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## Editorial

Schools are often seen as places where teachers present students with information that they memorise and become more knowledgeable and more educated. However, it is a much more complicated and nuanced process than that.

Education involves learning *how to learn* because this is a process that continues all though all our lives. Yes, there is the learning

of some information, but the most important part is what to do with that information and how to use it to make decisions.

At school (as at home) students move from being told what to do and learn how to analyse each situation, seeking information that will help inform decisions, making a wise decision and then taking appropriate action.

“Teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.”

Deut 11:19

The expert teacher is able to recognise where children are in their development and assist them to work out what is the best next step.

There are so many visual, relational and contextual cues that we can see when we are physically together that are extremely difficult over technology, even video conferences. We will be glad to embrace face to face learning again.

The Bible tells us (parents and teachers) that we should teach our children how God created the world to be and how He created us to interact with each other, the world and Him; not just information about life, but *teach them life*. “Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.” Deut 11:19

### Wellbeing

While there is a growing sense of excitement as we look forward to all our students being back at school next week, please be aware that change causes some anxiety and energy depletion. Please keep an eye on your children and let the College know if you are concerned. We will do the same.



John Metcalfe

Principal

# Students Returning to Classrooms

With all students returning to their classrooms on Tuesday, June 9th, please note the following car park information.

## Drop off and Pick Up

We have a new Early Years 'Kiss and Drop' zone behind the Early Years building. This is ONLY for non-independent Prep - Year 2 students use. All other student drop off and pick up is via the main car park. We encourage Year 2 students to use the front car parking area.

As a result of continued social distancing regulations and government protocols of limiting adult movement throughout the College, no parents are to walk throughout the College. You can hop out of your car to assist your child with a school bag, but adults must remain with their vehicle. We have assigned more staff to duties throughout the College to support students where required.

Please note that the school day for Preps concludes at 3pm and all other primary school students finish their day at 3:10. These measures have been put in place to limit vehicle congestion throughout the College.

## Siblings picking up younger students at the Early Years Building

Older college students can collect their Prep - Year 2 sibling from the playground at the back of the Early Years Building. Entry and exit from the Early Years building is via the back gate until social distancing measures are lifted.

- \* **Plenty Kids sessions finish at 3:15 pm** but children may be collected from 3:10 to aid social distancing
- \* **Prep students finish at 3:00pm**
- \* **Year 1 - 2 students finish at 3:10pm**
- \* **Junior Years students finish – 3:10pm**
- \* **Middle Years & Senior Years – 3:20pm**



Monday,  
8 June

Queen's  
Birthday  
Public  
Holiday

Student &  
Staff Free  
Day

Tuesday,  
9 June

Year 3 - 10  
students  
return to  
classroom  
teaching

# From the Business Office

## CSEF Allowance - Application Closing Date - Friday 19 June 2020

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per eligible student is \$125 for primary school students, and \$225 for secondary school students.

### Who can apply:

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

There are two criteria that must be met:

#### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

Criteria 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school (CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled).

### How to submit an application:

#### Closing Date for Applications – Friday, 19 June 2020

**Please Note: If you have applied for the CSEF in a previous year, you do not need to complete an application for 2020, unless** there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments** – your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply at Plenty Valley Christian College in 2019
- **Changed family circumstances** – such as a change of custody, name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at Plenty Valley Christian College in 2020

Please complete the attached Application Form, and submit with a copy of your concession card attached, directly to the Business Office, or by email to [accounts@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@pvcc.vic.edu.au) by **Friday, 19 June 2020**.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

CSEF Application Form

# From the Primary

Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 now available

Order online at:

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents>

by Tuesday, 9 June 2020

Also available on the App Store and Google Play

NO CASH accepted at school.



## Winter Holiday Club

Give yourself a much-needed break and reconnect your child's friendships this Winter.

This Winter, Holiday Club is back with an exciting program that puts an emphasis on reconnecting friendships and helping children forge new ones. It gives you a chance to have some much-needed rest, while having that peace of mind that your children will be engaged and connected in a safe space.

With engaging activities like *French Explorations* where your children will dive into French culture, *Weather the Storm* where they will explore scientific experiments, or maybe *Magic Architecture* where they'll create magnificent designs with magic corn; there are lots of activities to appeal to all ages and abilities, and will ensure they have a great holiday break.



**Book now.** To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and to find your nearest service, visit: [www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs).

We look forward to seeing you at **Holiday Club**.

The Camp Australia Team



Access any one of our 230+ Holiday Club locations Australia-wide. Near home, work or even your holiday destination!



Want more excursions? Maybe more club days? Pick any program near you, they're all unique.



Avoid a late booking charge and save \$10 by booking at least 7 days in advance. Plus, with limited space, spots fill up.

To find locations near you and to book, visit [www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs)

HOLIDAY CLUB

# From the Secondary

Two of our Year 7 students, Aaron R & Chelsey S, earned a Gold Certificate in the World Championship Languages Competition which ended last week.

In a week-long competition against over 50,000 competitors, they came in positions of 1,515 and 1,553 respectively - both finishing in the top 3% in the world. Congratulations Aaron & Chelsea!

## NEWS FROM SECONDARY SPORT

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back at school next week after the long weekend!

As we make the transition back to onsite learning I was hoping to clarify a number of questions regarding sport afternoons at school.

### SPORT ONSITE

- Sport will continue to be offered remotely via Teams until all students have returned to school on 9 June.
- Sport will then be compulsory onsite for all students from 9 June onwards.
- As no drinking fountains will be accessible at school for hygiene reasons, **ALL STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN DRINK BOTTLE** to school and this **MUST be brought to sport.**

## Sports Newsletter Issue 7

### EISM INTERSCHOOL SPORT

- Our interschool sporting association EISM has sent out proposed revised winter fixtures for Term 3 so **sport time for all year levels from the 9<sup>th</sup> of June will be utilised for team selection** in preparation for competition early next term. Modified rules and procedures for selection/trainings including sanitisation of equipment etc. will be in place to minimise risk of infection.
- \*\*\*The resumption of EISM sport competition is obviously dependent on restrictions being relaxed and schools being back to normal in terms of interschool matches taking place from the start of next term. This would include considerations around bus travel, access to indoor venues etc.\*\*\*
- The revised fixtures involve a shortened winter fixture which would run as a 7 week draw in Term 3.
- This means that matches would go later into T3 than usual and training sessions for the T4 summer sports would be pushed back a few weeks.
- The usual winter sports will be contested in Term 3 for **Years 8/9 & Years 10 – 12**. Girls – netball/hockey/basketball/TTennis. Boys – football/soccer/basketball/TTennis. Trials for seniors begin Wed 10 June and for Year 8/9 on Thurs 11 June. Please bring any sport specific gear that you have for trials e.g. football/soccer boots etc.
- The Term 3 six round season for **Year 7** students on Mondays stays as previously planned as it remains relatively unaffected. (Girls – netball/hockey. Boys – football/volleyball. Mixed – TTennis) Trials to begin on Monday 15 June. Please bring any sport specific gear that you have for trials e.g. football boots etc.

It's been awesome to see the many and varied exercise routines that you have been undertaking at home!

Stay safe and active and I look forward to seeing you back at school for sport 😊

**Helen Padget - Head of Secondary Sport**



**FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE**

This week’s newsletter has information on upcoming online events, industry employment trends and helpful career and course links. There is also information on a Digital Apprenticeship opportunity for Year 12 students. Don’t forget to check out the “[Calendar of Events](#)” on our School Careers website.

**Careers Newsletter Issue 5**

Our Careers website has a wide range of information for all ages and stages in the career journey. Find it at:

[www.careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au](http://www.careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au)

I am more than happy to assist students and parents. I can be contacted at : [helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au)

**Helen Madden - Careers Practitioner/VET Coordinator**

**CANTEEN**

Have a look at the canteen menu online - [CLICK HERE](#)

**Flexischools App**

Flexischools have now released an app on both Android and iOS which makes the process easier than before. Just search for: ‘flexischools’ in the app stores. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.flexischools&hl=en>

Please note that **no parent helpers** are required at the canteen due to safety precautions at the moment.

**REGISTER**



1 Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and select the **REGISTER** option and enter your email address.



2 You will be sent a registration email. Click on the link in the email to complete the registration.



3 Fill in your details on the Registration Form and click "submit".



4 Add your students, select their school and class.

**ORDER**

1 Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and select the **LOGIN** option. Click on "Start an order" for your student.



2 Select the service you wish to purchase from. You can also set up orders in advance.



3 Add each of your items. Extras and options will appear where relevant to the item.



4 Select your payment option. Pay for the one order or "top up" your account. Complete payment to place order.



[flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au)

# Uniform Shop

We will be open on **Saturdays** from 9:30am – 2:30pm

## PAYMENTS

If at all possible, we would appreciate payment by card instead of cash.

## WEB ORDERS

We can still post these to you (postal charge applicable) or you can do a web order on **CLICK AND COLLECT**. The **CLICK AND COLLECT** Web orders can be collected from the uniform shop on Saturdays during trading hours.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HAND SANITISING

Hand sanitiser must be used as you enter and exit the store.

We now have a limit of four(4) customers at one time in the store and only 2 change rooms in operation. **NO SELF SERVICE PLEASE**, we are more than happy to pick whatever you need. Please wait outside of the uniform shop until you are called. There will not be a numbering system in place .

One (1) customer equal: 1 adult Or 1 student Or 1 baby Or 1 toddler

Parents, if possible please bring only the student who needs to purchase uniform into the shop.

We thank you all for your understanding and patience.

Lydia and Cheryl

Please go to [www.bobstewart.com.au](http://www.bobstewart.com.au) to place your order.

The uniform price list and policy are available on the [College website](#)

Our direct number is: **9036 7354**



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## NAVIGATING THE RETURN TO SCHOOL



### COUCH CHAT

– a FREE webinar around navigating the return to school for primary aged children

Has your child been feeling anxious about returning to school?

Are you worried about how your child is coping?

Would you like some hints for smoothing the way as face to face classes start again?

During this webinar, we will explore how parents can support their child's return to primary school and address the anxieties they may be experiencing.

This free webinar will offer parents ideas and strategies to help children with their worries. You will have a unique opportunity to hear from and ask questions of a family support worker, primary school teacher and child practitioner.

Tuesday June 9th

Time: 7pm

Book via link:

<https://ds.org.au/course/navigating-return-school-primary-school-children-couch-chat/>

or email

[sinem.celep@ds.org.au](mailto:sinem.celep@ds.org.au)

Email Sinem at [sinem.celep@ds.org.au](mailto:sinem.celep@ds.org.au) or go to [www.ds.org.au](http://www.ds.org.au) and follow links



**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we work and pay respects to elders past, present and future.