



Swifts Creek

P-12 SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

August 18th 2021 - Week 6 Term 3

Whole School Dates to Remember

19th Aug - Snow Program day 3 **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** to allow for the requisite COVID testing before each trip

24th Aug - Book Parade - **FLAGSTAFF ONLY**

26th Aug - Snow Program day 4 **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** to allow for the requisite COVID testing before each trip

23rd-27th Aug- Book Fair at Flagstaff

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

23rd Aug - Western District Athletics

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

25th Aug - East Gippsland Athletics

3rd Sept - Senior Years Formal

Principal's Message

As we are all aware the world is a little different to what we are used to. However, the fundamentals of gaining an education to set up future options, whatever they may be, has not changed. So the little things that students have control over are the enablers that they can use to be successful in at school that ensure they can have the future that they choose. Sometimes thinking that next year will be the year that work will be done is too late, and it is not helpful when too much learning has not been completed along the way. So as a student the best way to future proof all of your options is to engage fully with your learning every step of the way so that you can do the jobs and careers that you would like, not the ones that you are forced to take.

For some students the impact that they are having on other students' learning is becoming increasingly unfair and not at all reasonable. So in the next little while if those individuals are not able to work without impacting on others' learning we will need to put in place a different program for them. For some, this unfortunately may include more time at home. The government has set up compulsory education until age 17 to ensure that all students have the opportunity of setting a pathway of choice. The concept of learning more so you can determine what you may want to do at different stages of your life is very much behind the government's belief that all of the community should be educated. This puts people in a position of choice, not just now, but into the future.

Senior Formal

We are aware that the government has brought in some different restrictions to the COVID pandemic. The reality is that we have to work with the latest changes around this. Currently according to the School Operations Guide we would not be able to proceed with the Senior Formal. This may change again soon, but we do need to have a Plan B and a Plan C, in these times of change. So we will do the following:

- Make a decision about the Formal proceeding on the original date as planned this Friday, to allow for catering and other appointments for the big day to be postponed to a new date in reasonable time.
- We will set aside two further dates to give the event a chance of happening. Those dates are Friday October 8, which is on Week 1 of Term 4. Again, the date to call this off will be two weeks prior.
- The third and final date will be Friday November 19. This date is chosen as it is after the exam period yet close enough to the exam period that students will not have moved away yet, and by then the vaccination rate may be high enough to allow a different perspective from the government.

This is a frustrating position for our senior students to be in but we will keep planning around the changing rules to give us the greatest opportunity of this milestone event proceeding.

Pupil Free Day postponed

We had planned on a Pupil Free Day for some training with all staff on Friday August 27. Unfortunately with the current COVID restrictions we will not be able to progress this training. So we will be operating as normal that day with students required at school for a full day of learning. This day of training will have to be rescheduled but is dependent on the current COVID restrictions, so again we will have to wait to see what each weekly Operations Guide specifies as the Department responds to the latest COVID data.

Timber Industry Transition

For those of you that were going to attending the Timber Industry Transition information session at the Swifts Creek Hall on Wednesday evening, that event has also been impacted by current rules regarding COVID and will be moved to another time when we are able to meet



School for Student Leadership



This term three students have headed off to the School for Student Leadership - Haining Farm Campus. Evie Walker, Nathan Sutherland and Lachlan Fleming will be spending the remainder of this Term at Haining Farm Campus at Don Valley.



Year 5 & 6 Art

