PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

What about my child, how is the learning personalised?

Through the process of school review the opportunity to receive feedback has been incredibly rewarding. One question that did arise was, “So what do you do for my child who has additional needs?” The College investment in specific supports for students with additional needs has increased significantly in the past two years and includes:

- A comprehensive Learning Support Team for all children who are funded under the PSD program.
- Introduction of LLI – Levelled Literacy Intervention for students in Year 7.
- Reading for Dogs, therapy program. Accessible by students and parents.
- Learning mentors in the LRC.
- Free Homework Club in the LRC.
- College-wide SWPBS program.
- Introduction of Head Start Coordinator (for Students interested in a School Based Apprenticeship).
- Introduction of MYLNS – Literacy and Numeracy support for Students in Year 10.
- Introduction of the Senior School Study Centre and Study Centre Coordinator - Mr Chris Sheehan.
- Introduction of Koori Liaison Officer – Makayla Rumler
- Introduction of FLIP @ Phoenix, Flexible learning option for Phoenix students only.
- Ballarat Miners Mentors
- Expansion of Student Services – including College Counsellor and other staff

Each of these services are designed to ensure that we meet every student at their point of need so that they have the best possible opportunity to be positively engaged in learning and our school community. We are always mindful of our College values Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Cooperation and Excellence and their guide in our implementation of this vast suite of student services. If you have any questions about any of these programs and your child’s learning needs please contact the College and ask to speak with the relevant Assistant Principal.

Deanne Joosten - Years 7 and 8
Angela Quinn - Years 9 and 10
Grant Luscombe - Years 11 and 12

Mrs Karen Snibson
Principal

MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

It has been a busy few weeks in the Later Years this term. Year 12 VCAL students have started their Structured Workplace Learning placements of a Friday. Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) provides students with the opportunity to integrate on-the-job experience with secondary study. It also provides students the opportunity to develop their skills, develop practical application of industry knowledge and to enhance employment opportunities. On behalf of the College I would like to thank all businesses who have accepted to provide our students with these valuable experiences and opportunities.

Year 12 VCE students have also been busy completing their Unit 4 of work and preparing for SACs and upcoming exams. Students have been attending before and after school study sessions and extra classes to assist with developing their knowledge. As a guide, VCE students should complete at least three hours of homework and one hour of study (revision e.g. summary
notes, cue cards, practice exam questions) for each subject per week. To create a positive homework environment it is important for students to remove distractions such as phones/TVs and to study in chunks of 25 minutes with a set goal.

Our MIPs staff have also been busy meeting with both Year 11 and 12 students preparing plans for post school pathways. If you have any questions regarding pathways or VTAC applications please feel free to give Nadia or Pauline a call to book an appointment.

Finally I was lucky enough last week to attend a leadership camp in Melbourne with a group of 21 outstanding Year 11 leaders. During the week students completed a number of workshops to develop their leadership skills as well as listening and interacting with guest speakers about leadership. Students were required to develop ideas of how they can contribute to the school or community. On the final afternoon of the three day camp students did an amazing job of presenting their ideas on the Environment, Student Wellbeing, School Facilities and Curriculum to Staff, School Council Members and Community Members. A special thank you to McDonald’s Ballarat for their generous contribution to the camp. A big thank you to Dr Joanna Kemp and Mrs Kelli Zaal for attending and organising such a great opportunity for our students.

Below is a reflection from one of our Year 11 students who attended camp.

Mr Grant Luscombe
Assistant Principal

The leadership camp in my eyes was a great experience to say the least. My mental and social capacities were pushed and extended into a boundary outside of my comfort zone. Whilst learning about other students on the camp I also got to learn a lot about myself, who I am and who I can be; as not only a person but a leader.

We were given an amazing opportunity to listen to Rob Hulls (Former Deputy Premier of Victoria), give a motivating and inspiring talk. His words were extremely helpful and insightful to what we can all achieve if we try our hardest and never give up as he told us about his own personal story and struggles.

Over the three days we also joined in on group activities and different workshops acting on making Phoenix go from a good school to a great school. While we aimed to build projects for our school and its community we also worked to develop our leadership skills by working together to create a meaningful presentation about our passions around the school. We then developed a speech and presented our ideas to many members of the community, our staff and School Council members.

On the final day we competed in an amazing race around St Kilda; pressing on our navigational skills to complete a set of questions and tasks together as a group. Our teams set out to complete the amazing race as fast as we could. While this proved to be a tougher challenge than we expected, it was a very fun and inclusive little competition we all thoroughly enjoyed and was a great way to end the three days.

Jordynn Lonie

VET/VCAL REPORT

With Term 3 well underway our VCAL students are being presented with many opportunities to secure positive community connections. Our Year 12 students have begun their weekly SWL (Structured Workplace Learning) placements. We have over 30 students gaining valuable industry experience in a number of areas such as: childcare, learning support in primary school settings, aged care, disability services, retail, administrative roles, hairdressing, plumbing, landscaping, building and construction and IT support/learning. We are so thankful to the businesses who have given our students the chance to ‘dip their toe in the water’ and discover/deconstruct the world of work.

During the week a group of VCAL students will be attending a camp at Roses Gap to explore key employability skills and push themselves out of their comfort zones. We look forward to hearing of their adventures when they return.

I would like to thank all staff, students and families who attended the Subject Selection sessions made available for VCAL 2020. This is such a beneficial process that will enable our students to make informed decisions about their pathway and take ownership over their education.

Mrs Belinda Dwyer
VCAL/VET Coordinator
BREAKFAST CLUB
The Club runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the Senior Campus (Canteen) and Tuesday/Thursday on the Redan Campus (Art Room).

Breakfast starts at 8.15am and is available for ALL STUDENTS!
We have cereals, breads, juice, and milo! See you there!

At Phoenix we have a zero tolerance attitude to violence and aggression of any form to staff and others. We build a thriving community by working positively together to educate our children.

FAMILY ACCOUNTS: DUE NOW FOR FINALISATION FOR 2019
Second semester electives costs have been added to family accounts as appropriate. Your statements will be emailed again next week. Thank you to all those families who have paid their educational costs for 2019, your investment in your child’s future. Payment of outstanding amounts is due, please make payment ASAP. You are welcome to contact the General Office if you wish to discuss your account. Remember regular deposits are a great way to get on top of your commitments and perhaps build a pre-payment ready for any additional costs or even for next year.

Ms Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager

UNIFORM ADDITION - NEW WARM, WATERPROOF JACKET
A new winter jacket for students across the College has been added to the Phoenix College Uniform.

Junior sizes: 6 – 8, 8 – 10, 10 – 12, 12 – 14
Cost to families: $54.95

Senior sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL
Cost to families: $59.95

Available at Crockers NOW

NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

2020 YEAR 7 ENROLMENT PROCESS: INTERVIEWS
Enrolment interviews have commenced for all new Year 7 families commencing at Phoenix P-12 Community College in 2020. Notifications were sent out through your current primary school. If you have not received a welcoming letter, please give us a call.

Interviews are an important and essential part of the Phoenix Transition process, so please make sure you attend your interview to collect your information pack, complete the permissions forms, uniform information, CSEF Claim, Laptop order form and others to secure your Year 7 placement at Phoenix for 2020 and a smooth start to Year 7.

If you need to reschedule the appointment time for any reason, please contact the General Office on 5329 3293.

1:1 LAPTOP PROGRAM 2020
Phoenix P-12 Community College proudly has a 1:1 laptop program to ensure that we continue to prepare our students for the technology rich world in which we live. It is a requirement that Year 7 students have the specified device for 2020. Information and order process is included in the enrolment interview process.

For students in other year levels families are able to purchase a laptop at the General Office.

“90% of the workforce will require at least basic computer literacy in the next 5 years”
- Foundation of Young Australians

“In Knowledge there is Opportunity”

COMPASS: ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE LOGGING IN?
REMEMBER YOU NEED ACCESS TO COMPASS
Please remember you need access to COMPASS to keep up with life at Phoenix. Each family has a unique login and password. If you have difficulty logging on, or do not have your logon password, please do not hesitate to contact the General Office.

STUDENT ABSENCE SMS MESSAGES
COMPASS automated absence SMS responses.
To improve our parent absence processes, we have streamlined the process of responding to the automated SMS absence messages through the One-Time Links (or OTLs). Using COMPASS OTLs is as simple as 1,2,3.

STEP 1 - Receive SMS.
STEP 2 - CLICK link and select reason and add optional detail.
STEP 3 - Note automatically added to COMPASS.
You may still contact the College Absence Hotline if you need: 5329 3210
**Sports Report**

**State Cross Country**

Congratulations to Mason Roberts-Dunn and Jacob Tuovinen who competed at Bundoora in the State Cross Country. Both boys ran well and represented the College in a great manner.

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Special thank you to Brenton Powell for all the work behind the scenes, driving the bus to Loreto College so that the girls could play and also to Laura Gilchrist who helped the girls to get organised yesterday afternoon and coached the girls for their first game. Thanks also goes to student Tahlia Watts for umpiring the game for the girls.

Our team mostly consists of Year 9 girls, however we do have some wonderful Year 8 students in the team too! The following girls make up the Phoenix team:

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**PARKING**

Could all parents/guardians please assist us in NOT PARKING in the 7-Eleven car park or the Ballarat Health Services Dental Clinic Carpark for drop-off and pick-up. They have received multiple complaints from service users unable to park in the car park when accessing these locations. We have had reports from 7-Eleven that it is becoming extremely dangerous for children with traffic at these times.

We ask again for your cooperation in not using this car park for the dropping off and picking up of students.
Stawell Mega Music Day

We certainly had a Mega Music Day with our young budding musicians. The day is designed for students in their first and second years of music tuition. We had a good contingent of 25. We arrived at the Stawell Town Hall with much excitement. It is a beautiful building with excellent facilities for our musicians. Students from Nhill, Horsham and obviously Stawell also attended. It was a mega band of around 80 musicians.

The aim was to learn five music charts in the morning and then perform them to the local primary schools after lunch. It was a total success. We also had students involved in demonstrating their instruments to the audience. The charts that we learnt were ‘Pretty Woman’, ‘Trombo Mambo’ which featured the trombone section with Joshua Shaw really shining, ‘Geronimo’, ‘Spookyville’ and ‘Seasons of Love’ with vocalists. Another highlight was the huge muffins provided by Waack’s Bakery. Yummy!

Miss Felicity Liston also made her debut as a Conductor of the huge band. Thanks also go to Miss Samantha Harbridge and Mrs Karen Spiller for their tremendous input throughout the day.

Mr John Netherway—Music Coordinator

Phoenix Lunches

Our sandwich team was hard at work this week, making over 100 sandwiches to cater for students who do not bring lunch to school. This program supplies sandwiches to each Village on a regular basis.

Well Done Team!

I’m reading...

I have just read The Rosie Result by Graeme Simsion. I read it because I remembered enjoying the first two books in the series and was interested in the next step. I didn’t find this book as compelling or funny as The Rosie Project. I enjoyed that it is set in Melbourne and I could recognise the places mentioned. I found the emotional journey of the family as they negotiated Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis and stigma very interesting, particularly in relation to the school system. It’s always interesting to view schools from the outside in! The triumph at the end was quite satisfying.

I give this book 3 ½ stars out of 5.

Zoe Damman

I’m reading...

I am currently reading Sabriel, by Garth Nix. I am enjoying this book because there are interesting and “cool” ideas. The book is never lacking excitement; it has enough characters to keep it interesting. It is all about magic and good and evil.

5 out of 5 stars – Would recommend to everyone.

Cooper White 8C1
**INTERSCHOOL DEBATING DAY**
Our second Annual Interschool Debating Day will be held on Thursday 24th October in the HUB. This day involves morning training sessions and then an afternoon of competitions. Last year over 100 students from the Ballarat district took part in this event. Some of the Schools who will be attending this year are: Mount Clear College, Yuille Park P-8 Community College, Woodmans Hill Secondary College and Phoenix P-12 Community College. This event is sponsored by community businesses and is a great experience for everyone who is involved.

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**News from First Aid**
A gentle reminder that students are permitted to carry their own Ventolin puffers with them, whilst at school and this is highly recommended.

This is the only medication allowed to be in the student’s possession. If they require any other medication whilst here at school, it needs to be delivered to the First Aid office, along with a school medication authority form, in its original packaging and with clear instructions.

Lorraine Firth
School Nurse

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**2019 Prep Families**
2019 Prep families who qualified for CSEF funding this year are now eligible for the winter uniform pack. Families will need to provide the correct sizing details in order to have their ‘uniform pack’ finalised.

All Prep applications close at the end of Term 3. Any questions please call the Redan Campus General Office on 5329 3293 Option 2.

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**POP-UP MUSEUM**
The Year 7 Humanities teachers and students would like to invite you to the 2019 Phoenix Pop-Up Museum.

Where: LRC
When: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 4pm – 7pm & 23<sup>rd</sup> August 9am – 12 noon
This coincides with Parent/ Teacher/ Student interviews
We hope you can join us to celebrate your child’s learning.
Update from the Careers Centre:

As students choose their subjects for next year, support is available from the House Managers, classroom teachers and Careers Centre to advise on pathway options. Special consideration should be given when choosing Year 11 and Year 12 classes especially, to ensure that University pre-requisites are met.

This month we will focus on VTAC applications for Year 12 students. Support is available at lunch time and in study modules to complete these important University applications. We are also starting the Morrisby profile for Year 9 students, a fantastic opportunity that is provided by the Victorian Government. This free profile (normally costing $130+ for private schools) will look at potential career opportunities for our students and comes with a special one-to-one Careers counselling session in Term 4. We look forward to meeting with students and helping them to achieve their dreams.

OPEN DAYS

The following Universities are open in August. Open days are vital for Year 12 students but other year levels are welcome to attend and explore their opportunities post-Phoenix. Please check University websites for further details and times.

17th August Melbourne Institute of Technology
18th August Deakin Geelong Waterfront and Waurn Ponds Campuses
Monash University Parkville Campus
University of Melbourne Parkville Campus
Victoria University Footscray Campus

19th August BALLARAT CAREERS EXPO 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Ballarat Grammar is an opportunity to meet with University representatives and professionals. It is well worth attending.

24th August JMC Academy
25th August ACU Ballarat Campus
Deakin Burwood (Melbourne) Campus
Federation University Ballarat
LaTrobe University Bendigo Campus
Box Hill Institute TAFE

31st August Collarts (Australian College of the Arts)

SEE OUR NEW SCHOOL ZONE ONLINE.

The Department has released a new website that helps parents identify their local public school online.

Findmyschool.vic.gov.au launched on 24th April and shows every school zone across the State. The new website highlights the choice of public schools available to the Victorian community.

If your child is preparing to enter Year 7 and you want to know more about the public secondary school options in our area, or you know someone who is interested in enrolling at our school, try https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/

If you have a question about the website, contact the Victorian School building Authority Hotline on 1800 896 950 or email vsba@edumail.vic.gov.au

Plastic Pollution

Hello Parents, Teachers and Students!

I am a student from VCAL English and we are doing a project about Plastic Pollution. We are trying to spread awareness about Plastic Pollution to remind people to stop throwing away plastic as it affects wildlife and the world we live in. **Australians uses 130 kg per person each year and 130,000 tonnes of it ends up in the ocean.** So for our project, we are collecting plastic and recyclable to make a sign with the hashtag #stopplasticpollution!

At the end, we are going to recycle all of the rubbish we collect so we want your help. **If you have any plastic or recyclable items please donate it to the school so we can spread awareness about plastic pollution.** If you can’t, recycle it to yourself to help keep the planet green. Thank you!

Benjamin Brewer—Year 12 Student
State Schools’ Relief is pleased to announce a new partnership with local furniture retailer SchoolFurn, to provide 150 ‘study packages’ for underprivileged Victorian students – enabling them to utilise a functional space to complete homework and school assignments. Providing students with a specific space at home, devoted to their continued education, will help facilitate the broader mission of State Schools’ Relief, which is to ensure access to education for every child, in turn providing a tangible way out of poverty. We have 75 primary and 75 secondary study packages available for State School students.

This opportunity is available to any eligible student, based on the normal assessment of need conducted within your school. Please contact the Wellbeing team if interested.
One Plate at Time
Cooking Classes

Wednesdays during school term
10am to 1pm
Ballarat Cook Club, 214 Greenhalghs Road,
Delacombe

July 24 - Soups
Aug 7 - Pasta Making
Aug 21 - Bread Making
Sept 4 - Stir Fry

July 31 - Rice Dishes
Aug 14 - Pies
Aug 28 - Pizza Making
Sept 11 - Asian 3 Course Dinner

Classes funded by Family Connections.
Places are limited with registration for each week required by the previous Friday.
Join in once or as often as you like.

For more information
Call Kelly on: 0427 436 381
Email: kelly.pichford@aus.salvationarmy.org
or Facebook: SalvoConnect Family Connections.

ORDER AT THE CANTEEN
SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT

THE CANTENE IS OPEN AT
8.30AM, YOU CAN ORDER FOOD
IN THE MORNING FOR RECESS
OR LUNCH. YOU CAN ALSO
ORDER AT RECESS FOR
LUNCHTIME

INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE
CANTENE AND FINDING OUT
WHAT YOU WANTED IS NO
LONGER THERE, YOU CAN
ORDER WHAT YOU WANT THEN
PICK IT UP AT RECESS OR
LUNCH!

Join the Delacombe Chairs Forum for the
DELACOMBE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Friday 29th November
6:00pm to 7:30pm at the
Doug Dean Reserve Playground

- Lumen Christi Primary School Choir
- Phoenix P-12 Community College Band & Choir
- Delacombe Primary School Choir
- Free BBQ, fruit and water provided or BYO picnic
- Face painting, games & art activities
- Visit from Santa, ho-ho-ho
- Purchase from the coffee or ice-cream vans

This is a non-alcoholic event.
Children under 5 years must be supervised by an accommodation

Girls Space
EVERY SECOND WEEK
CREATING COMMUNITY PROJECTS
SPORTS CLINICS
HOLIDAY SESSIONS

AGES
12-25

A safe, inclusive space for young women
of all backgrounds to share skills and
make new connections

Join our Facebook group to connect with upcoming events

Girls Space Ballarat
or call/text 0448 623 006 for more information
2019 CALENDAR

August
19th  Student Free Day (P-11)
20th/21st  Gr 5/6 Costume school at Sovereign Hill
22nd  Parent/ Teacher/ Student Interviews 4pm-7pm
22nd  Phoenix Pop up Museum 4pm-7pm (LRC)
23rd  Parent/ Teacher/ Student Interviews (P-12)
23rd  No Scheduled Classes
23rd  Phoenix Pop up Museum 9am-12pm (LRC)
26th  Solo Performance Week
3rd  School Council Meeting
3rd  Sub Committee meetings
3rd  Responsible Pet Education Program P-4
28th  Year 7 Immunisations

September
2nd - 20th  2020 Yr7 Enrolment Interviews
2nd  P-1 Swimming Program Commences
9th  Gr 2-6 Swimming Program Commences
13th  Gr P/1 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
16th  School Council Meeting
16th  Sub Committee meetings
18th  Community Celebration Concert
20th  End of Term 3 (2:30pm dismissal)

October
6th  Term 4 Commences
23rd  Valedictory Dinner

November
27th  Presentation Evening

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
Phoenix now has a Facebook page.
Like Phoenix P-12 Community College for upcoming events, important notices and student stories.

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