

## Key Dates

- Tuesday October 26  
Yr 7 Immunisations
- Wednesday Oct 27  
Yr 12 Exams  
commence
- Tuesday November 2  
Melb Cup Holiday
- Friday November 12  
Year 10 /11 Last day  
of classes
- November 15 - 19  
Year 10 / 11 Exams
- Nov 22 –Dec 3  
VCE Early Start

## Principal's Report

### Return to onsite Learning....again!

It's with great enthusiasm that we will be welcoming all students at every year level back to onsite learning from Friday 22nd of October!

Our initial focus once again will be to support our students to refamiliarise themselves with the day-to-day procedures of the college, while also helping them to tune back in to classroom expectations and learning programs.

### COVID-19 reminders

While in many ways we are transitioning back to business as usual, the Victorian Community is still in a rather precarious position with regard to the ongoing challenges of COVID-19. With this in mind, we ask all parents and carers to remind your children of the following important points:

Face masks are compulsory at all times (unless evidence of a medical exemption is provided to the college admin office)

- Students should practice sound hygiene including washing hands with soap regularly throughout the day
- Using hand sanitiser when it is available in classrooms
- Keeping all areas of the college clean
- Keeping classroom doors and windows open for increased airflow
- Following all teachers' clear and reasonable instructions at all times

### Uniform

As we enter the warmer months, it's important that parents and carers please support your children to have the correct uniform items. We have an extensive range of uniform options for students at CSC and we are happy for our students to choose which uniform items they feel most comfortable wearing.

It is very important that all students present every day in full school uniform. We cannot accept students wearing non-CSC uniform items such as t-shirts, hoodies, leggings, track pants, etc. Like every school in Victoria, we have a uniform and it is a requirement that students wear it.

Wearing a uniform to school each day supports students to be able to transition into work environments where they will be expected to either wear a uniform or dress appropriately for their job. Students who do not comply with our uniform policy can expect to be spending recess and lunchtimes in detention.

To purchase uniform we have an online ordering option - <https://colac-sc.vic.edu.au/uniformshop>

### Mobile Phones

A reminder to all community members that there is a state-wide ban on students using mobile phones at school. Too often phones are a distraction from learning and may be used for inappropriate reasons.

We ask all parents and carers to please remind your children of the state-wide ban on phones in schools and to support our phone policy, including short term confiscation for students who do not heed the warnings.

**ABSENCE  
LINE**

**5231 9888**



Colac Secondary College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Gulidjan Country, where we learn and teach.

The school pays respect to their Elders - past, present and emerging.

# Principal's Report Continued

## Behavioural Expectations

In my short time as Principal of CSC, I've been incredibly impressed by the overwhelmingly positive behaviour of our students. I enjoy walking around our campus during class time and seeing a calm and orderly learning environment where students are engaged in learning, being respectful of their peers and staff members.

We know that after the constant disruptions to onsite learning, a very small number of students may have challenges transitioning back to classrooms and the school yard environment. With this in mind, teachers and year level managers will be speaking with all students to reset clear behavioural expectations to ensure all members of our school community can enjoy a safe and respectful learning environment and finish the year well!

Thank you for supporting our students and the college as we navigate these challenging times together.

Take care.  
Shane Elevato  
Executive Principal.

## Year 10 Science

Last week a group of Year 10 Science students stepped away from Remote Learning to participate in a virtual work experience program offered by GTAC.

Students took part in a home digital research opportunity within the biomedical research field. They learnt and applied biological modelling software, utilising public databases to answer their own research question. Students had the opportunity to meet scientists from Melbourne's biomedical research community.



## Defying the Drift Rotary Agricultural Scholarships



Defying the drift is an annual three-day agricultural camp available to senior secondary students around Victoria considering a career in agriculture and related industries.

Defying the Drift is sponsored by Rotary Victoria, and run on campus at respected Victorian tertiary rural colleges. In 2021, the program will be held at Longerenong College, near Horsham in December.

Students studying agricultural studies in Year 10 and 11 are encouraged to apply, and go through the interview process for final selection.

Colac Secondary College would like to congratulate **Eloise Murnane** in Year 10, and **Haylee Norman**, **Abbey Day** and **Kiara Mason** in Year 11 for their

successful application into this program!

We would also like to thank the Rotary Club of Colac, and the Rotary Club of Colac West for their ongoing support and sponsorship.

Caitlin Harris  
Agriculture and Horticulture Teacher





# Year 9 Journalism Class

## Pets in lockdown



In lockdown I hatched baby chickens from an incubator. They were so adorable, and were extremely fluffy. Although they were a bit loud at times, I still held them during every break in between classes. They were a perfect distraction from the boredom of remote learning.

I had to try very hard not to let my cats get to the chickens and eat them, but they seemed very determined. The baby chickens were so relaxed when being held and sometimes fell asleep in my hands.

By Lilly Gorman

## Great to be back onsite



## Unusual Food Combinations

Some people enjoy very unusual food combinations.

Have you ever tried:

- chicken nuggets and soft serve ice cream
- salad, vegemite and condensed milk
- apple on bread
- apple and salt
- custard and cornflakes
- noodles and tomato sauce
- pickles and ice cream
- vegemite on scones with cream
- vegemite and ice cream



By Leah Parsons



## 2022 Booklists

2022 Booklists and Parent Payments Requests will be posted to families in early November.

## Sporting Pathway Program



The Sporting Pathway Program will recommence on Wednesday October 27 at 7.30am in the Recreation Centre.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back!

## The Addams Family - Update

*When we started to talk about and plan the musical production for 2021, we were confident the COVID-19 situation was over, we were in the clear and restrictions that were in place in 2020 were done and dusted.*

*How wrong were we!!*

*It has been a long road to get The Addams Family on stage, with restrictions, capacity limits, lockdowns and 2 postponements.*

*We are extremely pleased to announce that **the show will go on!!** (With restrictions)*

*The production team of Zoe Hudgell, Georgie Leersen, Kat Featherstone and Penny Serle have been incredibly busy, working overtime locking in dates and finalising how the show will look.*

### **So here it is:**

*A 'mini' version of the show will go to stage. A mix n mash of musical numbers and dialogue. A slightly shorter version with loads of entertainment, music and singing with an upbeat vibe!!*

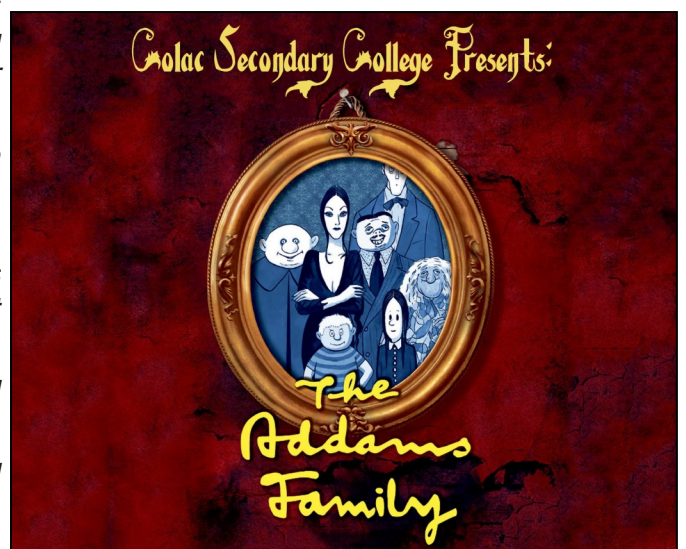
*Unfortunately, due to restrictions we will not be able to perform to an audience, which will sadly mean, our families, friends, staff and sponsors will not get to enjoy and experience how this show will come together. Rest assured however we will be filming the show. This will give everyone the opportunity to watch in their own time. More info on the DVD's to come.*

*We would like to acknowledge and thank the cast and production team for their resilience and ability to change schedules/dates at the drop of a hat.*

*Also thanks to the school leadership team, CSC students, families and our sponsors for your ongoing support and encouragement during the year.*

*The Addams Family showcase (Mini version) is going to be epic and we cannot wait for everyone to see it!! **We are excited!!***

*Kat Featherstone (Production Manager) and Penny Serle (Musical Director)*



# Year 12 Celebration Day



**GOODBYE**



# Year 8 Volcanoes

On Tuesday the students in 8B Humanities created their own volcanoes.

The students folded a paper volcano and then combined baking soda, vinegar and food colouring to create the lava flow.



## Colac Secondary College Uniform Shop

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



## 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>

# WELLBEING

## Self-Compassion

Self-compassion involves acting the same way towards yourself when you are having a difficult time, fail at something or notice something that you don't like about yourself.

Many people are able to extend compassion toward others but find it difficult to extend the same compassion towards themselves. Self-compassion can help relieve many mental health concerns such as anxiety or insecurity.

We need to be kind to ourselves, even in the face of adversity.

The three main elements of Self-Compassion are:

- ◆ Self-kindness
- ◆ Common humanity
- ◆ Mindfulness

### Benefits Of Self-Compassion

- ◆ It increases motivation
- ◆ It boosts happiness
- ◆ It improves body image
- ◆ It enhances self-worth
- ◆ It fosters resilience.



## If you are in need of someone to talk to, for any reason...

- Headspace Geelong 5222 6690
- Lifeline 131114
- Grief Line 1300 845 745
- Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
- Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- Barwon Health Mental Health Triage 1300 094 187
- 1800RESPECT 1800 737 732

## Being Kind to others....



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." **Maya Angelou**

Research has shown that being kind to other people actually increases your own happiness. Kindness influences a person's wellbeing and creates healthy relationships. Our brains receive an increase in serotonin when we are helpful and compassionate to others.



# Uniform Donations

With Senior students fast approaching the end of their schooling for the year ... do you have any school uniforms that you are no longer needing?



CSC- Wellbeing Dept is very grateful to our generous families who donate their child's uniforms.

Uniform donations can be delivered to the Administration Office during business hours.

CSC ensures these are cleaned and passed on to families in need.

Thanks very much.



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88.7 FM Along the Coast

We're PINKING UP COLAC

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 29 Oct 2021  
7.30pm song requests  
8pm trivia time!

Trivia from the comfort of your lounge room!  
OCR FM is bringing the trivia to your house for the night to help raise funds for Pink Up Colac. There will be some great prizes up for grabs so register to play as a Team (up to 6 people) or as an Individual.  
Entry is \$8 per person (please have your Team name ready when you register).

Tune in to the special broadcast on OCR FM on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of October from 8pm, and play along using the special login code for Crowdpuurr that will be emailed to you from your ticket purchase.

Scan the QR code or head to [www.ocrfm.org.au](http://www.ocrfm.org.au) for ticketing details.



# Careers Corner

With Frank Park, Careers Education

## Year 12 VTAC Information

### VCE Results

16 December 2021 at 7am

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### Change of Preference

Closes 20 December 2021

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### Offers

January Round Offers – 14 January 2022

February Offers – Commence from 1 February 2022

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Also, students applying for courses that have extra requirements (i.e. submitting a folio, a pre-selection kit, arranging an interview, etc.) are reminded that failure to meet the deadline date for these means students may no longer be eligible for selection into their desired course.

[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

## When will I receive an offer?

The first round of offers for current year 12 students is on January 14 2022.

Offers are emailed to applicants on the day of release and available in the VTAC account from 2pm the same day. To be considered for offers, you must pay your course application processing fee on time. All offer dates and payment deadlines are on the [Dates and fees page](#).

January round 1 offers may also be published by newspapers (in print and/or online) with your permission. You give this permission either at the time of applying, or later in your VTAC user account. If you want to change your permission, see [Permission to publish offers](#).

Check the VTAC website closer to the date to find out if newspapers are publishing offers.

### WARNING

Verbal offers have no status. If you receive a verbal offer you should ask for the name of the person making the offer and contact VTAC immediately.

## What if I don't receive an offer?

If you don't receive an offer, don't panic.

You may still be eligible for a supplementary offer. Alternatively, you can check out other courses listed with VTAC and change your preferences as many times as you like, at no additional cost, throughout January and February.

There are many ways to reach your study and career goals.

Many institutions offer [pathways into courses](#) as an alternative way to get into the course you want.

**Note:** If you didn't receive an offer and want to find out why, contact the institution directly to discuss this.

## **How the offer system works**

[Selection](#) is the responsibility of each institution's course selection authorities. After the course selection authorities have considered your application, they will advise VTAC whether they wish to offer you a place in the course. VTAC advises you, via your VTAC account, of the highest offer on your preference list (if any).

Most course places are allocated in the first January offer round. In subsequent offer rounds, you will be considered for course preferences higher than any offer/s you have received in each round (if any). VTAC will again advise you of the highest offer made (if any).

For a detailed look into how the offers system works and answers to other common questions about course offers, go to the [VTAC Website](#).

**Note:** If you do not pay your course application processing fee by the due date, your application will not be sent to the course selection authorities and you will not be considered for offers.

### **All offers are provisional**

Any offer you receive is subject to you:

- meeting eligibility requirements,
- having provided full and correct information on your VTAC application, and
- attending enrolment at the date and time specified in your offer message.

If you don't meet these requirements, your offer may lapse or be withdrawn.

### **How many offers?**

You can receive a maximum of one offer per offer round.

If you do not receive any offers in any of the offer rounds you may be eligible for a supplementary offer if you have given VTAC permission to release your application information to courses with vacancies. See [Change your permission to receive supplementary offers](#).

### **Changing your preferences**

You can change your course preferences between offer rounds as many times as you choose. Before adding a preference, always check the selection criteria to ensure you have met all course requirements. For more information see [Change your course preferences](#).

If you received an offer in one round, and wish to also be considered for courses lower on your preference list in future rounds, you can change your preferences by moving the course that you have been offered below any courses you would still like to be considered for by the relevant change of preference date. Note: Please only move the offered course to below courses you would genuinely consider (not to the lowest preference place).

It is a good idea to contact the individual Universities Help Hotlines for assistance if you are looking to change your preferences around and may need help with some pathway course guidance. These hotlines are fantastic and are there to support students throughout the entire Preference/Offer period.

### **Accepting an offer**

Receiving an offer does not confirm your enrolment in the course. To secure your place, you must follow the enrolment instructions in your offer message in your VTAC Account. In some cases you may be required to attend enrolment in person on a specific date and time.

