



Unit 1 Chemistry

In Unit 1 Chemistry students have been studying Organic Chemistry. This involves looking at the properties and reactions of different hydrocarbons (molecules made from carbon and hydrogen). They are testing their solubility in water, as well as their reactions with both acids and bases. Some of the chemicals need to be opened in a fume hood which eliminates the strong odours. Next they will be experimenting with organic compounds such as more hydrocarbons, alcohols and carboxylic acids (this is formed when food starts to go off).



A Message From the Principal....

Year 11 Exams

Today our Year 11 students have commenced their Unit 1 Exams. These exams will run until mid-way through next week and will take place on site at school. Students will follow the VCAA guidelines throughout these exams. This is a great opportunity for students to become more comfortable with their preparation for examinations and their ability to apply themselves in the exam environment. Teachers are then able to provide students with valuable feedback that can be actioned in their Unit 2 exams towards the end of the year.

End of Semester Reports

Our next round of Progress Reports will go out to families on the last day of this term. They will be live on XUNO from 9am Friday June 26th. If you need assistance accessing your XUNO portal or the Progress Report for your child please contact our office on 5352 4177 or [click here](#) for a step by step guide.

As a result of remote learning throughout Term 2 we are not required to provide an A-E assessment on students (against the Victorian Curriculum). Our reports will look very similar to how they looked during remote learning.

We want to acknowledge the work students have completed whilst working remotely as well as on return to school, but given the interruptions we have all faced (students, families and teachers) it is challenging to accurately assess progress, particularly against the Victorian Curriculum. Due to the frequency of our reports it will not be long before you have a full report regarding your child's progress. As always, if you would like further detail on your child's progress please contact the school to talk to your child's teachers or coordinator.

House Olympics

Next week we will be running a House Olympics from the start of period 3 and then our House Cross Country competition after lunch. Students will be provided with a BBQ lunch on this day – they will be asked to order this early next week to assist with catering purposes. We are looking forward to seeing all of the students in their house colours and the costumes of our Year 12 students!

Ellie McDougall
Acting Principal



Year 11 Exams

Year 11 VCE Exams commence at the end of this week. They are held in the Trade Training Centre under strict exam conditions to best prepare our students for further VCE studies. The exam timetable is available to students on XUNO and students' need to be prepared with suitable equipment for each exam and be prompt.

Dates & Times:	FRIDAY 19 th June		MONDAY 22 nd June	TUESDAY 23 rd June
Session 1: 9:10- 11.45	ENGLISH	Session 1: 9:10 – 10:50	FOOD HISTORY BIOLOGY	MEDIA PHYSICS
Session 2: 1:45 – 3:25	GENERAL MATHS	Session 2: 11:15 – 12:55	PSYCHOLOGY CHEMISTRY	PE DRAMA
		Session 3: 1:45 – 3.25	ART HEALTH & HD	Catch-up Session

Students are required to abide by strict examination conditions.

Students must be on-time, bring correct equipment, behave in a quiet and respectful manner and remain in the session for the duration of the exam.

Exam Information:

- All exams are in the Trade Training Centre.
- Students are responsible for bringing pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, calculators and any other necessary equipment to the exams.
- Students should not have mobile phones, if they are seen they must be confiscated.
- Students will be required to remain in the exam room for the full length of the exam.
- Any students not in a scheduled exam are expected to be completing private study in the library.
- Make-up exams can be completed during any scheduled exam time.
- Students completing a year 12 subject will be expected to attend their Year 12 class. They will need to complete any clashing exams during another scheduled exam. Teachers must be notified. (mid-year only)

Xuno - Parent Portal

Your Gateway to strong communication!

Parents or guardians who would like assistance in setting up or using the portal are strongly encouraged to contact the college office on 5352 4177. Our friendly staff will be more than happy to assist you in setting up your account and will walk you through how to use this essential communication platform.

The portal is password protected and secure, and gives parents the ability to:

- View attendance and notify the school of a student absence
- Communicate directly with your child's teachers
- Make bookings for student /parent /teacher conferences
- Download and view progress reports
- View homework and assignments
- View student timetables
- Excursion/Camp permission approval
- Receive notifications
- Access school calendar

Accessing The Parent Portal

- by installing the mobile App available free from the App Store or Google Play.
- Via the website <https://smttool.araratcc.vic.edu.au>

Science Department New Residents

Welcome to our newest residents of SL18 – the Spiny Leaf Insects. Thanks to the breeding program set up at Horsham College, we now have our very own horde of Spiny leaf insects waiting to meet you.



Donna is maintaining our new friends' enclosure and stocking it with fresh gum leaves, a spiny leaf insects favourite food!

Spiny leaf insects blend in with their environment using camouflage for survival, they are native to Australia, and can grow up to 20cm long.



Donna and Ms Gaylard

Interventions and Student Support Update

Over the last couple of weeks our Literacy and Numeracy Interventions Education Support staff have been assisting in settling students back into classes and adjusting them back into their routine. This has provided a great opportunity for the staff to work closely with students in the classroom and directly assist them with their learning. Staff have been in classes with groups of students they would normally work with in smaller settings outside of the classroom.

Our Interventions and Academic Support programs at Ararat College provide many students with the extra support needed to thrive at school and maximise their opportunities to improve in their work. Our Macqlit, Reinforced Reading, Quicksmart and Extension programs will continue in Semester 2 and families will be notified early in Term 3 of their child's involvement.

Nick Healey
Learning Specialist

**Tuesday 23rd June,
9:30am - 4:00pm**

**The Western Victorian Careers Expo
is moving ONLINE!!**



WESTERN VICTORIAN
**CAREERS
EXPO 2020**

**The expo will feature online,
interactive webinars
presented by regional,
metropolitan and interstate
career, industry and course
advisers.**

**Exhibitor information, advice
and links will be available on
our website and social media
channels.**



Exhibitors - Contact info@wimmeracareerexpo.com for more information

Students - Follow our social media channels [@westernviccareers](https://www.instagram.com/westernviccareers)

www.wimmeracareerexpo.com

Staying Hydrated

You might think you're all muscle but about two-thirds of your body is made up of water. Water helps keep your body's temperature stable, it carries nutrients and oxygen to cells, cushions joints, protects organs and tissues and removes wastes. You lose water from your body through sweating, breathing, urine and faeces.

Being properly hydrated helps your body function at its best. Dehydration – not having enough fluid in your body – can cause headaches, fatigue, crankiness and poor concentration. It also affects your sports performance.

To stay properly hydrated, you need to give your body a certain amount of fluids every day. This includes water, milk and other drinks.

Recommended daily intake of water:

Age	Males	Females
9 - 13	1.6L/day = 6 glasses	1.4L/day = 5 to 6 glasses
14 - 18	1.9L/day = 7 glasses	1.6L/day = 6 glasses
Adults	2.6L/day = 10 glasses	2.1L/day = 8 glasses



You need to drink more on hot days or if you're exercising. Make sure you drink plenty of water before, during and after physical activity to put back what you lose through sweat. We often don't feel thirsty even when we're dehydrated, so it's a good idea to drink water regularly even if you aren't thirsty.

Here's a fact: a 250ml glass of apple juice or cola contains the equivalent of six teaspoons of sugar. Drinking just one can of soft drink every day adds up to 18 kilograms of sugar in a year! Drinking water also helps rinse your mouth and prevent tooth decay. Most tap water contains fluoride which helps develop strong teeth. On top of that, tap water is inexpensive compared to all other drinks.

Sugar sweetened drinks are not a necessary part of a healthy diet. They should only be consumed sometimes – not every day.

A great tip to staying hydrated is to use a large drink bottle that you like. If you carry this with you all day you will be more likely to drink from it and that way you will be able to track how much you are drinking per day.

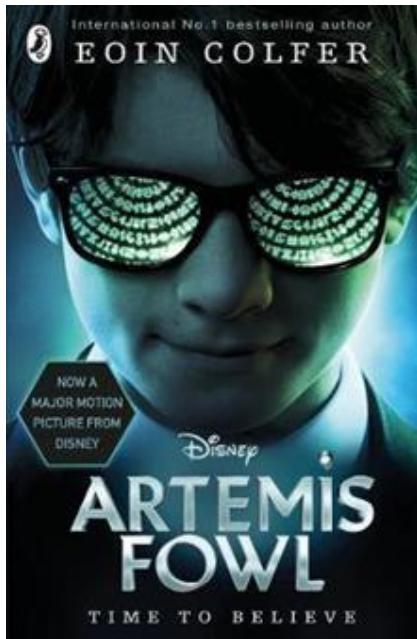


Ararat College Wellbeing Team

Taylah, Steph and Leo

AC Reads

These new novels are tie-ins to recently released movies, and are now available for borrowing from the library.



This new special film edition includes photos of the film, an introduction from director Kenneth Branagh and a note from Eoin Colfer himself.

Join the world of Artemis Fowl, the number one bestseller by Eoin Colfer. Now a major Disney film! Rumour has it Artemis Fowl is responsible for every major crime of the new century. Just twelve years old and already he's a criminal genius, plotting to restore his family's fortune with a spot of corruption and kidnapping. Kidnapping a fairy for ransom, to be precise. Artemis Fowl has discovered a world below ground of armed and dangerous - and extremely high-tech - fairies. But he may have underestimated their powers. They will fight back. Is the boy about to trigger a cross-species war? Let the misadventure begin!

Fifteen year-old Jack has just discovered the one thing he loves, and is really good at - go kart racing. With the support of his mentor, Patrick, an old race-car driver with a dark past, and his best mates Colin and Mandy, Jack must learn to control his reckless streak. Only then will he be in with a chance to defeat the best drivers in Australia, including his ruthless rival Dean, and win the National title.

Now a major Australian motion picture.



June 2020

Week 11	Monday	22	Year 9 Careers Counselling Week Year 11 Exams
	Tuesday	23	Wimmera Careers Virtual Expo 9.30am to 4.00pm Year 11 Exams
	Wednesday	24	
	Thursday	25	
	Friday	26	House Olympics - End of Term 2 Student Reports - Cycle 3

July 2020

Week 1	Monday	14	First Day of Term 3
	Tuesday	15	
	Wednesday	16	
	Thursday	17	
	Friday	18	
Week 2	Monday	20	
	Tuesday	21	
	Wednesday	22	
	Thursday	23	
	Friday	24	
Week 3	Monday	27	
	Tuesday	28	School Doctor Visit
	Wednesday	29	
	Thursday	30	Year 7 and 8 Elevate Sessions
	Friday	31	Year 12 Elevate Study Skills

August 2020

Week 4	Monday	3	
	Tuesday	4	
	Wednesday	5	
	Thursday	6	
	Friday	7	

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all

***Ararat College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country throughout Victoria.
We pay our respects to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and emerging.***