

The Somerville Source

News from Somerville Secondary College



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Principal's Report; 6th March 2019

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Welcome

I would belatedly like to welcome all students and parents to the college for 2019. We are pleased to announce that five different VET/SBATs will be available onsite to students this year in our Trade Training Centre / Technical Education Centre. I would also like to welcome Ms Lazar the college this year teaching Chemistry & Mathematics. Congratulations also to Mrs Fleming who is taking on the Leader Teacher role in the Junior School this year.

Compass Access

New parents to the college should by now have received their welcome letter to the Compass Portal (if you have not yet received the letter or have lost your password, please contact the college to re-establish your access). Compass provides information to parents on attendance, performance on learning tasks (including homework), access to reports, bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews as well as a host of other services including excursion permissions and payments. I strongly encourage parents to log into the portal and stay in touch with their child's educational progress.

2019 Start

We have had a usual smooth start to 2019 with the Year 7 students beginning their school year with a breakfast event (very well attended by parents) and a camp at Phillip Island. I visited the students at the camp on the middle Tuesday of their stay at camp and they were having a great time getting to know the other students and key staff members.

Dates To Remember



Thursday 7th March
Division Swimming

Monday 11th March
*Labour Day Public Holiday
Somerville Family Day*

Tuesday 12th March
Year 7 Immunisations

Friday 15th March
Year 8 Sport

Wednesday 20th March
Yr 7—10 Industry Excursion

Thursday 21st March
*Year 10 RoadSmart
Music Performance Night*

Tuesday 26th March
College Open Day/Night

Bringing Valuables to School

We understand that many students will bring a mobile phone to school as part of a 'safety plan' whilst travelling to and from school. As per school policy, students need to place mobile phones (and any other communication devices apart from school computers) in their (locked) lockers during class time. As with all other valuables brought to school by students or staff – they are brought to school at the risk of the owner. The school will not accept any liability for damage to or loss of personal property owned by students or staff.

Accidents @ School

The Victorian Department of Education ensures that a safe working and learning environment is provided in all of its school locations. However, sometimes accidents do happen and students and/or can be injured whilst at school/work. The Department of Education does not provide coverage for medical and/or transport costs in such instances. At Somerville SC nearly all of our staff our Level II First Aid trained and can provide care and appropriate treatment for minor injuries. However, in certain circumstances (broken limb, suspected head or spinal injury, etc.) an ambulance will be called to transfer a patient to hospital. The decision to call an ambulance will be made by suitably trained staff at the school following DET guidelines without parental consultation. As such – the school recommends that parents have appropriate ambulance coverage or membership.

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Assistant Principal's Report

School Board Election Process 2019

I would like to thank all the members of the current school board for their commitment to the college during 2018. In particular I would like to thank DET and Parent representatives, whose term is coming to an end, for their commitment during the last two years (and longer). Parent members: Miranda Cook; Steve Russell-Clarke; Vanessa Scott; Jennie Sullivan; Kat McKee and Joanne Smith are coming to the end of their current term, as is DET member: Corey Leslie and Student member: Bayley Slamin. We have 5 (and potentially 7) 'Parent', 1 DET and 1 Student vacancy for the 2019 board. If any parents, students or staff are interested in joining or re-joining the school board for 2019 please contact the college and ask to speak with the principal (Chris) for further information. If you already know what the School Council does in a school and don't have any questions, nomination forms are available from the General Office or the Principal. Nominations close on Wednesday March 13. I strongly encourage all members of the school community to consider joining the School Council and becoming more involved and better informed about your college.

Traffic Safety

I would like to thank the parents who use the carpark adjacent to Graf Road appropriately and advise new and returning parents that they should not be parking on the left hand side of the driveway (adjacent to Building 6) during the bus drop off and pickup periods (8:00 – 8:15 and 15:00 – 15:15) as parking in these areas makes it less safe for the buses to pick-up and drop-off students. Students should cross from the centre median strip to the college (and vice versa) via the pedestrian crossings at the south and north ends of the car park. All students who travel on school buses must have completed a 2019 Bus Application which should be returned to the college office immediately. Thank you to those students and parents who have already ensured that this has happened. Bus application forms are available from the General Office or the Principal during business hours. All students who travel on the buses must carry a valid 'bus pass' – bus drivers will soon be enforcing this requirement.

Swimming Sports

Last Monday the school swimming sports carnival took place at Crib Point Pool. The event was well attended by a keen and enthusiastic group of students and staff. There was clearly some very fierce competition between certain students which added to the atmosphere on the day. The day was warm and windy and students actively participated in both the serious events in the main pool and the novelty events. The staff versus student relay was a highlight with the senior students taking the flag by a small margin. A great day was had by all.

Chris Lloyd
Principal



School F E E S

If you are unable to pay your College fees in full, we are more than happy to discuss the option of a payment plan. By doing this you can make regular payments (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) at a cost that is affordable to you. It is advisable that you sign up to a payment plan as soon as possible to ensure that your payments can be spread over a longer period of time, making them more affordable to you.

We have various options available:

1. Centrepay—If you receive a family allowance or pension payments from Centrelink every fortnight, you can elect to have an amount deducted from your payment. This payment will come to us every fortnight. There are no fees involved for you.
2. Credit/Debit Card—We will deduct the agreed amount through our EFTPOS facilities here at the College. All you need to do is provide your card number, expiry date and complete the Authority Form and we will do the rest.

If you would like to commence a payment plan, please feel free to call the College and speak with one of our Admin staff who can go through the options with you. Phone: 5973 1000

CSEF applications are still being accepted. If you have a Health Care Card (Concession) please complete a form at the office to receive the allowance..

*** Note for parents regarding leaving school unwell.

If your child contacts you by phone while they are in class to advise they are not well could you please support us by advising your child that they should let their teacher know they are unwell. The teacher will then give them a note to take to sick bay. The office staff will attend to them and call you if required.

Thank you for supporting us so we can ensure your child's safety by knowing where they are at all times.

Parking Awareness Program



Many schools on the Mornington Peninsula face challenges in relation to the amount of available parking close to school entrances and this limited parking leads to problems with traffic flow and safety during drop off and pick up times.

The School Parking Awareness Program aims to reduce the congestion and improve the safety of pedestrians and drivers specifically during these times by ensuring drivers are aware and observe road rules and signage which is in place.

Council Officers will be attending schools on a random basis across the year. Officers will identify drivers committing offences, drivers may be verbally cautioned, or issued with an infringement notice.

The types of offences relating to the *Road Safety Road Rules 2017*;

Rule 171 – Stopping on or near a children’s crossing:

‘A driver must not stop on a children’s crossing, or on the road within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing’.

Infringement notice: \$161.00

Rule 167 – No stopping signs:

‘A driver must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a *no stopping sign* applies’.

Infringement notice: \$161.00

Rule 183 – Stopping in a bus zone:

‘A driver must not stop in a bus zone unless the driver is driving a public bus’.

Infringement notice: \$97.00

Rule 197 – Stopping on a path, dividing strip, nature strip, painted island or traffic island:

A driver must not stop on a bicycle path, footpath, shared path or dividing strip, or a nature strip adjacent to a length of road in a built-up area:

Infringement notice: \$97.00

Rule 189 – Double parking:

‘A driver must not stop on a road if to do so would put any part of the vehicle that the driver is driving between a vehicle that is parked on the road and the centre of the road’.

Infringement notice: \$97.00

Mornington Shire Parking Awareness Program

Parking Awareness Program



Rule 203 – Stopping in a parking area for people with disabilities:

A driver must not stop in a parking area for people with disabilities unless:
the driver's vehicle displays a current parking permit for people with disabilities; and
the driver complies with the conditions of the use of the permit.

Infringement notice: \$161.00

Rule 169 – No stopping on a road with a yellow edge line:

A driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line.

Infringement notice: \$97.00

Rule 205 – Parking for longer than indicated:

A driver must not park continuously on a length of road, or in an area, to which a *permissive parking sign* applies for longer than the period indicated by information on or with the sign or, if rule 206 applies to the driver, the period allowed under the rule.

Infringement notice: \$81.00

Drivers should be aware that at times Officers will take notes or photographs of drivers parking in contravention of the road rules. Any notes or photographs taken are used for the sole purpose of proving evidence that an offence has taken place.

The Shire works directly with many schools to improve the traffic flow and availability of parking. However, the reality is such that there will never be enough parking during the high demand periods.



Love Your Library! - Term 1

Day One—Term One—Starting on the right foot with a plan, good intentions and a determination to do well. That is how 2019 kicked off for forty new Year 7 students!

I made sure my name label was on straight (and the right way up!) and I added the fact that I was ‘The Nice One’. This is now how I am referred to by Year 7 students..

Mercifully they still called me nice after two big sessions. First was a computer orientation lesson followed by a library orientation. Lots of information to pass on in both sessions. In each one the students’ listening skills were put to excellent use and everyone earned themselves a couple of Recognition & Rewards points.

You wouldn’t think the Library session would be so in-depth, after all—it’s just books and reading.

Well our expectations with regard to literacy at Year 7 level are quite comprehensive and a main focus for our teachers at Somerville. Finding out about where our new students are up to with reading is a good starting point to work from. Encouraging the brain to concentrate and focus on reading when you are still coming to grips with the mechanics of reading is like using gym equipment for the first time. After a few minutes you just want to stop because it is hard.

Regular reading at home helps to ease the burn of using that brain muscle. It helps to make all school work easier and easier until reading becomes a pleasure.

Books are free entertainment, they help spark your imagination, a good cure for loneliness and boredom. They are also an escape and an adventure!

Readers end up having a better vocabulary and do better in tests and exams. Having the words to express yourself reduces frustration and low self-esteem.

Our Library collection is a result of requests from students. I purchase books 3-4 times a year and the titles are mainly ones that have been suggested by our students. Last year I could barely keep up with the list of emails. And I hope to be in the same position this year as well—come on kids, make me work harder!

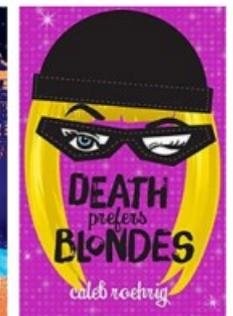
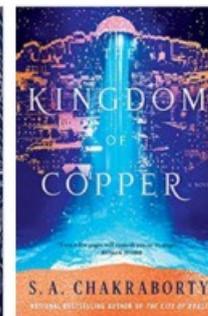
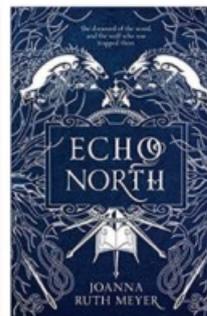
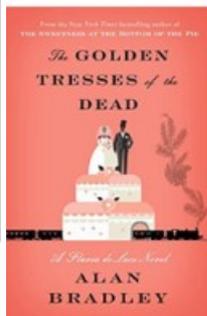
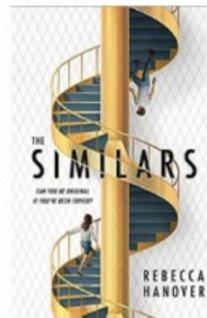
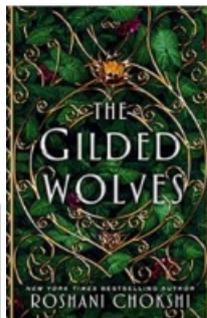
We are so fortunate to have our Literacy Coach Ms Reumer, along with our Reading Enrichment program for Year 7 & 8 to help students acquire the reading skills they will need to progress through to their senior years and beyond into their chosen career. I am excited for our younger students because of what is in store for them. It’s like watching them ride a bike with training wheels, and then watching as they ditch the little wheels and fly off.

I welcome all families to come and see what we have on our Library shelves - I am always available to have a chat about books, reading and how we can cater to your child’s reading interests, improve their academic success and support their wellbeing.

So, see you in the fiction section!

Sue Curran

Library Manager



... 'Just Keep Swimming...'

*just keep
Swimming*



VET in Schools news.

The Somerville SC Technical Education & Trade Training Centre (Building 6) has had a very busy start to the year. This year our students and students from surrounding schools have begun training in the following qualifications.

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate II in Electro Technology (1st year and continuing 2nd year students)
- Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship)
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways.

Students from all around the Peninsula descend on the Technical Education & Trade Training Centre on a Wednesday and Friday to participate in nationally recognised qualifications to ensure that once they have finished schools they are ready to hit the ground running with a full certificate under their belt. I wish all the students a successful year in their chosen VETis course.



SOCIAL DANCING FOR ADULTS

We invite you to join in and learn how to dance confidently in a social setting with a qualified tutor. This class suits beginners or those who wish to brush up on their skills in a fun environment.

Classes are held on Thursday night 7.00-8.00pm
Cost is \$14.00 per class.

For more details call us on 5977 8330 between 9.00am-4.30pm
or email us at info@somervillecommunityhouse.com.au





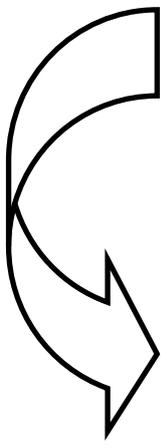
0435822699
24 hr Wildlife
Rescue Hotline

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of Somerville Secondary College.

The VCAL classes of 2019 are working together to help *Animalia*, a rehabilitation centre for injured animals, by donating cotton pouches crafted by the students for the sick babies to sleep in.

If you wish to participate in our charity donation, you can donate old and unused cotton sheets and pillow cases to the front office for us to collect.

Thankyou for helping care for our wildlife!



What a difference some care and attention can make!



Tulli and Wilma back in the bush

📅 October 24, 2012 🗨️ no comments

TULLI the wombat was rescued from his dead mother's pouch more than a year ago and last weekend was taken back to the bush as a 20kg adult.

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20TH MARCH 2019

**(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE
FROM ORIGINAL DATE)
AN EVENING WITH
DR. MICHAEL CARR-GREGG**

A MUST FOR ALL PARENTS!

Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg will be discussing a range of topics, including developing resilience in our children, dealing with anxiety and the impact of screen time on children and how to best manage technology use. He will offer practical parenting advice.



Tyabb Primary School

7:00 – 9:00PM

TYABB School Hall

**186 Mornington-
Tyabb Rd, Tyabb**

**Parking will be
available at both
Tyabb PS and
Flinders CCC.**

**LOG ONTO:
[eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)
to purchase your
tickets.
Tickets are \$15 per
person.**

Community Announcements

BUNDJIL'S NEST PRESENTS
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THIS IS AN ALCOHOL & DOG FREE EVENT

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 10AM - 10PM
 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL • FAMILY FRIENDLY • FREE ENTRY
 SHOWCASING AND CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS CULTURES
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JAMES HENRY • DJIRRI DJIRRI DANCE GROUP
CARISSA WATTS • LUCKY • OWEN THOMAS

CAMPING AVAILABLE // OFF STREET PARKING AVAILABLE
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 8am - 11am
Wayapa Session & Community Breakfast

This festival will be held on the ancestral lands of the Boon Wurrung peoples. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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