the Yarra district cross-county events.



Multicultural Day

On Monday May 23 both campuses hosted our first ever 'Multicultural Day' - acknowledging, supporting and celebrating people of all backgrounds. Throughout the day, all students in Year 7-10 were culturally immersed in each class, as teachers delivered lesson plans based on a variety of different areas to provide students with a deep understanding of different cultures around the world. Staff and students alike dressed up and proudly wore clothing from around the world. At lunch time, different cultures came to life through food including Bahn Mi, Nachos, Pie 'n' Sauce and a traditional Aussie BBQ, while students participated in a range of activities. A highlight certainly was the 'African Drumming' which saw students from all year levels come together to learn a new skill.



NAPLAN

The month of May saw Yarra Hills embark on our first year running NAPLAN on-line – quite a new challenge from the traditional format of pen and paper. Much work went on in the background in the weeks and months leading up to the testing including IT installations, pre-testing and a lot of professional development for staff. The real stars of the testing though were our students – they managed this change from the norm of Year 7/Grade 5 that they had been used to and we had the highest completion rate of NAPLAN testing we have had in many years. The students were exceptional in completing the tests and we commend them for this. Thanks to Leighton O'Donnell and Rebecca Dunn (as well as our amazing IT team) for all of their work in ensuring this transition was as smooth as possible.



Attitudes to School Survey

Each year DET collects information from school students about their attitudes towards school as part of the 'Attitudes to School Survey', and it extends into checking in on students' wellbeing overall. The data we receive from the responses to this survey is extremely important as it provides a great snapshot into the areas students believe we are doing well, and areas for improvement. Once we receive the data (all of which is anonymous) we sit with our staff to unpack this and look towards the following year for anything new we may be able to implement and/or areas we need to address. Students have done a great job with completing the surveys this year, and for that we say thank you.

Morrisby Diagnostic Testing

On Tuesday May 18 all Year 9 students began the 'Morrisby Online Diagnostic Testing' which is a Department of Education initiative designed to assist all students to better understand themselves and the world of work. Each student will undertake a diagnostic test and receive an individually tailored report which will explore their academic and behavioural strengths with recommendations of future industries to consider that are best suited to them and their interests. This will greatly assist students in looking for part-time jobs, considerations for Work Experience in Year 10 and also provide a snapshot of opportunities to think about for their Senior Secondary School years and beyond.

Year 12 Formal

After two years of minimal events outside of the classroom, the 'Class of 2022' were so excited to host the first 'Year 12 Formal' we have had in many years on Friday May 27. Having missed both their Year 10 and Year 11 Formals, this year's Year 12 group put a request forward to have a formal toward the end of Term 2 and we are so glad they did. Held in the 'Tabu' room at the York on Lilydale, it was a cocktail-style event which saw students dressing in their finest, being served cocktail food and soft drinks, playing pool and dancing the night away to the cool tunes of the DJ. A memorable night for students and staff alike. I am sure the students would join me in thanking Amy Cahill for all of her hard work in making their vision come to life.



VCE Excursions: Drama & HHD

A highlight of this term has certainly been our capacity to return to some sense of 'normal' with many excursions and sporting events returning in full swing. Great examples from this term have been the VCE Drama Excursion, VCE Studio Arts Excursion and Year 11 VCE Health and Human Development Excursion. Our VCAL students have also participated in several excursions including a trip to the Kokoda Memorial Trail in Ferntree Gully. We also had the 'Cross Country' and many inter-school sporting events.



Year 11 Exams

It is hard to believe our Senior VCE students have already completed their first Unit (Unit 1/Unit 3) and will be moving into Unit 2/4 this coming week. Our Year 11 VCE students have been very busy completing their Unit 1 exams and are commended for their attitude and work ethic demonstrated. These exams are important preparation for Year 12 and provide teachers with evidence of learning throughout the semester.

Senior Secondary School Reforms

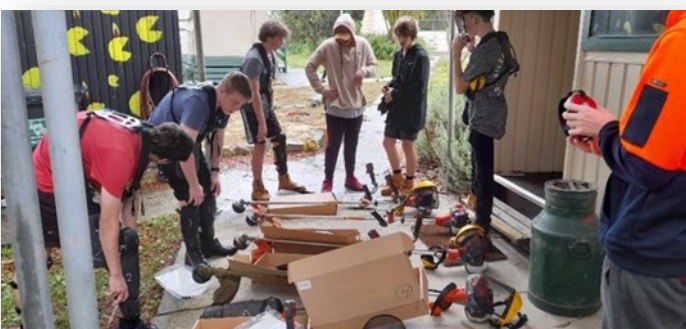
Our Director of Pathways has been working very hard to keep up to date with all of the changes coming to secondary schools next year. From 2023, all government secondary schools will offer one senior school certificate: the Victorian Certificate of Education. This will replace the current structure which many schools offer (including Yarra Hills) - VCAL and VCE. Under the reformed VCE, students will be able to undertake traditional VCE or VCE with a Vocational Major. Yarra Hills is in a great position to introduce these new reforms as things will not need to significantly change in terms of our structure. We will still be offering VCE and VCE with a Vocational Major which will provide all students with a breadth of opportunity to select suitable pathways beyond Year 12 including University, TAFE and apprenticeships and traineeships. Information about this will be coming out to students and parents early Term 3.

Year 10 Exams

Year 10 is the earliest year level at YHSC that complete formal Semester examinations. Across two or three days last this term, depending on campus, Year 10 students participated in exams in English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities. Year 10 students engaged in these in a positive and prepared manner.

Farm School

A small group of Mt Evelyn students are at Farm School this Semester, and they are nearing the completion for the course. All students have just one or two more outcomes to meet to fulfill the requirements of the Certificate 1 in Conservation and Ecosystem Management. The students are very keen, even attending on pupil-free days.



Hoops Incursion

We were extremely pleased to welcome the 'Wheelchair Hoops Program' at the Mooroolbark Campus a few weeks ago. Selected Physical Education classes saw our students participate in a wheelchair basketball clinic which gave our students an inclusive basketball experience, including those with and without disabilities.



ThinkUKnow



Ensuring students are safe online is always a key concern of any school – and any parent. One way we are working to address this issue and help educate our students is by informing our students in a range of different ways. We were pleased to welcome Peter and Jay – Police Youth Officers – from Maroondah who ran a program produced by the Australian Federal Police called 'ThinkUKnow'. This program was delivered to all students in Years 7-9 and provided each year level with different strategies to remain safe when online. Students were attentive and learnt a lot from these sessions.

This was followed up with a session on June 16 in the evening for parents which aimed to provide them with information, strategies and resources to help their children make good decisions when online, and to find support when they don't.



Man Cave

'Man Cave' is an evidence-based program that discusses positive masculinity, what it means to be a man and the importance of mental health and how to seek support. Our year 8 boys participated this program in Term 2 and engaged really well, with a lot of them building connections and opening up and being vulnerable.

Year 8 Girls' Program – The Human Development Project

Kate Wilde from 'The Human Development Project' came out twice this term to run sessions with all of our Year 8 girls. The first session focused on social media and having awareness of how we use it and how it can impact our mental health. The second session was on friendships and 'frenemies' - how to notice when our friends aren't okay and how we can support them. This session also touched on how to be kind to ourselves.



ACHPER Grant – New Fitness Equipment at the Mooroolbark Campus

We were lucky enough to receive over \$13,000 to put towards our Sporting Program at Mooroolbark. The Physical Education team came together to discuss what was needed most, and a long overdue upgrade to our Fitness Gym was decided. The floors have been replaced, and brand new equipment has been installed and we have an amazing new space for some fantastic programs – both curriculum based and non-curriculum based. Fabrizio Romeo will be running our 'Fitness Club' three mornings a week before school.



Market Day & Carboot Sale



The market day was finally able to take place – 3rd time lucky – on May 15. Around 30 stallholders enjoyed a steady stream of walk-through traffic, and the PFA BBQ and Secondhand Book stall did a steady trade. All told, the PFA raised around \$1000 from this event. They are to be commended for this initiative, their persistence with it, and their commitment of time.

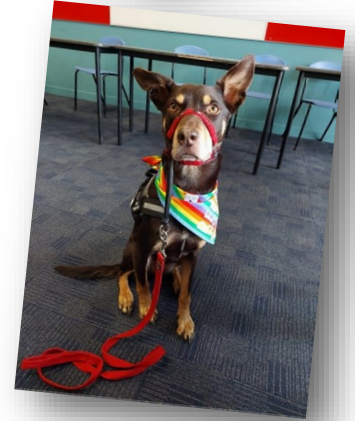


Pat Cronin Foundation - 'Let's End the Coward Punch'

On Monday May 2, students in Year 9 and Year 12 listened to a moving and confronting presentation given by a facilitator from the 'Pat Cronin Foundation'. It is the second year we have invited the Foundation to come to our school and present their program which aims to bring awareness to students about the dangers of physical violence and provide them with strategies to 'stop the coward punch'. Our students were touched by the story of Pat Cronin and his passing and walked away from the presentation with much to think about in their futures.

Canine Therapy

Selected students have begun a nine-week Canine Therapy program, funded through the Department of Education, through an organisation called 'Canine Comprehension'. The purpose of this program is to teach students to develop an awareness and understanding of verbal and non-verbal communication indicators. Our assigned dog is named Reef and students are already having some fantastic successes with the program.



Shelter In Place (SIP):

Background: The Mt Evelyn campus, due to its high risk of fire danger, is listed on the Department of Education's Bushfire-At-Risk-Register (BARR). As such, it requires a designated Shelter-In-Place building. The gymnasium has been identified for this purpose, and the project of developing and modifying it to meet this need awarded up to \$150,000. This project is being led by the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), and outsourced to its subsidiary contractors.

Shade Sails

Sunsoft advise that sails for the Mt Evelyn campus have building permits, and expect works to begin in approximately 5 weeks. For the more complex work for the Mooroolbark campus sails, the engineering work is still yet to be completed.

College Concert

It is that time of the year again where we highlight the talents of our music students at the College Concert, on Monday 5 September, 7:30pm, at the Karralyka Theatre in Ringwood.

The concert will feature performances by the Senior and Intermediate Concert Bands, and the Year 7 musicians will be performing for the very first time as the Junior Band. There will also be performances from the Big Band, Saxophone, Percussion and Woodwind ensembles and various other soloists.

Tickets are available at: <https://aukarralyka.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/75139>



COLLEGE CONCERT

7:30pm
Monday 5 September, 2022

Tickets:
Adults: \$16 Students/Seniors: \$12
www.karralyka.com.au/Buy-Tickets

Music Notes – Term 2

The annual three-day Music Camp was held at the Portsea Camp in early May, with 50 music students attending the camp. Students had many hours of band rehearsals during the camp and had the opportunity to enjoy various activities, including the giant swing and flying fox. As always, it was great to see our more experienced senior music students mentoring the Intermediate Band members and the Year 7 musicians during their rehearsals and activities.

With around 16 hours of band and/or ensemble rehearsals during the three days, all groups had the opportunity to start work on new music for the College Concert on Monday 5 September, which promises to be another highlight of the year.

Thank you to all students for their efforts during the camp. Thank you also to staff members for their wonderful support during the camp – David Audesho, Rachel Lynch, Margaret Prentice, Simone Ritchie, Nikky Waterson, Matthew Sharpe, Cathy Bruce, Neil Flavelle, Lewis Pierre-Humbert and Quinn Kellock.



Also, during the term, our music students presented 'Music in the Round', a recital evening where students prepare and perform a solo or small group piece in front of an appreciative audience of families and friends. The evening featured students from Year 8 to Year 12 playing a wide range of musical instruments and genres, and highlighted some of our smaller ensembles, including the Saxophone Ensemble. Congratulations to all performers!



As we head towards Term 3, I would like to remind parents and the College community of the 30 Hour Music Marathon on 25 and 26 August, and the **College Concert on Monday 5 September**, a night where we showcase the music department at the Karralyka Theatre in Ringwood.

Richard O'Toole
Instrumental Music Director

Year 10 Social 2022

The Year 10 Social held at Chateau Wyuna on the 10 June was a huge success. Students came in their finest, with some amazing transformations. Everyone had a fabulous time, with students and staff from both campuses having a chance to mingle and dance the night away, enjoying each other's company. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and some awards were even presented to students (and a very popular staff member) from both campuses. A big thank you to all who attended and Mr Koullacas for organising it.



Senior Secondary Pathways Reform

What you need to know about changes to Victoria's senior secondary school certificates

The Victorian Government is reforming senior secondary schooling to build the aspirations and skills of young people, set them up for future careers, and meet the needs of the modern economy. Victoria is moving towards a new integrated senior secondary certificate that will bring together our two senior secondary certificates, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

Current system

2022

Final year
of VCAL
enrolments

Why change?



Provide students with **greater choice, confidence and skills** for their future career.



Align more closely with Victoria's growth sectors and **what local industry needs**.



Recognise and celebrate **all learning pathways equally**.

What's changing?

2023

The **VCE Vocational Major** is a two-year applied learning program within the **VCE** that will support students to develop academic and practical skills, knowledge, confidence and agency needed to prepare for the world of work and further education and training.

The reforms give students greater choice and options with their senior secondary schooling, allowing them to pursue an education aligned to their strengths, interests and aspirations.

More information

Contact your school or career adviser to find out more about the senior secondary pathway options or visit bit.ly/senior-sec-pathways

KEY DATES

JULY			
Friday-Sunday	8-17	Yr 10 & 11 Central Australia Camp	
Monday	11	Curriculum Day - PUPIL FREE	ME & MB
Tuesday	12	Yr 7 AFL Sports Development Session at MB 2-3.10pm	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	13	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	14	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Friday	15	Senior Boys Badminton Eastern Zone	MB
Tuesday	19	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
		BRAVO Friends of Music meeting - MB Campus Music Room 6pm	
Wednesday	20	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	21	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Friday	22	Koori Project - Yarra Ranges Tech	ME & MB
Tuesday	26	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	27	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	28	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
AUGUST			
Monday	1	Yr 12 Psychology Sleep Incursion	MB
Tuesday	2	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	3	Yr 8 Round Robin Sport	ME & MB
		Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	4	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	9	VCAL Bunnings Ingenious Garden/Hazard Visit	ME
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	10	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	11	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	16	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
		BRAVO Friends of Music meeting - MB Campus Music Room 6pm	
Wednesday	17	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	18	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	23	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	24	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thurs & Fri	25 & 26	Music Marathon	ME & MB
Tuesday	30	Eastern Zone Athletics	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	31	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
SEPTEMBER			
Thursday	1	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Monday	5	Whole College Cross level College Concert Rehearsal 9am-1pm	ME & MB
		COLLEGE CONCERT - Karralyka 7pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	6	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	7	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	8	GAT	MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Sunday-Friday	11-16	Yr9 Queensland Experiential Learning and Sports Leadership Camp	ME & MB
Tuesday	13	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	14	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	15	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Friday	16	Last Day Term 1 2.30 Dismissal	ME & MB

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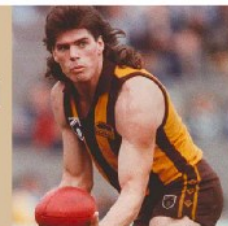
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