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VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to empower our students and staff to work together to become active and valued community members. We provide a safe and supportive learning environment, which fosters independent, resilient lifelong learners.

BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'

BDS Beliefs and Values: Thinking Creatively and Independently

CREATIVITY

We ask that students are not on the school grounds before 8.40am each day as supervision is not provided before this time.

DIARY DATES

August

3rd F-6 Athletics

5th Yr 7-12 Athletics

7th Gateways – Cockerell's Farm

11th VCE/VCAL/VET Information Night

12th Finance Meeting

17th Year 8 & 9 NCTTC Orientation

19th School Council Meeting.

September

9th Finance Meeting

16th School Council Meeting.

17th Parent/Teacher interviews

Principal's Report

Parent/Teacher Interviews

The next round of F-12 Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, 17th September. Keep your eye out for more information regarding booking times to speak with teachers. This year, we will use Xuno to make bookings. An information sheet will come home with directions for making bookings.

Athletic Sports

Next week will see our students participate in the BDS Athletic Sports. Due to Covid -19 we need to split the sports day to compensate for not being able to have parents on-site and helping with running events. We will ensure that many photos are taken so we have a

wonderful record of both days.

Illness

Please remember to keep ill children at home. We understand that keeping kids home may cause an inconvenience for families but it is better than spreading illness here at school. With Covid-19 on its second wave, we must do all we can keep each other safe. Thank you to all those families who ring and let us know if children are away sick; we appreciate your cooperation.

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal

Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School	At School	F-6 Athletic Sports	At School	7-12 Athletic Sports

Department of Education and Melbourne Lockdowns

There is so much news coming out of Melbourne that it is fair to wonder when lockdowns may affect us here in Boort. We are hoping that we do not have to return to remote learning and we have been lucky enough not to have anyone return positive Covid tests in our area.

Whilst this may occur, I want to reassure everyone that I will communicate any details with you as soon as I am able. I am restricted by Department guidelines on what can be said but you will be informed of positive test results and any possible school closure.

Unfortunately, this information is not always given to me quickly and may result in a quick turnaround if we have to close the school for cleaning.

Keep an eye on your emails and phones for messages. Don't hesitate to call the school if you have questions. Keep pushing the hygiene instruction at home and remain positive. We are here to support each other.

Subject Selection 2020

Our subject selection processes kick off next week with a visit to Pyramid Hill next Tuesday to speak to their Year 10 students. Video links and documents will be made available to parents and students regarding VCE/VET/VCAL and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships. We will then hold our VCE/VET/VCAL and SBAT information night via WebEx with students and parents able to contact relevant staff for counselling on that night and in the following week. Time will also be set aside during the school week, and in the Year 9 and 10 Careers Classes, to provide information and counselling. The WebEx will be recorded and available to parents and students. More information will be provided next week around these counselling opportunities.

Tom Bleicher

Premiers' reading challenge

Congratulations to those who have completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Here's a photo of two happy participants receiving their book prize. Alisha Henderson & Scarlett Crilly.



Study Club

Time: 3:45 to 4:30 pm

Day: Thursday

Venue: Library

Study Club will continue on Thursday after school of this week for students of Boort District School.

We can help in most areas of your education and provide a place for you to complete your homework, catch up with missed classes and consolidate your learning.

Please sign in at the front office, as this is after school hours, the school is required to know which students are still on the premises. It would also be appreciated if you would mention to us beforehand that you plan to join the club on any one Thursday. Then, we will know who to expect for tuition.

Mr Guorong Chen: Mathematics

Mr Chris Poole: English and Humanities

Mme Siân: Science and Languages

SRC Fun Fridays

The SRC have come up with some ideas to run each Friday for the remainder of Term 3. These will involve no fundraising and run at no cost to students. We encourage everyone to get involved!

Below is the outline for the rest of term. Information will be put into the newsletter and to Home Groups weekly with further details for each individual day.

Friday 31 st July	PJ/Onesie Day - come dressed in your pyjamas or a onesie.
Friday 7 th August	Old fashioned games at lunchtime.
Friday 14 th August	Colours - Year levels/classes dress in the same colour. Colours have been chosen by SRC and will be communicated to Home Groups. Staff to dress in rainbow colours or a colour of their choice.
Friday 21 st August	Just Dance at lunchtime.
Friday 28 th August	Footy/Sport colours day. Kicking/handball competition at lunchtime.
Friday 4 th September	Stadium Games at lunchtime.
Friday 11 th September	RU OK Day - Dress in the colour yellow or wear a touch of yellow.
Friday 18 th September Last day of Term 3	TBC Live music at lunchtime.



More Gateways stuff!!!

Gateways would like to thank the Cockerell family for the donation of a bale of hay for our gardening projects and for our calves. Once more we are involved in the Cows Create Careers project and with the support of Penny and Paul Gill, will soon care for two calves for a three week period. More pruning and a new painting of the “snake” has also taken our time. Stay tuned for some exciting news regarding the Boort Show @ Boort District School towards the start of Term 4!!!



Writing Traits of the Week

This week we're going to look at two traits - Conventions and Presentation. We can think of the Traits as belonging to two areas of writing, with Ideas, Organisation, Voice, Word Choice and Sentence Fluency belonging to 'Revision' and the traits of Conventions and Presentation belonging to 'Editing/Publishing'. The aim is for students to be able to revise and edit their own work, using the Traits as a guide.

Conventions refers to spelling, grammar, punctuation and paragraphing. Whilst it obviously makes sense to get these 'right' while you are writing, it also makes sense to go back and check these things carefully during the revising process. Some common errors in conventions that students can look out for are:

- Capitalisation of proper nouns, beginnings of sentences and the word 'I'.
- Punctuation, such as putting commas or semi-colons for pauses, and ensuring there is always a punctuation mark within inverted commas for dialogue.
- Homophones such as their, there and they're, here and hear, aloud and allowed, and two, too and to.

Presentation is the overall look of a finished piece. The precise nature of presentation will depend on the type of writing being produced. A letter will look very different to a pamphlet, which will look different to an essay. Some things for students to consider include font selection, layout, alignment of headings (often centred), alignment of text (usually justified), position of images, and borders.

Here are some examples from students who've thought carefully about their presentation:

JULY 27, 2020

THE BOORT TIMES

HOW I SURVIVED REMOTE LEARNING

BY AKAISHA ARNOLD

Students from all across Australia were forced to isolate and perform remote learning during term 2 because of the uprise of the Coronavirus. It was a new experience for all of us. We had freedom to do what we wanted and not be told to sit down or when we can and can't go to the bathroom. We experienced remote learning for 8 weeks and went back to school for the last two weeks of term 2. We used a platform called classroom to receive our work and used webex for online classes. For people that lived rural this was a real problem since the internet was very limited. Everyday was the same, waking up and attending online face to face classes. While in the comfort of your pjs. Some enjoyed it, but for others it was their worst nightmare.

How did I survive remote learning you may ask? It was quite a bumpy ride but I actually enjoyed it. It was easier at first, but as weeks went on the work piled up and things started to become stressful.



We had our phones to distract us. Netflix to distract us, all these things that we wouldn't usually have at school. Because of this, work wasn't getting done and people found it easier to sleep in and just push classes to the side. Why not? They can't give us detention? Even though I enjoyed sleeping in and staying at home, personally I need to sit in a classroom to get motivation and complete work. Otherwise I will just sit on my phone and do nothing at all.

If I had to do remote learning again I would put my phone down and knuckle down. Even giving our distractions to our parents until we had finished all of the work would do some good. We needed to find motivation to actually complete the work that had been set. For people going through this again, wake up early, get everything done and then do whatever you want. It feels much better to have everything done so you don't have to worry about it. Some days you could finish school within a few hours. Keep in touch with friends and family to keep a healthy mindset and not completely isolate yourself from everyone. Spend some time out in the sun even if it's for a half an hour. Get that daily dose of fresh air. Who knows? Most of us could be doing this journey all over again.

Remote learning was a completely new experience and with that came many challenges. Remote learning started week 1 of term 2, with little information being spread to us students, it was difficult to wrap your head around. The first few weeks of remote learning was absolute chaos, with things going wrong in every class, but the longer it went on the more experience both us and the teachers had, therefore made things easier. This experience was hard but at the same time very rewarding. I feel as though it gave me a lot more independence and the knowledge that I'm capable of more than I thought.

The biggest confrontation I faced was the technical issues and the expected work. I felt as though for many teachers they weren't adapting to the scenario and didn't give us an opportunities to make a mistake. For me the pressure was the worst part about remote learning and what almost caused me to break down. The only thing that kept me going was the support from my friends and family and without them, I'm positive I wouldn't have made it through.



The COVID classroom, although it had its challenges we got through it and most of us are better for it. I know of many people that really did struggle during the whole period of remote learning but when I got used to it I was fine and chose to embrace the experience. I took advantage of the later morning routine and the earlier afternoon routine, I also really enjoyed being able to work really hard without interruption early then getting the afternoon off. One thing that did really help me out which could of been a downfall for others was my organisation skills. Being organized ensured I had all of my work completed at the right time and made it easier to never lose any work. For the most part of remote learning and isolation I had a good time and very much appreciated all that I have and I no longer took for granted being in a classroom with my friends.

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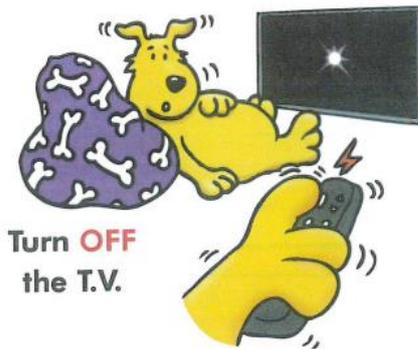
Remote Learning

HOW I SURVIVED
REMOTE LEARNING

By Tahli Maxted

Make a Regular Time for Reading Every Day

Enjoy the MATERIAL with your child:-



- Let your child know that you ENJOY the time together.
- Make listening to reading a SPECIAL time.
- Your child will sense when listening to reading becomes boring for you.
- Be seen as a reader YOURSELF.
- Encourage your child to make use of the local and school LIBRARIES.

What to read?

Don't restrict your child's reading materials to only books. Provide the chance to read other types of reading material such as:-

- Magazines
- Comics
- Poetry books
- Newspapers
- Diaries
- Reference materials
- Cooking Recipes
- Atlases
- Maps (road maps, street directories)
- Instructions for games, machines, etc.
- Computer Adventure Games
- Letters
- Picture Books



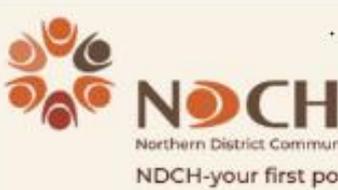
Encourage a particular interest by talking and encouraging continued reading.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Possible Extended Library Hours at BRIC

BRIC is looking at the option of extending the open hours of their library, so that students will be able to access books after school time. Below is a link to an online survey and they would love your input.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZJM796>



Homelessness Week 3 – 8 August

Anyone can be Homeless

Sudden unemployment, domestic violence, lack of affordable housing, mental illness can all contribute to homelessness. Natural disasters, such as bushfires, can also leave people without a home. But being homeless does not always mean living on the streets. Often they are living between family and friends houses or emergency accommodation.



Our Community

Homelessness often goes unnoticed in our community. However, every year NDCH supports over 200 community members who are homeless or at risk. More than 500 children are a part of these families.

Talk to kids about Homelessness

It is important to talk to your kids about homelessness. Don't be afraid to talk about it. Build compassion and empathy, not fear in your children. More often than not, homelessness is not due to alcohol or drugs. Let your children know that there are a lot of reasons that someone might be homeless.

www.ndch.org.au

Year 12 Reminders



EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

Latrobe ASPIRE – Close 31st August

Australian Catholic Uni – CAP – Close 12th August
(Melbourne), 2nd September (Ballarat)

Charles Sturt Advantage – Close 31st August **Swinburne**

University Early Entry Program– Sign up for updates:

www.swinburne.edu.au/alerts/coronavirus/future-student/early-entry-program/

ACU Guarantee - Applications open 3 August 2020. To register your interest visit: www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/acu-guarantee

YOUTHRIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

UNIVERSITY – Now Open – Close August 24th 2020

www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/uni-scholarships/

RURAL CHANCES (TAFE/Apprenticeships) –

Open September 4th 2020

www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/rural-chances/how-to-apply/

LONGERENONG OPEN DAY

Longerenong



College

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

www.longy.com.au/open-day-registration

Open Day is a great opportunity for you to discover the exciting careers that come from studying at Longerenong College.

Due to COVID-19 this year's Open Day is designed only for students looking at studying at Longy in 2021.

This year you have the choice to attend our Open Day in person or sit in the comfort of your lounge room as we go virtual. Find out everything you need to know about the many and varied career opportunities available once you

HARVEST CASUALS



Looking for casual work this harvest?

We've got roles available across the state from the Wimmera and Mallee regions right across to the Murray in the north east.

To find out more and/or to apply

visit: www.graincorp.com.au/careers/harvest-recruitment

GrainFlow

Charlton, Bircnup, Dimboola, Sea Lake To find out more and/or to apply visit:

<https://skilledworkforce.programmed.com.au/grainflow/>

ADF VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS



To register for an ADF event please visit:

www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/

DISCOVER DEAKIN COURSE WEBINARS



To Register Visit:

www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events

EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE

Monday 27th July 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Our exercise and sport science program explores how to improve the wellbeing and performance of individuals, athletes and teams through training, coaching, research and more. This is your chance to discover where a career in exercise and sport science could take you and how you can help shape the future of the sport industry.

NUTRITION

Tuesday 28th July 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Deakin's nutrition program explores the vital role of food and nutrition in human health and disease prevention. Get a taste of what to expect from the **Bachelor of Nutrition Science** and discover what a career in nutrition could look like in the food industry, public health nutrition, media, marketing and beyond.

PSYCHOLOGY

Wednesday 29th July 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Deakin University's psychology courses explore the biological, developmental, social, and cognitive factors that affect the way humans think, feel, and behave. Studying psychology puts you on the path to becoming a registered psychologist in a range of fields, including clinical, forensic, organisational, educational, health and more.

HEALTH SCIENCE

Thursday 30th July 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Discover health sciences at Deakin and focus on tackling the biggest issues in the largest and fastest growing employment industry in Australia. You can tailor your degree to align with your passions by choosing up to three health majors from the 12 options available. Specialise in areas such as health promotion, family, society and health, nutrition, or disability and inclusion.



UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

Diploma of Nursing Tuesday

28th July 5:00pm (On-line)

www.eventbrite.com.au/o/bendigo-tafe-information-sessions-3346265028

GAMES DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

holmesglen

THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST 10:00AM – 12:00PM

If you are interested in web development or 3D game development, join our session to speak to teachers about your pathway to a creative career and let us give you a taste of these ever-evolving industries, even if you have had no previous experience.

<https://holmesglen.edu.au/Students/Open-Days/Generic-Course-Navigation/Computing-and-IT/>



www.monash.edu/inside-monash

Webinar: Advanced Science Degrees **Tuesday 28th July 6:30 – 7:30pm**

Learn about our premier degrees in research, global challenges, and data science. Course directors and current students will be available to give you the inside information on our Bachelor of Science Advanced - Research (Honours); Bachelor of Science Advanced - Global Challenges (Honours); and the Bachelor of Applied Data Science Advanced (Honours).

Webinar: Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Paramedicine

Thursday 30th July 6:00 – 7:30pm

Are you looking for a hands-on health career? Whether you see yourself saving lives in an emergency, playing a key role in the recovery, or helping someone do what they love, with an allied health degree you're making a difference. Tune in and discover what it's like to study occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and paramedicine at

LATROBE UNIVERSITY – FUTURE STUDENTS YEAR 12 PARENTS SESSION



VTAC applications are opening soon which means your child will be turning to you for advice. In this webinar we'll demystify the university application process and explain options like SEAS, scholarships, and pathways. You'll learn about the difference between terminology, for example the minimum ATAR and minimum selection rank. Or how change of preference works and whether there are alternative options to their dream course.

WHEN – Tuesday 28th July 5:30pm - 6:30pm

To Register:

www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/information-session-for-parents



Discover What's Next: Education and Social Sciences

Tuesday 28th July 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Gain the practical skills to shape young minds through a teaching qualification or join a uniquely human field and discover fulfilling career options in politics and policy, languages, social and community work, and more.

This is the perfect session if you're in secondary school and are considering studying Education & Social Sciences courses at RMIT.

Discover What's Next: Property, Building and Construction

Thursday 30th July 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Learn a trade, discover project and construction management, or delve into property and valuation when you study building.

This is the perfect session if you're in secondary school and are considering studying Property, Building & Construction courses at RMIT.

To Register Visit:

www.rmit.edu.au/events



Register your attendance here:

<https://federation.edu.au/events>

Webinar: Bachelor of Food and Nutritional Science

Thursday 30th July 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Food and nutritional scientists are in high demand in the food industry to manage operations, develop new and better products and processes. There is also a focus on the importance of nutrition to human health, and the sociological and cultural issues relating to food. If you enjoy science and are intrigued by the scientific basis of food production and nutrition, this is the ideal study area for you.

Webinar: Study Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapy

Monday 3rd August 12:30pm – 1:15pm

Hear from academics and students about our new programs in occupational therapy and physiotherapy offered at our Gippsland campus, and discover a vast



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/information-sessions

Tuesday 28th July @ 4:00pm

Music Industry

Tuesday 28th July @ 4:00pm

Drama and Theatre Arts

Komatsu Apprenticeship Program 2021



Applications are open for the Komatsu Apprenticeship Program. This is a great opportunity to kick-start your career. As part of your apprenticeship you will learn both in the classroom and on the job. You can earn a nationally- recognised qualification in the following areas:

- Plant Mechanics
- Auto & High Voltage Electrical
- Boilermaker/Welder
- Certificate III in Business Management

They are currently offering positions at the following locations:

- NSW: Sydney, Wollongong, Hunter Valley, Mudgee, Gunnedah
- QLD: Brisbane, Mackay, Gladstone, Emerald, Townsville
- VIC: Melbourne, Pakenham
- WA: Perth
- SA: Adelaide
- TAS: Hobart

Applications are open until Sunday 9 August.

Find out more or apply here:

www.livehire.com/careers/komatsu/job/T93E6/INI680NIQ7/komatsu-apprenticeship-2021

RMIT Indigenous Study Support Scholarship



Value: \$2,500

Open/Closing Dates: August 3 – October 11, 2020 For Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who can demonstrate financial and/or educational disadvantage.

To be eligible for this scholarship you must:

- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, an Australian permanent resident, or a permanent humanitarian visa holder
- be enrolled full-time in the standard semester 1 2021 in a certificate IV, diploma, degree or postgraduate by coursework program at RMIT (or part-time with exceptional circumstances)
- be enrolled in a program with a duration of at least one semester
- be an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- register with RMIT's [Ngarara Willim Centre](#) and provide documentation confirming that you are an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander by the scholarship application due date
- not have previously completed the same level of program or higher, e.g. if you plan to study a Bachelor of Architectural Design, you should not have previously completed another Bachelor degree.

For further information visit:

www.rmit.edu.au/students/work-study-opportunities/scholarships/browse-scholarships/indigenous-study-support

ACU | Year 12 Revision Webinars



24 August 2020 - 9 September 2020

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone. We know this can be a stressful time, which is why we've teamed up with InspirED to help you do your very best and get you ready for what's to come.

Join us for a series of free online webinars run by experienced Year 12 exam markers and assessors. They'll guide you through how to respond to possible exam questions, help you get your head around the class content to deepen your understanding, and offer plenty of tips and strategies along the way.

You'll also have an opportunity to get your questions answered during a live 30-minute Q&A.

Find out more:

www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/year-12-revision-webinars/vic



Upcoming Information Sessions Wednesday July 29 @ 5pm – Video Webinar Sunday August 2 @ 11:30am – Student Q&A, Digital Open Day

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have cancelled our planned Open Days at Ikon Park and replaced them with Online Information Sessions. These presentations will go for roughly 45 minutes and will provide attendees with detailed information on Carlton College of Sport programs including course options, entry requirements, outcomes, facilities, and extra-curricular activities.

For further information visit:

<https://carltoncollegeofsport.com.au/open-days/>



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