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## 2021 Term Dates

Term 1: 28 Jan to 1 Apr

Term 2: 19 Apr to 25 Jun

Term 3: 12 Jul to 17 Sep

Term 4: 4 Oct to 17 Dec

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## Links

[Advance College Web Site](#)

[VCAL FAQ's](#)

[Mornington Peninsula Youth Directory](#)

## Message from the Principal

Welcome to Term Two. With winter not far away and COVID still being an issue, it is important for all of us to keep healthy. The practices utilised through the pandemic including good hand hygiene, physical distancing, getting tested and not coming in if feeling unwell remain in place as part of our COVIDsafe workplace.

I would encourage everyone, where possible, to get a flu vaccination and, particularly for those in a high risk category, a COVID vaccination. Meningococcal vaccinations will also be available in Term 3 to those who require it. There are a range of views on vaccinations and if parents want to discuss the issue further, please contact me directly.

As part of our Respectful Relationships program, we have introduced sex education into our curriculum. This has been well-accepted by students and, particularly because of recent publicity around consent and inclusion, has generated some very positive and active discussions. Again there are a range of views on this topic and if any parent would like to discuss it further, please contact me directly.

Parents/carers seeking further support about this and a wide range of other issues can access the Independent Schools of Victoria (ISV) website [The Parents Website](#), that provides expertly sourced and edited news, features and resources for parents on raising and educating children.

Some exciting developments with our new Rosebud campus project have occurred recently. We had a ceremonial 'sod turning' event which was well attended by staff, committee members, our local MP Chris Brayne and Councillor Antonella Celi.



Construction has commenced and should be completed by the end of the year, ready for the class of 2022. The building will be a two storey, purpose built, state-of-the-art facility which will double our current capacity. Copy of the plans are on display at the current Rosebud Campus.

I am pleased to see the uptake of Vocational Training as part of our VCAL delivery has increased to a more diverse range of qualifications and training organisations. Two of our students have also been successful in applying to the Caroline Chisholm Education Foundation for their VET funding. Our thanks to the CCEF for their support.

It is pleasing also to note that student enrolments at all three College campuses are at capacity. With a growing waiting list for all campuses, it is important that all students attend regularly. Students who do not attend regularly are making it difficult for themselves by not keeping up and having to do catch up work, and, as a worst case scenario risk losing their place at the College. Where parents/carers and students are struggling with attendance issues please contact the home teacher or me to discuss and sort out a solution.

Steve Wright (Principal)

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## Student Spotlight

**Clair Pacchiarini**

Intermediate, Hastings Campus

When did you start at Advance?

At the beginning of 2020 after studying at Dromana Secondary College.

What have you most enjoyed about Advance?

I have enjoyed being able to be yourself within a community that accepts you and explore who you are.

How has Advance helped prepare you for life beyond school?

Advance has helped develop and explain future tasks and skills required of an adult and explore VET and different industries that we may be interested in the future

How do you spend your time outside of school?

I work at a restaurant in Flinders to fund my love of music and passion of art as I regularly go to gigs and out with friends and live life like there is no tomorrow.

What are your plans for the future?

At the end of my senior certificate, I hope to spend my time travelling in a van around Australia to explore parts of this beautiful, spectacular country I'm still yet to see. And along with travelling I hope to set up a little tattoo and piercing business along the way.



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## Excursion Reflections



Today, Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, Hastings Advance College went to SeaWinds Gardens and did the Summit walk. This photo is taken half way through the summit walk right on champions point. The walk had its challenging moments but it was very enjoyable. The walk took 30-40 minutes, the track is rocky and steep. There are many different lookouts over Port Philip Bay, Western Port Bay and you could see the outline of the city. SeaWinds has a beautiful rose garden with a park and some public toilets, it's a beautiful place for a family to enjoy a beautiful day with some lunch. At the start of our walk we saw some pleasing sculptures, which were called the William Rickett sculptures, the sculptures were of some happy aboriginal girls and boys. Once we

completed the walk Daniel cooked us a tremendous barbeque, Rachel cut some very refreshing watermelon and Jake started up the games. I played two games of large jenga, I played with Daniel Rachel and Taylor, I lost the first one and then Taylor lost the second. Overall today was marvellous and it's something that we need to do more often here at school, it's a really good time to really get to know and enjoy time with peers and teachers.

**Ashlyn Fry**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Sea-wind Gardens Arthur Seat, Summit walk. Today was the day we went on a hike for the 'TAKE A HIKE' project we are doing in class. We got to see some scenery from the lookouts on the track overlooking Port Phillip Bay... some beautiful scenery while walking including the beautiful nature that surrounded us. The walk went for 35 minutes, first half downhill other half up hill, the hike all up was 1.8 kilometres, but does feel less than it actually is. It was a beautiful little day hike to do, peaceful and a very beautiful part of Peninsula. We played some fun games at the end, we even had a Barbie and chilled out, and talked! The main point of this hike was to collect data for the project, and to learn more about our surroundings, and more about where we live.



### Clair Pacchiarini



It's so nice... let's do it twice.

Both Rosebud and Mornington Campuses have explored the Balcombe Estuary and what a place. See the student reflection below

On Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March our class participated in an excursion to the Balcombe Estuary. There were two guest speakers who told us about the water quality and the habitat quality of life. We experienced dip netting and assessed the quality of the water in the estuary and went on a walk along the boardwalk to examine the plants in the area.

We asked the Rosebud Senior students what their favourite part was:

Skye: Collecting moss from the shoreline

Benji: Finding a tadpole in the habitat assessment

Riley: Finding a Dead rat

Jackson: Getting into the water to assist with the testing



**Riley Tuddenham, Jackson Thorburn, Benji Cicerale and Skye Rohan-Baeck**



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## Student Highlights

My name is Shakiya Anderson and I have a family blood line of Australian Indigenous heritage. My clan is located in Gippsland along the Murray River. My tribe name is Yorta Yorta.

This painting has a story of my journey learning about my culture. The turtle in this art piece represents my land as he is my totem.

This art piece I did represents my journey, my culture, my language, my dance, my creations and my story's song.



**Story behind this painting. Shakiya Anderson**

On Thursday the 11th of March, the students from our Mornington Campus participated in Clean Up Australia day. This is an organised event that occurs each year. This year the Foundation and Intermediate students organised the activity for the class.

We made our way down to the beach picking up rubbish along the way. When we returned to school, students completed a 'rubbish audit' to determine the different types of rubbish we picked up.

It was an informative day and great to see so many students get involved in cleaning up their local community.

### Mornington Students



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## What is Work Experience?

Work experience is part of a schools' educational program where students experience working life, often for the first time. It is the short term placement of secondary school students with host employers, to provide insights into the industry, and the workplace in which they are located. Students are placed with employers primarily to observe and learn – not to undertake activities which require extensive training or expertise. It is undertaken at the employer's premises and has enormous benefits for students as it gives them a chance to:

- Work alongside adults as part of a team gaining an understanding of work
- Develop and practice a range of new skills
- Become more independent and confident
- Relate the school curriculum to the workplace
- Increase motivation to continue their study and/or undertake further training
- Explore career options

## Work experience hosts:

### My Vintage Addiction

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## Message from the Psychologist

### Cyber safety

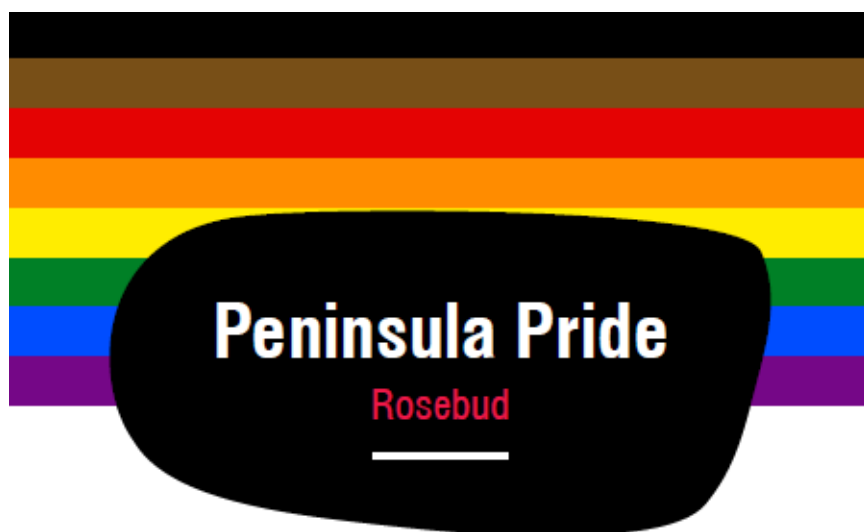
The internet can be a positive way for teens to connect socially and access information, but can also have negative emotional impacts that we need to be aware of. The e-safety commissioner has published findings that 44% of young people surveyed had a negative experience online - which included being *contacted by a stranger, receiving unwanted content, or social exclusion*. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/research/digital-lives-aussie-teens>.

Many parents say they are aware of these dangers but may struggle with having these conversations with their young person about safer internet use. The website below provides some ideas of how to have a conversation about safer internet use. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/hard-to-have-conversations>. Please feel free to contact Julia at Advance if you have a specific concern about cyber safety you would like to discuss.

### Parent Information Session

It was great to see some parents attend our first parent information session on "Connecting with Your Teen" last week. I enjoyed this opportunity to meet a few parents of the students of Advance College. We would like to offer another information session later in the year and would welcome any ideas or feedback on which topics are important to you in the wellbeing of your child/children that you would like to hear about. Please feel free to email [Julia.m@advance.vic.edu.au](mailto:Julia.m@advance.vic.edu.au), or call 5986 4623 to pass on your feedback.

## Peninsula Pride



Safe, fun and supportive hangout for  
LGBTQIA+ young people aged 12-17 who  
live on the Southern Peninsula.

Fortnightly Tuesdays:  
4.30 – 6pm

Online alternate fortnights:  
4.30 – 6.30pm

Contact MPYS to register your  
interest and for more details.

📞 03 5975 3114  
✉ mpys@mornpen.vic.gov.au

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Peninsula Pride is a Queer Straight Alliance (QSA) Youth Program funded through Victorian State Government's Healthy Equal Youth project which aims to raise awareness, promote diversity, eliminate stigma and discrimination, and improve the overall mental health of young LGBTQIA+ people. Peninsula Pride provides support to young people in both the Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula regions.

### Pride in Ourselves

Social groups and activities and events allow young people to meet others with similar lived experience. Young people are divided into two different age groups: 12yrs up to 18yrs and 18yrs up to 25yrs. New young people are introduced into Peninsula Pride 4x a year. There are no fees for young people. Places are limited. Young people interested in participating in Peninsula Pride groups or activities need to contact the headspace Frankston Intake Team.

The Newsletter is one of the methods of communication with our school community – but don't forget to check out our school website - [www.advancecollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.advancecollege.vic.edu.au)

and Facebook page –

<https://www.facebook.com/AdvanceVCAL/>

Advance College can facilitate accredited training in short courses such as Food Handling. It also runs beginner computer classes and career guidance programs. Please check [www.advance.vic.edu.au](http://www.advance.vic.edu.au) or call your local campus for further details.

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