



# Trafalgar High School Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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*From the  
Principal's Desk*

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the commencement of term 2. I do hope you had some time over the Easter break to spend with family and friends and enjoy the beautiful weather.

Term 2 is a shorter term of only 9 weeks and is packed full of events for students and our community, the events calendar will continue to be updated on a weekly basis so please keep an eye on this for items and activities as they are added and updated.

In the first four weeks we have the year 9 Rubicon camp, the VCE outdoor education camp, the Tertiary Information Session for seniors, NAPLAN for year 7 and 9 students and several sporting events across year levels. Students are informed and reminded of these events with the relevant permission forms and information provided at the time. It is important that they do return the permission forms and other relevant materials in the time specified as we need sufficient time to ensure we have the correct numbers for events to occur and to organise staffing. This has been particularly relevant in more recent times with increased absences of staff and students due to COVID. Thank you for your support with this.

There have recently been announcements in the media regarding the Head Start Program. Head Start gives students career planning support, a tailored pathway into the industry of their choice and a fair training wage – all while they are earning their senior secondary certificate – in key industries like building, construction, community services and health, business, primary industries and technology. At Trafalgar High School we have been fortunate in offering this program for the past three years with several students already completing their pathways and now in full time work as a direct result. Currently we have five students in the Head Start Program in a range of industries. Our Head Start co-ordinator Jess Croft works in collaboration with our careers team of Gabrielle Evans and Jodie Deppeler. She is available to discuss options and possible opportunities with senior school students.

Students from Trafalgar High School attended ANZAC ceremonies to lay wreaths alongside Ms Lee Jinks and myself this week. Sydney and Lena Blackshaw at the Thorpdale service with Liam Luke and Harry McCabe at the Trafalgar service.

We had an exciting arrival today with the new welfare room being delivered. This is a purpose built room that will provide spaces to enable the team to undertake small group activities and discussions whilst also having break out offices for individual discussions and appointments to occur.

# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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MONDAY 25TH APRIL	ANZAC DAY
TUESDAY 26TH APRIL	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
FRIDAY 29TH APRIL	VCE EXPO
2ND—6TH MAY	RUBICON OUTDOOR CAMP
16TH-18TH MAY	OES MORNINGTON CAMP
16TH-20TH MAY	YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
10TH-20TH MAY	YEAR 7 & 9 NAPLAN
TUESDAY 31ST MAY	VAPING INFORMATION SESSION—10.50AM (FOR STUDENTS, ONLINE LINK PROVIDED FOR PARENTS/CARERS)
THURSDAY 9TH JUNE	SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL
FRIDAY 10TH JUNE	PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 13TH JUNE	QUEENS BIRTHDAY
TUESDAY 14TH JUNE	PUPIL FREE DAY (UNIT 3 & 4 ASSESMENTS)
FRIDAY 24TH JUNE	FINAL DAY OF TERM 2 (1:40 FINISH)
13TH-14TH JULY	YEAR 11 UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE CAMP



## YEAR 9 MORRISBY CAREERS DISCUSSIONS

Year 9 students who completed their Morrisby career profiling last term, started the follow up career conversations with a career practitioner this week.

Each student met one to one with the career practitioner to discuss their results and look at potential career pathways.

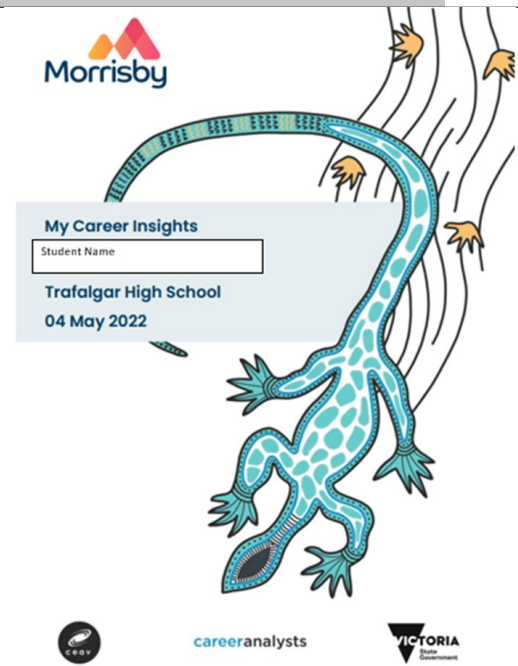
Each student also received their own hard copy booklet (picture of front cover) of their results as well as their life time login to their Morrisby account.

Feedback from students has been very positive with comments:

“I know what I want to consider for my subjects and possible career.”

“Even though the assessments were long I’m glad I did it because I found it highly beneficial.”

If your child did not complete the assessments but you would like them to please contact the careers team at the school.



## 2021 HELM

We have received our 2021 HELM!

We are slowly handing them out to students who paid last year via the office, if you purchased a HELM last year and would like to collect it please come past the office for collection.



## DEBATING CLUB 2022

Mr Spence would like to congratulate students in the THS Debating Club for their participation and success in round 2 of the Debating Association of Victoria's school's competition last Thursday, 28 April.

Special thanks to Jeff Pearce who stepped up to replace another student with less than two-day's notice, and to Oliver Grendon who was awarded Best Speaker in his Team's match. Congratulations to our Grade C team for winning their match against Haileybury College and great effort by our Grade D team against Newhaven College.

Students interested in Debating are welcome to come along to our weekly Friday meeting in room N12 during Lunch 2.





# VCAL Q&A SESSION WITH CRAIG WILLIAMS

Students from our VCAL program were lucky enough to meet the world class jockey 'Craig Williams' on Thursday. Craig went through the highs and lows of his career, his experience within the racing industry and emphasised the importance of his family and friends in providing vital support throughout his life.

The students enjoyed asking Craig lots of questions about his career, his involvement with horses and his dealings with stress. Craig noted the challenge of social media and provided important steps for overcoming negative feedback, especially when received in the cyber world.

It was also a great honour to have Craig meet our very own apprentice jockey, Brydie Blackshaw! Craig was able to offer advice for Brydie who is seeking a career in the racing industry.

It was a real pleasure to have Craig enter the Trafalgar High School community and we thank Craig for the time he spent discussing his career and life skills with our students.



# THS CHINO PANTS— PURCHASE AT SCHOOL OFFICE & BELEZA

Our new THS chino pants!! Available for purchase through the General Office or Beleza  
We have two different styles in the chino pants, both styles are unisex.



# 2021 ART, TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN SHOW

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE 1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE** – Harry McCabe (Sustainable Product Redevelopment) - \$80 Student Voucher



**PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE** - Darcy Paul (Still Life Drawing) - \$50 Student Voucher



**PEOPLE'S CHOICE 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE** - Harry Pace (Sustainable Product Redevelopment) - \$30 Student Voucher





**PRINCIPAL'S CHOICE AWARD**

Emmy Vosper (Charcoal Drawing)





# VCE AND CAREERS EXPO

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April a group of senior students travelled to Caulfield Racecourse where they were able to spend the day at the VCE and Careers Expo. This allowed students the opportunity to speak directly with representatives from further training providers, apprenticeship groups, careers in many different industries and attend information sessions related to study tips, career pathways and much more.

Students were able to ask questions and gather information to assist with their career planning for senior studies and transition beyond High School.





## YEAR 8 BOYS INTERSCHOOL FOOTBALL

25 Year 8 boys attended interschool Aussie-rules football on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Moe. The team played Marist Sion and Drouin Secondary College. Marist Sion were too strong. They had many bigger students and worked really well as a team. The game against Drouin was much closer. Lachlan Pass and Rhys McDonald-Flegg worked hard in the midfield. Riley Peters marked strong and kicked straight at full-forward. Seth Damschke busted through packs to collect the hard-ball gets. Students displayed a good overall attitude whilst on the field.



## ADDITIONAL TOUR OF THE SCHOOL FOR GRADE 6 FAMILIES

### Grade 6 Families

If you missed out on our Year 7 Information Evening and are still interested in a school tour, we will be holding a group tour of the school on Wednesday the 11th of May at 3.45pm

Please meet at our General Office and a staff member will be with you to show you around THS!

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is not an information evening.

Our staff member will be available to answer questions while showing you through the school. There will be no information pack supplied, presentation or planned meet and greet with teachers.

# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



## Engaging Adolescents

-RESOLVE DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN TEENAGERS-

Free program for parents of teens aged 13-18 years

### Tired of yelling and nagging?

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- New understandings of adolescents;
- A three-option model & flow chart for decision making;
- Self check-in first, for parents;
- Building a relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them.

### Parents will receive:

- \* A FREE workbook (valued at \$12) to apply the concepts learnt
- \* A Certificate of Completion
- \* Live online delivery

### When?

11:30 - 2:30pm  
delivered over 3 Tuesdays:  
May 17<sup>th</sup>  
May 24<sup>th</sup>  
May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

### Cost?

FREE

Get in touch  
Bookings are essential!

Please contact:

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