

INSIDE OUT

Alexandra Secondary College

Date: - 8th March 2019

Investiture Assembly

Next Thursday 14th March; our College Investiture Assembly is being held.

It is an honour to have as our guest speaker the MSC Mayor Ms Sandice McAuley. Cr McAuley moved to Taggerty with her family 20 years ago. She has been involved in a number of community organisations and owning a local business. Prior to running the Taggerty General Store Cr McAuley was a teacher which included teaching at the ASC.

Cr McAuley became Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor on 31st October 2018.

At our Investiture Assembly, our school student leaders receive their badges of office. This assembly showcases the many young leaders we have in the college: our College Captains, House Captains, Alice Sloan Girls, Peer Support Leaders, Bus Captains, Electroheads, Hall Crew, Student Representative Councillors and Year 12 Committee. All Year 12 students receive 2019 badges kindly supplied by the Parents & Friends Committee.

It also highlights the diverse ways in which they lead: on the sporting field, helping new students adjust to the College, working with the greater community, raising funds for worthy causes and helping ensure that students' journeys to school are safe and happy.

We have a great sense of pride in the students who will receive their badges at Investiture and know they will prove to be fine leaders in our College throughout 2019.

Parents and friends are encouraged to join us for the assembly at 9am in the College Hall and after that, for the morning tea in the library with our leaders and staff.

Year 10 Project Ready Class Cake Stall Tuesday 12th March, funds donated to Flood and Fire Victims.

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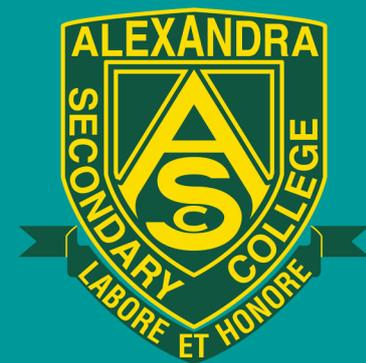
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Remember to follow our ASC Facebook page to keep up to date

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Dates to Remember-

13th Mar Yr 8 Medieval day

14th Mar Investiture

15th Mar Longest Lunch

16th Mar Yr 12 Formal

19th Mar Hume Swimming, Year 12 Info Night

20th P & F AGM @ 7pm

21st Mar Round Robin

27th Mar Parent/student/teacher interviews

28 Mar/ 7th Apr Japanese Tour

2nd/4th Apr NEVR Music Camp

6th Apr Deb Ball

P & F Meetings 3rd Wed of each month @ 7pm.

Term Dates-

Term One: January 30th to Friday April 5th

Term Two: Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 28th June

Term Three: Monday 15th July to Friday 20th September

Term Four: Monday 7th October to Friday 20th December

Curriculum (Student free)

Days-

Wed 22nd May

Fri 7th June

Wed 14 August



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Principal's Report

On the front page today we have highlighted our Investiture Assembly. Invites were sent home to families of students being presented with badges via email on Tuesday. Emails were to the primary email address that families have provided to the College. We look forward to seeing as many parents and other family and friends as can make it on Thursday morning to the assembly and the morning tea that follows.

Nominations have closed for our College Council this year and we have filled all positions without the need for an election. We are pleased to announce that our parents representative on School Council this year are: Mandy Gesler, Steve Prothero, Andrew Walker, Stu Coward, Bev Dick, Kerry McGahy and Alison Rouget.

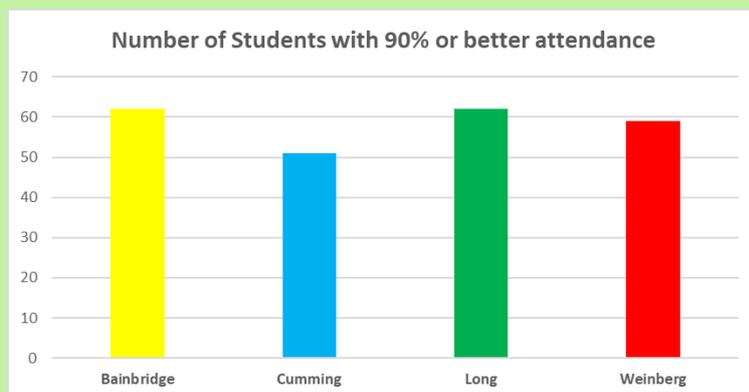
Well done to our swim team that took part at the Southern Ranges competition on Monday and did themselves and the College proud. Thanks to Mr Francis, Mrs Crouch and Mr Alan Collett for their guidance of the team.

It has been nice to have some cooler weather this week, but some students were not ready for the change in temperature with uniform. Our uniform is designed to keep students warm through wearing the appropriate layers like the long sleeved shirt, woollen jumper and school jacket. Students can also wear a plain white, grey or black long sleeved garment under any school shirt. Hooded garments are not permitted at school as they do not fit the formal nature of school uniform. Students are also welcome to wear scarfs and gloves of their choice, although it is probably not cold enough for that yet.

We ask our families to take care to avoid unnecessary days away from school. Where practical scheduling appointments in the holidays or to after school is gold when it comes to helping your student be successful at school.

Every day of learning makes a positive impact. Congratulations to all of our students who have 90% attendance or greater.

| Percentage of students with 90% attendance and above | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| | Week 4 | Week 5 |
| Year 7 | 78% | 85% |
| Year 8 | 75% | 82% |
| Year 9 | 68% | 72% |
| Year 10 | 60% | 69% |
| Year 11 | 70% | 79% |
| Year 12 | 59% | 81% |



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REGIONAL WORLD'S LONGEST LUNCH
ACHERON

Marian Rennie's Gallery
Friday 15 March 2019 12pm-4pm

Little River Winery, Marian Rennie and the City of Greater Dandenong are co-hosting a regional World's Longest Lunch.

Marian, renowned artist and cook, will meld gorgeous local in-season produce with exotic aromas and flavours from Dandenong's diverse, thriving multicultural food heartland.

Showcasing a range from our various sponsors, guests will enjoy multiple dishes over 5 courses with a selection of beverages to accompany each dish.

TICKETS
Available at melbournefoodandwine.com.au

MELBOURNE FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL 2019
PRESENTED BY Bank of Melbourne

GREATER DANDENONG
City of Opportunity

LONGEST LUNCH

The students of VET Hospitality 2019 have been given the opportunity to participate in the Longest Lunch this year. We have been an integral part of the day in years gone by when it was held in Marysville.

The event is being held this year on Friday the 15th of March at Rennie's at Acheron, on the Breakaway Road, Acheron.

Students will be given and required to wear their catering T-shirt or a white shirt and black pants (not jeans) and extremely comfortable black shoes or black runners. They will be doing a lot of carrying and walking!!!

There will be local chefs and wine people have always welcomed our students.

Lunch and snacks will be provided but students should bring a water bottle and a hat.

This experience and hours will count toward some modules of their Hospitality course, and will be entered in their logbook/journal.

Welcome to the Middle Ages.



As an ordinary citizen, you bathed maybe once a year and dreamt of the ultimate luxury: owning a comfortable bed that you didn't have to share.

Wow, haven't times changed?

It's often hard to imagine what life was truly like centuries ago. For Alexandra Secondary College's Year 8 students though, imagining what life was like in the Middle Ages will soon be a lot easier. These students will experience some aspects of life in the Middle Ages during the school's Medieval Day on the 13th of March. Students will be able to feel and touch medieval weaponry, practise their archery skills, design their own heraldic crest and showcase their medieval dance talents. Thanks to Mookie's fantastic catering skills, students will also be able to fill their bellies with the scrumptious food that is medieval cuisine.

Ms Waters and Mr Stephens will both bring out their finest medieval garments for the day and we're hoping that all students also take the opportunity to dress up in medieval clothing. How fantastic would it be to see sixty medieval peasants, monks, nuns, knights, lords, ladies, kings and queens roaming around our small Australian school?

We also want to thank the Parents and Friends Committee who have offered to support this event, making it much more affordable.

We're looking forward to seeing, tasting, feeling and hearing the world of Medieval Europe. Fingers crossed we don't have to experience the smell though!



P&F Annual General Meeting

The Parents and Friends Association will hold its AGM on Wednesday March 20th at 7.00 pm at the College. There will be Supper and a Guest Speaker. All Welcome!

Deb Practice is cancelled this Monday due to the public holiday.



ASC Homework Club

Wednesdays from 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

ASC Homework Club is back for 2019! For those people who are unfamiliar with Homework Club, it is a weekly session held in the College library, where students are able to catch up on school work or complete homework in a friendly and quiet space. This year we have Max Draper, a highly regarded ex-student and 2015 College Captain, running Homework Club. Max has a lot of experience working with students and also works at Alexandra Primary School and Dame Pattie Menzies. Max is friendly and approachable young man and is looking forward to helping out our students with their homework.



We encourage students to take up this opportunity by coming along. For the junior students, it's a great opportunity to catch up on weekly Squizya Mathematics modules, English spelling and grammar work. It's not limited to this work of course, so students can bring along other projects or assessment tasks that they may be working on. In the past some of our senior students have used this time as a regular study period. Students are welcome to stay the entire duration or just part of the session. It's about what works for each individual. **The session runs from 3.30pm – 5.30pm each Wednesday night, beginning next Wednesday 13th March.**

Homework Club is also a great opportunity for students to get to know and form friendships with other students from different classes and different year levels.

Parents are able to view a schedule of their children's homework and key assessment tasks, including tests and SACs, using Sentral. We encourage parents to check this every so often as a way of making sure your child is aware of and prepared for upcoming assessment tasks.

To kick off next week's first session, we will be providing hot chips and some snacks. Put this event into your calendar as it's a great way for students to develop some positive study habits and organisational skills that will reap benefits for years to come.

If you have any further questions about Homework Club, please contact Maree Boliiancu on 5770-2000.

Careers News

Please see the below list of currently available apprenticeship opportunities :

Cert. 3 in Business Traineeship—Shepparton (CC280219)

Cert. 3 in Logistics Traineeship—Ardmona (NS270918)

Cert. 3 in Wine Operations Traineeship—Myrtleford (CC070119)

Also it would be great to promote the Lost Trades Fair that will be happening in Kyneton this weekend (March 9th and 10th 2019) it's a great opportunity for students who are interested in Trades, Industrial Arts or bespoke crafts.

Lost Trades celebrates the art of skilled manual work, ancient crafts and rare trades, the special tools, traditions, languages and secrets that go hand in hand with these trades, passed down through the generations. Many crafts and trades have been lost to history; traditional trades and industries that once were the backbone to building our country have fallen from our landscape in the wake of new technology, mass production and an 'on demand' culture. The lost trades fair was established to change this; these trades and the incredible artisans and real makers who continue to pursue these trades as a career deserve a platform to showcase their skills incredible craftsmanship and share their knowledge. For more info:

<https://www.visitmacedonranges.com/events/lost-trades-fair-2019/>

"AGL Hydro have invited students from surrounding schools to participate in a facilities tour and attend their facilitated session on 'Women in non-traditional roles' to celebrate International Women's Day on Friday the 8th of March. Selected students and their Mum's have been invited to attend and engage with the inspiring women's presentations. This event is a wonderful opportunity for female ASC students to participate in conversations associated with boosting girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) associated careers."

Parental use of Sentral

Using Sentral, our e-platform is an excellent way to view a myriad of information relating to your child.

If you have not as yet registered for Sentral, it is essential that you do so in the coming days. Our Semester One Parent/Teacher interview evening is coming up on March 27th with interviews going live on Tuesday March 12th. An active registration is needed in order to make online appointments. If you have not as yet registered and would like assistance to do so, please contact Maxine Lopez in the front office.

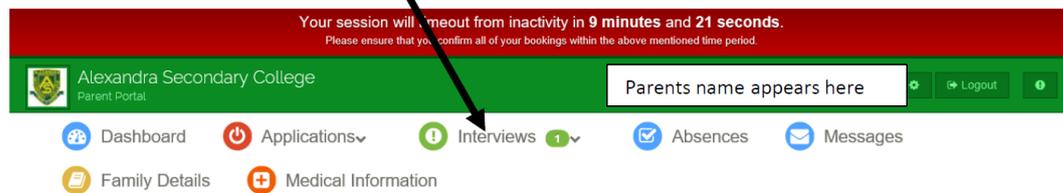
Please note that a variety of Sentral 'How to' guides are easily accessible for your convenience on our website at <http://asc.vic.edu.au/>. These can be located at the bottom of the 'Home page'. Guides include:

- Sentral Instructional Video
- Register on Sentral
- A Parent's Guide to Sentral
- Accessing Homework Calendars on Sentral
- Accessing Student Wellbeing Records on Sentral
- Checking Attendance Records on Sentral
- How to book Parent Teacher Interviews on Sentral

General questions regarding Sentral may be directed to Jacki Tossol at tossol.jacalyn.i@edumail.vic.gov.au

For your convenience, step-by-step instructions for booking interviews have been included below.

1. Log in to Sentral
2. Click on the green 'Interviews' tab at the top of screen. This will only appear when interviews are live – which will take place at 4pm on Tuesday March 12th. Prior to this time interviews will *not* be visible. Please note that instructions will appear on the screen to guide you through the online booking process.



All of your children's names and those of all of their teachers will appear on the one screen. Simply click on the drop down box to secure a time.

| Subject | Class | Teacher | Appointment Time |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Advanced Science 10 Sem 2 | Later Yrs_AS102 | Miss Penny STEUART | 9:00am |
| English 10 Sem 2 | Later Yrs_EN102 | Ms Annabelle WILSON | 9:10am |
| Lifeskills 10 Sem 2 | Later Yrs_LF102B | Ms Annabelle WILSON | 9:20am |
| Maths 10 Sem 2 | Later Yrs_MT102 | Mrs Catherine COLLETT | 9:30am |

Please note that Sentral will not allow you to double book appointment times.

You will have the capability to cancel a booking and select a new booking time if the original time no longer suits you.

Options exist to print the screen showing all interview times or to export to iCal.

Sentral will automatically email you a copy of your confirmed interview times.

Southern Ranges Swim Carnival.

On Monday the 4th of March, 26 students represented ASC at the Southern Ranges swim carnival. As always, it is a challenge for our kids who compete against many schools that all have access year round to a swimming pool for training. For our very short swim season in Alexandra, we always seem to punch well above our weight.

Well done to those who got in the pool, and congratulations to our place getters as well as our winners and those who have qualified to go to Wodonga on the 19th of March. Notes will be handed out on Tuesday for those students.

Notable Performances -

Toby Prothero

1st 50m Breaststroke

1st 200m I.M.

2nd 200 Freestyle

2nd 50m BackStroke

Joss Lopez

1st 50m Freestyle

2nd 50m Butterfly

Amanda McDonald

1st 50m Backstroke

Billy Miller

1st 50m Freestyle

Sierra Pammer

1st 50m Freestyle



Applications for the CSEF program for 2019 is open now.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund(CSEF) payment arrangements are now open. Families holding a valid means tested concession card (Eg: Health Care Card or Veteran Affairs) are eligible to apply from the 27th January. Secondary College students will be eligible for \$225 and it will be paid directly to the School to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs.

The same form also allows the provision of a uniform pack for Year 7 students at mid year.

Please call at the School office for an application form. We will also require a copy of your current card.

CENTREPAY is now available.

Centrepay is now available as an option for families to pay for their 2019 charges.

Centrepay is a free payment option provided by Centrelink for families in receipt of a Centrelink payment. It allows families to select a one off or continuing payment which is deducted from Centrelink benefits. Applications can be made online or over the phone quoting Alexandra Secondary College's CRN 555-105-147B. If you think you may qualify for this service, we have forms available.

Please contact the Anne Norris at the College office for further details.

Conveyance Allowance

Applications for Conveyance Allowance (School Buses) for 2019 are now available at the School office. To be eligible you must reside 4.8km or more, by the shortest route, to the nearest school campus.

Street and Bus Passes

If a Street or Bus pass are required please write a note, which needs to be signed by a Parent/Guardian and needs to be dropped into the front office by 9am. Phoning the office by 9am is also fine.

Street Passes are not for students to go up the street for lunch.

Daily Bus travellers are only to travel on buses they are allocated to, if they require to travel on another bus they also need to have a bus pass.

Absentees

Please contact the school before 9am, if possible, to notify that your student will be away, as this will ensure that you do not receive a follow up phone call. If you know in advance the dates your student will be away then please contact the office for them to input.

Names on items

Can Parents/Guardians please ensure all students' clothing, books and other belongings have a name clearly written on them. During the year we get a collection of books, equipment and many uniform items (especially jackets) without names on them, so if not named they can't be returned to the rightful owners.

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over the hills and not too far away

A charity bicycle event along the Great Victorian Rail Trail

This event is a fund raiser for Rotary Youth Projects.

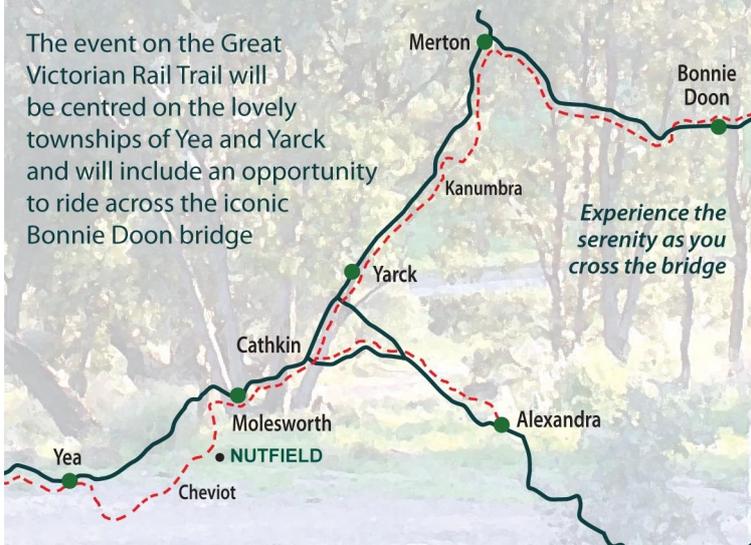
Choose your own adventure!

Saturday 6 April 2019

THE FIRST WEEKEND OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The event on the Great Victorian Rail Trail will be centred on the lovely townships of Yea and Yarck and will include an opportunity to ride across the iconic Bonnie Doon bridge

Experience the serenity as you cross the bridge



Cycle Dindi M



Interested?

contact Melinda (Alexandra) **0418 378 806**
Julie (Yea) **0447 762 557** or Peter (Mansfield) **0414 715 757**
www.rotaryalexandra.org.au | www.yearotary.org.au

Registrations open January 2019

Email cycledindi19@gmail.com

How Much? That depends on which distance you ride

| DISTANCE | ADULT | SNR | CONC |
|--|-------|------|------|
| Yea to Bonnie Doon (return) 121 kms | \$50 | \$40 | \$10 |
| Bonnie Doon to Yea (return) 121 kms | \$50 | \$40 | \$10 |
| Bonnie Doon to Cathkin (return) 80 km | \$50 | \$40 | \$10 |
| Yea to Cathkin (return) 42 kms | \$40 | \$30 | \$10 |
| Yea to Yarck (return) 54 kms | \$40 | \$30 | \$10 |
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- Concession applies to school age children • Under school age free
- SNR – relevant seniors card must be held
- Group discount available on request

What do I get for my money?

- Lunch at Cathkin • Damper and Billy Tea at Kanumbra
- Free admission to Nutfield a working farm, with free Devonshire Tea in the shearing shed, sheep dog demonstration and trailer ride

Rotary

Rotary Clubs of Alexandra and Yea

