



Transition

Year 6 into Year 7 2022

Year 7 Student Leadership Team 2021



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Welcome to Colac Secondary College



Scott Dellar

Executive Principal

Welcome to Colac Secondary College, a school of outstanding opportunities and learning experiences for all students.

I understand that selecting your child's secondary school is a big decision, therefore we offer an extensive and individualised approach to families to ensure you are well informed about the educational opportunities that your child has the ability to access during the next six years of schooling. I hope that you find this booklet informative and beneficial to get an understanding of the different programs that we offer at our school.

Colac Secondary College is committed to working together to improve the educational outcomes for every student. We are focused on setting high academic expectations for all children and providing diverse opportunities to ensure that all students reach their potential. Guided by our core values of **Respect, Responsibility, Achievement and Honesty**, we empower our students to contribute to developing a positive school culture by developing effective relationships with staff and students, increasing academic expectations for all students and engaging with the wider community.

The physical structure of our school is based around two learning communities; **Middle-School Year 7-9** and the Senior-School Years 10-12. We also have access to a number of specialist learning centres, a Trade Training Vocational Centre, an outstanding sporting arena and corresponding outdoor facilities, and a number of world class facilities located at the Bluewater Recreational Centre (indoor swimming pool, 3 court basketball activity area, weight training fitness facility).

The Learning Communities cater for the different developmental stages of learning; being the middle years in Year 7-9, then the Latter years (pathways approach) that underpins Years 9 – 12. Our school structure will ensure that as students grow and develop throughout their education journey. In Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10 we group students in similar ability classes so we can honour individual differences and our teachers can design curriculum that is differentiated. This will ensure all students will be able to access an individualised program that will cater for their needs. Ultimately, we will strive to ensure that all students have a suitable planned pathway into further education or employment. Although we place emphasis on working with similar age peers, we are also focussed on senior leadership and cross-age interaction. We integrate year levels for whole school activities and programs to further enhance and develop the skills of all students.

Providing a well-rounded education program is important and there is something for everyone at Colac Secondary College. We offer a wide range of leadership development programs, starting at Year 7, these then progress to specific high impact activities that contribute to strong individual development . Success is achieved through evolving effective partnerships and communication with parents and learning opportunities with the local community. We maximise the Colac Community Library and Learning Centre, offer extensive sporting, arts and cultural activities for all students; as well as opportunities for local, interstate and overseas learning experiences. I would like to invite you and your family to experience our College through a visit or tour, and don't hesitate to contact the school to organise and discuss your child's needs in more detail at any stage.

Learning Communities / Villages

Colac Secondary College provides modern classrooms for the 21st Century where each learning space is designed to meet the needs of today's students.

Our College community is arranged into two distinct Learning Communities (Villages):

- **Junior Year 7, 8 and 9 Sub-School** – The Junior Sub-School has two locations - a Year 7 & 8 village and a separate Year 9 area.
- **Senior Year 10, 11 and 12 Sub-School** - The Senior Sub-School is focussed on pathways, be it VCE, VCAL or TAFE. Each student has a managed individual pathway preparing students to enter



Tertiary education (University), an Apprenticeship or into the workforce when they graduate.

Each Learning Community provides a safe and stimulating environment in which students learn and work with a core team of teaching and support staff, and are underpinned by the notion; that it takes a 'Village to bring up a child'. The design of our new spaces offers the opportunity for teachers to work independently or in teams where the individual and diverse needs of students can be fully catered for in different settings and with varied teaching techniques. This allows all our students to maximise their own potential in an engaging and stimulating environment.



Year 7 and 8 Sub-School



The design of the Year 7 and 8 learning spaces that are framed around the community (village) concept at Colac Secondary College encourage teaching and learning flexibility and allow for a range of classroom teaching arrangements. Year 7 and 8 students will spend most of their class time within their Sub-School; but will engage in learning at other parts of the college for specialist studies in Physical Education, Performing Arts, Science, Visual Art and Technology (Food, Wood, Textiles & Digital).



Ms Susi Lang
Year 7 -9 Sub-School Leader & Year 7 Year-Level
Coordinator (YLC)



Ms Zen Rantall
Year 7-9 Learning Leader

Ms Lang and Ms Rantall work very closely with the Year-Level Coordinators and teachers of Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9, to ensure that all students and their individual learning needs are addressed. This team approach provides high level support for continued success of students across the complete range of subjects and experiences on offer at these two important years of secondary education. **The Year 7, 8 and 9 team is closely supported by key members of the College Leadership Team.**





Assistant Principal - Mr Xavier Davis

Each year we all look forward to the classrooms and school yard being filled with laughter, energy and enthusiasm that the new Year 7 students bring with them each day. The school year brings with it a new beginning, incredible opportunities, and exciting learning experiences awaiting each student on which to write a new chapter. There is always a sense of excitement with the possibility of new friendships and amazing times ahead, that are underpinned by the ability to access some great opportunities leading to strong growth and accomplishment.

We are thrilled to welcome new students in Year 7 to join the College Community. Year 7 is a time not only to get reacquainted with old friends but to also make some amazing new ones. I am looking forward to seeing all the students in the classrooms, the yard and out on their excursions – learning, having fun and developing into successful young people.



Assistant Principal - Mrs Clare McKay

“Your story is what you have, what you will always have. It is something to own.”
Michelle Obama

As you read this Transition Booklet you will learn a lot about the story of Colac Secondary College; a proud learning community and aspirational college. But the most important story is **your** story. You are at a turning point in your story and in the process of making one of the biggest decisions in your life. Education, school, is the key to many doors; it will open pathways and create the foundations in which your story can develop. We know that our school will play a huge role in your story and we pride ourselves on the MANY opportunities and community connections we can offer you.

As a Year 7 student at Colac Secondary College you might be the newest members in our learning community but you will have opportunities to be leaders- ready to offer new insights and perspectives. Not to mention the amazing and wonderful extra-curricular opportunities that you can see in this booklet and the dedicated and knowledgeable teachers facilitating your learning. At Colac Secondary College our teachers cater for all students and know that you are all curious learners, ready to wonder about the World at your feet.

We can't wait to meet your excited, curious, wondering selves as you make Colac Secondary College the next chapter in your story. At CSC you will truly be able to make the most of every opportunity, open new doors and own your own story.



Health Promotion – HEALTHY EATING PROGRAM

Breakfast assists students to concentrate and therefore do better at school. A healthy breakfast is offered weekly on a Tuesday morning from 8:20am and is available to all students from Year 7-12. Any student can pop in for an informal chat with students whilst having some delicious Irrewarra Sourdough toast and a glass of juice. This program is run by the CSC Wellbeing Team and is gratefully supported by local businesses and community organisations; such as Irrewarra Sourdough, Woolworths and the Colac Meriba Club.



Daily Organisation

Colac Secondary College operates on a **5 day timetable**.

There are **FIVE teaching sessions per day** with a break between sessions 2, 3 & 4. Each class session is 60 minutes in length.

SESSION 1 8:55- 9:55am	SESSION 2 9.00- 10.00am	RECESS (15 mins)	SESSION 3 11:15 - 12:15pm	LUNCH 12:15-1:00pm	SESSION 4 1:00am- 2:00pm	RECESS (15 mins)	SESSION 5 2.15pm- 3.15pm
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Year 7 and 8 Curriculum

Year 7 and 8 students will complete studies in the following subjects over the year. The session allocation is per week.

Year 7 & Year 8	
<p>Year long studies</p> <p>English Humanities Mathematics Science Health and Physical Education (HAPE)</p>	<p>Per Week:</p> <p>4 sessions 3 sessions 4 sessions 3 sessions 3 sessions</p>
<p>Semester length studies</p> <p>Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Visual Communication (VCD) • Dance and Drama • Music <p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Design Technology (Wood & Textiles) <p>French (LOTE)</p> <p>Digital Technologies</p>	<p>2 sessions 2 sessions 2 sessions 2 sessions</p> <p>2 sessions 2 sessions</p> <p>2 sessions</p> <p>2 sessions</p>



Year 7 Camp is in Term 1. This year we went in the first week of the school year and it has helped to create and embed friendships from early in the students CSC experience. In Year 8 students head to the Grampians and in the Senior School, students have the opportunity to head to Central Australia, Far North Queensland, Kokoda Track (PNG) and even to Malaysia to visit our sister school .

English and Humanities

Our English and Humanities subjects are prescribed within the Victorian Curriculum and are an integrated study combining both Humanities and English allowing for a holistic approach to the development of skills such as:

Reading and Viewing

Students develop an understanding of how texts are influenced by context, purpose and audience. Students develop their reading skills and are involved in understanding, interpreting, analysing and reflecting upon a wide range of texts.

Writing

Students develop an understanding of writing skills.

Students are involved in the planning, composing, editing and production of a range of texts. This involves students gaining an understanding of text structures and language features.

Speaking and Listening

Students learn to analyse, understand, communicate and build relationships with others and with the world around them. Effective communication is a major focus for the development of speaking and listening skills. Students undertake a range of strategies to develop such skills.

In Humanities we also find out more about the world we live in:

Year 7 – possible Humanities topics:

History – *Ancient Australia*

Geography – *Water in the World, Place and Liveability*

Civics – *Government, Our Legal System*

Year 8 – possible Humanities topics:

History – *The Vikings and The Black Death*

Geography – *Rainforests*

Civics – *Markets, Consumers and Producers*



Throughout the year, Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) focus upon students demonstrating their understanding of imaginative, narrative, persuasive and informative texts.

MATHEMATICS

In Year 7, the students are utilising some of the activities provided by Maths Pathways. This program caters for all levels of ability in Mathematics. It does this by extensive diagnostic testing which place students on a continuum of math understanding. Work is then provided at the student's level of understanding to maximise their growth. The curriculum, at all levels, provides a variety of learning opportunities, including; exercises, homework, digital

interactive lessons, puzzles, problem solvers, maths games and projects.

Students in Year 7-10 follow the Australian Mathematics Curriculum. The curriculum is differentiated to cater for varying abilities. The students are working at either: an advanced level, standard level, foundation level or on a modified program. These levels are decided after a variety of assessments, including; topic pre-tests, on-demand testing, NAPLAN results and teacher observation.



SCIENCE

Junior Science focuses on learning about the world around us.

Year 7 and Year 8 Science classes provide students with the opportunity to learn about living things, chemistry, energy, cells, forces, geology and astronomy.

They also study current world and/or local issues from the science area that appear in the media. Students learn correct scientific procedures when using microscopes and Bunsen burners. They learn safe handling of the Science equipment and chemicals.

Students learn how to do experiments, how to undertake research using text books and the internet, and how to draw conclusions from what they have observed along the way.



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (HAPE)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education provides students with an opportunity to develop movement skills, games strategies and the ability to work effectively in teams. This is achieved through participation in a range of individual and team activities. With consistent

participation, students will enhance their skills, fitness, teamwork, self-confidence and sportsmanship.

HEALTH EDUCATION

In Health Education, students develop knowledge, skills and behaviours that promote their physical, mental, social and emotional health. In Year 7, students will explore the specific areas of Body Systems, Bullying (including Cyber Bullying), Nutrition and Smoking.



SPORT UNIFORM

Students are able to wear their CSC Sport uniform to school on days where they have Health and Physical Education (HAPE) or Sporting Pathways. Alternatively, students are able to change uniforms at the start and end of each HAPE lesson.



LANGUAGES – French (Victorian Curriculum – Foundation to 10)

The learning of a second language provides students with the opportunity to develop their thinking skills. It also creates awareness of other cultures. This embraces the multicultural nature of Australia and helps to understand the increasing globalization of the world around them. It is also important to note that foreign languages study at secondary school level is a common practice, worldwide.



The domain Language in the Victorian Curriculum includes two main strands, Communicating and Understanding - Students will develop both comprehension (listening and reading) and production skills (writing and speaking), while gaining cultural awareness. They do this by exploring various resources (including an online program for



languages), an intense exposure to the target language with a native speaker and through various research activities on countries and cultures.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

The Digital Technologies curriculum enables students to become confident and creative developers of digital solutions through the application of information systems and specific ways of thinking about problem solving.

Students acquire a deep knowledge and understanding of digital systems, data and information and the processes associated with creating digital solutions so they can take up an active role in meeting current and future needs.



ARTS

Year 7 and 8 students have the opportunity to experience a range of visual and performing art subjects where they can enjoy developing their creative and imaginative skills through hands on learning experiences.



ART and VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN

These subjects have been combined to give you the opportunity to think imaginatively and develop your creative talents. Artworks are created using a variety of media such as pencils, pastels, paint and clay. You also learn about design and how to communicate using signs, symbols and drawing methods such as perspective. We encourage you to enjoy the creative process.



DANCE AND DRAMA

Students learn basic Dance and Drama skills through individual and group participation in role play activities, performances, improvisation, games and the reading and writing of scripts. Students also

analyse and evaluate their own work as well as the work of others.



CLASSROOM MUSIC

Music is a hands-on subject. In Year 7 students learn to play the Piano/Keyboard, participate in aural (music and listening) activities and learn basic theory to help them with their keyboard playing on a workbook and iPad. Small compositions are also written on 'Garageband' with their iPad's.

In Year 8 the focus is on the Contemporary music/ Rock era, and our practical components are guitar, vocal and drum based. Students look at how music is put together and learn to read guitar Tablature (music notation), as well as extending knowledge of music notation covered last year. For the more advanced students group performances are encouraged.

Music becomes an elective unit from Year 9 and students have the opportunity to continue studying music through to Year 12.

TECHNOLOGY

*Students study these units for one semester each in both Years 7 and 8.

Year 7 and 8 students have the opportunity to experience a range of technology specialities in the subject 'Design Technology' where they can enjoy developing their design and technical skills through hands on learning experiences.

TEXTILES



Textiles students will learn to use a sewing machine and overlocker to produce textiles products including a drawstring bag and soft toy.

They will explore a range of materials and techniques such as fabric dyeing, felt making and print making. Students study and develop an appreciation of the use of textiles and fibres in various cultures around the world.



WOOD

Students will design and make various products using materials. They will have the opportunity to develop and enhance their practical skills working in the workshop using a variety of hand tools and equipment safely. Safe work practices and the handling of tools and equipment is a major focus.



FOOD SKILLS

In the kitchen students will learn how to follow a recipe, how to use a variety of kitchen tools and equipment safely and how to carry out common food processes. Each week they will experience the enjoyment of developing their skills and knowledge of food preparation by making a variety of food products.



Additional Programs

The Transition Buddy Program

The Year 7 Buddy Program exists at Colac Secondary College to support the transition process for the Year 6 students from primary to secondary school. The role of the Year 10 Buddies (who they will meet on Orientation Day in December) is to provide a friendly face for the new students, to support them on their visits and to provide valuable information about the way Colac Secondary College works from a student's point of view.

Prior to Orientation Day our Buddies are selected from our Year 9 Student Leadership cohort and are given intensive training in 'get to know you' games, ice breakers and initiative activities. They also learn how to deal with the



possibility of upset students, students that won't participate and how to include everyone. The Buddy role continues the following year where our Buddies work alongside our new Year 7 students in their classroom.

The program not only helps the Year 6 students feel at ease in their new surroundings but it is an excellent opportunity for our Year 9 students to gain further leadership experience.

Instrumental Music

Colac Secondary College provides students with the option of a free specialised instrumental music program. Students are rostered out of normal classes to receive weekly tuition from specialised instrumental music teachers. We have a range of instruments available for hire at a minimal fee. Tuition is provided with the following instruments.

Voice	Clarinet	Drums	Euphonium	Flute	Guitar
Bass Guitar	Saxophone	Trumpet	Trombone	Tuba	Other

Sporting Opportunities @ CSC



All students at Colac Secondary College are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of sporting activities in addition to the Physical Education curriculum. A series of highly structured interschool, region and state level competitions, across a large number of recognised sports, are also available for students as part of the sporting program offered at CSC.

All students are placed into a Sports House – Otway (Blue), Barwon (Green), Hesse (Red) or Murray (Yellow). Houses compete in Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country events throughout the year.

Colac Secondary College is a member of the Western Conference as part of School Sport Victoria (SSV). This provides our students with the opportunity to progress through to State level in a range of sports, including swimming, athletics, cross country, tennis, netball, football, cricket, soccer and basketball.



Colac Secondary College participates in the AFL Hampden Cup and Herald Sun Country Shield. Each year we compete in the National Netball Schoolgirls Competitions played in Geelong and Melbourne. These competitions are open to all schools and are played at a very high standard.



Sporting Pathways Program – Regional Institute of Sport



The Sporting Pathway Program at CSC commenced in 2019 to give students the opportunity to learn and develop their athletic qualities of strength, speed, agility and mobility. Students from Year 7-12 undertake a specialised athletic development program to best prepare our athletes for elite sport in the future. A developmental pathway to sporting excellence.

CSC has been working with the **Regional Institute of Sport** Director Stuart Canavan who, along with exercise scientists from both Ballarat and Geelong universities take weekly

movement pattern and strength training sessions. Students in the program are also given the opportunity to develop our understanding of the importance of a dynamic warm-up, goal setting, nutrition and the importance of resilience in the sporting context, whilst managing studies.



Debating

The competition is divided into 20 regions encompassing both inner and outer Melbourne suburbs, Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo three speakers to each team, debating over five rounds, spread across the year. Students are introduced to the competition through a series of prepared topics.

Why Debate? Debating is an invaluable skill for students:

- It promotes confidence and effective public presentation it encourages logical and critical thinking, social awareness and an interest in current affairs it is multi-disciplinary: Debating techniques can be used in all subject areas.
- It is well directed to the "Communication" and "Thinking" domains in the Victorian Curriculum. More specifically, it addresses the "Speaking and Listening", "Listening, Viewing and Responding", "Presenting", "Reasoning, Process and Inquiry" dimensions of VCE English.
- It is a great team sport and definitely improves your persuasive writing.



LEARNING SUPPORT and WELLBEING

Wellbeing Officers:

Amy Quarrell



Megan Lucas



Amy and Megan's role is student wellbeing. They are available for all students as a counsellor, to support and assist them through whatever issues and concerns they may be experiencing.

Amy and Megan are available to meet with students, parents, carers and teachers by appointment. Students may self-refer or be referred directly to the counsellors by parents, carers or teachers. The office for all wellbeing staff is in the Student Services Area.

Megan is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and Amy is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

School Nurse: Kate Every



The School Nurse role at Colac Secondary College is to improve the health and wellbeing of students and staff. Kate works closely with the broader community to implement health programs

within our school.

Programs include healthy eating, respectful relationships, sexual health and drug and alcohol

education. Kate provides counselling to students on health related issues. Kate is located in the Student Services area and is available on a Monday and Wednesday.

Learning Support Manager: Tara Pownceby



The Learning Support Department assists students who have varying disabilities that impede the student's ability to learn.

The Learning Support team assists these students so that the students are able to participate in a learning environment to the best of their ability.

In certain situations the student's individual needs may involve a modified learning program. This is done in consultation with the teachers to ensure that the student's ability is matched to realistic learning goals and expectations.

The main aim of the department is to assist with the students' learning in such a way that the students find enjoyment and satisfaction in their achievements and school life.

DOCTORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS PROGRAM (Thursdays)

Students are able to access the GP or Nurse via a booked appointment, drop-in-service, or parents can make appointments for their child by contacting the Doctor's in Secondary Schools Program Leader - Mr Xavier Davis. Parents and carers are welcome to attend consultations with the GP or Nurse.

Canteen

Our canteen is open to students at morning recess and lunch.

CANTEEN MENU (example only*)

HEALTHY LUNCH PACKS

½ Chicken & Salad Pita, Yoghurt, Fruit \$6.50

½ Salad Pita, Yoghurt, Apple or Orange \$6.00

Chicken & Salad Plate \$6.00

Tuna & Salad Plate \$6.00

Salad Plate \$5.00

PITA BREAD

Chicken & Salad \$6.00

Tuna & Salad \$6.00

Salad \$5.00

SANDWICHES OR ROLLS

Salad roll w/meat \$5.00

Salad sandwich w/meat \$4.50

Chicken & Salad \$5.00

Tuna & Salad \$5.50

Chicken \$4.00

Tuna, lettuce & mayo \$5.00

Ham, Tomato or Cheese \$3.50

Egg & Lettuce \$3.00

TOASTED SANDWICHES OR ROLLS

Ham, Tomato or Cheese \$4.00

Chicken, Cheese & Mayo \$4.00

VEGETARIAN BURGERS

In roll with salad \$5.50

½ in roll with salad \$5.00

FOCCACIA BREAD

Chicken, Cheese & Mayo \$5.50

Ham, Cheese & Tomato \$5.00

HOT FOOD

Sausage roll \$2.50

Pies & Pasties \$4.30

Veggie rolls \$3.20

Egg & Bacon pies \$4.50

Pizza \$3.50

Dim Sims \$1.00

Chicken Nuggets \$0.80

Fantastic Noodles \$2.50

Nachos with Cheese, Salsa & Sour Cream \$5.00

Hot Chicken Roll \$4.50

Hot Nugget Roll \$5.50

Spicy Chicken Wrap Burger \$5.50

Crunchie Chicken Breast \$5.50

Royal \$5.50

with lettuce, Tomato, Mayo

or Sweet Chilli Sauce

YOGHURT

Frozen \$2.50

Fresh \$2.00

FRUIT

Apple/Orange \$1.00

CAKES

Hedgehog \$1.30

Slices \$2.50

Mud Cake \$1.50

Apple Slice, Vanilla Slice \$2.50

Coffee Scroll \$2.50

Cream Buns \$2.50

DRINKS

Pump Berry \$3.50

Pump Water \$3.50

Mt. Franklin Water \$2.30

Tea, Coffee, Milo \$1.50

Big M Small \$2.30

Big M Large, Dare \$3.50

Daily Orange Juice 350ml \$2.30

Daily Orange Juice 500ml \$2.60

Prima \$1.30

Apple Juice, OJ, Pineapple \$2.30

CHIPS

Twisties, Doritos, Chips \$2.40

Red Rock Chips \$2.40

CANTEEN MANAGER

Jo Jamieson



Our canteen incorporates all government guidelines in relation to healthy eating. We follow the 'Go for Your Life' education initiative to prepare a wide selection of hot and cold food and drinks which are available at reasonable prices.

The canteen operates with the assistance of **volunteer helpers** under the direction of the Manager.

New parents are encouraged to become volunteer helpers.

Students are able to order their lunch during recess one or make a selection when they go at lunchtime.

School Uniform

At Colac Secondary College the wearing of school uniform is compulsory.

We ask parents/carers to support our school by making sure their child abides by the Uniform policy by ensuring full school uniform is worn to school each day. Students are asked to bring a note to their Student Manager as soon as possible at the start of the school day if they are out of uniform for any reason.



Winter, Summer and Sport Uniforms



The Colac Secondary College Uniform shop is open on on the following days:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 3:15-4:00pm**
- **Friday 9:00am-4:00pm**

iPads at Colac Secondary College



At Colac Secondary College all students in Year 7 and 8 are required to have an iPad as part of our iPad Program. iPads are a versatile and valuable learning tool used in the classroom which can develop skills essential for the 21st century. Students have the option to bring their iPad from home or purchase from any Apple Retail store. We recommend you shop around for the best possible price.

JB HI-FI Solutions - An On-line portal through JB Hi-Fi solutions will be available for all families to purchase iPads. JB Hi-Fi offer extras including education accessories, extended warranty, insurance, education financing & payment options through the portal. See attachment for more information. **Microsoft Office 365 Education** will be provided to all students attending CSC. Microsoft Office 365 will give students access to programs such as Word, Power Point, Publisher, plus additional classroom tools.

If you require further information about the iPad program, Office 365 Education or the JB Hi-Fi Solutions on-line portal, please do not hesitate to contact Katrina Featherstone on (03)52319800 or email katrina.featherstone@education.vic.gov.au

Chess Competition

Each year Colac Secondary College proudly hosts the '**Colac Otway Regional Chess Championships**' in the library. This Interschool chess competition allows students to compete in a fun, safe, educational and socially inclusive environment and to play against students of a similar standard. All students receive a certificate for participation with winners prizes awarded on the day.



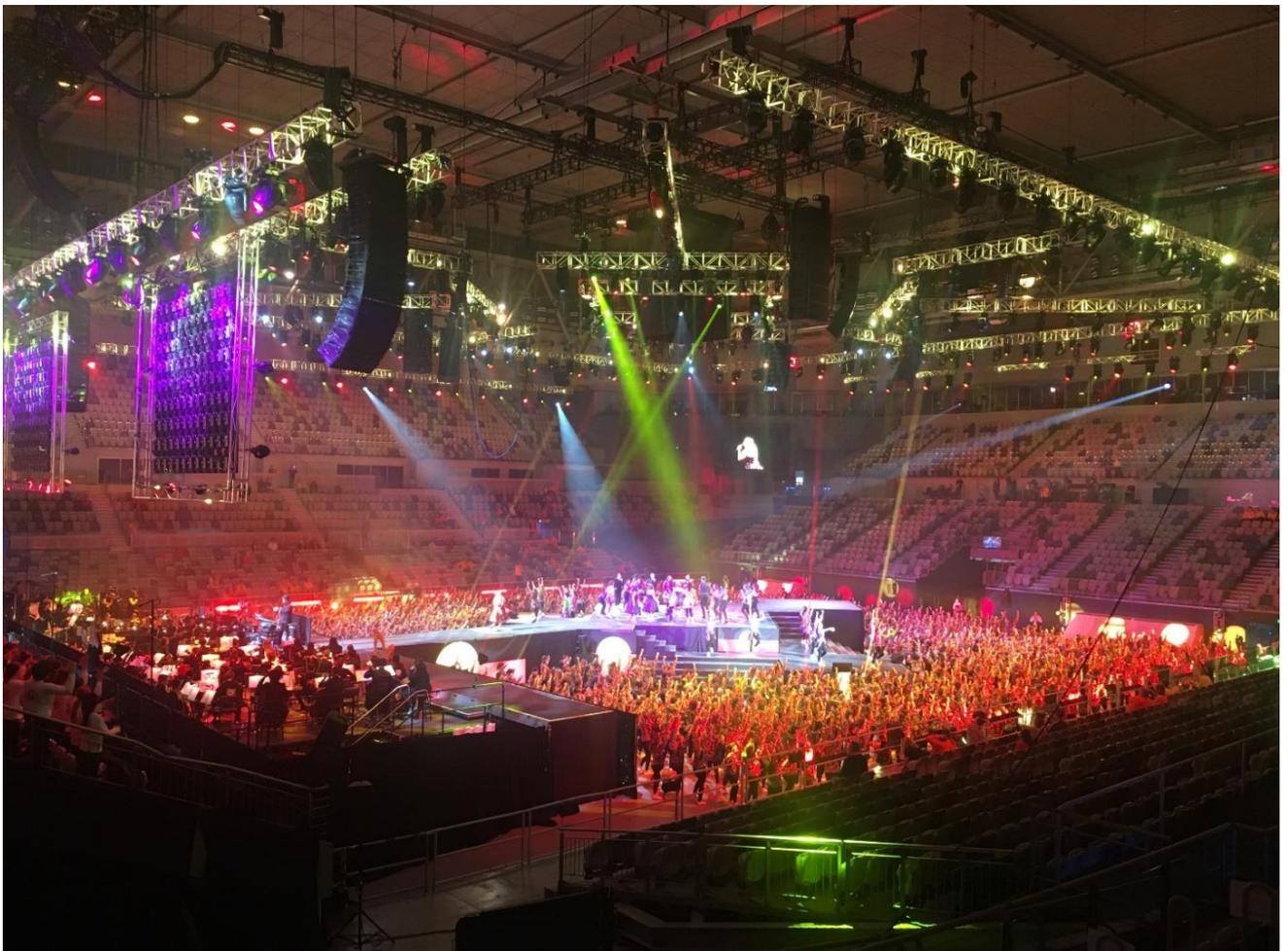
State Schools Spectacular

The annual Victorian State Schools Spectacular (CSC Dance Academy) is an invaluable performing arts opportunity for our Year 7-12 students.



State Schools Spectacular and the CSC Dance Academy encourages creative skills, discipline, perseverance and confidence over months of rehearsals.

Colac Secondary College has been a lead performing school the past two years. Students in the Dance Academy spend 4 days in Melbourne each year to prepare and perform in front of a crowd of nearly 10,000 people.



Messages From The Year 7 Leaders

I have really enjoyed making new friends. – Dezzaray

Having new and more fun subjects to do and not having to pay money for everything I want to do, such as playing drums. - Jaymee

It feels like I'm not going to school, instead it feels like I'm coming to have fun. – Madi

I'm enjoying meeting all the new people at CSC. – Emily H

I think school is very good and I like it. – Angus

I like how I have been able to make new friends so easily. – Amber

CSC is really good, I like how I've made new friends – Kayla

Super, dooper, mega, decka, bonanza and good! – Scout

School has been great and epic, I like how I've developed a new friendship group so quickly. – Anon

This is a fun and amazing school, I love school now. – Jesse

It is way better than primary school and we get to do subjects like English, Science and Food – Sam

It really helps me learn new things and offers me great opportunities that I wasn't always given in primary school
– Shyah

I really like it and I have made lots of new friends – Sally

We also asked some Year 8 students what they like about being at Colac Secondary College.

At first I was scared to begin my secondary education journey, but after receiving strong support from the staff and students the fear quickly faded away! I feel extremely proud to be a student of Colac Secondary College and have already been given great opportunities like being Year 7 Level Leader. I can't wait to represent CSC!- Connie

I found CSC to be very different to my primary school as it is a lot bigger and has many more activities. The Student Managers, Ms Lang and our Transition Buddies from Year 10 have all been very helpful in the transition from primary to secondary school. I have really enjoyed having longer session times (5 x 1hr per day) and also 3 breaks! I can't wait to see what the future will bring at Colac Secondary College – Marlie

Going into high school was a big transition for me, coming from a school of 100 students to a year level of 100! However, I settled in with the help from the staff and buddies at CSC. Already I have had so many opportunities, such as; becoming Year 7 Level Leader, vocal lessons, CSC Dance Academy and so many others. So far CSC has been amazing and I can't wait to continue my years here – Tess

My start to Colac Secondary College has been great! I have felt very comfortable settling in. It has not been as daunting as I thought it would be. Having a friend from my primary school in my class has helped with my transition and I have already made many new friends – Patrick

Key Transition Dates 2021:

Monday 29th March 2021

- CSC Open Night- tours at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm

Week 1 Term 2:

- Government primary schools distribute the Transition Information Pack for parents/carers to all families of current Year 6 students. The parent/carer pack contains:
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - **Application for Year 7 Placement 2022 form**
 - Privacy Notice
- Please note, you may receive this information twice as we also hand out on Open Night.

Friday 14th May 2021:

- 2021 Parents/carers to return **Application for Year 7 Placement 2022** form to your Grade 6 Teacher for Government primary schools by **Friday 14th May 2021**.

Wednesday 4th August 2021:

- Primary schools notify parents/carers of Year 6 students of placement offers, in writing.

November 2021 (dates TBC)

- Pre-Orientation Day 'Transition Taster Sessions'
 - Students visit the school in small school-based groups to familiarise prior to Orientation Day
- Transition 'Get to know you and your family' Interviews – 15 minutes afterschool in the Library

Tuesday 7th December 2021

- Colac Secondary College hosts Orientation Day for all 2022 Year 7 students.

Key Transition Dates 2021

Tuesday 1st February 2022

- First day for school year for **Years 7, VCE & VCAL**

Term 1 Week 1 or 2 (dates TBC)

- Year 7 Camp
- Year 7 Welcome & Information Evening