

Friday November 12, 2021

## Key Dates

- November 15 - 19  
Year 10 / 11 Exams
- Thursday Nov 18  
The Addams Family  
filming
- Nov 22 - Dec 3  
VCE Early Start
- Thursday Nov 25  
Yr 12 Graduation
- Friday November 26  
Yr 10 Semi Formal
- Tuesday December 7  
Yr 7 Orientation Day

**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

### Almost Back to Normal

It's been a fantastic few weeks as our school begins to operate under our 'COVID normal' guidelines. Classes are 'back to business' across the college and our students are engaged in all of our usual high level learning programs and fun extra curricular activities!

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Year 12 students for finishing the year as well as they have. While VCE exams are still underway, I'd like to thank all those students who have studied hard and given their exam a red-hot go! I'd also like to congratulate those final year VCAL students who overcame considerable adversity due to the number of weeks spent in remote and flexible learning for their efforts in completing their certificates. We're all very proud of you and we hope that you are all very proud of yourselves! We look forward to celebrating together at the upcoming Year 12 graduation.

### Vaccinations

One of the guidelines we must adhere to for celebration events, camps and excursions are the community health guidelines as set by the Department of Health. At times, this will require senior students to be double vaccinated. I encourage all parents to please support your children to meet these vaccination requirements so that they can participate in the full range of programs and extra-curricular activities on offer.

The college has no jurisdiction to override public health orders and cannot allow students who do not meet those requirements to participate. We know this is disappointing to some students, so we ask that all parents and carers make the necessary appointments to ensure that vaccination requirements are met.

### College Review

Every four years, each government school in Victoria undergoes a school review. The process sees an external reviewer (a highly experienced ex-Principal) and 'challenge partners' (two current Principals from other schools), as well as the college leadership team and a representative from the DET regional office forming a review panel. The review will then consult with key stakeholders in our community - teachers, students and parents.

Our review is currently underway and it has been a very worthwhile process with some excellent conversations. At the end of next week the review will conclude and we will have formulated the strategic direction of the college for the next four years. We look forward to sharing our new strategic plan with our community in the coming weeks.

Shane Elevato,  
Executive Principal.

## Remembrance Day



# School Captains 2022

We are very proud to announce that after an extensive selection process involving:

- Nomination
- Application / Selection Criteria
- Speech
- Interview

The College Captains for 2022 are **Jasmine Tippins** and **Thomas Hus**.

## Jasmine Tippins

### ***Past Experience:***

I have been an SRC leader for three years and a student representative on School Council for two. In 2020 I was a Year 10 buddy for the new Year 7 students. I have also taken on a leadership role in this year's musical 'The Addams Family' with planning and running rehearsals as well as designing the production shirts, all whilst having the lead role of Wednesday Addams.

### ***Plans for 2022:***

I would like our school to celebrate our students, especially their resilience over the last two years by having more whole school or year level cohort BBQs and Pizza Days. I would also like our school to be involved more in the community by holding more fundraising events and donating the funds to services and other places in Colac and surrounds. I am also hoping to talk more about mental health and how important it is as well as encouraging teachers to educate students about healthy coping strategies and where to go if they need help. I would also like to encourage students to reduce the school's waste and carbon footprint by promoting recycling bins and composts in each cohort area.

### ***Excited for:***

I am excited to continue to represent our school and be a role model for younger students. I am also really excited to meet new people through school and community events such as our Open Night and Remembrance and ANZAC Day ceremonies.

### ***Hobbies / Interests:***

I am the biggest bookworm. I love reading books of all genres and try to do so every night. I also enjoy singing, performing and playing a few instruments. Does eating chocolate count as a hobby? If so, I'd say I'm pretty good at it too. Many of my friends might also say that talking is another thing I excel at and sometimes I have to agree.

So that's me summed up!

## Thomas Hus

### ***Past Experience:***

As far as executive roles go over the years, I've been elected for next to none. I'm not afraid to admit this, as the reason is simple; I've always been too afraid to try. However, 2022 is going to be a new year with new experiences, and hence, I made the decision to step up and make a difference for once. I have had plenty of smaller roles within the school, proving to be an integral part of both the music and PE cohorts within the school, as well as within 'The Addams Family' musical and the Year 10 Buddy Program alongside Jasmine.

### ***Plans for 2022:***

As many of our staff and students would agree, school over the past couple of years has been a tremendous struggle, and so I personally believe that everyone within the school is deserving of a means of compensation. I intend for this compensation to come in many types of school based activities, for example more fundraisers, year level colouring competitions, quizzes and music events designed to promote inclusion within our school community, and to get our students socially active again! Unfortunately, inclusion is a luxury a lot of us have been robbed of over the last couple of years with COVID, and so our school is more than deserving of a couple more fun days here and there.

### ***What I am looking forward to / excited for:***

As a person who loves to be around all sorts of different people, I can't wait for the opportunity to meet and greet people within or outside of the school community. As well as this, I am super excited to receive some input from our students in regards to the quality of our school, so that I can gather and apply that information to a multitude of improvements within CSC.

### ***Hobbies / Interests:***

As far as hobbies and interests go, I've always been a little lacklustre, however I've always been passionate about music, chucking in an earphone whenever the opportunity arises. Art is also something that I've always found a sort of therapy in; for me there's nothing better than the feeling of lead against paper!

Oh and one other little thing about me; I appreciate a good Parma!





## 2022 Booklists, Year Level Contributions, CSEF Application Forms

All of these documents have been posted to families. They are also available on the CSC website.

**Please return completed booklists and CSEF Application forms (if eligible) to CSC by:**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

**Booklist collection date:**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**

CSC Performing Arts Theatre

*Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the College on 5231 9800*

## Year 10 Global Goodies

This week students have enjoyed making 'Celebration Cakes'.



# Hands on Learning Program



This week marks the introduction of our 'Hands on Learning' program.

Hands on Learning (HoL) is an innovative school program aimed at increasing engagement and achievement in school, future training and employment by building personal and social skills and supporting the different ways young people learn.

This program, which was initially set to start months ago, but was put on hold as a result of the Covid-19 lockdowns, has been running at CSC for a number of weeks. The students have been busy building a small platform for shearing the school's sheep, refurbishing an old broken bench in the Agriculture shed and clearing overgrown weeds and grass from our new compound at the back of the school.

The intake of students for this year has already been selected, however we hope to be able to provide more information about the program and the selection process for 2022 in coming weeks.

Stay tuned.



## Year 9 Journalism Class

The Year 9 Journalism students have come up with 'Fun Pages' for everyone to enjoy.

### *Mia and Anabel's Fun Facts:*

- \* The first person convicted of a speeding fine was travelling at 8mph.
- \* Some cats are allergic to humans
- \* Queen Elizabeth II is a trained mechanic
- \* Hot water freezes faster than cold water
- \* The average person spends 6 months of their lives waiting for the traffic light to turn green.

### *Did you Know by Leah:*

- \* Did you know pineapples were a sign of wealth in 18th Century England.? They were so expensive that you could rent them at night and take them to parties with you as a status symbol.
- \* Did you know that if you answer a phone call when your phone is at 10% the radiation is 1000 times stronger?
- \* Did you know the first toothbrush was invented in 1498?
- \* Did you know that eating sesame seeds helps release stress and gives you a better night's sleep due to the high magnesium and tryptophan content?

# Year 9 Journalism Class

## Emily & Tahlia's Christmas Colouring Competition



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please colour the picture and return it to the student office with your name and class included.

There are 3 prizes (Canteen Vouchers) to be won.

Entries close on Wednesday December 1st

### Leah's Jokes:

What did the shark say when he ate the clown fish?

*That tastes a little funny.*

Why do bees have sticky hair?

*Because they use honey combs.*

Why do bicycles fall over?

*Because they're two tired.*

# Year 9 Journalism Class

Esther's word search

## SUMMER

W I H E Q I M I Y M E B Z S R  
B C O Y G S E B O N E O L N V  
E E T S H U Y S V H M X Y S R  
A C Y L D N W Z R O N I O U A  
B R I O L S U D E L V N J N N  
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M B Y Y H N G T R A V E L Y A  
D H V S C H R I S T M A S U R  
B E A C H H O U S E F E P U S  
Y S C H O O L H O L I D A Y S  
C R Q Y N E W Y E A R S E V E  
J Q J R O A D T R I P Q S C Z

School holidays

Beach house

New years eve

Christmas

Sunscreen

Icecream

Boxing day

Travel

Roadtrip

Sunny

Beach

Hot

Long days

New years

Holiday

Lake

# WELLBEING

## Some steps for coping with changing friendships...

One minute you're seeing your best mate all the time and the next you're lucky to find any free time for each other. Friends drift apart for a range of reasons – maybe your bestie has been spending more time with new friends, they may have started a serious relationship, or you may have no idea what has changed.

While it's normal for relationships to change over time, it can still be hard to adjust to. If you're struggling to deal with this, know that you're not alone.

Here are some ideas on how to cope when friendships change:

- 1. Give it some time**
- 2. Try to see the situation from a different point of view**
- 3. Talk about how you're feeling**
- 4. Be open to meeting new people**

To help get a fresh take on what's happening, try:

- reminding yourself that a changing friendship doesn't mean you're a failure or a bad person – it's a hard, but normal, part of life
- reflecting on other past friendships that changed but led to your making new friends
- reconnecting with friends you haven't caught up with recently.

The WELLBEING TEAM are here to help...

Email us with the IPAD 'Shortcut' or [welfare@colac-sc.vic.edu.au](mailto:welfare@colac-sc.vic.edu.au) Amy, Megan & Kate.



# Dental Van Update

Thank you to all families who have returned their dental forms. Unfortunately, this year with so many disruptions the dental van visit will be rescheduled for 2022.

We look forward to providing this service to our students in Term 1 2022.

If your child has any dental concerns, please call the Colac Area Health Dental Clinic – 5232 5100.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Thanks -Kate Every.

School Nurse

Kate.Every@education.vic.gov.au



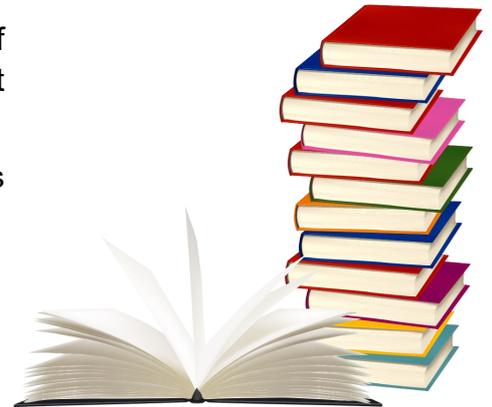
# Book Donations

With the end of year fast approaching... do you have any novels or textbooks that are no longer needed?

The Wellbeing Department is always grateful for the donation of textbooks and novels, but of course we can only accept books that are on the 2022 booklist and in very good condition.

Books can be left at the school office and will be passed onto families in need.

Thanks very much



**Colac Secondary College  
Online 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>

# Careers Corner

With Frank Park, Careers Education

## **TAX FILE NUMBER**

Tax file numbers (TFNs) are issued by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Your TFN is used to identify your tax records. Everyone has a different TFN. Your TFN is yours for life, even if you change jobs, move interstate or change your name. If you leave the country and later come back to Australia, you still use the same TFN.

When you make enquiries about your tax records, the Australian Taxation Office will ask you for your TFN. They will also ask for other information to check that you are who you say you are.

Your TFN is valuable. Do not share it with friends and do not provide it over the internet when applying for jobs.

### **Why do you need a TFN?**

It is not compulsory to have a TFN. However, without it:

- your employer must take 47% of your wages in tax
- financial institutions are required to tax your interest at the highest marginal tax rate (currently 45%)
- Centrelink will generally not pay you an allowance such as: Youth Allowance, Newstart or Austudy
- you will not be able to defer your higher education fees



### **There are two ways you can apply for a Tax File Number:**

#### **1. Apply online and then attend an interview at an Australia Post Office:**

This is the easiest way to apply for a TFN. There are 3 steps in the process:

1. Complete the online form. You can access the form at <https://smarteform.com.au/onlineforms/ato/tax-file-number-application-or-enquiry-for-individuals>
2. Print off the summary - after completing the form, you need to print off the application summary. You will need it for the next step.
3. Attend an Australia Post interview - you must attend an interview at your local Australia Post outlet within 30 days of completing your online application. Bookings are not essential, but are recommended. You will need to take 2 things with you to the interview:
  - i) Your printed application summary
  - ii) Your 'Proof of Identity' documents (see notes below about what is required)

#### **2. Complete the paper based form and send in your 'Proof of Identity':**

If you are not able to attend an interview, you can complete the paper based application form. To get this you can contact the Australian Taxation Office on 13 28 61 and ask them to send you a copy of the *Tax File Number - application and enquiry for individuals* or check your local Post Office or newsagent as they may have them.

Once you have completed the application you need to send it off to the address that is on the form and you must also include certified copies of your identification documents. Do not send original documents as the ATO do not return any documents to you.

### **Your 'Proof of Identity':**

When you apply for a Tax File Number you have to verify your identity to the ATO.

You need to provide certain documents to do this. The documents you require vary depending on whether you are over or under 16 years of age.

To get all the details on which documents you can use go to

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/In-detail/Copies-of-documents---applicants-within-Australia/>

## USI Number (Universal Student Identifier)

Anyone undertaking any education and training with a provider outside the school system must have a Unique Student Identifier (USI).

This applies to:

- Vocational Education and Training - eg: study at Certificate or Diploma level through TAFE or other Registered Training Organisation (RTO's)
- Higher Education - eg: Degrees etc. through universities and other providers

**Note:** If you are studying a VET course while still at school you will also need a USI.

The Australian Government describes this as being a bit like a "Medicare number for education" and without one you cannot receive your qualification or get any sort of Commonwealth financial assistance.

This USI allows you to login to your training account and see all your VET training records and the results of all your courses. You can also print out all your results to take to an employer when you are applying for a job or to any training provider when you are doing any additional courses.

You must have this Unique Student Identifier before you can commence any courses. If you don't already have one, you can create one at [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au). You just need to have a Medicare Card in front of you as your evidence, when you apply for the USI Number.

### FIND MY USI

If you already have a USI Number but can't find it, you can do a search for it, at **Find My USI** and follow the prompts.

