

DVC NEWSLETTER

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Important College Dates

2021 TERM 1

- 16th Feb House Swimming Carnival
- 22nd—24th Mar Year 7 Camp
- 8th March—Labour Day
- 1st April— Last day of Term 1
- 2nd April—Public Holiday—GOOD FRIDAY

2021 TERM 2

- 19th April—Term 2 Commences
- 21st April—Athletics Carnival
- 29th April – Year 7 Information Night for student commencing 2022

Welcome back! We have had a successful start to the year and it has mostly been similar to previous years. As we adjust to a new “normal”, I congratulate and thank staff and students for their flexibility and understanding.

We began the year with all staff working together to prepare for the term ahead. It was an exciting time as we welcomed 14 new staff to the College plus new canteen operators. It has been a long time since we have experienced such growth in our teaching and support team. We have picked up some wonderful educators who will broaden the learning experience of our students. We welcome:

Leadership

Shona McEnaney

Assistant Principal

Hayley Freeland

Junior Sub School Leader

Brendan Greenwell

Numeracy Leader

Teachers

Jayden Cooke

Health/PE

Eleanna Elliott

VCD/Art

Megan Mooney Taylor

English

Ashlee Mynott

Maths

Mykal Pinzone

Maths

Bindhu Rajendra

Science

Kellie Voss

English

Brenden Warren Smith

Science

Marc Westgarth

English

Bettina Wright

Science

Education Support

Wendy Van Schagen

Integration

Canteen

Danielle

Antonella

Our Year 12 cohort from 2020 had one of the most difficult experiences, and I often spoke about the manner in which they strived to complete their year and reach the goals they set for themselves. We will share some of the outcomes with you in the coming weeks. Congratulations to Renae Ramlu with an ATAR of 98.1 who is the Dux for 2020. A wonderful achievement, a result of determination and hard work. We wish her all the very best as she continues her learning journey, studying Medical Radiation – Medical Imaging at RMIT.

On Thursday our Year 12 cohort began their studies prior to leaving on camp this week. Year 7's participated in a much needed orientation to the College and we welcomed new students joining Years 8 to 11.

Respect

Excellence

Responsibility

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE (cont)

Despite the appalling weather on Friday, students were glad to be back and settled quickly into their learning. I have asked that as part of our school community they uphold our college values - respect, responsibility and excellence. Ready to learn, setting learning goals, participating and having high expectations of themselves. Parents and guardians play an important role in how well students demonstrate these values. Modelling is key, and I ask our community to uphold these values, as I have asked our staff.

I am asking families to help us with the safety of our community. Parking at the College is extremely difficult, particularly with the current building works. Student pick up and drop off must occur at the drive through with entry via the Diamond Creek East PS carpark. Parking is not permitted in the primary school, as they too have limited parking due to building works. Parents are asked not to enter our lower carpark unless disabled access or a pick up from sickbay is required. The front of the school, has parking restrictions that I advise adherence to as parking tickets are issued.

Another request I have is that you contact us if you have a question or issue; we are always available to assist. I appreciate the value and convenience of social media, but sometimes misinformation can be given and issues exacerbated. Conversations with the staff of the school can fix most issues, assist with resources and support our students.

Thank you again for your support as we move into COVID restrictions. I hope that it will not be for long and I will keep you informed as information comes to hand. I will take the opportunity to reiterate that all students must wear their masks whilst in College buildings and while travelling on public transport and school buses. When the restriction is lifted, students will still need to carry masks at all times and continue to wear them on public transport. Can you please support by ensuring they are leaving in the morning with a mask. We have a limited supply of disposable masks but ultimately it is each individual's responsibility to provide their own mask.

Finally, huge congratulations to our students who have demonstrated resilience and adaptability as our situation and rules change with very short notice. Well done!

Allison Bennett
Principal

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MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Mykal Pinzone

I'm incredibly excited to work with everyone in the Diamond Valley College community. I am a maths and humanities teacher but also love P.E. Before becoming a teacher I was studying at university. I am passionate about golf. I am really looking forward to working with everyone throughout this year!



Bettina Wright

Having conducted my own research as a medical microbiologist and lectured at the University of Melbourne, I aim to inspire students to appreciate and recognise the beauty of Science in our daily lives; I also believe that creativity and the arts can be strongly linked to STEM subjects. I am enjoying the incredible school community at DVC already, and can't wait to achieve exciting things with the students here.



Bindhu Rajendra

Hi! My name is Bindhu and I'll be teaching Maths and Science at DVC. I moved into the area in January and I'm excited to part of this lovely community. Some of my interests and hobbies are: swimming, yoga, gardening.



Jayden Cook

I can't wait to work with everyone in the Diamond Valley College community. I am a PE and Health teacher who has recently moved from Newcastle NSW down to Victoria to work at DVC. Being from NSW Rugby League is my preferred football code however I am looking forward to a new challenge with AFL being the dominant game down here.



Eleanna Elliot

I'm really looking forward to teaching the students at Diamond Valley College this year and joining the school community. I am a very experienced Art and Design teacher, I spent the last 11 years working at Williamstown High School and more recently Coburg High School. I can't wait to see the unique creative minds at the school in action. Prior to becoming an art teacher, I trained at The Victorian College of the Arts with a major in Sculpture and spent a number of years developing my own art practice and exhibitions. I have a daughter named Esther who is about to turn three and will be working part time this year. I love travelling and visiting galleries to inspire new ideas and projects. I love collecting from the Mid Century era and discovering new cactus and succulents for my garden.



Marc Westgarth

I'm very happy to be joining the Diamond Valley College community. I'm an English, History and Outdoor Ed teacher. I enjoy learning about new cultures, playing lots of sports and spending time with my young family. I'm passionate about developing accomplished readers and critical thinkers. Thank you for an amazing welcome and I look forward to meeting you across the journey.



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Shona McEnaney

I am really looking forward to coming back to the Diamond Valley College Community as Assistant Principal. I am passionate about supporting students to achieve their best both academically and emotionally.

I look forward to working with the school community to achieve this in the coming years.



Ashlee Mynott

Hi, I am a third year Maths and HPE Teacher. I'm a dog mum to a little Jack Russell, at the moment am loving watching the Mandalorian, enjoy playing netball and getting to the beach when I can to get on my paddle board. I cannot wait to meet you all and share my passion for all things Math and HPE.



Kellie Voss

My name is Kellie Voss and I've been teaching English, Literature and Liberal Arts at Albert Park College for the last six years. I grew up in Kinglake before moving to Greensborough where I've lived for the past 20 years. Prior to being a teacher, I worked at local bookshops Robinsons Bookshop and Collins Bookshop for seven years. I am passionate about reading and writing and can't wait to share this passion with the DVC community. My hobbies include basketball, pilates, op-shopping and gardening.



Megan Mooney Taylor

Megan has been a teacher for nearly 20 years, and has taught in schools and universities all over Melbourne. She worked as a journalist before studying teaching. In 2017 she completed a PhD in Australian literary studies at Deakin University, and has published articles and reviews in her research field. She likes reading books of all genres, from literary fiction to fantasy, crime, the classics, comics and graphic novels, and she loves teaching text most of all. She has two sons and loves travelling with her family to new and interesting places. She is very excited about joining the teaching team at DVC, and can't wait to meet you all!



Brenden Warren-Smith

I'm extremely excited to work with all the staff, students and community around Diamond Valley College. I am an enthusiastic science teacher, who brings some of my prior research experience into my teaching. I am also an avid movie buff and love playing board games. I'm looking forward to a great 2021 with everyone.



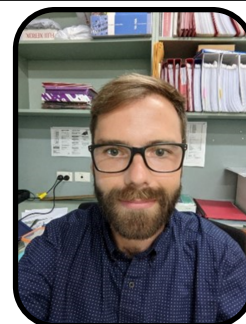
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Brendan Greenwell

My name's Brendan Greenwell and I'm really looking forward to working with everyone at Diamond Valley College. I'm a Maths and Science teacher and have a real interest in Numeracy. Before I became a teacher I worked as an optometrist. In 2021 I'm looking forward to working with you all and seeing Es-sendon improve from last year.



Hayley Freeland

I can't wait to work with everyone in the Diamond Valley College community. I am an English and Media teacher but also love sciences. Before becoming a teacher I worked in journalism and marketing. I am passionate about film and writing. In 2021 I look forward to working with you and also watching Richmond win yet another flag!



Wendy Van Schagen

Hello, my name is Wendy van Schagen and I am very excited to be joining your Integration team. I live in Hurstbridge and I have 2 adult children. In the past I have spent many years in both of the Guide and Scout movements, and this was the beginning of my love of working with young people and watching them grow and develop. I have been an Aide for many years, first in primary schools and then at a high school where I have been involved in many programs and lots of different classes, especially VCAL. My hobbies are working in the garden, reading, camping, and the outdoors. We have driven around some of Australia, and love to spend time in Darwin. Over the Christmas holidays we camp at Mallacoota with family and friends, and we stay there for a few weeks. I am looking forward to meeting lots of new students this year, and to supporting you on your journey through high school.



CSEF—Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

CSEF applications can now be lodged.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund) can be used to pay for any school camps, sports activities, excursions/incursions. If you hold a health care card you may be eligible for this.

If you have not completed a form yet, download and complete the form at the link below and send it through to diamond.valley.co@education.vic.gov.au

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/CSEF_application_form.pdf

If you put an application in for 2020 these applications will be rolled over for 2021. You only need to be complete a new form if your CRN has changed or there is an additional sibling to add to the form.

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2021 SCHOOL PHOTOS

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Late Photo Orders 2021

Dear Parents and Students of Diamond Valley College,

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER 2021 SCHOOL PHOTOS BEFORE LATE FEES ARE INCURRED

Your school photo day was held on 04/02/2021 and all students are photographed regardless of purchase. If you did not place an order but would like to, it is not too late to order online.

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's photos are now available for secure online purchase

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: [Click Here](#) - For online ordering process for your school, or

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code MMG FCT V6N

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

Please Note: Online ordering is available up to 7 days after photo day and after this time, processing fees of \$15 will apply to all orders.

Place your order on or before 11/02/2021 to avoid the processing fees!

2021 HOUSE DVC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 16th February all students and staff will be heading to Aquarena aquatic and leisure centre for the house swimming carnival.

The DVC House swimming carnival allows students to compete in age group swimming and novelty events. Participation is the main focus and participating students earn points that accumulate for their allocated house.

On the serious side, students who perform at the appropriate level will advance to the Division swimming carnival (Nillumbik/ Banyule) on Friday 5th March 2021.

In addition to the swimming events there are quite a few other activities for the students and staff to get involved in such as Freestyle fashion, face painting, beach volleyball, diving, bombing, waterslide, or relax and spend some time with friends.

There are 4 houses: Wilson (yellow/gold), Hubbard (red), Bass (green) and Peers (blue). Students and staff dress up in their house colours. Each student can see which house they are in by logging on to their Compass page and clicking on their name.

This is a whole school event where all students and teaching staff are required to attend. It's an enjoyable day and a great way for us all to have some fun, get to know each other a bit better and develop our school culture.

Each student requires written consent to be off school grounds. This can be done online through your Compass account. Go to the event and follow the instructions to give consent and payment if required. If you have any questions regarding consent or payment, please contact the General Office on 9438 1411.



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SPORTS ACADEMY

Great to be back for 2021 Sports Academy.

Players had a strong week on the court and on the field, charging up for a big 2021. The Academy went through expectations and vision for the year. The coaches have some great plans for the year, to ensure our players get a plenty of experiences. We are really excited to see further development within our players.



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2021 DVC COLLEGE PRODUCTION

College Production 2021- Peter Pan.

Thank you to all the students who came along to the information session. Following on from this, students are now asked to complete an [expression of interest form](https://forms.gle/yBgUqZjkCCp3F5sn7), you do not need to have attended the meeting to express an interest. This information will be used to help organise and communicate with students.

<https://forms.gle/yBgUqZjkCCp3F5sn7>



YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING & SCHOOL TOURS

Do you have a child who is commencing Year 7 in 2022 or know of someone who does? Diamond Valley College will be holding their Information Evening on Thursday 29th April 2021. There will be two sessions held in the DVC auditorium:

- 5.00pm
- 6.30pm

To book for this evening go to :

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOLMN>

DVC School Tours will be running on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday @ 9.00am commencing Tuesday 16th February 2021. To book at tour go to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOPKZ>



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or 6:30pm at:
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Tours run regularly on
Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday mornings
Secure your spot at:
www.dvallcoll.vic.edu.au/bookings

Can't make it?
Call to make an alternative tour
time on 9438 1411.

Community Partners

- AFL Victoria
- Northern Knights FC
- Diamond Creek Women's FC
- Netball Victoria
- DC North East Blaze Netball Club
- Diamond Creek Force Netball Association
- LaTrobe University
- Bendigo Bank

BERRY STREET EDUCATION MODEL
Curriculum and Classroom Strategies

 Follow DVC Sports Academy
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Information Evening
Thursday
29 April
2021

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COMMUNITY NEWS

DCWFC Pre-Season Training

DCWFC are very excited to get season 2021 started. We cannot wait to see you all come back and have a kick.

Location: Diamond Hills Reserve (244 Plenty River Drive, Greensborough)

Training Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Snr's - 6.30pm to 8.30pm commencing 28th Jan.

Jnr's Commencing Thurs 11th Feb.

U10's & U12's - 5pm to 6pm

U14's Red & Blue - 5pm to 6pm

U16's Red & Blue - 5.30pm to 6.30pm

U18's - 6pm to 7pm

New players welcome for all age groups.

For enquiries contact:

Karyn Tait registrations@dcwfc.com.au M:0419356413

Ruth Bailey secretary@dcwfc.com.au M: 0438051887



Diamond Valley Community Support

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

The DVCS YMAD (Youth Making a Difference) Project is a 6-month project focused on bringing local young people together to work on small projects in Banyule and Nillumbik to support other local young people who are doing it tough.

Why: Because Youth working together Make a Difference and have a greater Impact in our community.

Diamond Valley Community Support (DVCS) is a not-for-profit charitable organisation that has been serving the local Diamond Valley community since 1972. DVCS services are free, confidential, impartial and independent. We assist over 2,000 people experiencing financial and/or personal hardship each year, and we are supported by more than 100 volunteers and 5 staff.

- Emergency Relief, Material Aid
- Food Support, Transport Support
- Education Support
- Homelessness & Hygiene Support
- Financial and Personal Counselling
- Family Legal Service, Tax Help
- Public Internet & Computer Kiosk

DVCS recognises that young people are some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in our local community. Young people face greater barriers when it comes to access to education, employment, housing, and transport to name a few. However young people are also the experts on devising solutions to address their own barriers and to lead the way.



Christmas in Nillumbik – have your say!

Christmas may be over for another year and we are seeking feedback from our community on the 2020 Christmas in Nillumbik campaign.

To have your say and be in the draw to win a \$50 Shop Local voucher please complete our survey available at

participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/christmas-2020

We would like to hear from as many of our community members and businesses as possible to support our planning for the 2021 Christmas in Nillumbik campaign.

Feedback closes Sunday 14 February

Please contact 0456 641 397 if you wish to provide a verbal response.

Or scan the QR code



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