



Maffra Secondary College

More than you imagine

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School Newsletter: October 2018 Edition

Principal's Report

Hi everyone,

Welcome back for Term 4. We've had a fantastic start, with everyone refreshed from the break and enjoying the spring weather.

Our Year 12s are getting close to the end of their 13 years of formal schooling, with VCE students working hard to prepare for their upcoming exams and VCAL students busy ensuring they meet all their requirements. I spoke to our Year 12 students when we returned last week, to emphasise the point that there is only a matter of weeks to go, and all of their time and energy should be put towards achieving the best results they can. For our VCE students, this means multiple practice exams in every subject, and getting feedback and support from their teachers. The rest will come in around a month's time, and they'll be all the more satisfied knowing they gave it their best effort.

Congratulations to our Year 10s who engaged in mock interviews last week. As part of our Year 10 subject based around careers, communication and community, our Year 10 students were linked with an industry leader in their career of interest, and underwent a practice job interview. The opportunity is invaluable for students, who are typically nervous, but get to work on important skills they'll need in the coming years. The interviews also give students the opportunity to learn more about the industry or profession they're interested in. Thank you to the wide range of community members who give up their time to support this process.



Term 4 is a key time for us to reflect on our achievements this year, and refine our plans for the year ahead. As I shared with parents via a letter in September, we're pleased to have seen significant increase in our 'Student Attitudes to School' results, particularly in the areas of 'stimulated learning', 'learner confidence', and 'student voice'.

We now have the results of the recent department "Parent Opinion Survey", and I thank the parents who took part. Responses are on a five point scale, and a score of 4 or 5 is considered a 'positive response'.

It's great to report that 'overall satisfaction' increased in positive responses from 68% last year to 83% this year. Parent participation increased from 70% to 80%, and the view that the school has 'high expectations of success' increased from 78% to 90% positive responses.

Next year will be a year of consolidation, as we work to embed and further improve our achievements thus far.

Adam Hogan, Principal.

Upcoming Events

October 2018

- 26 Whole School Assembly
- Farewell Year 12 students
- 31 Year 12 exams commence

November

- 12 Year 7 (2019) Transition Day
- 16 Last day of Year 11 classes
- 19-24 Yr 9, 10 & 11 Exams
- 21 Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
- 22 Year 12 Breakfast BBQ
& send off
- 26-28 Year 12 camp
- 27-29 Year 9 camp
- 30 Student free day

December

- 3 Year 7 (2019) Transition Day
- 3-14 Headstart Program
- 10-14 Volleyball Schools Cup
- 14 VCE Results released
- 18 Presentation Night



School Council Meeting

20th November, 2018 – 7pm

11th December—Dinner 6pm

Parents' Club Meeting

12th November, 2018 – 7pm



Sarah Whitwam—VCE Co-ordinator

Performing Arts



School for Student Leadership 2019 – Kristen Raine

Applications are now open for this year's Year 8 students to apply for the School for Student Leadership in 2019. Application forms are available from the Year 8 staffroom or by email request: raine.kristen.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Maffra Secondary College has been allocated a place at the **ALPINE SCHOOL** in **TERM 3, 2019** for **3 boys** and **3 girls**. Students will need to complete the Selection Criteria outlined in the application form and return it to Mrs. Raine (Year 8 Staffroom) by **Monday 29th October**. Students will then be selected for an interview





Veronica Hudson
Yr 9 Acting Team Leader

Year 9 News

Welcome back to the last 8 weeks of Year 9!! Students have been working well in classes by ensuring that they complete their current CAT's, especially as Progress Reports are due out next week. There was a reminder assembly at the start of the lessons today about school expectations of our students. It has been a little concerning that some students are not embracing the opportunity to learn in the classrooms as well as they could. Uniform was also spoken about and we appreciate when parents support our school's policy.

CAMP News

Yes there is a Year 9 camp scheduled for November 27-29th 2018 at Cape Paterson.



Food Tech classes



Looking at swamp critters in Mrs Marshall's class

Beacon Events

Over the past two weeks MSC students have participated a number of events run by the Beacon foundation. Beacon is a national not for profit organisation that work with schools, businesses and communities to help bring relevance to the curriculum, and inspire young people to think about careers and experience the workplace, long before they leave school.

On Friday 12th October, 40 students from years 7-10 visited Origin Energy in the Melbourne CBD where they toured the company and learned about a range of careers available in the corporate world. The students enjoyed building solar lights for children in Papua New Guinea and Ghana, and MSC was the first school in Victoria to participate in this program. We then visited V-Line offices in central Melbourne to hear about careers at V-Line and have a go at a train-driving simulator!

The following week, a group of year 8 students took part in the 'Prepare' program run by Beacon, where they explored their values and learned some valuable communication skills. A group of community mentors volunteered their time for our year 9 program, 'Polish' that took place at Duart Homestead; we are very lucky for the community support and the students enjoyed a networking lunch with the mentors.

Year 10s enjoyed the 'My Road' program where they were able to talk about their career aspirations and hear about real workplaces from online mentors. This group of students commented on how valuable the experience was to chat to these mentors who are from a range of different fields.

Finally, the 'Perform' program gave a group of year 11 students the tools and skills required to meet future employers' expectations in the workplace and build confidence for their post-secondary school transition. Industry mentors were present for students to network with and they were very impressed with our students.

These events were fully funded by the Beacon foundation and provided our students with invaluable networking and communication skills, as well as encouraging students to start thinking about their values, personal 'brand' and future career pathways. All people involved commented on the



The train simulator at V-Line



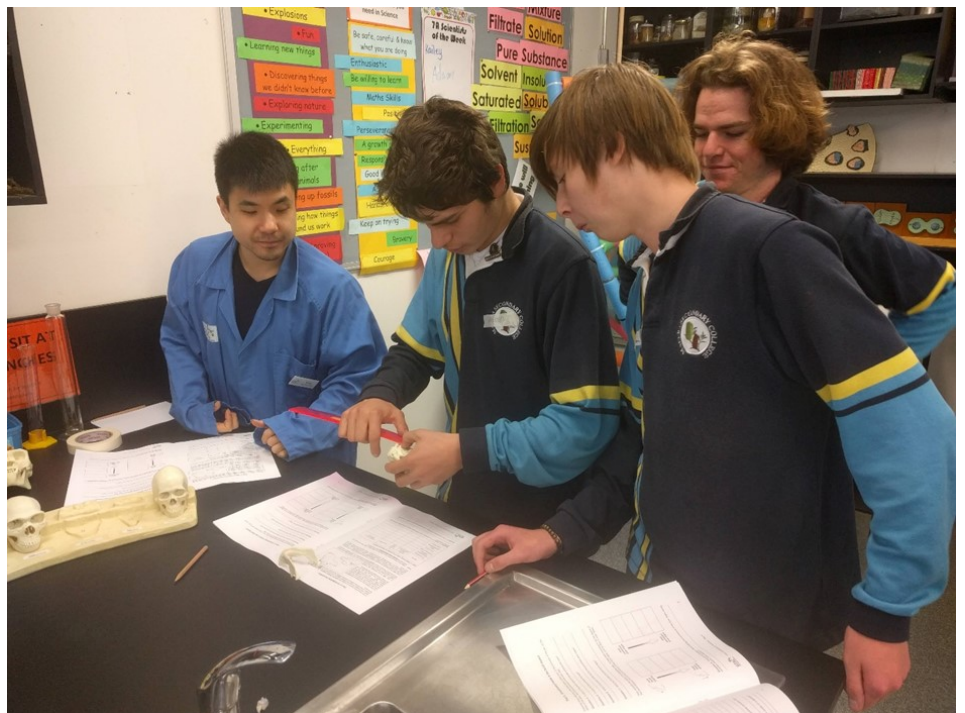
Origin Energy



GTAC visit to Maffra Secondary College

Students studying VCE Biology and Year 10 STEM were involved in workshops held by GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre).

Students studying Unit 4 Biology worked alongside researchers and educator from GTAC to investigate human evolution. Students examined half-scale model skulls of four extinct hominin species, and the modern human, chimp, and gorilla. They collected data and compared anatomical features of the skulls to make inferences about trends in the evolution of hom-





STEM Sisters

Four Year 10 students, Chelsea Page, Hannah Gardiner, Katrina Morgan and Keily Nikolajew were STEM sisters for the day, joining 20, Year 10 female students from schools across Gippsland for a Taster day. This involved a visit to the Chemistry and Microbiology labs at Fed Uni



R U OK? Day

On the 13th of September, Maffra Secondary College participated in R U OK? day. R U OK? are an Australian-founded organisation that raises awareness about mental health and suicide prevention. They encourage people to take the time and ask "are you ok?" and then listen. Theories suggest that asking this simple question can make an enormous difference to someone who is struggling.

Throughout the day, many different activities were run by students, the most significant being the human sign on the school oval. Seven hundred students and staff were arranged into the formation of 'R U OK?' and then an aerial photo was taken by a drone. This activity was enjoyed by all as it was something that they hadn't participated in before.

At recess, the Year 7 student leaders held 'Minute to Win It' games in their learning space. Staff and students participated in activities such as "stack a cup" and "blindfold bowling" which gave everyone the opportunity to connect and have some fun, regardless of social circles.

The Year 7 students also learnt about the importance of R U OK? day in their Learn 2 Learn session. They discussed the signs of someone who may be struggling and learnt about what they can do if they or someone else needs help.

A group of Year 9 girls held a BBQ fundraiser at lunch time and organised educational activities for their cohort during their Learn 2 Learn session.

The Year 12 student leaders held a 'Cuppa and a Convo' at recess in their study centre. Woolworths Maffra kindly donated fruit which students prepared and enjoyed alongside donuts, toasties and hot drinks.

During Learn 2 Learn, the senior students received a question about mental health which they discussed with other students in a 'speed chat'. The group were then educated on the four steps to start a conversation and participated in role plays to practice this process.

Thank-you to all students and staff that helped organise the day and to everyone for getting involved.





INFORMATION REGARDING 2019 BOOKLISTS

Please be advised that Booklists for 2019 will be distributed to students over the coming week. Students currently in Years 10 & 11 who will be studying English Units 1 & 2 and Units 3 & 4 (this excludes students in VCAL & English Literature) have received their Early English Booklists which must be completed online at www.campion.com.au using '4SZJ' as your code or at www.maffrasc.vic.edu.au by Wednesday 7th November to be paid by credit card only and novels will be delivered to Maffra Secondary College for collection on 22nd November for holiday reading which has been recommended by teachers. If you are going to be studying English and have not received a copy of the Early English booklist, please contact the Main Office.

AMENDMENT TO VCE UNITS 1 & 2 BOOKLIST FOR 2019

PSYCHOLOGY 1 & 2

If your student has enrolled to study Psychology 1 & 2 in 2019 the text book for this subject listed is incorrect. Please disregard the Nelson Psychology VCE Units 1 & 2. All other resources are correct.

Students are required to purchase Oxford Psychology VCE Units 1 & 2 for 2019. The text was used this year and is available second-hand from current Year 11 Psychology students. Ms Heber and Ms Howe (Psychology teachers) will assist students with the exchange of the Oxford text from current students to students enrolled for 2019. The recommended second-hand price for the text if in perfect condition would be \$40 but if the text is 2nd or 3rd hand and in good condition the price would be \$25.

We would also like to inform those of you who have used the Drouin Champion store in the past to collect books that the store is closing and the nearest store will now be Berwick.

CAMPION
EDUCATION

New Retail Service Centre for 2019 Resource List needs

Please note our Drouin store will be closing permanently from
Wednesday 31st October 2018.

Our Berwick Retail Service Centre is open all year round at **1/5 Intrepid Street, Berwick**, where our friendly, local team are ready to help with any of your Back-To-School textbook and stationery requirements.

Or for the convenience of home delivery you can always order online at:

www.campion.com.au



A reminder to parents from the School Improvement Team regarding the use of mobiles phones and portable electronic devices in the classroom

In recent weeks students have been reminded that electronic devices which include mobile phones can only be used in the classroom with the teacher's permission. Students who choose to use phones without the correct authorisation will have their phones temporarily confiscated.

We are endeavouring to teach students to use electronic devices in a **responsible** manner and we ask parents to support our efforts by contacting your child during the appropriate times:

Recess - 11am – 11.30am

Lunch – 1.30pm – 2.15pm

If you need to contact your child urgently, the preferred avenue is through the front office on **51471790** and a member of the office staff will relay your message.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter

Walk for Gender Equality as part of 16 Days of Activism

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. The campaign runs every year from 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10th December, Human Rights Day.

To mark this campaign our school will be taking part in a community walk that is being organised by the Sale College Respectful Relationships Cluster of schools consisting of: Maffra Secondary College, Gippsland Grammar, Yarram Secondary College and Sale College.

The cluster is organising a 'Walk for Gender Equality' event in Sale on the 7th December, starting at 10:30am. The walk will start at Sale College Guthridge Campus and finish at the Sale Pedestrian Mall near the clock tower. Our school will be joined by other schools from the Wellington network as well as organisations such as CFA, Wellington Shire Council, Gippsport and many others who are also actively involved in promoting gender equality as part of the state-wide plan to eliminate violence against women and their children in our community.

Any students who would like to be involved in the 'Walk for Gender Equality' on December 7th should see Mr Wallace for an expression of interest by Friday 9th November.

5 TIPS FOR FEELING GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF

Use these tips as a self-esteem boost on a crappy day.



TREAT YOURSELF LIKE A FRIEND

Challenge negative thoughts about yourself. Try speaking to yourself in the same way that you'd speak to your mates.



OWN YOUR OWN GOALS

Comparing yourself to other people is a sure-fire way to start feeling crummy. Try to focus on your own goals and achievements, rather than measuring them against someone else's.



SURROUND YOURSELF WITH A SUPPORTIVE SQUAD

Spend more time with people who make you feel good about yourself and avoid those who tend to put you down.



FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN CHANGE

Instead of getting hung up on things that are outside of your control, focus on identifying and changing the things that are within your control.



CELEBRATE THE SMALL STUFF

You got up on time this morning. Tick. Celebrating the small victories is a great way to build confidence and start feeling better about yourself.

Tools, stories and information for whatever life throws at you.
[ReachOut.click/FeelGoodTips](https://reachout.click/FeelGoodTips)

REACH OUT.COM

7 TIPS FOR MANAGING EXAM STRESS

REACH OUT.COM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE	FOR PARENTS/CARERS
Stay organised with to-do lists and study timetables	Give them time off chores and non-urgent family stuff
Take regular study breaks	Encourage them to keep doing the activities they did before exams
Have a dedicated study space	Help them set up a study space and make sure the rest of the family understands
Have a long term goal	Chat with them about what they want to do after exams
Get as much sleep as possible	Remind them to go to bed at a regular time each night
Remember your health: eat well and stay active	Go on study break walks with them and try to cook wholesome meals
Talk to the people around you	Make a time to chat to them and let them vent



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Just a couple of projects that our students at Maffra Secondary College are involved with at Maffra Neighbourhood House



BOOMERANG BAGS.

Boomerang bags is a community driven initiative, dealing with the issue of plastic pollution at a local level. They are all about having fun and being creative while at the same time, providing a sustainable alternative to plastic bags.

Boomerang bags relies on the generosity, time and creativity of volunteers.

If you would like to be part of our group, create your own bags or simply donate materials, please give us a call.

Boomerang bags is a joint project with a group of very enthusiastic Maffra Secondary College students.

This project has been generously supported by Wellington Shire.



TECH SAVVY TEENS

In partnership with Maffra Secondary College, we are offering one-to-one help for seniors to learn how to get the most out of their phone, tablet or laptop.

Learn how to get onto Facebook, change the settings, add contacts, send emails from your phone and much more.



FREE FOR OVER 50'S By appointment only 51471487

2018 CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 4

MON 8th OCTOBER SANDRA DEKKERS TAMSYN LENN'E	TUES 9th OCTOBER FIONA CHANNING BELINDA CHANNING	WED 10th OCTOBER EMMA WILLIAMSON	THURS 11th OCTOBER HELP NEEDED X2	FRI 12th OCTOBER HELP NEEDED X2
MON 15th OCTOBER NATASHA DOWSETT GARETH DAVIES	TUES 16th OCTOBER DIANNE BEDNARSKI	WED 17th OCTOBER JUSTINE LOWERY	THURS 18th OCTOBER HELP NEEDED X2	FRI 19th OCTOBER KERRY FLETT
MON 22nd OCTOBER HELP NEEDED X2	TUES 23rd OCTOBER KELLIE MISSEN VIV JOHNSTONE	WED 24th OCTOBER TRACY RYAN	THURS 25th OCTOBER MICHELLE POWELL	FRI 26th OCTOBER LEANNE GALLATLY
MON 29th OCTOBER HELP NEEDED X2	TUES 30th OCTOBER HELP NEEDED X2	WED 31st OCTOBER IRENE DEVISSER	THURS 1st NOVEMBER NATASHA JOHNSTON	FRI 2nd NOVEMBER SHARNELLE ANLEZARK
MON 5th NOVEMBER MARGARET BELL	TUES 6th NOVEMBER MELB CUP NO SCHOOL	WED 7th NOVEMBER HELP NEEDED X2	THURS 8th NOVEMBER MICHELLE POWELL	FRI 9th NOVEMBER HELP NEEDED X2
MON 12th NOVEMBER SANDRA DEKKERS TAMSYN LENN'E	TUES 13th NOVEMBER FIONA CHANNING BELINDA CHANNING	WED 14th NOVEMBER EMMA WILLIAMSON	THURS 15th NOVEMBER HELP NEEDED X2	FRI 16th NOVEMBER KERRY FLETT
MON 19th NOVEMBER NATASHA DOWSETT GARETH DAVIES	TUES 20th NOVEMBER DIANNE BEDNARSKI	WED 21st NOVEMBER JUSTINE LOWERY	THURS 22nd NOVEMBER MICHELLE POWELL	FRI 23rd NOVEMBER LEANNE GALLATLY
MON 26th NOVEMBER HELP NEEDED X2	TUES 27th NOVEMBER KELLIE MISSEN VIV JOHNSTONE	WED 28th NOVEMBER TRACY RYAN	THURS 29th NOVEMBER HELP NEEDED X2	FRI 30th NOVEMBER BRAD CORIDAS
MON 3rd DECEMBER MARGARET BELL	TUES 4th DECEMBER CHRISTINA COOPER	WED 5th DECEMBER HELP NEEDED X2	THURS 6th DECEMBER NATASHA JOHNSTON	FRI 7th DECEMBER SHARNELLE ANLEZARK
MON 10th DECEMBER SANDRA DEKKERS TAMSYN LENN'E	TUES 11th DECEMBER FIONA CHANNING BELINDA CHANNING	WED 12th DECEMBER EMMA WILLIAMSON	THURS 13th DECEMBER HELP NEEDED X2	FRI 14th DECEMBER HELP NEEDED X2



Wellington Youth
Film Festival

**Submit by
Nov 1st**

WANT TO SEE YOUR FILM ON THE BIG SCREEN?

IF YOU'RE UNDER 25 AND HAVE MADE A

- SHORT FILM —**
- MUSIC VIDEO —**
- DOCUMENTARY —**
- ANIMATION —**

**THEN THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SEE YOUR
WORK IN A CINEMA SETTING WITH LIKE
MINDED AND TALENTED PEOPLE!**

Submissions and or Questions

WellingtonYouthFilms@gmail.com



Junior & Senior Competitions

**Junior
& Senior
Futsal**

OUTDOOR FUTSAL

Senior Comp

Sign up as a mixed team (5 players)

Season starts on Thursday 1 November, 2018

Games will be played on Thursdays at 6pm

Cost is \$60 per team/per game

Deposit is due before round 1

Junior Comp

- Teams will be formed by GRSC
- 12 week season starts on Friday 2 November, 2018
- Games will be played on Fridays at 4pm
- Flat fee of \$120 per person
- *No games are played in the school holidays*

**COMMENCING
1 & 2
NOVEMBER**
at the Gippsland
Regional Sports
Complex

**All games will be
played on GRSC
synthetic outdoors**

Sign up in person at GRSC or by email
GRSCkiosk@wellington.vic.gov.au



SPORT COURT COMPETITION JUNIOR REGISTRATION FORM



COMPETITION DETAILS

Junior Futsal

Players: Individual registrations – teams will be formed by organisers
Juniors – Under 15 (DOB 2004-2008) (mixed competition, no min/max boys/girls)
Parent / Guardianship approval required for players aged under 16

Cost: \$120 per person payable on registration (min 12 weeks of competition plus finals)

Day: Friday afternoons from 4pm (no games during school holidays or public holidays)

Location: Played on GRSC Synthetic Outdoors

Registration

Monday 22nd
October 5pm-8pm

Season Commences

Friday 2nd November

Season Concludes

mid March

Where did you hear about the competition?		<input type="checkbox"/> Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous season
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
COMPETITION				
<input type="checkbox"/> Futsal		<input type="checkbox"/> Jnr mixed U15		
PERSONAL/CONTACT DETAILS				
Player Name		Date of Birth		
Emergency Contact		Mobile Number		
Email Address				

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL

I give approval for the above named player to:

- 4) Participate in this competition.
- 5) To be provided with medical treatment if needed including the calling of an ambulance on their behalf.
- 6) To be photographed/videoed, and for these photographs/videos to be used by Wellington Shire Council for publicity purposes.

Name _____ Sign _____

FORMS CAN BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT TO THE GIPPSLAND REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX

OR VIA EMAIL TO GRSCKIOSK@WELLINGTON.VIC.GOV.AU

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GLENMAGGIE CUP

DARYL HAMILTON | ALBERT CORN | ALAN HORE

PHOTO: GETS PICS

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The Queen of Gippsland

WIN
RACEWAY

Donella
OUTDOOR

Borris
the Boxer
Productions

COOTES
QUARRY PRODUCTS
QUALITY SAND & CRUSHED ROCK

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