One of the best parts of being Principal at Warrnambool College is being able to simultaneously learn with students in the moment while keeping a keen eye on where we’re going. As I write this from my desk, I can see the extensive plans for the development of our high performance centre on the north side of our hall.

The building works are at lock up stage now and it’s exciting to see what was a largely unused space being transformed into something very special indeed. It’s been a privilege to witness this innovative program grow from a small idea into a program that will benefit many students at our school, both academically and athletically.

Of course, this is just a taste of things to come for our school in the coming years. We learnt last week that in addition to our $4.6 million state government grant for facilities upgrades, we have been provided with an additional $500,000 for planned maintenance projects. This obviously presents us with a unique opportunity to think big around the physical spaces that we’d like to create in the coming decade at Warrnambool College. Most exciting of all is that the funding is directly tied to what our school needs from a teaching and learning perspective. We all know that buildings in and of themselves do little to promote good learning, but when buildings allow innovative learning initiatives to flourish then we will surely achieve successful outcomes for our students.

Before I sign off I want to thank all those that were able to come along to parent teacher interviews last week. I hope the opportunity to discuss your child’s learning and growth was fruitful and has given you ideas in how to further support learning between school and home. If you haven’t had a chance to view your child’s 2nd cycle report yet, please log onto Compass to see how they are going in each of their subjects.

Kind Regards,

Dave Clift
Principal
Pupil Free Day – June 10th
We wish to notify all parents that Friday June 10th will be a pupil free day. Staff will be engaged in professional development during the course of the day and no classes will be running.

Uniform
Following on from the previous parent newsletter we wanted to make special mention of the improvement in relation to correct school uniform. It has been wonderful to see staff, students and parents assisting us and supporting the uniform policies. Our students can have a great sense of pride in their uniform and also appreciate the variety of options available to them.

Thank you for your support.

Students or parents wishing to have greater opportunity to share their opinions regarding uniform or other polices at the College are invited to elect to be part of the Engagement and Wellbeing committee (consisting of staff, students and parents).

Congratulations Youth Mayors
Many of our students are engaged in community and leadership endeavors outside of the College. Two students that we wish to recognize and congratulate this week are Gabby Good and Tom O’Sullivan. Gabby, whilst balancing her role as one of the College Captains and her hectic year 12 schedule has also recently been elected Youth Mayor for Warrnambool. We are also very proud to announce that Tom has been elected as Deputy Mayor for Warrnambool. They are both outstanding leaders and students. We thank them for their contribution to the community and the youth of Warrnambool.

Suicide Prevention – Guest Presenters Wednesday June 15th
The unfortunate reality of our youth today is the high number of students that have experienced feelings of suicide or who have had association with a peer or adult who has experienced these feelings or trauma. In an effort to address the growing concern within the community the College has engaged Jake Edwards, Glen Manton and his support team ‘Beyond the Locker Room’ to address our student population. Every year level will experience a one hour workshop with Jake and the team. This will address Jake’s own battle with depression and journey of recovery. In this age of social media and experimentation, youth are exposed to an increasing number of challenging situations and pressures. The presentation will also address issues surrounding pressure and use of drug and alcohol abuse.

If any student wishes to opt out of this experience then alternate arrangements will be made for them. Similarly, if students are present during the presentation they are of course free to leave at any stage if they become upset by the content.

Sporting Pathway Program
An information session for this program will be offered to grade 6 students on Wed 25th of May at 7pm in the College Auditorium. Current year 7, 8 and 9 students will have an opportunity to attend an information session on the same evening at 6pm in the Hall.

The SPP is a pathway to excellence for aspiring athletes who want to get the best out of themselves in their chosen sporting field and academic life. This program information session will cover structure, community partnerships, sport science opportunities, fees and selection process. Further questions can be directed to the program co-ordinator Adam Matheson.
The new Warrnambool College High Performance Centre is coming!!

This new sports science facility is currently under development with the site demolished and the new glazing installed. The space will be completely refitted and contain the latest sports science technology and gymnasium equipment to enable students to train and develop similar to elite athletes. The High Performance Centre is on schedule to be officially launched at the beginning of next term. The new glazing in the Hall looks fantastic and our school community can’t wait until this facility is up and functioning for our students and staff.

Sporting Pathway Program

This is a new initiative for students with the desire to use their passion for sport to get the best out their academic potential. This program is not just for elite athletes but designed for students who can display the level of attitude and effort required to achieve and excel at Warrnambool College. The program links students with Federation University and other external agencies such as The Geelong FC and Cricket Victoria to name a few. Golf Victoria and the Perth Wildcats have expressed an interest in linking in with the new program and there are already numerous highly credentialed coaches that have committed to the program across the eight sports on offer. Any current Year 7-9 students interested in the program can attend the information night next Wednesday the 25th at 6.00pm in the College Hall.

Year 7 Immunisations

Our year 7 students will receive their immunisations
Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (2nd dose)
on Tuesday 24 May

At Warrnambool College we achieve success through persistence, resilience and mutual respect
After a lot of planning and trials the Year 10 Food Technology class produced and served a range of foods to celebrate the languages taught at Warrnambool College. The staff and students from both the French and Indonesian areas were the recipients of the students’ hard work and team approach to the task. All students involved are to be congratulated on the quality of their work and the manner in which they approached the task. They worked both independently and as a team to help others out as needed. They planned, prepared and cleared up. Overall a great team effort.
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WARRNAMBOOL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD

Anyone interested in competing in the Warrnambool Music Eisteddfod (20th-24th June) can pick up a form from the music office! There are events for woodwind, brass, piano, singing, guitar, strings and you can perform a solo or even a duet/small ensemble piece. There is also an original composition section for budding songwriters this year! Check out http://www.warrnambooleisteddfod.org.au/ for details on events you can enter, and return a music eisteddfod form (found in the music office) with the required fee ($10 per section) to the front office if you wish to compete! Entries must be into school by Thursday 19th of May at the latest!

Alternatively you can enter yourself on the Eisteddfod website.

IMPORTANT DATES

‘Outspoken’ performing at the Clovelly restaurant on the 20th and 27th of May.

Choir performing at ‘15 mins of Fame’ at St Brigids, Crossley on Friday 3rd June

Warrnambool Music Eisteddfod 20th-24th June

7G SEAL Band Concert Thursday 23rd June

AMEB Music examinations 6th August

‘Legally Blonde’ public performances 11th and 12th August

The Clovelly Restaurant (corner of Merri and Banyan St) has been hosting Warrnambool’s up and coming performers with monthly residencies on Friday nights. Congratulations to KEELAN MAST for his residency during the month of April, and to ‘Outspoken’ (duo SUSAN MALIKOFF and KATRINA VAN SOMEREN) for their residency during the month of May. If you are looking for a great place to eat and relax on Friday night, go support our students performing at the Clovelly Restaurant!

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Lakes and Craters MUSIC CAMP opportunity!

For those students learning a concert band instrument and looking for an exciting challenge!

The event provides the opportunity for brass, woodwind and percussion players to advance their own musical skills through wind band repertoire. Over a week long residential camp at Brucknell Park musicians will extend their abilities under guest conductor Dr. Kevin Cameron. Culminating in a concert, the camp endeavours to highlight the musical talent which exists in the region. This year’s camp will be held from Sunday June 26th to Sunday July 3rd (first week of winter school holidays). Deposits are due 20th of May to secure your place! See Music Dept for more details, this is a camp that many music students from Warrnambool College have LOVED attending in the past!
**FINDING DORY PREMIER**

**Fundraiser for Standing Tall**

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**Date:** Thursday the 16th of June  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Location:** Warrnambool Capitol Cinema  
**Price:** $20 per ticket  
**Movie:** Finding Dory (PG)  
**Ticket purchase:** Tickets can be purchased from Warrnambool College front office

Free delicious PIZZA (from Town and Country Pizza) provided prior to the screening.

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**Fundraising Cause: Standing Tall VISION:**  
Standing Tall is a not-for-profit organisation that identifies, trains and supports schools in achieving the best possible outcomes for young people through the engagement of members of the community as mentors for young people in a school setting.

**Below is a link for a more insightful detail of how Standing Tall supports our students at Warrnambool College:**  
Young people on the Autism Spectrum are invited to participate in the ‘I CAN’ South West 2016 mentoring program. This is taking place at South West TAFE (Timor St, Warrnambool) on fortnightly Thursday mornings from Thursday 26 May until Thursday 24 November.

I CAN South West: I CAN Network’s regional mentoring program

Warrnambool College has been involved with developing the concept of ‘I CAN South West’, the regional network for I CAN Network Ltd. I CAN Network is Australia’s first social enterprise founded by people with Autism. We run a mentoring program to empower people on the Spectrum to have an ‘I CAN’ attitude and inspire their peers with the ‘awe’ in Awetism.

In Warrnambool the mentoring will occur on the Thursday mornings from approximately 9.30am and finish at approximately 10.45am. Participants will be transported to South West TAFE via a bus that collects them from school. The bus will collect and return students to Warrnambool College by the time recess is over.

If you or your child are interested in joining the mentoring program, please contact Kate Sadler (Project Manager, ICAN Southwest, ICAN Network Ltd.) at southwest@icannetwork.com.au

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Local Census jobs available now

Make a difference in your community and join Australia’s largest logistical peacetime operation – the 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Census night is August 9, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is right now looking for dedicated, enthusiastic self-starters to fill up to 6,900 Field Officer positions across Victoria. If you’re community minded and comfortable using a mobile or tablet device, the ABS wants to hear from you.

Field Officers play a critical role by visiting households and ensuring everyone makes the Census count. They’ll also earn around $21 an hour and enjoy flexible, part-time work hours for up to 3 months. To do the job you’ll need to be a good communicator, reasonably fit, licensed to drive and able to travel and work independently.

To apply or find more information, visit www.abs.gov.au/careers
SICK BAY

Any parents picking their child up from the sick bay will need to enter via the Russells Creek entrance and drive past the pool and follow the signs located on the school buildings. There is a short term car park near the new climbing tower. Please follow the signs to the location of the sick bay.

ABSENCES

Parents/Guardians are required to record all student absences via Compass.

To log into Compass to record the absence for your child directly, the link to this site is www.wblcoll.vic.jdlf.com.au or you can Google the Warrnambool College website and click on the Compass link.

If you have lost your log in details, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 5564 4444.

It is a legal requirement for parents to log in to Compass and approve an early departure before they need to leave. Alternative a note is to be sent if your child is signing out of the College early. Unfortunately we cannot accept a text message sent to the student’s phone as permission, nor verbal permission. It can sometimes be very difficult to contact a parent to seek permission at the time the student is signing out if they don’t have prior permission. In this case we are not permitted, by law, to allow the student to leave the College.

CSEF & State Schools Relief Uniform Initiative Forms

Any parents who hold a health care card and who have not filled out a Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) form for this year, please follow the link to print a form. Once completed, please drop it into the front office.


State Schools Relief Uniform Initiative is only available to parents of students who are going into year 7 and hold a health care card. If you have not filled out one of these forms, they are available from the front office.

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