

# INSIDE OUT

## Alexandra Secondary College

Date: 23rd of April 2021

### **Congratulations Eliza!**

We are very proud of our talented year 10 Student Eliza Gesler who participated in the Netball Victoria Talent Academy for 2021. The Academy Program is a development opportunity for talented athletes to develop their technical and tactical skills, athlete wellbeing and physical preparation.

Eliza did such an amazing job she was selected to play with the Under 17 Netball Victoria Team. Well done Lizzey!

WEEK 1

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#### Dates to Remember:

*Don't forget to put in your calendar.....*

Friday 23rd April

School Vaccinations Y7&Y10

Wednesday 28th April

Hume Volleyball Round Robin

Friday 30th April

SSL Applications Close

Friday 7th of May

House Athletics Carnival

Friday 25th June

Last day of Term 2



This afternoon we welcome back our gorgeous cohort of year 8 students who were lucky enough to spend the week at Philip Island. I look forward to featuring more photos in next weeks Inside Out.



## Principals' Report

It has been nice to welcome everybody back to school this week. We hope you have all had enjoyable break.

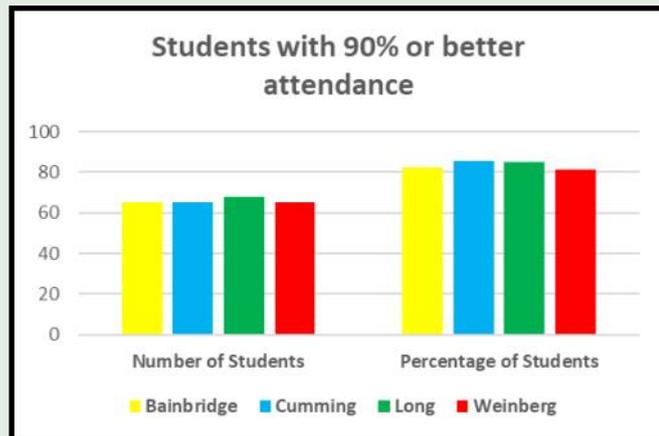
We welcome Mrs Elliott to our staff this term; she will teach VET Hospitality and Home Economics while Annette Mook is on leave.

Student voice is important in our school. At the end of last term students completed a survey on all of their teachers. On Wednesday night our teachers met and looked at their individual results. They selected areas they would like to improve on, based on the feedback from their students.

Each day of learning has a positive impact. Remember each term we award 100points to the House with the best attendance, 60 to the 2nd best House and 40 to the third.

### Percentage of students with 90% attendance and above

	Week 1
Year 7	92%
Year 8	87%
Year 9	83%
Year 10	80%
Year 11	82%
Year 12	71%



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## A change is coming.....

As a loyal reader of the inside out, Eden appreciates how important our newsletter is as a communication tool for parents and the school community in general, however as one of our college captains, she would love to see a stronger student voice contributing to the inside out.

So here is your opportunity to become part of a team that regularly contributes to the newsletter from a students perspective. Whether you are interested in writing, arts, sports, comedy, whatever it may be, join our team, project your passion, have your say!

A sign up sheet will be placed up next week outside the Library or if you are interested to know more, enquire with Eden Hayes.



## OUR STUDENTS ARE TALKING ABOUT .....

### Anzac Day

#### MATTHEW THOMPSON

Anzac day is a time to remember and appreciate all of the people who served for our Country. This year we are going to the Marysville service, my Grandpa will be marching.



#### ZAC SNOW

Anzac day is a day for reflection, to take the time to appreciate our freedoms and express our gratitude to those that served.



#### OSCAR DRAPER

Anzac day is day of respect and to appreciate the people who protected us, and afforded us our freedoms.



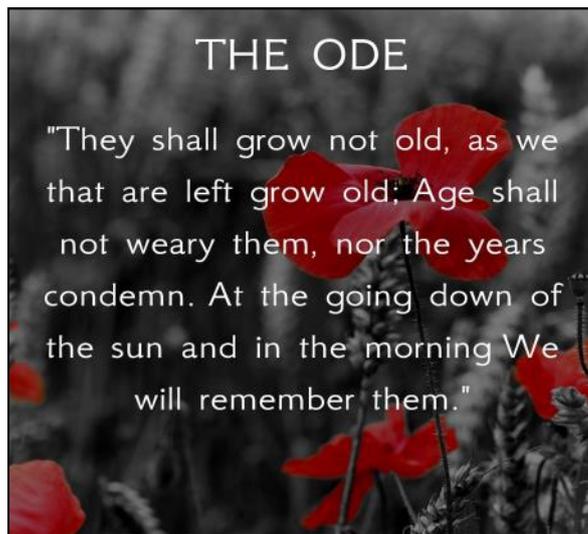
#### SOPHIE COWARD

Our family attends the Anzac day march every year, to pay our respects to those who served our country.



### THE ODE

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them."



# Camping should not be allowed on crown frontages

By James Gilmore

Landholders of properties adjoining crown land are furious over a new legislation that will be implemented in September of 2021. Previously, the land act of 1958 prohibited overnight stay on crown land. However, the new legislation passed in parliament states that the public will now have freedom to camp on crown land frontages. I firmly believe that camping should not be allowed on crown land, this is because it will lead to habitat destruction, pose a severe fire risk to adjoining properties and cause the pollution of waterways and riverbanks.

To begin, camping on crown frontages will lead to habitat and biodiversity destruction. Campers will remove timber from the riverside and adjoining properties to fuel their campfires. Trees both alive and dead are habitat for a variety of organisms such as: birds, mammals, reptiles, invertebrates, and fungi. The removal and burning of timber will destroy this habitat and will also impact the biodiversity of the area; species may disappear or become threatened. Removal of vegetation also diminishes the natural beauty of water frontages. Essentially, camping on crown frontages will threaten biodiversity and native habitats.

Furthermore, camping on crown land will pose a severe fire risk to the environment. Many campers will leave their campfires unattended which will spread to dry vegetation and cause potentially devastating bushfires. The ABC reported: 'The CFA discovered 87 unattended campfires in Victorian national forests in one weekend (14/15 November 2020) when Melbourne was opened to regional Victoria.' This indicates that inexperienced and amateur people from the city are coming to the regional forests and wreaking havoc without conscience of their actions. This statement was made when camping was only permitted in state forests, could you imagine how many unattended campfires there will be when camping on crown land is permitted? There is also the risk of flammable materials such as propane, methylated spirits, and gas lamps. These items when used irresponsibly could have catastrophic consequences. Thus, most campers are reckless and present an acute risk to the crown land and adjoining landholders.

In addition, camping on riverbanks will cause the pollution of waterways and riverbanks. There are no facilities on isolated riverbanks (toilets, waste disposal, etc.), most campers will not know or care to manage waste responsibly. This suggests that they will leave their faeces and debris behind on the riverbanks, which will eventually leach into the waterways and interfere with the existing fish and invertebrate habitat and food chain. You may argue that crown frontages will create excellent and free camping areas. However, there are already designated campsites that are easily accessible and have well developed facilities. Would you prefer to stay at a campsite in the middle of nowhere with no facilities while destroying habitats and polluting waterways or stay somewhere with guaranteed resources and facilities not impacting our environment.

**Looking for a new skill to add  
to your resume?**



**2021 Youth Leadership Program**

In partnership with

*Digital...  
Storytellers*



This free program will teach you how to professionally film, edit and produce a video on your smartphone!

Email [youth@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@murrindindi.vic.gov.au) to apply  
or visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/youth](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/youth)



## WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT OUR STUDENTS THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student **engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction, and are** conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The Attitudes to School Survey (AToSS) is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships and their experiences at school.

Our students will complete the survey online during school hours in the next few weeks using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child.

Your son / daughter's confidentiality is protected at all times. The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified.

We have previously used the survey results to develop forums with the students to explore how we can continue to improve our student's experiences at Alexandra SC

If you would like more information, please contact Bronwyn Howell ([Bronwyn.Howell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Bronwyn.Howell@education.vic.gov.au)) or visit: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/data-collection-surveys/guidance/attitudes-school-survey>

## Head Lice

A case of head-lice has been reported this week.

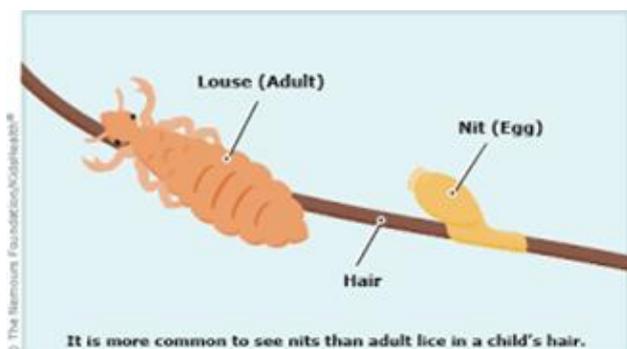
Could you please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. When checking your child's hair, search carefully for small particles. If you look closely, you may recognize a small mite-like animal, or small eggs if your child has head-lice. Check carefully close to the scalp. You can also comb in conditioner, and as you comb it through, the lice will appear on the comb. Special lice combs (very fine teeth) are available from the chemist

To treat head-lice effectively, a number of preparations are available from the chemist. It is important that you re-check your child's head each day after the treatment for a week.

It is important to understand that head-lice have been found to prefer clean hair, so having head-lice doesn't indicate poor hygiene.

Students are not to return to the College until there is no further evidence of head-lice in their hair. This helps minimise the chance of a widespread outbreak.

Thank you for your assistance with this. It is important that we all act together to deal with this.



# PATHWAYS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

*For more information please contact Felicity Wilmot Careers Coordinator.*

## Currently Available Apprenticeships and Traineeships:

### **Cert 3 in Parks & Gardens/Landscape Construction – Alexandra (CC140421)**

Cert 3 in Engineering Apprenticeship – Tatura (NS280121)

Cert 3 in Business Traineeship – Shepparton (PR300421)

Cert 3 in Carpentry 2nd or 3rd Year Apprentice – Shepparton (NS170321)

Administration Trainee – Albury

Apprentice Chef – Albury

Administration Trainee - Albury

1<sup>st</sup> Year Heavy Diesel Mechanic – Albury

Spare Parts Apprentice – Albury

Business Administration Trainee x 2 – Albury

Hospitality Trainee x4 – Albury

Administration Trainee – Chiltern

Small Engine Mechanic – Wodonga

1<sup>st</sup> Year Civil apprentice – Wodonga

1<sup>st</sup> Year Roof Plumbing Apprentice – Wodonga

1<sup>st</sup> Year Bricklaying Apprentice – Albury

Apprentice Chef – Albury

1<sup>st</sup> Year Mechanical Services Plumber – Albury

1<sup>st</sup> Year Refrigeration Mechanic – Albury

1<sup>st</sup> Year Apprentice Butcher – Wodonga

Electrical Apprentices – Wodonga

Carpentry Apprentices – Wodonga

Plumbing Apprentices – Wodonga

Casual Bar and Gaming – Albury

Casual Receptionist – Albury

Full time Trainee manager – Albury

## Work Experience/ Structured Work Learning Placements available:

- Rubicon Hotel – Learn food preparation skills and how to cook in a commercial setting.
- Fastrack Property Maintenance – Learn carpentry, renovations, fencing, landscaping and lots more!
- A&C Wood Plumbing – Learn an essential aspect of the building industry, the plumbing trade.

## Part time/ Casual work available:

- Fastrack Property Maintenance – Learn carpentry, renovations, fencing, landscaping and lots more! – for more information call James on 0423 938 205
- Alexandra Football and Netball club trainers – excellent work experience for those interested in perusing a career in sports science or sports medicine. – for more information please call Peter McKenzie 0429400709 or email: [PeteSas89@gmail.com](mailto:PeteSas89@gmail.com)

# PATHWAYS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

## Careers and Higher Education Engagement Opportunities:



The Victorian Police Force have recently put together a '[Police Information Session 2021 - YouTube](#)' presentation for school students regarding the recruitment process and what a career in the Victorian Police force might look like. The next Police Officer online information session will be held on **Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2021**. For more information and to register please visit: [Information sessions \(police.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.police.vic.gov.au)



The Year13 Careers Expo will be held from the 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of May, during National Careers Week. This forum is an excellent way to conduct your post-secondary careers pathways research online. Also the Year13 organisers are offering 3 people a Year13 scholarship to the value of \$10,000 to put towards your next adventure, be it further study, training or your won business idea. To go into the running to win the Year13 \$10,000 prize all you have to do it RSVP ([Year13 - Year13 Expo 2021](#)) to the Year13 Expo and attend the Expo online, on the 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of May. After the Expo the Year13 organisers will send you and email with next steps on how you can be one of the year13 winners. The award is open to everyone who is over the age of 15. Winners are announced on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2021. For more information please visit: [Year13 - Year13 Expo 2021](#).



Australian Catholic University (ACU) Course Information Webinars for prospective Students:

Event	Date	Registrations	Description
Guided Visits	Wednesday 12	<a href="https://www.acu.edu.au/abo">https://www.acu.edu.au/abo</a>	Join ACU for a campus tour
Study at ACU webinar	Tuesday 15 June	<a href="https://www.acu.edu.au/abo">https://www.acu.edu.au/abo</a>	Moving away from home –



La Trobe University's New discipline video's include interviews with current La Trobe students sharing insight on the courses they're studying. These videos give you a quick insight into what they could achieve through a degree at La Trobe. For more information please visit: [La Trobe University - YouTube](#)

La Trobe University's Aspire Early Admissions Program – Applications now open! Aspire helps Year 12 students prepare for their future by giving them the chance to receive an early conditional offer to their course. After its many successes last year, La Trobe are focusing on making it even more accessible in 2021. For more information please visit: [Aspire Early Admissions Program. Study with us. La Trobe University](#)

**More to come in next weeks edition.**



## Vic - Pathways to Post School Life

### A session for young people in Years 10-12 and their families

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and the Department of Education and Training (DET), Victoria would like parents/carers of young Victorians with a disability in Years 10-12 to attend a virtual information session.

This is a session for parents/carers of young people with a disability on building skills and paving a pathway to post school life. The DET and the NDIA will discuss a range of career planning and pathways tools, NDIS-funded supports and other assistance to help young people to build skills to prepare for their transition, and support them in achieving education, training, employment and other goals, post-school.

Sessions are offered over multiple dates to allow flexibility for attendees, and will be delivered via video-conference using Microsoft Teams. Registrations will close three business days before the event. If you would like to attend, please register via Eventbrite. Two business days prior to the event, login details (including the MS Teams link to join the session) will be sent from [events@ndis.gov.au](mailto:events@ndis.gov.au) to the email address you provide at registration.

For any enquiries regarding this session, please contact [events@ndis.gov.au](mailto:events@ndis.gov.au). Please include the session name in the subject line.

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**Where:** Virtual Information Sessions via Microsoft Teams

#### Dates & Times:

Tuesday 11 May 2021	7.00pm – 8.30pm (AEST)
Wednesday 12 May 2021	10.30am – 12.00pm (AEST)
Tuesday 18 May 2021	10.30am – 12.00pm (AEST)
Thursday 20 May 2021	7.00pm – 8.30pm (AEST)

**RSVP:** Please register via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/vic-pathways-to-post-school-life-a-session-for-students-in-years-10-12-tickets-147913698855>

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**Additional information:** Accessibility is important to us. If you have any accessibility requirements please let us know when you register for your chosen session. Please note - we need a minimum of five (5) business days' notice to book Auslan interpreters and live captioning services.

