

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

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Important College Dates

TERM 3

- 5th Aug to 18th Sept Remote Learning
- 9th Sept GAT
- 18 Sept Last day of Term

TERM 4

- 5th Oct Term Commences
- 9th Nov VCE Exams commence
- 10th Nov—Year 7 & 10 Immunisations
- 18 Dec Last day of Term

What a bizarre year it has been. I can't believe that I have spent the past few days issuing permits so that my staff can travel to work when they have been rostered for supervision duties or that Justin and I would need to carry a permit at all times to justify our travels between home and work. The saga of 2020 just gets stranger and stranger, but we will do what we have to do to keep everyone safe.

The implementation of stage 4 restrictions has meant further changes to the way we work at DVC. I have made every effort to ensure that staff are able to work from home, and this may impact upon our families. For this, I apologise and ask for your understanding and patience.

If you have called the College in the past few days, you will have had to leave a message on our answering machine. This is being monitored regularly by our office staff and messages passed on promptly. Of course it is not the most ideal situation but it means that we can have less staff on site. If you call the College, please leave your name, contact details and the intended recipient of your message. Remember you can always email our staff via COMPASS, but please be mindful that I encourage them to respond to these during school hours. Justin and/or I will be on site each day, so if you do need to come to the college for any reason please do so between 8.30 and 3.30. Contact us to make an appointment, this will help the process enormously.

Thank you to our families who attended remotely our Year 8 into 9 Information Evening and Year 10 into 11 Transition Interviews. Again we have found that the option of running these sessions via Teams has seen high engagement. It really will be worth investigating whether we continue with this type of forum moving forward or a mixture of both on site and remote.

Our College Council has been working hard behind the scenes to investigate ways to increase parent engagement. The first step has been to review our Sub Committee structure and work towards encouraging greater parent involvement, drawing on the expertise of our community. We have broadened our previous 3 sub committees to 7. These are:

Sub Committee

Finance	Allison Bennett
Curriculum	Justin Matt
Uniform	Allison Bennett
Parent & Friends	Kathy Ball
College Policies	Carol Jenkinson
Facilities & Maintenance	Justin Matt
Student Welfare & Wellbeing	Justin Matt & Jen Garth

Convenor

Sub Committees will be meeting in the coming weeks to confirm their responsibilities and purpose, then we will be seeking support. This will include those that would like to be members of the committee and those that would like to help out as required.

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As a matter of importance, we do need a parent or community member who is prepared to act as Treasurer for College Council who would then convene our Finance Sub Committee. Our current council membership does not have the expertise to fulfil this role, which we are required by DET to fill. If you have accounting or book keeping experience, have the time to support the college and want more information, please contact our Business Manager - Karen Baker, or myself.

As we move forward please do not hesitate to contact us for support. We are here to help.

Below are some more photos to keep you updated on the progress of our STEM Building.

Allison Bennett
Principal



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