

## NEWSWAN

SWAN HILL COLLEGE
Edition 10

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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### GAT

Well done to all of our Year 11 and 12 students who sat the GAT last week. Each student handled it in a mature manner and showed great respect to the examiners.

#### Work Experience

Over this term our Careers team have been working really hard to make sure all of our Year 10 and 11 students complete some work experience. For us, this is a large number of students and we cannot thank the Swan Hill community enough for taking our students onboard and giving them the opportunity to experience the workforce. We would love some of your feedback on how they went, so please feel free to either come in and see us or send us an email.

#### Holidays

That's a wrap for our 11-week term and I cannot thank the whole school community enough for their support this term. It has been a long one and one complicated by a teacher shortage. All of our staff have been amazing this term in supporting each other and making sure that each child is still educated. Have a great holiday everyone and take care on the roads if you are travelling.

De Rosewarne - Acting Principal

#### **SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT**

As we are at the end of Semester 1, I thank everyone for the hard work they've put in, making the first half of this year fly by! Last week, students were required to do the Attitudes to School Survey. This allowed students to anonymously rank their thoughts and feelings about school with a variety of questions. This also allows for our leadership team to look at the results to seek improvements, if needed. All Junior and Senior Captains had the privilege to be involved during different year levels completing the survey, with all year levels showing exceptional behaviour and belonging in each cohort and class. As we are approaching the colder times during school it has been amazing to see how well the students are changing into the winter uniform and wearing it with pride, inside and outside of school. As the Senior Captains are nearly at the end of our schooling, we wish the best to our Junior School Captains who will be taking over.

#### Lainee Box - Senior School Captain

As one of the Junior School Captains, I am proud to give you insight into what has been happening within the junior year levels. We would like to congratulate the Year 7s on completing the first semester of their secondary education. By working together, they all have completed one of the biggest adjustments, Primary School to High School. Year 8s had the opportunity to go to the snow, we hope they all enjoyed their time leading into the holidays. The Year 9 cohort is looking forward to their last semester being in a junior year level, with plans to run a formal, which promises a fun and memorable night for all Year 9s. Thank you to all the staff for the hard work and dedication you all have put in, which has not gone unnoticed.

Isla Benbow – Junior School Captain

#### **SWAN HILL YAMAGATA**

Applications for Yamagata have been extended until Friday July 19th. This is an opportunity for students, Year 8 and above, to participate in an exchange program in 2025. For more information, please visit: www.swanhill.vic.gov.au/Community/Sister-Cities/Swan-Hill-Yamagata or contact Robyn Fry via robynfry8@bigpond.com

Robyn Fry on behalf of SHRCC

### SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2024

June 28	Last Day Term 2 – 2:15pm finish
July 15	First Day Term 3
June 17	Subject Selection Parent Information Session
July 22	School Council meeting
August 2	Production: Evening performance
August 4	Production: Afternoon performance

#### **CAREER EDUCATION**

Over the last 2 weeks of term our Year 10 students were able to engage in many different career activities and sessions around the local district, including tours, presentations and work experience.

**SuniTAFE tours:** The students visited SuniTAFE for a tour of the facilities and an overview of what they offer. Many students had never visited SuniTAFE and were impressed with the facilities. They came away with an understanding of what is involved in apprenticeship training, courses to gain employment, or pathways that can lead into university.

**GMG** Accounting talk & tour: GMG staff gave the students an insightful presentation and a tour of their work spaces. This enabled the students to understand the many different facets of accounting and where it can lead.

MMLLEN presentation: Students were advised of what the Murray Mallee Local Learning Employment Network can offer young people. The MMLLEN work with young people in our region and are another resource that students can access if needing assistance to link with employment or training. The MMLLEN work in partnership with all schools and businesses in the region to improve employment and training outcomes for young people.

CUC - Country Universities Centre Mallee visit: The CUC Study Hub is a wonderful new resource available to community members studying a Certificate IV or above. It is designed for people completing an online course and offers information and academic support. Located in Curlewis Street in the old Police Station, the Hub is open from 7am to Midnight, 7 days per week.

Subject Selection Information Session: Students attended sessions where they were able to gain an understanding of the VCE and VCE-VM programs. This will enable them to start planning for the subjects they will choose for 2025. Students were able to read the Curriculum Handbook and speak with subject teachers to find out more about them. Students were also given a 'Where To Now' handbook by VCAA, to take home and discuss with their families.

**Work Experience:** This week many students were out on work experience gaining knowledge about a range of different careers and what is expected of them in the workplace. We have received some very positive feedback from employers about our students.







**Careers Team** 

#### **VET COMMUNITY SERVICES**

VET Community Services Year 2 students will be running a "Community Fun Day" for kids, being held at Racecourse Bowls Club on July 10th, as part of their SAT. There will be games on the green, inside games and a FREE BBQ. This is open to the community and everyone is welcome.

#### **CLONTARF ACADEMY**



Swan Hill College welcomes Ryan Prendergast, our new Swan Hill Clontarf Director. He joins us from Mt Druitt Secondary College and Derby High School in the Kimberly Western Australia. Ryan has been with Clontarf for the past 6 years and is originally from the area, being an Echuca local. Ryan is looking forward to working with Swan Hill College to ensure the best possible outcomes for the Clontarf students.

# © The Swan Hill Racecourse Bowls Club 10:00am till 12:00pm 10th of July FREE BBQ Playdough station Coloring Music time Biscuit decorating Prizes to win



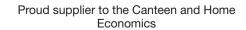
Swan Hill College would like to thank their staff and students for getting into the community spirit to raise funds for MND research. A huge thank you to our School Captains and staff for facing the Ice Bucket Challenge, a fun spectacle that entertained many at lunch time!

Hope Henley – SWPBS Leader









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