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 Highvale

## Website

We have a new updated College Website

Please [click here](#) to view our new look!

Reminder: Please ensure when communicating with our school to provide us with full student name, student ID number and the staff members name. This will assist our College in identifying and directing your query appropriately.

Newsletter No.13 - 3rd September 2021

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# Important Dates

Thursday 16th September	Parent/Teacher Interviews online, Student Free Day
Friday 17th September	Last Day Term 3
Monday 4th October	First Day Term 4



## CAREER NEWS

Click the link – [27th August 2021](#)  
[13th August 2021](#)



### Uniform Shop 2021

Click [here](#)  
for Uniform Order Form

Check COMPASS regarding  
booking for opening hours

### Student Absence Reporting

#### Hotline

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Please call before 9am

### Term Dates

2021

TERM 3: 12th July—17th September  
TERM 4: 4th October—17th December

2022

TERM 1: 31st January—8th April

Ian Watkins  
Principal



## Principal Report

### VCE Course Selection

Course interviews have now been completed and we are very pleased with the smooth remote access process. I would like to thank the courses team for their support of students and their families.

### General Achievement Test

The General Achievement Test will be held on Tuesday, 5 October 2021.

The GAT will be from 10:00am to 1.15pm. At this stage we are waiting for advice regarding social distancing.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

As we are again in lockdown, parent teacher interviews will be conducted online . Please look to the log on details on COMPASS.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads, uncles, grandfathers, step dads and the mums who act in both roles. We wish you the happiest day this Sunday.



## Minister Merlino letter to Year 12 students

Minister Merlino sent the following letter on Thursday 2 September to the school. Whilst it is directed to Year 12 students, I feel that its content is of interest to the whole school.



The Hon James Merlino MP

Deputy Premier  
Minister for Education  
Minister for Mental Health

1 Treasury Place  
East Melbourne, Victoria 3002  
Telephone +61 3 9607 3222

2 September 2021

Dear Year 12 student,

I'm writing to thank you all for your extraordinary efforts and patience as we grapple with coronavirus (COVID-19) and the challenges it brings.

You have done an amazing job in adapting to these strange and difficult times. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank your parents, carers and families - for being your support squad, all while dealing with the effects the pandemic has had on their own lives.

I recognise that this year and 2020 have been school years like no others, and the disruptions have been profound. This is especially the case for you as part of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Class of 2021.

Victorian students, and their parents and carers, are rightly concerned about you completing your school years and graduating with a VCE or VCAL, to mark the significant achievement of completing your schooling.

As you know, we announced a vaccination booking blitz dedicated for final year school students, their teachers and for VCE exam supervisors and assessors.

The blitz will begin on 7 September and continue until 17 September. During the blitz, final year students, their teachers and VCE exam supervisors and assessors will have access to a dedicated appointment booking hotline and priority timeslots to attend their vaccination appointment at a vaccination centre.

Final year students will also be able to book their second dose via the dedicated phone line, dedicated just to you which will help you book in faster and minimise disruption to your studies. Details will be sent on Friday with the number and bookings will open on Monday 6 September.

To help if you have questions, the Department of Health is hosting a live webinar for final year high school students, their families and educators to provide information on COVID-19 vaccination. You can join the live webinar on Friday 3 September, 4.00-5.00pm via this [link](#) (no need to register).

Topics covered include:

- Vaccines, development and safety
- Accessing and consenting to a vaccination
- How to book an appointment
- Q+A with the panel

This event will be held via Microsoft Teams Live. For access information, see [here](#). Vaccine eligibility for all Victorians aged 16 years and over has now opened and thousands of students have already booked appointments.

Your details will be dealt with in accordance with the Health Records Act 2001 and the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014. Should you have any queries or wish to opt-out of your personal information being processed in accordance with the Privacy Act, please contact the Privacy Officer on the above address.



I also know that you want to be reassured that we will recognise the challenges you have faced both in 2021 and in 2020 in delivering fair and equitable VCE results and Australian Tertiary Admission Rankings (ATAR) and support our VCAL students to complete key studies and Vocational Education and Training programs.

I completely understand any stress and anxiety you might be feeling and want you to know that the Victorian Government is taking significant measures to ensure all our students are treated fairly.

Every Victorian VCE Unit 3/4 student will be assessed through the Consideration of Educational Disadvantage process and VCE scores adjusted as necessary, to account for any impact this pandemic has on your results. These adjusted scores will also be used to determine your ATAR.

This means no VCE student will be disadvantaged by the effects of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) will again use the Consideration of Educational Disadvantage process to calculate VCE scores using the same approach that served us all so well in 2020.

This will take into account any disruptions to your learning caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Importantly, you will have the opportunity to provide your teachers information about how the pandemic has impacted you through the submission of a Students Statement. Your school will use this, along with what they already know about your circumstances, in providing information on your expected performance had you not been impacted by the pandemic.

This may include significant impacts such as:

- school closures
- long absences
- dealing with substantial extra responsibilities at home
- impacts on your personal health and wellbeing and/or your immediate family
- ongoing issues with remote learning
- mental health challenges

The VCAA will consider a range of data, including:

- information provided by your school about your school based assessments results as well as your expected achievement had you not been impacted by the pandemic
- the General Achievement Test (GAT)
- External examinations results and information provided by your school on your expected achievement had you not been impacted by the pandemic

These measures will mean that you, and every VCE student, can go into your exams with confidence knowing you won't be disadvantaged, and that your final scores will take into account both your exam performance and your individual circumstances.

For our VCAL students we will once again be using Special Consideration processes, including for students undertaking VET as part of their programs. The VCAA has provided detail on these processes



to your school and teachers and you can rest assured we will all work together to support you over these final months of your schooling.

I know that you will continue working hard, and trust this brings you some peace of mind which will allow you to focus on and put your best efforts into completing your school work and preparing for your exams. We will be supporting you the entire way.

Thank you again for persevering in these challenging times.

Take care, stay safe, and good luck.

Yours sincerely

The Hon James Merlino MP  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Education  
Minister for Mental Health



## Leigh Hunter Assistant Principal



### Student Achievement

Throughout the year teachers are asked to continually identify and nominate students who have been excellent role models for the college in displaying one of the College values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity and Excellence. Once students collect five positive chronicle entries that are recognised for their role modelling. I would like to formally acknowledge and congratulate the following 51 students. Each student has consistently displayed the College values and have received five or more positive chronicles this year.

SURNAME	First Name	Year	SURNAME	First Name	Year
ALLEN	Talia	11	MAU	Jade	7
AL-JARAH	Mirna	9	NEOH	Yi Ling	10
ATTLY	Sehaj	9	NICHOLSON	Abi	10
BANGAY	Hazel	10	PARK	Sohyun	11
BEGGS	Annaliese	7	PARK	Jinmyeong	7
BETSCHART	Amelia	7	PATEL	Hemika	7
BHAGWAT	Keya	7	PERERA	Kisara	7
BIKERTON	Matthew	9	PHAM	Calianna	7
BUTLER	Michelle	7	PILLAI	Shayan	7
CADDY	Logan	8	POKHREL	Sweekar	7
CORREA	Logan	7	RAMANATHAN	Nivedha	7
DE SILVA	Kehara	10	REIGER	Owen	7
ENG	Evangeline	9	RICHARDS	Alice	12
ERRINGTON-SMITH	Scully	7	SAFI	Massound	11
FERGUSON	Phoebe	11	SARGENT	Benjamin	9
FREEMAN	Hayley	7	SATHISH KUMAR	Varshi	7
GREENSMITH	Jack	9	SAUNDERS	Ashley	7
GUNN	Michael	7	SPENCER	Sienna	12
HALIM	Tristan	7	STOJKOVIC	Natasha	7
HAN	Janet	9	TAN	Chloe	9
HUANG	Freya	7	TANG	Jennifer	12
KEAN	Anita	10	TU	Ivy	7
LIM	Chloe	9	WONG	Kiara	7
LUON	Alexia	7	XU	Jessie	7
MANJIMA	Mehra	10	ZAVERI	Simrah	7
			ZHANG	Emily	7

On top of the students listed above I would like to congratulate all students who have received a positive recognition chronicle. Over the course of this term there have been 441 individual student nominations and since this lock down began on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, 283 nominations. This is a great achievement and testament to the student resilience and persistence in a challenging time.

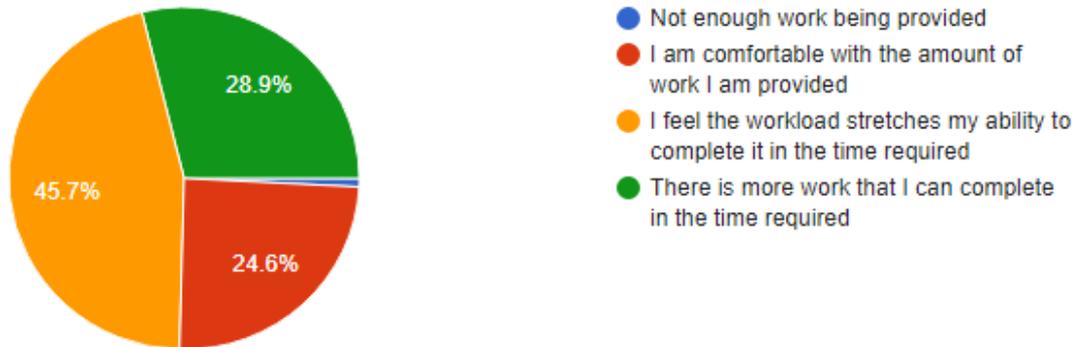
## Student Survey Summary:

We conducted a survey with students that went to all students in the college on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August, closing on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September seeking feedback as to how they were travelling in a few key areas.

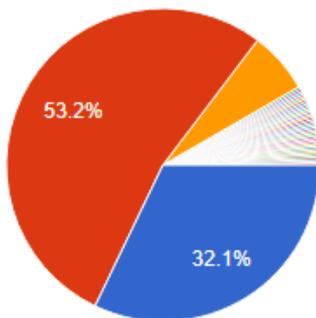
We saw a very strong response from students with almost 400 students responding. This allows us to get a good idea of how the student community are feeling at present and what we may need to look at, adapt of shift to support our students.

Below is an overview of some of the key findings:

### Workload – Across all classes how are you finding the workload in your classes?



### What format do you prefer for online meetings?



### Is there anything you would like to see happening through school that would boost your mental health?

The overwhelming response was that students are largely working very hard and managing themselves very well. The level of resilience being displayed was commendable.

*The biggest concern identified was the level of work being set for classes.*

Some other notable responses were:

- Requests for more small fun activities in classes to break up the routine and promote interaction
- A built in 'catch up' time to classes
- Extension of due dates
- Work set to be able to be completed in the hour class
- No homework in addition to classwork
- Level of screen time very high

As a result of the survey staff will be reflecting on the student feedback and looking to adjust the classwork to support students during remote learning. The sub schools teams and both junior and senior school captains are looking to implement some engaging activities for students to be a part of during focus group and beyond the classroom.

The College would like to thank the students for their feedback, it is certainly valued and will be used to continue to support the learning and support of the students at the college.

# Natalie Valentine Head of Junior School



## Random Act of Kindness

Last week in focus group year 7-9 students were asked to reach out to someone and share a random act of kindness.

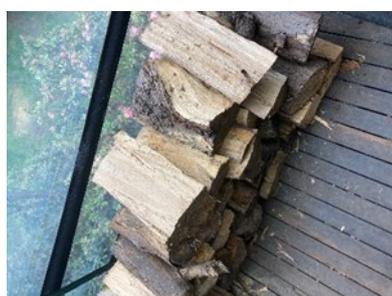
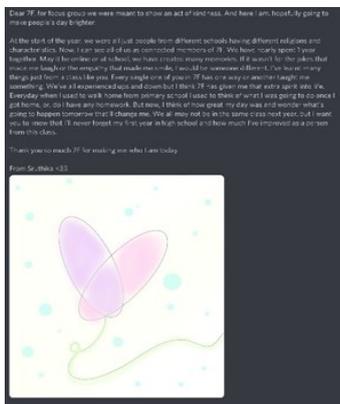
We had an overwhelming response with over 300 students sharing their act of kindness!

Many reached out to friends to check in and see how they were going, some cooked for their families, others helped siblings with homework and some students did extra chores around the house (without being asked!). Lots of cups of tea and coffee were made for Mums and Dads too.

Some students shared inspirational quotes and messages of thanks to their friends and others spent time giving some extra attention to their pets.

It was great to see so many people take some time to do something that may have brightened another's day!

Natalie Valentine  
Head of Junior School



Ros Patti  
Head of Senior School



As we continue through lockdown some exciting things have been going on in Senior School. The Senior School team have been very proud of the way the Senior School students have adjusted to this challenging time and move forward with their online learning. Taking their SACS and assessments online all in their stride. They have exhibited our school values through their learning attending all online classes very capably. We have been pleased to see the large number of positive chronicles that have been awarded to students for their actions online.

VTAC information was presented to the students, and we are hoping that all students have already had some thoughts about creating their VTAC account and are proceeding to enter their preferences for 2022. If they have any questions about this, please contact Mrs Batrouney, Ms Egan, Ms Woo or myself.

Remember: **Timely applications close on 30 September.**

**SEAS applications close 8<sup>th</sup> October**

#### 2022 Course Selection

All students should have now submitted their subject preferences for Years 10 going into Year 11 and Year 11 going into Year 12.

In Focus Group last week we were fortunate to have had an ex-student Sabrina Fong with her colleagues present to our Year 12 students on Employment Law. Sabrina is studying Law at Monash University and she and her colleagues who are members of the Monash Street Law Group have given up their time to talk to students about different law matters that could affect them in the future. The presentation was highly interactive, and students were able to participate in the activities and gain benefit from the information that was presented to them. This week the Year 11 have Sabrina and friends presenting on laws around Police Powers/ drug possession. Year 10 will see the presentation on the 8<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 2022 School Captains

Information about applications will be out before the end of term. Keep an eye on newsfeed for this.

#### The General Achievement Test (GAT)

The General Achievement Test (GAT) has been rescheduled to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Further information regarding this will be put onto Compass and emailed.

Stay Positive

Ros Patti

# Laura Nijenhuis (Wallace) Food Technology Teacher



## Year 7 Food Technology - Term 3

This term in food technology our classes are very different, the kitchens at school are quiet and empty again but that hasn't stopped our amazing Year 7 students from jumping into their own kitchen, knives first!

Year 7 students complete one term of food tech for the entire year, our current groups have only spent approximately 2 weeks getting to know the kitchens. They have had a virtual tour of the kitchens, the utensils and equipment used and even watched demonstration videos on YouTube made by me.

After watching the demonstration video on how to make pancakes, the Year 7 students were asked to try it at home (with parental supervision). The pictures of their creations that have come back have been so great we think you should all have the chance to see just how talented our students are.

We are so proud of our Year 7 students showing resilience and excellence with their remote learning. We look forward to seeing them in our school kitchens next year for some hands on cooking fun. A shout out to our amazing parents who have made the time to supervise their superstars in the kitchen; we are so appreciative of your help.

From Miss Nijenhuis



Max W—7J



Isha—7J



Jaimie P—7H



Michael G—7G



Ann M—7H



Nuella—7H



Kisara P—7G



Rachel S—7H

# Novica Pearsall—Year 11

## Student Report

Imagine having 15 minutes to prepare for a debate regarding Bosnian Sea Access and the Pelješac Bridge?!?! A topic that you are obviously thoroughly appraised of and clearly know everything about (not!).

That was the scenario faced by myself and teammate Eva (Brentwood Secondary), when we recently competed in the Evatt Competition, where we were formally known as ‘Honourable Delegate’s for the Republic of Kenya.’

The Evatt Competition is a Model United Nations Security Council Conference. Firstly, you are presented with a proposed solution to a real world issue where you must then cooperate with delegates from other countries and amend the solution, so that all countries agree to sign to the final solution. This process can be very difficult and frustrating and can require *a lot* of negotiation.

The topics we debated were: ‘The Question of Drug Trafficking,’ ‘The Question of Algerian Reparations,’ and ‘The Question of Bosnian Sea Access.’ We had to do a considerable amount of research to prepare for the debates, which not only included a thorough understanding of the issue, but also an understanding of our own country (Kenya), the stance of other countries on the issue, and the formal UN procedures (Caucus time - What is that?).

We have been fortunate enough to progress to the Semi-Finals which are going to be held in September, where we will be representing the interests of Ireland. 😊

To all the junior students at Highvale interested in debating and public speaking I would HIGHLY recommend competing in this competition! It is open for people in years 9-12 and you can check it out for yourself here: <https://unyouth.org.au/event/evatt/>



# Chris Mitchell Director of Music



## Performance Opportunities

Junior School Students: Music students in Years 7 – 9 are encouraged to submit an entry for the ‘Highvale’s Got Talent’ competition organised by Mrs Valentine and the junior school captains. Please see the newsfeed on Compass for details.

Senior School Students: The music staff are considering the idea of a WebEx Senior Solos Concert, potentially on the evening of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Instrumental music students would be able to perform a piece from the comfort of their own home, to an audience via WebEx. This event is not yet confirmed but we’d like to gauge interest levels from students. Therefore, those in Years 10 – 12 who are interested in performing in such a concert should discuss it with their music teacher as soon as possible. Students studying VCE Music Performance or with upcoming AMEB exams are particularly encouraged to perform, and it will also be open to those in Year 7 – 9 who are enrolled for such an exam.

## Instrumental Lessons

A reminder to students to check their Compass lesson plan ahead of time to see if they need to do anything to prepare for their remote instrumental lessons. Please also remember to contact your teacher in advance if you can’t make a lesson. They will reschedule where possible.

## Ensembles for Semester 2

With lockdown further extended, ensembles can’t continue in person. Some ensemble directors may run online sessions for students during the designated ensemble time and / or provide parts for students to start learning. Students should keep an eye on e-mail and Teams for information regarding any tasks or online sessions for their group. The ensemble schedule below will be in place as soon as restrictions allow once we are back at school.



Time / Day		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Theatre	Rhythm Riders (NMI)	Stick Tricks (NMI)	Flute Ensemble (LGA)		Harmonix (LNG)
	D2			Senior Vocal Ensemble* (LNG)		
After School (3pm – 4pm)	Theatre	Stage Band* (SRE)	Nouveau Strings (LCH / DBE)	HSC Orchestra (JGO / SRE / JMC)	Intermediate Orchestra (LGA / DBE / GBA / CMI / MGU)	
	Gym	Junior Concert Band (JMC)				
	D2				Chamber Strings* (JGO / YLA)	

\* audition only group

### AMEB Exams

We have enrolled AMEB students for their exams, but are still awaiting dates to be scheduled. As soon as we know these dates, we'll inform students and parents.

### Other Musical Opportunities

#### Accelerando

This **free year-long program** is open to Victorian Government Secondary School **students in Years 10, 11 and 12** who experience geographic, financial or other barriers to accessing high quality live music performances and industry experiences. The program includes instrumental lessons, industry workshops, concert tickets, mentor sessions, and an end of year performance in Melbourne Recital Centre's Primrose Potter Salon.

All instrumentalists and vocalists of any genre are welcome to apply online by **Friday 8 October 2021**. More Information can be found at [melbournerecital.com.au/accel](http://melbournerecital.com.au/accel)



## Free VCE Tutoring

### FREE TUTORING FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 10-12

MONDAY-THURSDAY/3.00-4.30PM/SENIOR STUDY CENTRE

MON		TUES		WED		THURS	
Roel T	English Language	Aaron S	Chemistry Physics	Anna Y	EAL	Sam B	Geography Biology Legal Business Management
Jenny L	Business Management	Mia T	All Maths	Sean L	Software Development Accounting		
Lucy M	Psychology	Nilushi J	Health and Human Development English				

English|science|H&PE|Humanities&Civics|Mathematics|Art/Language

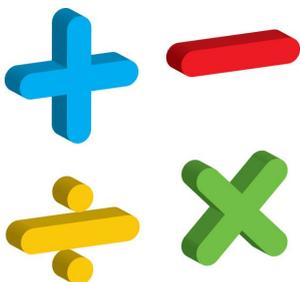
## Free Homework Help Years 7—10

### WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS

# 3-4pm



**English Tutoring in H Block  
Break Out Space**



**Maths Tutoring in S Block Break Out Space**

\*Will occur once school resumes for face to face learning\*

# Uniform Shop IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE



Due to the changing COVID conditions the uniform shop is currently by appointment only.

Alternatively you can download the uniform order form from the website and submit it via email to [admin@highvalesc.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@highvalesc.vic.edu.au) for processing.

## Year Level Coordinators

Please see the table below for a list of the 2021 Coordinators.

YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS	
YEAR 7	Madeline COSTELLO
YEAR 8	Karnel AHMET
YEAR 9	Philip BAUMGARTNER
YEAR 10	Brian HURLEY
YEAR 11	Richard SHELLY
YEAR 12	Carly WOO
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL	Natalie VALENTINE
HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL	Roslyn PATTI

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



The NEW Entertainment Memberships are here! The memberships start at just \$69.99 and you'll receive thousands of dollars worth of offers you can use for up to 2 years (depending on the package you purchase). You can get a digital membership by following this link <https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/187h873>.

### Can I still buy the Book?

The Entertainment Book's changed a bit. In fact, it's no longer a book at all. Instead, what was once the Entertainment Book is now an easy-to-use app that's updated every few minutes – instead of once a year. That means we can give you even more possibilities to discover, more experiences to unlock, and more rewards to share. You'll still get a full 12 months of membership (no matter when you sign up). You'll have the same great savings you've come to expect. And you'll be able to make the same difference for the causes you care about.



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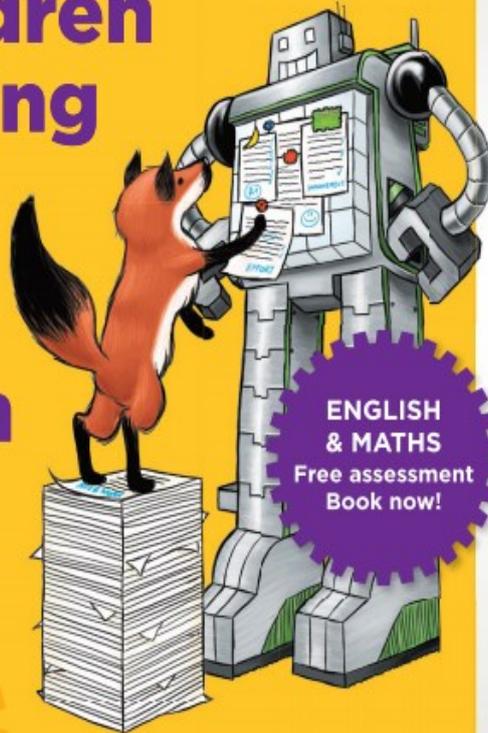
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Protecting Children from Abuse: For Parents and Carer

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Bảo vệ Trẻ em khỏi bị Ngược đãi: Dành cho Cha mẹ và Người chăm sóc

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Dear Parents

As adults we play a critical role in protection children from harm. The following link provides you detailed information.

For Easy English version, please click the following website,

[https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/protect/EasyEnglish\\_SecondarySchool\\_FactSheet.pdf](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/protect/EasyEnglish_SecondarySchool_FactSheet.pdf)

For other languages, please click “Translated information” in the following website and select your language.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/safety/Pages/child-protection.aspx> (Click here)

**NOTE: This is only a screenshot of the translated section.**

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