



## Principals Report

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### Farewell

The Graduating Class of 2020 was farewelled last Wednesday evening. Year 12 students dressed to impress and came together as a class for one last time. It was fabulous to connect again with our Year 12 students and their families after many completed the recent VCE examinations. The evening was blessed with sunshine, and just a little wind. Regardless, the evening was a wonderful reminder of the ambitious and excited students who have finished their time at the College and now leave us to explore their next steps in life. We wish them luck and thank them for all they have given our College community over the past six years!

### Thank you

Thank you to the parents and carers who came to the Parent Forum on Thursday 3 December. It was a great event with those in attendance providing valuable feedback to the College. Importantly, the discussion was open and constructive. Those present were able to identify the things the College does well while also able to suggest how we can continue to improve.

Parents reflected that they welcomed the opportunity to have a voice and were very enthusiastic about the forums that will occur across 2021. I encourage other parents and carers to consider future opportunities to be involved.

Future forums will have an explicit focus which we trust will help us partner to best support the young people in our community.

I would also like to thank the 220 families who completed the Parent Opinion Survey in recent weeks. Your feedback via this tool is very much appreciated and will be considered alongside that received in the Parent Forum as we and explore ways to bring continuous improvement and, in doing so, develop the new School Strategic Plan.

### Transition Programs;

As I write this we are about to welcome the Year 7 Class of 2021 into the College on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December for Discovery Day. There was a time we did not think this day was going to occur, and it has certainly looked very different at different points over the past month as COVID-19 restrictions have eased.

We are very excited to welcome Grade 6 students on Tuesday and look forward to them transitioning into the College. The past five weeks has seen the Extended Transition Program unfold. This has involved Grade 6 students visiting the College to participate in a range of activities to support their full day orientation on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The existing COVID-19 restrictions unfortunately means that while we can have students from different schools, we can bring them

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together with other students in their class for 2021, classes are not able to mix across the day. Given the requirement to avoid the wider interaction of students on this day we have developed a virtual day of learning for the current Year 7 students. This will involve current Year 7 students learning from home on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The program will engage them in a Learning for Life curriculum before engaging with Career Action Plans and then some physical activity.

Year 8 students will, of course, begin their transition to the Drysdale Campus on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Year 8 students will engage in a variety of activities over three days. These activities are aimed to expose students to some initial learning on the Senior Campus as well as help them develop their understanding of the campus. The program aims to help students in their transition to the College's Drysdale Campus in 2021. Some Year 8 students have previously also been involved in extended transition activities to help them make this move successfully. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December is reserved for Year 8 students that require to be engaged in Transition Support meetings. These are designed to support students who we believe require further support prior to them moving across to the Drysdale Campus in 2021. The only Year 8 students required to be at school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December are those students who have been invited to attend these Transition Support meetings.

Year 9 students have recently completed tours of the Gordon on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. These tours were designed to support our Year 9 students to understand the programs available to them at the Gordon. This is powerful learning as they begin to consider their pathways in 2021 and beyond. This will help students understand some of the options available to them in the future as well as help them to establish personal goals and see the im-

## Important Dates

Date	Event
<b>December 2020</b>	
Tuesday 8th	Year 10 2021 Course Sign Off— <b>Year 9 Student Free Day</b>
Tuesday 8th	Remote Learning—Year 7 Only
Tuesday 8th	Grade 6 Discovery Day at Ocean Grove Campus
Tuesday 8th—Thursday 10th	Year 8—9 2021 Transition Days at Drysdale Campus
Wednesday 9th	Final College Council Meeting—6.00pm
Wednesday 10th	Production Performance—7pm <i>(will be streamed online as well as limited seating at the venue)</i>
Friday 11th	Year 8 Student Free Day—Further 8-9 Transition meetings can occur
Monday 14th—Wednesday 16th	End of Year Activities—Years 7, 8 & 9
Wednesday 16th	Last Day of Term 4—2.20pm Finish
	Awards Night—Video available for viewing
<b>January 2020</b>	
Friday 22nd	Administration Office Open (8.15am—4pm) Both Campuses
Friday 29th	Year 7, 9 & 12 Students Return
<b>February 2020</b>	
Monday 1st	All Students Return
Tuesday 2nd	Student Photos—Arthur Reed Photography
Wednesday 3rd	Year 10 Laptop Collection
Thursday 4th	Whole School Swimming Sports—Kardinia Pool
Monday 8th—Wednesday 10th	Year 7 Camp
Wednesday 10th—Thursday 11th	Year 12 Activities <i>(more information to follow)</i>
Thursday 11th	Year 7 laptop Collection



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portance of their learning.

Year 10 and Year 11 students have recently completed their Commencement programs for Year 11 and Year 12, 2021. I am very pleased that these programs were very successful in supporting these students to transition into their Later Years program for 2021.

The easing of restrictions has allowed the College Annual Production to be performed before a live audience! This years performance of 'Grease' will occur on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Potato Shed before a small live audience. Unfortunately, the audience will be limited to family members. The performance will, however, be live streamed for the College community to enjoy. Please look out for further details in the coming days.

## End of Year Arrangements

Year 7-9 students finish classes on the afternoon of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

The End of Years Activity Program starts on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Students will be spending the first day at Adventure Park before the next two days at the Ocean Grove Campus for school based activities.

Year 9 students who are not attending Adventure Park on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December will participate in on-site activities at the Drysdale Campus. Year 7&8 students not going to Adventure Park on that day will spend the day at the Ocean Grove Campus.

The school year then ends for students at 2.20pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Please note that the College Awards Evening on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December will be virtual, online, from 7.00pm that evening. Further details regarding this will be communicated in the coming days. We hope you can join us celebrate student achievement in 2020!

The year has been one of many challenges and much change. It has tested all quarters of our community. We too have been challenged by the restrictions and needed to flip our practice over Terms 2 and 3. I do believe our community should be very proud of the manner in which we met the challenge of COVID-19.

I hope 2021 is less disrupted and we are able to continue to direct our energies to supporting our students to achieve their full potential.

Please have a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Take care.

**Wayne Johannesen**  
College Principal





## Drysdale Campus

As we draw to the end of the year, we would like to thank staff and students on the Drysdale Campus for what has been a very unique and challenging year. We would like to acknowledge the resilience of the whole school community in working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.

### Orientation Program

The Year 8 into 9 Orientation Program, begins tomorrow. This is clearly an important time for these students as they look to transition into the Drysdale Campus. Our transition team has been working closely with classroom teachers to ensure students are engaged and enjoy the next three days. Parents/guardians are encouraged to note the details of the 2021 House Leaders below as they are the first point of contact at the Drysdale Campus should you have any questions relating to your child.

Corio- Melissa Di Niro

Lonsdale- Patrick McIntosh

Nepean- Louise Campbell

Swan- Barry Davies

### Year 12 Farewell

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we held a farewell get together for Year 12 students and their families. It was great to see such a fantastic turnout with students taking advantage of the dress to impress theme. Thank you to the team that organised the event, we wish those students all the success they deserve in their future endeavours.

### The Gordon Tours

Year 9 students attended The Gordon to participate in a guided tour of the facilities and learning about the programs on offer at the East Geelong and City Campus. This was a great opportunity for students to broaden their views on potential pathways for their future.

### Year 10 2021 Course Sign Off

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December is a student free day for current Year 9 students for course sign off. Any students who require a change to their 2021 program, which has not already been addressed are invited to contact the Drysdale General Office to make an appointment with a member of the pathways team.

We wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2021.

### Assistant Principals

**Damian Marra & Luke Skewes**

## VCAL WORK PLACEMENT

From November 16th to 20th November, our Year 11 VCAL students had their Week Block of Work Placement for 2020. Some students could not work due to Covid regulations throughout the year, however they were all able to get out for this week.

The general feedback was how impressive the students were – taking initiative and not spending time on their phones were common comments from employers.

A big thank you to all the employers who support our students and give them such wonderful opportunities to gain work experience and often full-time work after school as well.

### Employers of this week block were:

- ⇒ Heywood Constructions
- ⇒ Drysdale Pre School
- ⇒ Damian Bromley Painting
- ⇒ Bellarine Landcare Nursery
- ⇒ Headstart Ocean Grove
- ⇒ The Heat Shop
- ⇒ Bellarine and Westcoast Refrigeration
- ⇒ Michael Limb Builders
- ⇒ Tony's Carpentry and Home Maintenance
- ⇒ Dymos Drysdale
- ⇒ Adina Salon
- ⇒ Parade Dental OG
- ⇒ Blue Moon Pet Services
- ⇒ Victoria Police
- ⇒ Geelong Flower Farm
- ⇒ Drysdale Smash Repairs
- ⇒ USAU Group
- ⇒ Geelong Security Doors
- ⇒ Second Chance Op Shop
- ⇒ Matthew Best Plumbing
- ⇒ Seascope Plumbing
- ⇒ Jordan Erskine Carpentry
- ⇒ Kromer Homes
- ⇒ Sensory Café OG
- ⇒ Bellarine AV
- ⇒ Joshae Hair and Beauty
- ⇒ Chris Cowley Builders
- ⇒ Belmont Automotive
- ⇒ Reece Plumbing

### Drysdale House Leaders 2020

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



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## Ocean Grove Campus

**The focus for our Campus is on transition of students into and out of the Campus.**

### Year 6 into 7 Transition

On December the 8<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Discovery day as part of the state wide transition day for Grade 6 students. We are expecting 225 students.

#### DISCOVERY DAY ITINERARY

All students commencing Year 7 at the Ocean Grove Campus in 2020 are asked to attend Bellarine Secondary College – Ocean Grove Campus on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December **in full primary school uniform.**

A full day's program will be provided for students.

#### TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

##### 8.40am

Students arrive at the Ocean Grove Campus and meet in the courtyard.

Students check noticeboards to confirm what Form Group they are in.

##### 9.00am to 3.10pm

Students will follow a special Discovery Day program.

Students, where appropriate, may be collected by parents/guardians, or go home on school buses.

**A SAUSAGE SIZZLE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS FREE OF CHARGE FOR LUNCH ON TUESDAY.**

### Year 8 into Year 9 Transition

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of December, our current Year 8's will undertake year 9 Transition at the Drysdale Campus. This is a very exciting time for our Year 8's as they get to experience and learn about the Senior Campus prior to beginning in Year 9 next year. Their three day experience will begin with an assembly, where they will be welcomed and introduced to their new House Leaders and Sub-School Leader. Over the course of the three days they will tour the school, engage in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) challenge, explore and further unpack the school values and expectations of Senior Students, and participate in some electives.

A small cohort of Year 8's attended the Drysdale Campus on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for an additional transition experience. I'd like to thank Andrew Grimshaw, Luke Skewes, Patrick McIntosh, and Adam McIntosh for their support in the lead up to and on the day.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of December, Year 8's have a Student Free Day. Some students and families will be invited in for Transition Support Meetings, where they will meet with their current and new House Leader.



### Ocean Grove House Leaders 2020

Corio	Lonsdale	Nepean	Swan
Bob Marmion Yr 7 & 8	Partick McIntosh Yr 7 & 8	Justin Chrisostomo Yr 7 & 8	Kelly Clitheroe Yr 7 & 8



## Community Information

On Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> November the "Stand Out Group" completed a project that they had been planning for a long time. Thanks to the generous donation of paint from Bunnings Leopold and some great painting skills from group members, the wooden rails outside Corio Pod were transformed into colors representing the LGBTIQ+ school community.



The Standout Group meets weekly. It's a group for those students who may identify with the LGBTIQ+ community and those who support them. It aims to promote diversity and inclusion within the school. We love the finished project and are already considering what we will do next!

### THE STANDOUT GROUP

BSC Junior Campus

## Lego Masters Competition in the Library

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lego Masters competition at Ocean Grove Campus. Students worked to the theme of 'underwater life.'

Congratulations to Caedyn Cole, Mitchell Kiddle & Jonathan Virgona for their winning design. Well done to the runners up Inika Culton, Bailey Wagner, Will Muculj, Alex Walker, Paul Elston and Taj Croft.







## Community News



**School Photos are still online and available to order for 2020**

On photo day all students received a flyer which includes a code unique to them.

You will require this 2020 code to register online and view your photos.

If you registered earlier this year, you will be able to log back into your account to view your images.

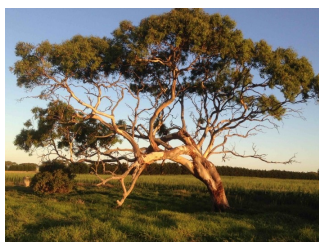
If you have not yet registered, please go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your unique code to complete your order.

If you have misplaced your registration code or are unsure if you have registered, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 or [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)

Please note that you will need to register online with your **2020 photo code** to gain access to this year's images.

All photo packages are currently being sent home in, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

If you require any assistance ordering your photos, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly on 5243 4390 or email [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)



## Student Absences

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

**24 Hour Absence Line - 5251 9010**

(available to leave a message 24 hours a day 7 days a week)

**Compass Parent Portal**

(log-in details required)

**Administration Office - 5251 9000**

(8:30 am – 4:00 pm Mon – Fri)



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26 November 2020

Dear School Principal,

### RE: JUMPING FROM JETTIES AND PIERS

I seek your assistance in spreading the message that jumping from piers and jetties might seem like a harmless activity on hot days, however it is a dangerous activity that can lead to serious injury.

Summer holidays are almost upon us and we are seeing an increase in people under 18 jumping or diving into the Barwon River at Barwon Heads from the Public Jetty and William Buckley Pedestrian Bridge. This is often with the support of their parents.

It is important that your students understand that jumping into a natural water body such as the Barwon Estuary can result in a serious spinal injury or death. Tides and sand movement make the safety of jumping different every time. Water depths, sand bars and submerged debris and rubbish around jetties and bridges can change on a daily basis which makes water conditions unpredictable.

**The key message is: Safety is everyone's responsibility; please observe all safety signage and don't jump from piers and jetties this summer. Find a safe place to access the water.**

We have installed signage on the jetty and bridge advising that jumping or diving is prohibited but we are disappointed to find that they are often overlooked or ignored. We would appreciate your assistance in advising students and their families of the key messages on this issue in your school newsletter.

I extend season greetings and look forward to next year when your students may undertake activities within our coastal reserve.

Kind Regards,

Gary McPike

CEO Barwon Coast

