# RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**29 May** Year 10 Work Experience Commence 7pm NEVR Concert at Hamer Hall

30 May Division Cross Country5 June Year 11 Exams Commence

**12 June** STUDENT FREE - KINGS BIRTHDAY

**13 June** Year 10 Exams Commence

**15 June** 8.30 AM GAT - YEAR 12

STUDENT FREE DAY Yrs 7 - 11: Reporting and Assessment Day

**22 June** Junior/Intermediate Concert

23 June STUDENTS DISMISSED - 2.15 pm LAST DAY OF CLASSES TERM 2

10 JULY SCHOOL RETURNS - Term 3 8.50am





# PRINCIPAL TEAM

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



#### **Learning Focus**

Term Two has been a very busy time in the classroom. Students are working steadily to complete their assessment tasks, asking for and receiving feedback related to their learning and making the most of the opportunities presented to them.

After our curriculum day, staff continue to meet regularly with a focus on developing learning tasks which are designed to meet students at their point of need. In addition to this, in professional learning meetings, staff have identified strategies that they will be implementing in their classroom that will enhance students' abilities to access learning. Peer observation sessions, coordinated between staff will allow more staff to be exposed to a great range of differentiation strategies in the classroom.

#### **20** years Service

Congratulations to the following staff members on their 20 year service to Ringwood Secondary College. An outstanding commitment. These staff members were acknowledged this week:



Jennifer Collier



Peter Anderson



Claudia Aveling

#### **Anzac Day**

I had the honour of joining our college captains, Niharika and Noah at the Ringwood Clocktower for the early morning service on ANZAC day. There, they laid a wreath on behalf of the College community.

Additionally, the College ran a small service on site on the first day of this term. The service, organised by Eleni Stathatos and Cath Menz, was well received and involved many of our College leaders. Well done to Luke B who played The Last Post.



#### Jazz Night and Generation in Jazz

Jazz night and Generations in Jazz camp have been completed. Jazz night, held at York on Lilydale on May 1, was a very well attended event and provided students with an opportunity to showcase their Jazz talents and practice pieces in the lead up to the GIJ camp. The camp was hugely successful; two RSC students from the over 2000 in attendance were selected for the showcase band. These outstanding achievements highlight the strength of the instrumental program. Well done to Janine and her team.

#### **Education Week**

A bevy of activities was arranged to highlight this important week in the school calendar. Staff once again provided a huge range of lunchtime activities for students. These include: chill out club, dancing, board games, kahoot club, art and language clubs. The highlight of the week was the IDAHOBIT day and staff v students netball game.

#### **Parent Meetings on Site**

A reminder to parents about the college visitor's policy which can be accessed on the college website. All visitors to school grounds MUST report to the main office and sign in. It is important that meetings are prearranged with staff prior to arrival.

#### Level crossing update

As you are aware, level crossing removal works are well underway at the Dublin/Bedford Road intersection. These works directly impact access to drop off and pick up areas for families as well as access to footpaths. It is important that students are always reminded to access pedestrian crossings and to take extra care when crossing roads.

#### **Student Attitudes to School Survey**

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students have been undertaking this survey over the past two weeks. Students have been asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. Schools will be able to access the data later in term 3. The data informs us of school priorities and provides us with some insight into what is going well for students at the school

#### Staff v Students Netball Game

Congratulations to the year 12 students who competed against the staff representatives in the staff v netball. Although the students claimed victory, the game was played in good spirit and no injuries were incurred. Well done to all involved!



#### **Attendance**

A reminder to parents that daily attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally:

- ·School participation maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks.
- ·School helps children to develop important skills, knowledge and values that set them up for further learning and participation in their community.
- ·School helps them to make the most of life opportunities A child missing one day a fortnight will miss four weeks in a year, and more than a year of school by Year 10. It is important that children develop regular attendance habits at an early age.



#### Long Service Leave coverage

I will be on Long Service Leave from May 29-July 10. Mrs Eleni Stathatos will be Acting Principal in my absence. I wish you all a safe remainder of the term and a restful winter break.

**Best Wishes** 

#### Rosina Fotia

Principal

#### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



#### From Mrs Stathatos

Education week at Ringwood Secondary College epitomises the connectedness, community and engagement in the Theme of 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate.'

The program for the week was spectacular but there is something for everyone every week of every term at the College. At various assemblies, students are encouraged to be involved in actively pursuing their passions and interests and we know that this creates an engaged community who sees the value of collaboration in and out of the classroom. Congratulations to all who organised and participated in this year's activities. The week's activities are presented in this newsletter.

A number of important days are highlighted this month, all which remind us to be affirming and caring towards our numerous and diverse communities each and every day. IDAHOBIT day is the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia and this was recognised at our school with activities during Education week. Thank you to our Mental Health Practitioner, Emily Collett and students for their efforts in raising awareness. Reconciliation Week encourages us to Be a Voice for Generations in our everyday lives. Maroondah City Council along with Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place and Maroondah Movement for Reconciliation is celebrating with an event that our Koorie students are attending, accompanied by Sharlene Hetherington and Karly Horton. All are looking forward to this occasion.

Staff have been working collaboratively in staff meetings to share ideas and listen to one another's practice. This was evident last week when we reengaged with our Behavioural Model where effective techniques to connect students to their learning were highlighted. This word cloud is a representation of the positive strategies our staff use to build rapport with students as they enter classrooms and lessons.



The Music Association is a wonderful group of parent volunteers who support the music program through a range of activities and work with the college to provide amazing student performances throughout the year. Jazz night at the start of the month was a showcase spectacular, the trip to Mt Gambia highlighted a powerhouse of exceptional playing interstate, while the Senior concert this very week capped off a fabulous month of music making to appreciative audiences. If you have a child in the Music program and would like to part of a friendly, enthusiastic group of parents, please contact Rae Sedergreen <a href="resdergreen@ringwoodsc.vic.edu.au">resdergreen@ringwoodsc.vic.edu.au</a> to express your interest.

Work experience begins next week for Year 10 students. The Careers information sessions in BOUNCE and the dedication of our skilled careers practitioners who assist students to undertake this integral part of the Middle School experience has been terrific. All the best to Year 10 students who will immerse themselves in the world of work for one week. Year 9 students have spent their dedicated lessons finalising their Personal Projects and developing visual diaries to present to their InterGREAT teachers. There is always an anticipatory curiosity to view their projects which have been organised around student voice, choice and agency. We can't wait!

A couple of reminders as the autumn weather inevitably brings colder temperatures. Students are encouraged to wear thermals under their school uniform and follow the uniform rules, while ensuring that their jackets are labelled with their names so they avoid ending up in lost property. When travelling to and from school, students should be alert to their surroundings and respect the road rules, particularly when they reach the level crossings with gates and lights. They must not cross until the gates are fully open and the flashing lights have stopped. When crossing busy roads, students must take extreme caution and cross at the traffic lights.

#### **Eleni Stathatos**

Assistant Principal



Celebrating Education Week Sunday 14 May- Saturday 20 May

Activity- All day	Before school	heme 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate'	Afternoon/evening
Monday 15 I CAN mentoring- p 2	Junior Concert Band rehearsal	Chill Out Club- Junior School RAD (Ringwood Advocacy for Disability) rm 212 Jazz Combo Mellowtones rehearsal Junior Choir rehearsal	Senior Stage Rehearsal Intermediate Concert Band rehearsal
Tuesday 16	Senior Strings Rehearsal Training Band Rehearsal	Jazz combo Chilli Trane rehearsal Active Club- Middle School Board Games club- Junior School VCE Science Club Chess Club Junior Dance Club- Victorian State Schools Spectacular	Raise Mentoring -p5 'All Shook up' Production rehearsal and Stage Crew
Wednesday 17	Breakfast Club- Wellbeing Symphony Orchestra & Training Stage Band Rehearsal	Kahoot Club- Junior School IDAHOBIT day activities- Wellbeing VET Dance InterGREAT Homeless drive and bbg	Junior Stage Band rehearsal
Thursday 18 Intermediate boys & girls football, soccer, netball, badminton Wilderness Program	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	Stand Out- Wellbeing String Quartet rehearsal Training Strings rehearsal	Intermediate Stage Band rehearsal
Friday 19	Intermediate String rehearsal	Just Dance club - Junior School Indonesian club rm 405 French club rm 406 Jazz Combo Freeloaders rehearsal Senior Choir rehearsal Staff vs Student basketball	

Monday 22-Friday 26 Wilderness Camp. Thursday 25 Senior Autumn Concert. Monday May 29 NEVR concert Hamer Hall. Thursday June 15 Parent Connect



#### From Ms Fedrizzi

Often humour is the social oil that holds us together when things are tough. We admire those who can see the lighter side when all seems dark. A 'dad' joke may make us cringe but because it hurts no-one, it connects us and reminds us of our shared needs and joys.

With IDAHOBIT Day this week, we are reminded that our language, our actions and how we show up in our community really is important. Ringwood is an inclusive community and that is a consequence of the respect that we hold for each other. I am proud of the ways that students and staff at this school look out for each other: these actions are not often loud or obvious, but it is what makes our community have a heart. Equally, when we fall short, it is important that we all, students and staff, help each other reflect on how we can be better.



Recently, one of our students, Satria Abrai wrote a piece for his VCE English class which he shared via Facebook and with staff. I have the permission to share it - <u>Article by Satria Arbrai</u>

I urge you to read it because it certainly reminded me of the unintended ways my ableism potentially excludes others and of the simple actions that create an inclusive community. Thanks Satria for helping widen our perspectives and remind us that our actions and words can make our community be more connected and cohesive.

Education Week's 2023 theme: move, make and motivate is alive and visible in our classrooms at Ringwood Secondary College. For our senior school students, May is filled with assessments that allow them to really strut their knowledge and demonstrate their growing understanding of the concepts and skills that they have been building throughout the semester. Exams loom for year 10 after their work experience and in week 7 year 11s finalise their work in unit 1. At this time of year, it may feel stressful but it is also an exciting time for students to acknowledge how much they have learnt and establish strategies to build their learning confidence so they can really illustrate their knowledge and skills despite time pressures. In junior years, students are grappling with similar pressures as they learn to establish classroom and homework habits that will see them take control of their learning growth.

For parents and guardians, it may be useful to remind students to use those powerful learning behaviours to fuel their daily actions for change and improvement. These habits build self-reliance and confidence.

Glen Pearsall's presentation to staff on Curriculum Day explored strategies to help design more effective learning experiences for all students.. Learning Specialists have been working with staff to select some of the strategies from Glen's presentation to make classes more inclusive and energised. Classroom observations have supported this work and staff continue to work as a team to build their teaching practice. The teaching and learning leaders are currently reviewing our approach to assessment and reporting and will begin discussions with parents and students shortly. We are visiting other schools and will conduct discussions with students to understand how students use the current reports and what they feel would help them extend their achievements and build their resilience. If parents are interested in being part of this, please reply to this form:

https://forms.office.com/r/c0NnYLtRN6

If you replied earlier in term 1, we will be in touch shortly and I have your details.

#### Agatha Fedrizzi

Assistant Principal



#### **From Mr Stirling**

# Student Leadership Team Presents at Tinternvale Primary School

I had the pleasure of accompanying four of our student leaders, Caitlyn Gordon, Prithika Saxena, Jackson Smith and Alyssa Solidaga, to Tinternvale Primary School where they worked as a team to run a Leadership and Student Voice session for Year 5 students.







The team discussed the importance and benefits of student leadership and presented authentic ways that the primary school students could have their voice (views and opinions) heard and considered in their classroom and at their school to make their school a better place.

The team ran activities to get the primary school children to consider the types of decision-making that they could become active participants in. They also ran some workshops where the primary school children practiced collaborating, making decisions together, and presenting their ideas.

A theme throughout the presentation was that all students have valuable views and opinions to make a difference at their school.

Caitlyn, Prithika, Jackson and Alyssa also provided outstanding role models to the Grade 5 students to generate understanding, interest and enthusiasm in student leadership positions in the last years of primary school and in future secondary school years.

#### **Emergency Drill**

On Friday 19 May, students and staff participated in an emergency practice drill at the college before lunchtime. It is crucial for the college to test emergency response procedures by conducting these drills throughout the year to:

- ensure widespread familiarity with emergency response procedures and the capacity to implement them efficiently and effectively.
- promote more effective emergency response procedures.

#### Year 11 Assembly

It was great to catch up with the Year 11 student cohort at their year level assembly last week. I congratulated the Year 11 students on their application to their studies and conduct as the cohort has been exemplary and we are very proud of the many achievements during Semester 1.

As the Year 11 students begin to approach VCE Unit One exams and the final stages of Unit One VCE and Unit One VCE Vocational Major subjects, it is important that students continue to keep their year level coordinators, Ms Dowsing and Ms Lamb, informed of any issues for advice and support.

#### **Tony Stirling**

Acting Assistant Principal

# FROM THE OFFICE

#### **FOSTER CARE INFORMATION**

We are desperately short of foster carers and your school's support will assist us greatly in recruiting new carers and supporting vulnerable children. We are running a Foster Care Information Session for teachers and parents on Thursday 1 June @ 7.30pm online via Zoom



#### **FACILITIES**

As we wait for new builders to come online it's a good opportunity to catch up on jobs around the school.

#### **Recent works**

- Installation of new Freezer in canteen
- · Line marking of courts-Junior School
- Ongoing works -Garden bed back of hall and Indigenous garden
- Service of all sewing machines-Textiles
- Service of College projectors
- Service of ovens-Food Technology
- Purchase of tools for STEM Centre

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- Service of A/Cs Junior School/Senior School
- · Service of all gas heaters
- Service of hydronic heaters
- Service of fire alarm panel-Senior School
- Annual road worthy/service of bus
- Asbestos checks/Room inspections

#### **Chris Salisbury**

Facilities Manager

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### <u>Ringwood East Shopping Centre - supporting the</u> local businesses.

Want to be rewarded for supporting the local businesses you love? With Stamp Me you can!

To support local traders the Level Crossing Removal Project has partnered with Stamp Me to launch a shopping loyalty program in Ringwood East.

Just make a \$10 purchase with a participating trader in the Railway Avenue precinct and scan the Stamp Me QR code to get a stamp.

When you collect 9 stamps, you'll receive a \$10 voucher to spend in the precinct.

Follow the link in our bio from your mobile phone to download the app today!

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#### **RSC HERITAGE & ALUMNI GROUP**

The history of the land where this college now resides started in 1905, but the story of Ringwood High School started when a meeting was called on 27th January 1922, by the President of the local Progress Association (Mr JB McAlpine) who presented Ringwood Borough Council with a proposal for securing a high school for Ringwood.

His plan was to raise £1,000 (one thousand pounds) to purchase a site for the new High School, which he believed would serve 8,000 residents, including Warrandyte and Doncaster, and if a small fee were imposed on residents, they could raise £1,000. The Minister of Education said that until residents could prove themselves able to raise the money, there would be no grant for a school.

Mr McAlpine felt sure that the people would be willing to support a scheme for a high school. A small tax of 3d (3 pence) in the pound over three years, levied on the interested people would raise the £1,000. Council was asked to consider this proposal as similar fund-raising methods had been successfully adopted by other councils.

On 5th May 1922, a public meeting of about 40 residents, was held to consider funding to establish a high school in Ringwood. The Minister of Education was unable to attend, however official information from the Education Department stated that it required 10 acres of land and £2,000 (the money to be spread over four years) and had a guaranteed 100 pupils before a grant could be approved.

Mr McAlpine said due to Ringwood's suitable location with easy accessibility, his plan to set an area that included 12 primary schools as feeder schools, was a viable proposition. A high school in Ringwood would attract new people to the district, increasing its population, especially with the electrified train line due in January 1923. It was agreed that 3 pence in the pound, over four years, was a reasonable rate. Previously, Dandenong, had a similar situation and used this taxing method to raise one thousand pounds to build its high school.

In 1924, a portion of the land, bounded by the Lilydale and Fern Tree Gully train lines, Bedford Road, and Government Road (later Hill Street) was proposed as a housing estate of "110 Splendid Homes", which never eventuated. The original title deed shows that the land was passed onto the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of Ringwood in 1946.

Later, the 40 acres was split into three, with 14 acres being transferred to the Minister of Education in 1954. A further 2 acres was transferred to the Education Department in 1956. The balance of the site is still owned by Maroondah Council, known as Bedford Park.

Sources: Various Certificates of Title and Extracts from Lilydale Express newspaper of 1922.

Next year RSC will celebrate 70 years of this college's success in various ways, our Open Day is 16 March 2024 and all visitors are welcome to share stories and see archival images of RSC's long and interesting history in Ringwood.

#### **Barry Ring**

Convenor RSC Heritage and Alumni Group

#### **CONGRATULATIONS JONATHAN ROY**

#### Victorian Automotive Apprentice of the Year 2023

Former Ringwood Secondary School student, now Ringwood Training Automotive Apprentice Jonathan Roy, was named VACC Outstanding First Year Apprentice of the Year at the Automotive Industry Awards 2023 VACC President's Gala Dinner on Saturday 13 May at Crown Palladium.

Jonathan a former Ringwood Secondary College Applied Learning student, started a School Based Apprenticeship in 2021 with VACC as a part of his school program. At the completion of the year 12 Applied Learning program [VCAL] Jonathan transitioned into a full time apprenticeship with the VACC and host employer Lilydale Subaru.

Congratulation to Jonathan, well deserved for all the hard work you have put in.



# **SUB SCHOOLS**

#### **JUNIOR SCHOOL**



Junior School has been extremely busy this term already and it is only 4 weeks in!!

#### Open night:

On Tuesday 9th May, our year level leaders proudly ran tours for the parents showcasing the school to the prospective families.

A huge congratulations to all involved and a special mention to Mikalya Frogley and Joel Murdoch who spoke at the parent information session to over 500 parents. Well done to all, we are very proud of your efforts.

#### LGBTQIA+:

Maroondah city council presented to our year 7 cohort on Monday 8th May, a valuable information session regarding the LGBTQIA+ community. The students respectfully asked questions and listened intently to become more informed about this important issue.



#### **College Athletics Day:**

Congratulations to all of our participants at the recent intraschool athletics carnival. There was a sea of colour across the day, students proudly representing their houses. It was so exciting to see so many students showcase their skills learnt in their recent PE lessons. A special mention goes out to our age group champions on the day.

- 13 Year Boys Matt Driscoll (Mabo)
- 13 Year Girls Belle Whitaker (Frazer)
- 14 Year Boys Stephen Zatling (Mabo)

We wish all of our competitors chosen for the school team the best of luck when they compete against local schools in the near future.

#### **Basketball Clinic:**

8D and 8E were lucky enough to be involved in a basketball clinic run by Melbourne United basketball club on Monday 8Th May. They learnt what it meant to become a professional basketballer and learned and practiced the skills required to be a successful basketballer. Most impressive was how tall Chris was and his size 17 shoes!!





#### **Academic Reports:**

Parents, please talk to your children regarding any outstanding learning tasks due as we approach the end of the semester. We want our students to perform at their best on semester 1 reports and look forward to seeing their results.

#### **Brainstorming Productions:**

The yr 7s were entertained with a production called "Wired" on Tuesday 2nd May. This production dealt with the common issue of cyberbullying and the impact social media can have on teenagers. The junior school team were very impressed with the maturity and respect shown towards the performers and the message being displayed during this time. Please talk to your children regarding these important messages.



### Kathryn Mahoney Junior Sub School Leader

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**



What an eventful and enjoyable time we have had recently for our Middle School Students! More teams out representing our school for Interschool sport with some fantastic team and individual results happening on these days again!



As part of our Year 9 InterGREAT program we were lucky enough to have former AFL player Jamie Bennell who is now the Indigenous Player Development Manager/Head of Indigenous Affairs at Hawthorn Football Club. He spoke to the students about his journey and provided some education around discrimination/racism that is still experienced today and how we can work to call these incidents out in our community. As part of this program students have also been looking into Homelessness. They organised and ran a collection drive along with a sausage sizzle to raise money and collect goods. This included making over \$600 and collecting a plethora of items that included food, blankets, clothes, stationary and other essentials.





This term over 100 of our Year 10 students were able to attend the METEC drive school to increase their education and awareness around being safe and smart on the roads. Feedback from the program was really positive and that students really engaged well on both days! We look forward to taking students again next year. Good luck to all of our Year 10 students going out on Work Experience we all really hope students can get the most out of their week and learn some new skills that may benefit them both when back at school or when out in the community.





Rhett Jordon Middle Sub School Leader

# **AROUND THE SCHOOL**

#### RINGWOOD HOUSE ATHLETICS

On the 5th of May Ringwood Secondary College made their way down to Proclamation Park for their annual House Athletics. The day started off in a fun manner as we had our 'red carpet'.

It was great to see students compete in a range of events. Getting the 3-legged race, egg and spoon race and the sack race up and running was a fun way to get everyone involved especially if they didn't want to run, jump or throw in events.

In 4th Place was Jackman on 823 points. In 3rd place was Mabo on 1109 points. In 2nd place we had Freeman on 1194 points. Finally, our winners on 1422 points we had Frazer!

I would like to make a special mention to the following students who are our 2023 age group athletics champions:

#### Girls

13 yr Girls: Belle W (Frazer) 14 Yr Girls: Emily C (Mabo) 15 yr Girls: Jemma W (Frazer) 16 yr Girls: Mia K (Frazer) 17 Yr Girls: Ebony C (Mabo) 20 Yr Girls: Rory B (Freeman)

#### **Boys**

13 Yr Boys: Matthew D (Mabo) 14 Yr Boys: Stephen Z (Mabo) 15 Yr Boys: Taj J (Frazer) 16 Yr Boys: Keiran P (Frazer) 17 Yr Boys: Ropro H (Jackman) 20 Yr Boys: Tyler K (Frazer)

Huge thankyou to all the staff members who were stationed at specific track and field events, as well as those who helped set up in the morning. Also, well done to the year 12 prefects for running the novelty events, you did a fantastic job of getting the students involved. Congratulations to everyone that participated and all the best to the students who will be competing at Division Athletics in Term 3

The carnival ran very smoothly, and with the weather providing the goods it turned out to be fantastic day.

#### Jai Edwards

Sports Intern

#### YR 12 VCD & MEDIA EXCURSION



On Friday 28th of April, 61 Year 12 Media & VCD students embarked on a fun and educational day in the city.

VCD students explored Brunswick St gaining inspiration for their SAT folio along with gaining insight into an amazing design studio – U-Bahn design. Students met with the design team lead by Adam Foran (Creative Director & Founder), gaining valuable insider information about day-to-day operations and how to stand out from the crowd in the design industry.

U-Bahn design is a design studio which specialises in motion design and have worked for reputable companies such as the Department Health, Deakin University, Australia Post. Telstra and Austin Health and more! The students came away with a lot of information about the industry. If you want to find out more about U-Bahn design head to ubahn.com.au.



Meanwhile, Media students were able to go to Top Screens at Federation Square to watch a cinema screening of the best VCE short films from 2022. There was a wonderful range of films from different genres and forms including live action, stop motion and hand drawn animation.

Students were excited to watch the work of VCE students on the big screen. While there, we also viewed the digital folios of the films that were screened, and this was a great opportunity to gain an understanding of the planning required to make the final products.



After lunch both Media and VCD students headed to Top Designs at Melbourne Museum where they were able to be inspired by previous Year 12 students and their SAT folios, featuring Aidan Maher, our very own past RSC student! Again, congratulations to Aidan M for being selected in Top Designs — this is a huge acknowledgement of all the hard work.

The exhibition also included a 'Where are they now' section which featured 2005 RSC Alumni Joel Sharpe whose work was featured in the 2006 Top Design exhibit.

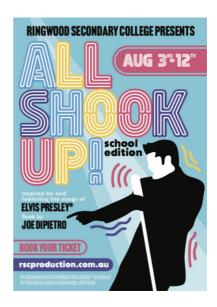
Thank you to the team – Sam Asbury, Erin O'Sullivan, Sam Glover & student teacher Brooke for their dedication on the day and the work that gets completed leading up to the day.

#### **Amy Mateika-Keech**

Arts Teacher



#### 2023 PRODUCTION 'ALL SHOOK UP'



Tickets are now on sale for the 2023 Production of 'All Shook Up'. It's going to be a great show

Don't miss out on securing your place in another fabulous RSC show - Head to this link to get those good seats - <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CIIYI">https://www.trybooking.com/CIIYI</a>

#### **Gaynor Borlase**

**Director of Performing Arts** 

#### **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

It has already been a very busy and productive four weeks of Term 2 for the Music Department!



Thank you to all who came and supported our stage bands and jazz combos at our annual Jazz Night held back on May 1. It was a great night of jazz which served as a trial run for the Generations of Jazz Festival that occurred the following weekend.

# **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

The first weekend in May, seventy students and staff made the long-awaited trip to Mt Gambier participating in a national competition that involved around 3000 students. The last time we ventured so far was back in 2019 and everyone was so excited for the "return to the Mount." We all had the wonderful opportunity to hear professional musicians from around Australia and the world. The highlight being an exclusive one-time performance from the Swedish band Dirty Loops who performed in Australia for their first and only time on the Saturday night. The anticipation and participation in this concert from the 3,000 strong audience was electrifying to say the least.

All ensembles gave their best performances yet and we managed to come a close 4th and 5th place in 2 sections, just one point behind 3rd and 4th place in both sections. Not only were our students' fantastic ambassadors for the College but also for Victorian Government Schools. In general. Most bands attending this prestigious event were from private schools.

We manage to hold our own with Thomas D (piano) and Sam I (trombone) being selected for the Division 1 Super Band. The top musicians in this Division are selected for this band and were mainly VCE students. Thomas and Sam are both in Year 10. Thomas was also selected for the Future Finalist award. The top soloists in the whole competition are considered for this award. The other 5 students selected for Future Finalist were VCE students

Thank you to everyone for such a brilliant weekend!

We are now busily preparing for our Senior Autumn Concert next Thursday 25 May in the College Hall at 7.30pm. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear some amazing performances from our intermediate and senior ensembles and soloists. Tickets may be purchased via the following Trybooking link: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CIGVP">https://www.trybooking.com/CIGVP</a>



Our Senior Jazz Combo will be performing original works by their bassist/ pianist Sasha D at the North Eastern Victoria Region's (NEVR) Concert being held at Hamer Hall on Monday 29 May at 7.30pm. Some of our woodwind, brass and string students will also be participating in ensembles that have been formed from students from all over the region for this concert. Thomas D has also been selected as a soloist on Marimba for this event. Something that is usually reserved for VCE Music students. Tickets for this concert may be purchased via the following link:

https://www.artscentremelbourne.com.au/whatson/2023/schools-and-teachers/nevr-youth-concert



Finally for this term we will be presenting our Junior Concert on Thursday 22 June, 7.30pm in the College Hall. More details regarding this concert will be published on Compass soon. Keep an eye out as this concert as it sells out fast!

Thank you to everyone for such a wonderful term of music making.

#### Ms Janine Pero

Director of Instrumental Music