

INSIDE OUT

Alexandra Secondary College

Date: - 31st May 2019

Year 11 Exams

Year 11 exams will be conducted throughout the week commencing June 3rd. Exams will occur in scheduled class time and be conducted under strict exam conditions in the school hall. If a student does not have an exam they will attend their usual class. Students may have two exams on one day at the most. Any students who have a Year 12 class should attend that class and see their class teacher and Mrs Malcolm prior to the exam to reschedule. The exam timetable is included in this Newsletter.

How is Bullying addressed at Alexandra SC?

At Alexandra SC, we have a zero tolerance approach to bullying. We want all of our students to look forward to coming to school, and to feel safe and comfortable at school. To work towards this, we do the following:

In Transition from Grade 6 to Year 7, all students are informed about:

- Our zero-tolerance approach to bullying
- What bullying is and the impact it has on people
- What to do if you or someone else is being bullied



Each year in Years 7 – 9 Lifeskills, some class time is spent discussing bullying and / or cyber-bullying.

For example:

Year 7: Defining what it is and isn't, what to do about it, the power of the bystander.

Year 8: DET "Tagged" resource. This starts with a 20 min play about online bullying, then the perspective of each person is unpacked, and the consequences of their bullying discussed.

Year 9: Digital profile and reputation.

All year levels include strategies to ensure they protect their information and stay safe online, as well as the importance of bystanders standing up for what is right.

DigiTech classes (Yr 7 & 8) also reiterate how to stay safe online and explore strategies to do so.

Your son and daughters' safety and positive experiences at school are important to all of us. Please ensure that you stay in contact with us if you have any concerns, and work with us to ensure that your sons and daughters are being treated respectfully, are developing positive relationships and feel confident to stand up for their rights.

**Non attendance at school can be sent by text to mobile number
0437 684 508**

WEEK 6

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Dates to remember -

Parents & Friends meeting
3rd June @ 7pm

Yr 11 Exams
3rd-6th June

Yr 9 /10 History Shrine Exc.
4th June

Yr 9/10 Drama Cosi Theatre
5th June

Southern Ranges X Country
6th June

Curriculum Day
7th June

Yr 10 Careers Insight Event
11th June

PE Fortnight
11th-21st June

GAT
12th June

Rockfeast Exc
13th June

Yr 12 Studio Art Exc.
17th June

Hume Cross Country
19th June

School Production
20th-22nd June

Yr 10 Work Experience
24th-28th June

Grand Concert
25th June

Yr 7 All Abilities Day
26th June

Yr 9 Courage to Care Exc.
27th June

Mt Buller Ski Day
28th June



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Principal's Report

Student voice is valued in our College. It is essential that students have an active voice in their learning and their place of learning. On Monday night, School Council approved the wearing of black coats over the usual uniform as a trial. This is a great example of students exercising their voice and going through the process of bringing about change. SRC did a wonderful job, working with Mrs Malcolm to bring about a change to improve our students' warmth.

Our Year 7s took part in a fantastic cultural opportunity, with an excursion to the Melbourne Museum and the Victorian Art Gallery on Monday. Being exposed to different spheres of influence are important in the growth of our young people. Highlights on Monday were the "gunpowder" art and the Terracotta Warriors. Thanks to Mrs Van Lierop, Mr Mawson and Miss Kenner for making this opportunity possible.

Some other great opportunities our students had this week, to test themselves and improve their skills were:

- A song writing workshop on Tuesday night thanks to local talent Leisha Jungalwalla and the organisation of Nick Lester and Jack Mithen.
- The National "Big Science" and ICAS Science competitions thanks to Mr Davies. Well done to all students who took part.

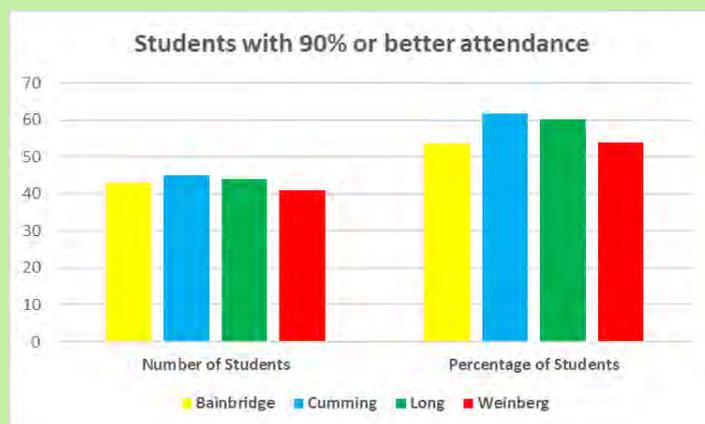
On Wednesday, our Year 10s took part in our annual "Mock Interviews". Thanks to our wonderful local Rotarians, students were able to practice their interview skills in an interview for a pretend job. Rotary were impressed with the quality of our students. Thanks to Phil Kim, Maree Boliiancu, Mookie, Sarah Irving and Felicity Wilmott for preparing our students in this important life skill.

As a thank you to the Rotary Club our VET Hospitality students, under the skilful guidance of Mookie and Nat, provided them with dinner. The meals were exceptional in presentation and taste, as was the table service.

We had some good success at Round Robin yesterday. Our top Year 9/10 Girls Badminton team made the final and our Year 7/8 Boys Soccer team are waiting to hear if they have made it through to the next round. Our Year 7 Netballers also demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship. Thanks to Mr Davies, Mrs Nadj and Mr Nadj for their coaching of our teams.

Choosing to be at school and choosing to learn and so improve our future lives is a positive and clever choice.

Percentage of students with 90% attendance and above				
	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Year 7	79%	71%	77%	71%
Year 8	72%	53%	65%	53%
Year 9	63%	60%	61%	56%
Year 10	61%	51%	61%	47%
Year 11	67%	57%	71%	69%
Year 12	63%	58%	63%	47%



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School council approved a trial variation to the school uniform .

Students are permitted to wear a black coat over their school uniform before school, recess, lunch and after school.

Coats should not be worn to classes and should be left in lockers when students get their books .

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is a coat ?

It is a garment worn over the top of your school uniform and school jacket or jumper or both. It is intended for wearing outside and usually has a waterproof and/or thermal quality. It is not worn instead of the school jacket or the school jumper - it is worn in addition to these items.

Can I wear my coat in class?

No, coats must be left in your locker during class time. They are not to be worn inside.

Does my coat need to be all black?

Yes - they must be black. A discreet, minimal logo, is OK.

Can my coat have a hood?

Yes, your coat can have a hood.

Can I wear my coat on an excursion?

Yes, removal at teacher discretion

How long will the trial period be for?

We are trialing this for 2019.

Is there a school uniform coat?

No, not during this trial period.

Can I wear a hoody?

No, it must be a coat, not a windcheater or a zip up hoody.

Can I wear my coat in the Caf?

Yes, you can wear your coat in the Caf at recess and lunchtime

Can I wear my coat to walk down to the Stadium for PE class?

Yes.

2019 Unit I Exam Timetable

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(Blue week)	Monday June 3rd	Tuesday June 4 th	Wednesday June 5 th	Thursday June 6 th	Friday June 7 th
Period 1 & 2	Students attend normal classes	FOUNDATION GENERAL METHODS	Students attend normal classes	BUSINESS PHYSICS VET HOSPITALITY	Curriculum Day
Period 3 & 4	ENGLISH P.E VCAL LITERACY*	Students attend normal classes	Catch up time for missed exams	Catch up time for missed exams	
Period 5 & 6	BIOLOGY ENGLISH VSR	STUDIO ART PSYCHOLOGY	Students attend normal classes	CHEMISTRY LEGAL AUTO CONSTRUCTION	

Cross Country

The cross country event is never an easy race, on Tuesday students participated in the run, enjoying the brisk weather and dodging cow pats along the way. This year's course was again held out at the speedway and on Gilbert and Val's farm which has proved to be both a beautiful but challenging place to go for a run. Well done to the students that had a go.

Many thanks to the Alex Speedway and the Armstrong family for providing the venue!



Production

There are 3 weeks to go until the ASC School Production! This year's show is inspired by 'The Greatest Showman' and has been adapted into a theatre production by Y12 Sophie Bowe.

Since the beginning of term, students have attended weekend rehearsals, countless lunchtime dance sessions, singing workshops and Electrohead meetings to ensure they can put on a grand performance, come Opening Night. They are enthused by the opportunity to perform to the wider community and are looking forward to the support they receive each year. There is certainly a buzz amongst the cast and crew!

Tickets are going on sale via the front office from Monday 3rd June. Get in quick – the nights do sell out!

Adults: \$20

Children (school age): \$10

Family: \$50



Alexandra Secondary College at School Sport Victoria State Volleyball Championships

School Sport Victoria Senior Boys Volleyball Championships 2019. Over 400 government and private school teams participated in the state championships. At the start of the competition eight teams from across Victoria were congratulated on making it through to State Championships. The Alexandra senior boys' team had been playing together for four years, progressing from junior, intermediate to the senior division. Making it through to the state championships was an exciting prospect the team hoped to learn from the experience and take the game up to our more fancied opponents. Traditionally, schools with sports excellence programs like Eltham, Maribyrnong and Bendigo Senior Secondary College with over 1700 VCE students are represented at these events. The team wanted to account themselves well and practiced daily for the last 4 weeks after years of training. Team captain Ryan Lucas played a pivotal role in keeping the team focused, calling plays on court and setting our taller spikers. Billy Miller was our most successful spiker and took control above the net. James Southam blocked well throughout the day and got us off to a positive start. Tyson Pedlar playing very constantly throughout the day was wonderful with his dig shots. Jackson Harris was covering a large part of the court, keeping the ball alive and managed to run into the side wall chasing an errant ball. Damon Malcolm sustained a serious ankle injury, continued playing after treatment but could not get his powerful serve going on the day. Toby Prothero joined the senior boys team this year training diligently and our most successful server, getting us 7 points in a row and playing very constantly throughout the day, a tremendous effort.

In the first game Alexandra SC 15 Vs St Brigid's College Horsham 40

We were lacking confidence and energy on court. Our opponents did not let us settle and we were not allowed to play to our strength with numerous serves missing and we could not get our court coverage going. James provided the highlight with some wonderful network and blocking. Our opponents were better drilled, having excellent routines, court rotations and set plays.

Alexandra SC 40 Vs Mary MacKillop Leongatha 34

After a very rousing team chat we hit the court with confidence, encouragement and energy. Mary MacKillop, like us were at the event for the first time with a team made up of year 11 students and we were able to keep them under pressure with better all-round team serving and Toby getting us off to wonderful 7 – 0 start.

Alexandra SC 19 Vs Narre Warren South P-12 C 40

Narre Warren South is a prep to year 12 college with over 2100 students in Melbourne's south east. With a Pathways Through Sport (PTS) Program – a specialist sport program for capable athletes from all sporting interests. This program develops the athlete in a holistic way: academically, athletically and by developing leadership ability. Their team was very confident, capable and played in the true spirit of sportsmanship. They were clearly the strongest team in our pool. We decided we would play to our strengths and not be intimidated by their superior skill, talent and size. They were mostly year 12 students and spiked with tremendous power and accuracy. Our plan was to block on the net and cover as much of the court as we could. This proved to be a wonderful lesson for us for the future as we returned many powerful spikes, with our dives, digs and court coverage. When we were able to get our spiking game going, we proved to be very competitive. Billy, James, Damon and Ryan blocked well. While Jackson, Toby and Tyson picked up many spikes hit at us and made for some fantastic rallies. The score although clearly in the favour of Narre Warren South did not reflect the long rallies and excellent skill displayed by both teams. Even our opponents were cheering our dives, saves and court coverage. We finished 3 in our group with Narre Warren South and St Brigid's College Horsham progressing through to the semi-finals and final.

FIRST SEMI FINAL ELTHAM HS -- 54- ST BRIGIDS C HORSHAM - 49

SECOND SEMI FINAL MARIBYRNONG C - 40- NARRE WARREN STH P-12 C -54

GRAND FINAL ELTHAM HS -50- NARRE WARREN SOUTH P-12 C -41

Congratulations to the team for their dedication, practice and for conducting themselves with great sportsmanship.

All that training was worth it, now if we want to take it to the next level we will need to work even harder.

The harder you work the luckier you get!

Well done all.

Coach





Snow Sports

The cold weather has arrived and with it has come the snow! Our school is lucky enough to have a snowsports program that is open to all students, including a downhill day at Mt Buller, cross country skiing at Lake Mountain on Wednesday afternoons in Term 3, and a week-long inter-school competition at Falls Creek. To learn more about the snow program, come along to the information night from 5 - 6pm on Tuesday the 11th of June in A1. Please see Mr Nadj or Ms Kenner for a copy of the ASC 2019 snowsports handbook and excursion permission forms.



Alice Sloan

This Saturday (June 1st) a Walk of Life will be held by our Yr 11 Alice Sloan team to celebrate life.

Twelve years ago, Alice lost her life, doing something she loved - being in the outdoors.

Once a year on Alice's birthday (1st June) we get together for a walk before breakfast, then have breaky together. (Lots of groups around Victoria do the same thing)

We'd love it if you could join us:

When: This Sat (June 1st) at 7am.

Where: Rotary Park then to Grant St Grocer for breaky

Who: Everyone is welcome - the more the better

See you there!!!



Alice Sloan Girls held a Bake Sale and free dress day to raise money for the Alice Sloan Foundation.

Melbourne Museum and the Victorian Art Gallery

On Monday morning all the year 7s came to school early to go to the Melbourne museum and the NVG to see the first people exhibit and the terracotta warriors. First we went to learn about the first people in Victoria. After we went to At the NGV, students learnt about China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, his achievements and the terracotta warriors who guarded his tomb undetected for thousands of years.



Careers News

Apprenticeships available-

Cert 3 in Automotive (NSI00419)

Cert 3 in Dental Assisting (CC060519)

Cert 3 in Parks & Gardens (NW270519)

Cert 3 in Landscape Construction (CC200519)



Yr 10 Mock Interviews

I think my interview went really well. I felt really confident in what the Interviewer was saying.—Charlotte Harris
I loved the experience, I really valued having the Rotarians conduct them, super friendly.—Oscar Draper
They were quite easy to converse with and gave me the confidence needed to answer questions.—Eden Hayes
The feedback was really helpful and honest. They were really easy to talk to and came across as very welcoming.—Vanessa James
They were really nice and positive about how I was presenting myself, I got a lot of helpful feedback.—Jamie Baird
The feedback was really good and the interviewers gave me areas to work on in the future. Rob and Brian were really nice and I fully recommend it to future students.—Bradley Christie
The interviewers were quite lovely and kind, they gave me a great insight into future interviews, as well as being incredibly easy to talk to.—Paige Bingham
It was a bit nerve racking at the start but the interviewers were very nice.—Reuben Sims
The people were lovely and kind, I felt welcome and I really enjoyed the experience. Thank you.—Kyll Davies



VET Hospitality

Students prepared a delicious meal for the Rotarians meeting after the Mock Interviews.

The menu was -

- Scaloppini Chicken
- Beef Bourguignon
- Sticky Date with Butter Scotch Sauce
- Orange and Almond Cake with Orange Sauce

The Rotarians were very impressed with all the students, Mookie and Nat.

Well done to all involved.



SCIENCE COMPETITIONS THIS WEEK

On Friday 31st May, 24 keen students from all year levels completed the ICAS (Reach) Science Assessment. This high status, international Science competition allows students to rank themselves against kids of the same age from around the world, including places such as Southern Africa, the Middle East and India.

We are immensely proud of our young Scientists and cannot wait for their results to arrive. Go Team Alex!



