



College Uniform Review



School uniform is an ongoing conversation amongst students so our Student Leadership Team has been sourcing feedback from all year levels as we look to make changes. We believe it's incredibly important for students to have pride in our school by wearing correct uniform but there are certain aspects of it that don't work for everyone and can be improved.

Student leaders have been gaining feedback from peers, looking specifically at our school polo tops, jumpers (and vests), pants and shorts. We are considering more gender neutral options and taking note of what elements are uncomfortable for students.

The Student Leadership Team collated recommendations earlier this week and then they were discussed at School Council last night. Both committees will work together in the coming weeks to confirm what changes we will be making. Any changes will be progressively introduced and the school community will be updated as that happens.

We look forward to sharing further details soon!

School Captains Bri Hughes and Jack Ward

A message from the Principal....

Steph Carroll

This week we farewelled our School Counsellor Steph as she commences family leave and prepares to welcome baby number two into her family. Steph is an extremely valued member of our wellbeing team, we wish her and her family all the best for the impending arrival of their newest family member and look forward to hearing the exciting news!



Thank you

I would like to thank all students and families for their recent support regarding uniform. Our student leaders have been very excitedly looking at our current uniform and collating feedback for possible changes. I also appreciate that some families have had to organise new uniform items for students and understand this is never an easy task, so thank you! Lastly I would like to remind families that the school is able to assist with any part of the uniform, please just contact the school and speak with a Sub School Coordinator, Emma Henry or myself.

Subject Selection Nights

During Term 3 we would normally host our Subject Selection night for students going into Year 9/10 and 11 in 2021. Whilst this will still be happening, it will be in a different format due to the current restrictions and safety advice regarding large gatherings. This event will happen in the middle of the term and we will follow an online format, so please stay tuned!

Ellie McDougall
Principal

BOYS' UNIFORM

- Grey trousers or grey shorts
- White socks or black socks
- Plain white polo top, short or long sleeve with logo
- College woollen jumper with logo
- College polar fleece
- Plain black school shoes (fully enclosed)
- Sports polo shirt (purchased at College)
- White button up shirt (long or short sleeve)

GIRLS' UNIFORM

- Blue check summer dress or navy tailored shorts
- Navy tailored slacks
- Tartan kilt
- College woollen jumper with logo
- College polar fleece
- Plain white polo top, short or long sleeve with logo
- White socks, black socks or navy tights
- Plain black school shoes (fully enclosed)
- Sports polo shirt (purchased at College)
- White button up shirt (long or short sleeve)

Music Department is back in action!

After a long break due to the remote learning last term, the school band, "Don't Run With Scissors", is back in the swing of things. Our band members range from year 7 to 11 and practice Tuesday and Wednesday lunch times. The new songs they are currently working on are,

- Crazy Little Thing Called Love, by Queen,
- My Sharona, by The Knack,
- The Power of love, by Huey Lewis and the News,
- Breakfast at Tiffany, by Deep Blue South
- Come Together, by The Beatles.

The students chose these songs, so they have a bit of variety and to give them a range of challenges. The students are putting their own little twist on these songs, but the basics of the tune are still there.

They are at all times striving to improve their skills with lots of practice and team work. They look forward to the day when playing for a live audience will again be an easy process.

Cheers from the music world and "Don't Run With Scissors".



News from the School Farm

Students have been busy during the cooler winter months undertaking some maintenance work around the farm. The fence at the front of the property was in need of replacing, so students have been busy learning the art of fencing and putting these new found skills into practice.

Jordan Ferguson, Ryley Ball and Kobi Davis are pictured using their new fencing skills by refencing the front of the school farm.



Morrisby Profiling

Year 9 is an exciting springboard to lots of new opportunities that will quickly become available to you. Work experience, part time work, pathway choices. It is also a time when you will be asked to consider your thoughts about further study, jobs, careers and subject choices. To help you with this and to give you something tangible, which can outline your strengths, interests and aspirations, you will be undertaking an online career discovery profile, better known as the Morrisby.

Ararat College Year 9 Students have participated in this Profiling and now can enjoy seeing where the information provided through the reports can inform or take them.

We look forward to hearing of the choices that students gain from their Interviews with professional Career Practitioners certified in Analysing the Morrisby Profiling. We encourage parent's part of the conversation with their young people. All students can log in and access their reports online; they will also be provided with completed colourful printed reports to be used as part of their discussions.

We hope that these opportunities will assist with their individual Subject Selection choices in the coming weeks.

If you haven't heard about this opportunity that has been offered to all Government schools free of charge, then go to:

<https://www.morrisby.com/students#faq>

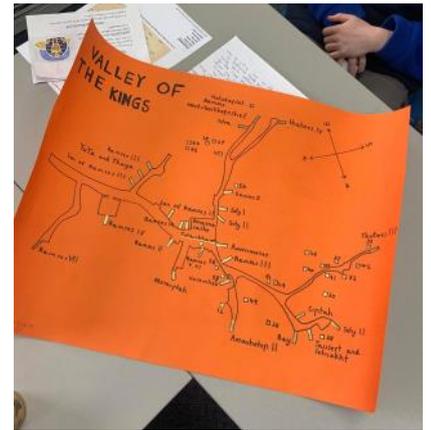
Year 7 Humanities

In terms 2 and 3, Year 7 Humanities have been studying ancient civilisations. This week in Year 7 Humanities, Miss Barnott's class 7B presented their ancient Egyptian artefact assignments! These artefacts have been created by the students to represent an aspect of ancient Egyptian life.

All students created brilliant artefacts, and presented these with great enthusiasm to the rest of the class. A special mention goes to Lane Jackson, whose Nile River model and speech about ancient Egyptian farming won the class vote for best artefact. I was very impressed with the effort that her students put into their artefacts.

Liz Barnott

Year 7 Humanities Teacher



School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships - SBAT's

What is a SBAT?

If you are enrolled in the VCE or VCAL, a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship offers you the opportunity to combine an apprenticeship or traineeship with your school studies.

A number of people are involved in arranging a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship, including the student, their parents, an employer, a TAFE or other registered training organisation (RTO), their school and an Apprenticeship Employment Network provider.

A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship requires approximately two days a week, consisting of both training and employment. It contributes towards your VCE or VCAL and leads to a nationally recognised qualification and includes paid work.

The SBAT's can be taken up by those who have their own family businesses while their child undertakes their senior studies.

Students from our current group of VCAL and VCE students, will be undertaking a Certificate III in Business, Cert III in Kitchen Operations, Cert III in Information, Digital Media and Technology and CERT III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanic which will not only provide students with extra recognised qualifications before transitioning to employment or further training, but gives them great employability skills.

"Starting my first traineeship with thought and planning has made my transition to a young adult life more steady. I have gained new experiences, learned to ask lots of questions, as I progress through new obstacles, learning experiences and responsibilities. As I develop through the year, I know I will become more knowledgeable in my work and it will all slowly come together." –

Alex Pagett

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Based Traineeship

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Based Traineeship is designed to support young people in Year 10 or 11 with an interest in Victoria Police as a career.

The program is a joint initiative between Victoria Police, Skillinvest and the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources. It is designed to give students valuable work experience and exposure to the many aspects of policing while completing Year 11 and 12.

Trainees will gain valuable paid work experience with Victoria Police and on successful completion, attain a Certificate III in Business Administration.

Current Trainees

Organisation for current traineeships began towards the end of 2019. Signups occurred through the ANZ Indigenous Program with Alex Pagett undertaking the Certificate III in Business online. Alex undertakes his full day work placement with ANZ Ararat each Friday.

Mich Mckinnis is undertaking a Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanic – Mobile Plant with Ararat Rural City Council. Mitch undertakes training with a full week in Swan Hill every 6 weeks at the Sunraysia TAFE and then employment Thursdays and Fridays.

Bri Hughes is undertaking a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery with Chally's Bar and Bistro. Bri undertakes training on Mondays in Ballarat with Federation Uni (TAFE) and then employment each Wednesday and Friday.

I have the privilege of working with these young people and they are undertaking the programs they have signed up to with great maturity and presence. The feedback from the staff supervising their training and employment are one of excitement with the concept and they feel fantastic being able to provide such a support for these young people and the pathways they are forging.

With the great opportunities and experiences our young people gain from these SBAT's, we may see more in the near future. The current students are undertaking the SBAT's along VCE and VCAL Secondary School Programs. A commitment to ALL studies is imperative for the programs and students to have successful outcomes. Ararat College prides itself in supporting our young people in these opportunities.

If you would like any further information or contacts to answer queries you may have in setting up or a chance of taking on a SBAT, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Sherwell at the College on (03) 53524177 or email: andrew.sherwell@education.vic.gov.au

"I am so grateful to be given this opportunity to have something to work on for my chosen career path. My School Based Apprenticeship has already given me more experience than I ever thought possible. I was welcomed into my workplace quicker than I thought and everyone there has made me feel important and needed there. Knowing that out of my 3 years being an apprentice, I know exactly where I can go from there and how I can do so. I would tell any student that is even remotely interested in doing a School Based Apprenticeship, to push through all the hard work and challenges, and continue to aspire to be your best person you can be. With all the hard work you will put in you can get so much out of any Apprenticeship!"-

Bri Hughes

"With this placement, I have been able to further develop as a young person entering the workforce and further support my career path. I enjoy particularly working on different mobile plant. Having to undertake training in Swan Hill, I have needed to improve my own time management and organisational skills" -

Mitch McKinnis

Did you know that your child can start their career while they are still studying at school and get paid for it?

Connect your child with a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT) allow students to learn skills in a particular industry by combining school studies, training and paid employment. They are available to secondary school students from 15-years-old who are enrolled in VCE or VCAL. Apprenticeships and traineeships are available in over 500 occupations in an increasing range of studies.

They can be an excellent opportunity for students who are working in the family business as they allow the young person to build skills and gain credit for the work they are undertaking.

Employers are offered incentives to take on School Based Apprentices and Trainees.

How do they work?

- Students sign a contract which combines their training, schooling and employment
- SBAT leads to a nationally recognised qualification
- Training can be delivered on-the-job, off-the-job, or a combination of both.
- Students are in training and employment for a minimum of 13 hours per week and spend the rest of their time at school.

How does it benefit your child?

- Your child will be exposed to the 'real' world of work
- Gain confidence and employability skills to increase their career opportunities
- Finish secondary school with industry qualifications that are nationally recognised, giving them an advantage over other students on entry to the workforce
- Study and be paid at the same time without leaving school
- Receive credits towards VCAL, VCE and/or full-time apprenticeship or traineeship.

How do you get started?

- Have a conversation with your child about their interests
- Speak to your child's Careers Coordinator at school
- Contact the Workplace Learning Coordinator at the LLEN on 5352 3266
- Make a plan
- Don't be afraid to ask further questions if you don't understand the process.
- Never feel it's too late to get started if your child is already in Year 11 or 12.

An SBAT could be just the right option to get started on a future career.



AUSTRALIAN VETERANS'
CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

AVCAT SCHOLARSHIPS

Tertiary scholarships for children and
grandchildren of Australian
ex-serving veterans

Applications open Vietnam Veterans Day
18 August 2020

Scholarships provide up to \$4000 per year, for three years, to full-time students at university, TAFE or RTO.

To be eligible a student must be the child, stepchild, foster child or grandchild of an ex-serving Australian veteran. Scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need and academic merit.

Apply online by midnight 31 October 2020

avcat.org.au

Changes to the College Canteen

Our College Canteen has been trialling a system requiring students to order their lunch at recess. After much deliberation, it has been decided to proceed with **'lunch order only'** on a permanent basis. Recess will still run as normal.

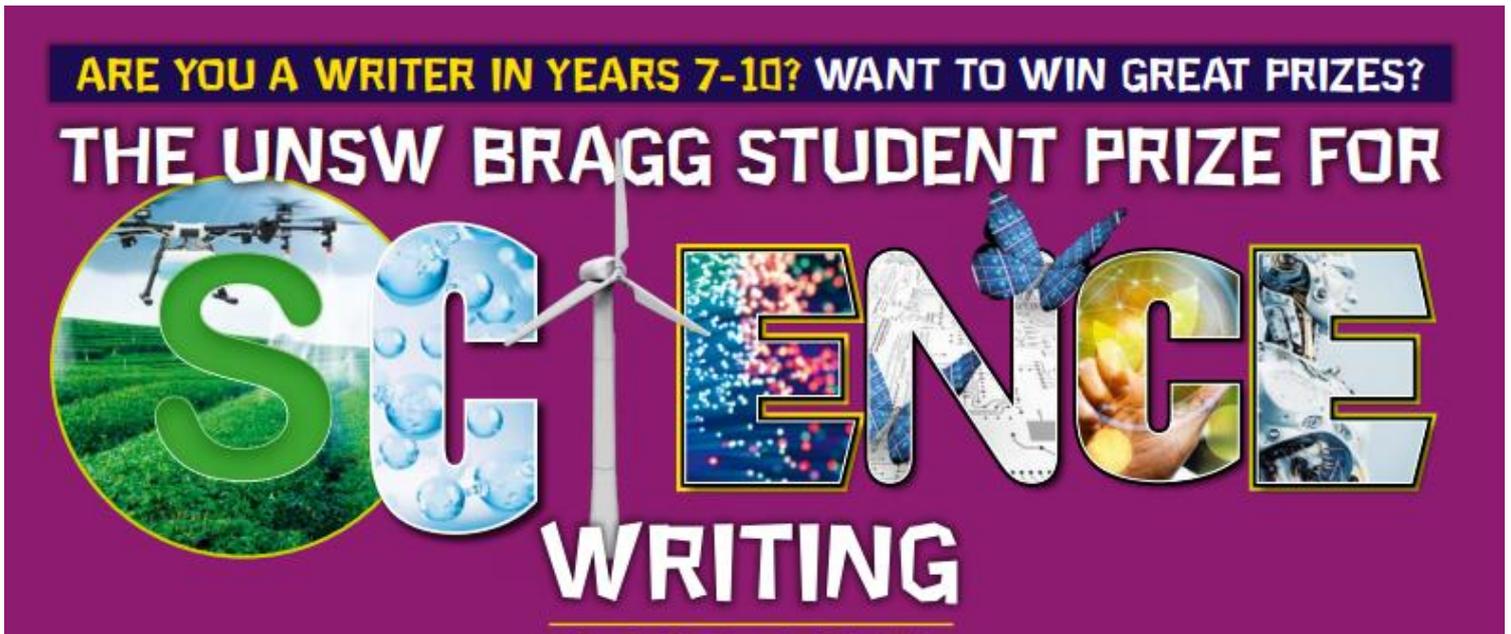
This decision helps:

- the canteen to have minimal food on display
- provide quicker delivery of food to the students and avoid the lengthy lunchtime queues
- to greatly reduce wastage of food

Please note:

- that all menu items are available for lunch orders
- orders **MUST** be placed by the **end of recess**
- Senior students can place their orders in the Senior Centre

Recess Specials If students would like to order a recess special for lunch they **MUST** speak to a canteen staff member at the start of recess.



What are the solutions that will help us to address global challenges such as catastrophic climate change, global pandemics, severe weather and sea level rise?

From bushfire science using smart satellites and Indigenous know-how, to vaccine development, citizen science apps tracking insect population decline, and science that literally creates water from air, in 800 words, describe some scientific research that has delivered a solution that you believe could change the future for our planet.

Please send or hand in draft copies to Ms Gaylard for submission.

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.

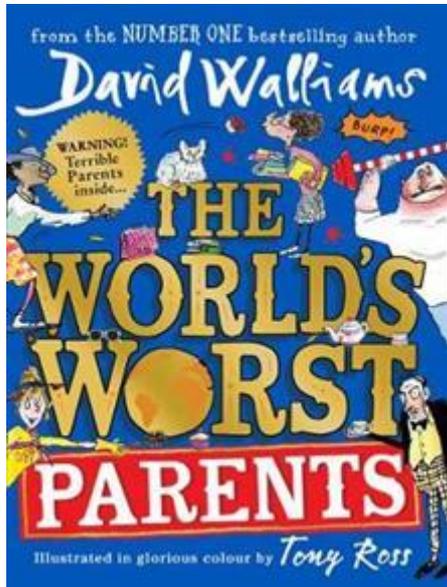
The portal is password protected and secure, and gives parents the ability to:

- 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>

These new novels from popular authors David Walliams and Jane Godwin are now available for borrowing from the library.



Millions of young readers have loved the World's Worst Children tales and revelled in the World's Worst Teachers with their delightfully dreadful deeds - now prepare for...THE WORLD'S WORST PARENTS! Are you ready to meet the worst parents ever? Sure, some parents are embarrassing - but they're NOTHING on this lot. These ten tales of the world's most spectacularly silly mums and deliriously daft dads will leave you rocking with laughter. Pinch your nose for Peter Pong, the man with the stinkiest feet in the world... jump out of the way of Harriet Hurry, the fastest mum on two wheels...

watch out for Monty Monopolize, the dad who takes all his kids' toys... and oh no, it's Supermum! Brandishing a toilet brush, a mop and a very bad homemade outfit...

Lissa is home on her own one afternoon when a stranger turns up on her doorstep carrying a baby. After her initial shock, she realises the stranger and baby desperately need her help. Reed and baby Mercy are on the run and his parents are trying to find him. He's trying to find out who he really is and thinks Lissa's mum might have the answer to all his questions. But, he's got the added complication of having to look after a baby - not something your average thirteen year old knows how to handle. Reed's appearance stirs up some untold histories in Lissa's family and suddenly she's having to scrape through her past - all the while her brother is dealing with a devastating secret of his own. A moving coming of age story about finding out who you are in the face of crisis and change.



July 2020

Week 3	Monday	27	
	Tuesday	28	
	Wednesday	29	Western Bulldogs Leadership Program
	Thursday	30	Year 7 and 8 Elevate Sessions
	Friday	31	Year 12 Elevate Study Skills
Week 4	Monday	3	
	Tuesday	4	
	Wednesday	5	
	Thursday	6	
	Friday	7	
Week 5	Monday	10	
	Tuesday	11	
	Wednesday	12	
	Thursday	13	Year 10 Immunisation
	Friday	14	



ABSENCES + ADD + UP! Missing just
2 DAYS A MONTH means a child misses 10% of the school year.

UNITED WAY'S
**attendance
MATTERS**

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

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.