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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

House Cross Country

Well-done to Wells for winning our House Cross Country. This now means that Longhurst, Ogden and Wells have all won a sporting event this year. We also had a number of students compete at the next level of Cross Country earlier this week. We look forward to the final results.

Transition

Swan Hill College is committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment for all of our students. We have recently hosted our transition days for prospective students and tours for families. If you missed one of these tours and would like one, please do not hesitate to contact the school and arrange an appointment.

Recently I was reflecting with one of our Year 9 students, Meika Gordon, about what she enjoyed when she started her journey with Swan Hill College. Her fondest memory of Year 7 was her cooking class where she learnt to cook and now makes similar meals at home. Mr Downing has been her Year Level Manager since Year 7 and she loves the way he supports all of our students; helping when they need it and encouraging them to be their best selves. Meika would happily give any prospective student a tour of the college, if they would like a student to talk to.

Swan Hill College has excellent academic and sporting programs, but our hidden gem is our Wellbeing department. We educate our junior students on how to be better citizens through programs such as Great Mates, Embrace and Empower and SEED. In middle school we run Man Cave and Flourish Girls. All of these programs explore and develop an understanding of bullying, and the impacts it can have being a bully and a victim. We run an anonymous 'report an incident' ballot box for any students who would like to discuss any behaviours of other students that are worrying them, and all of our staff are trained in Respectful Relationships. Proactive collaboration with local authorities such as Swan Hill Police reinforces our commitment to student safety and support.

At the college we like to educate our students to be the best citizens they can be. There is also a genuine desire to partner with families, and we are committed to working with families to support students to continue to learn and grow.

De Rosewarne – Acting Principal

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK AT SWAN HILL COLLEGE

Students at Swan Hill College were able to enjoy some additional career related activities recently. The SuniTAFE Skillshare Bus visited the college, and students were able to see what SuniTAFE offers in our local area and beyond. There were many giveaways and prizes and lots of great information. We thank Caitlyn from SuniTAFE for sharing her knowledge and information with our students.

Each day students and staff were invited to participate in some fun career quizzes and activities to raise the awareness of the need for quality career advice and resources.

The Australian Defence Force personnel visited us last week to do a presentation to our students. Lee, Doug and Kym were very engaging and offered some great information and knowledge around the life and opportunities available in the Australian Defence Force, and we thank them for their service.

Just a reminder that our Work Experience program is now in progress and students are encouraged to see the careers team and book in their work experience as soon as possible. It is important to note that the more exposure students have to work places and industries, the more successful their outcomes. Work experience and casual employment are important activities to build work skill, confidence and independence in young people.

Dianne Nicholas - Careers Team



VCE-VM

Year 12 VM students have had the pleasure of making a GAGA Ball Pit for Golden Square Primary School. Students took part in all aspects of planning, building and assembly of the play equipment, all under the leadership of Chris Grant.

Students pictured then had an early start heading to Bendigo to assemble the equipment on site. This involved use of power tools, heavy lifting, placement and assembly to make the project sturdy and safe for students to enjoy for years to come. These students are to be congratulated on seeing the task to the end.



VCE-VM Team

YEAR 11 & 12 VCE ART & DESIGN GUEST SPEAKER

Year 11 and 12 Art and Design students during the week had the pleasure of listening to presenter and former SHC student, Bec Romeo, talk about the benefits of pursuing a creative career. Bec spoke to students about her time studying art here at the College, her university studies and her move then into freelance work and a professional career. Bec currently works with the Cotton-On Foundation as a designer and has worked directly with celebrities including Lady Gaga and Thanasi Kokkinakis on multimillion-dollar contacts. Students worked through ideas and concepts on style evolution with Bec and also discussed thoughts on current design brief for clients.



Holly Ingram – Art and Design Teacher and KLA Manager

SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT

As we start to come to the conclusion of Term 2, in what has been a fantastic start of the year here at SHC, we begin to look forward to the second semester. Students will look to finish the second half of the year in a positive way, in what will be the last couple of months for our Year 12s.

Although it will be sad to farewell our Year 12s, it has been exciting to see the new chapter of kids who are coming through and transitioning into Year 7. Year 6 students from across different primary schools had a blast at their transition days where they were involved in some fun activities, meeting some new people and gaining an understanding of the high school life leading into next year. It was fun showing new parents around our amazing school during our open days.

I would like to wish all students completing their mid-year exams good luck, especially to those who will be sitting the GAT on June 18. It has been a fantastic start to the year to date and hopefully this can continue throughout the year.

Koben Ryan – School Captain

SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2024

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| June 10 | King's Birthday Holiday |
| June 11 – 12 | Year 9 Rec Ed (B) Camp |
| June 11 – 14 | Year 10/11 Exam week |
| June 13 – 14 | Year 9 Rec Ed (A) Camp |
| June 18 | GAT Student Free Day |
| June 21 | End of Term Assembly – Yr 8 |
| June 25-28 | Year 8 Camp |
| June 26 | End of Term Assemblies – 12, 11, 10, 9, 7 |
| June 28 | Last Day Term 2 |

SWAN HILL YAMAGATA

SHRCC is calling for registrations of interest from current secondary school students (Year 8 and above) to be considered for the 2025 Yamagata Student Exchange.

Selected students are matched with a Yamagata student and stay with each other's families in Yamagata and Swan Hill for about 10 days.

Students get to experience everyday life in Japan, including going to school, attend official receptions, touring Tokyo, spending a day at Tokyo Disneyland and visiting many tourist sites.

For more information, please visit www.swanhill.vic.gov.au/student-exchange/ or contact Robyn Fry via robynfry8@bigpond.com.

Application close Friday June 7, 2024.

Robyn Fry on behalf of SHRCC

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