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Respect, Excellence, Community

Principal Report

Welcome back members of the Stawell Secondary College community. I sincerely hope you all had a great break and trust that all students and staff are ready for a new year ahead. It is worth noting that there are a number of changes this year with our teaching and learning as well as our student management system.

I am happy to report that students have shown a very positive start of the year and have adapted well to the new bell times and music that is helping them be punctual to class. We have received very positive feedback about these changes.

Year Level Coordinators

In 2020 the student management for Stawell Secondary College will be done through Year Level Coordinators. Their role will be to manage student wellbeing and behaviour as well as being the first point of contact with teachers and parents regarding issues with students. The Year Level Coordinators will work with their year levels to develop a sense of belonging and comradery with their cohort as well as their connectedness to peers and the school. Through this initiative staff will work on developing positive relationships across the school in order to further develop great Teaching and Learning outcomes for our community.

School Review

Next week Stawell Secondary College will begin our school review. This is a Department process whereby an external reviewer analyses our school data, ranging from student outcomes to parent and student opinion surveys. This review looks at how the culture of the school has supported our students over the last five years and how we have implemented teaching and learning practices across all curriculum areas. The review will then identify opportunities for improvement in a wide range of areas, these improvements will inform the Strategic Plan for our college over the next five years. I would like to acknowledge the work that staff and our leadership team have done on this program, in particular Aaron Dalziel who has done exceptional work in managing and producing many of the tasks that will inform this review.

Principal
Carlos Lopez

Stawell Secondary College welcomes new and returning staff members for 2020



Ebony Jennings and Chad Frost



Shane Williams



Vanessa Joy

RESPECT

EXCELLENCE

COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

06-07 February	Year 11 Head Start Camp-Mr Burdett
17-19 February	Year 10 Outdoor Ed Coastal Camp-Mr Burnett
19 February	Parent/Student/Staff Meet and Greet BBQ Evening-Mr Hart
21 February	Stawell Secondary College Swimming Carnival-Ms Jones
01-02 March	Music Camp-Nhill-Mrs Hemley
09 March	Public Holiday
12-13 March	Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp-Port Campbell-Mr Burnett
18 March	Maths Olympics
23 March	Athletic Sports
24 March	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
27 March	Last Day Term 1

Hats Hats Hats

A reminder to all students that everyone must wear a hat during recess and lunch. New hats can be purchased at the canteen for \$15. Students should write their names in the space inside the hat. These hats are part of the school uniform and cannot have graffiti on them. Any questions please contact your students Home Group Teacher.



YEAR 12 STUDY CAMP 2020



Leaving College Grounds Policy

Rationale:

- During the school day the College assumes a duty of care for all students. Students are only able to leave the school during the day with permission from a Parent/Guardian/Carer.
- For student protection and school accountability, the Department of Education and Training insist that an accurate record of student absence is maintained. This is the responsibility of both the College and the parent, guardian or carer.

Implementation:

Leaving School Grounds

Appropriate permission for leaving the school may be granted according to one of the following circumstances. A Parent/Guardian/Carer may request permission to be granted in advance by:

- A note written and signed by a Parent/Guardian/Carer clearly stating the reason for leaving the school and given to the General Office.
- A message via the Parent portal to the General Office.
- A phone call from the Parent/Guardian/Carer to the General Office.

In the case of an unplanned request, Parent/Guardian/Carers may request permission in person or via the phone to the General Office (5358 1700). Students leaving the College must sign in/out via the Kiosk at the General Office.

Permanent Lunch Pass

Parents/Guardians/Carers can apply to the College in writing for a lunch pass via a Lunch Pass Form available from the General Office. The Principal will determine whether a Lunch pass will be issued under one of the following criteria:

- The student resides within 1000m (1km) of the school, to make going home for lunch and returning to school timely (students cannot drive or use a motorised bike to travel home).
- The student has a medical reason supported by documentation.
- The Principal deems that it will support the Wellbeing of the student.

If a Lunch Pass is approved, they will be issued with a laminated card. Conditions of use include:

- The student must sign in/out via the Kiosk at the General Office.
- The student must carry their pass with them at all times when out of the school.
- The student must only go to and from their place of residence.
- The student must present their Lunch Pass to staff when requested.

Any breach of these conditions will result in the Lunch Pass being revoked.

Swimming Carnival

Stawell Secondary swimming carnival will be held on **Friday 21st February**. Any parents wishing to volunteer on the day, could you please email Ms Jones at jones.zoe.z@edumail.vic.gov.au or call the school on 03 5358 1700. Thank you, Ms Jones.



Year 8 Science

TOPIC – Inventors



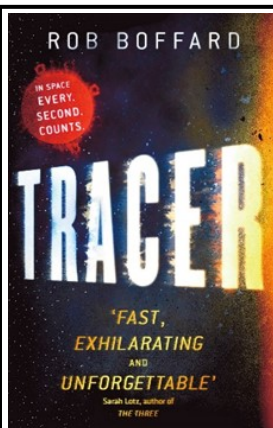
As part of Year 8 Science this term students (in groups) will be designing their own inventions and will possibly need to bring some general materials (like cardboard cereal boxes, tins, cans, plastic bottles etc) from home.





Music Department

The Music Department is currently accepting enrolments. Green enrolment forms are available at the General Office. Lessons will begin in the week after the form and payment is received.



Book of the Week Tracer Author: Rob Boffard

A huge space station orbits the Earth, holding the last of humanity. It's broken, rusted, falling apart. We've wrecked our planet, and now we have to live with the consequences: a new home that's dirty, overcrowded and inescapable. What's more, there's a madman hiding on the station. He's about to unleash chaos. And when he does there'll be nowhere left to run.

Year 12 Study Camp 2020

