



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are nearing the end of the 2019 school year. Lots of exciting things are happening across the college which includes the transition program for the 2020 Preps and completion of exams for students in Year 11 and 12. Congratulations to the students that have completed exams for your preparation and effort. Just a reminder for those involved that the Year 12 Valedictory dinner is scheduled for 21 November.

Over the coming weeks, the College will be spending time supporting students across all year levels with transitioning to their new level for 2020. This will include the Year 10-12 Orientation Days, Year 6-7 Transition days and Year 7-9 Step up Days. The purpose of these days are to ensure all students have a successful and smooth transition into their new levels.

Thank you to all the staff involved in organising these events.

There has also been a lot to celebrate at the College from the beginning of this term which has included the swimming program, Art Fair and P-4 House Athletics Day. The students have also had the chance to enjoy a number of key note speakers and incursions/excursions as part of their learning program.

As a staff we are also working through and organising structures and classes for 2020. This has included appointing leadership positions and interviewing new teachers. We are keen to finalise the staffing and class structures as soon as possible to support preparations for 2020.

On the Curriculum Day on 4th November, the teachers had the opportunity to reflect on 2019 and to work in teams to continue developing planning documents. We also looked at key events and dates for 2020 which we are currently finalising. This information will be shared with families over the next couple of weeks.

Finally thanks again for making me feel welcome and for coming up to say hello. Keep an eye out for the parent survey which will be coming home next week.

Enjoy the week.

Alex Artavilla

Acting Principal

Laverton P - 12 College

Important Dates Week 7 & 8

18
NOV

YR 11-12
Orientation
18 - 29 Nov

21
NOV

YR 12
Valedictory
Dinner

21
NOV

YR 5-6 Soccer
Clinic - each
Thursday
21Nov - 5Dec

26
NOV

P - 11 Coon Tasty
Fundraiser

27
NOV

YR 10 exams till
27 - 29Nov

29
NOV

2020 Prep Transition
Last Day Year 11
students

CRASHENDO MUSIC PROGRAM

Two of our Crashendo students - Eh K'Pawlaw Htoo and Sher Tha Kue Thachaw - completed Grade 2 viola and Grade 4 violin music exams (respectively) with AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) last month. They received their certificates during Crashendo practice last week with their teacher Daniel Tedford. They did so well and are very proud of their efforts, as are we!



CANTEEN NEWS

In our growing cashless society, orders can be placed online with our school Canteen. Our Canteen uses Quick Cliq. Just visit their website and sign up <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>.

Please note orders must be made by 9.30 am for Prep - 6 students to ensure the lunch order basket is taken to the canteen.



IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

We are grateful to the parents that call the school and leave messages about their child's absence. In this message please include your child's first name, last name, home group, the date and reason for the absence. Absences can also be entered on the Compass app.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Grade 2 students have been learning about comparing and ordering capacity in Maths this week. Here are some photos of Grade 2B students from "Outdoor Classroom Day" (which we unofficially celebrated on Thursday by holding 3 of our lessons - Maths, Personal & Social Learning, and Sport - outside in fun and interactive ways).





CAREERS UPDATE



Reminder: VTAC 2020 Key Dates



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| VTAC Personal Statement | Friday 6 December 2019 |
| ATARs Released | Thursday 12 December 2019 |
| CoP for December Round Offers closes | Saturday 14 December 2019 |
| December Round Offers | Wednesday 18 December 2019 |
| Change of Preference (COP) closes | Friday 20 December 2019 |
| January Round International Offers | Tuesday 7 January 2020 |
| January Round Domestic Offers | Wednesday 15 January 2020 |
| February Offer Rounds | Monday 3 February 2020 onwards |

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](https://www.vtac.edu.au)
www.vtac.edu.au

Scholarship Recipients 2020

Congratulations to the following students on their success in obtaining scholarships to support their continuing education in 2020.

Natasha Coombs - Year 12

Hobsons Bay VET Cluster - Youth Potential Scholarships



Year 12 Jasmine Kellett & Danny Phan
Year 10 Amber Graham & Chantell King



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CAREERS Continues

Remember...

Students who do best at university or TAFE are not necessarily those with the highest ATARs but those with **persistence, determination, organisational and self-management skills** that are also **assertive in asking for help**. Make sure you choose a course you will enjoy and are interested in; otherwise you may experience problems with motivation.

Form **friendship** groups with other students so you can be active in groups that discuss work and share ideas. Students that are engaged in **learning communities and networks** have a more positive university experience.



Useful Tips for Successful Interviews



Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. *John Lees* shares his expert interview tips.

1 Don't waste the opening moments

Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. Interviewers make a quick initial decision about your personality from the moment you arrive, based on how you look and sound. Dress as if you already work there and you've just been promoted. Make those initial seconds relaxed and upbeat as you can, even if you're just talking about your journey.

2 Don't over-deliver

Most candidates say too much. Interviewers are not that interested, and will usually accept a short, positive answer and move on. Practise compressing your evidence into good short stories no more than 3 minutes long setting out what problem you were handling, what you did, how you did it, and what the result was.

3 Don't act like a stranger

Leave your coat, umbrella and bag in reception. Just take in a slim folder into the interview room containing the documents you need, and you will look like an employee rather than a visitor.

4 Don't try to wing difficult questions

Don't duck predictable questions about your know-how and skill level – think carefully about good examples. Equally predictable questions cover things like strengths (talk about qualities that match the job) and weaknesses (talk about skills you are improving, and make it clear that you're a fast learner).

*John Lees has written a wide range of careers books. His 2013 titles are **Just The Job!**, his first systematic guide to job searching, and **Knockout CV**, a comprehensive guide to writing a winning CV.*