

# HARVESTER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Respect Responsibility Perseverance Community

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2 2024



## Principal's Message

It gives me, and the team here at Harvester, great pleasure to share with you the highlights of this action-packed term. Over the past few months, our students have been actively engaged in a variety of learning activities both within the classroom and beyond.

## Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) – Block 1

A standout moment this term was the successful completion of the first block of Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) back in May. Once again, this compulsory program has proven to be immensely beneficial, not only for our students but also for our community partners and employers. We have received glowing testimonials, and many students have been offered apprenticeships from employers who have expressed their appreciation for the dedication and competence displayed by our students. With newfound skills, and industry connections, students are busily sourcing an employer for SWL Block 2 scheduled for next term. The staff are looking forward to the next round of site visits where we get the opportunity to witness our students applying the skills and knowledge learnt at Harvester, put to the test in real-world settings.

## Tech Ten

I'd like to congratulate our Tech Ten cohort who have come a long way since our last newsletter. With a semester and SWL under their belts, they continue to grow in confidence both in and out of the classroom. It is always a pleasure to receive positive feedback from the community about our students, and this was no exception after their excursion to the Magistrate's Court for the Courtroom Drama program. In the workshop the construction of their Speaker Box project is at the halfway mark, I'm sure they'll be looking forward to completing it next semester. I can vouch for the quality of this speaker with music emanating from the staffroom loud and clear during the prototyping phase!



## REPORTING AN ABSENCE OR LATENESS

If your child is absent or late please follow the steps below:

1. Call HTC on 8311 5555 before 9:00am
2. Press 1 and leave a message
3. State your child's name and a valid reason for their absence or lateness

OR

1. Login to the Compass Parent Portal
2. Add an Attendance Note
3. Be sure to do this before 9:00am

**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

Emily at the front office on 8311 5555 for more details.

## COMPASS UPDATES

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

### Year 11 & 12

Our senior students have had a particular focus on Community this semester. Through group projects and excursions, they have been lucky enough to experience the satisfaction felt when building community connectedness, and particularly – giving back. Both the Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House and RSPCA were kind enough to give students the opportunity to apply their communication and practical skills, resulting in a win-win situation for all involved. I'd like to congratulate our students on a job well done. In addition, I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of our Year 12 students who sat the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Wednesday 18 June. With exam-like testing quite a foreign concept for our students, they were mature in their approach and gave it there all.



### Congratulations Jason!

On behalf of the college, I'd like to congratulate our Electotechnology and Technology Teacher, Jason Aquilina for being the recipient of a VALA 2023 Master of Applied Learning Graduate Award. In addition, Jason has been invited to be a case study as part of the Teach the Future campaign which aims to inspire future teachers, and in Jason's case, particularly VET/Technology teachers. Well done Jason, we couldn't be prouder.



### Thank-you

On behalf of the college community I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Tony Weldon from Hip Pocket Workwear & Safety Laverton, who will be retiring this month. Tony and the team have been supplying families with the high quality Harvester uniform for approx. 12 years. Tony has been flexible and innovative, as the college has evolved, and has always been a generous donor of student achievement award prizes. We wish Tony the best of luck and a well-earned rest!



### Semester Reports

Semester 1 Reports will be published on Compass in the first week of Term 3. Please take the opportunity to discuss these with your child, celebrating their achievements and identifying areas for improvement. The next Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday 13 August so be sure to put this on the calendar.

### 2025 VET Course Selection

After SWL Block 2 and our 'Venture into VET' taster day on 25 July, Tech Ten and Year 11 students will be asked to submit their course preferences for next year. With limited spaces in our VET courses, not all students will receive their first choice so it is vital that they carefully consider their 2nd and 3rd choices. More information will be available on the process next term.

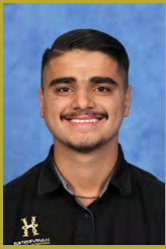
### Lateness and Attendance

Families are reminded that the school day commences at 9:00am sharp. Please support the college by ensuring your child leaves sufficient time to get to school. In addition, school attendance is vital for setting students up for success. Please report an absence via Compass or by calling the college on 8311 5555, or speak with our Wellbeing team should you have any concerns.

After an 11-week term, I wish all our staff, students and families a well-earned break. We look forward to welcoming students back for the commencement of Term 3 on Monday 15 July. Stay well.

**Trudy Whiteside**

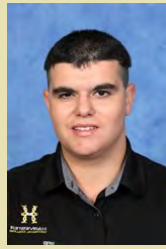
**MAY/JUNE AWARD RECIPIENTS**



**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

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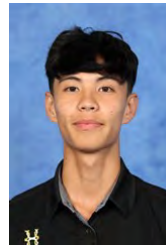
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**LITERACY AWARD**

**Jarryd Borg**

Tech Ten B



**NUMERACY AWARD**

**Abas Nawrozi**

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**SPORTS AWARD**

**Matthew Leimonitis**

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**VET AWARD**

**Lachlan De Brabander**

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**TECHNOLOGY AWARD**

**Matthew Spiteri**

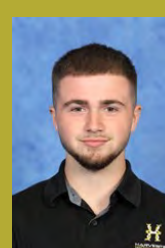
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**Community Award**

**Stella Bradford**

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**Community Award**

**Ryan Taylor**

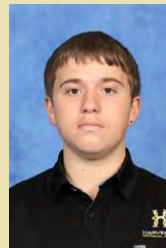
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**Community Award**

**Luke Darmanin**

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**Community Award**

**Frank Zappia**

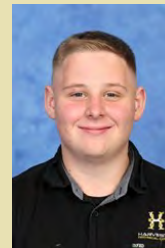
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**Community Award**

**Harvey Brooks**

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**Community Award**

**Joshua Batistich**

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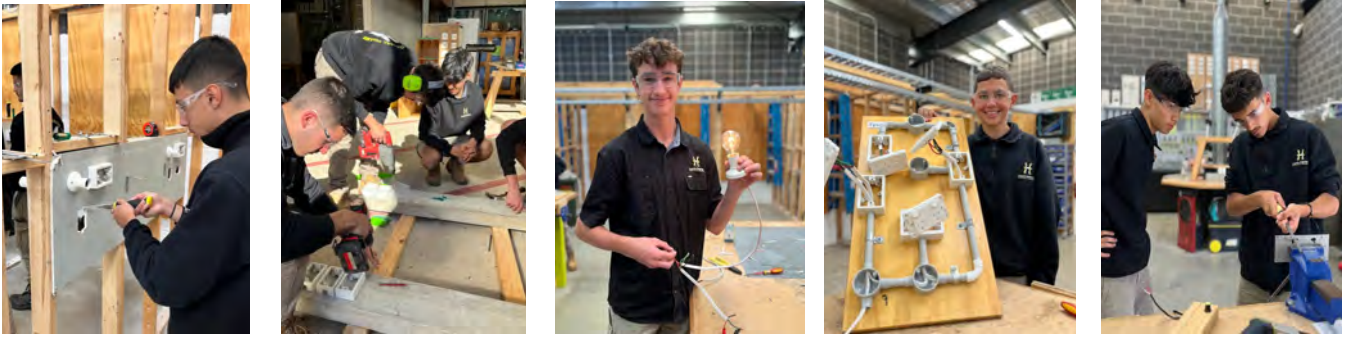


## VET NEWS

### ***Electrotechnology***

In Term 2, students in the Electrotechnology class have obtained skills and knowledge relating to fixing and securing components to a variety of surfaces, such as hollow wall, solid wall, and metal. They have developed their understanding of electrical concepts through calculating electrical values and made authentic connection by using electrical test instruments to validate these calculations within practical tasks.

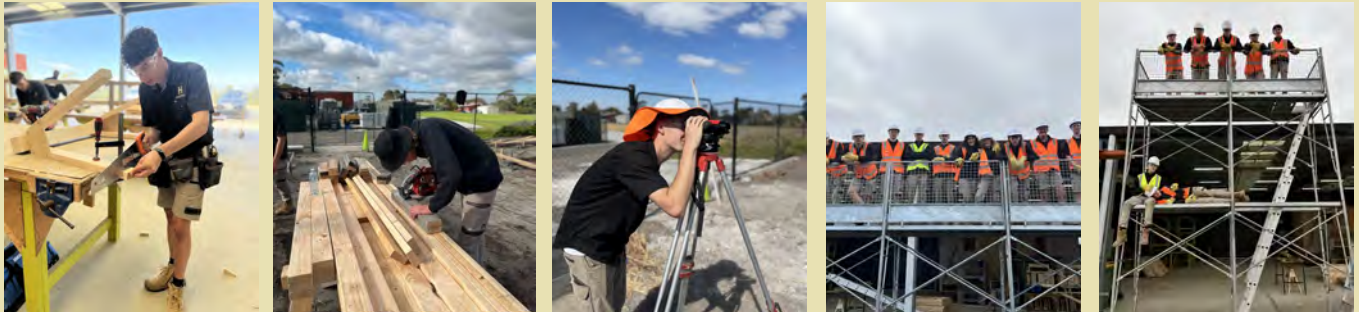
**Jason Aquilina– Electrotechnology Teacher**



### ***Carpentry***

In Term 2 Carpentry students worked on Leveling, Setting out, Formwork for Concrete, Sub-floor Construction and Scaffolding, all while completing sections of earlier modules started. As mentioned in Term 1, the carpenters are still working enthusiastically and efficiently in teams and completing tasks to a high standard. When Term 3 commences we will continue Scaffolding, Wall Construction, Door and Window Installation, Internal Lining, External Cladding and commence Roof Construction.

**Rucio Sosnowski– Carpentry Teacher**



### ***Small Business***

It's been a busy month for the Small Business team. We've been working hard on understanding critical thinking and how we can use the techniques to make better decisions at work and in our lives each day.



Critical thinking involves understanding the information we have, analysing where it came from, and discovering what resources we have available to help us to make an informed decision.

We have completed 6 of the 12 Units of the Certificate II in Small Business and the students are ready to launch into their own business ventures at the start of term 3.

**Matt Corderoy—Small Business Teacher**

**Engineering**



Our students in the Certificate II in Engineering program have been making remarkable progress this term. Through dedication and hands-on learning, they have successfully completed more than two tools each, which are now part of their personalised toolboxes—created entirely by themselves.

This practical approach to learning has not only allowed them to develop their skills with hand and power tools but also introduced them to the use of advanced industrial equipment such as lathes and milling machines. The precision and expertise they are gaining will be invaluable as they move forward in their engineering careers.



The highlight of Term 2 was undoubtedly the excursion to Beckwith Metal Foundry. This trip provided our students with a rare and invaluable opportunity to witness the casting process firsthand. Under the guidance of foundry experts, they even cast

their own steel blanks, which they will use in the upcoming machine vice project scheduled for Semester 2.

As we look forward to Semester 2, we are excited to see our students apply their new-found skills and knowledge to their projects. The journey they are on is shaping them into skilled, competent, and confident engineers. Keep up the great work.

**Brian Borg—Engineering Teacher**



**Plumbing**



From the very beginning of the year, our Plumbers have been enthusiastically participating in a balance of theoretical learning and practical application of their new skills and concepts learnt. They have learned and practiced many new skills, including fabricating and installing rainwater products from sheetmetal, using specialised hand and power tools and fuel-gas welding.

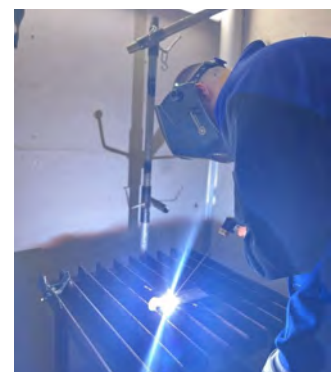
The units of work currently under way, will give our students a great understanding of the industry that they are heading. They are practicing their workplace communication, dispute resolution, interacting with customers and

many other advanced skills that will help them be successful in their future endeavours.

The highlight for me in term 2, would definitely be the opportunity to visit several of the Plumbing students on Structured Workplace Learning. I had many conversations with employers, who were ecstatic about the quality of the young people that were coming out of HTC! Almost all of the employers that I spoke to were hoping to secure our student as an apprentice upon graduating.

Looking forward, I am excited to continue onto more disciplines of plumbing, such as pipe and tube fabrication, electric arc welding and installing plumbing fitting and fixtures. Lots to do!

**Peter Michelini—Plumbing Teacher**





## TECH 10 TECHNOLOGY NEWS

### Tech Ten Technology—Metal, Plastics & Electronics

The Tech Ten students have enhanced their skills, knowledge, and understanding of the technologies through successfully completing tasks within the workshop and classroom spaces. They have shown their retention of knowledge through completing Elements, which provide learners understanding through theoretic content.

Students utilised Fusion 360 to create computer-aided designs for their projects. In the Metal space, students utilised hand and power tools, such as an engineer's rule and scribe, guillotine, bench folder, pedestal drill, and a mill to create a tool caddy and junior hacksaw.

In Plastics, students utilised equipment such as 3D Printers, Epilogue Laser, Acrylic Bender and hand tools to create an Acrylic Phone Holder and Photo Frame, which allowed them to develop their skills to be able to create an Acrylic Light Display.

In the Electronics space, students practiced terminations and soldering through the creation of a Printed Circuit Board. They then followed instructions to configure wiring and components, and to create an amplifier for their Speaker Box.

All Tech Ten students have undertaken 2 strands of Technology in the first semester and will undertake the remaining 2 strands within the second semester where they will aim to complete their integrated project, a Speaker Box.

**Jason Aquilina—Technology Teacher**



### Tech Ten Technology—Wood

This term Tech Ten students have been completing their Speaker Box Project. Utilising the drawing, measuring, and hand skills they developed in Term 1, students created the dovetail joints for the sides of their box. Building on their woodworking skills students were introduced to a range of power tools to create the backing plate and speaker face, finishing their project with some fine sanding and staining.

**Daniel Monigatti—Technology Teacher**



## LITERACY NEWS



Tech Ten students have been working on persuasive writing and gaining an understanding of how to construct a persuasive text, while including techniques and strategies to engage their target audience. Students developed a recruitment campaign and implemented their knowledge of persuasive writing, where they created their own company, and recorded a video encompassing their campaign while focusing on a particular demographic.

**Ashlea Cefai—Literacy teacher**

The Year 12 cohort has been learning the rules and regulations of HTC's Evacuation Policy. This is part of their 'Understanding Texts' assessment which aims to give students the skills to read and access a variety of texts, and helps to contextualise them in a simulated experience. For this part of the assessment the Year 12s ran a simulated fire drill where they oversaw the evacuation procedures. In groups, the students researched the responsibilities and roles that each staff member at HTC has including before, during and after an emergency evacuation. Group members were allocated different roles from Chief Warden to Comms.

Officer and Incident Controllers. The students took their roles seriously and performed extremely well evacuating some of the Tech 10 classes. This assessment gave students an understanding of a staff member's responsibility and an appreciation for everything that happens behind the scenes of a potentially life-threatening scenario.

**Robert Coghill—Literacy Teacher**



## NUMERACY NEWS

It has been a busy term in the Numeracy space where students have been learning a variety of different skills and knowledge in a wide range of areas.

Year 12 students looked at the application of data and probability in real life context and how it is displayed and provided. They considered how probability is used when comparing standards of proof in civil and criminal cases, and how the government uses data to inform the public about current data trends in youth crimes across Australia.

Year 11 students have been focusing on developing their knowledge and skills of rates, algebraic formulae, estimating and measuring. They investigated the different areas of designing a new backyard including building a deck, costs associated with putting in a pool, setting up garden beds and laying turf.

Tech Ten students have been looking at data and how it can be categorised, calculated and displayed. They focused on learning how to use Excel to display and organise data commonly found in a business setting. They completed a Gantt chart and created graphs to display different data sets.

There is much more to come as we move into Semester Two so stay tuned for the next exciting update.

**Maryam Sulaiman—Numeracy Teacher**





## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENTAL SKILLS NEWS

### *Lead an activity*

In PDS Year 12's have been busy filming their Lead an Activity Project where they teach a skill to a group of classmates. Students have been learning about different leadership styles, communication and organisation skills to develop and implement a lesson plan to teach their skill. They have also created a story board and appointed a camera person to film their lesson and create a short clip.

**Daniel Monigatti—Curriculum Manager**



### **Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House Community Garden**

On Thursday 6 June, all Year 11 students participated in voluntary work for the Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House (KCNH) Community Garden. The Personal Development curriculum encourages students to explore their own community and the value of voluntary work to the local area and beyond. Students participated in: building and installing Biofilta garden beds, garden bed renovation, setting up a structure for the grape vine on the pergola and renovation of the Children's Play area. It was a sunny day and students worked well together to achieve the set goals. Many found the projects rewarding and experienced a sense of achievement for their labour. The KCNH were very happy with the students and their efforts. Many thanks to Danielle of the KCNH for allowing us to participate in the Albion neighbourhood garden and community.



**Carolyn Papageorge— Campus Manager**

### **RSPCA Excursion**

Year 12 students have been investigating social issues in Personal Development Skills and visited the RSPCA to find out more about animal welfare. Student gained an understanding of what the RSPCA do, and how they work with government and industry to improve conditions for animals. Over the coming weeks, students will be designing projects to assist with animal care, and the enrichment of the animals' lives while they are sheltered by the RSPCA.

**Daniel Monigatti—Curriculum Manager**





## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENTAL SKILLS NEWS CONTINUED....

### Respect Me - Courtroom Drama

On the 5 June, the Tech Tens attended the Respect Me - Courtroom Drama held at the old Melbourne Magistrates' Court.

The Respect Me excursion is an interactive trial based on a real case of teenagers sexting. It helps educate young people about the ramifications of sexting such as being charged for producing child pornography and possibly ending up on the Sex Offender's Register for life if they were to share explicit images without consent, depending on the age of the participants.

The students took an active role in the trial, acting out different parts in the Magistrate Court such as the Judge, Lawyers and even people in the Public Gallery. This is an immersive excursion that gives students real insights into the risks that sexting poses.

All the students performed well and enjoyed the event. Everyone walked away with an appreciation for how the law involving Sexting works, and now have some clear guidelines on the idea of consent and the implications of sharing explicit images.

**Robert Coghill—Literacy Teacher**



## HEALTH & PE NEWS



### Intermediate & Senior Boys Netball

On Monday, 22 April, our netball teams competed in the SSV Netball competitions, with both teams finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in their pools. A great achievement!



### Senior Boys Soccer:

On Monday, 24 April, the Senior Soccer team ventured out to City Vista to compete in SSV Soccer. Our students, not having played together as a team, lost their first match to Gilson College 0-6. They then got the hang of things and had a hard fought 1-1 draw against Victoria University College. They backed up that great effort, narrowly going down 0-1 to Copperfield College before being soundly beaten by Springside West Secondary College 1-8. Although exhausted by the last match, the students never gave up and tried their best right up until the final whistle. A great effort by all.



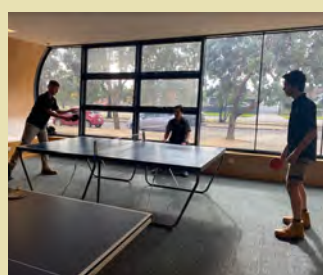
### HTC Push Up Challenge:



HTC students and staff have again chosen to take part in the Push Up Challenge, with this year's total exceeding over 3000 push ups to be completed over 25 days, with each push up representing a life lost due to mental health in 2022. Well done to all staff and students who are completing the set number of push ups daily.

### Table Tennis Comp

This year marked the first time HTC scheduled a Table Tennis competition across all levels. With 16 participants competing in an elimination style tournament, most observers were quietly impressed with the high quality standard on display. Congratulations to Nate Bettin for taking out the first prize; Noah Grady 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tyler Grady 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



## HEALTH & PE NEWS CONTINUED...

### AFL—Intermediate

On Monday, 13 May, the Intermediate boys AFL team competed in SSV AFL at Keilor Park. From the opening bounce of their first match, they played great team football and were rewarded for their efforts by winning their pool and making it to the Grand Final, where they faced Taylors Lakes Secondary College. They did their best and did both themselves and their school proud, competing hard and with maximum effort, eventually falling 21 points short. A special shout out goes to Aydan Boyce, Nate Bettin and Kai Addison Welbedagt who starred on the day.



### AFL — Senior

Our Senior Boys AFL team competed in Airport West on Wednesday 13 May. They had a strong first up win against Springside West Secondary College then fell short, up against the overall champions Taylors Lakes Secondary College.



All students who competed in the AFL teams should be very proud of their efforts.



### HTC AFL Day

On Tuesday, 28 May, the annual Harvester AFL day took place in perfect, sunny conditions at Dempster Park. With high quality footy being displayed by both teams, it was fantastic to see the players involved all compete with great determination and in good spirits. Aydan Boyce and Matthew Leimonitis both starred for their respective teams, and it was great to see Alana Hocking kick two goals from the forward pocket. With music playing from the boundary line and spectators supporting the students, all involved had a great day.



Anthony Raffoul—Health & PE Leader



## CAREERS & PATHWAYS NEWS

On Monday 13 May we had the pleasure of Betty and Stefany from Zinfra/Jemena come out to visit with our Year 11 & 12 students. The students had the opportunity to view a presentation about their apprenticeship program and what it offers.

Students asked many questions and enjoyed the presentation immensely, with some already starting to apply for upcoming 2025 apprenticeship positions.

Good luck to all and thanks to Betty and Stefany for a very informative session.



During Term 2 we had the fantastic opportunity to meet with Cam and Emma from The Australian Defence Force (ADF). Our fortunate students heard about what apprenticeship positions are on offer, and listened to firsthand experiences about what a defence force employee's lifestyle is like.

This presentation allowed the students to ask a variety of questions and speak at length to the ADF personnel.

Thank you to Cam and Emma for staying way beyond their time allowance. We look forward to seeing you all again!

**ADF CAREERS**

We had another great opportunity to tour the Qantas maintenance base on Wednesday 12 June. The Qantas staff, Andrew, Bernie, Paris and many 1<sup>st</sup> year apprentices were there for us when we arrived. The students and staff were shown through the base looking at 3 different aircraft and touring the raft, slides, tyre and engine sections. The experience was very valuable and interesting for all.

Harvester Technical College students now understand what is involved in a day in the life of an apprentice with a world renown airline.

Thank you, Andrew and the Qantas crew!



Harvester Technical College were invited to present at three expos this term. First up was the Brimbank Careers Exploration Day at Taylors Lakes Reception Centre, then the Hume/Whittlesea LLEN VET Discovery Expo at Broadmeadows Town Hall and lastly, the Maribyrnong/Moonee Valley LLEN Try A Trade Day at Moonee Valley.



These events are attended by many school students who are searching for alternative pathways and learning. This allows our college to present what we do and what is on offer for prospective students.

A huge thank you to all of the staff and students who graciously donated their time and expertise to make this happen without you! This would not happen without you!

**Renée Bradford – Careers & Pathways Coordinator**



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



It is always a special treat when our ex-students come to visit us here at Harvester but is especially wonderful when we see three at once! All three are currently studying their respective Certificate III trades at Vic Uni and dropped past to say hello.

### **Rob Leichman – Electrician**

Rob was here in Tech Ten, and successfully completed a Cert II in Electrotechnology in 2021.

### **Luke Haines – Electrician**

Luke successfully completed two Cert II courses whilst here at Harvester, one in Building & Construction in 2021, and the other in Electrotechnology in 2022.

### **Nathan Vella – Plumber**

Nathan completed his Certificate II in Plumbing in 2021 and also participated in the Head Start program in 2022.

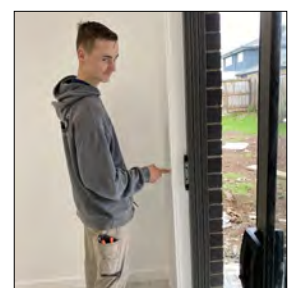
## SWL BLOCK 1

Congratulations to our students who have completed their first block of work placement. This experience assists the students to develop their skills in the workforce and provide a better understanding of what is required to become a tradesperson.

All our staff have enjoyed going out to visit the students on placement, seeing their happy faces and watching their talents grow. Our employers were very encouraged by our students' skills and great work ethic.

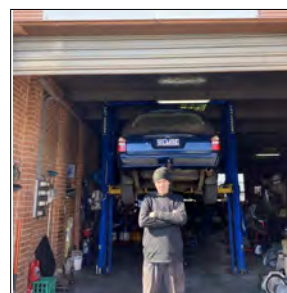
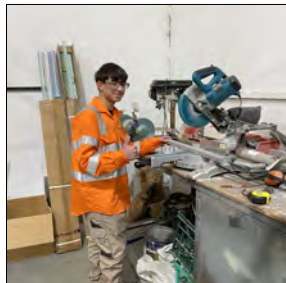
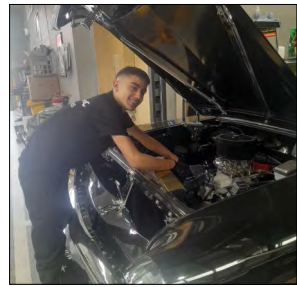
Thank you to all our students, staff and parents/carers for helping to source placements.

Harvester Technical College would also like to extend a huge thank you to all the generous employers who have hosted our students. The experience is extremely valuable, and helps to support our programs.



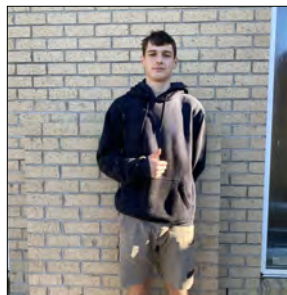


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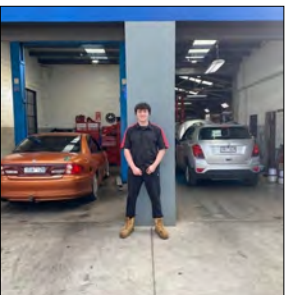
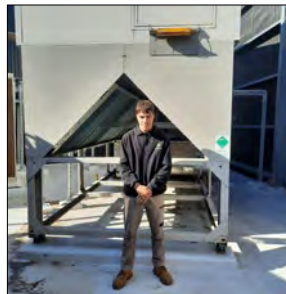
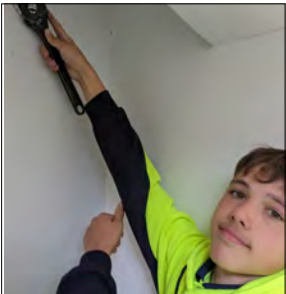


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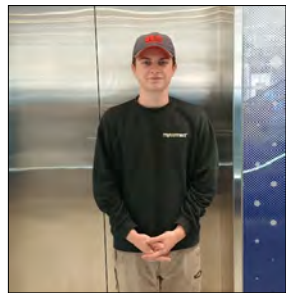
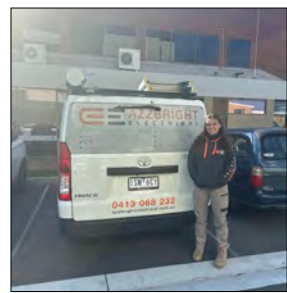
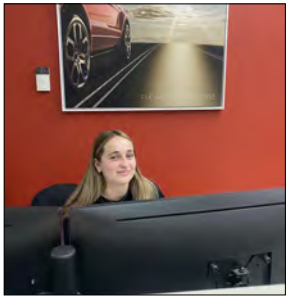


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**Child Safety**

Our community values of **Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance** and **Community** 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)

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



**TERM THREE KEY DATES**

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| <b>Friday 28 June</b>                   | Last day of Term 2 (12:32pm dismissal)                  |
| <b>Monday 15 July</b>                   | Term 3 commences  |
| <b>Monday 22 July</b>                   | SSV — Yr 9 & 10 Futsal                                  |
| <b>Thursday 25 July</b>                 | Venture into VET Day (Yr 10 & 11 students only)         |
| <b>Friday 26 July</b>                   | Melbourne Careers Expo Excursion - Yr 11                |
| <b>Monday 29 July — Friday 9 August</b> | Structured Workplace Learning Block 2                   |
| <b>Tuesday 13 August</b>                | Parent - Teacher Conferences (no classes) 1:00pm—8:00pm |
| <b>Wednesday 21 August</b>              | SSV—Yr 9 & 10 Boys Basketball and Table tennis          |
| <b>Tuesday 27 August</b>                | SSV—Yr 9 & 10 Girls Basketball and Table tennis         |
| <b>Friday 20 September</b>              | Last day of Term 3 (12:32pm dismissal)                  |
| <b>Monday 7 October</b>                 | Term 4 commences  |