

### DIARY DATES

#### Term Two Focus: Diligence

##### Term Two

##### April

##### Week 1

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Staff Curriculum Day

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> – Students Return

Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> – SSV State Secondary Swimming

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 9/10 Netball, Soccer, Badminton

##### Week 2

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Tue 27<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Science Incursion

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 Outdoor Ed – Canoeing

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Staff V Students Basketball Match

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 7/8 SSV Netball, Badminton

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 8 SSV Soccer

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 SSV Soccer

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> – Year 9/10 Duke of Ed Canoeing

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Prep Zoo Excursion

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Staff V Students Soccer Match

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – VCE Careers Expo Melbourne

##### Week 3

##### May

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Middle and Senior School Cybersafety Workshops

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cybersafety Parent Session

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 10 Outdoor Ed – Mountain Biking

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Wed - 5<sup>th</sup> Year 7/8 Add-Venture Camp

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Staff V Students Football Match

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 – 6 Sandhurst Cross Country

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 9/10 Tomorrow Bound Expo

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Stall

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 9/10 Environmental Studies Excursion

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 SSV Boys Football

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – VCC Athletics Carnival (Years 3 – 12)

##### Week 4

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – SSV Secondary Cross Country

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> – Thur 13<sup>th</sup> – NAPLAN

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – VCC Athletics Carnival (Prep – Year 2)

Thur 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> - VCE Outdoor Ed Canoe Trip

##### Week 5

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 3/4 Log Cabin Camp

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Primary GRIP Leadership

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> – Open Day

Thur 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 11 Biology Zoo Excursion

##### Week 6

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 8 Boys Football

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Year 7/8 Girls Football

Thur 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 – 11 English Exam

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – SSV Secondary Athletics

##### Week 7

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> – Year 7 – 11 Exam Week

##### June

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> – LMR Secondary Cross Country

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 Sandhurst Hockey

##### Week 8

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Prep Swimming Commences

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Report Writing Day

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 7/8 Add-Venture Rock Climbing Excursion

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 Sandhurst Soccer

##### Week 9

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Queen's Birthday

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 9-12 Pathway Information Night

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – VRT 8 Hour Event

##### Week 10

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Term Two Concludes

### Christian Schools Australia Profile Survey

Have you participated in the Christian Schools Australia Profile Survey yet ? To complete the survey, please follow the link; <https://orima.com/CSAParents/start.php?u=MwZK8ChD>

The survey will only take 20 minutes to complete and has been extended until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00pm. Please do not hesitate to contact Felicity via [felicitychester@vcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:felicitychester@vcc.vic.edu.au) if you have any general queries about the survey. We thank you for your participation.

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

### RE: Changes to end of school day arrangements

With the further lifting of COVID restrictions this week for schools, the decision has been made to remove the staggered pick-up times at the end of the school day. I am pleased to inform you that from the commencement of Term Two, the finish time for **all** students will be 3.20pm. Whilst this will make it busier in the carpark at the end of the school day, it will mean that our Prep-Four students will no longer have a reduced program, and parents with both older and younger students won't have to juggle pick-up.

We thank parents for being so accommodating with the staggered pick-up arrangements over the last ten months, and understand that for some it has caused considerable inconvenience.

When we are back next term, we ask parents to exercise patience and care whilst in the carpark, as there will be more cars in the queue, follow the lines to the pick-up zone, and please give way to busses, as they need to meet time deadlines for connecting services.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter and a restful and enjoyable term break.

Anne Marie Rodgers

## Chaplain's Corner

### A Happy Hope-Filled Easter

As school Chaplain, I have looked into red, swollen eyes of the despairing, grieving and broken more than a few times this term, and seen the desperate need we all have for hope.

What gives the person hope who has lost someone they love? What is the ultimate hope of the disabled, the abused, the chronically ill? What is the final answer to pain, mourning, terminal diseases, mental illness, sudden crisis, and fatal accidents?

The answer to each of these questions is the same: ***the Easter hope of Jesus' resurrection.***

On that first Easter Sunday when Jesus rose back to life, the power of death and brokenness that infects each of our lives was dealt with. To think about it like punctuation - through Jesus' resurrection, we know that our present brokenness is not a full stop, but merely a comma on our way to a new and eternal life with God.

We draw strength from this single truth every day of our lives—more than we realise. It becomes the mental glue that holds our splintered thoughts together. Impossible it may be for us to understand the details of how God is going to pull it off, we can hang our hopes on the delicate, but strengthening thoughts that say, "Someday, He will make it right," and "Thank God, all this will change."

We cling by faith to God's promise in the final pages of the Bible, that declare: ***"He will wipe every tear from their eyes... there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain... there will no longer be any curse... no more night... for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever".***

***- Revelation 21:4; 22:3, 5.***

Hooray for such wondrous hope!

A happy hope-filled Easter to you and your family as you enjoy your Easter holiday.

## Upcoming Events

### Year 9/10 Duke of Ed Canoe Trip

Early in Term Two, on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Year Nine/Ten Duke of Ed students will go canoeing at Lake Eppalock. Students will be canoeing during their usual class time. They will need to wear their sports uniform and bring a water bottle and packed lunch. The supervising teachers will be Mrs Hemmings and Mr Baird.

### Prep Zoo Excursion

As part of the Science unit 'Staying Alive', students in Prep will be spending the day at the Melbourne Zoo on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Part of this day includes an education session with a Zoo Keeper, and opportunity for students to explore and expand their understanding of animals and what they need to stay alive. Students will be driven down by VCC bus, meeting promptly at the college at 7:15am for a 7:30am sharp departure and returning to the college at approximately 4:30pm. Students will be required to wear their PE uniform, and bring a packed healthy lunch and snacks for the day including a water bottle in their college backpack. Any medications required are to be given to the classroom teacher.

## Upcoming Events

### Save the Date (Current Year 8-11 Students) – Pathway Information Night

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June, our annual Pathway Information Night will be held from 6.30 - 8.30pm. This is a 'must' event for all current Year Eight – Eleven Students. The main focus for the night is Year Nine -Ten pathway subjects, VCE, VET, and School Based Apprenticeship options that students can choose in 2022. Students and parents will have the opportunity to speak to staff who have been teaching subjects to help with the subject selection process. LaTrobe University, Bendigo Kangan TAFE and MEGT representatives will be on hand to talk about their exciting offerings that can be accessed while studying at VCC. Any questions about offerings, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Elizabeth Hogan or Mr Brady Herdman.

## Upcoming P.E Events

### Term 2 Primary Sports Events

During Term Two, Primary students will be selected to represent Victory Christian College for the Sandhurst Division sporting events:

#### Sandhurst Division Cross Country

The Sandhurst Division Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May for all Year Three to Six students. The event will be held at the Bendigo Racecourse. More details to follow in Term Two.

There will also be Year Five/Six Hockey event on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Year Five/Six Soccer event on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. More details for both of these events will be provided in Term Two. If any parents would like to help out on the day at any of these events, please contact Mr. Murphy [richardmurphy@vcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:richardmurphy@vcc.vic.edu.au)

## College Information

### Secondary Interim Reports

Secondary interim reports were emailed to parents yesterday. If parents haven't received their child's report please check your junk mail and then email us at [admin@vcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@vcc.vic.edu.au) if it is still not received.

### Secondary Interim Report Interviews

The secondary interim report interview bookings will be open as of Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Booking codes were included with your child's interim report.

### Lost Property

There are a number of items in our Lost Property including drink bottles, lunch boxes and items of uniform. Please check Lost Property (located in the Admin Building) if your child is missing anything. All unnamed items of uniform will be donated, and all other unnamed items disposed of over the holiday period.

We also kindly ask parents to check uniform items at home to ensure that other children's' uniform has not been unintentionally taken home.

### Victory Racing Team - VRT

The teachers and students that form the Victory Racing Team have been developing our plans for 2021. While the team have begun training and are about to start vehicle handling sessions, we need to form a core group of people to support the team. There will be an opportunity for us to meet together early in Term Two and start to plan. If you would like to be a part of the Victory Racing Team committee please contact Michael Rodgers by [email: michaelrodgers@vcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:michaelrodgers@vcc.vic.edu.au)

The committee will be handling:

- Sponsorship
- Fundraising
- Training supervision
- Event preparation and setup
- Catering during events

### Winter Uniform Changeover

All students are required to wear Winter Uniform in Terms Two and Three as stated in our Uniform Policy and Guidelines, which can be found on our website: [Uniform Policy](#).

### Anzac Appeal

We now have an assortment of Anzac Appeal items for sale on the front desk in the Administration Office. Items range from \$1 to \$20 and all donations help to support Veterans.

### VCC Uniform and Books Facebook Page

The College has a dedicated second-hand uniform and books Facebook page, created for VCC Parents, to buy, swap and sell their Victory School uniform items and second-hand school books. We ask if parents can please familiarise themselves with the group rules listed below, before posting any items for sale.

- \* It is the Buyer's responsibility to collect sold items from the Seller.
- \* All items must be in good condition to comply with College Uniform requirements. This means, no rips, tears, holes, stains or otherwise non-compliant condition.
- \* No second-hand shoes (due to hygiene reasons)
- \* School Books must be in good undamaged condition
- \* No items other than College Uniform and School Books

If you have any questions about the suitability of your items to sell, please send a private inbox message via this group. Any items that are submitted to sell, that do not meet the group rules, will not be approved.

### Traffic Lights / Roadworks

During 2021, roadworks are scheduled for the entry road of the College. Specifically, a new intersection for Condon Street (Bendigo-Redesdale Road) and Kairn Road. The works will be significant and will include road widening and traffic signals.

Knowing that these works had to be undertaken, the College has been putting funds away over the past 5 years in anticipation. In January of 2021, the College finalised our payment of \$2,300,000 + GST to the Department of Transport for the works. We are aware many of you are interested in this project and we will provide updates as we get them.

The following was received from Vic Roads last week.

#### By way of an Update:

"Thank you for VCC's payment of invoice. With this payment, we have now engaged a design consultant to commence the plans to upgrade the Bendigo-Redesdale Rd/Kairn Road intersection. Supplementary feature surveys were necessary and this has since been completed. Existing utilities (both sewer and Telstra pits/cables) have been identified within the work area, which will have a significant influence on an acceptable design. We have noted that the draft design (done initially by VCC) did try to avoid these impacts, however it is clear that these impacts are unavoidable in order to achieve a conforming design, and to mitigate safety risks to road users and the utilities management team now and into the future. Our consultants are presently preparing functional layouts of the intersection to determine the least impact/need for relocation of utilities and also to keep overall construction costs down.

You may be aware that Department of Transport is also planning for the future upgrade of the section of Bendigo-Redesdale Road between Reservoir Rd and Axe Creek Road. This planning exercise is in its final year of study. Once we have an agreeable functional layout for Kairn Road intersection, we will check its compatibility with the future upgrade of the Bendigo-Redesdale Road, so as to avoid any rework. As you know nobody likes rework and it can be very expensive. Ideally, as relocation of utilities to upgrade Kairn Road is unavoidable, we would prefer to do it once and do it properly – without having to relocate it yet again. This will also benefit the broader community by minimising the extent and number of disruptions.

Once the detailed design is done, the next step would be to use this design and engage with service authorities for them to relocate their utilities to the correct location. Whilst this is happening, Department of Transport will tender the roadworks for a contractor to commence works thereafter.

We will keep you posted as we reach the next major milestone – in the next month or so."

## Instrumental Music Program 2021

Victory Christian College offers a wide range of musical instrument tuition, delivered by a dedicated team of experienced instructors. Instruments offered by the College include, but are not limited to: Violin, Viola, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, French Horn, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto and Baritone Saxophone, Bassoon, Piano, Singing, Drums, Guitar and Bass Guitar. 30 minute lessons are conducted once a week during the school day. Tuition fees are \$30 for individual lessons, with some instruments taught in small groups at a reduced rate. Parents are invoiced by the College each term. Please complete and return the slip below to register for the program. Music tutors will contact parents directly with more information.

Student Name	
Year Level/Homeroom Class	
Parent Name	
Parent Email	
Parent Phone	
Instrument	

## Students in Focus

### Student Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all students who celebrated their birthday this week!

Albert Anto, Isabel Arceri, Deborah Chiam, Georgia-Rose Guseli, Harry King, Shirlyn Lagat, Dana Malone, Lola Penno, Katelyn Pollard, Xavier Sharp, Logan Cross, Stephanie Tular and Ethan Wright.

### Students of the Week

Congratulations to our Students of the Week: Philippa McMahon, Milla McClure, Linkin Sixtus, Harry Blyth, William Malone, Toby Denny, Angelina Gargano, Nathan Daniel, Oscar Williams, Aiden Saju, Scarlett Shepherd, Ayaan Mehdi, Elizah Davies, Sam Denney, Sophie Harrington, Hannah Davies, Cara Freemantle, Milla Blackmore and Adah Emonson.

Some of the qualities that were recognised this week include: Being a helpful and cooperative student, diligently completing learning tasks, being helpful and responsible, using class time wisely, being resilient, consistently striving to achieve great marks, excellent work ethic, diligent attitude in class and making an effort to catch up on homework.



Junior School

### Whole School Assembly

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, our whole school gathered for a special assembly to honour Ps David Ling who is retiring from our College Board. Ps David has been a wonderful member of the College Board for the past 26 years and we thank him for his valuable service and contributions made, and wish him well for the future.



### Year 9 General Science

This week, Year Nine General Science students had the pleasure of hearing Karen Thomas, from Bendigo's Field Naturalist Club, speak on the animal species found in the Greater Bendigo National Park. She had a range of taxidermied animals, including the threatened species, the Brush-tail Phascogail. The students found it very informative.



### Sandhurst SSV Year 9/10 Cricket

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Year Nine/Ten boys competed in the Sandhurst SSV Intermediate Cricket Finals. In the finals, we came up against two much stronger teams in Catherine McAuley College and Bendigo South East, and unfortunately we lost both games. The boys tried hard in the games but were unable to match it against these teams, however, they put in a good effort to get to these finals.



### House Colours Day

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, our College came alive as students donned their costumes and house colours for our Term One House Colours day. There was a wonderful sense of house spirit throughout the day. At lunch, students had the opportunity to compete in house sports; basketball, netball and soccer. Our new gym and oval were buzzing with excitement as Rowe, McCabe and Hewitt went "head to head" in a series of games. Primary students flocked to the lower oval to battle it out in a game of 3-goal soccer. By the end of lunch, we had a winner. After 45 minutes of fun, rivalry and perspiration, McCabe emerged victorious with 9 wins in total. Rowe and Hewitt both won 6 games each.



### High Resolves

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, the Year Seven to Ten cohort were involved in a program called High Resolves. The students tackled stereotyping, bias, inequality, ethics and decision making. We would like to thank Rebecca Absalom from High Resolves for the amount of effort she put into presenting a high quality and engaging program. The key messages the students learnt from the program will be a focus moving forward into Term Two.

#### Student Comments:

It was a really good program. We learnt communication skills, leadership and how to work with each other - Ava Broderick

We were able to work with other students that we do not necessarily interact with. The program bonded us as a Year Level - Jacaila Dettmann

We were able to tackle important issues that affect us as a year level. It taught us how to be better citizens - Sofia Cheng



### Year 5/6 STEAM

The Year Five/Six STEAM Food Science class finished off the term by cooking Spaghetti Bolognese. Students have been looking at how food is preserved in different ways, and why spaghetti is a 'go to' meal with pantry staples, thanks to preservation of foods.



### Year 9/10 Forensics

This week the Year Nine/Ten Forensic classes had the pleasure of Crime Scene Examiner and Leading Senior Constable, Colin McCann, come to speak about his role as a Forensics Examiner. The visit was hugely beneficial, and the students found it very interesting. This concludes their unit on Forensic Psychology and Biology.



### Thank You

Today, Year Twelve student Charlotte Skipper provided VCE students and staff with delicious freshly made hot cross buns, she had baked herself. It was a lovely gesture and greatly appreciated by the students and staff.



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OR

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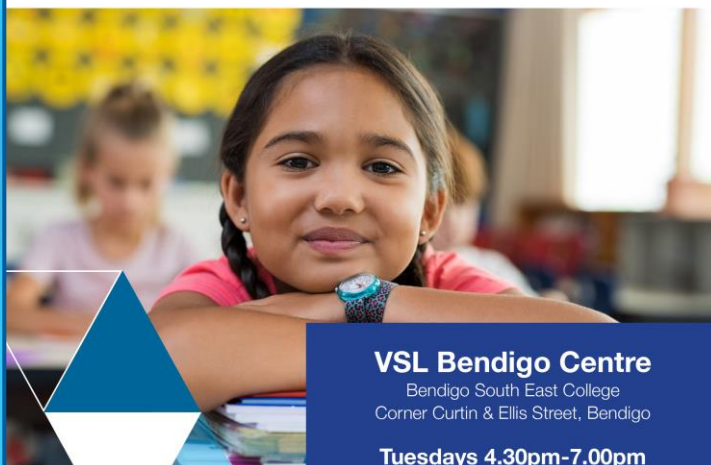
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