



# PARKDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Newsletter - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Principal's Report – David Russell

### December 2019

As excited as all students are to be nearing the end of the school year, it is also a time of reflection. Some questions need to be asked and truthfully answered. Did I endeavor to do my best at all times? What could I do better next year? Am I giving myself the best possible chance to achieve what I want? Do I have any goals? Did I treat others as I would want to be treated? Simple questions but ones that should provoke thought and hopefully action. As we look forward to 2020 the answers to these questions can shape your success and satisfaction. What are your answers? How will they impact your 2020?

### Uniform

The uniform policy was reviewed in 2019. Feedback was provided by staff, students and parents and the amendments to the policy were ratified by the school council coming into effect for the 2020 school year. The uniform policy is reproduced in this newsletter. Unfortunately for a variety of so called reasons the adherence to the correct wearing of uniform declined in the last weeks of the school year. We ask that all parents support the wearing of the correct school uniform. Please read the updated policy and ensure that your son/daughter has the necessary items to be in uniform as required for the start of the 2020 school year. Please note that items from summer and winter options cannot be combined. It is an all or nothing situation- full summer or full winter uniform. This includes items such as socks. One area that year level coordinators have a constant battle with is the facial piercings. The policy is very explicit in what is acceptable. Getting a piercing over the holiday period is not a valid reason to be in breach and students will be asked to remove piercings that contravene the policy. The second area is what constitutes a black leather school shoe. Contrary to what some shops/retailers advertise as school shoes, black runners/sport shoes are not school shoes. Again, I ask parents to support the correct wearing of the school uniform by your son/daughter as specified in the policy.

### Rollover

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, with the exam period finished, it was time for all students to move up to their 2020 year levels. Students met new classmates and new teachers and began the next chapter of their educational journey. In particular the new Year 12 students began their important VCE/VCAL year.

There is a period of adjustment over this time particularly in the junior levels where friendship groups are broken up when the new classes are formed. With the assistance of the wellbeing team and coordinators, students are taught resilience skills through this process.

As part of the Rollover program students will have been asked to complete tasks during the holiday period. This may have been, and in particular at the Senior end of the school, to read their texts for English. I would ask all students to do this to assist in their smooth transition into 2020. For other students this may include general wide reading. This will help keep their minds active so that we can continue to see improvement in their learning outcomes as there has been evidence that students can actually show a decline after an extended break without some mental stimulus.

**Staffing**

The end of the school year will see the retirement from the DET and therefore from Parkdale Secondary College of Ms Erica Weare. On behalf of the college community I thank her for the many years of exemplary service to our community.

In other staffing changes we will farewell Mr Alex Cullinan, Ms Larissa Keen, Ms Madeleine Steinkoler, Ms Stephanie Georgiou, Ms Esther Latch and Ms Iris Kotoukis. I thank all these staff for their work with the students of Parkdale SC.

With these departures there is the obvious influx of new staff. I will present the list of new staff at the February 2020 school council meeting.

**Student Leaders 2020**

After an extensive selection process featuring a written application, interview, speech to the senior school students and a vote by senior students and staff I am pleased to announce the following student leaders for 2020.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>
<b>COLLEGE CAPTAINS</b>	Heidi Preston Oliver Walters
<b>COLLEGE VICE CAPTAINS</b>	Annalise Liapis Paula Carbonell

<b>JUNIOR CAPTAINS</b>	Tara Dando Yianni Balatsas
<b>JUNIOR VICE CAPTAINS</b>	Emma Downward Sam Bearup
<b>JUNIOR SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CAPTAIN</b>	Elly McGennis Arya Kanani
<b>VCAL</b>	Amber Rossborough
<b>International Students</b>	Captain – Hoang Bao Tran Pham (Stella) Vice Captains – Chien Wang (Nina), Yen Phi Trang (Phi)
<b>Language</b>	Emilie Buzza
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Declan Hannaford, Saniya Sarkar
<b>Visual Arts</b>	Kailani Walters, Roshan Manokaran

**Celebration of Student Achievement (COSA)**

The COSA will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. It is a wonderful way to recognise students for their efforts throughout 2019 in the many fields of endeavor that are offered at Parkdale Secondary College.

**David Russell**  
Principal

# IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4 - 2019

<b>December</b>	
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	COSA Awards Night (7.30pm Start)
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 7 Orientation Day 2020, Alternative Program Running
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Last Day Year 8, 9 & 10 Scheduled Classes 2020
<b>16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup></b>	Alternative Program- No Scheduled Classes
<b>January 2020</b>	
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 7, 11 & 12 Commence
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 8, 9, 10 & VCAL (Year 11 &12) Commence

## Senior School

The long wait for VCE results is over this week. ATARs and Study Scores will be released Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7am. This is an exciting and nerve racking time for a lot of students and parents (and teachers!). Information on accessing results can be found at: <https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/> Please note that there are strict privacy protocols around results and only students can be provided with information relating to ATAR and Study Scores, including the student's numbers required to access them. In accordance with policy, parents/carers are **not** able to be provided with any of this information. We wish all our year 12 students the best. It is important to remember that an ATAR does not define who you are or what you can do. Support is always on offer at Parkdale through the Careers team, Wellbeing and student managers.

2020 year 11 and 12 students have now completed the Roll Over program. Students were briefed on the importance of enjoying the break with family and friends and taking time to refresh. This needs to be balanced with some time to complete holiday homework and preparation for the year ahead. It is important students begin in a positive manner so ensuring work is complete and uniform and class items are organised is an important part of their preparation.

**Michael Tuck**  
**Assistant Principal- Senior School**

## Junior School

### UNIFORM POLICY – NEW FOR 2020

All parents and students should familiarize themselves with the changes to the uniform policy that will come into effect from the beginning of 2020. Both the current and new policies can be found on Compass under the 'people' icon (community), 'school documentation' then 'policies'. The main changes are:

- The uniform items are not 'season specific', students can elect to wear the winter items in summer and summer items in winter – however combinations of summer and winter are not permitted.
- The blazer is now an 'optional outer garment'.
- The sports jacket is also an 'optional outer garment' that can be worn outside only (including to and from school).
- The streamlining of socks. One type of official college socks to be worn with shorts/dress/sport uniforms; and navy/black socks/tights to be worn with long pants/skirt.

**June Sainsbery**  
**Assistant Principal- Junior School**

## Student Mobile Phone Policy – Commences January 2020

### Student Mobile Phone Policy

You will have heard in the media over the past six months, that Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Training, Mr. James Merlino, has introduced a ministerial order that prohibits students using their mobile phones during school hours.

We believe this is a positive change for students and the benefits will be seen across both their academic progress and social and mental health.

This is a Ministerial order, which means the school is mandated to implement it as written by the Minister. Below is a brief overview of how Parkdale will be implementing the policy. The entire policy is available for parents to read on Compass.

### Key points

The policy will officially begin on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The term 'Mobile Phone' refers to any device with cellular capability, for example Smart Watches.

School hours are classed as 8.35am – 3.08pm

Students are responsible for the security and safety of their device at all times while at school. See [Personal Property at School Policy](#)

All students are provided with secure storage via a locker and lock.

Mobile devices must be turned off and stored in their secured locker between 8.35am & 3.08pm .

Students who breach the policy will have their phone confiscated until the end of the school day, with escalating consequences for repeat offenders.

Confiscated phones will be securely stored at the Junior or Senior Administration offices.

Exceptions may be provided in specific circumstances such as:

- Monitoring of a health condition (i.e. Insulin levels for a student with Diabetes)
- Young Carers

The Principal must approve any exception. The process for applying for an exception is included in the [Student Mobile Phone Policy](#).

This policy DOES NOT apply:

- When students are travelling to and from school
- Students are travelling from school to TAFE or Work Placement
- Students are travelling on public transport to and from excursions.

### Mobile Phone Policy

We have had a great start to the roll out of the Student Mobile Phone Policy, student compliance has been very good overall. Thank you to parents and carers for their support from home.

Please note as of January 2020, student will need to bring a physical bank card to school for use at the canteen, they will not be able to pay via phone.

## COSA Awards

**COSA (Celebration of Student Achievement Evening) – Tickets on sale from Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>**

[https://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats On - Buy Tickets](https://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats_On_-_Buy_Tickets)

All parents and students are invited to join us for our Celebration of Student Achievement evening.

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- 7.30pm
- Frankston Arts Centre, Davey Street Frankston'
- Tickets
- Adults \$10
- Concession \$5

## COSA Awards Continued

Students receiving an award do not require a ticket.

Parents and Carers of students who are receiving an award have been notified via email last week, with the exception of Academic award winners who will be notified this week.

**Melissa Treverton**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Pathways and VCAL Wrap up for 2019

Thursday saw the conclusion of our Year 11 and 12 (2020) VCAL Rollover program for 2019 and our Year 10 (2020) VCAL class will conclude on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

We have had a very full year filled with wide ranging learning opportunities and achievements and we thank the Parkdale Secondary College community for the many and varied supports and opportunities afforded our students again this year. Students have been encouraged to use their break to make networks to best support their pathway in 2020. The break also gives our students the opportunity to pursue casual/part time employment and allows students the possibility of building their employability skills, networks and to bolster their resume and we have encouraged them to take advantage of this time.



Source: New Work Mindset Report, Foundation for Young Australians

Our 2019 Year 9 students have lifelong access to their Morrisby test results online and we have encouraged them to review this and make use of this most valuable resource. We will follow up further with this group in 2020 and the Morrisby program will continue again across Year 9 in Government Schools. We see great possibilities in having students utilise these results to help inform their subject selections which always roll around so quickly!

We would like to acknowledge our VET/SWL/SBAT/Work Experience Coordinator, Caz Jenkins, who this year was the recipient of the **Jenny Marks Memorial Award** for Applied Learning Coordination and Support from the Applied Learning Awards, Bayside Glen Eira and Kingston areas. This is a prestigious and well deserved award and we are lucky to have such an experienced and passionate staff member in our team. Caz works to support students across the College and many of you would have benefited from her expertise and assistance. Congratulations Caz!

It is an exciting and dynamic time in the area of Work, Careers and Pathways – watch this space!

Kind regards  
**Tracey Seach**  
**VCAL**

**INTERSCHOOL SURF LIFE SAVING CARNIVAL**

**On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Parkdale students have the opportunity to participate in a fun surf lifesaving carnival at Mordialloc Beach. We compete against other schools in our area and Victoria. There are both individual and team events to be involved in. There are swimming, board paddling, iron person, board rescue, beach sprints, relays, flags and plenty more. If you are a swimmer, runner, triathlete, footballer or involved in any sport or just someone who wants to give something different, fun and challenging a go please sign up. It is an all day event and the cost will be confirmed early next year which will be payable via compass in February. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Webster [webster.sarah.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:webster.sarah.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) Please complete the google form attached to express your interest

<https://forms.gle/ebks9bmTpv54cdx88>



**Sarah Webster**  
**Surf Lifesaving Coach**