

Friday March 12, 2021

Key Dates

- Wednesday March 17
Yr 7 Parent & Student
Welcome Night 5.00
- Wednesday March 17
VCE / VCAL
Information Night 6.30
- Sunday March 21
Harmony Day
- Sunday March 21
International Day for
the Elimination of
Racial Discrimination
- Tuesday March 23
House Athletic Sports
- Wednesday March 24
School Council AGM
- Monday March 29
Student Free Day /
Staff PD
- Monday March 29
CSC Open Night
- Thursday April 1
End of Term 1

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Principal's Report

2021 Colac Secondary College Council

On behalf of the Colac Secondary College community, we would like to thank the following people for accepting positions onto School Council for 2021. Your decision to be involved in this important College body is greatly appreciated.

The second meeting of the College Council will be held at the Annual General meeting on Wednesday 24th March 2021. The College Council is made up of six Parent representatives, five DET representatives, up to four Community members (that are co-opted onto the group at the AGM after accepting nominations) and two student representatives.

2021 membership is as follows:

Parent Representatives

Ms Sallee Sell, Mr Adam Hall, Mr Shaun Carson, Ms Karyn McGlade and Mr Andrew Broomfield.

DET Representatives

Mr Scott Dellar, Mr Xavier Davis, Ms Kerri Bauer, Ms Emma Hall, and Ms Sue Langdon.

Student Representatives

Jasmine Tippins and Tianna Beckett from our 2021 Year 11 student cohort.
(Pictured)



Community Representatives

Up to four community members may be nominated onto the council at the AGM to be held on Wednesday 24th March 2021.

At this point, I would like to acknowledge the work of the last years School Council members who have not been able to continue in this year.

During 2020; our CSC College Council membership included Ms Zen Rantall (DET representative) who was a huge part of the many successful initiatives implemented across the 12 month period, but is unable to continue on school Council in 2021 due to other commitments.

Thanks for your great work Zen, much appreciated.

I would personally like to thank them all for their effort during this 12 month period; a time that saw the continued transition of College towards the Community Learning Precinct notion on which it was based. Their work, commitment and support of student initiatives and new opportunities over this exciting and busy time has been greatly appreciated by all groups within the College community.

Year 7 Welcome / Information Evening

Wednesday March 17 at 5.00pm - Performing Arts Building

This evening will provide an opportunity for families to meet key staff members. Information will be provided on the iPad program, Compass Portal, English Curriculum and Maths Pathways. Families will also be able to view their child's learning environment. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Principal's Report

CSC Junior Sub-school Student Leadership Team 2021

The Year 7 - 9 Student leadership team for 2021 is as follows:

Year 7

Lachlan Ellis

Hudson Dewar

Bailee Rowarth

Jaymee McDonald-Huth

Year 8

Marlie Borenstein

Tess Russell

Maddox Hunt

Ricky Taylor

Year 9

Emily Munro

Hunter Ellis

Ella Harwood

Nate Hitching

We as a college are looking forward to working with them across the rest of the year.

They will be involved in a series of leadership development and school improvement initiatives across the course of the year targeted at community and student support.

Well done to our 2021 Leaders!



Scott Dellar

Executive Principal

Colac Secondary College

NAPLAN Practice Test (Week 9 & 10)

Online schools participate in a practice test in late March, the 'Coordinated Practice Test'. The practice test ensures that the College systems are in place for the May assessment period and requires the participation of the entire cohort of NAPLAN year students completing an General/Omnibus test and a Writing practise assessment. **Year 7** on the 25th March during Session 3 and **Year 9** on the last day of Term (April 1st) during Session 2.

Year 7 Immunisations - Tuesday 16th March

The school immunisation program starts again next week with Year 7 students receiving the first of two doses throughout the year in the following:


- Boostrix- diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis (whooping Cough)
- Gardasil- Human Pappiloma Virus (HPV)

The immunisation program is run each year by the Colac Otway Shire.



OPEN NIGHT

173 Queen Street, Colac, Vic 3250

 (03) 52319800

PRESENTATIONS
4pm, 5pm & 6pm
Performing Arts Theatre

AIM ASPIRE ACHIEVE

For more info visit our website
www.colac-sc.vic.edu.au

VCE / VCAL Information Evening

Wednesday March 17 at 6.30pm - Performing Arts Building

Students and families are invited to attend a VCE/VCAL information evening detailing the VCE student handbook and associated policies, key dates, SPICE sessions, career information and maximising effective home-study routines.

Meet Our New Staff - Q & A

Josephine Isaac



What subject do you teach?

I teach Health, Physical Education and Science

What year level?

I am across a range of year levels, I have year 7s, 9s and 10s.

Why choose CSC?

CSC is a school that is very similar to the school I went to and therefore it just seemed fitting to start off my teaching career at CSC. I like how the students are very similar to a lot of my peers growing up.

Favourite thing about teaching?

Building a rapport with the students, I love just talking to students getting to know them and helping them achieve their best.

What do you like so far about CSC?

All the staff, all super friendly and willing to help in any way.

Any funny moments yet?

None that I can think of at this present moment.

Have you taught elsewhere?

No this is my graduate position, so I've come straight from FED Uni to CSC to start my teaching career.

Hobbies

Running and the gym - Basic PE Teacher.
However, my newfound hobby and addiction is jumping out of planes.

Have you moved to Colac or do you travel?

Yes, I have moved to this area.

What subject do you teach?

Maths & Physics

What year level?

8, 10, 11, 12

Why choose CSC?

For me, it is like trying to draw one card from a deck of card. (Yes, I am a Maths teacher) :D

Favourite thing about teaching?

Have good reasons to buy many new books and have good excuses if I don't finish them, because I don't have enough time.

What do you like so far about CSC?

Lots of amazing students and colleagues are super supportive.

Any funny moments yet?

Hmmm.... Can't think of any.

Have you taught elsewhere? How many years have you taught?

Charlton College, 5 years.

Hobbies

Swimming, playing with my 2 years old daughter.

Have you moved to Colac or do you travel?

Living in Colac now.

Chris Chiu



Meet Our New Staff - Q & A

Michael Steven



What subject do you teach?

Maths

What year level?

7, 9 & 12

Favourite thing about teaching?

The opportunity to continually improve as a teacher. Every lesson is a new opportunity to connect, support, motivate, problem solve and hopefully impart some knowledge. Some lessons it goes well, other lessons less so. But we learn from the challenges and celebrate the wins. The wins are so rewarding.

What do you like so far about CSC?

The community of teachers and students. It's such a supportive environment to learn and grow, and that goes for both teachers and students.

Any funny moments yet?

Trying to get students to go to sleep on year 7 camp was a bit of a joke. But if I was in a room with 3 of my friends, I wouldn't want to sleep either, so I can't really blame them. What a fun camp!

Hobbies

Surfing, snowboarding, hiking and camping. Anything outdoors really.

Have you moved to Colac or do you travel?

Travel. I live in Anglesea, so not far away.

Claire Oppermann



What subject do you teach?

English! I have one Year 8 class, two Year 10 classes, and a Year 12 VCE class. I can also teach Humanities and Legal Studies, and VCAL. And I'm the teacher responsible for supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families at CSC, and working to make the school culturally safe.

Why choose CSC?

I'm a Warrnambool kid, and I've spent too much time in Melbourne – I wanted to be back in the country, so we moved to Forrest.

Favourite thing about teaching?

Teenagers are often weird and funny. It's great to be able to watch as they enter adolescence and come out the other end. And when you see a young person realise that they can do something they thought they couldn't do – it's awesome. And I love language, so playing with words and texts in English is my favourite.

What do you like so far about CSC?

The students are completely lovely, and the quality of staff morning tea on a Friday is high.

Any funny moments yet?

Heaps. Like I said – teenagers are hilarious oddballs. And the CSC staff are pretty funny too. But I reckon thus far... Em Box as Steve Irwin wrestling a blow-up crocodile in every event on Swimming Sports day was a highlight.

Have you taught elsewhere? How many years have you taught?

I've been teaching since 2012. I began at Stawell Secondary College in the Grampians, where I taught for three years; I moved back to Melbourne and taught across the Faculties of Arts and Law at Melbourne University, and studied some more. After that, I taught for almost three years at the Pavilion School in East Preston, and then in 2020 my partner and I drove around Australia in our Landcruiser Troopy!

Hobbies

Reading, cooking, eating, gardening, dancing, studying, dog walking, camping, being at the beach, sewing, hiking, lots of others.

Have you moved to Colac or do you travel?

I travel a little bit – the 20-25 minutes to and from Forrest is a perfect amount of time to get my head in the game for the school day, and let all my work stress go on the way home.

Meet Our New Staff - Q & A

Harleen Kaur



What subject do you teach?

General science and chemistry

What year level?

Year 9 and 12s

Favourite thing about teaching?

The “Aha, I get it now!” moment is priceless.

What do you like so far about CSC?

The sense of community – everyone is so nice!

Any funny moments yet?

There have definitely been a few!

Have you taught elsewhere?

This is my first year of teaching. I have a biomedical/research background.

Hobbies

I enjoy baking when I have some free time.

Have you moved to Colac or do you travel?

I currently live in Geelong

What subject do you teach?

I teach in both the Maths and HAPE teams.

What year level?

Currently in Maths I'm teaching year 8s, 9s and 11s, and in HAPE I have one year 9 class.

Why choose CSC?

I chose to come to CSC because it felt like a great place to start my teaching career. You get the sense when you talk to staff and students that the school has built a great culture and that's something that I was attracted too when applying at CSC.

Favourite thing about teaching?

Being a part of a school community is fantastic. Doing something for other people was an important value when choosing to pursue a teaching career, so helping and seeing students' progress is rewarding.

What do you like so far about CSC?

Everyone has been very welcoming and helpful which is great. So many people have offered me support being a first-year teacher which has made me feel comfortable and settled in the school. The students are fantastic as well so I'm really looking forward to the year ahead! The 5-session timetable is awesome as well.

Any funny moments yet?

Haven't had too many funny moments yet, but I did accidentally mark the roll in my very first lesson a week too early on Compass which is a bit embarrassing.

Have you taught elsewhere? How many years have you taught?

This is my first teaching role in a school, but I did work in Learning Support at Berwick College in Melbourne's south east while I was studying. Prior to that I studied Construction Management at Deakin and worked for a commercial builder in the CBD for a number of years.

Hobbies

I play Cricket for Newtown & Chilwell in Geelong over the summer which is great. I'm a big Cats fan in the footy, follow the Premier League intently and I run an in-depth sport tipping competition with some friends during the year which is very exciting. Love trying to cook a variety of dishes as well, been working on a Curry Laksa recently which has come up a treat.

Have you moved to Colac or do you travel?

I'm making the daily trip down the highway from Geelong. I was lucky enough to gain a carpool seat with some of the other teachers in Geelong who also drive down, so I'm very thankful for that. I do have some relatives around Colac though, so I've got a place to stay if needed!

Thomas Bates



WELLBEING

Happy International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Marked annually on **March 8th**, International Women's Day (IWD) is a day to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about women's equality and lobby for accelerated gender equality.

We are so fortunate to have many wonderful women at CSC who are inspiring in so many ways. On behalf of the Wellbeing Team, we say thank you for all of your tireless work in creating an environment where women can thrive and achieve anything!

A challenged world is an alert world. And from challenge comes change. So let's all #ChooseToChallenge.



Standout Group

At CSC we have created and introduced a Standout group for all LGBTQIA+ students and allies promoting inclusion. It's a fun, chilled out space supported by our school nurse Kate Every, and teachers Ned Holland and Ingrid Sjolund.

In the group we can connect and support each other and have a voice, promoting inclusion and diversity in our college.

We meet every Thursday lunchtime and look forward to 2021 and supporting our LGBTQIA+ community at CSC.

Uniform Shop

- Tuesday to Thursday 3.15pm – 4.00pm
by appointment only
- Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm (please ring in advance)

We encourage parents / guardians to use our online shop:

<https://colac-sc.vic.edu.au/uniformshop>

Please Note: we are currently waiting on an order of Rugby Jumpers in larger sizes. The full range of Rugby sizes will be available early in Term 2.

A purple abstract graphic with flowing, wavy lines. In the top right corner is the CSC logo. At the bottom, the text reads: 'Colac Secondary College Online Uniform Shop' and the URL 'https://colac-sc.vic.edu.au/uniformshop'.

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

This day is observed annually on March 21

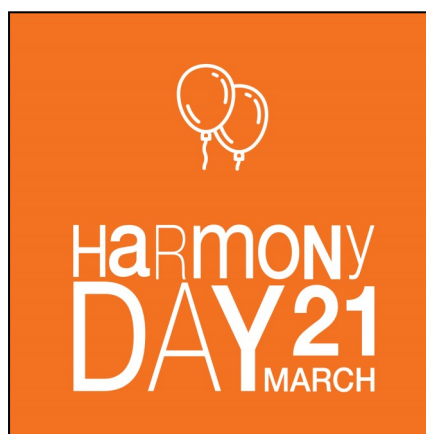
On that day, in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid laws. Proclaiming the day in 1966, the United Nations General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

Harmony Day

Also celebrated on the March 21

Harmony Day centres on the message that Everyone Belongs, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness for all Australians. Since 1999, thousands of Harmony Day events have been held in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia.

The colour used to celebrate Harmony Day is orange.



COLAC SWIMMING CLUB AUTUMN/WINTER TRAINING SESSIONS Bluewater Indoor Swimming Pool

*** Junior Squad (Grades 2-6)**

*** Senior Squad Training (Years 7-12)**

Monday & Wednesday 6pm-7pm (Junior & Senior)

Tuesday 5.45am-7.15am (Senior Squad)

▶ Saturday 8am-9am (Junior & Senior)

The Colac Swimming Club is a family friendly club

There is no expectation to participate in competitions. You are welcome to simply come and train

**For more information, please contact
Jeremy Barren at colacswimclub@gmail.com**



Become a firefighter



Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) firefighters serve and protect communities across Melbourne and Victoria's major regional centres. This is a challenging and rewarding role with a lot of variety and great opportunities for career progression.

About the role

Every shift is different, and you will be doing far more than just fighting fires.

Career firefighters:

- respond to fires, complex rescues, road crashes, emergency medical calls and hazardous chemical spills
- talk to schools, communities and local business groups about fire safety and prevention
- maintain and monitor equipment and water supplies
- take part in regular training to maintain and develop their skills
- advocate for changes that improve community and firefighter safety.

"Firefighters perform a diverse range of roles, with great opportunities for specialisation and career progression."



Who can apply?

FRV is looking for women and men from all walks of life and backgrounds. Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident and comply with FRV's criminal history and driver history policies.

Physical fitness and the ability to perform under pressure are essential qualities, as is the ability to work closely in a team, and with the diverse communities we serve.

People who speak languages in addition to English are encouraged to consider firefighting as a career.

Be aware that the role involves shift work and can be physically and emotionally demanding.

Recruitment process

This is a competitive process that can last six to 12 months. It is important to consider the level of commitment involved. Once you submit your online application you will be invited to attend several phases of testing.

These include:

- written selection test (WST)
- group assessment and medical clearance
- shuttle run
- personality profile
- selection interview
- physical aptitude test (PAT)
- pre-employment medical assessment

Upon successful completion of the selection interview, the order of merit will be created according to the candidate's written selection test, group assessment and selection interview scores. Only the top scoring candidates are considered on the final shortlist.

More information

Visit firefighter.vic.gov.au for comprehensive information including:

- detailed eligibility criteria
- policies for criminal and driving histories
- videos of fitness preparation
- information covering various stages of the recruitment process
- answers to other common questions.

Tips for students

You can prepare for a firefighting career while you are studying.

Preparing to be a firefighter

- Take every opportunity to develop your team work, customer service and public speaking skills. This might be through work experience, a part-time job or extra school, university, community or sports activities.
- Get to know your community by volunteering with a local organisation and increase your exposure to the many diverse groups it is made up of.
- Stay fit. You will need to take a holistic approach to fitness that includes upper and lower body strength, as well as cardio.
- Get your driver's licence as early as you can. Maintain a good driving history because this is taken into consideration.

- Practise your English and maths skills – these will be tested as part of the written selection test.
- Study a subject that develops practical or mechanical skills. While there are no specific prerequisite subjects, you will be tested on your mechanical reasoning during the recruitment process.
- Take the time to visit FRV's website – including the news section – and learn as much as you can about the different aspects of the role.
- Stay positive and don't give up. The application process is competitive, and it may take more than one attempt to get through. Preparation is key.

About FRV

FRV was established on 1st July 2020 bringing together Victoria's career firefighters.

FRV works as one in the emergency services sector. We serve and protect our community and provide a contemporary fire and rescue service. Our firefighters are highly trained and ready to respond to a wide range of emergency incidents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including bush and structure fires, road crashes, emergency medical response, chemical spills, complex rescues, floods and other natural disasters.

We operate 85 fire and rescue stations across the state. FRV's stations are located from Mildura to Traralgon and from Portland to Wodonga.



More questions?
You can find detailed
information at
firefighter.vic.gov.au