



COLLEGE PRINCIPAL – Jeff Mulcahy

Dear Hume Central Families

Over the last couple of weeks, staff at the College have enjoyed having students back with us at school. Attendance rates have been exceptionally high and student engagement during lessons has been outstanding.

We understand that some families feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state. Brett Sutton, the Victorian Chief Health Officer has provided further advice for students who live with medically vulnerable family members: the risk of transmission in the school environment at the current time is very low. It is not recommended that students who live with someone who is at risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19) remain at home at this time. Schools have put in place a range of measures to further reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission and have clear protocols in place to quickly respond and manage a case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a school.

Health and Hygiene

In the interests of the safety and wellbeing of all our community we will continue with the increased level of cleaning throughout the day in all areas of the College, with a focus on areas subject to high levels of physical contact. To further ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing:

- Extra hand cleaning stations have been placed throughout the College;
- All water fountains are closed or have been altered to provide for filling water bottles. We ask that all students bring water bottles to school each day;
- Parents are reminded to keep any student home who is presenting with cold or flu-like symptoms and to inform the College. Any student who presents to first aid unwell, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child from school.

Sport, Camps, Excursions and Assemblies

- No camps or excursions will take place until further notice;
- Interschool sport remains suspended at this stage;
- No large assemblies will take place until further notice.

Transport

- Students are encouraged to walk or cycle if possible, with bike racks available at all Campuses
- Staggered start and finish times have been put in place across the College for the remainder of Term 2 with the school day concluding at 2.45pm at Blair Street and Dimboola Road Campuses.

Staff Report Writing Day – Friday 26 June

As previously advised, Friday June 26 will be a **STUDENT FREE DAY** for staff to complete assessments and write Semester One reports. Semester One reports will be released online via Compass on Tuesday 21 July at 4.00pm.

We anticipate a return to a more normal learning environment in the second half of the year. There are so many visual, relational and contextual cues that we can see when we are physically together that are extremely difficult over technology, even video conferences. We will be glad to embrace face to face learning again for the remainder of the year.

Please be assured that if the College becomes aware of any risks to the health of our students, we will communicate with families immediately and we will always prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our students.

Our College vision is to develop and nurture the social, emotional and academic growth of all our students in order that they become resilient, life-long learners equipped with skills, qualifications and personal attributes for success in and beyond school



DIMBOOLA ROAD CAMPUS

Campus Principal: Vivienne Caravas

Assistant Principal: Teresa Eva

Term 2, 2020 has been a very different term in that students transitioned to remote learning in Weeks 1-8 and then returned to face to face teaching in Weeks 9-11.

The term has been extremely busy for all students and teachers. We are so proud of our students and their ability to adjust to a climate that was very much forced upon us all. A number of assessments have been completed at Years 7 to 9 throughout the semester with mainly formative assessments in Term 2 (Hurdle Tasks) and a combination of formative and summative assessments in Term 1.

During the course of remote learning, we have had the opportunity to further enhance our Campus with more sheltered areas, seating, synthetic turf and general classroom improvements for our school community to enjoy.

We hope all our students achieve their very best and look forward to seeing continued progress in Semester 2.



Homework Club at Dimboola Road Campus continues to provide additional academic support to students. It is open to all students from Year 7-9 and runs on Mondays and Thursdays in the library between 3.05pm to 4.30pm.

Teachers will be available to assist students with their homework and classwork generally. This is a free service to all students. Permission notices must be signed by parent/guardians and returned to school. If you have any queries please contact Mr Josh Stokan on 9099 1000.

Please continue to support your students to:

- Arrive at school at 8.35am in order for classes to start promptly at 8.45am as Time Counts.
- Undertake 30-45 minutes of homework daily at Year 7 plus a minimum of 20 mins of reading 3 times per week.
- Undertake 45-60 minutes of homework at Year 8 and 9 plus a minimum of 20 mins of reading 3 times per week.





TOWN PARK CAMPUS

Campus Principal: Silvia Quaine
Assistant Principal: Parris Sloan

After an abrupt end to Term 1 and an extended holiday, Term 2 has seen us all, staff and students sharing a deep commitment to learning even in the most challenging circumstances.

Our school community became stronger as we adapted together to remote learning and continued to live by our "High Expectations" motto.

Our Year 10-12 students must be congratulated for their amazing resilience, effort and achievement during remote learning. They have adapted impressively to this new learning environment, and their high levels of participation have ensured that they remained connected to the school, their teachers and their peers. Their transition back to onsite learning was equally successful with high attendance levels and solid engagement with learning.

Whilst there have been many challenges this term, we have also welcomed the many valuable opportunities that have emerged and here are just a few:

- the weekly contact we have had with our students and their families and the ability to build stronger community connections;
- the opportunity for students to develop as responsible and independent learners and experiment with technology;
- the greater insight gained by parents into how their children are learning;
- the efforts and contributions made by many in the wider community to provide necessary assistance with hardware, software or daily essentials;
- the learning prospects offered by Zoom, Compass, Google Classroom that both staff and students embraced with aplomb;
- the opportunity to spend more time at home with families;
- the excitement of returning to the familiar environment of onsite learning and communicating face-to-face with teachers and peers.

Our staff must be also congratulated for their ability to adapt and for their hard work and commitment to providing the best remote learning experiences for all our students. Together we wish to thank all families for their ongoing support and we are looking forward to working together in semester 2.



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Blair Street Campus (7-9)
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62 Blair Street, Broadmeadows

TOWN PARK CAMPUS

DAV INTERSCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION

Last year, Hume Central SC hosted the northern region rounds of the DAV Interschool Debating Competition at Town Park Campus. This was a fabulous opportunity to showcase our school environment and challenge some of our many talented students to develop their skills of research, teamwork, argumentation and public speaking. Unfortunately, this year, just when our teams were preparing for their round one debates, the COVID-19 pandemic put a temporary halt to the competition. Fortunately, the competition has now resumed, with all debates being held remotely. Members of the debating squad have been meeting during lunchtime to discuss and prepare their speeches.

Last Thursday 11th June, our Year 11 and Year 12 team competed for the first time, putting up a great effort against two very experienced and polished teams from Mazenod College and losing by narrow margins. Our Year 10 team was awarded full points due to their opponents' forfeit. Here are some observations from Gita Bhattarai (one of our Year 10 debaters) and Ms. Kaur (one of our Town Park English/EAL teachers):

Even though face-to-face debating was stopped this year due to the pandemic, debating was still enjoyable. I originally joined the debating team because I heard that it would help me with my grades to boost my ATAR score in year 12, and joining such extracurricular activities would be good for my resume. However, I have also found the debating club to be fun and enjoyable. All of the debating squad members argue with a lot of passion. It was fascinating to see how the matches were run remotely this year, but it still didn't have much of a negative effect on the performance on our teams. The topics are very interesting and they evoke a lot of passion from all the members of the team. Support for each other is always present in the squad and it's amazing to work together with everyone else.

Gita Bhattarai - 10A

The Year 11 debate team did a great job in the first round of the DAV competition and showcased strong debating skills. All three speakers were very confident and passionate about the issue. Their arguments were well-supported with evidence and they had in-depth knowledge on the issue, which proves that extensive research was undertaken to understand the topic: 'That we should ban climate change denial'. I learnt a lot about climate issues just by listening to these students present their arguments.

Ms Seetal Kaur

Teachers and friends are most welcome to attend the debates, which will be located on level 2 at the Town Park Campus. Here is the published schedule for the next few debates:

Year 12: Thursday 16th July 5.30-6.30pm and Thursday 30th July 4-5pm

Year 11: Thursday 16th July 4-5pm

Year 10: Thursday 23rd July 4-5pm



Members of the Debating Squad:

Year 12: Luella Martinez, Hanna Abuawad, Michael Huynh, Bashir Abdinoor

Year 11: Pulastya Bhattarai, Saad Alhilali, Hannan Sheron, Mujaddid Ali

Year 10: Gita Bhattarai, Michelle Huynh, Jaya Dwija - Year 9: Nicola Hodge-Finau

Debating Coach/Coordinator: **Ms Cindy Sullivan (Assistant Principal Student Learning)**

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YEAR 11 REPORT

2020 saw the unprecedented shut down of our community as we were all encouraged to work, learn and remain at home as much as possible. Students across the state waited nervously for the government to announce the closure of schools toward the end of term 1. Year 11 students had begun social distancing in classrooms where possible and many eagerly awaited a message from the school announcing the commencement of remote learning.

When term 2 began students in year 11 enthusiastically logged on to zoom for the 8:55am start of period 1. Classes ran rather smoothly as our students demonstrated their desire to achieve academic success even though schooling had changed so drastically. In my own classes we discussed what lockdown was looking like for everyone and I've come to expect a few professional level PlayStation and computer gamers, some bakers and a few chefs when this cohort graduates next year.

Attendance rates for year 11 students were a true achievement and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents/carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters who supported our year 11 students to continue engaging in their classes and school work.

I think all of our year 11 students have a newfound appreciation for onsite schooling and many have expressed their relief having now returned to classes. I know the year 11 coordinators; Lisa Howell, Mansour Rahme and myself are very proud of what our year 11's have achieved and how the Hume Central SC community has supported them.

Thank you
Nicholas Kardash
Year 11 Team Leader



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund has ensured that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important educational and fun activities.

CSEF has been provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

*If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. Parent/guardians who filled out an application in 2019 **DO NOT** need to fill out another form.*

If you are a new parent to the College in 2020 or did not fill out an application in 2019 and are eligible, you will need to fill out a CSEF application for 2020.

COLLEGE NEWSLETTER - *Keep up with the news*

The College Newsletter will be made available on the Compass Parent Portal for parent/guardians to access. The Newsletter is also available on the College Website: www.humecentralsc.vic.edu.au
Parent/guardians who would like to have the Newsletter emailed to them need to email the address below, with your son/daughter's name and Campus and we will organise the Newsletter to be sent to you electronically.
newsletter@humecentralsc.vic.edu.au

STUDENT DETAILS

It is very important that student, parent/guardians **ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS, EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS AND OCCUPATION DETAILS** are up to date and current for **ALL STUDENTS** at Hume Central Secondary College. If any of your details have changed please contact your child's Campus Reception and you will be sent a "**Details Change Form**" to fill in, sign and return back to the College.

MEDICAL DETAILS - IMPORTANT

Medical health information - important to let the College know if your child/children develop or have any medical issues that teachers need to be aware of and also if a student's medical details have changed - please notify your Campus Reception.

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE & AMBULANCE COVER

The Department of Education & Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parent/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance or ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

EARLY LEAVERS

Parent/guardians are reminded to please notify the College in advance of early student pick up. As there can be **NO announcements** during class time you are required to send a note on the day or alternatively call Reception in advance to arrange pickup of your child. This will avoid any unnecessary delays.

ATTENDANCE

Parent/guardians are sent SMS messages daily via mobile phones if students are absent, please notify the Campus Reception if your child is absent and provide a note or medical certificate to explain their absence. Student attendance is very important to successfully complete their year of study.

STUDENT NETBOOK/COMPUTERS

Parent/guardians are asked to share with their children the importance of caring for their Netbook/Computers and to be responsible and look after them.

EXCURSIONS

Please return Excursion permission forms promptly with the correct money if you do not have CSEF - a receipt is always given.

YOUTH WORKERS

The College has Youth/Health Workers on each Campus, they are a part of the Student Engagement and Wellbeing team and provide vital support to students and families when required.

**Hume Central Secondary
College
COLLEGE UNIFORM
Situated at LOWES
Broadmeadows Shopping
Complex**

Our annual school photos are online and available to order.

Arthur Reed Photos uses an online ordering system where you can view your photos prior to ordering.

On photo day all students received a flyer which includes a code unique to them. You will require this 2020 code to register online and view your photos.

If you have already registered, you will receive an email or SMS from Arthur Reed Photos with a link to view your photos.

If you have not yet registered, please go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your code to complete your order.

If you have misplaced your registration code, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly via email only customerservice@arphotos.com.au – The ARP team is currently working from home, however are answering all emails as quickly as possible.

Please note that you will need to register online with your 2020 photo code to gain access to this year's images.

All photo packages will now be sent home, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

If you have any questions about your order, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly via email only, customerservice@arphotos.com.au

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Friday 26th June 2020 - Term 2 Ends

Friday 26th June 2020 - Student Free Day for Report Writing Day

Students finish on Thursday 25th June 2020

Monday 13th July 2020 - Term 3 Starts

Friday 31st July 2020 - Student Free Day due to Staff PD

Monday 31st August - Dimboola Road Campus Year 7 Immunizations

Wednesday 9th December 2020 - Parent/Teacher/Student Conversations

Friday 18th September - End of Term 3