DVC Newsletter

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Important College Dates

Term 2

Wednesday 24th May -**Curriculum Day STUDENT FREE** DAY 5th June-8th June Year 11 Exams Friday 9th June-**Report Writing** Day **STUDENT FREE** DAY Monday 12th June-**Kings Birthday** PUBLIC HOLIDAY 13th June-16th June-Year 10 Exams 15th June -GAT 19th June-24th June Year 10 Work Experience

Principal's Report

Apologies for the delay of the newsletter, I take full responsibility for this. While I had planned to have an easy day on Friday while I contemplated how to celebrate a very big birthday, it was not to be. Of course, work commitments get in the way of putting one's feet up at the best of times, but the day began with news of a minor break in and ended with a broken sewerage pipe! Needless to say, we dealt with every-thing in between and the newsletter article did not get a look in!

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who have taken the time to provide feedback on the uniform, it is terrific to get such a response and an appreciation for being asked. While we are still collating the responses for College Council the common threads are warmth, comfort, flexibility and for parents' cost. We are not going to be able to accommodate everyone's views, needs and wants but your opinions and ideas are valued and will be considered.

The next stage is to draw out the key changes and divide in to two components – what can be done quickly and address the most immediate needs and then secondly what can be transitioned into the uniform selections.

We will now work more closely with students in relation to what the uniform looks like and then get further feedback from parents as required. We want to keep this moving!

A huge amount of work is being done behind the scenes in readiness for 2024 and it is going to see a change in how our school day operates. While our start and finish times will not alter, we will be shifting from a six fifty-minute period day to a five sixty-minute period day. The main reason for this is the full implementation of the new teacher agreement which sees an adjustment to face-to-face teaching time. In order for this to occur, there had to be a change to the operational structure of the school day. A change such as this, has also allowed us to reflect on our current curriculum structure and reflect on the needs of our students. Shona McEnaney and her working party have been working with our students to determine what the focus should be at each year level and have developed a vision statement. This is important work, as it is the students telling us what is important to them at each stage of their learning journey.

The change of structure also allows us to look at what subjects we are offering particularly as larger year levels are moving through the college. It's an exciting time, and wonderful to see new opportunities available to our students.

Wednesday is a Curriculum Day, an opportunity for teaching staff to engage in valuable professional learning that will ensure a developmental approach to assessment within teaching and learning areas. It is important work that requires time for rich discussion and knowledge building. It will be a productive day.

Respect Excellence



DVC - Covid Update

COVID Update

With the winter months not far away and the instances of flu and COVID more prevalent we would like to ensure that everything is done to keep each other safe and not infect others. If you child is unwell first thing in the morning please get them to test with a rapid antigen test and keep them home regardless of the test result as it is not appropriate to have them at school ill. If a student tests positive for COVID the recommendation is that they stay home for 5 days and if symptoms continue stay home until symptoms subside. If someone at home has tested positive, students can come to school, but the recommendation is that they wear a face mask during their time at school for a minimum of 5 days.

If your child does have COVID it is important that the school is made aware of this so that we can support them with their school work during their time away. Please email your child's year level coordinator in the instance that they have a positive test:

| Year 7 | Lynsey Betts | lynseybetts@education.vic.gov.au |
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| Year 8 | Nathan Johnson | nathan.johnson@education.vic.gov.au |
| Year 9 | Megan Mooney-Taylor | megan.mooneytaylor@education.vic.gov.au |
| Year 10 | Hannah Dalgliesh | hannah.dalgliesh@education.vic.gov.au |
| Year 11 | Brigette Gilmour | brigette.gilmour@education.vic.gov.au |
| Year 12 | Gary Nicholls | gary.nicholls@education.vic.gov.au |

In regards to Senior School students, if they test positive for COVID please register the rapid antigen test result with the Department of Health, keep a copy of the confirmation notification SMS and notify Debbie Dunstan (Senior School Administrator) at <u>Debra.dunstan@education.vic.gov.au</u> or 94381411.

Rapid antigen tests and N95 masks are available from the General Office at any time

DVC - Year 7 Geography

Water in the World

While studying Year 7 Geography, students investigate water in the world. This week the area of focus was hydrological natural disasters. Students were required to plan a town on a piece of paper. They had to include a series of houses that were accessible by different roads. Students then scrunched up their paper and opened it up again to reveal their valleys and mountains. They coloured in areas that they believed would flood if there was heavy rain. When the rain came (spray bottle), some students lost their houses as a result of the flooding. The activity was conducted a second time, but this time students created their valleys and mountains first before strategically planning their town for a second time around. Students developed an understanding about the importance of effective town planning - Watch out Nillumbik Shire Council!









RECONCILIATION WEEK

MAY 27 - JUNE 3

| PDL | Lesson Plan to celebrate the vast accomplishments of First Nations People | |
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| MONDAY | From Little Things Big Things Grow performance in the Courtyard at lunchtime. | |
| TUESDAY | Incursion: Koorie Connections | |
| WEDNESDAY | Reconciliation Soccer Match Staff vs Students @ Lunch on Tennis Courts | |
| THURSDAY | Writing the Voices of Generations Learn about Indigenous symbols in the Library | |
| FRIDAY | Indigenous Short Film Festival C4 | |
| "Reconciliation is about building a better nation; a more united Australia that respects and takes pride in 65,000 years of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, stories and achievements." - Karen Mundine | | |
| 27 MAY - 3 JUNE DEALOGIES FOR GENERATIONS Sevent (Marked Concentration Week 2023) DEALOGIES FOR GENERATIONS Sevent (Marked Concentration Concentration Concentration) New Reconclitation Concentration | | |
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DVC - VCE Art

Our VCE Art and Visual Communication Design students had a wonderful day in the city viewing top artwork from 2022 Year 12 students. Both Top Design and Top Arts put on a great show, we left feeling inspired and excited for the year to come.









Statement of Commitment

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Bus Information



BUS INFORMATION <u>IMPORTANT</u>



Term 2 Bus Fees are now overdue. Thank you to the families that have already paid.

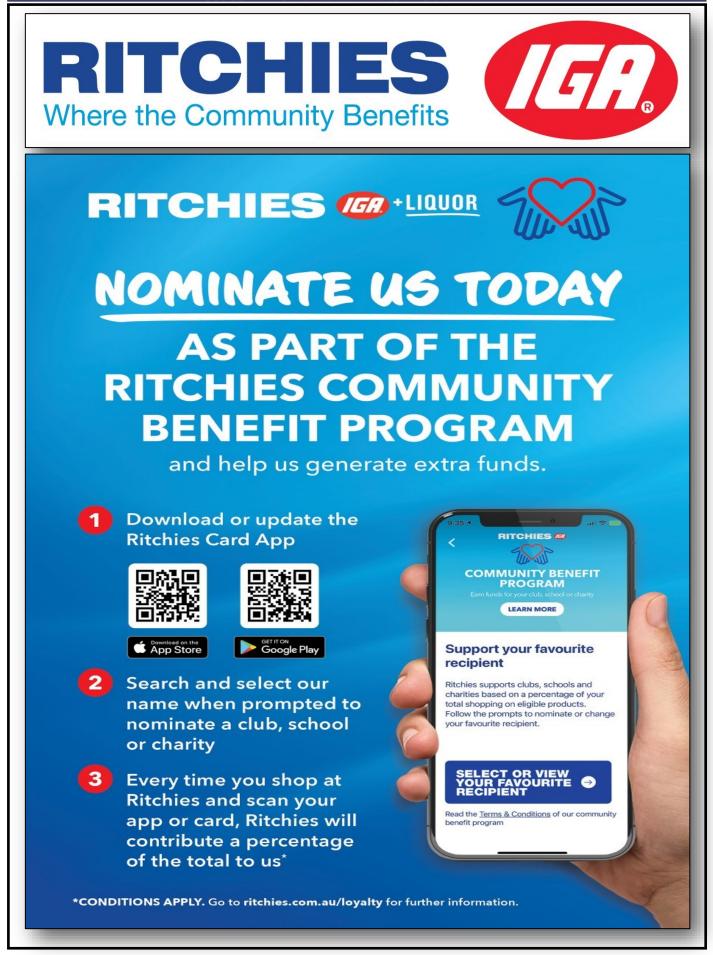
Payment is required before travel. Due to the high demand for the College Bus Service students who have not paid for Term 2 by 6th April 2023 will not be allowed to travel. Seats will be offered to students on our waitlist.

Kate School Bus Co-Ordinator

DVC - QuickCliQ Canteen Orders



DVC - Community News



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