



A message from the Principal....

Remote Learning 2.0

All families should now have received electronic copies of the Remote Learning Parent Handbook and relevant resources, a hard copy package was posted out in the mail on Tuesday. We have made some minor adjustments to the Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10 schedules. These changes were based on feedback from students and parents during our first round of remote learning.

We are focusing on engagement with our remote learning program. It is essential that this time in lockdown is as stress free as possible for families, with any additional pressures minimised or avoided. If you need additional support with the remote learning program or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 5352 4177 or via email ellie.mcdougall@education.vic.gov.au

Throughout this six-week period, our student welfare team will be continuing with telehealth appointments for students and our education support staff will also be providing additional virtual check-ins with students. We are all in this together and what is important is that we work together to support each other to have a positive experience whilst working and living in this very different environment. Please remember to reach out if you have any concerns or questions so that we can help!

Onsite supervision is available for students who fall into the below categories, but it is essential that all students who can learn from home, do so. If your child falls into any of the categories below and you would like to request onsite supervision, [please click here to access the required form](#). This form needs to be completed weekly by **9am the Friday before each week**. You will then be contacted by the school to confirm this attendance.

Onsite supervision in rural and regional Victoria will be available to:

- Children whose parents cannot work from home
- Vulnerable children
- Any child with a disability

2021 Subject Selection Information Night

Our subject selection information sessions will be held virtually this year. Due to everyone moving into working remotely we have decided to pre-record these sessions and then make them available for families. This is to avoid the possibility of any technology or internet issues impacting the sessions.

Next week families of students completing Year 9-12 in 2021 will be sent a link to these pre-recorded sessions which can then be viewed at a suitable time. This notification will be via the XUNO parent portal, so please ensure that you have access to this communication platform. If you need assistance setting this up please contact the college office on 5352 4177.

Subject selections preferences will be completed electronically and are due by **4pm Wednesday August 19th**. All students will be participating in virtual interviews with a nominated staff member from **Wednesday 12th August to Wednesday 19th August** to discuss their selections and pathway goals. This information is also outlined in our subject selection handbooks which have been posted out to families and will also be available on our subject selection website which will be live early next week!

Ellie McDougall

Principal

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>**
- School Code **6hk3a4**

Farewell 'Hey Hey'



It is with great sadness that we share with you the news 'Hey Hey', our school cat, passed away on Tuesday.

'Hey Hey' has been a much-loved member of our school community over the last 3 years. He came to us as a homeless older kitten who decided to take up residence at our school. After numerous attempts to re home him with our Canteen Manager, he would still find his way back to the school each day, so it was decided this should be his home. Students organised fundraisers to provide for all of his veterinary care, and it was through this care it was discovered he had a major hearing impairment.

'Hey Hey' would spend his day during class time sleeping in one of his many sunny spots and at recess and lunchtime being indulged with lots of pats and hugs from students and staff. He loved everyone unconditionally and the importance of this positive interaction with our students cannot be measured or underestimated.

'Hey Hey' has been buried at the school, near one of his favourite spots, close to the canteen. There will be a memorial placed here so that we can remember the positive impact 'Hey Hey' had on our school and the students within.

We understand this will be quite distressing news for many of our students and we encourage them to talk to someone about it. Taylah, our welfare officer, teachers and support staff are available to talk to any students who may need assistance. Contact can be made through the Xuno Portal.

He will be missed by us all.

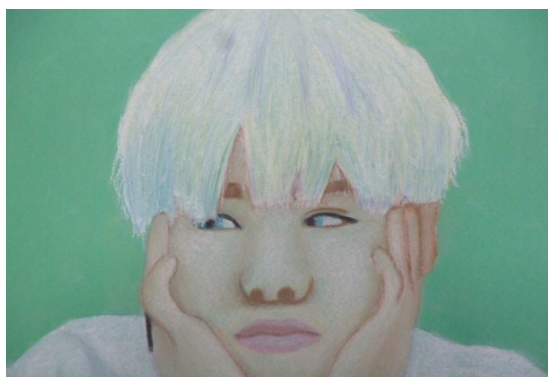
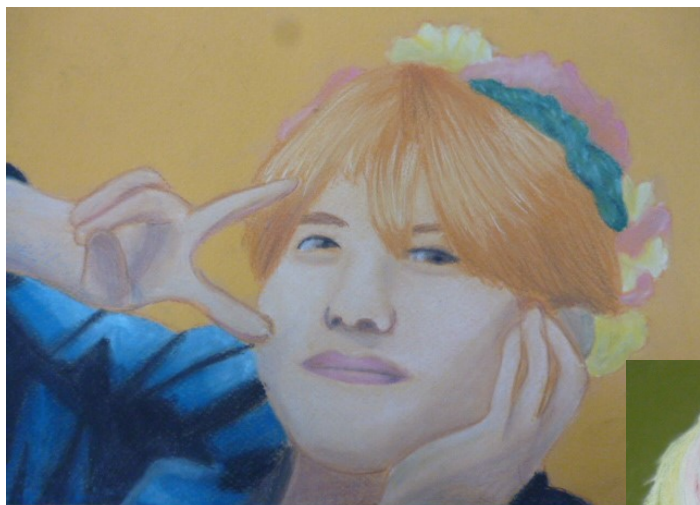


Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

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.

Year 11 Art

Year 11 student Hannah Burns has, as part of her art studies, produced these wonderful works. The theme is portraiture and they have been produced using conte crayon.



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

These new novels are both sequels to popular choices, and are now available for borrowing from the library.



The sequel to One Of Us Is Lying.

Welcome back to Bayview High . . . It is a year after the death of gossip king Simon Kelleher, and someone has started playing a game of Truth or Dare. But this is no ordinary Truth or Dare. This game is lethal. Choosing the truth may reveal your darkest secrets, accepting the dare could be dangerous, even deadly. The teenagers of Bayview must work together once again to find the culprit, before it's too late . . .

Our heroes are back. Kind of. First, the bad news: an ancient evil - you know, your standard consume-all-life-in-the-galaxy deal - is about to be unleashed. The good news? Squad 312 is standing by to save the day. They've just got to take care of a few small distractions first. Like the clan of gremps who'd like to rearrange their favourite faces. And the cadre of illegit GIA agents with creepy flowers where their eyes used to be. Then there's Kal's long-lost sister, who's not exactly happy to see her baby brother. With half the known galaxy on their tails, Squad 312 has never felt so wanted. When they learn the Hadfield has been found, it's time to come out of hiding. Two centuries ago the colony ship vanished, leaving Auri as its sole survivor. Now, its black box might be what saves them - but time is short. Shocking revelations, bank heists, mysterious gifts, inappropriately tight bodysuits and an epic firefight will determine the fate of the Aurora Legion's most unforgettable heroes - and maybe the rest of the galaxy as well.



LEARNING AT HOME SCHEDULE YEARS 7 & 8

MONDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

English
9:15am - 10:30am

Maths
11am - 12pm

Science
12pm - 12:30pm

Health
12:30pm -
1:15pm

Physical
Activities (PE)
2:30pm - 3pm

TUESDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

English
9:15am - 10:30am

Maths
11am - 12pm

Science
12pm - 12:30pm

Health
12:30pm -
1:15pm

Physical
Activities (PE)
2:30pm - 3pm

WEDNESDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

English
9:15am - 10:30am

Maths
11am - 12pm

Science
12pm - 12:30pm

Health
12:30pm -
1:15pm

Physical
Activities (PE)
2:30pm - 3pm

THURSDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

English
9:15am - 10:30am

Maths
11am - 12pm

Science
12pm - 12:30pm

Health
12:30pm -
1:15pm

Physical
Activities (PE)
2:30pm - 3pm

'FEEL GOOD FRIDAY'

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

French
9:15am - 9:45am

Humanities
9:45am - 10:30am

Art Based
Elective
11am - 12pm

Technology Based
Elective
12pm - 1pm

*See the next page for more
information on Friday's Schedule!

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY'S

This time with Remote Learning we are doing things slightly differently!
'Feel Good Friday's' will be the day that you complete activities from your non-core
subjects. Those that you haven't worked on from Monday - Thursday. This includes:

- French
- Humanities
- Art
- Drama
- Music
- VCD (Graphics)
- Technology
- Food

You only need to focus on the elective subjects that are in your Semester 2 timetable.
These are outlined below.

Year 7

- 7R - Graphics, Drama, Technology
- 7G - Music, Drama, Technology
- 7B - Technology, Drama, Musics

Year 8

- 8R - Food, Art, Textiles, Music
- 8G - Food, Art, Technology, Graphics
- 8B - Graphics, Food, Technology, Art





LEARNING AT HOME SCHEDULE

YEARS 9 & 10



MONDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

Follow Normal
School Timetable

TUESDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

Follow Normal
School Timetable

WEDNESDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

Follow Normal
School Timetable

THURSDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

Follow Normal
School Timetable

FRIDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

Follow Normal
School Timetable



LEARNING AT HOME SCHEDULE

YEARS 11 & 12



MONDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

Follow Normal
School Timetable

TUESDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

Follow Normal
School Timetable

WEDNESDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

Follow Normal
School Timetable

THURSDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

Follow Normal
School Timetable

FRIDAY

Video Call
9:00am: Mentor
Group/Illuminate

Follow Normal
School Timetable



WHO TO CONTACT IF...



MY CHILD IS HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH THE WORK

Subject Teacher
Sub School Coordinator



I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE ABOUT MY STUDENTS WELLBEING

Wellbeing Team
Sub School Coordinator
Sub School Leader



MY STUDENT IS HAVING ISSUES WITH TECHNOLOGY

Principal Class
Sub School Coordinator
Sub School Leader
IT Technician at school



I HAVE A QUESTION IN RELATION TO FEES OR MY FAMILY NEEDS SUPPORT

Contact the College Office



MY STUDENT HAS WITNESSED INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR ONLINE

Classroom Teacher
Sub School Coordinator
Sub School Leader



I JUST HAVE A GENERAL QUESTION

- Contact your Childs Sub School Coordinator or Sub School Leader



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