

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are back into the day-to-day business of our school year. We welcome several new Education Support Staff to our College. In Secondary, the Year 7 and 9 Camps have returned safely where students have all had a wonderful week of outdoor adventure activities and team building.

Across the College, staff continue to instil the principles of The Berry Street Education Model in their classrooms. Your student may come home talking about "Brain Breaks" and Mindfulness. Both of these are good strategies for a calm and safe learning environment and can be practiced at home.

Unfortunately, our College Swimming Sports had to be rescheduled, but the Seymour College swimming team competed in the Southern Ranges swimming sports yesterday. Keely Wright received a first and two second places and Ariella Head gained two second places and was 13 years girls age champion, both students will progress onto Wodonga on the 16th March. Our Inclusive students Charlie McLeish, Oisin O'Sullivan, Jessie England-Chee, Jacinta Swan and Bradley Bullock all swam very well. We are very proud of all of our students who represented the College at this event.

On Monday morning we held our annual Investiture Ceremony. This is when our College leaders in Secondary, Primary and Inclusive proudly receive their badges. Although parents were not able to attend, we did capture the ceremony on film for parents to enjoy at home.

Our Student led conferences will be held in the last week of term on Monday 29th March from 12pm until 7pm. Parents and Carers will be able to book on Compass in the coming weeks.

Finally, a reminder about masks under our current COVID restrictions. All students over 12 years of age must carry a mask by law. All bus travellers need to wear a mask while travelling on the school bus.

Please stay in touch with us at the College by emailing your child's teachers via Compass School Manager or by phoning the College on 57711300.

Trish Bulluss - For Gail Hardman

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 9th -15th March
Bookfair

Friday 12th March
House Athletics
Years 3 - 12

Monday 15th March
School Photos

Monday 22nd March
Melbourne Zoo
Year 7

Friday 26th March
Catch up School Photos

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

At Seymour College:

" I call others by name"

OFFICE HOURS: 8am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday

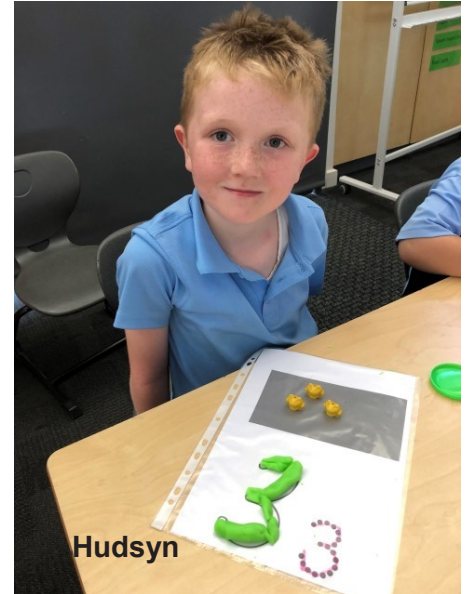
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Foundation, Grades 1 & 2

F-2D has some very proud prep students working on the number three. They learnt to make the number using play dough, say the number, show the value of the number with teddies and trace the number with whiteboard markers.



Annual Book Fair

Open to sales:

Tue 9th March
Wed 10th March
Thurs 11th March
Friday 12 March
Mon 15th March

Open before school 8.30- 9.00, 3.10-3.40
In the main building, staff lounge.

This is Merv Head he finished first in the 50 m freestyle and second in 50m Butterfly at the district sports, he then backed up at the division sports placing in the top four in both events. He will now go on to represent Seymour College in Shepparton on Wednesday 10th March at Hume Region.



Great job Merv!!!



Camp Rubicon

Year 7 Camp Monday 22nd-Friday 26th February 2021

Wow, what an amazing week year 7 had! We started our week with 7A and 7B travelling to Camp Rubicon on Monday - Wednesday, with 7C and 7D travelling on Wednesday- Friday. A quick stop off at the Yea Wetlands to stretch our legs, before finally arriving at our destination. Once we had all settled into our dorm rooms and gotten our day packs we were off to our first activity, team building and initiative games. It was fantastic to see everyone so engaged and enthusiastic. After exercising our brains, it was time for a refreshing dip in the river, investigating the rock pools and a couple of rapids.

During our time on camp we took part in a rafting and bush walking adventure. Everyone demonstrated superb teamwork and cooperation skills. While rafting we managed to get wet, traverse rapids, float down the river and guide a boat. When we were bushwalking we were able to map read, trail explore, investigate local flora and fauna (bracken tastes like almonds!!), climb to the top of a waterfall and so much more.

Rogaining at night gave us the opportunity to explore more mapwork and problem solving skills, and also stretch our brains some more with devilishly hard logic puzzles.

A huge thank you to every single year 7 student who made the week fantastic. You all shone in lots of different ways. Another huge thank you to our amazing Year 7 homeroom teachers for all your time and effort. Finally a massive round of applause to the wonderful Camp Rubicon staff who made the week so much of an adventure.





DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTOR NEWS

Defence School Mentor:

My contact hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 0830 to 1530.
Contact me via the following means

Email: Maryanne.Carroll-keays@education.vic.gov.au Phone: 5771 1300



Congratulations

To Seymour Colleges first
ever Defence Captains

Casey Grant & Ethan Gibbons

The Defence Captains will
assist with the support of our

64 Defence Students

Commemoration Services

Student Activities

and the promotion of the
impact military service has on
Defence families



**Please note...This is a fabulous opportunity for
your kids if required.**

The Defence Education Assistance Scheme...

is a government funded initiative. A Defence Force student who has had their education disrupted, due to posting from one location to another may be eligible to receive up to **14 weeks of tuition**. In order to qualify for this initiative an application must be submitted within the first 18 months of arriving in the new posting locality and the tutoring must be completed within this same time frame. For more information contact the ...

Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

Please let me Know!

So I can support your children.

1. Is your family Posting?
2. Is the defence member deployed or deploying soon?
3. Is your family living MWDU?

Please respond via email.



To all our returning and new defence families welcome.

All the best for a fantastic year.

Inclusive Education

As we reach the midway of the term, Kristie and I would like to take the opportunity to thank our school community for their support. Firstly, our parents and guardians, thank you for ensuring your children are rested and ready to learn. We thank you for ensuring your children are wearing the school uniform that unites us visually as one college. Secondly, we welcome new ES Education Support Staff Emma, Morag, Belinda, Karen, Jenny and Sarah and thank them in advance for their support of our teachers and learners. We farewell and thank Jess Barwell, an ES from Blue Room; we wish her well in her future endeavours. We thank our students for inspiring each other to do your best. Thanks to Angel and Tahlia for accepting the challenge of being Inclusive Education Captains and Jordan and Lucas for representing the junior Inclusive Education section of the school. Lastly, thank you to our staff for their dedication to provide high quality individualised learning opportunities for our students. Thank you all for taking the time to create engaging activities to grasp the attention of our students.

Please enjoy the photos of students at our whole college investiture, Kristina and Emmy playing music and our Secondary Senior class completing their food handling course.

Racheal Broughton - Inclusive Education, Assistant Principal



PRIVACY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website <https://www.seymourcollege.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Privacy-Policy-1.pdf>

FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

Immunisations for YEAR 10 only 24th May 2021

Please see that attached link for further information

<https://www.health.gov.au/campaigns/meningococcal-acwy-vaccine-for-teens>

Headlice in the Primary Campus

The presence of head lice is a very common childhood occurrence in the community. The primary responsibility for the management and treatment of head lice in students belongs with parents.

At Seymour College, the management of head lice infestations is a recurring and challenging matter at times throughout the year. It requires commitment from the whole school community in a concerted effort to treat outbreaks and minimise transmission. Communication and support within the school community can be conducive to minimising future infestations.

Head lice are small, wingless insects that live in the hair on your head and can be challenging to eradicate. They can only survive in human hair, need to feed from the scalp several times a day and can only survive up to two days off the person's head. Though not dangerous, head lice are a common problem for children between the ages of 3 and 11 and have nothing to do with personal hygiene or cleanliness and do not carry disease.

Kirsty Hare RN - Health Centre - School Nurse



Stars
of the
Week



Seymour College acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land and acknowledges and pays respect to their elders, past and present.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS/CARERS

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using Compass School Manager - <http://seymourcollege-vic.compass.education> Contact the general office if you require your parent/carer account password.
2. **Telephone:** the school office on 03 5771 1300 and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school at Seymour.co@edumail.vic.gov.au and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
4. **Reply SMS:** Access the one-time link from a Compass SMS to enter details of the absence. SMS messages are sent at 10:30am and 3:30pm.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.



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What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Seymour College will let you know through Compass SMS, and in the Compass Parent Portal. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

A copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences can be found on the Seymour College website at www.seymourcollege.vic.edu.au under About Us: College Policies.