



# Welcome Back

During our first whole school assembly for the year I had great pleasure to once again congratulate our school captains Lauren Bowles and Toneya Hurst on their appointment to these most important leadership positions. All students and staff were welcomed back, but our Year 7 students and new students coming into our school at other year levels were given a particularly warm welcome.

*Geoff Sawyer*



## ***A Message from our Principal ...***

### **School Culture**

During our assembly I also took the opportunity to speak briefly about the importance of maintaining our positive school culture and how this was fundamental to everything we are trying to achieve at our school. To ensure and maintain a positive school culture where all students can feel safe and are encouraged to learn, our school has a number of non-negotiable expectations of all students.

- We have zero tolerance of swearing **at** teachers.
- We have zero tolerance of physical assaults.
- We have zero tolerance of bullying.
- We have zero tolerance of anti-social behaviour.
- We have zero tolerance of students using mobile phones during class.
- We have zero tolerance of students wearing hoodies at school.

Our school is the workplace of our students and staff, and there are expectations in every workplace to ensure that basic human rights are assured. Everyone should be treated respectfully regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religious or political belief, age, physical appearance and many other factors. Our school has a very positive culture because we are aware of this and we try very hard to ensure this.

Students and staff are encouraged to behave appropriately, to encourage others to behave appropriately, and not to accept others behaving inappropriately at our school. That is how we do things at Ararat College and we will accept no less.

### **Contacting our school**

Our school prides itself on encouraging parents to take an active interest in their child's education and we welcome your enquiries. If you have any concerns that you wish to have addressed, or any positive feedback that you wish to offer, please do not hesitate to contact us. You will find our office staff extremely helpful and professional and our team of coordinators equally so.



Mr Sawyer  
Principal



Ms Emma Henry  
Acting Assistant Principal



Ms Erhardt  
Senior Sub School



Mr Ellis  
Year 9/10 Sub School



Ms Ettles  
Junior Sub School



Mr Andrew Reynolds  
VCAL Coordinator



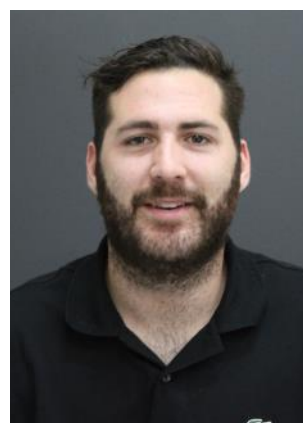
Ms Poole  
Year 10 Coordinator



Mr Kimber  
Year 9 Coordinator



Ms Bibby  
Year 8 Coordinator



Mr Krol  
Year 7 Coordinator

Our school is also very fortunate to have the services of a school nurse (Ms Cowey), a student welfare officer (Ms Jamieson), a school psychologist (Ms Hendricks) and a very caring staff.





### **Welcome to new staff**

Two new teaching staff were introduced to our students at our first whole school assembly:

Ms Bibby (VCAL/Year 8 Coordinator)

Ms Pace (Senior Maths Teacher/Head of Maths).

### **School Camps**

Year 12 students were in Melbourne from Wednesday to Friday this week.

Our Year 7 camp will take place in Dunkeld from Wednesday to Friday next week.

### **School Farm Developments**

Some very exciting developments have been taking place at our school farm. The old classroom building has been cleared and the site made ready for the relocation of our new building. The much improved facilities provided in the new building will be of great assistance to our VCAL students while working down at our school farm. The new building may also provide a base for a proposed, and much needed, out-of-school, alternative education program to assist young people throughout the Ararat region who, for a wide variety of reasons, have disengaged from education.



### **College Council Elections**

The opportunity exists for parents to either self-nominate, or to be nominated for, a position on our College Council. The College Council meets regularly, usually on the third Thursday of every month, where many of the organisational aspects of the College are discussed and important decisions are made. No prior experience is required. We encourage parents who may not have previously considered nominating to do so for 2019. Nomination forms can be collected from the general office and the closing date for nominations is Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### **Speed Limit Zones**

Parents are reminded that school zone speed limits are back in operation between the hours of 8.00 – 9.30 am and 2.30 – 4.00 pm on school days. These apply in many zones around Ararat and can be easily forgotten following the school holiday period during which they did not apply.

**Geoff Sawyer**  
**Principal**

# School Captains 2019

Welcome back to school for 2019! We would like to make a very warm welcome to the new faces of the school, both staff and students. To the new year 7s, welcome to high school. These next few years will be some of the most hectic yet exciting years of your life. You will be faced with a rollercoaster of emotions, but we encourage you to take all those emotions in your stride and truly make the most out of your secondary schooling by taking part in the wide array of activities that are on offer here at Ararat College. There are various different outlets for you all to go to if things do get out of hand, from your year level coordinators to the amazing welfare team. They are all here to support you and make sure you are living to your full potential during your time at school. Have fun with your first year and enjoy all the new experiences you will be having throughout your time here.

To our fellow year 12s, the journey of year 12 has already begun for us all. Whilst we may not be the biggest group, the bond we have with each other will be what gets us through the craziness this year has in store. The end may be scary for us all and the year may start going faster than we all anticipated, but it will be this year that most of our memories from high school are created and we hope that the memories that come out of our schooling are all full of happiness and laughter, with only a small amount being that of the stress that comes along with the title of being in the 'senior school'.

For the rest of the students, we hope that you have all had a relaxing break and are prepared for the year ahead. Education is a privilege for us and it mustn't be taken for granted. We must grasp every opportunity with both hands and make the most of what is thrown at us. We hope you all find this year worthwhile and have experiences within the school which will create memories that will last a lifetime.

*Toneya Hurst and*

*Lauren Bowles*



# College Experiences Flash Flooding

As a result of the tropical downpour-like event during period 6 on Wednesday our school experienced flash flooding. While I am confident that our school could have coped with the rain falling within our school's grounds, our drainage network could not cope with the river of water that was flowing into our school from Barkly Street. The floodwaters caused significant damage to our Trade Training Centre, Science and Language Centre, Library, staff offices, locker areas and a wing of classrooms. A lot of water also pooled beneath a number of other buildings.

A flood assessment and clean-up crew arrived at our school early Thursday morning and at the time of writing this report they were busy making a full assessment of the damage. I would like to thank our staff and a number of our students who volunteered to help mitigate the impact of the floodwaters and also assist with the clean up afterwards. Particular thanks to Chris Barwick, without whose efforts the damage caused by the flash flooding would have been much worse. Chris worked tirelessly throughout the flood event to keep stormwater grates free of debris to ensure that the floodwaters could get away as quickly as possible and to avoid further flooding.

I am very proud of our students and staff, who have demonstrated great resilience and the high value that we place on education by attending school the next day. We were able to make alternative arrangements for students and teachers to ensure that their classes were held in classrooms unaffected by the flooding, and to ensure that their safety remains our highest priority. I apologise to parents for the slight delay in sending out the SMS advising that there would be school as usual. This delay was the result of the temporary loss of our computer and phone network.

*Geoff Sawyer*













# This Week in ... Year 7 IT

This week in the Year 7 IT classes students have been shown how to access the school's SMT system, where they can check their timetables, daily school news about activities and classes, and receive messages from teachers. Students should get into the habit of checking SMT every morning. Students have also been shown how to save work at school so that it can then be accessed on a computer at home.

How do students access their computer files from home?

All students have a Google account, which means they have an email address and access to several other very useful features.

Student email address : first name surname initial@araratcc.vic.edu.au

Students can go to Google on any computer and log in to access the extra features, one of which is Google Drive. This is the cloud based storage for students' work and can be accessed from anywhere with internet using their login and password.

Any work a student needs to continue with at home can be accessed directly from this drive, and saved back to keep the changes, meaning all computer tasks do not need the student laptop at home to be accessed or completed.

If the computer doesn't have Microsoft software such as Word or Powerpoint students can use the free Google Docs software at home instead.

*Mr Mullin*





WAKE UP AND SMELL THE BREAKFAST ROUTINE

# BREAKFAST CLUB

FREE !  
MORNINGS BEFORE SCHOOL AT THE  
WINDOW OF THE TRADE TRAINING  
CENTRE





# House Sports Shirts

Students have the opportunity to purchase a house t-shirt which can be worn for house events throughout the year, such as athletics, basketball, netball, house music. The t-shirts help promote house spirit and a sense of belonging. The polo shirts and logos have been designed by the House Leaders and will cost \$40 each.

All t-shirts must be pre-ordered. A deposit of \$15 must be paid to confirm the order.

Full payment will be required prior to collection. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt, please complete an order form available in the College office by Wednesday 7th February 2019

If you have any questions, please contact the office.



# Computer Reminder

**Do you like using a computer at school?  
YES?**

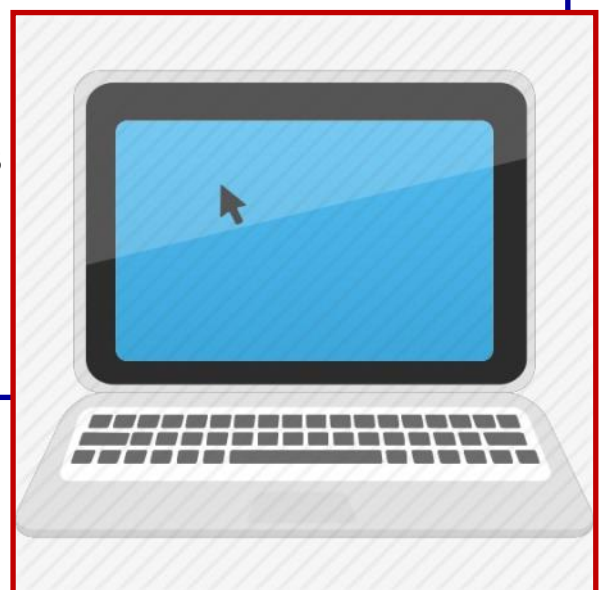
**Then please make sure that you return your laptop to the library each afternoon.**

The laptops are a **privilege** to use and make your schooling easier. They are stored in a secure location each night and are charged ready for you to use the next day.

If you have a computer that you are allowed to take home, please take it home or see Miss Jacobs in the library to arrange a secure spot to leave it overnight and **NOT in your locker.**

If your laptop is NOT returned to the library you are risking it being flat and unable to be used, or it could be stolen as the lockers are not a secure location. You also run the risk of losing the privilege of using it for a period of time.

**If you have any questions please talk to Miss Jacobs in the library or to your coordinator.**





# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	over 13 years of schooling, that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?



That's when every minute counts the most!

## BUILDING SELF CONFIDENCE & PRESENTATION SKILLS



### A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS WITH INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE TEACHER & COACH PAUL PARKER

FREE WORKSHOP LOGISTICS ( 3 DAYS )

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN 10 - 14 YEARS:

WORKSHOP 1 - SUNDAY 17TH FEB 10AM - 5PM ( LUNCH SUPPLIED )

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN 15 - 18 YEARS:

WORKSHOP 2 - SUNDAY 24TH FEB 10AM - 5PM ( LUNCH SUPPLIED )

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN 19 YEARS - 25 YEARS:

WORKSHOP 3 - SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 10AM - 5PM ( LUNCH SUPPLIED )

[WWW.PAULPARKERPC.COM.AU](http://WWW.PAULPARKERPC.COM.AU)

VENUE - CGLLEN OFFICES, 3/5 LABY STREET, ARARAT

REGISTER WITH STEPH ARROWSMITH AS PLACES ARE LIMITED  
EMAIL - [STEPHANIE@CGLLEN.ORG.AU](mailto:STEPHANIE@CGLLEN.ORG.AU) OR 5352 3286  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY THE 15TH FEBRUARY



# Navarre Football / Netball Club



**Seeking....**

## **Junior footballers and netballers and their families 2019 season**

Navarre football/netball club has a rich history of over 100 years. We are a family focussed club and we are proud of the success we have achieved over the years from seeing players developed in juniors, who stay with us to play on through into senior grades. We welcome new players and their families and invite them to become part of our family club.

Junior players are provided with full uniform, excluding football boots or runners.

No club affiliation fees.

Free football registration.

Accredited coaches, including 'working with children' checks.

**Come for a season and stay for a lifetime.**

**Junior grades include:**

U11.5 Football	U11 Netball
U14.5 Football	U13 Netball
U17.5 Football	U15 Netball
	U17 Netball

**Please contact:**

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**Luke Martin: 0438581276 : [lukemartin1979@hotmail.com](mailto:lukemartin1979@hotmail.com)**

# Calendar Term 1

<b>(Week 3) February</b>	Monday	11	
	Tuesday	12	
	Wednesday	13	Elevate sessions - Years 9, 10, 11 Year 7 Camp
	Thursday	14	Year 7 Camp
	Friday	15	Year 7 Camp
<b>(Week 3)</b>	Monday	18	
	Tuesday	19	
	Wednesday	20	
	Thursday	21	
	Friday	22	
<b>(Week 4)</b>	Monday	25	
	Tuesday	26	
	Wednesday	27	
	Thursday	28	School photos
<b>March</b>	Friday	1	
<b>(Week 5)</b>	Monday	4	
	Tuesday	5	School Spec Rehearsal Ballarat
	Wednesday	6	
	Thursday	7	
	Friday	8	

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.