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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

After what feels like forever, it is wonderful to walk through a school full of voices again. I especially want to thank our parents for ensuring that students are at school with facemasks.

We have had a few uncomfortably warm days over the past two weeks and I do appreciate students for their patience with wearing the masks on those days.

Year 12

Year 12 students have spent about 16 weeks in schools and 16 weeks in remote learning this year. As they enter their last three weeks of school, we are all keeping our fingers crossed that we can complete Term 4 without the need to enter remote learning again.

Last week Year 12 students completed their practice exams and the last few assessment tasks which were outstanding. Over the next few weeks it is vital that all VCE students get into a routine where they are constantly reviewing the work which has been covered during the year in preparation for the final examinations. As parents it is often a fine line between being supportive and encouraging our students to revise work and being a "nag". However, this year I think we can all be forgiven if we err a little on the "nagging" side of things.

Pupil Free Day – November 2

Students are not required at school on November 2 as staff will be undertaking Professional Development. Tuesday 3 November is a public holiday for the Melbourne Cup.

Andrew Sartori - Principal

STUDENT EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

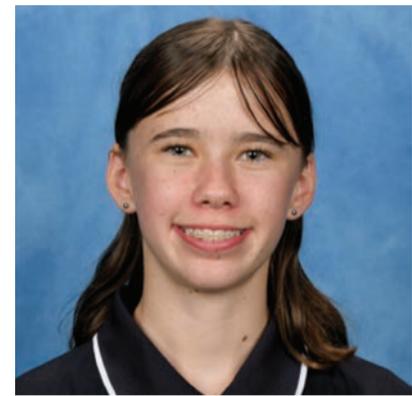
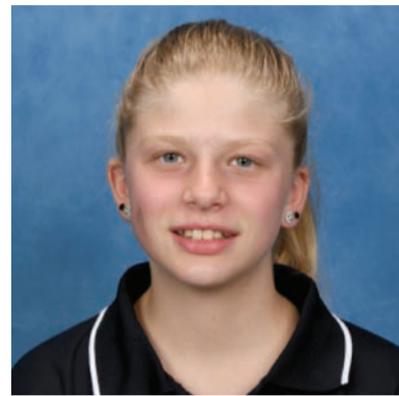
As part of a Department initiative to boost school's high-achieving students they have developed the Student Excellence Program. This program, so far, is available for selected students from Grade 5 to Year 8. Swan Hill College has been lucky enough to have four Year 8 girls selected for the first program.

Eliza Dear, Millie Russell, Amy Van Liessum and Morgan Canham are all taking part in the program starting this term for 10 weeks. The girls will be concentrating on an intense English program with a teacher from Virtual Schools Victoria.

The Student Excellence Program supports government schools to provide a great learning environment for high-ability students through:

1. structured learning extension programs;
2. further developing classroom teachers to better support their high-ability students; and
3. resources for government schools to build programs for these students.

Together these three strategies will support the learning, engagement and wellbeing of high-ability students; and help them thrive now and into the future. To date the four girls are all loving the extra text they have had to read and are enjoying learning about new things.



Eliza and Millie



De Rosewarne



Amy and Morgan

IMMUNISATIONS – OCTOBER 27

This is the second (and final) round of immunisations for Year 7s, as well as a catch-up session for any year 10's who returned their consent forms but were absent last time. If there are any Year 10 students who haven't had the meningococcal immunisation and didn't return their consent form previously, another consent form can be picked up from Wellbeing or the General Office. Consent forms need to be signed and returned by today. No new consent forms will be accepted after that date.

SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2020

October 23	Public Holiday – no students at school
October 27	Year 7 & Year 10 catchup immunisations
October 30	Last day for Year 12 students
November 2	Pupil free day – staff PD
November 3	Public Holiday – no students at school
November 9-13	Senior Clontarf Torquay camp
November 10-30	Year 12 examinations
November 16-20	Year 10/11 exams
November 23-27	Jump Start for Year 11 students
November 27	Last day for Year 11 students
December 1-4	Junior Clontarf Torquay camp
December 4	Last day for Year 10 students
December 14-18	Activities week
December 18	Last day of term

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Swan Hill College recognised mental health week by running COVID safe activities throughout our first week of back to face-to-face learning! Students and staff were encouraged to check in with each other and practise self-care strategies to support their own mental wellbeing.

Students and staff were invited to engage in mindfulness activities, meditation, chalk drawings and a range of physical activities to support mental health. Staff and students experienced enhanced connection by participating in a La Crosse relay and other games to get the mind and body moving.

Swan Hill College staff would like to thank the amazing FLO students who made coffee for them as a way of beginning a conversation and checking in with each other. The Swan Hill College community would like to thank Headspace Swan Hill for providing helpful resources and merchandise.

The week was a great success and we would like to thank students, staff and agencies who helped and got involved.

SHC Wellbeing team



GREEN TEAM NEWS

Swan Hill College has replaced the old bins in the yard with red lid 120L landfill bins and yellow lid 120L recycling bins.

The locations of these bins were selected based on feedback from students in the school after a bin audit was conducted by the Green Team. Each bin has a sticker that shows what kind of items need to be placed in each bin. These stickers were based off the items sold in the canteen.

Mikaela Evans – Green Team Co-ordinator



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