



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome back all students to onsite learning last Friday. The State has been challenged again with the Covid-19 virus and we must continue to remain vigilant so that we can keep our community safe.

My thanks to you for supporting remote learning and to the staff and students who continued to learn and teach throughout the circuit breaker lockdown.

We await further announcements from the Acting Premier and Chief Medical Health Officer as to when we will be able to welcome parents back into the school, allow our interschool sporting events to occur and excursions to recommence. I will advise you of any further changes to our current Operations Guide when I receive them from the Department of Education.

This week has seen the completion of Year 11 exams and all staff have started to write the end of semester reports.

The winter weather has arrived, and I have been advised that our uniform supplier has plenty of stock if you need to purchase winter uniform items.

The Compass School Manager program now has the following function:

Seymour College will send a text message to parents/guardians at 10:30am and 3:30pm where there has been an unexplained absence. There is now a link included in the text message that allows parents/guardians to quickly and easily provide a reason for their child's absence.

Please ensure that you act on this prompt on the day that you receive it. We appreciate your support in this process as it is important that students attend all scheduled classes, unless they are unwell.

Keep warm and all the best for the last two weeks of Term 2.

**Gail Hardman - Executive Principal**



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## Year 9 and 10

### Extension elective subjects!

Year 9 and 10 students have already selected their elective subjects for Semester 2, but students are now able to instead apply to study an online extension elective through Seymour College's Virtual Extension Program. In this program, students study a subject remotely with weekly online classes, instead of taking an elective on-campus at Seymour College. There are a range of subjects on offer, including philosophy, psychology, medical physics, nanotechnology, neuroscience, and a variety of different languages. The Virtual Extension Program is aimed at students with high academic potential and good self-motivation skills. If you are interested in applying, please see Ms Young or your Year Level Coordinator for more information and an application form. Applications are due Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

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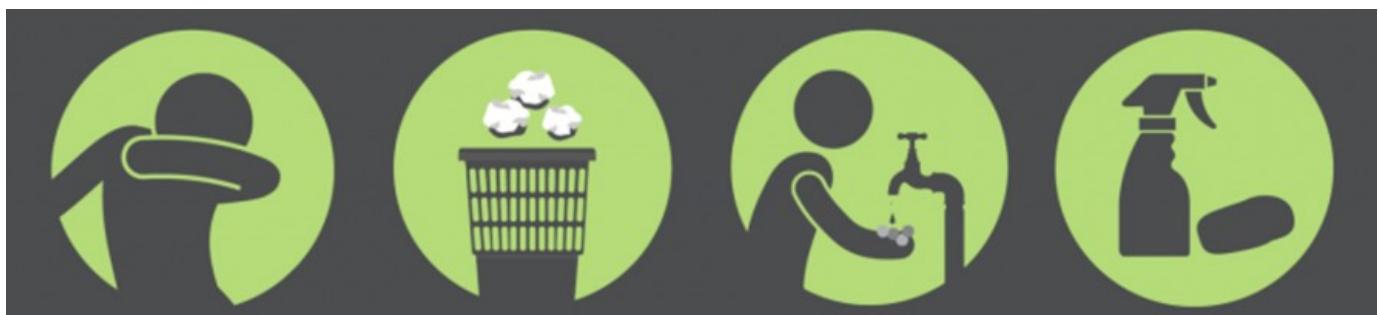
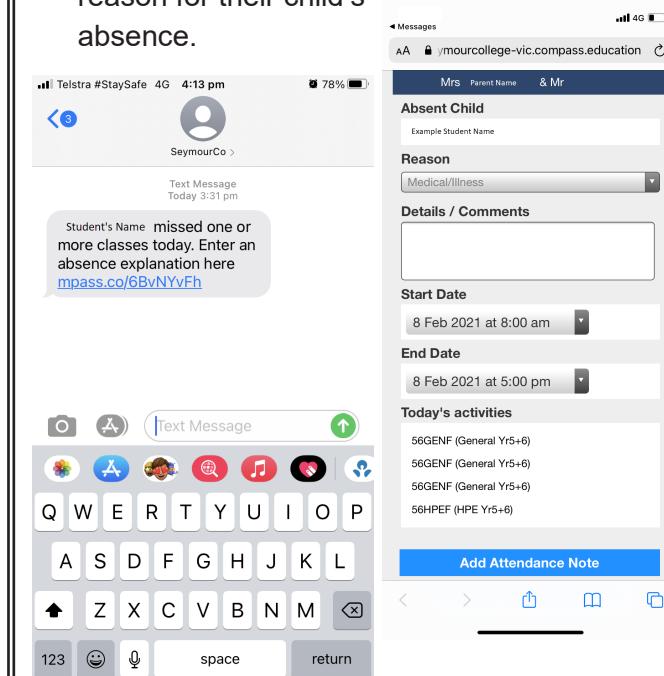
See the attached flyer



**Bus travellers** are to go directly into Seymour College once they alight from their bus. Students are not permitted to walk down the street or to go to any other place prior to entering school grounds and breaches will be dealt with by way of Official Warning, Detention and Suspension.

**Derek Rimes - Assistant Principal**

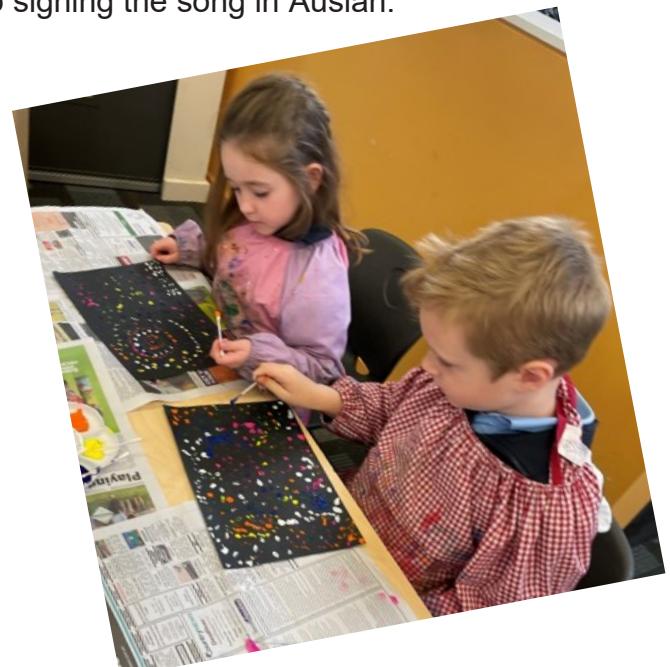
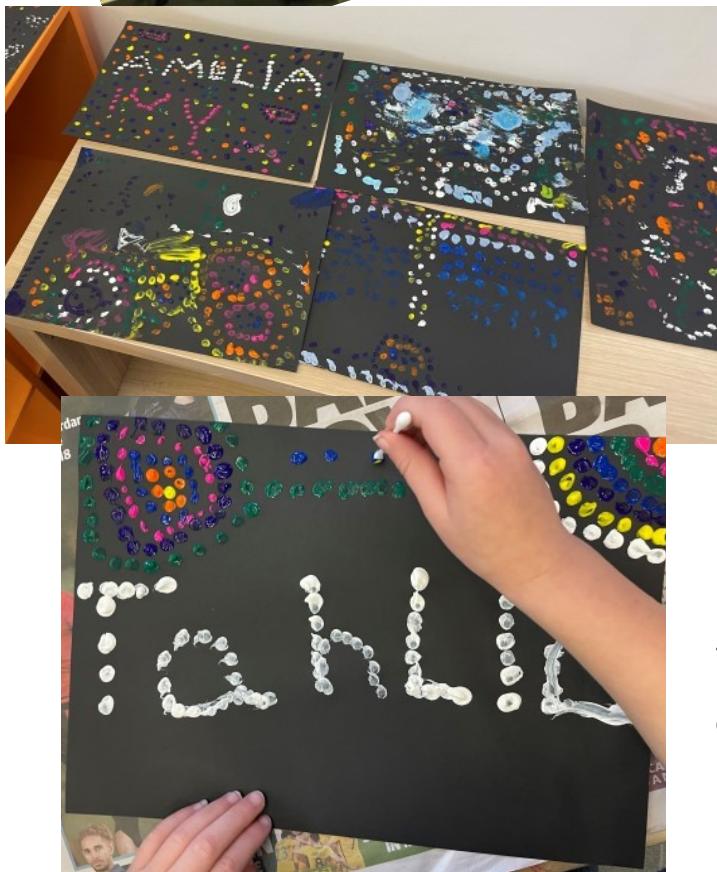
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# F12C News



F12C performing the song "I am Australian" and also signing the song in Auslan.



The students in Miss. Doggett's room created dot paintings while exploring indigenous art forms during the Education week celebrations.

## Recycling your mobile phone is easy!

Seymour College is doing its bit to reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill, but we need your help. The Mobilemuster (mobile collection) is almost coming to an end, we are sending out the call to all household to search for any old, broken, out of date mobile phones or accessories (no iPads or computer please) to be sent to our school drop off point (at the general office). All mobiles will be pulled apart and each element (glass, metals, batteries etc) will be recycled and used for new products.



# VCAL News



On May 7<sup>th</sup>, Miranda McCulloch from Year 12 VCAL organised for students from both year 11 and 12 VCAL groups to participate in the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course delivered by GOTAFE. The RSA course is a form of training provided to servers and sellers of alcohol on the laws around the consumption of alcohol, that promote safe and responsible drinking and prevent intoxication, underage drinking and drunk driving. In Australia this training is regulated by the state government and all people working in the hospitality industry must have completed the course. Completing the course was important to the VCAL students so they would have more experience for getting a job, an industry recognised qualification and also, learning something new and practical that would count towards completing their VCAL certificate.

Everyone participated in a range of activities including a roleplay to give students a better perspective on how it would look like being the observer, the customer and the worker, it was a remarkable experience for everyone involved. Everyone participated and were really interested in understanding exactly what the RSA is all about.

Students feedback from the day was that the best thing was being able to get a workplace qualification, and that they were thankful for the assistance with reduced fees, which meant that many students had the opportunity to do it through school, whereas they might not otherwise have got the chance.

# Holocaust Museum Excursion

On 21st May the year 11 history class got the privilege to go to the holocaust museum and have an interview with Guta Goldstein. We were at the train station at 9:00 and headed for Southern Cross, we floated around and ate some food before catching many metro trains; poor Miss Hill's myki card wouldn't work. When we arrived at the museum (after thinking we were lost) we were told to leave our bags outside, along with our phones and hats and If anyone had gum they had to get rid of it. Seymour went upstairs while the other school stayed downstairs. We were given some objects; we analysed them, and talked about the true history behind them. We then got to speak to Guta, who was a 9-year-old child during the holocaust, she lived with her younger sister, father and stepmother. Guta lost her father and sister, so stayed with her aunt who was also stolen away from her by the Nazis, leaving Guta and her cousins alone. Guta moved to Australia when she was 19 and became a translator to others who came to Australia. Guta has two daughters, 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was very shaken while telling her story, and a few times she cried while telling us. The story really pulled on our heart strings. Overall, the trip was educational and very emotional, but also very exciting! The year 11's had a wonderful time.

By Lillie Jones



**Child Safety Standards** – we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This is our primary focus of our care and decision-making. Seymour College community has zero tolerance for child abuse.

# From the Health Centre

## Headlice in the Primary Campus

The presence of head lice is a very common childhood occurrence in the community. The primary responsibility for the management and treatment of head lice in students belongs with parents.

At Seymour College, the management of head lice infestations is a recurring and challenging matter at times throughout the year. It requires commitment from the whole school community in a concerted effort to treat outbreaks and minimise transmission. Communication and support within the school community can be conducive to minimising future infestations.



Head lice are small, wingless insects that live in the hair on your head and can be challenging to eradicate. They can only survive in human hair, need to feed from the scalp several times a day and can only survive up to two days off the person's head. Though not dangerous, head lice are a common problem for children between the ages of 3 and 11 and have nothing to do with personal hygiene or cleanliness and do not carry disease.

**Kirsty Hare RN - Health Centre - School Nurse**

## Update on Composting at Seymour College

Over the past months more goals have been achieved within the project 'Composting and Planting for Climate Resilience'. In the Primary alone we've been collecting about 5 kg of food scraps a day. As an example, in a week and a half (from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March) we have composted roughly 36 kg, diverting it from landfill. Guess how much can we compost over a year's time?!



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June four classes (80 students in total) will be involved in activities with *Tonyi the worm*, an electronic worm that will help primary students to learn which scraps can go in a worm farm ([www.tonyitheworm.com](http://www.tonyitheworm.com)).

Taking advantage of all this rain, during the school holidays (3<sup>rd</sup> of July) we will go ahead with the revegetation of the western oval, the one facing Loco St. Local residents and parents are invited to come and help to plant Australian natives. Please register your interest with Vanessa at [beam.inc18@gmail.com](mailto:beam.inc18@gmail.com). Further information will be provided.



Also, we have created an online survey on composting practices and now we'd like to hear from you! It will take you only five minutes and it's totally anonymous (you can leave your details only if you want to register for the planting day). Please go to the following link to be redirected to the survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14KRsjG3WR9l7jWC-DRdITToanMbJCIHnVtnEOPnaiQQ/>

This initiative is funded by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) through the community mini-grants – *Climate Ready Hume* program.

# Wellbeing News

## Term 3 Wellbeing Events at Seymour College

The Wellbeing Team, in conjunction with external agencies, have organised a range of health promotion events for the secondary school students. Unfortunately, some of these events have had to be postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions and the recent circuit-breaker lockdown. Here is a brief outline of the events coming up in Term 3:

**ThinkUKnow** – Preventing online child sexual exploitation, run by Victoria Police. Year levels 8, 9 and 11, with the potential to run further sessions with other year levels as required.

Topics include:

- Privacy and preventing inappropriate contact
- Sharing personal information
- Online grooming
- Self-generated content
- Image-based abuse
- Sexual extortion
- Signs of online child sexual exploitation
- Taking action
- How to get help and report.

**Taking Care of Me** – Sexual health, run by School Nursing Team, Victoria Police and Uniting. Year 9.

Topics include:

- Healthy relationships
- Consent and the law
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Contraception
- Pornography

**Let's Talk About It: Mental Health** – run by Headspace. Year levels 7, 10, 11, 12, VCAL and Inclusive Ed, with the potential to run further sessions with other year levels as required.

Topics include:

- Understand mental health and wellbeing
- Strengthen mental fitness (years 7-9) and explore the stress bucket (years 10 – 12)
- Discuss healthy coping strategies to support yourself
- Identify options for seeking support online in and in your community

Dates are still to be confirmed, parents/guardians will be notified before the events.

**Lucy Paisley, Secondary School Nurse**

### STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL

Students who become unwell at school are required to attend the Medical Centre located in the admin building and see the School Nurse, Kirsty, who will assess the student and contact a parent if the student needs to go home. Students are **NOT** to call home prior to attending the Medical Centre.



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