



Principal's Report



Important Dates

- **20 June 2022**
Year 9 Urban Experience
Year 10 Work Experience
- **24 June 2022**
Last Day of Term 2.25 finish
- **11 July 2022**
Term 3 commences
- **19 July 2022**
Later Years Information Evening
- **8 August 2022**
Year 10 into 11 Course
Counselling Interviews
Unit 3/4 PIMS afternoon 4-6pm

**College Absence Line:
9744 0500**

A reminder to parents that when your child is absent, please call the College Absence Line and leave the following information:

- ♦ Parent/Carer name
- ♦ Student name
- ♦ Home Group
- ♦ Reason: please give detail of absence
- ♦ Phone number

Dear Sunbury Downs College Community,

It has been rewarding to reach the end of Term 2 with all staff and students continuing with teaching and learning face to face and not having to contend with remote learning. The community is to be commended for the way in which they have demonstrated resilience and respect given the circumstances that we have encountered as a broader community.

We are continuing to follow the advice provided by both the Department of Health and the Department of Education to always ensure that the health and wellbeing of our students, staff and wider community remains the highest priority.

Staffing Update

The following staff have recently been appointed to positions advertised at the College:

- English / Hums - Ms Andrea Nassiep
- Science / Maths – Ms Courtney Thorn returning from family leave (replacing Ms Lejla Alisic)
- Adolescent School Nursing program – Ms Michelle Hartwell returning from Department of Health pandemic secondment

Semester One Examinations (3 - 9 June 2022)

The Semester One examination process has concluded and students from Years 8 – 12 are to be congratulated for the way in which they approached and completed each exam. The examination process is important because it demonstrates to teachers, in addition to class activities, that students have developed an understanding of the curriculum content related to that subject area.



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Attitude to School Student Survey

All students from Years 7 - 12 have completed the annual Attitude to School Student Survey during June 2022. The results will be available in Term 4 and this will guide future planning for the College.

Year 9 Urban Experience (20 - 24 June 2022)

Year 9 students are currently participating in educational activities in the city of Melbourne. Students are travelling to the CBD daily, supervised by staff, using public transport and experiencing learning opportunities at:

- National Gallery of Victoria
- Melbourne University Parkville Campus
- Melbourne Museum and Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre
- Melbourne Cricket Ground
- Southbank
- Street Art in the CBD
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Queen Victoria Market
- Federation Square - ACMI (Australian Centre for Moving Images)

The program will conclude on Friday with a Yarra River Cruise. I thank staff for their commitment to this program and for providing students with the opportunity to experience and learn in a practical way seeing parts of Melbourne for the first time.



Year 10 Work Experience (20 - 24 June 2022)

Students in Year 10 are currently on Work Experience placement. Work Experience is an integral part of the Year 10 Program and allows young people to gain valuable employment based information that shapes and guides future learning and subject selection decisions. The College would like to express our thanks to the many local businesses that have offered students the opportunity to work as part of their learning program locally. Ms Jo Mattox, the College's recently appointed Careers Practitioner and Ms Karen Collier, the Work Experience Assistant have worked very quickly to support Year 10 students and arranging appropriate placements.



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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program

Work by the School Improvement Team assigned to designing and implementing the school wide positive behavior initiative at Sunbury Downs College is nearing completion. This initiative will be formally publicised and launched to the community during the first four weeks of Term 3, commencing with a whole school assembly on the first day of Term 3. The revised College values and specific location based expectations will be outlined to students and reiterated at whole school events in support of this great initiative.

School Uniform

Sunbury Downs College is proud of its school uniform. The wearing of school uniform supports the Sunbury Downs College motto of 'Confidence to Achieve'. A process of reinforcing, promoting and encouraging students to wear the uniform correctly has commenced and these expectations will continue to be reinforced in Term 3. It is intended that expectations will be supported by a narrative linked to the revised College values.

I wish all the College community a safe and restful school holiday period with families and those close to you.

Regards

Warwick Beynon
Principal



Mr Warwick Beynon | PRINCIPAL



Student Achievement

Yonatan Anshtein 10D

Yonatan participated at the Judo National Championships over the Queen's Birthday weekend on the Gold Coast from 10 - 13 June 2022 where he came third in his weight division in Cadets.

Yonatan has worked very hard during the last four months preparing for this competition (some weeks training for more than 10 hours during the week), while also participating in Debating, School Band, Production and other school related extra activities.

Well done Yonatan!





Cross Country



Congratulations to James Wilcox (12B) and David Geissler (10D) who have both qualified for the next stage of Cross Country (State Championship), with James coming second for his age group in the 5km run! He did this barefoot in the mud and rain! Despite the rain, cold and mud, students were huddled under one umbrella to cheer these boys on, supporting each other all the way. Not even the rain could dampen our spirits!

Lastly a big congratulations to all our students who ran on the day, they should be very proud of their efforts in the less than desirable conditions!



Safe to say the barefoot antics of James Wilcox and Dean O'Rourke (10C) will be forever remembered.



Nathan Snelson | HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER



Year 7E Walking Tour Excursion

On Wednesday 18 May 2022 students of 7E participated in an awesome excursion as part of their liveability assessment task in Humanities and Social Justice persuasive speech unit in English. Students were tasked with taking notes on places they think make Sunbury a liveable place as well as the social justice issues prevalent in our community. These notes included a description of the place: what do you see/ hear, how does it connect to liveability/social justice issues? What do you think about it? How can you use this information in English and Humanities classes? So the class of 7E took a tour around Sunbury with Mr Bongiovanni and Ms Ferris.



They stopped at places such as the Sunbury Fountain, the Sunbury Library and the Sunbury Rotary Park. When they arrived at the Sunbury fountain they were treated with fish & chips, they were also given a few Oreos by their teachers (for some extra energy). The class had lots of fun throwing autumn leaves at each other at the Village Green. The students were pushed for time on their way back to school but they eventually made it just in time!

Written by Jacob Moll 7E



Casey Ferris | TEACHING AND LEARNING LEADER - CURRICULUM TIMETABLE (ACTING)

WHAT I'M CURRENTLY...

With Ms. Thomas



WATCHING...

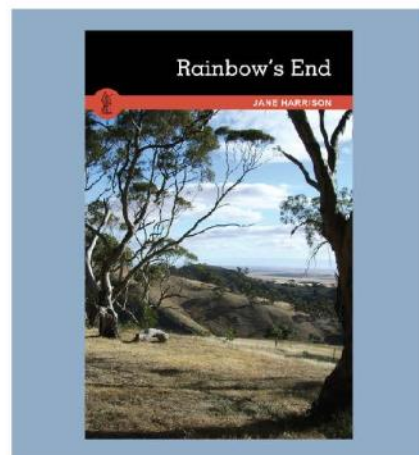
TV: 'Australia Votes' on ABC.

Anyone who says politics is boring simply isn't paying enough attention to the chaos that is Australian politics. Like it or not, politics impacts almost every aspect of our lives so it's crucial to be engaged and to keep our politicians accountable. I tuned into the election on Saturday night (I know, I'm very cool) and I was glued to the screen all night. A personal highlight was seeing a huge number of women elected! Very inspiring!

READING...

Play: 'Rainbow's End' by Jane Harrison.

It's that time of the year where every VCE English teacher starts investigating new texts for next year's curriculum, which has led to my current reading. 'Rainbow's End', a 2018 play by Jane Harrison, explores the experiences of a Koori family in 1950s Australia. With Sorry Day and NAIDOC Week happening soon, it's a great reminder to be reading, watching and listening to content that amplifies First Nations voices.



LISTENING TO...

Podcast: 'It's... Wagatha Christie' by BBC.



So far many of the films, books and podcasts recommended in this article have been high-brow and academic, but this one is definitely not! Following the very public battle between British WAGs Coleen Rooney and Rebekah Vardy, this podcast is part celebrity scandal and part courtroom drama that provides some much-needed light entertainment in this crazy world. If you happen to listen, please come and talk to me about it because I'm obsessed with this story and none of the other teachers have listened to it yet (and look at me strangely when I keep bringing it up).



Food Technology

Our Year 11 students looking very proud of their efforts baking muffins on Friday 17 June 2022 which was a casual clothes day to help raise money for Red Cross and MND (Motor Neurone Disease).



Christine Jajo | TECHNOLOGIES LEADER/SMART COORDINATOR



Year 7 Humanities

Liveability - Real Life Learning

During Term 2, the Year 7's have been learning about liveability and the things that make a city liveable. To start off our journey, we shared our thoughts about Sunbury and Melbourne and identified things we liked, as well as things we thought could be improved.

We looked at different cities around the world to understand the types of infrastructure and communities needed to provide for a population. Of course, we needed to consider a range of groups of people that live in communities, including young families, children, teens, adults and older citizens. In small groups and independently, we learned about climate around the world, different types of resources and infrastructure (roads, transport, services, laws, safety etc.) as well as geographical mapping skills including BOLTSS (Border-Orientation-Legend-Title-Scale-Source). All of this information was important as we were given the task to build our ideal community, city or town.

Students across Year 7 created unique and different places; cities, suburbs, rural towns and even floating islands! It was so much fun to do this task, as we could be creative as well as apply our Humanities learning to a 'real-life' task.

By Harry Baker 7A





Student Services

Student Services has been very active having really important conversations with cohorts in both Middle and Later Years over the past few weeks. These include our amazing School Nurse, Ms Tamsyn Wymer and our Mental Health Practitioner, Ms Julia Bediaga talking to the Year 7's about consent. Consent is a crucially important topic and the Year 7's took to the fundamentals of what relationships look like and how to respect each person's boundaries

Further to this, our Youth Worker, Ms Chiara Arena and Tamsyn partnered up to deliver a very important conversation with the Year 8's on vaping. We know that it is normal for teenagers to take risks (it's all part of growing up and figuring out their place in the world!), however, unfortunately some of these risks include the unhealthy habit of vaping. That's why Tamsyn and Chiara took to educating the Year 8's on the dangers and the truth about the legalities of possessing a vape. We are thankful that the students were very engaged with the presentation and hopeful that they went away empowered to make healthier choices.

For the Year 10's we partnered with the University of Melbourne, Orygen Youth Mental Health and Living Works to deliver a tailored youth-focussed program of 'SafeTALK'. SafeTALK is a health promotion and suicide prevention education program to help support and empower our Year 10's in knowing how to support their friends who may be experiencing suicidal thoughts. We had three enthusiastic and passionate presenters deliver the all-day program to the Year 10's giving them invaluable knowledge and skills to know when and how to enquire with their friends as to whether they may be experiencing thoughts of suicide. We know the topic of suicide has lots of stigma surrounding it so part of this program was to tackle this too. We were pleased to hear that some of the students found this very valuable and has alleviated some of the stress they may experience when they are concerned or worried about their friends.

Community Programs:

Many new and exciting community programs are coming up, including some exciting holiday programs. See list with links to flyers below.

- [Hume Youth Services](#) – Winter Holiday Program
- [Adulthood' Salvation Army Program](#)
- [Mountain Biking Day Out with Melton Headspace](#)
- [Pride Camp](#) - Pride Camp is happening in early September for young people aged 13 - 18 who identify as LGBTIQ+. They are also looking for Pride Camp Youth Leaders preferably 18; however there is some flexibility in that to include people 16+. The camp runs from Wednesday 7 – Friday 9 September 2022 in Macedon Ranges and we will be holding a workshop for youth leaders on Tuesday 5 July 2022. If you are interested or have further questions please feel free to reach out to Student Services or contact Rhani or Mez at WayOut on 5421 1666.
- [Hamer Equine Assisted Learning](#)



Nicholas Livingston | STUDENT SERVICES LEADER



Student Services



WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2022:
Bike Town Craigieburn - Safe Riding as a Family
Time: 10am - 12.30pm
Age: Young people and families
Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent/carer for the duration of the program
Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre
59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn VIC 3064
Bookings are essential, limited spots available
Tickets close: 23 June at 12pm
BYO Bicycle and closed toe shoes

TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2022:
Movie Night at Roxburgh Park
Time: 2.30pm - 6pm
Age: 12 - 18
Location: Roxburgh Park Youth Centre
75 Lakeside Drive, Roxburgh Park VIC 3064
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2022:
Arts & Craft Day at Sunbury
Time: 1pm - 4pm
Age: 10 - 14
Location: Sunbury Youth Centre
51 - 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

FRIDAY 1 JULY 2022:
E-Games Hume Tour - Craigieburn
Brought to you by Hume's FReeZA HYPE Crew
Time: 1pm - 4pm
Age: 12 - 18
Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre
59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn VIC 3064
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

TUESDAY 5 JULY 2022:
Arts & Craft Day at Broadmeadows
Time: 1pm - 4pm
Age: 10 - 14
Location: Youth Central
33 - 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome.

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2022:
Frist Aid Training at Sunbury
Time: 10am - 5pm
Age: 15 - 24
Location: Sunbury Youth Centre
51 - 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429
Bookings are essential, limited spots available
Tickets close: 4 July at 12pm

THURSDAY 7 JULY 2022:
Mixed Sports at Broadmeadows
Time: 10am - 3pm
Age: 12 - 18
Location: Broadmeadows Aquatic & Leisure Centre
41 - 85 Tanderum Way, Broadmeadows VIC 3047
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

FRIDAY 8 JULY 2022:
E-Games Hume Tour - Sunbury
Brought to you by Hume's FReeZA HYPE Crew
Time: 1pm - 4pm
Age: 12 - 18
Location: Sunbury Youth Centre
51 - 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

For further information please contact us at:
Phone: 03 9205 2556 Email: youth@hume.vic.gov.au

SCAN ME!





Student Services



YOUTH SERVICES NORTH WEST METRO PRESENTS

Adulting

A YOUNG PERSONS GUIDE TO LIFE SKILLS

COMMUNITY CENTRED WORKSHOPS THAT AIM TO PROVIDE
YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12 - 18 YEARS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND
LIFESKILLS FOR A PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENT LIVING.

ALLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN
A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

5 WEEK WORKSHOP AT OXYGEN YOUTH CENTRE

4/8 GAFFNEY ST, COBURG

WEEK1: RESUME WRITING

THURSDAY 11TH OF AUGUST 4:30PM - 5:30PM

WEEK2: MANAGING MONEY & BUDGETING

THURSDAY 18TH OF AUGUST 4:30PM - 5:30PM

WEEK3: MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING

THURSDAY 25TH OF AUGUST 4:30PM - 5:30PM

WEEK4: HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

THURSDAY 1ST OF SEPTEMBER 4:30PM - 5:30PM

WEEK5: BREAKING THE STEREOTYPE - LIFE HACKS

THURSDAY 8TH OF SEPTEMBER 4:30PM - 5:30PM

FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE
CALL 0438 501 918 OR

YOUTHSERVICESWEST@SALVATIONARMY.ORG.AU





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**DO YOU IDENTIFY AS LGBTIQA+,
18-25 YEARS OLD AND WANT TO
BE A YOUTH LEADER AT PRIDE
CAMP?**

**HAVE FUN LEARNING NEW LEADERSHIP
SKILLS & PLANNING PRIDE CAMP 2022!**



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YOUTH LEADER BY 25 JUNE AT:**

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GOT A QUESTION?:

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P: 5421 1666





Student Services

School holiday

MOUNTAIN BIKING

12 to 18 years old

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ALL LEVELS

FUN

INCLUSIVE

Join us for a fun off track ride at Mt Atkinson (near Rockbank). The ride will cater for all levels of riders. You choose how much and what level of challenge.

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Thursday 30th June

10am to 3pm

Bus pick up at the

Melton train station

Bikes and helmets provided

Lunch provided

FREE event

For more information contact
Headspace: Melissa 8065 5600
Edmund Rice Services: Michael
0466 597 145





Student Services



LEARNING AND HEALING THROUGH HORSES

WHAT IS EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING (EAL) ?

EAL is an innovative form of experiential learning which assists in the development of personal insights and skills via relational experiences with horses. EAL can be integrated into care plans.

Why horses?

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- They are highly sensitive to our emotions
- They pick up our thoughts and behaviours
- They are non-judgemental and non-verbal

Why is EAL suitable for children ?

- Boosts self-confidence and self esteem
- Facilitates mindful, calm behaviour
- Promotes self-awareness and emotional regulation
- Expands coping strategies for new situations

What does an EAL session look like?

- Meeting the herd
- What horses can teach us
- Experiences with the horses - including touching, grooming and leading
- Creative activities with the horses



Please note there is no riding involved and no horse experience is required.
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www.hamerequineassistedlearning.com



Student Services

Focus on Abilities – Short Film Competition

Over the past term, each and every week, the Learning Support Team have been meeting with their students (and some other students keen to join in) to put together a creative short film to enter into the 'Focus on Abilities – Short Film Competition'. The competition is encouraging young people with disabilities to create a short film with an important focus on abilities! On Thursday 16 June 2022 students spent the whole day putting together their idea, filming many different angles, shooting many different takes, and all whilst having a blast! We look forward to what will come of it in the editing suite, and are hopeful of it wowing some judges in the competition!



Nick Livingston | STUDENT SERVICES LEADER



Later Years Information Evening



**SUNBURY
DOWNS
COLLEGE**

LATER YEARS INFORMATION EVENING



**TUESDAY
19 JULY
2022**

Discover the wide range of pathways offered that best suit student's interests, skills and abilities. We offer VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) and VCE-VM (Victorian Certificate of Education - Vocational Major).

Year 10 into 11 2023

6:00pm Presentation - FLC

6:45pm Domain Area Showcase - ERC

Year 9 into 10 2023

6:45pm Presentation - FLC

7:30pm Domain Area Showcase - ERC



[Bookings open](#)



STEM



STEM is starting here at Sunbury Downs College!

If you have passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, come along, have some fun and get involved in some exciting activities.

For further information please see your Science Teacher, Ms Butterworth or Science Laboratory Technician, Jenny.

STEM club will run on Monday's at lunchtime in Term 3 2022.



National Youth Science Forum



Great opportunity for YEAR 11 Students who are interested in STEM.

Are you a Year 11 student passionate about science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM)? Do you want to meet like-minded young people from across Australia? Do you want to learn more about your study and career options? Look no further than the 2023 National Youth Science Forum.

Year 12 Program applications are open now!

Students who wish to apply should do so through the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) website link below. Further information can be found on their website including applying for funding by local Rotary Club.

For more information and to apply go to the NYSF website: [National Youth Science Forum - Inspiring Australia's Young Scientists \(nysf.edu.au\)](https://nysf.edu.au)

- Early bird applications close **24 July 2022**
- Applications close **14 August 2022**

The program will run on weekdays between 10 – 24 January 2023 and will be delivered as a mixed-mode experience – a combination of in-person and digital events.

Students will have opportunities to:

- Participate in tours of science and technology facilities,
- Learn about cutting edge research,
- Engage with industry partners and research providers
- Learn about university and STEM career pathways
- Mix with other like-minded students from all over Australia, and
- Network with former NYSF participants to further increase understanding of STEM-related study and career experience





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Ben, Recent school leaver

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Kate, Future Force trainee



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Community News

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 Online

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