

# Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Tony Clark



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### COLLEGE VISION

*BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE ENSURES THAT EVERY CHILD LEARNS AND IS PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE THROUGH A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS IN A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT*

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Benalla P-12 College Community,

This week will be the last week of remote and flexible learning for some parents and students. The transition back to face to face teaching and learning will have it's challenges, as we work towards ensuring all children, staff and parents are safe, while trying to re-establish routines in a familiar environment? The transition back to face to face teaching will take a few weeks, with the following important dates and events.

**Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>:** Student Free Day for all Victorian schools. No on site supervision at all and no work provided for remote learning. Teachers and support staff are at school planning and preparing for students to return.

**Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>:** All students in Grades Prep – 2 and Year 11 and 12 return to school for face to face learning. Year 10 students who are undertaking a VCE/ VET class can also come to school to attend that particular class. More detailed information will be sent to parents of these students.

**Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>:** Student Free Day for all students at Benalla P-12 College. This day was originally planned and approved by school council as a report writing day for staff. No classes or on-site supervision will be available, however vacation care will operate at Waller Street.

**Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>:** All students from Grade 3 to Year 10 return to full time face to face teaching and learning. The Department of Education expects all schools to consider a variety of strategies to support physical distancing and good hygiene practices to reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission. These strategies will include restrictions to parents and non-essential visitors entering the school, ensuring hand hygiene throughout the day, students having to bring their own drink bottles to school and not using drinking fountains. We will also be asking our cleaners to undertake enhanced progressive cleaning throughout the day to ensure all high touch areas are cleaned. The previous expectation that unwell students would not attend school will continue to apply.

More specific information about these procedures will be sent out via Compass later this week.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 25th May

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 26th May

Students from Grades Prep-2 and Years 11/12 return to school.

Friday 5th June

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 9th June

All students from Grades 3 to Year 10 return to school.

### Our College Values

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity



TERM 2 DATES, TUES 14TH APRIL- FRI 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

On-site learning will still be available next week starting Tuesday. Arrangements for this will be unchanged – all students in Grades 3-6 will attend the Waller Campus and all students in Year 7-10 will attend the Faithful Campus. Please continue to complete the on-site learning application form sent out via Compass to assist us in planning the required staffing for the week.

There will be some anxiety about the return to school for many students and families, and even staff. We will be doing everything we can to manage student and staff mental health and wellbeing. If you are unsure or uncomfortable about sending your child back to school, please contact me or your Campus Principal to discuss how we can support you.

Please stay safe and continue the excellent work you are doing to support your child's learning.

Tony Clark  
Executive Principal

## THE WELLBEING TEAM SUPPORTING OUR FAMILIES

The Wellbeing Team would like you to know that we are here to support you in any way we can, even more so in this time of isolation with staying at home. If you are struggling and need food to help feed your family, please do not hesitate to contact your Wellbeing Support worker on your campus either by phone or by email.

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## KIDS BECOMING AUTHORS!



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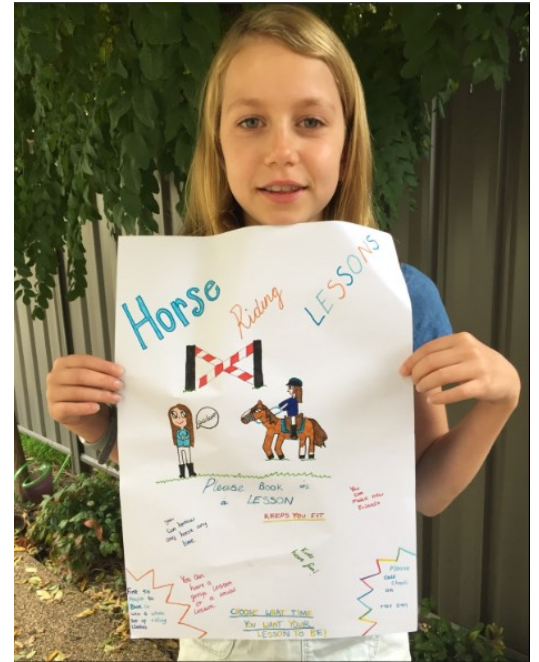
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## YEAR 3/4 PERSUASIVE WRITING

Last week, our 3/4 students from both Avon and Waller Street Campuses started their new unit of work on Persuasive Writing. The students were given a task to design a poster. They needed to persuade someone to buy something, or go to an event. During the week, students learnt about various persuasive techniques that are used to help sell products. It was great to see all students having a go at using their persuasive skills, such as catchy slogans, attention grabbing pictures, emotive language, bold and different fonts and rhetorical questions. All our 3/4 students did a fantastic job at designing and making their posters and presenting them to a high standard.

Keep up the great work!!



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