



PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 25th May 2020

Principal's Report – David Russell

On Monday May 12th, the Premier of Victoria held a press conference regarding the restrictions in place due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in relation to schools. As we now all know, Monday 25th May is a pupil free day. On Tuesday 26th May, year 11 and 12 students return to school. This will include Year 10 students who are studying a VCE Unit 1 subject. These Year 10 students are only required to attend onsite for that particular class for the next two weeks. At this time and for the following two weeks, students in Year 7-10 will continue with the online remote learning environment that has been in place for Term Two. All procedures will remain the same under the directive that 'all students who can learn at home must learn at home.'

On Tuesday 9th June, all remaining students (Year 7-10) will return to onsite learning. Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 have been advised of the changes to arrangements that will be in place on their return to school. Students in Year 7-9 will receive this information in the week before they return, as this will include any adjustments we have deemed necessary after the initial two week period where Year 11 and 12 students have been in attendance. As always, I will update the school community as changes come to hand.

As the various year levels transition back to onsite face to face learning, it is timely to note that once a respective year level returns to this form of learning then students are expected to attend. The remote/online learning, in its current format, will no longer be delivered.

I would also appreciate you reiterating to your child(ren) that it is their responsibility in regards to social distancing when not in class. In particular, if engaging in activities of a physical nature during breaks, for example recess and lunchtime, the general physical byplay that has been acceptable in the past is not acceptable in the current environment.

I again thank you for the support of the teaching staff and your children through this unprecedented time.

IT issues

Our IT team, led by Mr Luke Bayley, have worked extremely hard supporting students, parents and staff through this online/remote learning period. This has included issuing loan devices, internet access issues, addressing Compass problems for parents, general IT advice and problem solving.

As we return to onsite learning can I please ask that you contact the IT team for assistance via the IT team helpdesk at helpdesk@parkdalesc.vic.edu.au

David Russell
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 2 - 2020

May	
26th	VCE/VCAL Year 11 & 12 Commence
June	
8th	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
9th	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 10 (VCAL) Commence
26th	Term Two Finishes

Junior School Report

We have received the very welcome news that students will begin a staggered return to school. For our Junior School students, their first day back and the resumption of face-to-face teaching will be on Tuesday 9th June. We are currently working on the arrangements that will be put into place to support the health and safety of all students and staff when we return to on-site teaching and learning. You will receive further information about this in the week beginning 1st June.

It was lovely to catch up with many of the Year 7 students at Immunisation Day on Friday 22nd May. Most are very keen to return to school. Now is a good time to put in place routines and structures that will help make the transition back to school smoother. Simple things like starting to get up a bit earlier, making lunches and recording schoolwork in the organiser, are all ways that students can prepare for the return to school.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. NRW runs from 27th June – 3rd June and the theme for this year is 'In this together'. Students will be participating in activities that have been organised by Katrina Amon. Katrina is a Koorie leader, both at the college and in the local Kingston area and we are very fortunate to have her guiding our learning and understanding of Aboriginal history and culture.

June Sainsbery

Assistant Principal- Junior School & Wellbeing

Senior School Report

We're very excited to be welcoming back our Year 11 and 12 students (and year 10s completing a unit 1 subject) this week. There will be many mixed feelings about the return to school, and it important that students read the letter sent last week which outlines the arrangements that have been made for the return to school. Importantly, the senior centre has been set up and the flow of movement established to maintain social distancing as much as possible. Tutor group will run as normal from Tuesday 23rd May and there will be no further remote learning attendance form distributed. Signing in and out will still be done with Kelly in the Senior Centre, with appropriate measures in place for maintaining the required 1.5m distance and a hand sanitisation station.

Importantly, the Minister for Education, James Merlino, announced on Thursday the schedule for end of year VCE examinations and the GAT. Written examinations will occur earlier than previously announced and will begin November 9th and be completed by December 2nd. Performance and language oral examinations will be held October 12th – November 8th. This schedule means that results will be available by the end of the year and tertiary education offers will be made for the beginning of the 2021 academic year. The GAT will be held September 9th, and further advice on this will be provided closer to the time. This is great news for our students and brings some certainty around the end of year.

Senior School Report Continued

A full examination timetable is expected to be release before the end of the month. Once we have this schedule we will be able to plan the timeline for our year 10 and 11 exams and end-of-year program.

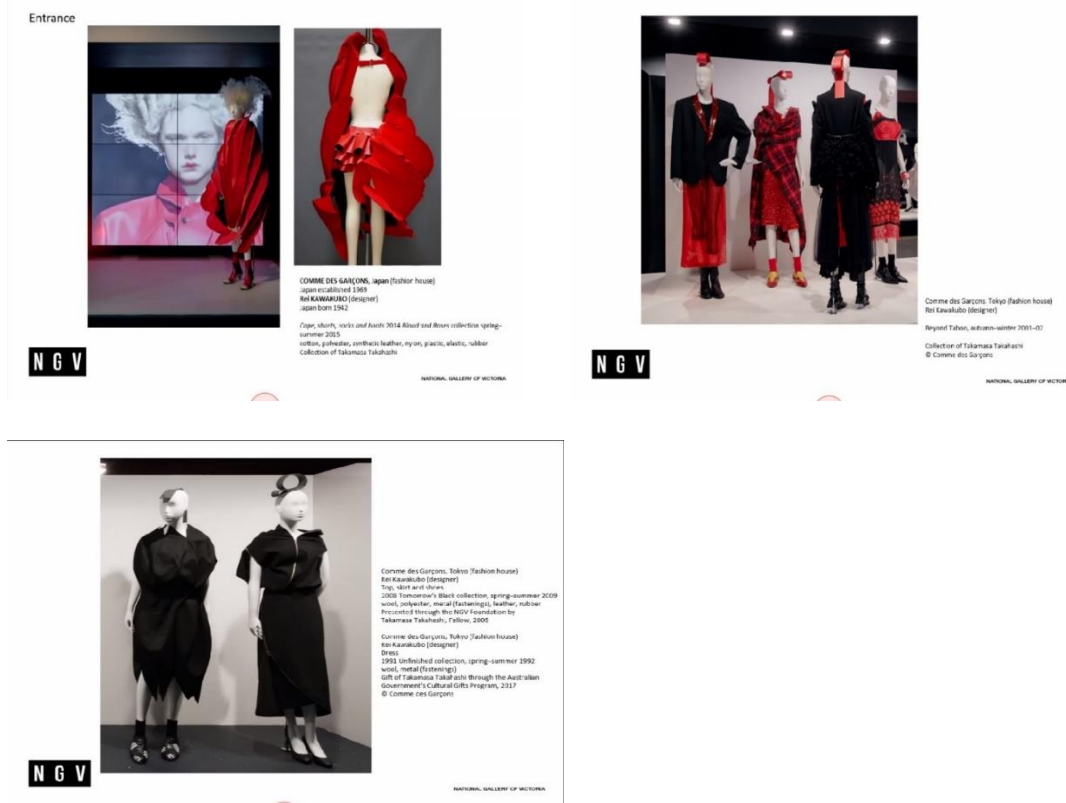
Finally, I'd like to thank all students and parents/carers for the support that has been provided during the period of remote learning. The transition back to school will come with challenges and, as always, if you have any concerns please contact the relevant student managers, wellbeing or other relevant staff at the college.

Michael Tuck
Assistant Principal- Senior School

Textiles

Students had the unique experience of taking part in a guided virtual tour of NGV's 'Collecting Comme'. During this time, students listened to a representative of NGV explain the history and hidden message behind each of Rei Kawakubo's designs; view short clips on the construction techniques to some of Comme des Garçons iconic looks; and then individually, walk through the virtual exhibition at their own pace.

I was extremely impressed with the student's genuine interest, questions, input and overall presence throughout the excursion.



Amy Dallas
Textiles Teacher

Kingston Diving Results

Congratulations to Year 12 student Adam Davey, who finished 1st out of seven competitors in the 17-20 Years Male Diving competition at the Kingston Diving Championships back in March. We are very proud of his achievements.



Vanessa Leslie
Carnivals Coordinator

Wellbeing

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families have continued to stay safe and well as students begin their staggered transition back to school

The Wellbeing team and I are excited to offer to you the chance to attend a free parent webinar this coming Thursday, May 28th at 6:00pm courtesy of Brett Lee from Internet Safe Education.

With an extensive career working with Queensland Police in the field of Child Exploitation, Brett is able to provide a wealth of information about protecting and supporting children in the online environment.

We we're able to have Brett come out and speak as part of a junior school wellbeing day last year. The students were thoroughly engaged in his presentation discussing topics such as internet safety and cyber bullying. It was an easy decision to get Brett back to present again and although this year is looking much different than we initially thought it would, we are thankful that Brett is able to present to students, and now to you as well, via webinar.

You can register in advance for the presentation using this link - <https://event.webinarjam.com/register/109/zyno5t0y> - and for more information please see the flyer attached.

Sincerely,

Jake and the Wellbeing Team

A Cyber Safety Event for Parents and Carers

What the event involves

- Decades of Law Enforcement experience delivers evidence based messages
- Time effective and achievable strategies that can be actioned now
- Online threats and personal responsibilities
- Discover how essential and important your role is
- Social Networking
- The Law Online
- Online Gaming
- Cyberbullying
- Sexting



This is an event not to be missed and will change your thinking

Delivered by a professional speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with engaging and powerful information in a way that will bring to life possible online dangers and responsibilities which are a part of your child's digital world. Strategies of protection and prevention will empower you to reduce online risks within your home. You will be amazed how simple this can be.



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