



ALTONA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Edition 1
February 8th 2019

Key Dates

2019 Curriculum Days

Mon 24 June
Mon 4 November
Thurs 19 December

Prep student free days

Wednesday Feb 13, 20 & 27

P-4 Hockey

Monday 11 Feb

School Photo Day

Tuesday 19 Feb

Primary District Swimming

Wed 20 Feb

P-4 Get to know you interviews

Wed 20 Feb 1pm

5/6 Sports

Friday's 9 –11am

22 Feb Altona Nth PS
1 March Bayside P9
8 March St Mary's PS
15 March Seaholme PS
22 March Sacred Heart
29 March Sports Finals

Year 7 Camp

Wed 27 Feb —Fri 1 March

Year 9-10 Volleyball

Fri 1 March

Year 9 Summer Sports

Fri 1 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 11 March

Year 8 Volleyball

Fri 15 March

SSV Lawn Bowls

Mon 18 March

Y7—10 District Swimming

Tues 19 March

Year 7 Volleyball

Thurs 21 March

2020 Year 7 Information evening & tour

Thurs 21 March 5.30pm

Athletics Carnival Y5-10

Wed 27 March

Yr 5 –10 Interim Reports

Monday 1 April

Y 5-10 Parent teacher

Interviews (TBC)
Wed 3 April

WMR Swimming

Thurs 4 April

End of term assembly

Friday 5 April 1.15pm

Last day term 1

Friday 5 April 2.15pm finish

Altona College,
103a Grieve Parade,
Altona 3018.
Private Bag 9, Altona 3018.

Dear families

A warm welcome to the new Altona College and the 2019 school year! It has certainly been a very smooth start for all our students and new staff. I extend an acknowledgement to our inaugural Prep, Year 7 and Year 10 students and their families. You should all be very proud of the way your children and young adults are embracing this new chapter in their lives. There were a few tears day one which didn't include just the children. There is a real buzz in our community and this is evidenced during breaks in the school day. Our playground is alive with the increase in enrolments and we are currently close to 380 students.

The opening of the Altona Early Years next door has added an extra dimension to our college. The school based playgroup has moved to the hub and will operate on Tuesday mornings. Parents who are new to the college please contact the hub staff for details. It is wonderful to see the young children next door peering through the fence and playing during the day or chatting to their siblings. The school will be working closely with the kindergarten staff and we look forward to opportunities to work together.

Our college focus in 2019 is on continual improvement in student learning growth as evidenced by school based and state-wide assessments. The FISO (Framework for Improving Student Outcomes) improvement cycle will be used to ensure early intervention, scaffolding and extension is accurately targeted and delivered through the Professional Learning Communities model. The school has a clear instructional model that is based on research and reflects high impact teaching strategies. This year our core work will be a documented whole school curriculum plan for VCE, VET, VCAL to ensure continual growth and opportunities for all students from Prep to Year 12.

The college community is growing and we have welcomed a number of new staff:

Mrs Ann Abramovic
Miss Tennielle Talbot
Miss Blair Clearihan Jervies
Mrs Juanita Foreman
Miss Kaitlyn Evans
Miss Louise Wylaz
Mr McGarin Stock

Learning Specialist English
Maths / Science / PE
Health and Physical Education
Music
Year 4 class teacher
Year 1/2 class teacher
Laboratory Technician

A full list of classes, teachers and support staff are included in this newsletter. 2019 is going to be a great year and I look forward to working in partnership with our community.

Please note our College curriculum days for 2019 are Monday 24th June
Monday 4th November and Thursday 19th December.

Julie Krause
Principal

What a great start to the school year for our primary students. The students have returned full of excitement and are raring to go for another school year. We are really noticing the growth in the college with student numbers on the rise in both areas of the school.

Our Prep class has settled in beautifully with Miss Paten and we learn more about each of them every day. At this time of year, it is all about routines and building their stamina to concentrate for the full school day. The morning routine is just as important. Keep it simple and predictable, and help to build your child's independence by encouraging them to carry their own school bag, checking it for their school hat and have them contribute to packing their lunch box each day.

The assessment program is well underway as students complete English and Maths testing to provide baseline data for teachers.

Our Year 5/6's have made the big move to occupy what was the Year 9 Learning Centre. Three permanent classes across Year 5/6 in this building creates an environment where teachers can provide collaborative learning opportunities for students. Very exciting times.

In 2019, we welcome some new staff in to the P-6 area. Miss Louise Wylaz (1/2A), and Miss Kaitlyn Evans (4A). We look forward to them strengthening our teams and building positive relationships with the staff and students. Miss Blair Clearihan-Jervies and Miss Tenielle Talbot are also new to the college and will certainly strengthen our physical education programs across the college.

Year 5/6 Inter-school sport begins on Friday 22nd February with our classroom teachers and the Phys. Ed team members overseeing this program.

The camps program has evolved as the college grows into a P-12. In 2019 our Year 3's will explore the city with an overnight stay at Urban Camp in May 9th-10th and the Year 4-6's will enjoy the Burnside Camp in Anglesea in September. Details will be released in due course.

As the college grows, we will be forging a strong relationship with the Altona Early Years Centre next door. We look forward to sharing many of our school events including sports days, school celebrations and working closely with the staff to ensure our students have opportunities to learn together.

Families new to the college can expect a Compass welcome letter shortly in the post that will provide unique family login credentials, allowing you access to the Compass digital platform. Once logged in, you will be prompted to change your password. Please keep a record of this somewhere safe because passwords are self-managed from that point onwards.

Congratulations to all on a great start to the school year.

Mat Kelly
Assistant Principal P-6

Welcome to 2019. What a wonderful beginning it has been. After all of the hard work that went into our step up program at the end of 2018, I was incredibly proud to see such a calm and disciplined commencement from our year 8, 9 and for the first time, 10!

It has also been fantastic to see so many new faces around the yard as we welcome all of the new year 7 students into our cohort. The transition from primary school into year 7 can be a challenging one, but our students have settled in quickly and are already producing some fantastic work.

In the coming weeks we look forward to a range of excursions including the Airshow, Nelson Mandela exhibition and the always entertaining Year 7 camp to Billabong Ranch in Echuca. I hope everyone will participate in these unique and exciting experiences.

For parents, I hope you have been able to log into Compass and review your children's timetables, learning activities and any other available resources. Our teachers will work hard throughout the year to improve opportunities for you to connect with your children's learning. I encourage you to ask them to teach you a small lesson when you can.

Regarding homework, I recommend you look for three things when supporting your child.

1. Homework: This is work that has been specifically set, either as incomplete classwork or a special task that must be finished.
2. Preparation: This includes reading ahead, downloading resources, organising workbooks and preparing study notes. If possible, students should be asking what next lesson will cover to improve their preparation.
3. Revision: An area that often gets neglected until the sudden rush for a test, this is where the best results come from. Practicing what has already been learned regularly to strive for mastery goes a long way towards reducing anxiety during busy exam times. More important still, students need to commit the often frustrating time to practice the topics they find most difficult. Students should try writing a draft response to a practice question and then emailing it to their teacher for feedback.

Great senior results start with setting strong study habits and working with strong parent, teacher and student relationships. We have a strong community, a great cohort of students and very committed teachers. I wish everyone well for the coming weeks and hope to share some inspiring success stories over the coming months.

Work hard, rest often and enjoy what remains of our summer weather.

Best,
Mr Guthridge
Assistant Principal 7-10

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school.

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents and guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. This includes: mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment or cars parked on school premises. Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Altona College is a SunSmart School

It's been wonderful to see our students proudly wearing their hats in the yard. All students require a school hat to be worn outdoors during physical education, breaks and class activities. If students do not have a hat they will be directed to a shaded area.

College Council Elections

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. We have parent vacancies on the council. Information and the election will be emailed to all families separately on Monday. We also have 2 student representatives on the college council, these elections will also be held next week.

The following vacancies exist on the council for 2019. All vacancies are for two years.

PARENT CATEGORY: 2

DET EMPLOYEE CATEGORY: 1

The council meets generally twice a term on a Tuesday evening, commencing at 5:30pm, dates are on the COMPASS calendar.

2019 College Council Election Process and Timetable

EVENT	DATE
NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	Monday 11 February 2019
CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS	Monday 18 February 2019
DATE BY WHICH THE LIST OF CANDIDATES AND NOMINATORS WILL BE POSTED	Wednesday 20 February 2019
DATE BY WHICH BALLOT PAPERS WILL BE PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED NB: <i>If number of nominations is greater than the number of positions vacant</i>	On or before Monday 25 February 2019
CLOSE OF BALLOT (if required)	Monday 4 th March 2019
VOTE COUNT	Tuesday 5 th March 2019
DECLARATION OF POLL	Wednesday 6 th March 2019
FIRST COUNCIL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICE BEARERS (the Principal will preside)	6:00pm Tuesday 19th March 2019

The Importance of Full-time Attendance

Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6-17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

All students are expected at school every day, parents are requested to contact the office as soon as practicable if a student is unwell and unable to attend school.

STAFF 2019

Principal	Ms Julie Krause
Assistant Principal	Mr Mathew Kelly
Assistant Principal	Mr Nathan Guthridge
Business Manager	Mrs Wendy Jennings
Engagement and Pathways (LT)	Mr Hamish McGee
Pedagogical Coach (LT)	Mrs Amanda Elmer
Student Wellbeing (LT)	Mrs Julie Giles
Learning Specialist Primary	Mrs Sarah McKeown
Learning Specialist Secondary	Mrs Ann Abramovic
Administration Support	Ms Simone Mathews
	Mrs Debbie Cassar
College Chaplain	Ms Dionne Hose
Year Prep	Ms Casey Paten
Year 1/2A	Miss Louise Wylaz
Year 1/2B	Miss Caitlin Walker
Year 3A	Mrs Sarah McKeown
Year 4A	Miss Kaitlyn Evans
Year 5A	Mrs Ann Ginis
Year 5/6	Miss Grace Vining
Year 6	Mr Paul Trambulo
English / Humanities	Mr Xavier Barker, Mrs Jennifer Mair, Mr Hamish McGee
	Miss Alison Gill, Miss Kristen Ballantyne, Mrs Ann Abramovic
Maths / Science	Mr Nicholas Grace-Wenzel, Mrs Kylie O'Sullivan,
	Miss Tennielle Talbot
Maths	Mrs Anish Lal, Mrs Jayne Taylor, Ms Alison Gill
Maths / IT	Ms Eleanor Dryley
Food Technology / Kitchen Garden	Mrs Anish Lal
Italian	Ms Simone Costello
Materials Technology	Mr John Junor
Physical Education / Health	Mr Rhett Dadswell, Mrs Rachel Cauchi (Prep, Year 1/2)
	Miss Blair Clearihan-Jervies, Miss Tennielle Talbot
Music / Performing Arts	Mrs Juanita Foreman
Visual Arts	Mrs Liza Birch, Mrs Rachel Cauchi (Year 3)
Laboratory Technician	Mr MeGarin Stock
Integration Support	Mrs Lynne Johnson, Mrs (Sue) Rawat, Mrs Nicole Punton,
	Ms Priya Govender, Mr Joshua Salfate, Mrs Lesley Dickens,
	Mrs Belinda Tandurella, Ms Rachel Van Kesteren,
	Mrs Kristen Lewis-Shell
IT Support	Mr Jason Borg, Mr Van Ma
Music support	Mr Tommy Pisano, Miss Caitlin Matthews
Garden Specialist	Mrs Sarah Moore
Speech Pathologist	Mrs Vanessa Stone

Message from the Chaplain

A warm welcome to all our families to Altona College for 2019!

My name is Dionne Hose and I'm the new Chaplain. My role is to be here for you to contact if there is a need you would like me to help with.

National School Chaplaincy Programme

I am able to provide support and resources that help meet the emotional and pastoral needs of students, staff and parents in the college community. I am available for informal chats to discuss any issues of concern to support students and can be contacted through the College Office.

For more information about the role of a chaplain, please refer to the College website <http://www.altona9college.vic.edu.au/page/90/Chaplaincy-Program>

Parent/guardian permission is necessary for primary students to be seen by the Chaplain.

If you would like me to provide support for your child, please return the National School Chaplaincy Programme Consent Form which is available at the College Office. The consent form has also been emailed via Compass. The consent form needs to be completed and returned to the office for the session to begin.

Community Events

Just to let you know there are some community events this year that could help you as a parent with your child/children. I will endeavour to share information about what is on offer throughout the year.

Wyndham Youth Services are offering the following:



Tuning into Teens - Gaming - Family Information Session

Having conversations with your teen about gaming are never easy. Come down and learn some strategies in managing issues and having the right conversation with your teen about online gaming. Free session for parents/carers of teens.

Date: Tuesday 19th March 2019

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Point Cook Library

1-21 Cheetham St, Point Cook

More information can be found on their website <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/family-information-session-gaming>

Bookings are required.

Please contact Wyndham Youth Services on 9395 7366 or book via <http://bit.ly/tuninggaming>

The Gamers Den

The Gamers Den is for young people between the ages of 12 to 25 years to participate in playing traditional board games and card games as well as interactive online and console games.

Focusing on a particular gaming theme each week.

Every Friday 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Wyndham Youth Services

Level 1, Suite 703 Main St, Point Cook

For more information contact Wyndham Youth Services on 8375 2346 or on their website <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/whats-point-cook-youth-services>

FOSTER CARERS needed!



Can you offer a home for a vulnerable child? Anyone can become a carer. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Next information session will be held in Yarraville on Tuesday 16th April at 6:30pm

For further information please call Deb Lord-Webster on 9396 7400 or email

deb.lordwebster@anglicarevic.org.au

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8th February 2019

Welcome back to a brand new term in a brand new year! We hope everyone had a great Christmas and spent some quality time with family and friends.

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce our new families to the Out of School Hours Care team. Joyce Qu – Service Coordinator, started at the school early 2017 and after some time at other schools has returned to Altona College once again. Bhargavi Murishetti – Assistant, started at Altona College OSHC in term 4 2018. We love what we do, we are passionate about providing a wide range of activities that engage all children each day and making children smile.

Our sessions run Monday to Friday each school day: 7am-8:45am Before School Care, 3:05pm-6pm After School Care. In term 1 we will be meeting prep students outside their classroom in the afternoon and walking them to their classroom in the morning on the days they attend.

In the past two weeks, we have welcomed Fabrizio, Audrey, Evie, Violet, Jacob and Joshua into our Camp Australia Family. We are glad to see the children are settling in well, have made new friends and picked their favourite activities. We look forward to get to know more children and families in the coming days.

Register and Book Now

To register and book your child in our program, visit www.campaustralia.com.au secure your child's spot, we always recommend making your bookings in advance, and let us know your children's preference and medical condition details.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

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Friendship Day!

Term 1 is all about making new friends.

For many children, starting school may also involve Outside School Hours Care. This major milestone is an exciting time for many children and their families, but we also acknowledge that it can also be an uncertain time as well.

For children, creating warm, positive friendships is vital to their healthy development.

Friendships help children feel secure and support their wellbeing. When children feel safe and connected to each other, they are more likely to be confident in their environment and form friendships.

Friendship Day was created to encourage and support children to form friendships, and to celebrate current and new friendships!

Come and join us on Friendship Day. Children will get to unlock their likes, share their stories and take part in engaging group activities to help them create and celebrate new friendships.

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When - Stop by your child's schools OSHC room to find out when.

Where - Your child's school OSHC room.

How to book - Visit www.campaustralia.com.au and book your session now.

How to register - You must be registered to attend. Registration is **FREE!**

You can register an account via pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered select your desired date/s and book in to secure your child's spot. We always recommend making your bookings in advance.

If you would like to learn more about how we operate our OSHC service, please visit before or after school and our friendly staff will be available to answer any questions.

If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our exceptional Customer Care team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays.

We look forward to celebrating friendship with you!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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what it's like to live in
another country?



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If you are in year 9, 10 or 11 in 2019 you can apply now

For further information contact

District 9800 Rotary Youth Exchange

Phone: Gabrielle Morgan, 0419 398 507 or

Email: loftandmorgan@ozemail.com.au

www.rotariyyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au

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Rotary Youth Exchange A Chance of a Lifetime! Host Families Invited Now!

Rotary Youth Exchange invites kind and caring Host Families within the community to assist local Rotary Clubs offer an outstanding exchange program to young people from all over the World.

A Host Family is a vital part of this cultural and educational exchange and typically hosts a student on a voluntary basis for a period of between 10 to 16 weeks. In doing so, a Host family officially becomes a Friend of Rotary International. The Host Family plays an integral role in offering the student the experience of a new culture and language, whilst at the same time learning itself about a different culture from a young leader. It is a direct window to the world for all members of a Host family.

You not only share a young person's hopes and dreams, but more importantly, you make those dreams possible. Hosting is the beginning of a lifelong friendship and connection with a student and family overseas. Whilst it can be challenging to help a young person transition to a new culture and ease into the surroundings, it is always fun and the rewards are immeasurable.

Host Families in the Rotary Youth Exchange program come in many shapes and sizes! Young children, older children, and no children at all, extended families and older generations – all have been successful in hosting exchange students.

Please consider this amazing and rewarding opportunity now. Enquiries are most welcome.

Further information is available at
www.rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au

Gabrielle Morgan
Chair: District 9800 Youth Exchange
0419 398 507
loftandmorgan@ozemail.com.au

Now Accepting Applicants for 2020 Rotary Youth Exchange!

Are you a Year 9, 10 or 11 Student? You may qualify as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student and have the opportunity to live and study in Germany, France Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Taiwan, Brazil, Hungary, Norway, Spain, Poland, or Switzerland.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is a unique opportunity for students to experience the culture of a new country, to learn a new language and develop new friendships.

Applications are now being accepted and close on Sunday 7th April 2019. Students must be under the age of 17 years and 6 months, as at 1st January in the year of departure.

Further information is available from -
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help to prevent behavioural issues in your teen?

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**Tuning into Teens shows you how to
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- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- are able to deal with peer pressure better
- are more able to cope positively when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health issues and substance abuse difficulties
- have greater career success

**Tuesdays
6.30pm to
8.30pm**

commencing 19 February
(you will need to be available for
all 6 sessions)

Where:

Aspire Learning Lab,
Level 1, Newport Community Hub,
13 Mason St, Newport.

Contact:

Please call Hobsons Bay UP
on 9932 4000 or email
adminys@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
for more information or to
reserve your place.

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hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/teens