

HARVESTER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

EDITION 1 2022

A message from the Principal...

On behalf of the Harvester team, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning families for the 2022 school year.

With many experiencing "lockdown fatigue" at the end of last year, it is both reassuring and hopeful that additional COVIDsafe measures implemented by the Department, such as free rapid antigen tests and air purifiers for schools, will give us the best possible chance at continued, safe face-to-face learning this year.

The prevalence of Omicron across the state has been a real challenge for schools with several staff and students in isolation at varying times. With the pool of casual relief teachers significantly depleted, it's been a true team effort to ensure that learning continues in the absence of key staff. I'd like to thank everyone for their support and understanding as we navigate through this.

On Monday 31 January, we welcomed our Year 10 students into the College. Although disappointed that the Orientation Camp did not go ahead this year, it seems the new cohort have made the most of their time over these first few weeks to really get to know each other and develop friendships. The mood has been positive and energised, with many expressing how good they are feeling about their decision to come to Harvester to complete their senior secondary education.

Our Year 11 & 12 cohort have come back fully charged and determined to engage with a full on-site VCAL and VET program. It has been wonderful seeing our students happily working away, particularly in the workshops. Furthermore, I'm pleased to report the majority of our Year 12 Head Start Pilot students have commenced their apprenticeships or are at the final stages of sign up.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Derek Burford, our newly appointed Facilities Manager, and farewell Amy Doherty as she prepares for the impending arrival of her first child. We wish her all the very best and look forward to meeting the new addition to our community!

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. Student Voice is considered an important part of the Harvester culture and I look forward to seeing what this year's Student Council brings to our ever evolving community.

At Harvester, we value effective and regular communication with families 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 stay up to date with school events and notices.

We look forward to working with you closely this year, and to the success of our students in all that 2022 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.**

**it's not okay
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



Student of the Month

Audrey Hanlon
Carpentry



Literacy Award

Luke Haines
Electrotechnology



Numeracy Award

Mitchell Thomson
Tech Ten 2



Sports Award

Savannah Mattinson
Engineering



VET Award

Peyton Andrews
Electrotechnology



Technology Award

Blake Gebing
Tech Ten 1

SRC UPDATE

SRC 2022

At our virtual assembly our elected Student Representative Council members were announced to the school. We wish them all the very best for the year ahead. Being on the SRC is an important role to undertake and we look forward to hearing all their suggestions and working with them this year.

Harvey Brooks - Tech Ten 1

Ethan Apap - Tech Ten 2

Liam Girvan - Carpentry

Dylan Hickmott - Engineering

Peyton Andrews - Electrotechnology

Hassan Abou Baker - Plumbing

Ashton Cremona - Tech Ten 1

Adam Fisher - Tech Ten 2

Audrey Hanlon - Carpentry

Savannah Mattinson - Engineering

Luke Haines - Electrotechnology

Noah Borg - Plumbing

Jacquie Fellows
Wellbeing Leader

FIRST AID

First Aid Training for VET Students

As a requirement of their VET Certificates, the Carpentry, Electrotechnology, Engineering and Plumbing students recently completed First Aid Training. Bron and her team from IVET, our partner RTO, 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 Bron commending our Harvester students: "I have to say the whole cohort showed nothing but respect and a willingness to get involved."

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

Kerrie McKay
RTO Manager



KEY DATES & REMINDERS

Upcoming Events

9th-11th March: Plumbing Camp

17th March: Parent Teacher Interviews

30th March-1st April: Electro Camp

14th March: Labour Day (Student Free)

23rd-24th March: Carpentry Camp

8th April: Last Day Term 1

Compass Reminder

Here at Harvester we use the Compass portal as our school management tool. We ask that all parents log into their personal account to stay up to date on school information.

- Monitor your child's attendance, and notify the college of an absence.
- Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details.
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar.
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks.
- Download and view your child's academic reports.
- Book parent-teacher conferences.
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees.

If you require any help with navigating your account you can watch tutorials provided on the Compass website, or contact the college office on 8311 5555.



AROUND THE GROUNDS

New Canteen Opens

The start of 2022 saw the opening of our new canteen here at Harvester. We would like to welcome Sibel and her team who will be offering healthy and nutritious breakfast, recess and lunch options for the school community. The students and staff are loving the convenience of an onsite canteen again with many enjoying the array of food and drinks on offer, including toasties, pasta, sushi, hot chocolates and burgers. Sibel will consult with the SRC to seek student input with the menu items as the year progresses.



TRADE UPDATES

Tech Ten Plastics

It has been an exciting start to 2022! So far this semester the Tech Ten Plastics students have been working diligently on their inductions into workplace safety and have also been learning about the different machinery in the workshop including the MDX Milling Machine and our brand new set of 3D printers. The students are keen to begin their projects as well as learn about the sustainability and environmental impacts that plastics and technology can have on our environment. Well done so far Tech Ten students!

Mark Bilicic
Technology Teacher



Electrotechnology

The Electrotechnology students have had a good start to the year. They successfully completed the class orientation which involved an introduction to the program, workshop and classroom procedures, and a general meet and greet. They have since moved on to the first unit (UEENEEE101A OH&S in the workplace). Within this unit, they have identified hazards and risks associated with the electrical trade and completed tasks involving safe lifting techniques, completed risk assessments, safe use of PPE and electrical equipment, and learnt how to safely isolate electricity. One of our 2021 graduating students, Brent McInnes visited to explain how completing the Certificate II course assisted him to successfully achieve an apprenticeship with a large and successful elevation company.

Jason Aquilina
Electrotechnology Teacher



LITERACY NEWS

Literacy start to 2022

The Head Start Literacy class have commenced their first week of Literacy classes and already students have produced some excellent written work. Students are unpacking notions of success and effective entrepreneurial enterprises by writing a complex recount on the life of Steve Job's and the Apple empire. Well done Head Start students, what a great start!

Tech Ten students have been working on their 'Expressive Response Diary' looking at different cases of misconduct in the workplace. Year 10 Literacy students have also been developing vocabulary and knowledge of writing structures for writing expressive opinions. In coming weeks, students will be beginning their Personal Development Skills Project- 'The Amazing Race' which will see students work in teams to navigate the city in short problem-solving challenges.

In the realm of Plumbing Literacy, students have kicked off the year looking at what it means to be a plumber. They've explored the range of pathways that are available to plumbers and the high demands the industry places on successful plumbers working in the trade industry. They have also looked at hazards in the workplace, discussing their concerns about the trade and potential hazards they may encounter such as gas leaks and asbestos. The Plumbing students are demonstrating a high level of engagement in the Literacy classroom and are commended for their efforts.

Carpentry Literacy students are exploring sustainability in the building and construction industry as they prepare for a 2-day camp in Kinglake. Keep up the great work!

Kami Gillick-Lewis
Literacy Team Leader



Creative Writing Competition

Your challenge: Write a 200 word creative story about 'The School of the Future'.

You must include the 10 words below:

Prism	Geometric
Integrated	Fostered
Lectured	Robots
Encrypted	Osmosis
Microcosm	Temperamental



NUMERACY NEWS

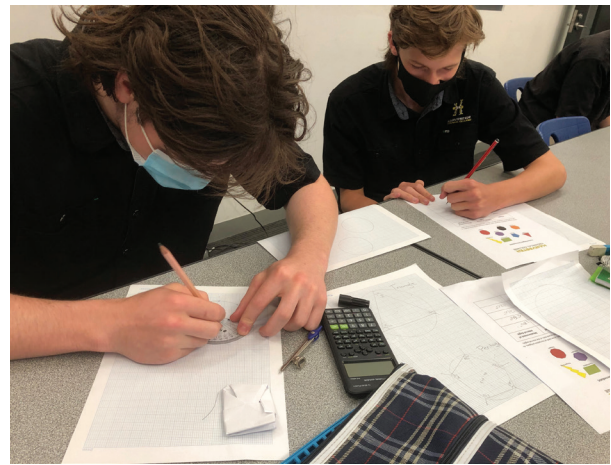
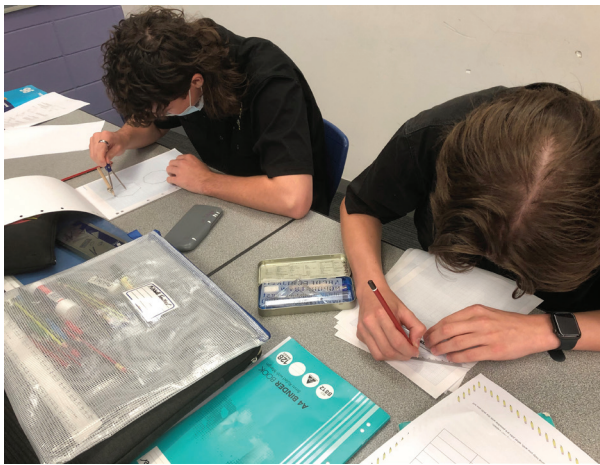
Kicking off Numeracy for 2022.

While the last few years have been a little bumpy (thanks to the notorious Covid-19), we are so happy to start the year in class with all our students pretty eager to just get on with it! This year we have seen a new cohort of year 10s whose last memories of maths are likely to have been trying to do algebra on their laptop. We're hoping this year is nothing like the last, and its going to be lots of face-to-face, hands on learning on the table for all of our students.

The beginning of the year at HTC is all about recapping prior knowledge. Our students have started heavy on the fractions, percentages and decimals which are fundamental to all facets of Numeracy. We're switching things up in some of the classes and covering angles first. This is also giving students the opportunity to use measuring tools correctly and improve their accuracy by using compasses and protractors. A measuring tool in Numeracy is just as important as a measuring tool in Technology so starting early will help the students in the classroom as well as the workshop.

We have a few hands on activities coming up for our year 10's with paper planes, spray paint and line markers. Our Intermediates and Seniors can look forward to designing and building 3D models of famous buildings, homes and hexayurts.

Tamara Zerafa
Numeracy Team Leader



Last Issue's Numeracy Brainteaser: The area of a rectangular field is equal to 300 square meters. Its perimeter is equal to 70 meters. Find the length and width of this rectangle.

Answer: Length = 20m, Width = 15m

This Issue's Numeracy Brainteaser: You can purchase or rent a car. The car is available at a rental fee of \$250 per day (all inclusive). Purchasing the car costs you \$40,000 for the investment and \$50 per day.

After how many days would the cost of renting and purchasing be equal?

HEALTH & PE NEWS

Health & PE 2022

Health & PE has kicked off again in 2022, with each class starting off the year with a lesson in understanding the importance of being physically fit and healthy, particularly as they pursue careers in the physically demanding trade industry.

Each PE class will begin with a training session. This term the training sessions will include either a weights circuit; a boxing workout or a skipping rope routine.

Anthony Raffoul

Health & PE Coordinator



SSV Lawn Bowls

School Sport kicked off on Thursday, 17th February with Lawn Bowls, held at Buckley Park Bowls Club in Essendon. Harvester entered four teams into the competition, each without previously ever having played Lawn Bowls.

On a warm and sunny day, all students performed well, with two teams making the finals. Savannah Mattinson, Riley Bladen and Audrey Hanlon's team made it through to the semi-finals. Liam Girvan, Jye Moffat, Joel Croswell, Corey Spackman and Jack Kline's team reached the quarter finals.

A good start to the year in school sport.

Anthony Raffoul

Health & PE Coordinator



CAREERS NEWS

Past Students: Where Are They Now?

Aidan Rose

Mechanical Plumber Apprenticeship - D&E Air Conditioning

Aidan completed his Year 11 and pre-apprenticeship in Plumbing in 2020. He then went on to complete Year 12 as part of our Fast Track class in 2021. During his work placement Aidan worked with D & E Air Conditioning and was offered an apprenticeship. Christal from D & E Air Conditioning was very happy with Aidan's skills and work ethic. Although Aidan had to wait until January 2022 to start his apprenticeship, he says it was well worth it! He is enjoying all aspects of working as a mechanical plumber and is looking forward to starting his TAFE schooling soon.

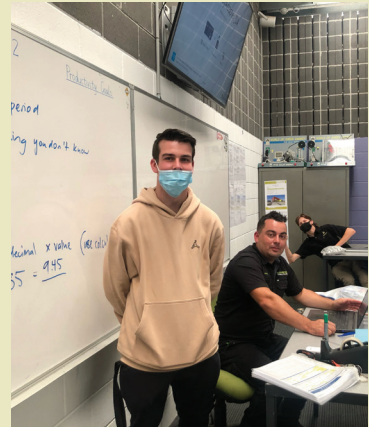


Past Students: Where Are They Now?

Brent McInnes

Lift Mechanic Apprenticeship - Schindler Lifts

Brent has started his apprenticeship as a lift mechanic with the worldwide company Schindler Lifts. Once Brent neared the end of his Year 12 and his Electrotechnology pre-apprenticeship with Harvester, he began to apply for his dream job. With over 1000 applicants for only 8 positions, he knew it would be challenging. Despite this he managed to secure a great apprenticeship and is enjoying all facets of his new career. He has been involved in maintaining lifts whilst working closely with fully qualified mechanics. Brent will be starting at Box Hill TAFE this term to continue with his studies.



Past Students: Where Are They Now?

Yusuf Cakli

Carpentry Apprenticeship - Ayjay Construction

Yusuf completed a Pre-apprenticeship in Carpentry in 2020, then went on to complete Year 12 as a Fast Track student. He worked hard with careers counselling when deciding which trade to continue work in and eventually chose Carpentry. He successfully secured an apprenticeship with Ayjay Constructions and is currently building schools, fire and ambulance stations. He has also been reading plans, excavating, driving trucks and bobcats. The variety of work has been of great benefit to him and he is enjoying learning new skills. Yusuf has begun studying at Victoria University and is looking forward to becoming a qualified carpenter.





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.sunshine.vic.edu.au/policies>

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.

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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