



EXCELLAMUS *'Let Us Excel'*

Information Night

The VCE Information Evening for 2020 Year 10 and Year 11 students was held on Wednesday night. There was a lot of very important information given out on this night. I am so grateful that I work at Cohuna Secondary College, with staff whose commitment to our young people is at the forefront of everything they do. On this night we had a full complement of staff who were there to showcase their subjects and to talk to both students and parents about the requirements and expectations for their subjects if students choose to study them next year. The all-important subject selection sheets were handed out. These are due on the **6th September** and if students do not hand them in on time they may miss out on their preferred subjects in 2020.

However, subject selections weren't the only important pieces of information delivered on this evening. There have been a number of important changes with VTAC which could have implications for student's future pathways if students aren't aware of them. Students who did not attend the evening will need to collect the information booklet and subject selection sheet from the front office. I'd like to particularly thank Ms Payne for the huge amount of work that she put into preparing for the night in order to deliver timely and highly current information to our students. Thank you to Cath Donehue who attended with careers and pathway information which was readily available to students.

Athletics sports

Brr, it was cold on Tuesday. However, that didn't dampen the fun or the competition on the day.

Outstanding result to Mitchell House. It really does make a difference when all the participants turn up on the day to compete. Every point adds up! Congratulations to House Champions:

Age Group 12-13 Years Ebony Black & Ritchie Hastie	Age Group 14 Years Shona Hore , Will Crichton & Jude Palmer
Age Group 15 Years Jorja Peace & Lewis North	Age Group 16 Years Lucy Palmer & Austin Windridge
Age Group 17 Years Ruby Hore & Xavier Mitchell	Age Group 18-20 Years Will Thrum & Tahlia Farrant

Fastest Girl-100m Jorja Peace (13.59s) Fastest Boy-100m Xavier Mitchell (12.44s)

It was absolutely awesome to witness senior students and House Captains supporting younger students as they participated for the first time in our athletics sports. This really is a credit to our young people who stepped up and demonstrated strong leadership on the day.

Mr Murray did an outstanding job of organising a day that ran very smoothly. Thank you so much to all the staff for ensuring the day was a huge success.

Social Media

Your young person/s may have received a request to join the 'cohunateatime' or 'cohunateaaa' snapchat groups. They may have accepted? We would encourage all young people to decline this request and/or withdraw from the group. It is my understanding that these groups also exist in other communities. I would like to stress that as it is anonymous, these person or persons could be based anywhere and be of any age, and are not necessarily a student or students of our college.

I encourage you to have a discussion with your young person about this group and others that rely on anonymity to write disparaging comments about others. Some of these other sites include YOLO, WHISPER, HOT OR NOT to name but a few. I do not understand why anyone would want to be a part of a group that is so nasty and degrading to and about others. The police have been made aware of this group!

Maddy Baldwin-is a superstar!

Maddy we wish you all the very best as you debut in the VFLW Richmond Football team on the weekend. We are so excited by this journey you have been on and very proud of your resilience, perseverance and commitment to achieving your goals.

Congratulations Olivia!

Olivia Griffiths was selected by Pony Club Australia to represent Australia to undertake equestrian events in China. Congratulations Olivia we are so proud of your achievements (see Olivia's article in the newsletter.) She really is an impressive young person who has had an amazing experience in China.

Cohuna Secondary College Child Safe contact is the Principal

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.

Together as partners, we can excel!

Mrs. Fiona Miller - Principal

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated and where we work and live. I would like to pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging."

Olivia Griffiths - China Experience

I was selected by Pony Club Australia (PCA) to attend a trip to China for 10 days. I wrote an application to PCA and I was one of the lucky 30 riders chosen from around Australia to attend one of the seven trips to different equestrian centres in China. I visited the 'Seabiscuit Riding Centre' in Suqian city, it had an indoor and outdoor arena, stables etc. I helped teach ten children from ages 6-11 achieve their E and D certificate, we assisted by leading the less confident children and giving them tips for their riding. We rode twice a day on the horses that we chose. The horses were young and had only been broken in for about 6 months but they were really well trained. We did dressage, show jumping and games with the horses. We jumped around 80-90 cm and rode bareback. We went sightseeing to an old town and a temple. The food was definitely different but it was really delicious, I ate dumplings, noodles but I wasn't willing to try the chicken feet. Wow! What an experience! This trip to China has been the most adventurous, scary, thrilling and exciting time of my life.



From the Business Manager,

FAMILY accounts have been sent home this week, we would appreciate full payment as soon as possible.

Another great way to reduce your account is set up a Bpay payment (weekly/fortnightly) this surprisingly reduces your account very quickly, even with the smallest amount.

If you are experiencing difficulty in making payments, please call 5456 2555 and speak with Bernadette.



Upcoming events

TUESDAY	20th	AUGUST	VCE ART EXCURSION TO BENDIGO SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING @ 7.30pm
WEDNESDAY	21st	AUGUST	YEAR 9/10 GIRLS QUANTUM RMIT WORKSHOPS
MONDAY	26th	AUGUST	2020 YEAR 9 & 10 INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY	28th	AUGUST	INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS
TUESDAY	3rd	SEPTEMBER	TERM 3 INTERIM REPORTS RELEASED (YEARS 7-11)
WEDNESDAY	4th	SEPTEMBER	YEAR 12 BIOLOGY CLASS MELBOURNE EXCURSION
MONDAY	9th	SEPTEMBER	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW SESSIONS
TUESDAY	17th	SEPTEMBER	YEAR 8 KRYAL CASTLE, BALLARAT EXCURSION SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING @ 7.30pm

MONDAY 16th to FRIDAY 20th SEPT 10Z WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK



Senior School 2020 Subject Selection – Due September 6th.

Our Year 11 and 12 2020 information evening was held on Wednesday evening, along with our subject expo. It was fantastic to see so many students and parents working together with teachers to plan for next year and beyond. Subject selection forms for Years 11 and 12, 2020, are due at the front office by Friday, September 6th. The subject blockings will be created using the selections that are in by this date. Make sure your form is in on time, so that we can consider your subject choices in our planning.

Students that **did not attend** this evening will need to collect a handbook, VTAC guide and subject selection form from the front office. If you need assistance with choosing your program, you will need to make an appointment to see Ms Payne or Mrs Donehue. You will need to do this as soon as possible.

Remember: If you do not get your selections in on time, you run the risk of your chosen subject(s) not running and/or being blocked against each other. Please contact the school for assistance.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews have been rescheduled to later on in the term. Interim reports will be sent out to parents in Week 8 of term (week of September 2nd), and Parent-Teacher interviews will be in Week 9 (Monday, September 9th). Parents will be sent the booking link closer to the interview date.

Year 9/10 Information Evening

The information evening for Year 9 and 10, 2020, will be on Monday, August 26th. All current year 8/9 students and parents please put this date into your diaries. Important information will be presented regarding the options available to you in 2020. Please note that there will be two separate presentations, specific for Year 9 and Year 10, 2020, students and parents. There are a number of different options and pathways open to you as you move into Year 9 and 10. Further information will be sent out during the week.

Attention Senior students – Fantastic Opportunity!

Short Courses Australia are running “Job Camps” – a package of Nationally Accredited Certificates to make you employment ready. This is ideal for those of you heading off to University, and/or looking for employment after school.

We are looking to run these courses **here at school** prior to the end of the year. There are 2 options available.

Option 1 (One day program, at a cost of \$75 per person)

- Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA, Victoria)
- Food Safety Handler (FSH)
- Barista
- Resume Building

Option 2 (Two-day program, at a cost of \$130 per person)

- All of Option 1; plus
- First Aid (Level 2)
- Interview Skills

We need a minimum number of 15 students to run either of these programs.

If you are interested in either Option 1 or Option 2, please let us know. Once we have minimum numbers we will arrange a suitable time for the training. Expressions of interest are to be given to Cath Donehue (in the library) or Sharon Payne (Assistant Principal).



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ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS AUSTRALIA

– EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2019!

Engineers Without Borders (University of Melbourne Chapter) are looking for students who are interested in science, technology and making a difference. If you're a student in Year 10 or 11 and is up for a challenge, then this three day program is for you!

Students will be introduced to the University of Melbourne campus with the opportunity to reside at one of the residential colleges for the duration of the program. Participants will be challenged with various tasks designed to expose students to real world problems and promote the use of critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Price: \$200 per student for 2 nights' accommodation, lunches, 1 dinner and the Innovation Challenge materials.

Dates: 25th to 27th November, 2019.

See Ms Payne if you are interested in this opportunity.

Dear Year 8 & 9 students and parents,

You're invited to:

**Year 9 & 10 in 2020
 Information Evening**

**Monday 26th August 2019
 at 7pm in Room 6.**

The purpose of this evening is to provide you with information and materials regarding your middle school years.

Elective options and requirements will be explained for Year 9 & 10, along with how a VCE or VET unit can fit into your Year 10 program

Mrs. Fiona Miller
 Principal

Going to the Dentist doesn't have to be expensive!



Did you know it is recommended children have regular dental check-ups from the age of 2 years of age? Early detection and treatment of tooth decay can help to reverse the decay. There are a number of options when choosing to visit a Dentist.

There are public dental services available for eligible people, which can provide general, denture and specialist dental care. See <https://www.dhsv.org.au/patient-information/who-is-eligible> to find out if you are eligible. Public Dental Clinics locally include:

Boort Dental Clinic Ph: 54 515 230	Swan Hill Dental Ph: 5033 9336
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Many children will be eligible for up to \$1000 FREE dental every 2 years under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS). If your family is eligible for Family Tax Benefit A this is a good indication you will be eligible.

There are also Private Dental Practices and they still offer the CDBS. They include:

Kerang Dental Clinic (now offering payment plans) Ph: 54 521 867	Cohuna Dental Clinic Ph: 54 564 554
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Additionally, the Royal Flying Doctor Service regularly and they provide free or low-cost dental services for children. Find them at <https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/vic/our-services/mobile-dental-care/>

CANTEEN ROSTER			
AUGUST		10.30AM TO 1.30PM	
MONDAY	19	Narelle Stone	Mel Crichton
TUESDAY	20	Kirsten McNamara	
WEDNESDAY	21	Anne Barbagallo	
THURSDAY	22	Rachel Pollock	
FRIDAY	23	Deanne Ford	Ruth Robins

www.ndch.org.au



2019 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Emails were sent last Monday to the randomly selected families with the link to complete the Parent Opinion Survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey link has been extended until **Sunday 18th August @ 11.59pm.**

The online survey only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. Please contact the office on 5456 2555 if you would like more information.

