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Editorial

We have all been back together for nearly two weeks now. People are still smiling because they are able to talk with real people face to face.

Although remote learning had its challenges there were some really good things that have come out of the time. One has been the opportunity for students to take more responsibility for their education. Some students found some level of flexibility really suited them and it meant they did very well.

Research indicates that students who take responsibility for their own education are ultimately more successful in educational pursuits. Students who have teachers and/or parents who organise them, remind them and over-assist them through their schooling may well secure a high ATAR but they may not do as well as others who had to organise themselves when they move onto the next learning environment.

The College staff are trying to identify how we can continue to use the technology momentum to enhance education and give students more opportunities to take responsibility for learning.

⁴ Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. ⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct. Galatians 6

Staff Changes at End of Term

James Morey has served the College for many years as one of our hard-working Grounds and Maintenance Team. He and his wife Catherine are moving to Perth.

Angie Weeks will be leaving our Arrowsmith Team to move to Bendigo. God has graciously provided both Angie and her husband positions at Victory Christian College.

Sally Agostino has been asked to take up the role of pastor of Southern Cross Community Church and she has accepted. After 12 years as our Community Relations Officer this is a sad outcome for us, but we are happy for Sally and the church.

Chaplain

We have appointed a new Chaplain. Andrew Austin will be joining the team next term. Andrew will work two days a week as Youth Pastor with the Doncaster City Church and three days at PVCC as Chaplain.

John Metcalfe - Principal



Because we are **Christ's Image Bearers**, we:
Build Community, Learn Courageously, Strive for Excellence,
Actively Steward, Nurture Godly Character.

eSafety Parent's Guide to Online Gaming

Friday, 26
June 2020
End of Term

The eSafety Commissioner is offering early access to three webinars (BRAND NEW CONTENT) on eSafety's parent's guide to ONLINE GAMING – no cost.

This webinar will cover:

- the benefits of gaming and how to mitigate the risks
- strategies to manage gaming and overuse where to find help and support.

Session days and times

- Monday 22 June: 7.30 – 8.30pm AEST
- Thursday 25 June: 12.30 – 1.30pm AEST
- Thursday 25 June: 7.30 – 8.30pm AEST

About the eSafety Commissioner

The eSafety Commissioner works to safeguard Australians at risk from online harms and to promote safer, more positive online experiences. eSafety leads and coordinates the online safety efforts of government, industry and the not-for-profit community in Australia.

About the presenter Greg Gebhart

Join one of Australia's leading online safety presenters. He has provided presentations and webinars to more than 800,000 participants at state, national and international online safety events.

We encourage you to use a personal laptop/PC or mobile device when accessing this webinar. **Don't miss out - spaces per session are limited.**

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Find more information on the eSafety website:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



Primary News

Winter Holiday Club

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.

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

HOLIDAY CLUB

Uniform Shop

We will be open on **Saturday 20 June** from 9:30am – 2:30pm

Web orders can be collected during our Saturday open hours.

The shop will be closed during the school holidays and will re-open on Saturday 11 July 9:30am-2:30pm

Please go to 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**

Secondary News

NEWS FROM SECONDARY SPORT

It has been great to have all students back onsite and have so many keen to resume their sport as soon as possible!

We have been able to provide sport sessions with modified rules to minimise contact and also sanitisation of equipment to minimise risk.

This week & next all secondary students will have had the opportunity to sign up & trial for teams in the EISM revised Term 3 Winter sports fixture.

The good news is that with the Victorian Government somewhat easing restrictions for sport, our Term 3 competition looks set to start as planned in Week 2 of next term. There will be team training in Week 1.

Until the end of the term however, all sport teams/trial squads will be training onsite.

For now all students at sport are reminded to:

- Bring their drink bottle to all sessions both at school AND when training/matches are offsite,
- Sanitise/wash their hands whenever possible,
- Maintain social distance whenever possible,
- Assist with the sanitisation of their sport equipment when requested.

We are all looking forward to the resumption of competitive sport in the new normal as restrictions ease.

Helen Padget

Head of Secondary Sport

Here's our sport staff helping to keep our school clean & your children safe by sanitising equipment after use.





FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

This week's newsletter has information on upcoming online events, industry employment trends and helpful career and course links.

Don't forget to check out the "Calendar of Events" on our [School Careers Website](#).



Dates to Diarise in Term 2 and 3:

- LATROBE ASPIRE applications close 31st August.
- ACU – Community Achievement Program applications close 12th August.
- Subject selection for Year 11 (Year 12 – 2021) students- Web Preferences Portal opens June 19-23rd.
- Applications for Australian Government Digital Apprenticeship Program – Close June 29th.
- Year 12 VTAC timely applications open in August - September
- SEAS/Scholarship applications open in August.



Virtual Careers Expo

InspirED Virtual Careers Expo

InspirED will be hosting a *free* Virtual Careers Expo from **17 June – 21 June** whereby students can connect with many universities and TAFEs and visit virtual booths, participate in live-stream talks, and also schedule one-on-one video chats with course advisors.

Find out more and register for the event at:

[InspirED VCE and Beyond Virtual Careers Expo](#)

I am more than happy to assist students and parents. I can be contacted at :

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Helen Madden - Careers Practitioner/VET Coordinator

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS



Our community has changed in ways no-one expected in the last five months. Working with communities experiencing drought in 2019 then commencing this year with destructive bushfires, followed by a pandemic has deeply impacted the lives of Victorians.

The Salvation Army is still providing support for those impacted by drought and have provided over half a million meals and many more services during the Bushfires. While continuing to provide both drought and bushfire relief, we have now deployed staff and resources in support of the vulnerable impacted by COVID-19. In real terms, we are working on three disaster fronts simultaneously.

Victoria is facing an economic and social crisis unlike anything witnessed in recent decades and, whilst continuing to serve those affected now, The Salvation Army is preparing to provide hardship support to a scale that we have not seen before.

For the past 55 years The Salvation Army has hit the streets of communities across Victoria, door knocking, street collecting and intersection collection. Unfortunately, we've not been able to perform those face to face initiatives this year, and yet we still need the resources historically raise through face to face fundraising more than ever this year.

While we currently live in isolation, The Salvation Army has never served in isolation! We have always partnered with Victorians in support of those disadvantaged within our communities.

Having raised \$410,000 toward a Victorian target of \$1.9 million, our Red Shield Appeal has fallen well short this year. This shortfall is almost exclusively due to our inability to do face to face fundraising. The good news is that we do have a Red Shield Appeal "Digital Doorknock" running and it's on this channel we would seek your support.

We are reaching out to you today with a request to help.

RSA Digital Doorknock: <https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/the-salvation-army-victoria>



Carpentry Trade Taster- Begins July 14th

Join our Carpentry Trade Taster course and prepare yourself for a pre-apprenticeship at TAFE. This course will build your confidence and provide a solid foundation to make your next move. Course begins **July 14th**.

For more information ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website:
<https://prace.vic.edu.au/>