

Friday April 1, 2022

Key Dates

- Tuesday April 5
Koorie Education Aspirations Day
- Wednesday April 6
Coastal Athletics
- Wednesday April 6
Yr 11 BioLab Excurs
- Thursday April 7
Yr 11/12 TIS Expo
- Friday April 8
Last Day Term 1
- Tuesday April 26
Term 2 commences
- Tuesday May 3
White Card Training
- May 8-11 VCE OED
Grampians Camp

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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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well.

As Term 1 comes to an end, I'd like to thank all those students and their families who have made this term so successful after such turbulent times during the last two years. This term has been the first uninterrupted, full school term in two years!

School Council

The recent school council election process has been completed and it gives me great pleasure to present to you the CSC School Council for 2022.

Our members are:

Sallee Sell - President, Parent Member

Adam Hall - Vice President, Parent Member

Shane Elevato - Executive Principal, DET Member

Xavier Davis - Treasurer, DET Member

Julie Baud - Parent Member

Karyn McGlade - Parent Member

Andrew Bloomfield - Parent Member

Susan Langdon - DET Member

Michelle Winch - DET Member

Emma Hall - DET Member (co-opted)

Jasmine Tippins - Student Member

Tianna Beckett - Student Member

The purpose of council is to manage school governance, secure the long term financial viability of the school and to ensure the college works within DET policies.

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank our council members for dedicating their time, energy and expertise into the future direction of our school.

COVID-19

We are aware that COVID cases are continuing to occur throughout our community and we remind all parents and carers that the DET requires you to report any cases of COVID-19 infection in students to the college. Also, if your child is required to isolate due to another member of the household contracting COVID-19, you are required to inform us of this circumstance also.

As we enter the colder months we are expecting case numbers to continue and we appeal to all families to please inform us when your child's school attendance is impacted.

Principal's Report continued

Attendance

In the state of Victoria, all parents and carers have a legal obligation to ensure your child is enrolled in school and attending every day until they are 17 years of age.

Unfortunately, consistent school attendance still seems to be an issue for some students. We currently have far too many students whose attendance is well under 80%. This equates to an average of one or more days off per week.

In the 6 years of secondary schooling this can very quickly equate to years of missed learning and drastically reduced outcomes for your child. These reduced outcomes will have a direct impact on your child's employability and post-secondary educational options.

In order to address this important issue, the college will need to action some important steps to support our young people to remain in class and learning. From this point forward, only students who are maintaining a minimum of 85% attendance will be able to participate in the college's extra-curricula activities including sports teams, performances and some camps and excursions.

The college is currently exploring other options to support students and families to manage school attendance including the introduction of morning homerooms.

Recently, the Department of Education & Training (DET) has identified some CSC students whose attendance is too low. This may require the DET to pass the names of those families on to the Department of Human Services for assistance. Sometimes this follow-up can include a loss of government supports until the child's attendance at school is back up to an acceptable level.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please ensure that you inform the college of the reason for the absence. This can be done through Compass or by simply phoning the school.

Uniform

Thank you to those parents and carers who took advantage of the discounts on offer in our recent uniform sale. The response has been overwhelming!

Like all schools in the state, the CSC Council has determined that all students must wear our school uniform. It is great to see more and more students arriving in full school uniform every day.

We are again appealing to all parents and carers to ensure you are providing your child with the prescribed CSC uniform (from our extensive list of items) and assist them to leave your home every morning dressed appropriately. **Students should not be attending school in casual clothes!**

It is vital that our young people learn to take responsibility for the way they present everyday - just as they would be expected to do in the work place. Forming these good habits now will support your child to have a successful future in their chosen career pathway.

During Term 2, students who present out of uniform and without a note can expect follow-up that will include phone calls home to parents and carers to discuss this issue for students who are regularly without the correct uniform.

Holidays

Finally, I'd like to wish you all the best for the Easter break and my hope is that all our students, families and staff can have a restful holiday and come back feeling refreshed and ready for a productive Term 2.

Take care,
Shane Elevato
Executive Principal

The National Young Leaders Day

On Wednesday March 23rd, thousands of students from across Victoria travelled to the Melbourne Convention Centre to celebrate The National Young Leaders Day with Halogen Australia.

Our student representatives were granted the opportunity to listen to four influential speakers from across the nation, learning what it takes to be a leader and how to achieve the goals we set for ourselves.

The first speaker we heard from was Lachie Smart: the world's youngest pilot to fly around the world solo at the age 18. Lachie shared his story, his struggles and how he managed to overcome difficult challenges, coming out stronger on the other side.

“Setbacks are the foundation for success.”

The next speaker, Guy Edmonds, is an author, actor, screenwriter, and director of the Emmy award winning show *Hardball*. Guy spoke about the development of his career and the important lessons he learned along the way through an engaging presentation.

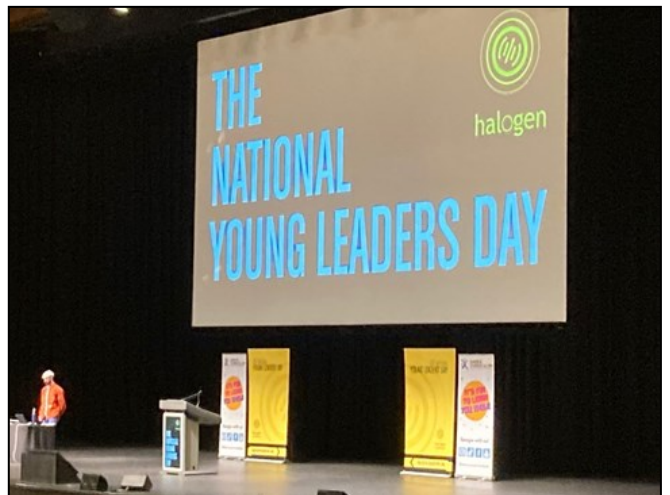
“If you're the smartest person in the room, how will you grow?”

The third presenter, Cate Campbell, is an Olympic swimmer who notably won 4 gold medals so far in her career. She shared the story of her upbringing and how that built her resilience and allowed her to develop her ability to adapt to change. A large theme of her talk revolved around making sacrifices for your passion and keeping your goals in mind because:

“To be successful, you have to make sacrifices.”

The last guest of the day was Damien Flemming, a sports commentator and former cricket player. Using significant moments and anecdotes from his career to demonstrate how he acquired resilience.

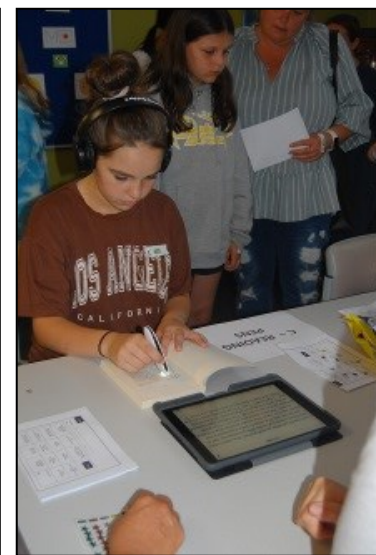
“Combatting your setbacks”



Open Night

On Monday March 21 we welcomed a large number of visitors to CSC for Open Night. Students and families had an opportunity to hear about what the College has to offer, and then to participate in a wide variety of fun activities. Visitors were also able to enjoy a BBQ while being entertained by live music and dancing.

There was 'a real buzz' on the night and it was great to see so many happy, smiling faces. It wasn't surprising that many families wanted to stay longer than anticipated.



Open Night



Year 7 Science

What a 'Wild Day' our Year 7s had!

Students are currently studying classification and ecosystems as part of Year 7 Science. 'Wild Action' visited the school and presented a range of animals, discussing each specimen's classification, adaptations, habitat, diet, predators and why it is vital to protect all animals for healthy and balanced ecosystems.



Worlds Greatest Shave

VCAL students held a Worlds Greatest Shave Event on March 17.

A group of staff and students volunteered to have their heads shaved to help raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Many students chose to have their hair coloured.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the substantial sum of money that was raised for such a worthy cause.



Athletics Sports

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the annual House Athletics. A fantastic day was had by all, with loads of colour and team spirit.

The winning team for 2022 was Hesse!

Hesse House Captains were awarded the Athletics trophy at assembly, and Age Group Champions received their medals.



Athletics Sports



Interschool Primary School Sports

Our Age Group Athletic Champions had the opportunity to head over to the Central Reserve to assist with the local Primary Interschool Sports. The feedback from Primary School Staff has been very positive. Well done to the students involved!



"Hello,
I would just like to express my gratitude to the two students Jaymee (8D) and Sally (7D) who were working on the discus at our primary inter school sports. They were extremely professional, helpful and easy to get along with. It was really like working with two other parents or teachers. They are an absolute credit to your school. Can you tell them they made the day easy and enjoyable.
Thanks very much
Jeremy Richardson
Teacher- Sacred Heart Primary"

Wellbeing

Wow, what a first term! School holidays are nearly here and it's time to have a well-earned break. Wellbeing would like to wish you a safe and Happy Easter. We hope you relax, recharge, catch up with friends and do something you enjoy. We can't wait to see you in Term 2!

We encourage you to always reach out and talk to friends if you are finding things difficult and here are some additional online services offering support.

Happy Holidays!

Amy, Megan & Kate



Online

Reaching out for mental health support

Bite Back

www.biteback.org.au

Share real and personal stories with others, check out videos, blogs and interviews of interesting people, and check and track your mental fitness. Access more information on positive psychology as well as receive ideas on how to enjoy life, increase your self esteem, how to build your confidence and boost happiness!



Beyond Blue

www.beyondblue.org.au

Find information and support to help you your age and location. They have phone, online chat, email and online forum options available so you can access support in the way you feel most comfortable to.



Headspace

<https://headspace.org.au/>

An online and phone support service for young people ages 12-25. You can chat to youth mental health professionals who can provide you with a safe, secure and anonymous place to talk to a professional – wherever you are.



Reach Out

<https://au.reachout.com/>

You can use Reach Out to take control of whatever you're going through to help you figure things out and help make your life better.

The website offers fact sheets, forums and other resources designed specifically for young people.

24 hour phone support

Kids Helpline - 1800 551 800

Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636



Colac Secondary College Online Uniform Shop

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



Careers Corner

With Frank Park, Careers Education

Employer Expectations

Employers look for and hire people they think will help the company succeed. **Employers** have **expectations** of their team members and will hire people who will most likely meet or exceed **expectations**.

Your job depends on your ability to assist your **employer** to make money. If the business loses money, your job may disappear. At the top of their list of **expectations**, most **employers** would include commitment, enthusiasm, dependability, honesty, and a willingness to learn and accept feedback.

The Top 10 Work Values Employers Look For

- Strong Work Ethic. **Employers** value employees who understand and possess a willingness to work hard
- Dependability and Responsibility
- Possessing a Positive Attitude
- Adaptability
- Honesty and Integrity
- Self – Motivated
- Motivated to Grow and Learn
- Develop Self – Confidence
- Excellent Personal Presentation (represent the business)
- Main thing they look for is people who will apply themselves

Where do you look for a job?

- 55% are advertised on recruitment and company websites
- 4% are advertised in newspapers
- 23% are advertised on social media
- 31% are by word of mouth (family, friends co-workers)

Be mindful that potential Employers will contact the school to ask about your attendance, attitude and what sort of person you are.

Be aware when you are in public, of your behaviour and how you present yourself.

Positive and Negative. Eg Sport activities, good behaviour at training and bad (employers in cars watching)

Be really aware of social media and what is on there, and make sure settings are set correctly

Starting your career journey means making some choices!

It's important for you to choose a career that reflects the type of person you are. When you choose a career that matches your natural style you are more productive, happier and less stressed than being in a job that's just "not you".

Start by asking yourself a few simple questions to work out your interests, likes and talents:

- What do I like?
- What do I value?
- What do I believe?
- What are my interests?
- What am I good at?
- What do I enjoy?
- What subjects am I interested in at school?
- What type of environment do I like working in? eg: office or outdoors?

The answers will help you to determine what some of the ideal career options are for you.

Call and chat with Frank at the Colleges Careers Office to discuss all things careers.

Colac Braves Baseball Club Come and Try Days



When: 10am Sunday the 3rd and 10th of April



Where: Eastern Reserve, Colac



Come and Try Baseball

Juniors: If you are 8-14 years old and wanting to try out a fun and inclusive sport where all equipment is provided, come and give baseball a go!

For a bit of fun, we will also have an inflatable throwing tunnel and radar gun set up for you to test your throwing speed with a prize for the fastest!

Seniors: For those that are a little bit older, there will also be an open training session for our senior teams, any newcomers are welcome!



For more information, search 'Colac Braves' on Facebook and send us a message!