



## Upcoming Dates

### June

**Tues 18th**  
9/10 Boys Football

### GAT

**Friday 28th**  
Last day of term  
2.30 finish

### July

**Mon 29th**  
Parent Teacher Student Interviews

### September

**Thurs 19th**  
College Fete

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## From the Principal

### College Fete—Date Has Been Set

At college council on Wednesday evening, the upcoming college fete was further discussed and a date of Thursday 19th September was set for this college community event. Further details regarding the fete itself will be shared as they come to hand.

### Next Parent Teacher Student Interviews

The term 3 Parent Teacher Student Interviews will be held on Monday July 29th. The PTSI's will run in a format similar to our last interviews and we are hopeful that running the event on a Monday may give more families the chance to attend. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

### VET Taster Day

I had the pleasure of accompanying Mrs Krahe and 30 year 9/10 students on their VET Taster Day at Charlton yesterday. Our students were part of a group of (approx.) 150 students from across the Loddon Shire who took part in 3 different specific classes to get a feel for VET offerings and opportunities for future study. As expected, our students were fantastic yesterday and received a great deal of praise for their efforts and application throughout the day!

### Building Works Update

The current building works program is progressing beautifully with the roof almost complete and a great deal of the external framework completed. Staff will have the opportunity this afternoon to have their first tour through the facility and we are excited to be able to do this. In the not-too-distant future, college council members will also be able to tour the site and further down the track, some of our classes will have the opportunity to go through the site. Be sure to take a look at the structure as you drive past the college next, or drop in for a quick look (from behind the temp fence) when you next visit the college.

### Change of Semester

This coming Monday sees the changing of Semesters for all year levels at the college. This will see some changes to

timetabled classes and also will see the students in years 5—10 change technology groups and/or elective classes. Students have been encouraged to look at their Compass pages so that they are aware of their modified timetables.

With the changing of Semester, there are also a couple of changes with staffing. We are excited to welcome back Mr Phil Kidman from a period of leave, and we welcome Mrs Ashlea Martin to the college in a teaching role. Miss Lisa Mitchell will begin a period of leave as of Monday and will be out of the college until the end of the year. After the upcoming holiday period, we will also welcome back Frauline Burgstett from a period of leave. Mrs Sue Pickles will finish up with us in the canteen and Mrs Mel Primrose will take over this role.

Along with the changes I have mentioned here, there are also a number of staff who will have slight changes to their time-fractions at the college.

The college has also recently appointed Ms Jodie Hocking to a grounds/gardening role and we have received a great deal of positive feedback regarding the increased time given to the college grounds.

### Student Attitudes to School Surveys (AtoSS)

Students in years 4—12 have been completing their annual AtoSS surveys throughout the past 3 weeks and I would like to thank all who have taken part, for their honest and open feedback. These surveys provide the college with authentic student voice and help to guide us in future direction for teaching, learning and wellbeing.

The data obtained from these surveys is anonymous and is only identifiable in the form of year level data. I will provide each of these classes with summary feedback once I have received the results of the recent surveys.

### This Week's Photo

This week's photo was taken at yesterday's VET Taster Day. The pic shows Kyen, Piper and Emma during a Sport and Rec session. Clearly working hard here...

Steve Leed—College Principal

### General Achievement

#### Test (GAT)

Next Tuesday, all Year 12 and some Year 11 students will be taking the GAT, a test that evaluates skills in literacy, numeracy, and general knowledge. It's important for a few reasons:

First, the GAT can help students if something unexpected happens, like getting sick during their end-of-year exams. Their performance in the GAT can be used to calculate a 'derived score' so they're not at a disadvantage.

Secondly, the GAT helps to make sure that our school SAC results are fair compared to students from other schools. It helps to keep everything consistent.

If students do really well on the GAT, it could even help them get into a university, like Monash University. They might look at the GAT score if the student's ATAR is slightly below what they require.

Lastly, the GAT is a way to double-check exam scores. If a student's GAT score suggests they should have done better, the Chief Examiner may take another look at their exam results.

So, while the GAT might seem like just another test, it's actually really important for making sure the assessment system is fair and accurate for all students.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about this!

*(Modified from '4 reasons why the GAT is important' by ACED—read the full blog post here: <https://acedvce.com/4-reasons-why-the-gat-is-important/>)*



They say a picture says a thousand words, Scott apologises for not getting a newsletter article in this week, but he has been on official baby sitting duties as we have had a little visit from Mrs Milroy and baby Gracie.

# Sub-School Updates

## Junior

### MID SEMESTER REPORTS

This week, students got an extra long weekend so that teachers could write reports. These will be available on Compass at the end of the term. If you would like a hardcopy, this needs to be requested via the office.

### LEARNING JOURNALS

Learning journals will be coming home over the holidays. These are a reflection of the work students are doing in class. Students are really proud of some of these pieces, and should be commended on their efforts. Please have a discussion around these when they come home and feel free to write any notes in them!

### MELBOURNE MUSEUM EXCURSION

Our P4 excursion to Melbourne is now up on Compass with the full details. Students will be exploring the new dinosaur exhibition, visiting the IMAX theatre and having a general view of other exhibitions. For details about costs, and what to bring please check Compass. Hardcopy forms will be sent in schoolbags tonight. If your child does not come home with one, please check their bag! Alternatively, students can ask the office for an extra copy. At this stage, volunteers are not required. Closer to the date, we may request volunteers who are able to assist.

## Middle

I hope everyone had a wonderful extra-long weekend! Staff have been busy finalising reports and chasing up last-minute student work to ensure that these reports are accurate.

This week is the end of Semester 1! That means that next week, students will have a slightly different timetable, elective changes, and several different teachers across the middle school. Students will be provided with updated timetables to put into lockers to assist with their organisation as we change over. These are also available on Compass.

### Middle Sub-School Assembly

Today's sub-school assembly started with an SRC report given by Campbell. He outlined all of the amazing things the SRC have planned for Term 3 and the people in charge of those events.

Next, students used their time to walk and talk around the central lawn.

Thank you to Miss Mitchell and Mr Adcock, who have both been working in the Middle Years this semester!

## Senior

### SACs and practice exams—almost done!!!

BIG congratulations to students who have powered through their final SACs for Unit 1 or Unit 3 and then completed practice exams. Our dear Y10s have been completing their final practice exams this week. Well done and I hope you have something nice to look forward to this weekend.

### Work Experience June 24th to 28th

Angela has been helping students to make calls to businesses today and will return again on Friday. If you have any work experience related questions please ask Angela Friday or send an email [a.poxon@ncllen.org.au](mailto:a.poxon@ncllen.org.au)

### ADF Long Tan Award nominations Y10 & Y12

A compass news feed went out last week to explain the criteria for this award. This award has set criteria that can apply to the school and broader community. As a

result I ask students to nominate (fairly) to let us know all the good things they are doing that we may not see. Students can nominate themselves or a peer. Y10 nominations due Friday 21st of June and Y12 Friday 28th of June. Let me know if you have any questions.

### General Achievement Test GAT Tuesday 18th of June

Sorry just when you thought the tests were over, there's one more...but we are half way through the VCE academic year.

**VCE Units 3 & 4 students** all students completing a VCE Unit 3&4 subject (including VET subjects) attending the GAT (General Achievement Test) exam.

Section A Literacy and Numeracy 9am-11:15am

Section B General Knowledge and Skills 1:15pm-3pm

**VCE Vocational Major VM Y12 students:** all students completing a VCE Vocational Major Unit 3&4 (Y12) attending the GAT (General Achievement Test) exam. .

Section A Literacy and Numeracy 9am-11:15am

### Intermediate football

On June the 18th we will send a group of year 9 and 10 boys to Bendigo's Mercy Present to participate in the Sandhurst schools football day.

Payment and consent can now be provided online.

### 7/8 Sport

In year 7 and 8 sport the students have been preparing and practising for next terms junior sports days. The sports the students have been participating include basketball and table tennis.

"I have loved learning table tennis and basketball." Lucas C

"My favourite thing in sport at the moment is basketball because I play it out of school and I want to represent the school." Jackson W

"I have liked table tennis because it is a really good sport that I can play with friends."

- Campbell H

"I have loved playing basketball because we play fin games."

- Lucas S

"I like being active."

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## Canteen

		<b>2024 June</b>	
<b>Fri 14th</b>	Sam Ellis Wendy Murphy		
<b>Mon 17th</b>	Belinda Clymo	<b>Mon 24th</b>	Sharon Hughes
<b>Tues 18th</b>	Karolyn Campbell	<b>Tues 25th</b>	Kylie Addlem
<b>Wed 19th</b>	Penny Cockerell	<b>Wed 26th</b>	Nicky Lawry
<b>Thurs 20th</b>	Sue Pickles	<b>Thurs 27th</b>	Sue Pickles
<b>Fri 21st</b>	Miranda Smith Lisa Twigg	<b>Fri 28th</b>	Sue Pickles