



Peter Lalor Vocational College

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Calendar of Events

TERM 1

March 11th - Labour Day
April 1st to April 5th - Year 9 Work
Experience
April 5th - End of Term 1

TERM 2

April 22nd - Easter Monday
April 23rd - Start of Term 2
April 25th - Anzac Day
April 29th - Parent Teacher
Conferences
May 2nd to 3rd May - Sailing Camp

Principals Report

Welcome

Firstly, I would like to welcome all new families to the college and welcome back all continuing families. It is great to have siblings, relatives and friends of current and former students enrolling as we continue to grow and thrive at Peter Lalor Vocational College. We encourage parents and guardians to be active participants of our community by engaging and communicating with the college and participating in college community events.

I would like to welcome our new staff: Adam Densley, Marco Nicolazzo, Antonia Babic, Katerina Klimovski, Tahnee McGoldrick, Cynthia Wane, Leesa Billings, Bridgette McCoy and Lissa McQueen. Also joining our team at ONTTC we welcome Brian Cox, Christian Haack, Joe Camenzuli and Samuel Mauger. These teachers will bring a depth and breadth to the college that will support our vision to be the best applied learning school in Victoria.

Excellent Start to the Year

Walking around the college this year, the students are engaged in their work, actively participating and being respectful towards staff, visitors and each other. Much of this is attributed to the work of our teachers who have spent countless hours designing applied learning programs that continue to attract attention and interest of other applied learning educators around the state.

College Wellbeing

The college prides itself on the excellent standard of wellbeing offered to support students and families. We welcome being informed of anything that may impact on the education of our students. Should you need to communicate any information please contact David McKay or Russell Willis at the college on 9464 0122.



Principals Report Continued

School Council Elections and Annual General Meeting

We are calling for parents and community members to join the School Council. All parents, guardians and community members are encouraged to nominate. To nominate for a position on the School Council, please complete and return the nomination form enclosed with this newsletter.

Accident Insurance

The Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have accident insurance / ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transportation should the unfortunate need present.

Best Wishes

I wish all students and their families the very best for the year ahead. I look forward to working with our community and watching the students and college develop in the coming year.

Rod Sheehan
Principal

VET (VCAL – Year 10, 11 & 12)

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VET classes have started this week and they are a compulsory part of the VCAL program at PLVC. VET programs assist students to make the transition to further education, training and employment. Many programs are based on entry level TAFE courses. These programs are designed so that students can develop general work related competencies and the skills and knowledge required in a particular industry.

In the next couple of weeks the following will occur:

1. You will start receiving an email if your son/daughter is absent from VET.
2. A statement outlining VET material charges owed will be posted to families.
3. If you have any questions related to VET please don't hesitate to contact my via batty.belinda.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Belinda Batty
VET Coordinator



Year 9 News



It was with great honour that this year marks the first year of Peter Lalor's Year 9 Applied Learning Program. Throughout the year, students will embark on an applied learning experience, gaining growth through a 'hands-on' focused curriculum. This term we look forward to students participating in:

Electronics and circuits

Plumbing design

Velocity and acceleration through model roller coasters

Imagery and perception through art design

Working and collaborating within a senior school environment will offer many of the year nine students an opportunity to grow and develop social skills to best match the requirements of the wider community.

Welcome to Year 9 Applied Learning

Marco, Adam, Leesa and Bridgette

Intermediate News

The Intermediate Team has had a busy start to the year. The weekly topics have been 'Introduction to PLVC' and 'Change'. Students have done a number of classroom tasks, such as, Ice Breaking Activities, My Communication Board, The A to Z of Me, a Letter to the Teacher, Movie responses to 'The Blind Side', and How Music has Changes their Lives. Students have been allocated lockers and given stationery to support them throughout the year. The focus of next week is 'Identity' and we will have an excursion on Thursday 14th February to the Immigration Museum, to see the Identity exhibit.

Tracy Cooknell (11C), Paris Mantz (11B) and Jamie Gray (11A).



Year 11A - Student Aspirations

"The Aspirations of My 11A Students"

Nikita M	"I want to see growth in the way I think."
Sean W	"I'd like to complete Year 11, in preparation for my carpentry apprenticeship".
Lauren K	"To complete school and achieve my dream job in Beauty Services".
Danielle B	"Pass Year 11 to achieve my passion of being a police officer".
Ilesha B	"Work hard and achieve a position in the Hospitality industry".
Tarkyn E-L	"Enjoy the VET and VCAL work and finish Year 11".
Madison L-M	"I'd love to make it through the year and graduate as a Year 12 student".
Elise T	"My dream is to graduate this year as a Year 12 and find full time employment".
Jackson C	"My goal this year is to improve my literacy and in particular my writing capacity".
Flyn C	"My goal is to finish school and get a job so I can buy a house".
Tommy O	"Enjoy the year and find employment around bicycle maintenance".
Jordz P	"I'd like to complete this year with flying colors".
Taylah R	"Really want to graduate Year 12 and begin a career that I'm passionate about".
Zac B	"Really like to improve my reading this year to prepare for the mining and trucking industries".
Josh C	"Do well at PLVC and ONTTC so I can improve my skills for the carpentry industry".
Hailey I	"Achieve my Year 12 next year and be successful in life".
Jaxon P	"Finish Year 11 and improve my organizational skills".
Callum C-M	"I hope to gain an apprenticeship in the plumbing industry by the end of this year".

Jamie Gray

11A

CSEF Funding

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) is available to the parents of eligible students. The allowance is \$225.00 per child, per year. This amount will be paid to the school and will contribute to the cost of camps, sports, incursions and excursions for that child. To be eligible for CSEF, on the first day of Term 1 (30th January 2019), a parent or legal guardian of a student must be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:

- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- The student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card)

If you have not applied for funding previously or your child has just commenced at PLVC, please complete the form enclosed with this newsletter or **if you are unsure you have lodged an application, please complete the form and return to the college and it will be resubmitted.** If you have previously been in receipt of CSEF at the College, that information will be rolled over automatically and you do not need to re-apply.



Year 10 News

Hi everyone, my name is Antonia and I am the new Foundation B teacher. I am new to this school but I have 10 years of secondary teaching experience. Schools that I have previously taught at include VU Secondary College in St Albans, and SEDA College, mostly in the football (soccer) program. This year I will also be teaching Sport and Recreation Cert II and Health Services Assistance Cert III. I'm already enjoying the community feel of Peter Lalor and the commitment that the staff have to the students here. Thanks everyone for making me feel so welcome. I look forward to meeting more students as the year progresses!

Antonia Babic

My name is Rachel Villani and I would like to introduce myself to you all. Not only am I the Foundation Year Level Coordinator, but I will be teaching Foundation A this semester as well as the VET subject Certificate III in Community Services. This term, Foundation students will be supported by their classroom teacher as well as two Education Support staff members – Jo and Lisa – who help assist all students within the classroom setting.

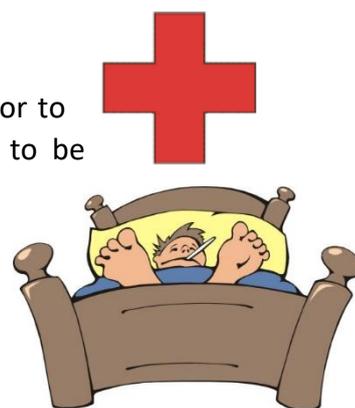
Our focus for this term is on Health and Wellbeing, which is an exciting and important unit as we will be exploring content such as violence and bystanders, healthy relationships, respectful online communication, positive decision-making, changes and resilience and identity. The curriculum involves bringing in professional guest speakers to help deliver accurate information in a sensitive manner and we will also be including some excursions this term. Please keep an eye out for the permission form for our first excursion later this term and return all signed forms prior to the date specified on the form.

I look forward to meeting and communicating with you all throughout the year to best support your child. Please feel free to contact me if and when you feel the need to either on the school's phone number or via my email villani.rachel.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Rachel Villani

Sick Bay

Students must report to the Administration office when feeling unwell prior to contacting parents. Parents will then be contacted if their child needs to be collected from school. If your child is unwell, we request you do not send them to school. Parents can report absences on the college answering machine.





Year 12 News

The Senior students have settled in to term one really well. Attendance is great and everyone is really excited to be finishing their high school education this year. The school holidays seem to have been pretty busy. Lots of catching up to do about new jobs, exciting holidays, what was on Netflix and watching/playing sport. The loss of sleep-ins has been felt though.

What's on for this term?

Some students are trying out new VET programs, others are continuing their courses from last year. All VET should have commenced now. If you have any queries, please contact the VET co-ordinator, also our Year 12 co-ordinator Belinda Batty on batty.belinda.b@edumail.vic.gov.au.

This term Senior students will be working on two major projects. The first of these is a Personal Development Skills project that will see small groups setting up and running activities for a selected group of participants. These activities will be complex, engaging and diverse. Some groups are planning to offer activities to the new students at the school to help them find their way in the new environment and make some connections with their peers. The second project will be a numeracy focussed one that investigates the numeracy in their VET programs.

We will also be hearing from some fabulous guest speakers regarding disability, overcoming adversity, and planning for the future. These talks should provide some inspiration for teachers and students alike. Finally, some oracy and writing around issues and problem solving will round out the term.

Belinda Batty	Senior Team Leader
Gabby Panozzo	12A Classroom Teacher
Narelle Sykes	12B Classroom Teacher



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