

# 2021



# WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Persistence, Resilience & Mutual Respect

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Parents please  
note: Students are  
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## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

It's amazing how long a day of lockdown can feel like and yet how short a week can seem with all the various changes we're needing to constantly adapt to at the moment. What a relief that the government's actions have been able to put a ring fence around COVID-19 in our state so that we can continue to observe various freedoms that our northern hemisphere neighbours can only dream of at the moment.

It's been great to see everyone again at the end of this week back at school having only had to spend a few days at home this week. As the vaccine rollout starts in our country next week, the risk of the virus to our community will reduce, but we will also need to remain vigilant and follow the directions of the government, including at the moment the need to wear face masks.

Please make sure your child comes to school each day with a face mask that they can wear throughout the school day as we do not have masks that we can provide.

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EVERY WARRNAMBOOL STUDENT THRIVES



I know I sent a couple of letters out to families during the past week thanking everyone for their support and time to ensure that students could continue their learning at home, but I want to take a moment to say thanks once again. The diligence and flexibility of all of our staff was simply outstanding. The first time we had remote learning in 2020, we got 4 days to prepare for it. The second time we got 1 day to get ready. This time around we had 15 minutes of school time to ensure everyone knew what was expected of them to switch back into online learning and working from home. And not one person batted an eyelid. Everyone just rolled up their sleeves; students, staff and families, to make this happen.

What an incredible school community we are part of. So thanks – I don't take any of this for granted. The example of learning as a partnership between school and home was once again well and truly on display.

During this week I had the privilege of joining in on a Year 9 Phoenix Google Meet class. During this class, a world-renowned poet/film-maker /story writer by the name of Tomas Roberts joined the class all the way from lockdown in London. Tom has created a series of insightful and inspiring videos online over the course of the global pandemic, many of which have given me a personal sense of hope during these challenging times. You can checkout these videos online @ [www.probablytomfoolery.com/](http://www.probablytomfoolery.com/) – they're well worth a look. While there are many things that we miss from 2019, having access to expertise such as Tom's from the other side of the world for an online class of Warrnambool College is something incredibly positive that we can celebrate. A huge thanks to Mr Dart for making this opportunity a reality for his class.

I hope you enjoy your weekend (with some respite from the hot weather) and the ability to once again move around the state.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Clift'.

Dave Clift  
Principal



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Immunisations** – Tuesday 23rd February
- **Swimming Sports** – Wednesday 24th February
- **Year 7 catch up PAT testing** – Thursday 25th February
- **Report Cycle 1** – Due 12th Friday March

Please also see the **School Calendar via Compass** or our Website **[www.wbllcoll.vic.edu.au](http://www.wbllcoll.vic.edu.au)** for updated events and dates.

## UPCOMING CAMPS

Year 7/8 – Week 9; week beginning 22nd March.  
Please ensure payment is made via Compass by the due date.

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Reminder for all families that student attendance is very important to enable all students to begin the school year with a level of understanding in all classes. If your child can't attend school for any reason, please ensure you approve this absence via Compass. Our ES House staff and House Leadership are following up all students under 70% attendance.

## VCE RESOURCES

**Reminder to all VCE families** - Our school has purchased a VCE teaching and learning resource called Edrolo. If you have a child studying a VCE subject, have a chat and ask how they are finding this resource.

## PUPIL FREE DAYS

School Council has approved the pupil free days for 2021, which are to be on Friday 11/6/2021 and Tues 17/8/2021.

**RESCHEDULED**

# Swimming SPORTS



Warrnambool  
COLLEGE

wednesday  
**24th FEB**



get involved & **HAVE A GO**  
**DRESS UP** in house colours  
**HAVE FUN!!!**



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Aquazone canteen will be operating on the day, taking **CASH ONLY**.

Food on offer will include a BBQ, Pies, Sausage Rolls, Toasties, Icecreams & Cold Drinks.

**REMEMBER TO WEAR A MASK TO SCHOOL**



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.**

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website: [www.wblcoll.vic.edu.au](http://www.wblcoll.vic.edu.au)

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents. This information is also available in nine community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese



## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amount this year is \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5564 4444 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.



## NEW LOOK COMPASS


**A new look compass portal will go live for all Warrnambool College users at 3:45pm on Friday 19th February.**


The new Compass interface is intended to be simpler, cleaner and more contemporary. The first changes include a new look login page, a new header across the portal, and a redesigned homepage.







Compass is dedicated in making workflows more intuitive in order to save teachers and staff precious time, help students to manage theirs, and to better connect school communities.

A screenshot of the Warrnambool College Compass portal interface. The interface features a green header with the 'Compass' logo and navigation icons. Below the header, there is a user profile section for Michelle ALLEN, a welcome message, and a list of actions. On the right, there are three notification cards: 'Course Confirmation/School Payments', 'Parent Student Teacher Conference', and 'Event Consent/Payment Required'. A 'My News' section is also visible at the bottom right.

**Compass** Home Calendar Edit Grid People Star CA Settings

 Welcome back, Michelle  
Warrnambool College

 Michelle ALLEN

-  Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
-  Send email to Michelle's teachers
-  Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)
-  View Academic Reports
-  Order Photos
-  Book Parent Student Teacher Conference

**Course Confirmation/School Payments**  
Course confirmation and / or school payments available for completion.  
[Click here to proceed](#)

**Parent Student Teacher Conference** X  
2021 Parent Teacher Interviews  
[Click here for booking](#)

**Event Consent/Payment Required**  
There is 1 event awaiting your consent and/or payment.  
[Click here for more information](#)

**My News**



## PRIMARY & SECONDARY STUDENT BUS & PTV SCHOOL STUDENT ID PASS

# 2021



Effective from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 you must pay cash or purchase a bus pass to travel on the transit and school bus systems.

**Daily: \$1.20 (one way)      \$2.40 (return)**  
*Correct change if possible please*

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PTV School Student ID Card	\$9.00	(Secondary Students Only)
<b>HALF YEARLY</b>	\$118.00	with con. \$127.00
<b>YEARLY</b>	\$235.00	with con. \$244.00
<b>AM or PM Pass</b>	☑ Year - \$60.00	Yearly - \$118.00

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Protect others - please **do not** travel and stay at home if you are unwell.

**Please remember:** ONLY STUDENTS that are registered to travel on specific country buses can use this service; the service is not to be used for sports training/work/social purposes. Parent/Carers are to make their own arrangements in this regard.

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

**ONLINE  
WEBINAR  
FOR KIDS!**

Free hard copy  
of Surviving High  
School –  
Sharon Witt's brand  
new book for  
STUDENTS



## Surviving and Thriving in High School this year

*Presented by*

*Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Sharon Witt & Susan McLean*



**Monday 22nd February, 2021**

**7pm - 8.30pm**

**\$45** (includes booking fee plus a FREE HARD COPY of Sharon's posted to you)

**Register at: [humanitix.com](https://www.humanitix.com)**

**Let's face it! Last year was a tricky year for our kids to tackle in terms of school, with remote learning and all the other challenges associated with Covid19.**

This online webinar has been created especially for those students just beginning their secondary school journey this year, or for those who could benefit from an extra dose of encouragement, advice, and strategies to help them have a positive year in school.

This online webinar is perfect for all children as they can watch from home on their device, and sit with their parents or caregiver so they all receive the same information.

### **What we will cover:**

- Caring for your own health and wellbeing during High School
- The importance of diet and exercise
- When and where to seek help if you need it
- Managing stress
- Navigating social media and keeping safe on line
- How much is too much time spent online?
- What to do if you are being bullied on line.
- How to develop your social skills within school
- Getting organized
- Coping with tricky teachers
- Managing homework