

## State Cross Country

Nine students represented our college at the State Cross Country finals at Yarra Glen race course on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Over a testing course, Cassie Wright, Luke Dreier, Jesse England-Chee, Jacinta Swan, Tahlia Butcher, Ella Zotti, Jacob Stathopoulos, Mandessah Wyatt and Mason Beattie all performed to their best. Of note, Mandessah was 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the 15 years girls, but the standout of the day was Mason Beattie who won the 10 years boys multiclass event and has been selected to represent Victoria at the National Championships in Adelaide later in the year.



We have the term 3 round robin approaching for secondary students so please make sure you are attending training and have your permission notes in by

29<sup>th</sup> July. Later in the term is the second round of Athletics so permission notes will come out for those shortly.

Any students who are interested in clay target shooting could they come and express their interest to Mr Garner in the coming week.

**Stephen Garner - Sports Coordinator**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Wed 27 - Fri 29 July**  
Campaspe Downs Camp  
Grades 5 & 6

**Monday 1 August**  
Picasso exhibition  
Years 11 & 12

**Wednesday 3 August**  
VET MCG Tour

**Tuesday 9 August**  
Senior Information Night

**Fri 12 & Sat 13 August**  
Seymour Has Talent

**Friday 26 August**  
Practice GAT

**Wednesday 7 Sept**  
GAT

**Mon 26 - Wed 28 Sept**  
Year 12 practice exams

Seymour College is proudly hosting a **Senior School Information Night** with a focus on pathways and subject selections within the Victorian Certificate of Education and the new Vocational Major. A warm invitation is extended to students and parents.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm**  
**Seymour College Arts Centre**  
(Corner Loco & Anglesey Streets)

Find out about VCE and VM subjects available, VET and Head Start programs for 2023.

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 3. It has been a wonderful start to the term, highlighted by yesterday's student led assembly.

Our student leaders were confident and delivered clear messages around expectations for all students, as well as celebrating the many achievements that the student body has attained this year.



Mrs. Tuckwell has also been recognised for her great achievement and 55 years of service to the Department of Education. Mrs. Tuckwell has taught many students in her years of service and congratulations to her from staff, students and parents on receiving her award.

Seymour Has Talent is scheduled to run on 12th and 13<sup>th</sup> August. The students are practicing their routines and Mrs. Ridd is looking for more interested students to join this exciting stage event.

College Council met last night to discuss the governance of the school for the coming semester. It is my pleasure to announce that we have engaged a fencing contractor to complete the boundary fence so that the college grounds are more secure. The fencing in the secondary area will be replaced

with the higher and stronger fence currently installed on Stewart and Loco Streets.

It has been concerning to read about the increase in Covid-19 cases in our community. Please find below a message from leaders of education in Victoria regarding the wearing of face masks.



Education  
and Training



Dear parents and carers

We are writing to you as parents/carers of a child or children in government, Catholic and independent schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter.

Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible.

We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

**Dr David Howes**  
Deputy Secretary

Victorian Department of  
Education and Training

**Michelle Green**  
Chief Executive

Independent Schools  
Victoria

**Jim Miles**  
Executive Director

Catholic Education  
Commission of Victoria

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - continued

Let's help keep our community safe and have a personal commitment to making a difference to the health of everyone.

The weather has taken a chilly turn and I ask that you send your child/ren with the warm school jumpers or rain jacket. If you need any support with uniform, please contact the school nurse on 57711300.

If your child is healthy, they need to be attending school. It is difficult to catch up on lost learning and being in class at school is the best for your child's learning outcomes and future hopes and dreams. If you need support with this, please contact Mrs. Bulluss on 57711300.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Gail Hardman - Executive Principal

# Working Bee



## Saturday 6th August

9:00am start

BYO gloves and safety glasses

Sausage sizzle provided for lunch



"Help us tame the jungle  
between the Art and Science  
Wings"

**All Welcome**



For catering purposes please let us know if you can help

RSVP by Wednesday 3rd August

Yes, I will be there

☐

There will be ☐ helpers

*(please indicate how many will be coming along)*



# Tokens

These students have earned over 15 tokens this year, and have cashed them in for a book! Its lovely to see students reaping the benefits for their good behaviour, and deepening their love of reading.



Students who earned 10 tokens were awarded showcase vouchers.

# Careers

Carter Grant is a Year 11 VCAL student who has been working with T & B D'Andrea Constructions for the past two months on work placement. Carter attends VET Building, so together with this work placement it provides the opportunity for him to experience the building industry and allow him to decide if carpentry is his career of choice. Carter will also learn a variety of skills within the building trade as a result of the diverse range of work undertaken by the employer. A conversation with employer, Tony D'Andrea, was arranged and the option of a school based apprenticeship was explained to both parties who decided it was their preferred option. Carter will attend the workplace a minimum of two days a week and Seymour College the remaining days.

Rick Hager - Head Start Co-Ordinator



Congratulations Carter, Seymour College  
Certificate III Carpentry  
T & B D'Andrea Constructions

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# Careers

## Women in Automotive Event

The Victorian Automotive Chamber of Commerce (VACC) is delivering a program to support women with entering the automotive industry. On Wednesday this week 14 young women in Years 9 and 12 from Seymour College, attended a VACC presentation at the Seymour TTC (which is now managed by GOTAFE) to learn about this program. More information about the VACC program is available from this link: <https://vacc.com.au/Programs/Accelerating-Women-into-Automotive>

## Changes to VET at Seymour College in 2023: Attention Year 9, 10 and 11 Students

For the past few years, all Seymour College Year 10 students were involved in a VET course on Wednesdays. In 2023, there will be some changes to this arrangement. Year 10 students will have the opportunity to apply for a 2023 VET course, but may not be required to do a VET course such as Sport and Recreation at school if they are unsuccessful with their application. Students currently in Year 9 who want to do a VET course in Year 10 need to consider their VET course options now and apply in the next few weeks. Students in Years 10 or 11 who are planning on doing a VET course next year also need to be ready to complete their applications. The process will involve an online link where they enter their details and the course they want to apply for. The next step will involve completing the application process for the VET provider. More information about how to apply for VET courses will be available at the Information night on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August. The list of courses students may consider is below (there are some VET courses not on the list that are inaccessible from Seymour). Students may need to travel to Docklands, Southbank, Broadmeadows or Shepparton, depending on the course. Some GOTAFE courses are available at the Wallis Street Campus in Seymour and the Trade Training Centre in Loco Street.

Animal Studies  
Acting  
Business  
Automotive  
Design Fundamentals (Art and Design)  
Engineering  
Equine  
Information Technology  
Design Fundamental

Early Childhood Education  
Fashion  
Hairdressing  
Hospitality (Kitchen Ops)  
Make up  
Music  
Plumbing  
Project Ready  
Salon Assistant  
Sport and Rec

## Career Tools

Students in Years 7 – 12 have started accessing the Career Tools program that Seymour College has subscribed to. The Career Tools program has a lot of useful careers information for students along with a section where they can complete their career plans. Students who have not yet accessed their Career Tools account can go to their school emails inbox and find the invitation to join. Once they have made their account, there is a link to the website under the 'Student Life' tab or on Compass under the star icon (School Favourites) tab.

## VTAC and Year 12s

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August, Year 12 students will be able to begin the process of applying for tertiary courses on the VTAC website: [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au). Assistance with completing their VTAC applications will be provided at school but students are encouraged to have short listed courses they are interested in applying for in 2023, and to be using the VTAC website to learn more about the process.

Jeremy Linton - Careers Coordinator



## 1<sup>st</sup> Seymour Scout Group

Scouts are amazing!

Check them out!

Joey Scouts are girls and boys aged 5-7  
Cub Scouts are aged 8-11  
Scouts are aged 11-15  
Venturers are aged 15-17  
Rovers are aged 18-25

They enjoy adventure, imagination, and being outdoors during their weekly meeting, and occasional sleepovers and camps.

Less screens - and more action, more fun, more friends, and more social skills! Looks good on a resume too!

**Enquiries:**  
Go to <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/locations/>  
to find your closet group!  
1800 726 887

## Seymour College Parents and Friends Association

The next meeting of the  
Parents & Friends Committee  
will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
July at 10.30am.

New members welcome!!



# Primary News

Last term primary students were lucky enough to engage in an intensive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Language program with Taungurung elder Aunty Lee. During the sessions, Aunty Lee worked with the students to learn and rehearse a song in Taungurung language which they later performed at the Primary Assembly. Aunty Lee also told the Dreamtime story of the 'Origin of Water' which was transferred into a collaborative art piece. The students enjoyed the interactive, physical nature of the sessions and came away with a renewed appreciation for Koori Culture.

Kylie Doyle - Koori Education Coordinator



## Defence Mentor News

I would like to introduce myself as the new Defence Mentor for Seymour College; my name is Kelly Quigg. I have worked at Seymour College for over 4 years and have met or worked with many students in my previous role.

I am looking forward to implementing some exciting new programs and activities for our defence families.

My office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 08:30 – 16:30

Please feel free to contact me via phone or email: 03/5771 1300 / [kelly.quigg@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kelly.quigg@education.vic.gov.au)

### Goodbye and Good Luck!

Dear Defence Students and Families

Please be informed that I have left my role as Defence School Mentor at Seymour College.  
Wishing all the students the very best for their ongoing education where ever you find yourselves.

Please contact the school directly if you require assistance.

Kind regards, Maryanne Carroll-Keays

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support  
Current Focus

I keep my school clean.



## Seymour Has Talent

If you have an act that you want to perform at the Talent show, please present it to Mrs Ridd at the primary art room on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during breaks.

# VCE NEWS

Below is the link for the end of year exam timetable.

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/Key-dates/Pages/VCE-exam-timetable.aspx>

### IMPORTANT DATES

Practice GAT - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

GAT - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Year 12 practice exams - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September .

## Seymour Has Talent

**When** 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of August at 6.30 pm.

**Where** Community Arts Centre.

**What** Student perform acts that show case their talents.

Student perform acts that they have practised in drama groups at Seymour College.

**Who** Student of all ages at Seymour College.

**Why** because we have so much awesome talent at Seymour College.

Seymour College acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land and acknowledges and pays respect to their elders, past and present.



## Vaccination

- Vaccinations are strongly recommended for staff and students
- All staff in specialist schools are required to be vaccinated.



## Ventilation

- All schools now have their full allocations of air purifiers to cover all classrooms and other higher risk spaces.



## Vital COVIDSafe steps

- Physical distancing
- Regular hand hygiene
- Rapid antigen tests recommended for school students and staff when symptomatic.

Updated: 5 July 2022

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## Update from the latest Operational Guidelines.

### Rapid antigen testing

The Victorian Government has provided our school community with a further delivery of rapid antigen tests for Term 3, please collect these from the General Office.

- It is recommended that rapid antigen tests are used by students and staff when symptomatic.
- Household contacts are required to test negative using a rapid antigen test on at least 5 out of 7 days if they are attending or working at our school.
- Please report any positive test result through the Department of Health system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398 and quarantine for 7 days.



### Face masks

**The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings, by all staff and students aged 8 years + from now to the end of winter (except if exempt).**

Seymour College has a large range of mask options. We have a stock of N95 masks and surgical masks suitable for adults and older children and child-size surgical masks for students in primary schools. Students have access to these masks via the General Office or their classroom teacher.

We are still required to wear masks if we:

1. Are a household contact, over 8 years old and attending school. You're required to wear a face mask indoors unless you have a valid exception.
2. Everyone aged 8 years and above must wear a face mask when travelling on the school bus.

Please call the School Nurses if you have any queries or concerns.

If your child has a medical exemption, please let us know via email at: [Brooke.Wessels@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Brooke.Wessels@education.vic.gov.au)