



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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NMR Swimming

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## Principal's Update

### Corona Virus update:

The Commonwealth Government has updated travel restrictions this week.

The extension to existing travel restrictions now applies to visitors from Republic of Korea, Iran and mainland China. Visitors who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, or their dependants, will not be allowed entry into Australia.

The Commonwealth Government has also advised that visitors from Italy will also be subject to enhanced health screening and temperature testing arrangements.

Some of our students and families may be affected by the travel advice, and I'd encourage you to support each other.

Everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand and respiratory hygiene, eating healthy foods and getting plenty of sleep.

#### **Here is some further advice from the Department of Health Victoria:**

*At the present time there is no evidence of transmission in the community in Victoria so you should continue to go about your business. You don't need to take actions like limiting your movement in the community or staying at home.*

#### **Information you need to know**

Watch the latest Chief Health Officer video, providing advice on coronavirus.

[Video - Coronavirus: Updated advice for Victorians, Brett Sutton Chief Health Officer - 3 March 2020](#)

#### **Ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus**

- **Wash** hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. **Dry** with paper towel or hand dryer.
  - **Try** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
  - **Cover** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
  - **Isolate** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies.
  - **Phone** your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
  - **Continue** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.
  - **Don't** wear a face mask if you are well.
  - **Buy** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.
  - **Get** the flu shot (available April).
- Shaking hands** is optional!

#### **Useful links:**

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-08/coronavirus-symptoms-explained-and-when-you-should-see-a-doctor/12024042>



# Principal's Update cont...

## Japan Trip

Unfortunately, due to travel restrictions, our planned trip to Japan has been postponed, with a good chance that it will be cancelled if the bans are not lifted in time. Families will be notified as soon as we hear any news.

## School Closures

Our school remains open unless instructed to close by the Department of Education. I am in constant contact with the Department of Education and will let you all know if there are any instructions to close. In the event of a closure, we will use Compass as our communication tool.

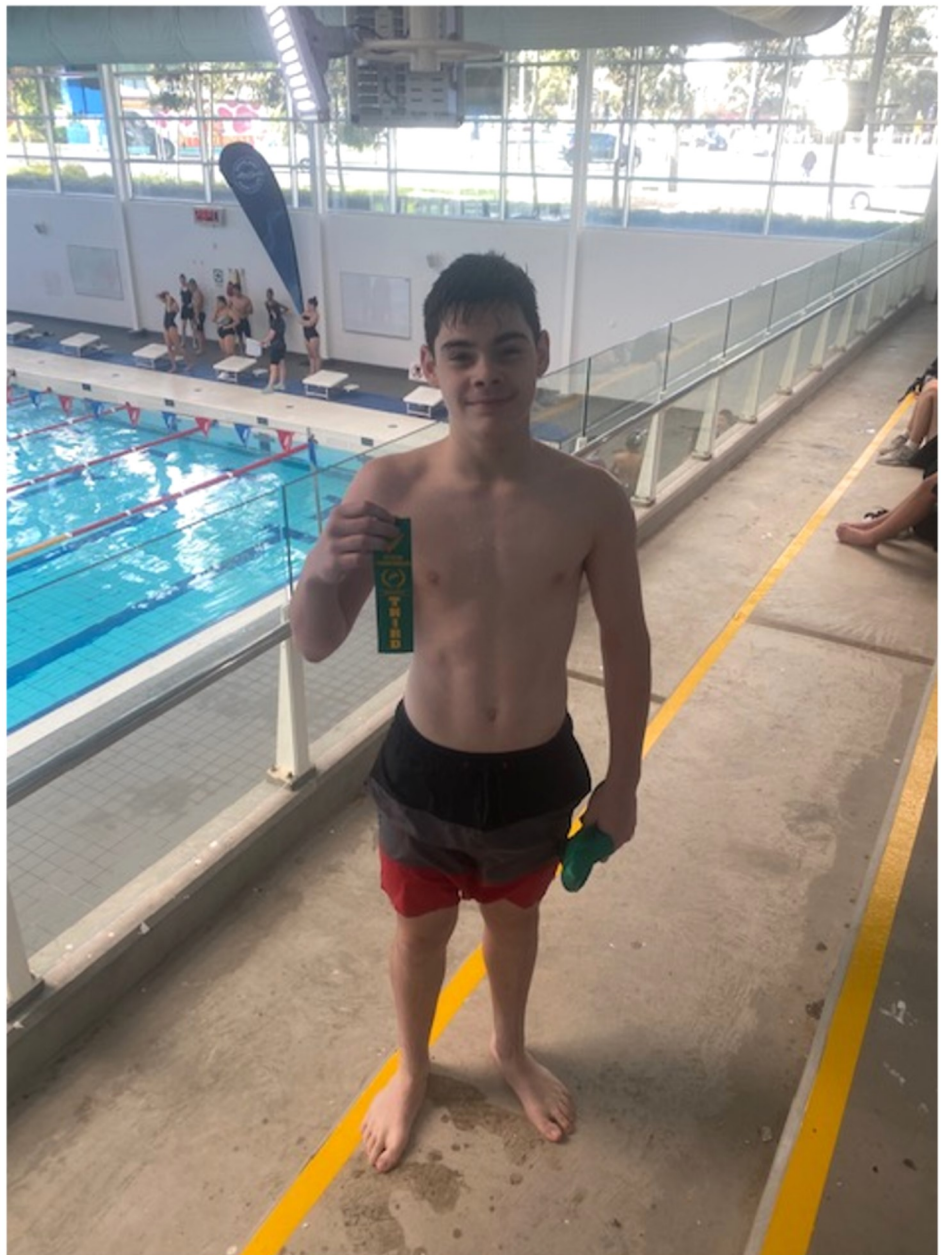
At present it is business as usual. Please communicate with the school if your child or a member of your family is diagnose with the virus.

# Divisional Swim Carnival

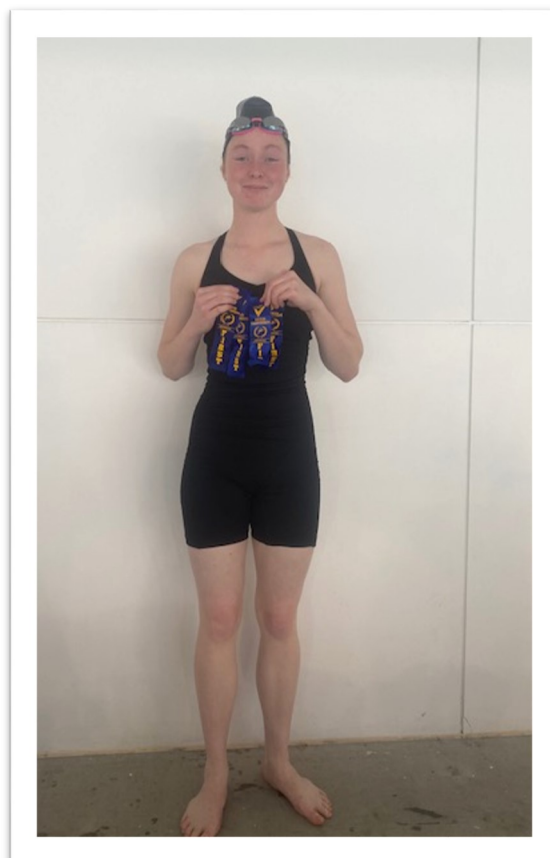
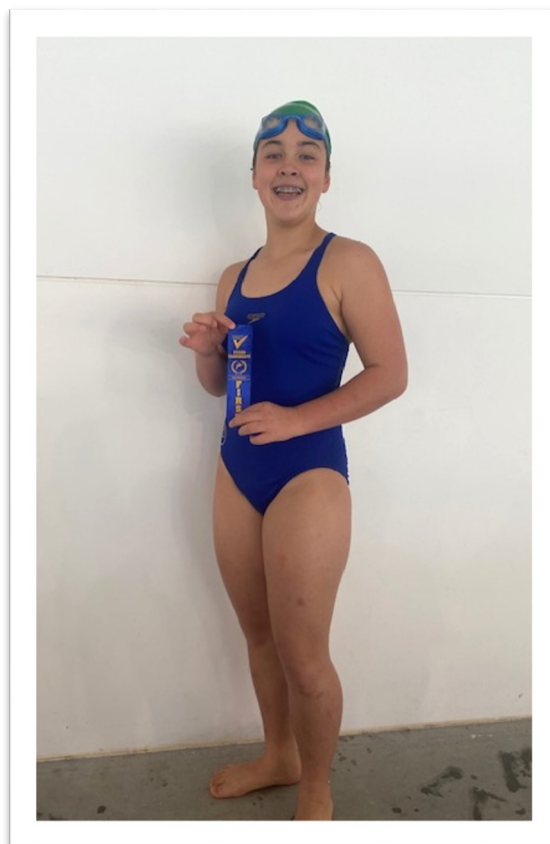
On March 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, a small group of swimmers competed at Broadmeadows Swim centre in the divisional swim carnival. We had a very successful day with many students making it through to the next level NMR on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>. The carnival will be at Greensborough Watermarc.

Thanks to all students including the Vet sport and Rec students, staff and parents who came and supported the students  
Congratulations:

Abbey Pantelidis  
Mason Lim  
Sienna Togatuki  
Kean Vixayvong  
Alannah Sweerts  
Dennis Nuygen  
Brianna Richards Terkiewicz  
Angie Shiba  
Jake Sweerts  
Neola Thomas  
Jasmine Vixayvong  
Elsa Hawes  
Emily Nicholson  
Cody Liersch  
Kelvyn Hee  
Ayman El Moustafa  
Nina Pantelidis



# Divisional Swim Carnival





# Parliament Excursion

On the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February, two year 10 politics and law classes ventured to the Victorian Parliament for the day. Students were excited to tour the Parliament and delve into the daily cycle of what takes place in parliament.

Students were thrilled to be present for a live press conference on the steps of Parliament where ministers explained the response to their recent legislation on euthanasia. Students were then given a structured tour of Parliament house. This included the main counselling rooms and the library, which contains the oldest law books in the history of the Victorian Parliament.

Students were given an insight into how Parliament was formed, the process of law development and an overview of the different Premiers Victoria has had in its history.

Students were then given a great opportunity to view question time where Premier Daniel Andrews and opposition leader Michael O'Brien led lively debate and conversation. Students saw firsthand the process, debate and behaviours that took place in what is our supreme law making body.

An interesting uncommon incident took place during question time. A protest over climate change interrupted proceedings and the room had to be cleared of all politicians. The protesters made their point clear by chanting over the politicians before being removed from the gallery. Question time then recommenced its proceedings.

After question time, students were lucky enough to have a brief chat to the current speaker of the house Colin Brooks, and the Deputy Premier and education minister James Merlino. James was courageous enough to ask our students what they thought of the new "phone policy" implemented in schools. James received some positive responses from students before explaining his thinking on the new legislation.

Students also attended sessions on law development in the upper house where they were able to hear current ministers' viewpoints on potential new laws in relation to work place and climate change.

Students gained a great insight into parliament and its processes and were very happy to have met the leaders of our state.

Mr.Saliba



# Parliament Excursion





# VET Business

As part of the VET BUSINESS unit 1 and 2 course students are required to spend 1 hour in the main reception with our receptionist – Darlene. Darlene shows the students how to answer the phone, how to greet staff and parents, dealing with different requests and general everyday business. This is a very valuable part of the course and we appreciate it so much

Thanks

Lee-Anne Talbot



As part of our VET Business course we were given the opportunity to spend 1 hour in the office with Darlene. We were able to see all the hard work from documentation to answering phone calls it was all quite amazing. It was a great experience for me as I have developed new and improved skills. I would definitely do it again.

Charity T'Il



As part of the VET Business course we were asked to visit the school receptionist Darlene. She took us through the general office and we observed her performing daily and monthly tasks. We were pleased with this experience as we got to learn what it feels like to work in an office.

Eliz Ahmet

On Friday I spent a period in the office with Darlene as a part of my VET business course. She showed me how she operates the office effectively and efficiently.

Darlene gave me a rundown of what she does on a day to day basis as the school receptionist, and how all the other people in the office work effectively and efficiently. We went through how to respond to emails and phone calls professionally, and how to respond to parents.

She also showed me how the mail comes in and goes out of the school. Along with how she sorts through all of it to make sure every teacher gets the mail they require.

Darlene also showed me how personal information about students is kept, in order to keep the school running smoothly. She also explained to me the steps in how a professional meeting happens.

Overall I had a wonderful time with Darlene and learnt so much valuable information about how the school runs.

Thank you Darlene for showing me around, I really enjoyed it!

Britney Fernando



# Careers

**How do I pay for future university studies in Australia?**

[https://www.sbs.com.au/language/english/how-do-i-pay-for-my-studies-in-australia\\_3](https://www.sbs.com.au/language/english/how-do-i-pay-for-my-studies-in-australia_3)

**Considering TAFE as a pathway? Check out the Free TAFE Courses**

Check out the following local TAFE's – there are many more to choose from.

Free TAFE courses are in skill shortage areas – means there are lots of opportunity for employment.

TAFE courses can be a pathway to university, apprenticeships, traineeships and employment.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe>

**How to apply for a Tax File Number.**

Essential for employment and study!

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/>

**Senior School****VCE and Careers Expo**

<https://www.vceandcareers.com.au/>

Australia's biggest education and careers expo is now in its 28th year!

**2020 EXPO TIMES**

Thursday 30 April - Friday 1 May, 9am-3pm

Saturday 2 May - Sunday 3 May, 9am-3pm

**LOCATED AT**

Station Street, Caulfield Racecourse, Caulfield



# CAREERS

## Year 12 Career Agenda

Tuesday 14 /4/2020	Start Term 2
Monday 15/6/2020	Senior Careers Expo
May - August	Finalise course choices
Wednesday 10/6/2020	GAT
Monday 13/7/2020	Start Term 3
Monday 3/8/2020	VTAC, SEAS, scholarship applications open
August Weekends	University and TAFE Open Days
Monday 24/8/2020	Year 12 Career Action Plan due
Wednesday 30/09/2020	VTAC applications close
Monday 5/10/2020	Start Term 4
Friday 9/10/2020	Scholarships and SEAS applications close
Friday 23/10/2020 – Wednesday 18/11/2020	VCE Exams
Monday 23/11/2020	Year 12 Graduation
Saturday 12/12/2020	VCE results and ATAR distributed online
Wednesday 20/1/2021	Round 1 VTAC offers online

## 2019 Important Dates

Friday 13th March	House Cross Country
Tuesday 17th March	Year 7 Sport
Friday 20th March	Senior Sport
Monday 23rd March	Year 8 Sport & Year 7 Tennis
Tuesday 24th March	Parent Teacher Interviews 12:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday 25th March	NMR Swimming
Friday 27th March	End Term 1 2:30pm Finish
Tuesday 14th April	Term 2 Starts
Wednesday 15th April	House Athletics

## Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8:15am to 4:15pm

Friday

8:15am to 4:00pm

Last day of each Term the office  
will close at 2:30pm

**The office is CLOSED during all  
school holiday periods**

All upcoming dates can also be  
found on our Website:  
[www.gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au](http://www.gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au)

### **HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR DETAILS ?**

Please immediately notify the College of any changes to your address or contact details.

## **ATTENTION YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 PARENTS**

Parents are reminded that where a Year 11 or Year 12 student is absent from school due to a family holiday, this will be considered an unapproved absence.

VCE and VCAL have attendance requirements which must be met in order for a student to pass.

### **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Parents are reminded that the school does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers should you require one.