

# HARVESTER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

EDITION 1 2021

### A message from the Principal...

Welcome to 2021 at Harvester Technical College. I am pleased to report that we have had a very positive start, with students and staff alike feeling excited about the year ahead. After the tumultuous times of 2020, there is a feeling of hope that this year brings with it a level of normality that will enable our students to fully engage with all that we have to offer.

That said, with the recent 'circuit breaker' lockdown, reinstatement of mask wearing in schools, and the ever changing regulations, it is crucial that we remain vigilant in ensuring COVID-safe practices are being adhered to, giving us the best possible chance at achieving 'normal'.

On Thursday 29 January, we welcomed our Year 10 students to the College, with everyone participating in the overnight Orientation Camp at Kinglake Forest Adventures. With very few students knowing anyone else, they showed great maturity in their conduct. The feedback from staff was that they are a respectful and quiet cohort. With the first week of classes over, students are slowly coming 'out of their shell', with many expressing how good they feel about their decision to come to Harvester to complete their senior education.

With every passing year, we see more of our students returning to undertake their Year 12 studies, and this year is no exception. With many of these returning students graduating from Harvester with 2 Pre-Apprenticeships under their belts, they are viewed as extremely employable, with our destination data attesting to this.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Carolyn Papageorge, our newly appointed Campus Manager. Carolyn comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience across a vast array of educational settings including student management, wellbeing and senior education. We look forward to working with Carolyn as part of the Harvester Management Team, in supporting and leading our school community in achieving positive outcomes for our students.

With the College Calendar filling up with excursions, camps, sporting events and the like, there are plenty of engaging experiences for our students to look forward to. Our Student Representative Council (SRC @HTC) elections are underway. Student Voice is considered an important part of the Harvester culture and I look forward to seeing what this year's group brings to our ever evolving community.

At Harvester, we value effective and regular communication with parents and carers about the progress of our students. With Compass being our main method of communication, I highly recommend you download the Compass mobile phone app to ensure you are getting up to date information as it becomes available. In addition, I encourage you to keep in touch if you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's life at Harvester.

On behalf of the Harvester team, I extend a warm welcome. We look forward to working with you closely this year, and to the success of our students in all that 2021 has to offer.

Trudy Whiteside  
Principal



### REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If your child is absent please follow the steps below:

1. Call HTC on 8311 5555 **before 8.50am.**
2. Press 1 and leave a message.
3. State your child's name and a valid reason for their absence.

#### OR

1. Login to the Compass Parent Portal
2. Add an Attendance Note
3. Be sure to do this **before 8.50am.**

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to be away**

### CAMPS, SPORTS, & EXCURSIONS FUND

Have your circumstances changed? If so, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF). Please contact Renée at the front office on 8311 5555 for more details.



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## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Technology Award: Chris Fazzolari

Chris has had a great start to the year. He has been diligent in completing his Ongaard Tutorials and Wood Theory workbook tasks as well as successfully working towards and completing his first practical assessment. Well done Chris!

Daniel Monigatti  
Curriculum Manager



### Numeracy Award: David McRae

David has demonstrated a complete turn around since last year. While he is incredibly competent in Numeracy, he has already shown his potential in just a few weeks. David continually contributes to class discussions and has a go at answering questions without distracting others. Congratulations on receiving this month's Numeracy Award!

Tamara Zerafa  
Numeracy Team Leader



### Sports Award: Declan Tucker

Declan has shown great determination and motivation to improve his performance in PE by putting in his absolute best in all classes. His work rate is first class and he has attended in his full PE uniform. A fantastic start to the year. Well done Declan.

Anthony Raffoul  
Sports Coordinator



### Literacy Award: Liam Peceli

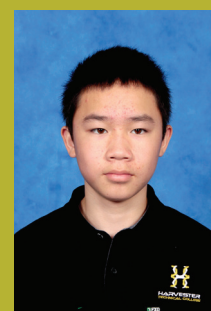
Liam is a student that can over focus at times, and get caught up spending a lot of time on the small features. However, throughout the first assignment in Engineering Literacy, 'Where can Engineering Take Me?' Liam managed to produce great quality work and far exceeded the word limit, going beyond the requirements and maintaining a good quality effort throughout. Additionally, Liam was one of the first students to complete the drafting process, putting himself ahead of schedule at the start of the year, a big improvement on the previous year. Well done Liam, keep up the good work!

Rob Coghill  
Tech Ten Coordinator  
& Literacy Teacher



### Attendance Award: Nicholas Sagolj & Karvin Xiang

We would like to congratulate the following students for their excellent attendance so far this year: Nicholas Sagolj of Tech Ten 2 and Karvin Xiang of Carpentry 2. In fact, we have so many students who attend regularly that we want to congratulate all HTC students on a successful return to school for 2021! After such a disrupted 2020, we are thrilled to have a steady start to the school year and see all of our students so happy and eager to be in the classroom. This has definitely been reflected in the attendance so far, and hence we give everyone commendations!



## KEY DATES & REMINDERS

### Upcoming Events

**24th February:** Year 11 First Aid  
**26th February:** Tech Ten Immunisations  
**1st March:** Interschool Baseball & Tennis  
**3rd-4th March:** Carpentry 2 Camp  
**3rd March:** Interschool Volleyball  
**5th March:** Tech Ten Amazing Race  
**8th March:** Labour Day (Student Free Day)  
**10th-11th March:** Carpentry 1 Camp  
**10th March:** Interschool Cricket  
**15th March:** Interschool Int/Sen Girls Futsal  
**18th March:** Parent Teacher Interviews  
**22nd-25th March:** Fast Track Camp  
**1st April:** Last Day Term 1

### \*\*\*MASK REMINDER\*\*\*

Currently masks are required to be worn whilst in doors and outdoors where social distancing is difficult, except when eating and drinking or if you have an exemption due to a medical/health reason. Students are responsible for supplying their own masks. The College has a small supply in case of emergencies only. We ask for parent/carer support in ensuring their child has a fitted mask at all times. If using disposable masks, students should have more than one in their locker to replace any that may break throughout the day.

**HARVESTER REUSABLE MASKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE FOR \$10**

## AROUND THE GROUNDS

### Detention well spent

Many parents may remember serving detentions writing lines, or just having to sit still in a room for a period of time. At Harvester however, detentions are served in a way that helps the school community. Recently the school purchased some gardening equipment and plants. One Tuesday afternoon students were tasked with re-planting the garden beds in the courtyards. It's fair to say that the four of them seemed to enjoy the manual digging and for some of them, it seemed, planting a new plant was something they had never experienced before. It already looks much better and the students worked hard in the allotted time to help bring some brightness to the courtyard.

**Rob Coghill**

Tech Ten Coordinator & Literacy Teacher



## TRADE UPDATES

### Electrotechnology

The Electro class has been exploring OH&S issues specific to the Electrotechnology industries. The students have practiced the safe electrical isolation procedure and carried out simulated live rescues of electric shock victims. They have also started to hone their hand skills with wire stripping and wiring exercises under the expert guidance of new electro teacher and A Grade electrician Jason Aquilina.

**Harry Melzer**

Electrotechnology Teacher & Technology Leader

### Plumbing

It has been an excellent start to 2021 for the Certificate II Plumbing pre - app group.

They have jumped in boots and all to get both the Hand Tools unit and Power Tools unit theory completed. They are well on the way to finishing the Basic Sheet Metal theory also.

This year's class is larger than previous years, and includes many year 12 students who have already completed a certificate II course last year and have an idea of what is expected of them.

Thursday 11 of Feb was the first day for the class to officially begin their practical work in our Plumbing workshop. They made an excellent start with introducing the sheet metal tasks. Every student started off a little hesitant with using the basic plumbing hand tools and workshop equipment. Never the less they all had a successful 4 sessions and are excited to take on the next challenge placed in front of them.

This year's group will hopefully be able to attend World Plumbing Day on Thursday the 11 March 2021, at the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre in Brunswick.

The World Skills Victorian competition takes place simultaneously for apprentice plumbers and gasfitters. The winner goes on to represent Victoria in a National competition. This is a great opportunity for the students to see first hand what skills are required to complete the design and installation that is set out on display for all to see, they also get to understand what time management

**Darren James**

Plumbing Teacher



Plumbers in the workshop



### **Tech Ten Technology - Wood**

Tech Ten 1 have started the year well in their Wood Technology class, initially looking at the OHS requirements for the workshop and how to safely use hand tools. They have also been examining Wood as a material and gaining a better understanding of the differences between hard and soft wood and timber as a renewable resource.

In their most recent lessons, students have moved into the workshop to start their first practical tasks and have been practicing marking and cutting timber to a high level of accuracy. This skill will be essential in the coming weeks as they move into learning different timber joins and their uses.

**Daniel Monigatti**  
Curriculum Manager



### **Engineering**

The Engineering class has started off the year by completing their OH&S unit of competency. This will allow them to work safely once in the workshop and later on when they complete their Structured Workplace Learning.

Once they were able to enter the workshop, students completed all the safety inductions and engineering orientation.

Finally jumping into some hands on work, the engineers have begun to make their Sheetmetal Toolbox Project. They have been marking out, cutting and bending parts that will eventually make up the boxes.

Lastly, the students have commenced their training for reading, interpreting and creating engineering drawings.

**Pete Michelini**  
Engineering Teacher & VET Leader



## LITERACY NEWS

### Successful start to 2021

The Literacy Program at HTC in Term 1 has kicked off with a successful start. Students have launched into completing their first major projects with enthusiasm producing work of a high standard. Tech Ten 1 and Tech Ten 2 are exploring writing for self-expression and are currently unpacking what it means to be a professional in any workplace. With students working hard to produce extensive written drafts in class, it is already clear that the bar has been set high by our new Tech Ten cohort.

Fast Track Literacy students have been working on an entrepreneurial success case study exploring some of the key aspects of innovation and risk taking in business. The Fast Track students have shown a zest for learning as they continue to practice new vocabulary in both their writing and spoken language.

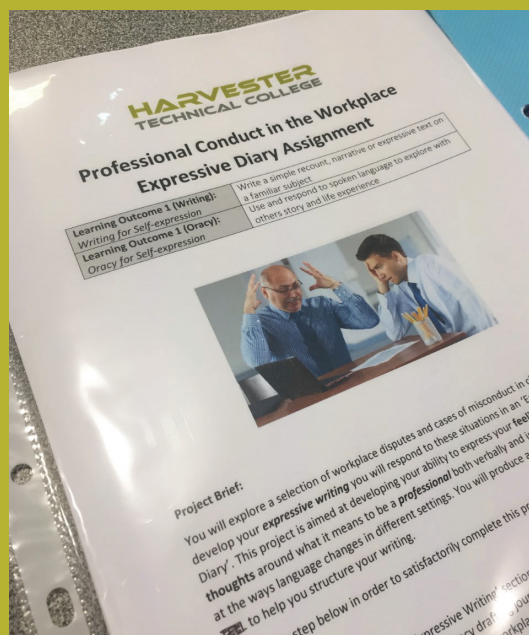
Across the integrated classes, students have started to practice writing for self-expression exploring the reasons why they have chosen a particular trade. Shedding light on their own personal experiences as well as the stories of others, this particular assignment aims to develop student's paragraphing skills as well as expressive writing skills.

Kami Gillick-Lewis

Literacy Learning Specialist



Tech Tens getting stuck into their work



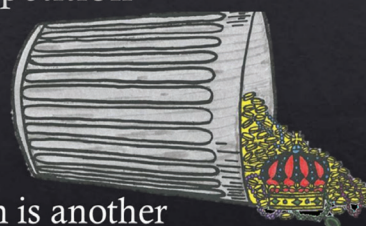
### March Creative Writing Competition

The Literacy Team are proud to announce the launch of the first Creative Writing Competition for March which is themed "One Man's Trash in Another Man's Treasure". All students and staff are invited to write a 150 word creative story using the 10 words provided. Prizes will be announced at the March assembly by our judge - Literacy teacher Amy Casati. Good luck to all entrants!

### Creative Writing Competition March

Topic: "One man's trash is another  
man's treasure"

Due date: March 25th

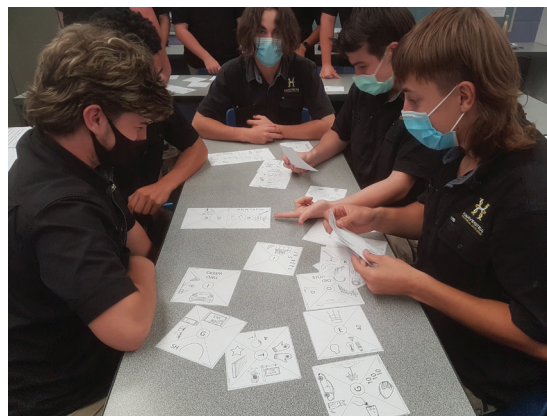


### **Electrotechnology Literacy & Personal Development Skills**

The year already seems to be going fast. In Electrical Literacy and PDS the students have been researching where their Cert II in Electrical could take them in the future. They have also been writing about why they are moving into the Electrical field and what jobs they are looking at in the future. Additionally, students have been working together in teams as part of PDS. An activity they were working on today used cryptic clues to solve a puzzle. The class were given 25 cards with images on them, all cryptic clues that the students then had to match. In the middle of each tile was a letter, after the puzzle was completely worked out the letters together spelled out 'Working together is success!' The students were extremely competitive and very engaged.

**Rob Coghill**

Tech Ten Coordinator & Literacy Teacher



**Electricians reading cryptic clues.**

## **NUMERACY NEWS**

### **Numeracy Update**

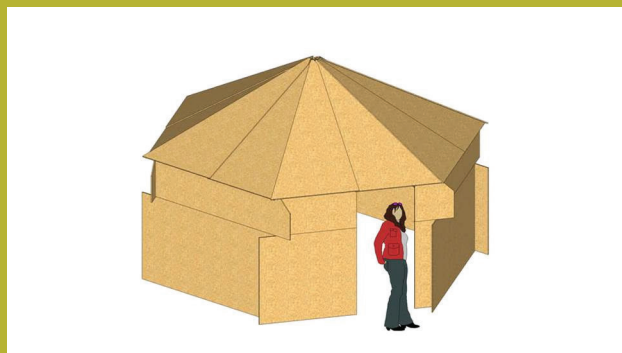
It's the start of the year so we all need a little reminding of how to do maths again! For that reason we have all of our students practicing the basic four operations with fractions, decimals and percentages.

Our Fast-Track students have just completed a unit on basic operations, angles and bearings and are about to start their practical problem solving assessments. They'll be testing their problem solving abilities by building a Hexayurt from a few pieces of balsa wood. Students will be required to calculate the correct angles and roof pitch to ensure that the size of each roof panel will fit correctly without any gaps. Students will also be building on their team work and communication skills to get the job done (sounds a lot like a work site!).

The rest of our students will start to delve into their Design and Measurement unit. HTC focusses heavily on this area in Numeracy as it relates directly to their trade areas. It's been a nice start to the year so we're looking forward to building and designing a great 2021 in Numeracy!

**Tamara Zerafa**

Numeracy Team Leader





## SPORTS NEWS

### Physical Education 2021

The start to the school year has seen the return to normal PE classes at Harvester Technical College. After an interrupted 2020, all students have been put through a series of fitness tests that include the old and much loved Beep Test; an Agility Test; A 50 metre sprint; an alternate hand ball toss; a push up and sit up test. All students have given their all and should be very pleased with their efforts.

**Anthony Raffoul**  
Sports Coordinator



Students completing the Beep Test



Toso Tyrell completing the sit up test

### School Sport Victoria - Lawn Bowls

The School Sport Calendar kicked off on Friday 12th February with Lawn Bowls being held at the Deer Pak Bowls Club. Harvester fielded four teams and all students performed well on the day, enjoying the chance to participate once again in an SSV event. Team 1, which was made up of Youseff Saleh; Aidan Rose and Tyson Cook made it through to the Grand Final, however, they lost to Keilor Downs Secondary College.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Amy Casati for helping out on the day, and to all the students who attended the event. I am always extremely happy to take Harvester students to any event as they do us proud in the way they represent our school.

Our students will start to prepare for a range of upcoming sports, with Senior Cricket the next sport to be held at Fairbairn park on Wednesday the 10th of March.

**Anthony Raffoul**  
Sports Coordinator



Lawn Bowls Team



Luka Brdjanin with a very good bowl



## CAMPS & EXCURSIONS

### Tech Ten Orientation Camp

On the 28th of January, 2021, our Tech Ten students arrived at Harvester Technical College to attend their Orientation Camp at Kinglake Forest Adventures. Students were greeted by staff, given an overview of what to expect, then bundled into two mini buses to make their way to Kinglake. Unlike other years, this year's camp was short. Students were away for two days and one night. The focus of the camp was for students to get to know their teachers, each other and to make a positive start to their new school. The buses were very quiet as all phones were left behind and students began the slow process of starting to talk with each other and get to know their new classmates.

The camp was conducted by Rob Coghill, the Tech Ten 10 coordinator, and supported by the following staff: Amy Casati, Literacy, Numeracy and PDS teacher; Anthony Raffoul, P.E and PDS teacher; Harry Melzer, Technology and Electrotechnology teacher and myself, Carolyn Papageorge, Campus Manager and Literacy teacher. Students engaged in a variety of activities, designed to build their confidence and connectedness through challenges. Staff were very pleased to see that by the second day, many students participated through comments, questions and some volunteered for roles – even when they didn't know what they would be doing! Further, the camp staff were also impressed with the tone and manners of the HTC cohort.

Unfortunately, the students were unable to complete the high ropes activities on the second day, due to stormy weather. However, students learned how to put on a full body harness (required for their White Card), start a campfire, complete a variety of challenging puzzles and even managed a bit of a sing-along for Rob's birthday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rob for organising such a successful event and all staff and students for their positive contributions. We wish all Tech Tens a successful year ahead.

**Carolyn Papageorge**  
Campus Manager



## CAREERS NEWS

### Past Students: Where Are They Now?

#### Mason Condie

##### Electrical Apprenticeship - United Lifts

Mason completed an Engineering and Electrical Pre-apprenticeship whilst at Harvester and worked full time in the trades industry throughout all school holidays for the last three years of his schooling. Mason worked extremely hard towards finding his ideal apprenticeship and was successful in being offered 6 commercial electrical apprenticeships, an outstanding result. He has started as an Apprentice Electrical Lift Technician and will learn all aspects of the industry: lift and escalator installation, fault finding and servicing. Mason enjoys the challenges associated with his new apprenticeship.

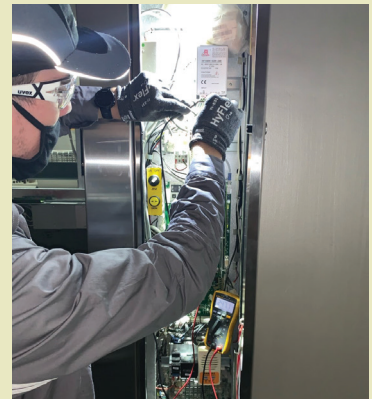


### Past Students: Where Are They Now?

#### Lachlan Hansen

##### Electrical Apprenticeship - Schindler Lifts

Lachlan completed his Electrical Pre-apprenticeship last year and after going through the gruelling interview process, was successful in gaining an electrical apprenticeship with Schindler Lifts. Lachlan has started his first of 7 six month rotations learning to service escalators and lifts in the Melbourne CBD. Other rotations will include maintenance, modernisations, construction and repairs. Lachlan is up at 4am daily for a 6am-2pm work day. Lachie looks forward to his weekly TAFE classes at Box Hill TAFE.



### Past Students: Where Are They Now?

#### Tom Woltsche

##### Carpentry Apprenticeship - B4 Build

Tom started his Carpentry apprenticeship on the Saturday, the day after graduating from Harvester with his Carpentry Pre-apprenticeship. He loves the freedom of having his licence and working. So far he has been working on a large house restoration project in St Kilda and using all the skills he learnt from Rucio, Alex and Steve. He has been fortunate to get to learn a number of new skills already including welding and driving an excavator. He has purchased his own tools and built and fitted drawers to his vehicle to prepare for the workday. Tom is very happy in his new role.





### **PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT - Secondary Schools** **Information for parents and carers**

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as Student Support Service officer, or school-engaged psychologist, the required consent will be obtained.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interest of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about your or your child, see our school's privacy policy:  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.



## 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](http://www.sunshine.vic.edu.au).

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