

## Sydney Road Community School

# November Newsletter

## Principals' Report

We are in November and many of us are wondering where the year has gone! At the start of 2021 many of us did not expect to go into lockdown three times but everyone rose to the challenge each time but it is so nice to have everyone back onsite.

Whilst the State Government announced last week that mask wearing in Victorian secondary schools no longer need to be worn inside or outside this is not a signal to become complacent and forget about all the COVID safe protocols we introduced as students started returning onsite. It is important that students maintain hand hygiene and social distancing, all breaks are still taken outside, weather permitting, all tables, laptops etc to be wiped down and no mixing of different cohorts wherever possible. The virus has not disappeared but vaccination levels are nearly at 90% and that is why restrictions are easing so let's work together to keep our community safe.

Term 4 always has a number of starts and finishes. Our Year 12's have all completed their studies including a few who participated in the external exams. After our VCE Review this year, as mentioned in an earlier newsletter, it was decided to give our VCE students a good head start on their studies. Year 11 VCE just completed the first two weeks of their Year 12 and this week all Year 10's began their senior certificates which they will continue to do up until camp.

Relocation plans are moving along, albeit slowly, and plans are well and truly underway for our school community to be able to meet the architects and view the plans for our new school on Friday 3 December at 5:30pm and it will be held at our current site for OHS and safety reasons. It is disappointing that you will not be able to see the new site at this time but there will be other opportunities in 2022. We have been reassured by the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) that we are still on track to start the 2023 school year at the new site. Below are the details and links for the information session:

### EVENTBRITE DETAILS/ LINKS

Parent & Carer Information Session - Sydney Road Community School

Friday 3 December 2021: 5:30pm – 6:15pm

Location: Sydney Road Community School, 350 Sydney Rd, Brunswick

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/212215150227>

If you can not make the Information session in person you can join online at 6:30pm for the Community session here:

ZOOM LINK [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iEkbcaQIQtWlQFL8igSGXQ)

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*Irene and Tess, Co-Principals*



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### Special dates of interest

3 Dec	School Concert 9.30am
	Relocation information session 5.30pm
6-10 Dec	Whole School Camp
7 Dec	Year 6-7 Orientation
9 Dec	School Council dinner
13-17 Dec	Activities week
14 Dec	1/2 day curriculum
15 Dec	Graduation Night
16 Dec	1/2 day curriculum
17 Dec	Last day term 4
31 Jan 2022	First day term 1

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continue to be important to the Aboriginal people living today. Sovereignty has never been ceded. It always was and always will be, Aboriginal land.



## Community Engagement in Learning—Mel

### Wilson's Prom Camp!

It was only a matter of weeks ago that it was announced that school camps could run for the remainder of the term and since then our camps team have been working hard to get all the required paperwork in order.

There is just enough time for us to properly prepare and this week permission forms will be sent home with students, we ask that these are returned as promptly as possible so we know how many students will be attending.

This year's end of year camp will run from Monday, December 6 - Friday, December 10 at Wilson's Prom. It's an all camping, all weather week and we will spend the time swimming, walking, relaxing and sharing food together. Wilson's Prom is a significant and incredibly beautiful place and the camp is a fabulous way to end the year.

Each day of camp we will go on a different walk and swim at a different location. Everyone will be sleeping in tents and we'll be cooking in a camp kitchen and eating together in our makeshift dining room.

Students will have the opportunity to properly experience the prom and everything it offers over the course of the week.

The weather can be very wild at the prom and it's important that students bring clothing that is appropriate for hot and cold weather, we really hope that all the rain stops before we get there!

Next week you can expect some more paperwork to come home, with a list of what students need to bring along and a schedule of activities and the menu. If you have any questions or would like further information please send Mel and email on [melissa.alexander@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:melissa.alexander@education.vic.gov.au)

### NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

**Our new school website is live!**

**Please go to our new website:**

[Sydney Road Community School \(sydneyrdcs.vic.edu.au\)](http://sydneyrdcs.vic.edu.au)

We need as many people to click on the website as possible so that it becomes the preferred site when people are searching for information on our school..

If there is information that you would like included on the site that is not currently included, please let us know.

## Learning Spaces—Nick

The final Learning Spaces students for 2021 are preparing for their return to their mainstream schools. All students and staff have been working hard in preparation for what is hoped to be a successful transition, as we embark on the 2022 year.

All students have demonstrated considerable growth in some capacity, whether it be through an improvement in their academics, their self-regulation skills or overall school wide approach. All Learning Spaces students are to be commended in what has been an extremely difficult time for students and schools across Victoria.

We, at SRCS Learning Spaces wish all students and their families a wonderful and relaxing break as we near the end of what has been a school year that has been unique to say the very least. See you all in 2022.

## Teaching and Learning—Matt

A quick heads up that Semester 2 reports will be sent to parents as a .pdf via email from December 10th. This semester's reports will talk to how students have been progressing throughout both remote and onsite learning. If you have any specific questions about your young persons report please reach out to their contact teacher.

## Positive Climate for Learning—Tess

### Child Safe Standard 7

#### Strategies to promote child participation and empowerment

Standard 7 looks at how SRCS builds resilience and leadership in young people, ensuring they know where and how to get support if they need it as well as being acutely aware of what are acceptable behaviours from the adults that they interact with through the school. This standard ensures that young people are being supported to build their own confidence and resilience to prevent and or minimise the likelihood of them experiencing an unsafe situation in relation to child abuse.

- ◆ Support for young people through the child safety officer (Tess)
- ◆ Building resilience and awareness of rights and responsibilities in young people through SWPBS, RRR
- ◆ Building leadership and citizenship skills through the Community Groups
- ◆ Building relationships with contact teachers to encourage students to seek

## Staff contact information

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