



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to everyone for doing so well during the first two weeks of "Lockdown 2.0". Remember to keep on completing your work and catching up with your teachers.

Staffing

This week we are delighted to welcome Chris Houghton-Allen to Swan Hill College who has accepted a full time Mathematics teaching position. Chris comes with a wealth of experience and although he will have to wait some weeks to meet his students in person, is excited to be in Swan Hill.

Curriculum Day - August 21st

On August the 21st we have a planned Curriculum Day. This will mean that on that on that day students will have a screen free day, while staff work on developing their remote learning skills.

Andrew Sartori - Principal

WELLBEING NEWS

Foodbank Hampers

The Wellbeing Department has a limited number of Foodbank hampers. If parents and/or carers would like to pick up a food hamper please contact the front office. Hampers will be distributed on a "first in best dressed" basis.

Doctors in Schools

This program is still running from Swan Hill Primary Health. Students/parents can call 5033 9900 to make an appointment. When making an appointment remember to mention it is through the DIS program to gain priority bookings on Fridays between 9am - 11am.

SENIOR CLONTARF CAMP

The Clontarf Senior fellas had their Leadership Camp at the Wood Wood Reserve on July 30-31. It was a fantastic chance to get back to basics and witness the boys at their best. They set up camp, led group activities such as fishing and cooking, and made the most of the brilliant weather and conditions.

We were fortunate enough to have Senior Constable Andrew Downes (Vic Police) and Josh Cameron (Parks Victoria) also on the camp to support us.

Unfortunately, our junior camps have been postponed due to the resumption of remote learning.

Danny Fraser - Clontarf Director



ALPINE SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

While it's disappointing that our students have had to return from Dinner Plain, the time they had on the camp was very memorable. Fortunately, they will be able to continue working towards their Community Learning Project remotely over the rest of this term. Below are accounts from the girls of their time spent at the Dinner Plains camp.

For the two weeks I attended Alpine school I had an awesome experience. Some of the activities were: skiing, hiking, wheelchair basketball and getting a basic food handling certificate. Everyone was just getting to really know each other and we were bonding very well. Even though my time at the Alpine School was short, it was the best experience I have had in my life so far. I would recommend this camp to future students as it is a great camp to become a better leader and a better person.

Asiri Chapman

The Alpine School for Student Leadership was a brilliant experience even though it was only a few weeks but all the students made the most of their time. One of the most memorable activities was cross country skiing and also "building a bridge" even though ours turned into a pier! I have decided to continue with the work from Alpine from home and I'm looking forward to implementing strategies to become a better leader and person.

Caitlin Godwin-Keune

The Alpine School for Student Leadership was an amazing experience and was a shame it was cut short due to COVID-19. During the time I spent there I made lots of lifelong friends that I will stay in close contact with for many years to come. We did multiple activities involving each other and a large range of different skills. One of my favourite parts about being in the Alpine environment was the snow and just being in a completely different landscape. This enabled me to learn a lot about myself and others. We did a great balance of indoor and



outdoor activities. Some highlights for me was learning how to ski and developing my social skills.

Lucy Monk

My time at the Alpine Camp even though it was only for two weeks was one of the best times of my life. I learnt so much in the two weeks and feel like I have changed and now have a more positive mindset. We did classes on metacognition, decision making, questions and possibility along with three skiing lessons which were fantastic. The teachers and staff are amazing people that always encouraged you to push yourself and were always there to cheer you up. I meet the most amazing people that will be my friends forever and I miss them already. When I heard we would be doing Alpine learning online I was so excited! I love what we learn and how they teach. I can't wait! Altogether the experience was priceless.

Saoirse Lyons



YEAR 7 2021 UPDATE

The Year 7 2021 transition program has been placed on hold for this term. I know there will be anxious students and parents, however over the coming weeks we will be exploring other options to support your child's start to secondary school next year. This will be communicated through the primary schools. Our transition and wellbeing teams will make sure that all Year 7 students have a positive and settled start to 2021 and feel part of our College community. In the meantime, our Facebook page is a great source of photos and videos of life at the College, and is one of the first places you will find information and important announcements about our Transition Program.

Enrolment forms are now due. If you still have forms to hand in, or need an enrolment pack, please contact the General Office on 5036 4900.

Tentative dates for Term 4 are: December 9 Parent Information Night
December 10-11 Full Transition Days

If you have questions please contact Sarah Sutton, Junior School Manager, at ssu@shc.vic.edu.au

REMINDERS

Office Hours

Office hours during remote learning will be 9am to 4pm. If you need to come into the school we ask that you email in advance at swan.hill.c@education.vic.gov.au and let us know so we can ensure social distancing guidelines can be observed.

Library

The library will be open between 2:30-4pm on Monday

and Friday for borrowing purposes only. Students wanting to borrow resources will need to contact Kelly McMillian, kmc@shc.vic.edu.au, to book in a time. This will ensure that social distancing restrictions are adhered to in the library at any one time.

Computer Issues

Families with computer issues are to email IT@shc.vic.edu.au before coming into the school.