



# Trafalgar High School Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS



I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so incredibly welcome over the past three weeks. To have the privilege to lead Trafalgar High School as the Acting Principal is an honour and I am greatly enthusiastic about this opportunity. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding leadership Jane Mersey has provided not just Trafalgar High School, but the entire Trafalgar community over the past 15 years and I wish her well in her future endeavours. I come to Trafalgar to provide stability of leadership whilst we continue to navigate challenges associated with Covid and moving forward identify opportunities to best support all our students to maximise their student outcomes that have seen considerable disruption over the past two and a half years.

Over the last three weeks I have enjoyed hearing stories from our Year 11's following their University Experience Camp to Melbourne. I am sure many of our students now have a clearer picture of where they wish to pursue further study following Year 12. This was complimented by the Careers Expo at Lardner Park this week. I have also enjoyed watching and hearing stories from our year 10 Debutants as they are busily preparing for the Deb Ball only two weeks away. We have many activities coming up over the next two weeks so keep an eye on the events calendar.

Our school community is still grieving the loss of Lucas Clarke last week and many of students, staff, parents and carers attended his funeral on Monday.

Lucas's parents have asked for their sincerest thank you be sent to our school community for the messages of support they have received. On behalf of Trafalgar High School, our deepest condolences go out the Clarke family and broader Willow Grove community. Any staff, students, parents/carers or community members requiring support can contact our School's Wellbeing Team or alternatively reach out to:

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800 or [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

Parentline: 13 22 89 or [parentline.com.au](http://parentline.com.au)

Employee Assistance Program: 1300 361 008

Regards,

Brett Pedlow



# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

## *UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES*

THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST	LIVE4LIFE YR 8 LAUNCH
5TH-6TH AUGUST	SEAL TESTING
FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST	HARD ROCK EXCURSION
FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST	DEBUTANTE BALL
MONDAY 15TH AUGUST	PUPIL FREE DAY
TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST	YEAR 10 INTO 11 SENIOR PATHWAYS
FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST	HARD ROCK EXCURSION
22ND-26TH AUGUST	BROADENING HORIZONS—7S & 8S
TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST	YEAR 10 INTO 11 COURSE COUNSELLING
WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST	YR 11 & 12 MT BAW BAW TRIP
TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST	YR 9 INTO 10 INFORMATION NIGHT
MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER	BROADENING HORIZONS PRESENTATION EVENING—5.00PM
WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER	GAT
FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER	FINAL DAY OF TERM 3
MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
13TH-16TH SEPTEMBER	UNIT 3/4 PRACTICE EXAMS
10TH-14TH OCTOBER	RUBICON CAMP YR 9
19TH-21ST OCTOBER	YR 11 OES CAMP CAPE PATTERSON
FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER	YR 10 CELEBRATION DAY
WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER	VCE EXAMS COMMENCE
TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	MELBOURNE CUP
THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	YR 10 OES SURF CAMP
THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	VALEDICTORY DINNER
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER	PUPIL FREE DAY

## 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.



## DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS

While Trafalgar High School didn't receive the Government Doctors in Schools initiative funds general practitioners (GPs) our locally developed partnership with Trafalgar Medical allows Students to access a GP one day a week. The GPs provide medical advice and health care to students and can make accessing these easier and with less learning time lost.

All students from years 7 to 12 are able to access an adolescent-health trained GP, and Trafalgar Medical support the service so students will not incur any out-of-pocket expenses for student consultations with the GP.

To book with the GP, Students or families on their behalf can contact Belinda Pugliese on [belinda.pugliese@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:belinda.pugliese@education.vic.gov.au) or calling 03 5633 1733.

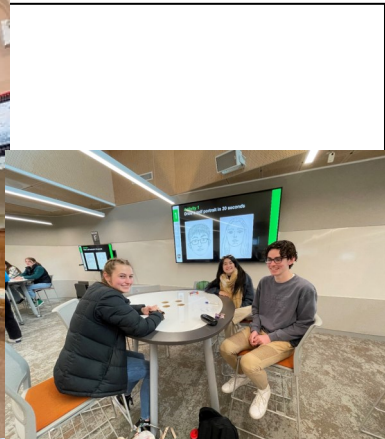


# YEAR 11 UNIVERSITY CAMP

In the first week of term 3 over 40 Year 11 students participated in the University Experience Camp. Students visited Monash, RMIT, ACU and Melbourne Universities. Students were able to hear about course offerings, available scholarships, student accommodation support and transition from high school to University. Students participated in tours that enabled them to see first-hand the facilities at each campus as well as the accommodation options. Each University conducted activities such as: visiting and setting up a Moot Court at ACU, Photography Competition at RMIT and interactive course investigation tasks at Monash. Students stayed overnight at the University College, a tertiary student residential housing, which allowed them to gain an understanding of this type of accommodation. Feedback from students was very positive and many said they had learned a great deal about potential pathways and options beyond High School.



# YEAR 11 UNIVERSITY CAMP



# NEW CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

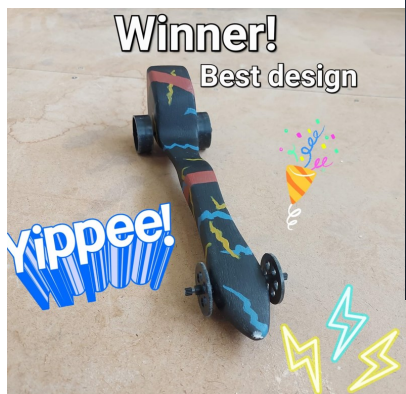
Victoria's Child Safe Standards are a set of mandatory requirements to protect children and young people from harm and abuse. Last term in the newsletter we let you know the policy work School council was undertaking to update processes at our school from the Child Safe Standards that commenced in January 2016 to current requirements. After six years, we have seen how the Standards improve safety for children and young people not only at school but across the community as these also apply to footy, cricket, Scouts and all the other places our student participate in the community. This year changes have been made to make Standards even stronger and cover more ground in areas like cyber safety where technology and its use by young people has grown in recent times. The new Child Safe Standards came into force on 1 July 2022 and our school is ready to comply with these new Standards.

For more information see the Commissioner for Children and Young People website:  
New Child Safe Standards <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/new-child-safe-standards-now-apply/>  
For parents and carers <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/resources/for-parents-and-carers/>

# PRODUCT DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY—CO2 ROCKET CARS

The last term in Product Design & Technology has been a very quick end to half year. There has been a new and very fast subject for Year 8 this year – Co2 Rocket Cars. Students have been given the brief to make a triangle piece of Balsa wood travel down a 20 metre course as fast as possible. Of course it has wheels and is powered by a Co2 Air Cannister. There are challenges in this each student had to race against each other so the more aerodynamic the car the faster it went. So you had to understand the principals of how cars travel faster through air. I would like to congratulate the fastest Co2 Rocket Car winner being – Dylan Van Der Stoep. The second Award went to the best looking Co2 Rocket Car Judged by Ms Mersey and the winner was - Josh Handasyde. I would also like to thank School Captain Harry McCabe for stepping in with the Year 8 class and setting up the racing track on the day (As I was Injured). Terrific students and an Awesome day.

Regards,  
Happy



# INSPIRING CAREERS IN HEALTH CAMP

The Inspiring Careers in Health Camp was a 3 day live-in experience hosted by Federation Uni and TAFE Gippsland. Six THS Students had the opportunity to attend, students were introduced to range of health related careers to gain knowledge on the pathways and employment options within the Health Industry.

Across both campuses Industries explored included Allied Health, Exercise and Sports Science, Nursing/Midwifery, Psychology, Community and Human Services, Aged Care and Tech School.

Students also had the opportunity to attend an Inspiring Young people dinner where they were able to meet and talk with a range of professionals in the health care industry.



# YEAR 7 ACADEMIC AWARDS

We are also focusing on academic success at year 7 this term. Each week we have a different focus subject. Last week our focus was on PASE and a student from each form group was selected for their academic success.

Last weeks recipients were:

- 7A- Alexis East
- 7B- Jack Brand
- 7C- Jason blackshaw
- 7D- Chloe smith
- 7E- Heidi Donoghue
- 7S-Dhiira Slade



# YEAR 7 REWARDS

Our year 7 students have been saving and trading in their good behaviour stamps for hot chocolates and toasties as well as some pretty cool prizes from our cabinet this week. Below are some of our students who have traded in this week!





## HEAD START APPRENTICESHIPS

Congratulations to Brayden who has recently signed into a Head Start Apprenticeship working with AMG Electrical. Brayden is undertaking Year 11 this year and will be commencing his Certificate III in Electro-Technology Electrician. Thank you to AMG Electrical for giving Brayden his career "Head Start".



Certificate III in Electro-Technology  
Electrician working with  
AMG Electrical

## SENIOR PATHWAYS EVENING—YR 10 & 9S STUDENTS

All 9S and Year 10 students and their families are strongly encouraged to attend the upcoming Senior Pathways Evening, which will be held at Trafalgar High School on Tuesday, the 16th of August from 5pm. A "subject fair", whereby students can learn about the different individual subjects available in 2023 will be held between 5.00pm – 6.00pm and then the information session will begin at 6.00pm and run to approximately 7pm. Individual course counselling sessions will occur in the following week for the Year 10 students, where each student will meet 1:1 with a course counsellor to support them to select their 2023 program. More information is available via COMPASS newsfeed. Looking forward to seeing you there!

– Ms Hopkins and Mrs. Draper

# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



**VACCA**  
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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

Every child deserves to smile

**Become a foster carer with VACCA**

[www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org)



Have you been thinking about becoming a foster carer? Kids in your area need care!

Are you able to provide Aboriginal children and young people with a positive and nurturing family life experience that will support their needs?

Will you be prepared to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

At VACCA we are seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding; carers who believe that they can make a positive impact on a child's life.

Make this the year you make a difference, express your interest by visiting [www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org) or by calling one of our offices.



# FAMILY FUN DAY

**10AM-3PM SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUG 2022**

**FREE ENTRY • MARKET STALLS • FOOD TRUCKS  
LIVE MUSIC • RAFFLE • ACTIVITIES AND GAMES FOR  
KIDS OF ALL AGES • AND MORE!**

**TRARALGON RACECOURSE**  
110 MCNAIRN ROAD, TRARALGON EAST

Love Your Sister is bringing all of Traralgon together for a massive Family Fun Day fundraising event with music, food stalls and heaps of activities for kids of all ages! Australia's favourite cancer vanquisher, Samuel Johnson OAM, will be there with bells on to thank you all in person and announce the total amount raised by your community.



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