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2022 Term Dates

Term 1	28 Jan to 8 Apr
Term 2	26 Apr to 24 Jun
Term 3	11 Jul to 16 Sep
Term 4	03 Oct to 20 Dec

Campus Contacts

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Absentee Reporting

Please login to the Compass Parent Portal or contact your campus to explain absences

Links

- ❖ Advance College Website
- ❖ Advance Short Courses
- ❖ Mornington Peninsula Youth Directory

Message from the Principal

Welcome to our Term 2 Newsletter. As we wind up the term, the effects of Covid and the flu have been a major challenge for both staff and students. It is timely to remind those who haven't been fully vaccinated for Covid (three doses) and the flu to get them as soon as possible.

The term has seen a number of significant events including the formal opening of the new Rosebud campus, the commencement of four new fabulous teachers and Student Support Officer, the successful sale of our previous Rosebud campus building, and the securing of funding for shade sails at both campuses.

The College has also engaged a psychologist at each campus (Sasha at Rosebud and Josh at Hastings). They are available on Mondays and can provide a range of support services to our students including individual counselling, small group work and formal, clinical assessments.

Advance College is supporting the Education Department's Meningococcal Vaccination Program (single injection for Meningococcal A, C, W, Y). This is also an opportunity for those students and their parents/guardians to review the vaccination history and if required bring it up to date. If students/parents/carers are interested, please contact your teacher.

In one of the biggest changes to secondary education recently has been the decision by the State government to discontinue the VCAL certificates. This is the last year that VCAL will be delivered. It is to be replaced by two new certificates – the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) and the Victorian Certificate of Education - Vocational Major (VCE-VM). The VPC will replace Foundation VCAL and offer an engaging curriculum and additional support for students to develop the work-related skills and capabilities they need to succeed. The VCE-VM, designed to be completed over a minimum of two years, will give students greater choice and flexibility to pursue their strengths and interests and develop the skills and capabilities needed to succeed in further education, work and life. All of our staff are working hard to ensure the transition to the new qualifications is as seamless as possible for our students. See more on page 3. If any parents/carers would like to discuss the changes please contact me.

I have been very gratified to hear so many positive comments on how well behaved our students are. All of our students have faced significant challenges, eg covid, interrupted schooling etc, and have shown amazing resilience, stamina and, most importantly, great respect for other students and our staff. It makes the College environment a pleasure to work in and something to be proud of.

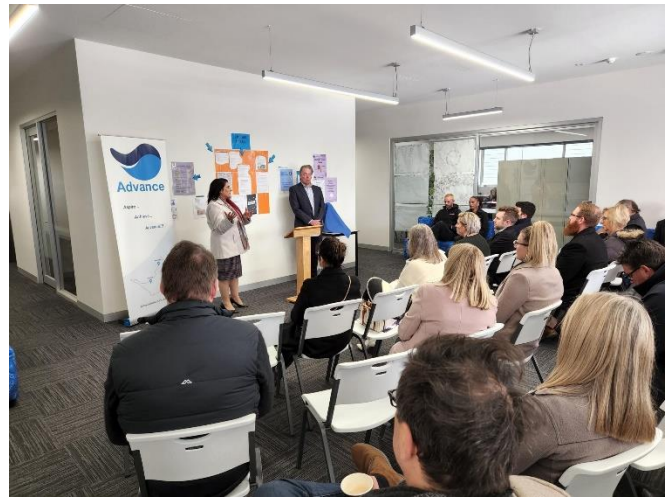
The Newsletter is one of the methods of communication with our school community. Other methods include our Website (www.advancecollege.vic.edu.au), our Facebook page, school bulletins and the Student Handbook. As part of our College community, there is an open invitation to contact me to arrange a personal appointment to learn more about Advance College.

Steve Wright – Principal

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Grand Opening

Advance College was officially opened on June 1 by Chris Bayne. It was a great morning and we were pleased to see such a great turnout. We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended.



Cultural Walk Reflections

Shaun was an excellent instructor, he very clearly explained all of the history of the Bunurong people and their land, and how they survived in it.

I especially liked the interesting and intriguing weapons they used as well as the tools they worked with and how they made them.

- **Sam Anderson-Perrett**

Today, I learned about the native flora and their uses. I also learned about some of the artefacts and weapons. The things that interested me most was firstly, how you can tell what has been fished just by the shells on the ground and secondly, was the fact that woman chose men based on how good of an axe they can make. Overall, the excursion was a really fun day.

- **Marshall Barker**

Shaun taught us what plants were edible and what's in them, from vitamins to toxins and that many of the plants had a salty taste and contained sodium.

We were shown different types of artefacts, like the boomerang and Nulla Nulla or Waddy. We learnt, or at least tried to learn how to make a fire using just wood and that the land we are on belongs to the Boon Wurrung or Bunurong people of the Kulin nation. Bunurong people used Devil's Twine for fishing nets and possum skins for warmth. Women and men have their own areas for different business and you could be punished for being in the wrong area.

I also learned that aboriginal people have been making bread for over 20,000 years and that animals and plants are no different to humans as we need each other but plants are superior.

- **Andrew Stout**



VCAL Changes 2023

Victorian senior secondary education is changing

From 2023, more students will study the VCE. That's because the VCE will include the Vocational Major, a 2-year program that sits within the VCE.

There will also be the Victorian Pathways Certificate for those who need flexibility in their learning.

Current system 2022

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) - final year of VCAL

New system 2023

VCE, includes Vocational Major

Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC)

The VCE Vocational Major

The VCE Vocational Major is a 2-year applied learning program within the VCE. You will develop academic and work-related skills, knowledge and confidence. It will prepare you for work and further education and training.

When you graduate from secondary school, you'll graduate with the Victorian Certificate of Education, with the additional words 'Vocational Major'.

Read more about the [VCE Vocational major](#)

The Victorian Pathways Certificate

The Victorian Pathways Certificate is a flexible program. It is designed for a small number of students in years 11 and 12 who for various reasons, are not able or ready to undertake the VCE or the VCE Vocational Major.

It will prepare you for work and further education and training, including the VCE.

Read more about the [Victorian Pathways Certificate](#).

Why VCAL is being replaced

These changes are a result of the [Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling](#) (the Firth review). The review found changes were needed to improve vocational learning in schools.

Now you will have greater access to high-quality, relevant vocational education and applied learning opportunities. You'll be able to use your many talents in new ways under the new VCE.

Respectful Relationships (Useful Links and Information)



<https://bodytalk.org.au/parents-and-carers/>



PPEP TALK® NEXT STEPS

Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia (PPFA) welcomes attendees of PPEP Talk® (Periods, Pain & Endometriosis Program) and their families to attend a **FREE** information session.

Join Gynaecologist, Pain Specialist and author of 'Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain' Dr Susan Evans on Zoom for PPEP Talk® Next Steps.

Building on the knowledge students have gained at our school sessions, PPEP Talk® Next Steps is an opportunity for young people experiencing pelvic pain and their families to ask questions and seek support for the next steps to take.



**Register for the
session now**



Details:

- **What:** PPEP Talk® Next Steps
- **When:** Wednesday 10th August 2022
 - 7.00pm ACST,
 - 7.30pm AEST,
 - 5.30pm AWST
- **Where:** Via Zoom
- **Details** at www.trybooking.com/BLDRE
- **Cost:** FREE

PPFA is committed to supporting teenagers who suffer severe period pain, pelvic pain and endometriosis to allow them to fulfill their potential and live their best life possible.

If you have any further queries please email us at contact@pelvicpain.org.au, call (08) 8291 7923 or visit our website www.pelvicpain.org.au

Saver Plus



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Make an enquiry to see if you are eligible.

STEP 1 - Goal

If eligible for the program, set a savings goal with your Coordinator for your education related item(s). Eligible savings goals listed **here**.

STEP 2 - Saving

Open an ANZ Progress Saver account and start to regularly save over 10 months

STEP 3 - Education

Complete our fun Money Minded financial education workshops

STEP 4 - Matching

Reach savings goals and have your savings matched up to \$500 by ANZ for education items for you or your children's education expenses

Links

- 👉 The Newsletter is just one of our methods of communication with our school community – but don't forget to check out our school website - www.advancecollege.vic.edu.au
Facebook - www.facebook.com/Advance.CollegeVIC
Instagram – www.instagram.com/advance.college
- 👉 Advance offers nationally accredited training in short courses such as Hygienic Practices for Food Safety. Additionally, we provide pre-accredited courses to assist with pathways into employment and/or further training, such as our beginner computer classes and career guidance programs. Please check www.advance.vic.edu.au or call your local campus for further details.
- 👉 Mornington Peninsula Child & Youth Directory - www.mpchildandyouthdirectory.com.au/news
This is a useful online resource for young people, families, parents and carers, and service providers in the Mornington Peninsula area. The Directory brings together free and low cost service information that's available in our community.