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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

Welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter.

Our school community, like most, has been hit hard by COVID, the flu and other assorted winter illnesses. Student and staff absences have been unusually high and have presented a range of new challenges. I must commend and thank our staff who have demonstrated a high level of resilience in coping with these challenges including supporting their peers, covering absences and facilitating catch up work for students.

Looking forward to Term 4, staff are very busy ensuring students are completing their studies in a timely manner. If any parents would like to discuss their student's progress please contact their class teacher, our Assistant Principals or me as soon as possible.

A warm welcome is extended to Annie Angliss, our new psychologist at the Rosebud campus. Students are welcome to make an appointment with her to discuss any wellbeing support they may need. I would also like to thank Sasha for her support for our students since February this year. The College's Child Safe Policies and Procedures have recently been up-dated in line with a new Ministerial Order. Copies of relevant documents can be found on our website.

In perfect timing for the up-coming summer period we have installed shade sails at the Rosebud and Hastings Campuses. This will give students and staff greater opportunity to set up learning spaces outside and also will provide sun safe recreational areas for both campuses. The grassed area at the Rosebud campus is now ready to be used and will be a great asset to the students.

There will only be two campuses operating in 2023 – Rosebud and Hastings. Our Mornington campus is still undergoing significant improvements for any future College delivery.

Next year sees the statewide transition from traditional Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) model to the Victorian Pathway Certificate (VPC) and the VCE Vocational Major (VCE-VM).

The VPC is designed to meet the needs of students who are not able or ready to complete the VCE-VM. It is suitable for students whose previous schooling experience may have been disrupted for a variety of reasons, including students with additional needs, students who have missed significant periods of learning and vulnerable students at risk of disengaging from their education. Students will gain the skills, knowledge, values and capabilities to make informed choices about pathways into a senior secondary qualification, entry level vocational education and training (VET) course or employment.

The VCE-VM is a vocational and applied learning program within the VCE designed to be completed over a minimum of two years. The VCE VM will give students choice and flexibility to pursue their strengths and interests and develop the skills and capabilities needed to succeed in further education, work and life. It prepares students to move into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training, university (via non-ATAR pathways) or directly into the workforce.

For further information please see [senior secondary pathway options in 2023 videos](#).

I encourage parents and carers to contact the College to discuss the new qualifications and how they might affect their students. I would also welcome any parent /carer to request a school tour or to meet with me to discuss any queries or issues they may have.

Steve Wright – Principal

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Wear it Purple

Wear It Purple is a not-for-profit organization, designed to raise awareness and understanding of LGBTQIA+ issues. To show our support, all staff and students are encouraged to wear purple on August 25th. For more information visit: <https://www.wearitpurple.org/schools>



Respectful Relationships (Useful Links and Information)



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

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

Power Saving Bonus and Energy Rebates

As we know the community is struggling with the rising costs of living.

- There's a new one-off \$250 Power Saving Bonus available from July 1 2022
- The \$250 payment will be open to all Victorian households who use the Victorian Energy Compare website to search for a better deal on their electricity
- Households that have previously claimed a \$50 or \$250 Power Saving Bonus will still be eligible for this new one-off payment
- Rebates of up to \$1400 for solar panel system installation are available

SunSmart

In Victoria, UV levels start to rise from mid-August. To be sure you are using sun protection when you need to, check the sun protection times on the [SunSmart app](#).

Regardless of the weather, whenever UV levels reach 3 or more, remember to **SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE**.

1. **SLIP** on clothing that covers as much skin as possible to help create a barrier between your skin and the sun's UV. Wear rashies or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.
2. **SLOP** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen to any skin you can't cover with clothing. Apply 20 minutes before going outside and reapply every 2 hours or after swimming.
3. **SLAP** on a sun protective hat that protects the delicate areas of the head and face. Make sure it has a wide brim that provides good shade to all areas. Caps do not provide enough UV protection so are not a suitable UV protective alternative.
4. **SEEK** shade whenever possible. Consider built, natural and temporary shade and encourage everyone to use it. Research has shown that green and shady environments not only stimulate more physical activity and allow more time outdoors, they also provide protection from heat and UV.
5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around sunglasses labelled AS1067 to help protect the eyes from UV (if practical for your situation).


UV protection is not only important for occupational health and safety, but also allows you to role-model sun protective behaviours. Make sure UV is considered as part of your school's risk management and assessment for all outdoor events and activities on and off-site, including outdoor PE and health lessons, school camp activities, excursions, sports days and interschool sports events.


Links

 **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.