

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has seen the completion of Year 11 exams and all staff have started to write the end of semester reports ready for parent/teacher interviews in the last week of the term. These interviews are scheduled for after school on Monday 20 June and Tuesday 21 June, 2022. Please book your appointment via Compass or contact the General Office for assistance.

A reminder that all staff are involved in our Professional Practice Day tomorrow, 10<sup>th</sup> June and there will not be any scheduled classes on this day.

On the last day of term, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, we have a Professional Learning session, completing the final module of the Berry Street Educational Model.

### **Victoria's senior secondary education is changing.**

From 2023, the new VCE Vocational Major will replace Intermediate and Senior VCAL. This means the VCE will recognise different students equally.

The new Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) will replace Foundation VCAL. Students will have more education choices, a higher-quality curriculum and better workplace experiences – preparing them for further study, training at TAFE or work.



**Many talents. One VCE.**

From 2023, more students will study the VCE. That is because the VCE will include the Vocational Major, a 2 year program that sits within the VCE. There will also be the Victorian Pathways Certificate for those who need flexibility in their learning. A new information and awareness campaign, Many Talents, One VCE will roll out explaining the changes.

Teachers and careers counsellors are available to answer questions and to support students as they make decisions about their final years at school. Now students will have greater access to high-quality, relevant vocational education and applied learning opportunities.

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.

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

**Gail Hardman - Executive Principal**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Friday 10 June**

Professional Practice Day  
No Scheduled Classes

#### **Monday 13 June**

Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday

#### **Monday 20 June**

Top Designs excursion

#### **Wednesday 22 June**

VET MCG Tour

#### **Thursday 23 June**

Chemistry Excursion  
Year 12

#### **Thursday 23 June**

Last Day Term 2

#### **Friday 24 June**

Curriculum Day  
Pupil Free

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# Zoo Excursion

On Thursday last week F2A, F2B and Purple Room went to Melbourne Zoo to embed our learning about living things. We had to sit on a bus for such a long time before we arrived and then we had to line up to go in. We had some food and then FINALLY got to do some activities. Wow, we went looking for bugs and critters in tree stumps and leaves and there were puzzles about the growth of insects and animals. We went to feed the Aldabra Giant Tortoises, they were huge. We all threw our leaves in and they ate some of them. We don't think they were very hungry because they moved so slow.

After lunch our groups split, so some of us saw lions and others saw elephants. We all saw tigers, orangutans and lots of reptiles.

We all had a great day. We were really tired and some of us snoozed on the bus trip home. We are really excited to see what our teachers organise for our next excursion. All the teachers would like to say how amazing everyone was and what a great experience it was for all of us. Also, a big thank you to the parents who came to support us, we really appreciated your help.

**Janet Hill– Teacher**



# Holocaust Museum

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June, a year 11 history class got to go to the Holocaust Museum and look at artifacts and talk to a survivor from the Holocaust. The artifacts were interesting to look at. Some of them were sad as the items were basically used to dehumanise the Jewish people. We got to speak to Guta Goldstein, who told us about her time in the Holocaust, how she lost her family members, how she survived and her schooling right before not being able to attend anymore. It was interesting to hear it from a survivor instead of the textbook as we got to hear more. It was also very upsetting from the pain and loss she and the others in the Holocaust had experienced.

**Meckenzie Brown, 11A**



## Free flu vaccinations

Last week, the Victorian Government announced it is providing free influenza (flu) vaccinations to all Victorians aged 6 months and over.

The free flu vaccinations will be provided between 1 June and 30 June 2022 to boost vaccination coverage, to help keep Victorians well over winter.

With case numbers rising quickly, families are encouraged to get vaccinated against the flu to help stay well and avoid hospitalisation during the colder months.

Contact your GP clinic or pharmacy for more information.



# VCAL

## Road to Zero excursion

Year 12 VCAL students have been studying road safety which is a prevalent issue in our lives. On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, we went to the Road to Zero exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. Students interacted with the latest technology in this area and then made a commercial based on road safety issues. All VCAL excursions are aimed to introduce them to something new that is relevant to them and allow them to gain confidence in doing something foreign – including for many, the escalators at Parliament station.

**Lisa Macheras - Year 12 VCAL Teacher**



# Cross Country

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Students across the primary and secondary areas set off to Yea with the hope of at least seeing the sun as they participated in the district round of the school's cross country. A wet track made for a hard slog as students competed in distances from 2km to 5km. I could not have been more proud of the students who stepped up to represent our school. We have had 15 students progress though to the Hume sports that will be held in Benalla on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. They include Cassie Wright, Mason Beattie, Sophie Fifield, Robert Fair, Sam Zotti, Jesse England-Chee, Luke Dreier, Jacob Stathopoulos, Jacinta Swan, Tahlia Butcher, Ella Zotti, Lana Carroll, Mandessah Wyatt and Harrison May. We wish them good weather, firm ground and that they stay healthy leading up to their race.

**Stephen Garner - Sport Coordinator**



**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.



# Echuca Excursion

We got to Echuca, and we walked over to the Port of Echuca and our class walked off with a guide and, she showed us all the engines. We also met a man that was looking after all the running engines and the boiler. The guide also told us about the history behind the red gum.

Next, we walked over to the wharf where we looked at where the founder of Echuca came from. We also walked below the wharf and looked at how high the water was back in the 1800s and up. We waited for the paddle steamer there.

When we got on the paddle steamer there were big hay bags to sit on, where we also ate our lunch. The teachers let us go upstairs where there were small, old rooms that people slept in back in the 1900s, and we also got to experience what their bathrooms looked like.

When we got off the wharf, we split up into groups, one went to the Penny Arcade and the other group went to the lolly shop. First, our group went to the Penny Arcade, and we got to watch an old, black and white movie with no talking. After that, we were shaken up by an electric shock machine where we got pennies to play old arcade games. Some of them you could see your strength and future, and some of the kids also brought some fudge.

After that, we headed to the lolly shop. There were tons of lollies, it felt like we were dreaming. The lollies looked so good, that we wished we could eat them all.

The bus ride back was great and overall, it was an awesome experience. It was so much fun, I think everyone enjoyed it a lot, especially us!!!

By Evie Tarran and Katie Sainsbury 5/6B



**Dignity and  
Respect**

The Department of Education and Training is committed to providing safe and supportive environments where diversity is valued and everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity.



# Reconciliation Day

On Monday primary students acknowledged Reconciliation Day with a short assembly. Grade 5/6 leaders Beth Alston and Isla Fawcett did a wonderful job of running the short presentation and educating the students about the focus of this year's Reconciliation Day 'Be Brave, Make Change'. A big thankyou to Brodie and Zac Whyte, Amber Williams and Takoda Montgomery for cooking the BBQ and also to Taj Wessels, Chloe Reed, Beth Alston and Isla Fawcett for serving and 'saucing' our snags. It was an excellent opportunity for Seymour College to collaborate with Our Place to acknowledge and celebrate such an important event in the Koori calendar.



# EDUCATION WEEK

The Junior campus celebrated Education Week with many fun activities running throughout the day. In keeping with the theme celebrating 150 years of public education we played games like hopscotch, elastics and jump rope. We had yummy cooking experiences, fun art activities and the grade 5/6's stepped back in time and experienced school in the olden days with VERY strict rules, dictation and calligraphy. In the afternoon we were thrilled to welcome families back into our classrooms and have some more fun. In 3/4B we competed against each other in 'minute to win it' challenges that were very loud, but a lot of fun. It was a great day and we look forward to welcoming families into our classrooms for future events.





# F2D News

On Wednesday F2D celebrated 150 years of education with a Vegemite and cheese scroll bake-off! Almost 70 students were able to follow the procedure to create their very own scroll. It was very impressive to see little foundation fingers spreading, sprinkling and rolling. Not to mention our experienced grade 1 and 2 chefs who showed their culinary skills. The students enjoyed cooking and eating as well as some party games to really celebrate the occasion. Thankyou to all of our lovely families for your involvement!

In F2D we are learning how to say the Taungurung word for body parts. Students used headphones to listen to pronunciation of the words on the language app. Some words we learnt are: Gawang (head), Bagarro (shoulders) and Barring (knee).



## From the Health Centre

### Headlice

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.



**Brooke Wessels EN - School Nurse**





# *Emerging* **SCIENCES VICTORIA (ESV)**

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ESV classes run for 50 minutes, twice a week, over 15-weeks and provide access to specialised subjects including; Alternative Energies, Astrophysics, Bioinformatics and Neuroscience through web-based teaching and learning platforms.

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Offering a range of subjects developed in collaboration with Monash University, ESV classes run for 50 minutes, twice a week, over a 15-week semester. Classes are available during school hours - students are excused from existing classes at scheduled times to join and participate in the online classroom.

To participate students require their own laptop, an internet connection and a headset (with microphone).

Students can study as individuals, in groups, or as full classes, and will receive a mid-way progress report, full report and certificate upon successful completion.

Participation is arranged through a nominated liaison teacher on-staff at the students' school, and is open to all Victorian Year 9/10 students.

## **ESV SUBJECTS**

ESV will be offering the following subjects to students in 2022:

- **Alternative Energies**
- **Astrophysics**
- **Bioinformatics**
- **Earth Saving Science**
- **Indigenous Science**
- **Nature & Beauty of Mathematics**
- **Neuroscience**
- **Medical Physics**







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are now RECRUITING!

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The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a youth oriented organisation that is administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force. The AAFC will teach you valuable life skills and will help you develop qualities including leadership, self-reliance, confidence, teamwork and communication. Some activities undertaken by the AAFC include flying, fieldcraft, adventure training, firearms safety training, drill and ceremonial, service knowledge, aeromodelling, navigation and gliding. The AAFC has also recently begun a new STEM program involving the flying of drones.

Recruiting closes 13 July 22

Expressions of interest to join:

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Or for more information contact

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