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MARCH NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2 2020

A letter from the Principal...

I am writing in these uncertain times, to offer accurate current information regarding the College's response to the COVID 19 pandemic. It is very important that we manage the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis for our school community with clear decision making and communication as directed by the Department of Education and Training (DET) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) advice. Our highest priority as a college, continues to be the health and wellbeing of all in our community while maintaining a calm approach to our day to day program.

We are very mindful of the impact of COVID-19 on all members of the community as well as our own families and friends. Until directed to close by the Education Department, we will continue to operate the college as normal. Any adjustments to the delivery and assessment schedule will be made in the future based on length of any school closure.

Here are the current facts from the school's perspective

- No staff member at Harvester Technical College has been reported as infected with Coronavirus.
- No student or family member from Harvester Technical College has been reported as infected.
- The school remains open as I must follow the best advice from the Department of Education. This may change and we will let you and your families know immediately if there is to be a school closure – this could happen at short notice.
- Harvester Technical staff are working on plans to deliver online content and homework plans in the event of a school closure.
- We are closely monitoring the situation and reacting accordingly when things change and then letting you know.

Some changes we are putting in place right away are:

- No School Assemblies or other whole of school events.
- No Interschool sporting events until further notice.
- No Parent/Teacher/Student events the event planned for 26th March will revert to a normal school day.
- No planned Camps or Excursions until further notice. These days will revert to normal a school day.
- No Structured Workplace Learning Block in April/May. <u>These</u> 2 weeks will revert to the normal school timetable.
- Please note there can be **no informal placements** as students would not be covered by DET insurances and no HTC will be available to support the placement.

Possibility of School Closure:

The College Management Team has already been preparing for a possible extended closure. Teachers have been preparing for several weeks work that can be completed on-line or in hard copy from home, if it becomes necessary.

In the event that we are directed to close the college, it will be communicated in the following way:

- Parents will be sent an SMS advising of the closure.
- Students and parents will also receive an email via Compass with this information. This email will contain dates and details of the closure, as well as important instructions for students to continue their learning while the school is closed.

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At this time, I appreciate that your daughter or son, may be becoming quite worried and anxious about your family members and themselves. Please reassure them that we are in contact with authorities who are regularly guiding us on how best to proceed. If they are under undue stress, limit your child's exposure to news media.

If your child is extremely anxious, they can contact Jacquie Fellows or Trudy Whiteside or Kids Helpline on Phone: 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au. They can also email beyondblue. com.au or headspace.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Trudy Whiteside if you have any concerns not covered by this letter.

Regards

Mandy Patmore







School Assembly - 11th March

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The first school assembly provided the perfect platform to recognise and celebrate both the achievements of our students, and the various learning experiences that form an important part of our innovative courses.

From highlighting excursions such as the Holocaust Museum, Amazing Race experience and the many sporting competitions that support the VCAL programs, right through to showcasing the practical skills being mastered as part of the Cert II in Building and Construction, the assembly gave all students and staff the opportunity to experience the great things happening throughout the college and across all programs.

Throughout the year the achievements of individual students are celebrated through our awards program. We would like to congratulate our award recipients for the month of February:

- Student of the Month: Youssef Saleh
- Literacy Award: Peyton Andrews
- Numeracy Award: Ben Vidjen
- Sports Award: Tyson Cook
- Attendance Award: David McRae

Trudy Whiteside Campus Manager



Volleyball Squad



Mandy opening the assembly

SRC

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Thank you to all students who nominated to be an SRC class representative this year. After much deliberation, I would like to congratulate the following successful candidates:

Tech Ten 1

Peyton Andrews & Ryan Culos

Tech Ten 2

Tyson Hassan & Jamin Bastiaan

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Caden Harris

Carpentry 1:

Marko Nel & Patrick Pace

Carpentry 2:

Nandita Prasad & Youssef Saleh

Electro:

Jesse Wittmann & James Kriaris

Engineering

Max Schwartz & Dylan Le-Nasser

Plumbina:

Adam Gatt & John Pitsillides

Fast Track

Justin Beneke & Tyrone La Sala

The 2020 SRC cohort met for the first time this year on February 25th and certainly did not disappoint. The energy was very positive with all student representatives contributing their own ideas and those of their peers to suggest ways in which the Harvester experience could be enriched for all. The vast array of ideas put forth are currently being collated in readiness for the next meeting which will focus on establishing the SRC @HTC goals and focus for 2020.

Watch this space!

Trudy Whiteside Campus Manager



SRC Members receiving their awards

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Student of the Month: Youssef Saleh

"As well as participating in all sporting events so far this year, Youssef is also proactive in finding out what he has missed and continues to keep himself up to date with his work. In addition, he is always positive, puts his hand up to assist others, and often presents at school assemblies. He was successful in gaining a place on the Student Representative Council where he will do a fantastic job of representing his fellow peers. Keep up the great work Youssef!"

Daniel Monigatti

Curriculum Manager, Literacy & PDS



Literacy Award: Peyton Andrews

"Peyton has worked consistently at a high level in Literacy this term. Peyton has been drafting all of her written work to a high standard, she has conducted herself with a high level of maturity and she always submits her Literacy work before the due dates. Peyton's work ethic has been exceptional in class and whilst on excursion and her overall work quality is of a high standard. I am therefore proud to award Peyton Andrews with the Literacy Award of the month of February."

Kami Gillick-Lewis
Literacy Team Leader



Numeracy Award: Ben Vidjen

"Ben has started the year with a great attitude and focus in numeracy classes. He is always willing to help other students and join in class discussions, as well as being tenuous in completing tasks and ensuring that the tasks completed are at a very high standard.

Well done Ben."

Maryam Sulaiman Numeracy Teacher



Sports Award: Tyson Cook

"The winner of the February Sports Award goes to Tyson who is an enthusiastic and lively student that competes in both PE classes and School Sporting events to a fantastic standard. He attends class in his full PE uniform and competes both fairly and competitively at all times. Tyson has represented the College in Inter-School Cricket and displayed excellent leadership qualities by encouraging and motivating his team mates to be the best they could be."

Anthony Raffoul
Sports Coordinator



TRADE UPDATES

Carpentry Skills - Carpentry 1 & 2

Prior to the cancellation of the Carpentry camp, students had been refining their skills in preparation for an outdoor adventure experience. These included food sourcing and prepartion, creating equipment lists, selecting campsites and researching the area. They also had a practical session on how to set up the school tents and a cooking session to familiarise themselves with how to use the camping stoves.

Daniel Monigatti

Curriculum Manager, Literacy & PDS







Tech Ten Metal Works

The Tech Ten Metal classes have hit the ground running as they begin their journey to trade proficiency. In the Tech Ten Workshop, our focus is on high quality and safety. So far in Semester One, students have developed new skills in Computer Aided Drawing, Production Planning, using a range of hand tools and also have been developing their knowledge and understanding of OH&S practices. The Metal students are currently building a sheet metal Tool Caddy using Folders, Pan Brakes, Spot Welders and a range of hand and powertools. Congratulations to all of our Tech Ten students on making a great start to 2020 and their time at HTC.

Janeden River
Teaching & Learning and
Technology Manager



Students measuring up their caddy's



Bending metal sheets



Darren providing some assistance



Measuring metal sheets

Student First Aid Training

As a requirement of their VET Certificates, the Carpentry, Electrotechnology, Engineering and Plumbing students recently completed First Aid Training. We welcomed Deb, Joel and Marty from IVET who conducted the training and assessed the students on their skills and knowledge of responding to an emergency situation, applying appropriate first aid procedures, communication and evaluations. Whilst the training can be a long day, our students worked well and were all successful in attaining the unit.

The College received some fantastic feedback from Deb at IVET commending our Harvester students that we would like to share with our community:

"I have spoken to Marty, and we both agree that the level of understanding, maturity and respect shown to not only ourselves as trainers but the teachings and the topics covered, to be of the highest standard.

Your students actively listened and engaged in conversation and interactions on all topics and included relevant and interesting questions and comments. The practical components were completed in a timely manner and showed a high level of understanding and respect for the topics covered. It was a pleasure for Marty and I to be a part of.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time at your school and wish you and your students all the best for the rest of the year "

Well done to our student cohort, a great reflection of the embodiment of the College values.

Kerrie McKay RTO Manager



Our ethusiastic year 11 students demonstrating bandaging

Union Representative Incursion

Aiming to assist with their understanding of Unit 1, Learning Outcome 4 of their WRS course, the senior and intermediate students participated in an Industry and Union Representative Incursion on the 5th of March.

The senior students met with Peter Fowler, an employer from Bell Environmental, to gain information about pay awards, conditions, the current economic climate, and other related issues that affect the different industries. Our intermediate students were introduced to Union Reps Gary Perrin and Ron Smith, both from the AMWU (Australian Manufacturing Worker's Union), and were also spoken to about similar topics.

During the presentations, the students were encouraged to ask questions and have discussions, to which our guests were happy to answer and provide assistance with. At the completion of the event we received positive feedback from both our guest groups, saying that they would be more than happy to return next year to meet the next group of students.

Peter Michelini Engineering Teacher





Peter Fowler from Bell Environmental

LITERACY NEWS

Tech Ten Amazing Race

On Wednesday the 26th of February the Tech Ten students all participated in The Amazing Race as part of the Personal Development Skills (PDS) unit. The students had various areas of Melbourne that they had to visit in their respective teams. They had to gather photo evidence as well as answer questions related to the specific area or landmark.

In addition, the students were tasked to take bonus point photos that would add to their overall score, some of these included: A photo with a busker, a photo shaking hands with a police member, a photo in a football jumper. Overall the students did their best and participated well in the activity.

There were two standout groups that correctly fulfilled all challenge requirements and managed to gather almost all of the bonus photos in minimal timing. These teams will receive a prize and were announced at the assembly on Tuesday 10th March. Those two groups were:

- Tech Ten 1: Alastaire La Sala, Hassan Abou Baker and Tristen Calleja
- Tech Ten 2: Nicholas Chmielewski, Liam Peceli and Christian Barnard

Rob Coghill Literacy & PDS Teacher



Tech Ten cohort at the State Library

Fast Track Students Explore Racism at the Holocaust Museum

Year 12 Senior Fast Track students recently visited the Melbourne Holocaust Museum on February 20th as part of their 'Reading for Knowledge' unit in Literacy. Before embarking on their field trip to the city, students produced detailed research reports on an aspect of Nazi Germany they found most intriguing. With students producing some outstanding pieces of work, particularly Joseph Gentilin, Tyrone La Sala and Mitchell Caplin it was no surprise students wowed the host at the Holocaust Museum with their knowledge of anti-Semitism during WW2.

Once students arrived at the Museum, friendly staff ingratiated them with a warm welcome before entering a theatre room where a broad discussion on racism took place. Students were then broken up into groups and were delegated a guide each who then unpacked some of the key events underpinning the Holocasut period. Following the guided tour students then had the priceless opportunity of meeting Jack (Jakob) a Holocaust survivor. Jack was born in Turek, Poland in 1924, the fourth of five children, and while outside walking one day was taken by Germans to a labour camp in Poznan.

In 1943, Jack was then loaded onto a train and moved to Auschwitz, where he was tattooed with the number 140964, and was then forced back to work in Furstengrube coal mine, where conditions were abhorrent. As Jack openly discussed his experiences under Hitler's reign during the Nazi period, he also openly discussed his journey here to Australia where he later forged a career as a tradesman. The invaluable experience of hearing Jack speak was a major highlight of the excursion and one the Fast Track class will not forget. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Tamara Zerafa for assisting in the running of the excursion, and also to the staff at the Holocaust Museum who welcomed us with open arms. The behaviour of the Fast Track students was commendable as they showed high levels of maturity throughout the whole day, well done Fast Trackers.

Kami Gillick-Lewis Literacy Team Leader



Fast Track students at the Museum

NUMERACY NEWS

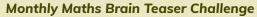
Numeracy

Each of our Numeracy classes have been using their brains the last month to work on some problem solving techniques. Over the last few weeks our Tech-10 group have been challenging themselves in their integrated class by problem solving with Pentominoes (5 squared shape). Similar to Tetris, students are required to form a perfect rectangle using all 12 possible Pentominoes. Our students found this quite a challenge as it proved much more difficult than it looked, however this allowed students to think outside the box and tap into their spatial reasoning skills.

Our Fast-track students were encouraged to work in teams and problem solve by building pieces of IKEA furniture from a given box. Sound easy? Students were given NO instructions and the pieces of 3 furniture items were combined in one box without description of what is being made and what pieces go together. Our students did an excellent job of this, with all 3 pieces built without any assistance. Students also practiced their skills in isometric and technical drawings as well as creating a design plan for their piece of furniture.

Tamara Zerafa

Numeracy Team Leader



A 100L vessel is full of a mixture of juice concentrate and water, in which there is 60% concentrate. 40L are sold, and the vessel is filled up with water. What is the new percentage of the juice concentrate?

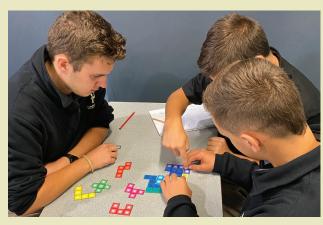
Last Month's Maths Brain Teaser Challenge

A boat has a ladder that has eight rungs. Each rung is 20cm apart. The bottom rung is 20cm from the water. The tied rises at 20cm every 10 minutes. High tide peaks in one hour. When the tide is at its highest, how many rungs are under water?

Answer: The boat is floating on water, so as the tide rises, so does the ladder. No rung is under water.







Tech Ten Two Students





Fast Track Students

EXCURSIONS

World Plumbing Day

On Wednesday 11th March the Certificate II Plumbing class along with teachers Jackie Fellows and Darren James attended the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre venue in Brunswick, to celebrate "World Plumbing Day".

The class were able to see Certificate III Plumbing apprentices competing at a World Skills practical competition.

There was a presentation from plumbing and sprinkler fitter apprentices, they spoke of their experiences from work conditions to attending trade school and the learning involved.

Luke Pettanon was one of the judges of the World Skills competition, he also spoke to the class of his experience as a mature age apprentice, he was 25yo when he began in the trade. Luke advised all students to listen to their teacher and go at their learning with maximum effort, it will be worth it in the long run.

Finally, everyone participated in a workshop that had been organised by REECE plumbing supplies, they used different types of pipe materials and equipment to practice different jointing methods.

A great day was had by all.

Daren James
Plumbing Teacher









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Grand Prix Expedition

On Thursday the 12th of March we saw our Plumbing and Engineering students head to Albert Park for their annual Grand Prix Excursion. For Literacy and PDS our plumbers investigated the history of the Grand Prix and Tourism within Melbourne. As the Grand Prix on average brings in 324,000 people per year, our students investigated how this impacts the trade industry and how major events play a part in stimulating the economy through trades – such as the construction of additional potable and black water piping to cater for the mass crowds. Students were able to see for themselves the level of visible construction and were lucky enough to watch a few races on the day.

Our Engineering students for Numeracy were asked to perform calculations relative to mapping and location using the map of the Grand Prix and assist in the logistics of getting to Albert Park. Students were asked to watch some of the races – unfortunately the F1 was cancelled – however students were able to apply their knowledge of calculating speed, distance and time and calculations of Revolutions Per Minute (RPMs) relating to the car engines. We were lucky to have had perfect weather and a few of our students trying the Land Rover Terrapod experience on the day. Till next year!

Tamara Zerafa Numeracy Team Leader



Formula 1 Race Car



Engineers and Plumbers

CAREERS NEWS

Careers Expo

On Friday 21st February 8 x Year 11 and 12 students visited the Defence Force Careers Expo at the Melbourne Convention Centre. We learnt about the range of careers available, met Defence Force personnel, saw the defence vehicles, experienced helicopter and plane simulators, watched drone racing and saw the marching band.

Warrant Officer Harlan Marks, who started his career as an army fitter and turner, spoke to the group about various trade careers within the forces, discussed recruitment requirements and procedures, the benefits of a defence force career and the possibilities and opportunities available to us. The students found it to be very informative and beneficial to assist in their pathway decision.

Karen Riley
Careers & SWL









Past Students: Where Are They Now?

Mikhail Zeybek

Electrical Apprenticeship at Westwire Electrics

Mikky has extensive experience working for the past three years with an electrician on Saturdays and through the holidays which helped him to secure an Electrical Apprenticeship with Westwire Electrics. Mikky says that the company is looking after him and that working in his dream role is amazing. He is at the factory every day by 6am to load the van and heads out to the job by 6.30am.



Past Students: Where Are They Now?

Nolan Cockburn

Fitter Machinist Apprenticeship with NJ Engineering through ATEL Group Trainer

Nolan is enjoying the variety and precision of work. Nolan attends Kangan TAFE once per week and due to gaining his preapprenticeship with Peter Michelini, Nolan is the only student in the class who is working on the machinery at work, whilst the others are learning about hand tools. Nolan's group training organisation, ATEL, have been checking in every month to ensure a smooth transition into the workforce. Nolan is adapting to the new early routine and says about his work that he is "loving it".



Past Students: Where Are They Now?

Ryan Penn

Dual Engineering Apprenticeships at Bell Environmental

Ryan secured his apprenticeship through his SWL placement and was offered the choice of several different apprenticeships. He chose Auto Electrician and will select another Engineering trade to gain dual apprenticeships in 5 years through Kangan TAFE. Ryan is up at 4am for his 6am start every day which he is getting used to. Work is flat out but Ryan is loving it "I could not have asked for a better place to work".



SPORTS NEWS

Futsal Fun

On Wednesday, 4th March, Harvester students represented the College in Inter-School Futsal at the Derrimut Sports Centre in Derrimut.

Our first game was against Copperfield College and our students quickly got involved in the match, scoring the first goal. It was a competitive and fast paced game, and with only one player on the bench, our students gave their all and ended up with a hard fought 6 all draw.



Futsal Squad

The second match had us up against one of the favourites to win the tournament, Keilor Downs Secondary College. In a tense and sometimes frantic opening five minutes, our students matched the opposition in both skill and physicality. They dug deep and fought hard to the final whistle, eventually falling short to Keilor Downs, 3 goals to 1.

Our final game had us pitted against Springside West Secondary College. With our students pleased and satisfied with their last games efforts, they cruised to a comfortable 15 goals to 2 win.

Congratulations to all the students for competing with great energy and enthusiasm in all three matches.

The team was:

Kenan Sacirovic Naim Hassen Aaron Venda Daniel Thangngan James Kriaris Youssef Saleh (GK)

Anthony Raffoul
Sports Coordinator

Tennis Triumph

On Wednesday, 11th March 2020, Harvester students represented the College in Inter-School Tennis at the Taylors Lakes Tennis Club.

Our first opponent was Keilor Downs Secondary College and our students found the opposition too strong, with Keilor Downs recording a convincing

Our second round had us up against Taylors Lakes Secondary College. Our number 1 seed, Bailey Lisignoli got us off to a great start with a hard fought win against a quality opponent. Luca Martinello, our second seed, also had a convincing win to give Harvester a two sets to love lead. Unfortunately, a couple narrow losses left both teams locked on two sets each. Our first doubles pairing of Bailey and Luca won their doubles match that gave Harvester a three sets to two lead. The final double match was a hard fought competition and left both schools tied on three sets and 18 games each.



Tennis Squad

Our third round opponent was St. Albans Secondary College and our students had a good win over them.

Our final round had us up against Gilson College. We were handed that win when Gilson College forfeited their matches.

A great result for our students had them finish the day on two wins; a draw and a loss. Well done to all the students and a special thanks to Karen Riley who assisted on the day, and for buying the team lunch.

Anthony Raffoul
Sports Coordinator

Cricket Champions

On Friday 21st February, the Harvester Cricket team headed to Fairbairn Park in Ascot Vale to compete in the Senior Inter-School Cricket tournament.

It was a cold and wet day as Harvester took on Keilor Downs College in the first match. We lost the toss and were sent in to bat. After a slow and cautious start, our team started swinging in the final overs and we finished up on 4 for 95 off 12 overs. Nicholas Schembri was the top run scorer of the innings with 36, with Tyson Cook making a solid 24 runs.

Keilor Downs needed 96 to win off 12 overs, however, our bowlers, led by Lachie Rudd and Charlie Clarke, who both took two wickets each in the innings, kept Keilor Downs College to 6 for 72.

Our second match was against Victoria University Secondary College. With the rain coming down consistently, we again lost the toss and were sent out to bowl first. Both our bowlers and fielders were struggling in the conditions, and the opening pair for VU were each given a lifeline when they were both dropped in the outfield. The opening pair made 23 and 37 runs before our captain, Max Anderson took the crucial opening wicket. VU ended up making 77 runs so we needed to make 78 to take the points.



Cricket Squad

Max Anderson was the best of the bowlers, taking 3 for 13 runs off 3 overs.

The Harvester students came out to bat and were off to a steady start before losing Jesse Whittman early on. We ended up falling short in the run chase, finishing on 4 for 66 with Nicholas Schembri again our top scoring batsman, making 34 runs.

Due to only losing by 11 runs, and with each team losing one match, our students were declared the winners and are off to the next stage which will be held on Tuesday 17th March.

A great job by all the players, and a special mention needs to go to the Captain, Max Anderson, who backed himself and made some influential moves throughout the day.

Anthony Raffoul
Sports Coordinator

Volleyball Victory

Inter-School Volleyball is one of the biggest days in School Sport, and Harvester fielded a team in both the Intermediate and Senior competitions. They were held at Gilson College on Monday, 2nd March 2020.

We got off to a flying start, with both teams winning their first match. The senior team had a good win over Copperfield College, whilst the Intermediate team gelled well and beat Keilor Downs College.

The second round wasn't so good to the Senior team, who went down to Sunshine College, however, the Intermediate team kept the winning feeling going with a great win over Copperfield College.

The final round for the Senior team had them up against Keilor Downs Secondary College. We lost the first set in a close tussle, and saved 5 match points in the second set before eventually winning the set and taking the game to a third and deciding set. A tense and entertaining match, the Harvester students fell short and just missed out on a place in the semi-finals.

The final match for the Intermediate boys had them up against Gilson College. After a sea sawing first set, the Harvester boys ended up losing the set, and I think the tight first set loss deflated them, and Gilson ended up winning the second set and the match. Luckily, our Intermediate boys made the semi-finals and were faced with Taylors Lakes Secondary College. The students regrouped after the final round loss and had a relatively easy straight sets win over Taylors Lakes.

With the day coming to an end, the intermediate boys had booked themselves in to play Gilson College in the Grand Final on Friday, 6th March at Gilson College.

On the morning of the Grand Final, the Intermediate team got together and had a final training run on the morning of the match. With the starting six sorted, all the boys were quietly confidant leading into the Grand Final.

Harvester jumped Gilson early and raced to a commanding lead before Gilson fought back to tie the first set at 16 all. However, our students dug deep and handled the occasion beautifully and were able to take out the first set.

The Gilson boys then jumped out of the clocks and before we knew it, we were down 2 points to 9 in the second set. After a quick time out, the boys re grouped and took control of the set, taking out the second set and the Grand Final.

Congratulations to all the students who were led brilliantly by their captain, Toso. A shout out to the Principal of Harvester College, Mandy Patmore, for taking the time to watch the boys, and just as importantly, shout everyone lunch.

Anthony Raffoul
Sports Coordinator



HTC Students in Action



HTC and Gilson College Players Circle



Volleyball Final Squad



Baseball Squad

Bravo Baseball

The Senior Baseball team headed out to Keilor Park Reserve to take on St Albans. It was a one sided affair with Harvester winning triumphantly, scoring 16 runs to 3.

Special mention to Mason Condie for not only scoring two home runs but also captaining the team to victory. Lachlan Rudd pitched well helping to keep the team on top. All of the Harvester students showed great sportsmanship and respect throughout the day. Not only did the weather shine, so did our students. I would like to thank them all for a great day.

Rob Coghill Literacy & PDS Teacher

Child Safety

Our community values of **Growth, Relationships, Learning** and **Wellbeing** are underpinned by an understanding that **Child Safety** is a paramount responsibility of the school community. Harvester Technical College has a number of guiding policies regarding **Child Safety** on our website located at www.sunshine.vic.edu.au.

Please take some time to make yourself aware of these and contact the school should you have any concerns regarding Child Safety.



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