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## Editorial

I usually start the first Newsletter of the term with, “Welcome back to Term 3.” But it is not really *back* for most of our students and staff as we hoped. But still “Welcome to Term 3”. It is nice to have the Year 11 and 12 students (and some Year 10s) back. We are looking after them by working hard at hygiene and physical distancing.

Below you will find letters with information specific to sections of the College: Primary, Middle Years and all of Secondary.

I do want to encourage you that although the Lockdown 2.0 has been very disappointing and testing our resilience, it is for a time. God made us intelligent and creative so, as a community, we will learn from our mistakes and work out how to move ahead. He made us community people so we will resist the urge to look to blame others for our predicament and look around for what we can do to help others. Plenty Valley Christian College wants to support our community through this time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you.

Following are letters from some of our key leaders keeping you up to date with processes and resources. Please share relevant information with your child so they also know how it works.



*John Metcalfe - Principal*

## ALL PRIMARY

**Prep & Year 1 students:** Remote learning will be via email correspondence with weekly zoom sessions to ensure social interactions with peers are maintained. Parents can expect to receive their child’s learning schedule and resources required for tasks prior to Monday morning and then prior to Wednesday morning. Teachers will continue to produce instructional videos to assist students and parents in the facilitation of lessons.

Parents are expected to send a daily email prior to 10am to [p-1attendance@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:p-1attendance@pvcc.vic.edu.au) to register their students attendance for the day. This is a mandatory obligation from the government for the College to keep our attendance records up to date even in remote learning circumstances.

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

**Year 2-6 students:** Learning will resume via Microsoft Teams where students engage in real time teaching sessions and are provided with resources to support learning at home. Students are expected to be online at 9am for their daily devotion and class roll marking. During these sessions students are reminded of daily teacher directed small group sessions and specialist classes that they need to be sure to attend or complete learning tasks for.

**Students supervised at School:** Students of essential workers may attend school if they apply via the weekly Edsmart form. All students from Prep to Year 6 will be located in the Early Years Building. No canteen facilities are available so snack, lunch and a water bottle are required to be sent daily.

Students should not arrive before 8:20am. Entry is via the main door at the bottom of the Early Years amphitheatre. Pickup is at 3:20pm. Parents may deliver and collect the youngest students from that door if they physically distance themselves and not enter the building. If students are capable of crossing the Early Years Crossing alone parents should park in the front carpark and remain in their cars.

Students learning onsite must come to school with all their learning resources, learning packs and iPads for Year 4-6 students. No personal computers please, as they do not access the College resources.

**All primary students:** Responding to feedback received from Primary families during our last stint of remote learning our 'tools down' afternoons were implemented to reduce increased incidences of eye strain and headaches from long daily use of technology. On Tuesdays and Fridays from 12 midday students are encouraged to have technology free afternoons where they undertake non-technology related tasks. We encourage service in the home or quiet independent reading and relaxing. Our student's wellbeing continues to be our priority at this time.

### **Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews**

The College calendar states that PTI's were to be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The College Leadership Team has decided to change these to July 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 3:45pm, after Remote Learning classes have finished on both days. These appointments will take place over the phone, as they did in Term 2. You will receive PTO booking details via email on Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Rebecca Matthew - Head of Primary*

**Monday  
20 July 2020  
Term 3  
Commences  
(K - Yr10)**

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**Thursday  
23 July 2020  
Virtual  
Careers Day**

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**Tuesday  
28 July 2020  
Primary  
Parent /  
Teacher  
Interviews**

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**Thursday  
30 July 2020  
Primary &  
Year 12 PTI's**

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## ALL SECONDARY

Welcome back to Term 3, as we move to another period of remote learning for our Year 7-10 students we want to remind you of a few things based on feedback from remote learning in Term 2.

**SEQTA** - The main thing to remember is that SEQTA is the main point of contact during remote learning. It is where details of each lesson will be found, along with resources and instructions for any other programs being used within the lesson.

**Please Communicate if you need Help** - Please remember (and remind your child) that if they are finding things difficult (either academically or emotionally) and having challenges with accessing technology then we would appreciate you making contact with either the homegroup teacher or class teacher. Your child's wellbeing is important to us and we want to be able to support them, but this is really challenging when we don't see them face-to-face each day. Grace has been the catch word for our Remote Learning time and that will continue. We can grant extensions for work and provide extra support if needed, so please communicate with your child's teachers.

**Routine** - We really encourage students to attend each lesson at the designated time. Research indicates that positive routine is helpful for us all during lockdown. While this may be frustrating for those who prefer to wake early and get all their work done and then have the afternoon off, it is important students attend so that they don't miss valuable instructions, explanations and feedback from the teacher. Teachers will be available during scheduled class time to respond to questions and support students and will be making plans to check in with each child each week to keep an eye on their progress.

**Lesson Length** - We are aiming to run lessons of about 35 minutes, so that students have the chance for a short break between lessons. If your child is finding the work is too much to complete in this time, please let the teacher know. We encourage students to get away from their screens and be active during their regular sport periods which are periods 5-7 on Monday (Year 7), Wednesday (Year 10-12) and Thursday (Year 8 and 9).

**Working Together** - While we all acknowledge this mode of learning is not ideal for students, parents or teachers, and it certainly will suit some students and parents to a greater or lesser degree than others, please remember we are all in this together.

**Who to Contact** - If you still need further advice or information, about some subjects, the Key Learning Area (KLA) leaders are the next stop. In 2020 our KLA leaders are;

- Arts (Music, Media, Drama and Visual Art) – Ms Janet Hopkins
- Christian Education and work studies – Ms Lisa Watkins
- Health and PE - Mrs Rebecca Rhyder
- Humanities (History, Geography, Civics, Business Management and Legal Studies) – Mr Paul Grech

- Languages (French and English) – Mr Michael Symons
- Technologies (Food studies, Wood Tech and IT) – Mr Brett Robinson
- Mathematics – Mr Clayton Bruce
- Science – Mrs Rachelle Amor

*Sonia Goodacre - Head of Learning and Teaching - Secondary*

## **MIDDLE YEARS SUB-SCHOOL**

Dear Middle School Parents,

Next week we will enter another season of remote learning as we all play our role in following government advice and combatting COVID-19. We know many students and parents may be feeling anxious about what lies ahead.

In the PVCC Middle School, we understand these times are challenging but we want to reassure you that teachers have been working hard this week and we are well prepared to embrace Remote Learning 2.0. We will work with you to help your young people set good routines and to engage with learning again via SEQTA and Microsoft Teams. We have reflected on our first season of remote learning, listened to our parents and students and our teachers are ready for the challenges of round 2. We will work hard to ensure we can meet the needs of all our learners and to support our families through this journey.

As we move into this remote learning, you may have questions about learning and teaching and I would encourage to communicate directly with your child's teachers. Should you feel that your child needs further pastoral support, please contact their homeroom teacher. We also have the expertise of our School Counsellor, Celeste Putter and our new college Chaplain, Andrew Austin, as well as the Year Level Coordinators, Matthew Quinn in Year 9 and myself in Year 7 and 8.

As you would have guessed, due to the restrictions in place across Melbourne, we are unable to run Year 9 City Cite or the Year 8 camp this year. We know this news will be disappointing for our students as it is for staff.

Please know, our staff are committed to journeying with you throughout this uncertain time and supporting you in any way we can. We are confident that God holds all things together and we, as a community will rely on his strength. Thank you again for entrusting us at PVCC with the education and care of your students, particularly during these challenging times.

*Paul Oldman - Head of Middle Years*

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## **BUSES**

This is a reminder that during the lockdown/remote learning period the normal bus service will not run. If your child normally travels by bus and is unable to find alternate transport please contact the College office ([office@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:office@pvcc.vic.edu.au)) as soon as possible.

# Secondary News

## NEWS FROM SECONDARY SPORT



Hello Plenty Valley CC community

Unfortunately as you are no doubt aware, all sport has had to be put on hold at the College for the time being but we do encourage everyone to maintain an exercise routine that works for you!

### Sport during lockdown

**VCE students onsite** – there will be no organised onsite Wednesday afternoon sport until further notice as students are free to go home on a Wednesday afternoon.

**All secondary students** – Remote sport options will still be offered during this lockdown. There will be a couple of general activity options posted on Teams each week. **Interested students can also contact me directly** should they like some ideas for their physical activity. Please email me on [helen.padget@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:helen.padget@pvcc.vic.edu.au)

### EISM Interschool Sport

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact EISM sport, when for a while there, optimism had replaced frustration!

As per the latest COVID-19 restrictions announced last week EISM sport is severely impacted with the Winter season/Term 3 weekly sport being suspended for the duration of the 6 week lockdown period (at a minimum).

We are hoping that some form of EISM sport can occur post-lockdown for the mental and physical health benefits it would provide for everyone at this time.

To maintain the prospect of sport being played, the EISM has announced the following;

- EISM Winter season / Term 3 sport to be suspended during the 6 week lockdown period (finishing Wednesday 19 August as a minimum)
- There is no Premiership season or Grand Finals for the Winter season / Term 3 sport
- If restrictions allow and schools are willing to participate after lockdown, the remaining sport dates in Term 3 could be played as 'friendlies' between schools as per the original fixture (this could be a great option for us back to school dates permitting)



*Helen Padget - Head of Secondary Sport*



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In Christ: Wisdom & Knowledge

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Welcome back to Term 3. This term is a very busy term for all students. Please see below for some important dates for this term. 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 3



- Year 10 Virtual Careers Day – Thursday July 23rd
- Year 11 (2021) Pathways Information session for Parents – via ZOOM – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.00 p.m.
- Year 11 (2021) Final subject selection interviews – via MS Teams - August
- Year 12 VTAC timely applications open – Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Year 12 – VTAC Parents information session – via ZOOM – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August – 7.00 p.m.
- LATROBE ASPIRE applications close 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- ACU – Community Achievement Program applications close 12<sup>th</sup> August.
- SEAS/Scholarship applications open in August - October

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

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## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact Julia Walker, [Julia.walker@pvcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:Julia.walker@pvcc.vic.edu.au) at school.

## COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS

*Protect yourself, your family  
and your community.*

# Drive-through COVID-19 TESTING!



**Where:** Waterview Recreation Reserve,  
Waterview Drive, Mernda

**When:** Daily 7 days a week\*

**Time:** 9:30am - 4:30pm daily  
(No need to book, just drive up)

\*Length of testing period will be based on demand.

- > No cost to you.
- > Open to all Mernda residence and surrounds and people living and working in hotspots.
- > Testing for under 5 year olds available.
- > You do not need to have symptoms to get tested.
- > Please remember to bring your Medicare card or photo ID.
- > Short waiting times\*.

For further details contact DPV Health

**Call: 1300 234 263** (push 1 for Medical)  
or visit [www.dpvhealth.org.au](http://www.dpvhealth.org.au)

\*Based on past testing days.

**PRACE 2020 Semester 2 Course Guide (July-December)** is now available.

Courses include:

- English Preliminary – Level 3
- Bookkeeping & MYOB
- Carpentry Trade Taster
- Work With Wood
- Computers for Beginners
- Computer Essentials
- Community News
- Adult Literacy
- Community Connections

and more...

Ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: <https://prace.vic.edu.au/>

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## Uniform Shop

We will be open on **Saturdays** from 9:30am – 2:30pm during Term 3.  
Web orders can be collected during our Saturday open hours.

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**