



NEWSLETTER

October 20th 2021 - Week 3 Term 4

Whole School dates to remember:

Friday October 22nd - ALL YEARS ONSITE FULL TIME

Nov 1st - Pupil Free Day

Nov 2nd - Melbourne Cup public Holiday

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember

Oct 21/22nd - Year 10 onsite

Oct 27th - Year 12 VCE Exams begin– English

Flagstaff Campus Dates to Remember

Oct 21/22nd - Years 5/6 onsite

Oct 22nd - Book Club due

Nov 24-26th - Year 3/4 Camp - COVID permitting

Principal's Message

Great news - as we are all aware, with the high level of vaccinations across the state of Victoria we are able to have a change to have all students back on site with us this Friday. This will coincide with the last day for our Year 12 VCE students before they commence their exams next Wednesday. The complexity of the constant changes will hopefully start reducing as we have less needs for lock downs and more operations as normal.

Students will learn best when they are in class and completing the learning tasks that teachers are asking of them. For some students this is a difficult process at the moment. However, the value of gaining a quality education cannot be understated. Students have the chance to shape their destiny in life be the multiple daily actions they choose to take. As I have said many times before, the more you learn, the more you know. This gives you the greatest choice in life and if you have choices it usually equates to having high levels of happiness. Ideally we should all have a happy life.

At School Council last night it was noted with a great deal of pride the high level of engagement from parents with this period of remote and flexible learning that is coming to an end. This commitment of supportive behaviour by so many of our parents is really pleasing. It has ensured that the learning growth has continued for those children.

The government has announced that the Tutor Learning Initiative will continue to be funded in 2022. This will help all students on their learning journey. For those who did not progress as we would have expected during the disruption to onsite learning we will be able to continue to provide additional support to assist them to improve their learning outcomes.

The Term 4 calendar was also discussed at School Council last night. Given the uncertainty that COVID has created and our past experiences of the weather impacting on our Celebration Night we will be moving our Celebration Night this year to the second last week of the year, on the Thursday night (December 9) with the last Thursday of term as the backup date. At this stage with the current school Operations Guide we would not be able to hold our traditional event in the hall. However we were optimistic that with the road map to recovery we may be in a position to host this event as normal. We will plan on that, but also plan for an alternative celebration will be aligned with the current restriction from the Department of Health if needed. We are also aiming to be able to hold some events that were postponed, such as the Year 8s and 9 camp. This may now be possible in December.

Term 4 is a very busy one and full of changes, even more so this year. One piece of work usually well and truly underway by now is our transition program. Currently the DET Operation Guide is not permitting this work to be undertaken.

Hopefully when the Guide is revised in the near future we will see a change with this and we will get this work underway so we can welcome our Year 7 of 2022 and the Prep class of 2022, and set all of our other year levels up to successfully progress to the next stage of their learning journey.

Robert Boucher

COVID-19 vaccine Fact Sheet

What is the COVID-19 vaccine?

The Australian Government wrote this fact sheet. When you see the word 'we', it means the Australian Government. We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

You can ask for help to read this fact sheet. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

What is the COVID-19 vaccine?

A **vaccine** is a type of medicine that:

- helps people fight a virus if they come in contact with it
- can stop people from getting very sick from the virus.

The COVID-19 vaccine teaches your body how to fight COVID-19.

Vaccines can take a long time to make.

Vaccines must be tested many times to make sure they are safe.

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?

Scientists around the world have made different COVID-19 vaccines.

In Australia, the **Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)** approves all vaccines before they can be used.

The TGA is a group of **independent** medical experts.

This means they make their own decisions using the scientific information they have.

The TGA makes sure the medicines we use in Australia work well.

The TGA only approves vaccines that:

- are safe
- work well.

After they approve a vaccine, the TGA:

- keeps a list of the vaccines they approve
- keeps track of the way the vaccine is working in the community.

This includes how:

- well the vaccine works
- safe the vaccine is.

The TGA has already approved 3 COVID-19 vaccines in Australia.

They are called the:

- AstraZeneca vaccine
- Pfizer vaccine – it is also known as the Comirnaty vaccine.
- Moderna vaccine

Things to know about the vaccines

The AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines do not have any COVID-19 in them.

This means these vaccines can't give you COVID-19.

Some people might still get COVID-19 after their vaccination.

This means everyone still needs to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccines do not have any tiny technology in them, such as:

- software
- microchips.

Having a COVID-19 vaccine does not mean you will be tracked.

The COVID-19 vaccine will not make you **infertile**.

The COVID-19 vaccines will not change your DNA.

Your DNA is special information about you that is in every cell in your body.



NAME:

Mr & Mrs Barker

**WE'RE RIDING THIS OCTOBER TO
FIGHT KIDS' CANCER!**

OUR GOAL IS TO RIDE

1000 km

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE

\$ 1000

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JOIN MR AND MRS BARKER FOR A SOCIAL RIDE TO 'FIGHT KIDS' CANCER!'

WHEN: SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER

Meeting at 10:30am at the Albion Hotel in Swifts Creek.

ROUTE: We will ride together at a leisurely pace on the back roads to Ensay and then return for a delicious lunch at the Albion Hotel.

15km option: Ride the Swifts Creek East Rd and back! Approx. 1 hour

45km option: Ride the whole way to Ensay and back! Approx. 3hrs

Bring your own bike, helmet, plenty of water and comfy active wear!

Rain, hail or shine join us for a social ride this Sunday!

Depending on Victoria COVID roadmap

TRICK OR TRIVIA

HOSTED BY QUIZ MASTER BLUE

If you intend to take part in the ODH Halloween event at Cassilis Cemetery you **MUST** collect a Consent form from the Tambo office, and return it completed and signed, for us to pass on to Tiffany from ODH.

Youth Halloween Party

12 to 18 years old

Sat 30th of October

Cassilis Reserve

Gates Open: 5:30 pm

Trivia starts: 6 pm

Night ends: 10:30 pm

Music | Food | Prizes | Horror Film Screening

FREE MINI BUS PICK UP AND RETURN

Strictly drug/alcohol free event

RSVP TO

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