



Trafalgar High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

PRINCIPAL

*From the
Principal's Desk*

It is hard to believe that this will be my final newsletter as principal at Trafalgar High School.

What a journey it has been, how fortunate and blessed am I that I have had the career I have had, worked with the dedicated and amazing people I have and most importantly working with the incredible young people in every school I have been in. I am most grateful of my fifteen years at Trafalgar High School, and that I am finishing my career with the students and community of Trafalgar.

I have always hoped my influence and legacy would be to shape our school where it is a place where people care for each other, where all are welcome and the growth and learning opportunities for students are through quality experiences that are available to all equally. Where there is a strong sense of community where I hope that the school in my time has also been able to give back to the community for the support that has been provided to our students.

I have striven to maintain and set the bar high for our students, where my mantra has been 'why not?' not 'why'?

The students and community of Trafalgar have been an integral and important part of my life. I thank you for the opportunity you have given me in being a part of your child/ren's lives.

I do also want to thank and acknowledge the staff who have worked alongside and with me over my journey. I have been so very fortunate. I do want to make special mention of my principal team, Jimi Hopkins, Amanda McQualter and Lee Jinks, they have been outstanding colleagues.

The school council members and in particular, the school council presidents have always been supportive and willing to stand beside me to help deliver great services for our students. Thank you, and thank you to Tanya Megaw and the current school council team.

I leave this role knowing the school is in very good hands and will continue to be an excellent public school into the future.

I wish Brett Pedlow all the very best in his next six months as principal of Trafalgar High School.

Warmest wishes

Jane Mersey

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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FRIDAY 24TH JUNE	FINAL DAY OF TERM 2 (1:40 FINISH)
MONDAY 11TH JULY	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
13TH-14TH JULY	YEAR 11 UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE CAMP
THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST	YEAR 10 INTO 11 SENIOR PATHWAYS
FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST	HARD ROCK EXCURSION
FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST	DEBUTANTE BALL
MONDAY 15TH AUGUST	PUPIL FREE DAY
22ND-26TH AUGUST	BROADENING HORIZONS—7S & 8S
TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST	YEAR 10 INTO 11 COURSE COUNSELLING
TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST	YEAR 9 INTO 10 INFORMATION NIGHT

THIS WELCOMES COMPASS PAY!!

In Term 3, Trafalgar High School will be trialling Compass pay!

This will mean less cash handling and another payment option for parents / guardians. You can use the Compass pay app, website or mobile to pay for camps, excursions and fees as well as payment plan options. With the Compass pay option you can also consent online for any camps/excursions so the permission slip does not need to be printed. Your consent and payment will transfer through to our Compass event page. Credit card options for Compass Pay are Visa or Master card. This process will bring enhanced internal controls to our processes.

More information to come at a later date.



TERM 3 HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will be beginning the second Wednesday of term 3 at lunch 1 & 2.

Homework Club is run by Niki Wald & Frances Warren.

If you have any queries, please contact our office on 5633 1733.



I AM READY PROGRAM

Strengthening Engagement and Achievement in Mathematics and Science (SEAMS)

Congratulations to Beth Darvill, Loki McCallum, James Pettifer, Griffin Stewart and Hollie Vlasveld who were successful in their application for the Strengthening Engagement and Achievement in Mathematics and Science (SEAMS) camp. This is an academic program run in collaboration with Monash University and the University of Melbourne. Students will attend a three-day camp hosted by both universities during the school holidays. They will participate in interactive workshops and academic sessions to prepare for VCE Maths Methods and Chemistry or Physics units. They will have the opportunity to take part in fun social activities that will allow them to make friends with other SEAMS participants. Well done to all of these students.



This is a Gippsland wide program aimed at improving the capacity of young people to engage in the workforce or further education at the completion of their schooling. The program aims to motivate and empower participants to continue to engage with education and employment with a work readiness focus. Students will develop employability skills and make connections with local businesses. Well done to Mikayla O'Reilly, Jimmy Shore and Robert Street who were all successful in their application for this program.



INTERMEDIATE NETBALL

Monday 14th of June our Intermediate Netball teams competed at the West Gippsland round robin held in Warragul. Both teams played very well, and the competition was tough. The boys team only missed out on winning the whole competition by a couple of goals with a tough loss to Drouin Secondary College. The girls team won two games and lost three. Both teams have been training consistently for weeks now in the Sports Centre so to see them finally take the court was fantastic. The players that stood out on the day were Memphis McQualter, Ben Hagley and Riley Payne and for the girl's team Piper Albert, Imogen Smith and Tessa Farrell. Memphis was amazing in centre very composed throughout each game, Caleb Wilson worked hard as goal shooter, hardly missing a shot. Maecy Wade for the girls team was a consistent goal shooter and Hannah Gunn defended well. Everyone played great and a big thank you students spending their student free day representing the school so well.

Meg Macumber



YEAR 7 REWARD PROGRAM

As part of the Year 7 reward stamps program, we had a team cash in their points for doughnuts and milkshakes at Gracie's Bakery today.



YEAR 9 CAREERS

Some of our current and past Trafalgar High School students provided our Year 9 students with their tips, ideas, advice and experiences for going into senior school. The students discussed part time job applications, skill development, pathway choices, work experience and transition beyond high school. Thank you very much to: Liam White, Jaxen Row, Jordie Humphrey, Meg Macumber, Charli Rhode and Charli Bajada the Year 9's will truly benefit from your experience.



SENIOR FORMAL

On Thursday the 9th June, it was with great excitement that we were able to hold the senior formal at Moe Turfside. As you can see by the pictures, the students had a wonderful night. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Turfside for a quality venue and meal, CATZ Mobile DJ for great music and David (Wombat) Lyons for his organisational skills.

Jane Mersey, the Principals and senior teams for your support, Jeannette Farrington for taking on the role of roaming photographer and staff who took the time to attend. A special thank you to the students who attended, you all looked beautiful and handsome in your formal attire. A great night was held by all.

Bron O'Meara
Year 11 Coordinatior



SENIOR FORMAL



RUBICON CAMP—STUDENT EXPERIENCE

We all got on the bus on Monday not knowing what to think about going on this camp. Thoughts rushing through our heads thinking did I pack enough? Will I get too cold? Am I going to have to pee in a bush? The answer turned out to be yes, however we didn't know that yet. Through all the personal challenges and highlights the camp turned out to be a good learning experience. Our first challenge we faced was arriving at Nayook to then be told that our whole camp had been basically changed, although we were a bit gutted about not being able to kayak it turned out to be for the better.

The hiking was something many of us haven't done before, with big heavy bags on our backs. As we woke up in the morning, we didn't know what to expect from our hike. When we arrived at the start of the hike our group evenly distributed the food out that we would need for our hike in our bags. The first 5km was the hardest because it was very steep, and we weren't used to carrying big packs on our backs. When we got to our campsite well the campsite, we thought we were meant to stay at we all got our tents set up straight away to then realized our campsite was 1km away. After a while we went looking for water, this was a highlight for some people, finding their way through long grass and going bush bashing. After that we had dinner and went to bed. When we woke up in the morning, we packed our bags and left to go to the campsite we were meant to be at and have our breakfast there, we still needed to find water because we didn't get much the night before. After we had our breakfast, we went on with our hike. We did a total of about 7km that day, it was a nice and easy walk with great scenery. We finished our hike at about 11am and went back to nayook to have our lunch.

Mountain biking, orienteering and high ropes weren't originally in the plan, however it turned out to be our personal highlight of the camp. First our group did orienteering which was fun to run around and to bring out our inner determination to win things even if in the end we didn't happen to win. Mountain biking for us was a new experience and probably a little bit daunting but we gave it a go and it turned out to be easier than expected. The staff helping everyone with the skills and giving advice really helped our confidence to get out on the track. A highlight of the activities was by far the high ropes, the course was 2 stories worth of obstacles and had a few zip lines and a leap of faith deck which is where you just jump off the second story and get lowered/dropped safely down onto the mat.

Overall, the staff on the camp were very good and helpful during the camp. A lot of new experiences and lot of perseverance was created from the Rubicon experience.

- Chloe Elkington & Chloe Gringhuis



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Apprenticeship & Traineeship Information Night

LATROBE

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Are you a young person looking to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship?

OR

Are you a Carer wanting to support your child?

Join us at the event to hear from employers and industry experts about:

- What apprenticeships and traineeships are available in your area
- What industry is looking for in applicants
- How an SWL placement can lead to an apprenticeship
- What to expect from apprenticeships and traineeships

PLUS many other helpful tips.

You can expect to hear from amazing speakers from the following organisations:

Gippsland Forestry Hub
Apprenticeship Group Australia
Gippsdairy

Accor Hotel
AGL Loy Yang
VACC

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Location: Morwell Innovation Centre, 1 Monash Way, Morwell, 3840

Light refreshments will be supplied

To register for this event, please follow the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/copy-of-apprenticeship-traineeship-evening-tickets-346956073957>

We look forward to seeing you on the night!

If you have any queries, please contact:

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LET'S PLAY HOCKEY

ALL WEATHER SYNTHETIC PITCH DROUIN

Join the West Gippsland Hockey Association and enjoy the game of hockey in a fun & supportive environment. Playing hockey is a great way to get active and learn essential social skills for life, like teamwork, sportsmanship, communication and leadership. All ages and levels of experience welcome!

- Junior and senior teams in the regional competition play and train at Bellbird Park, Drouin on a synthetic field - no travel
- Regional teams train mid-week, with games on Saturdays (Seniors have the occasional Sunday match).
- We run winter and summer competitions as well as junior development programs.
- Pathways are available to the Victorian Metro Competitions for Junior, Senior and Masters players. Opportunities to play for representative teams at country and state events.

www.wgha.asn.au
@westgippslandhockey
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LET'S PLAY HOCKEY

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY & STICK2HOCKEY COMPETITION
Saturday morning or Monday afternoon.
Younger players can learn the fundamentals with training and play in the same session.

AZTECS
Training Wednesday

DROUIDS
Training Thursday

GULLS
Training Tuesday

WARRIORS
Training Monday

GIPPSLAND STRIKERS (METRO TEAM)
Training Wednesday

PLAY & TRAIN BELLBIRD PARK DROUIN

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
Please contact Steph 0429 356 775

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@westgippslandhockeyassociation

GIPPSLAND STRIKERS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15-18

Red Light Green Light

Join Latrobe City Libraries, the Wheeler Centre and Tender podcast to share your ideas about consent.



What are the green lights that signal respect and consent in relationships (and the red lights that don't)? What does consent actually sound like?

In this special visit, producers of Tender, Bethany Atkinson-Quinton and Madison Griffiths, will lead a workshop on storytelling and relationships.

Teens will have the chance to share their stories and ideas in audio recordings that will be edited by Bethany and Madison to make up a special episode of Tender, which will be released through the Wheeler Centre and Tender.

Saturday
18 June 2022
10am to 2pm
Latrobe Youth Space

Book at Eventbrite.
Lunch will be provided.

This event is supported by Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault and Youth Insearch.

