



Principal's Report

Bellarine Secondary College takes the safe and responsible use of digital technologies, student safety and wellbeing, and the development of social skills and positive behaviour, very seriously and it is timely to remind parents, carers and students that from Term 1 2020, students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours. This is in line with the state-wide policy announced by the Hon. James Merlino MP, Minister for Education, earlier this year.



Whilst both the College and the Victorian Government acknowledge that we live in a technology-rich world where mobile phones are an important communication tool, research has found that mobile phones can be disruptive in classrooms and open to misuse at school. The unregulated presence of mobile phones in classrooms can undermine students' capacity to think, learn, remember, pay attention and regulate emotion.

At recess and lunchtime, opportunities for students to communicate with each other face-to-face or be involved in physical activity are also valued, rather than students being focused on a mobile phone, particularly when they are using it to engage with social media.

This new policy acknowledges that technology is increasingly affecting how students learn and communicate.

Assistant Principals, Community Leaders and House Leaders are finalising exactly how the mobile phone policy will be applied here at our College and will communicate with families as soon as possible so that we are all very clear on our rights and responsibilities in regards to this new policy in 2020.

Our responsibility is to implement this policy as it is intended, with as little disruption to student learning as possible and we will rely on students and families to be aware of both the policy and the associated expectations so that this can have the goal of enhancing student outcomes.

On a different note, I'd like to acknowledge the Year 8 Girls Softball and the Year 7 Boys Hockey teams which both reached the state finals this last week. This is a fabulous achievement of which we are very proud. Well done!

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STUDENT ABSENCES

All student absences must be reported to the College the day of absence.

Ph: 5251 9010
Absence Line

24 Hours/7 days a week

Absences can also be updated via the Compass Parent Portal

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Principal's Report Continued

I would also like to thank Mr Marshallsea, Mr McIntosh and Mr Howard, College staff and the Leaders for providing our Year 9 students with the wonderful Eco5 experience over the past two weeks. This is a fabulous program which provides such a memorable experience for our students. I thank College staff for the enormous commitment this requires. Our students are very fortunate to have such an opportunity.

The final Year 12 VCE Exam was conducted this week and marks the end of the formal journey of the Class of 2019. I again thank them for their contribution to our College Community over the past six years and wish them every success in their future.

The Class of 2020 began their Year 12 program this week with the VCE and VCAL Commencement Programs beginning in earnest. I encourage these students to begin as they intend to continue. The Commencement Programs for Year 12 and 11 students of 2020 provide a valuable start to the next stage of their learning and I hope students fully embrace the new learning in readiness for the next academic year.



Wayne Johannesen
Principal

Important College Dates

Date	Event
November	
Mon 25 – Thu 28	YR 10 Exams
Wed 27	"Transition for Success" Grade 6 and YR 8 Parent/Guardian Information Evening
Fri 29	YR 12 2020 Course Sign-off (Student Free Day current YR 11 Students)
Fri 29 – Wed 4	YR 11 2020 VCAL & VCE Commencement Program
December	
Fri 6 Dec	YR 11 2020 Course Sign-Off (Student Free Day current YR 10 Students)
Tue 10	College Council End of Year Dinner
Tue 10 – Wed 11	YR 7 2020 Orientation Days - Ocean Grove Campus (Current Grade 6)
Tue 10 – Fri 13	YR 9 2020 "O Week" Orientation Days - Drysdale Campus (Current YR 8 Students)
Wed 18	Awards Evening
Thu 19	Administration Offices closes 4:00pm
January 2020	
Thu 23	Ocean Grove and Drysdale Campus Administration Office re-opens 8:15am – 4:30pm
Fri 24	Ocean Grove and Drysdale Campus Administration Office open 8:15am – 4:30pm
Mon 27	Australia Day Public Holiday (Administration Offices closed)
Tue 28	Whole school Professional Development Day – Administration hours 11:30am – 4:30pm
Wed 29	Book Collection – Drysdale Campus C Block – 9:00am – 3:30pm
Thu 30	YRS 7, 9 & 12 students commence
Fri 31	All other years levels commence

Upcoming Student Excursions

Date	Excursion	Group Involved	Consent/Payment Due
December			
Mon 2	YR 8 Deakin Community Day	Nepean & Lonsdale	
Tue 3	YR 8 Deakin Community Day	Corio & Swan	
Wed 4	YR 7 Deakin Mission Impossible Day	Nepean & Lonsdale	
Thu 5	YR 7 Deakin Mission Impossible Day	Corio & Swan	
Tue 10	YR 7 Excursion	All YR 7 Students	
Mon 16 – Wed 18	End Of Year Activities	YRS 7, 8, 9	

Drysdale Campus Report

Exams

At the time of writing this report the Year 12 exams for students of Bellarine Secondary College have finished! Pleasingly, students have generally reported that they have found the exams challenging but have felt that they have been well prepared for them. We now wait for their results to come later in the school year and trust that each student is rewarded for their relative efforts across their learning journey and that each is suitably prepared for their next stage in life – be it in employment or further education.

Year 11 students have also completed their exams. This was an important rehearsal, particularly for VCE students of 2020, as it was a valuable practise at sharing their understanding of key knowledge in exam type conditions. The exams have been conducted with explicit instructions to help students use them as effective practise and build their confidence.

Year 10 students will also complete exams this week, beginning today Monday 25th November. These exams will also be structured in a way that students will receive very explicit instructions to help them develop good exam techniques, while also building their confidence in this context. They will receive feedback for each of their classes during Year 11 commencement.

Commencement Programs -

The **Year 12 Commencement** Program began on Monday 18th November and will continue until Thursday 28th November. This is a valuable opportunity for students in VCE and VCAL, which will see students broach the initial topics and leave for the holidays with specific learning tasks to be completed over the summer break that will ensure that learning begins at a canter at the beginning of the 2020 school year.

The **Year 11 Commencement Program** will be held on Friday 29th November until Thursday 5th December for 2019 Year 11 VCE and VCAL Students. This will provide each student with exposure to their subjects for 2020 and also allow them to leave for the summer break with learning activities to be completed before the resumption of the school year in 2020. This will also allow classes to quickly gather momentum at the beginning of Term 1. This will be important given the interruptions that often occur at the beginning of the school year with sports carnivals, other excursions and public holidays.

Lockers

Students are encouraged to gradually clear their lockers as the year comes to a close. It is important that students do not take equipment or books home that are still required for classroom learning. Students must have their lockers empty and left clean, by the following dates:

Year 11: Thursday 28th November

Year 10: Thursday 5th December

Year 9: Friday 13th December

Uniform

Parents and Guardians are asked to please ensure students are in full school uniform until the end of the year (as required). The exception will, of course, be year 9 students who are involved in the End of Year Activities program (Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December).

End of Year Activities

Year 9 students have been provided with the details of the End of Year Activities program and should be now returning forms. Forms and money are due to be paid to the Administration Office by Friday 6th December

Borrowed Uniform items

Parents are asked to please discuss with their students whether they have borrowed items from the uniform room. If so, students are asked to return those items. Items that are not returned (including white socks), will incur a replacement cost.

Damian Marra and Luke Skewes
Assistant Principals, Drysdale Campus

Drysdale House Leaders 2019

Corio	Lonsdale	Nepean	Swan
Terri-Anne Finch YR 11&12	Kristie Miles YR 11&12	Vanessa Wedding YR 11&12	Jess Walsh YR 11&12
Maddie Chaplin YR 9&10	Laura Doran YR 9&10	Senem Shamsili YR 9&10	Mark Duncan YR 9&10

Ocean Grove Campus Report

Inter School Sport

As the end of the year comes ever closer, we are also concluding our inter-school sports competitions for the year. We are proud of every team's effort over the course of the year, and the talent, resilience and teamwork demonstrated by all students has been a credit to themselves and the college.

Our Year 7 Boys Hockey team competed in the State Championships last week, competing against sides from all corners of the state. They were successful in winning one of their games and pushed their opponents in every match. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and would like to thank Patrick McIntosh for his coaching and guidance of the team.

The Year 8 Girls Softball side were scheduled to compete in State competition as well, however due to weather conditions this has been delayed. Hopefully we will have a day scheduled for the girls to go and represent us at the highest level soon.

Transition Evening

We are hosting a joint Year 7 and Year 9 (2020) transition evening on the 27th of November at the Ocean Grove Campus. This is an opportunity for our 2020 families who have students transitioning into the school, or between campuses, to learn some strategies to ensure a smooth and positive transition.

The evening will commence at 6:00 until 7:30, and will be a great opportunity to speak with some of our Wellbeing Staff around any concerns you may have around attendance/anxiety issues.

There will be a separate space provided for students and siblings if required. We look forward to seeing our families, present and future, on the night.

Bellarine Secondary Students celebrate the International Year of the Periodic Table of Elements in 2019

Year 8 students participated in a series of hands-on chemistry activities and their relationship to sustainability; an event developed by Deakin University staff and students."



Pierre Grzybek and Adam Powell
Assistant Principals, Ocean Grove Campus

Ocean Grove House Leaders 2019

Corio	Lonsdale	Nepean	Swan
Bob Marmion YR 7&8	Margot Romanin YR 7&8	Katie Walsh YR 7&8	Kelly Clitheroe YR 7&8

"Transition for Success" This Wednesday

Attention Year 8 Parents/Guardians "Transition for Success" Information Evening

This Wednesday
Grade 6 into Year 7
Year 8 into Year 9

Bellarine Secondary College would like to invite Grade 6 Parents/Guardians together with Year 8 Parents/Guardians to a special information evening.

The transition to Secondary School and then to the Senior Campus can be an anxious time for some students and families. The aim of this evening is to gain awareness and support strategies to ensure transition is a positive experience. The evening will focus on potential anxiety and fears, the risk of disengagement and school refusal. Strategies will be provided to help your student over the holiday period to best prepare them for the start of the school year.

The evening will be a great opportunity to meet staff who may be working with your student in 2020. We look forward to your attendance.

When: Wednesday 27th November
Where: Bellarine Secondary College
Ocean Grove Campus
70 Shell Road Ocean Grove
Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

RSVP: Monday 25 November to
Leanne Nicholson
Community Engagement Liaison
Phone: 5251 9012
nicholson.leanne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

*Please note: The information provided at this event is targeted towards Parents/Guardians.
A separate space will be provided for students/siblings if required.*

Community Pages

DRYSDALE YOUTH FESTIVAL

A festival of activities is being held in Drysdale for young people on Friday 29 and Saturday 30th November. You can take part in a range of activities. Please see Facebook sight for a schedule of events. You may want to be involved also in any of the following:-

- * Future Leaders workshop YR 9-12 at Bellarine Secondary College Fri Nov 29, 11:00am -12.30pm
- * Student submissions for an Art exhibition opening on Friday 29 Nov 5:00pm-6:00pm at Potato Shed (Works to be dropped off Wed/Thurs)
- * School Band performance at main stage Springdale Friday between 5:00pm-8pm (20 minute playing timeslot-instruments supplied)
- * Provide First Aid course for youth Saturday 23 November - Free

<https://www.facebook.com/events/474043053214310/>

www.eventbrite.com.au/o/raelene-newton-drysdaleyouthfestivalgmailcom-8223823599

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/provide-first-aid-hltaid003-for-youth-free-tickets-81261793211

2040 Documentary – Barwon Heads Hall – Sunday 1st December



Barwon Heads Hall on Sunday the 1st December at 3pm. This film looks into the future, but is vitally important now.

The 2040 journey began with award-winning director Damon Gameau (That Sugar Film). Motivated by concerns about the planet his 4-year-old daughter would inherit, Damon embarked on a global journey to meet innovators and change-makers in the areas of economics, technology, civil society, agriculture, education and sustainability. Drawing on their expertise, he sought to identify the best solutions, available to us now, that would help

improve the health of our planet and the societies that operate within it. From marine permaculture to decentralised renewable energy projects, he discovered that people all over the world are taking matters into their own hands.

This journey is the central premise for the documentary '2040, a story of hope that looks at the very real possibility that humanity could reverse global warming and improve the lives of every living thing in the process. It is a positive vision of what 'could be', instead of the dystopian future we are so often presented.

We're showing this documentary to raise awareness of how we can build a better future and possibly ease some eco- anxiety that some may be feeling.

We hope to see some students and families there.

Recycling Competition

Students and families can bring any of the following items listed to The Susty Hub @ 24 Sinclair St, Ocean Grove, to be weighed and recorded. The school with the greatest weight at the end of the year gets a prize and bragging rights of being the best recyclers on the Bellarine!

Metal cans/tins
Milk bottle lids
Bread tags
Oral care (toothpaste tubes etc)
Pens/textas/highlighters etc

We have a set of scales at the Susty Hub to weigh anything that comes in and then we will keep a tally of the weights for Term 4 on the front window for everyone to see! section below.





SLOW DOWN on Peninsula Drive!

There are mother ducks with babies currently crossing Peninsular Drive, trying to return to their original home.

Please read information below, from Wildlife Victoria for further information and slow down and let them pass. Thank you!

Parent ducks may have searched as far as 5 kilometres away from where they normally live for an appropriate location to build a nest.

This is a normal part of a duck's life cycle. After the ducklings have hatched, the family will start to find their way back to the local water source, often crossing roads in the process.



Interfering with ducklings often places them under unnecessary stress and will usually do more harm than good. However, if a duckling does get lost or separated from its mother, Wildlife Victoria can be notified to assist by calling 03 8400 7300 and speaking to an operator.



HANGOUT WITH US THIS JANUARY
2nd - 24th January, 2020

OPENING HOURS:
7:30am - 6:00pm Monday to Friday



School Holidays @The Y

WATER GAMES • SPORT • GYMNASTICS • DRAWING • CRAFT • MELBOURNE ZOO • CAMP WYUNA • CIRCUS FUN • SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS • KARAOKE AND SO MUCH MORE...

REGISTRATION/BOOKINGS CLOSE: 6TH DECEMBER, 2019
for more info: www.geelong.ymca.org.au



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