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Important Dates

Monday 8th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 26th June	Last Day Term 2
Monday 13th July	First Day Term 3 /Semester 2 Possible resumption of normal classes

COMPASS LOGIN

It is important that parents have checked their login details for COMPASS. If you have any questions or have forgotten your login details please email the school

Highvale.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Students need to check their COMPASS login details. If they have any problems, please go to the ICT office in the library.

CAREER NEWS



Click the link – [24th April 2020](#)
[1st May 2020](#)



Uniform Shop 2020

Click [here](#)
for Uniform Order Form

Term Dates

2020

TERM 2: 14th April—26th June

TERM 3: 13th July—18th Sep

TERM 3: 5th October—18th December

Ian Watkins Principal

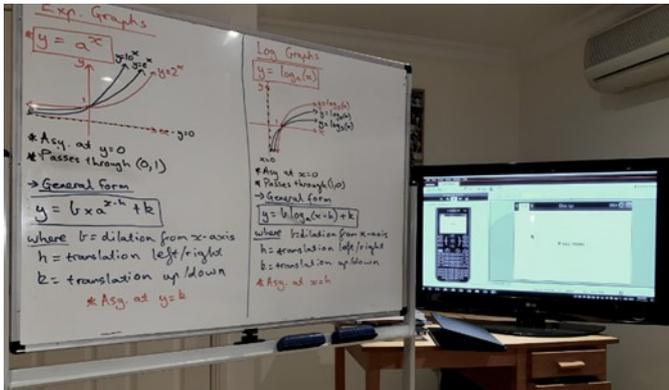


Principal's report

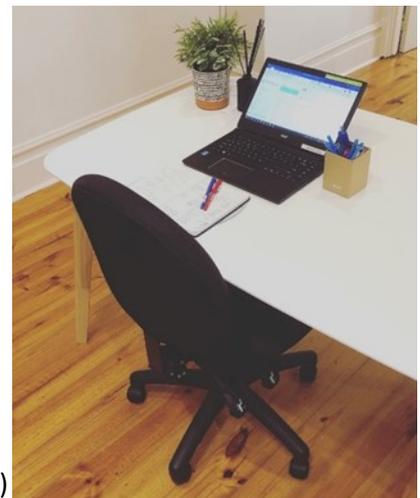
I am very pleased to report that over this, the third week of remote learning, we have maintained our very high attendance rates. Congratulations to all students, families and staff for working in this new environment.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Year 7	98%	99%	99%
Year 8	98%	99%	99%
Year 9	95%	98%	98%
Year 10	94%	97%	98%
Year 11	96%	96%	96%
Year 12	100%	100%	100%

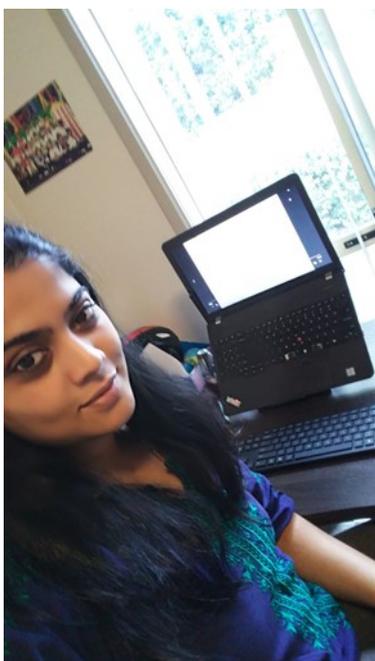
Staff work spaces



Mr Korlos (Maths)



Mr Joblin (Humanities)



and welcome to Ms V Sanga (new teacher aide)



Mrs Dimou (Science)

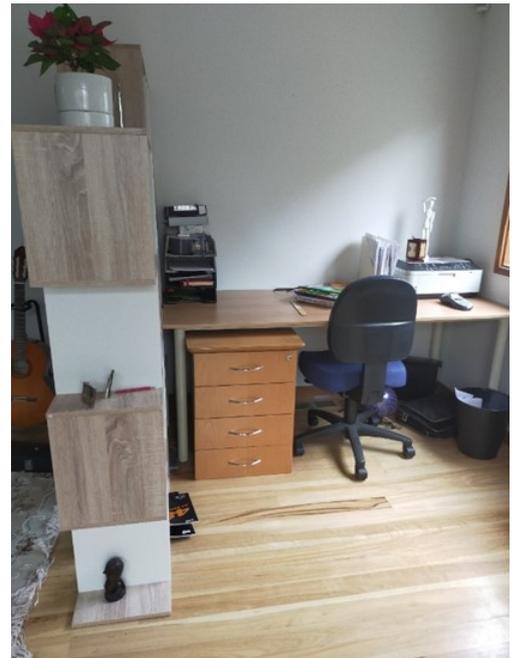
First round winners of the student work space competition

I would like to thank all the students and families that have sent in entries to the student work space competition. I intend to draw prize winners each week so please keep the photos coming in. If you were not selected this week you are still in the running for a prize!

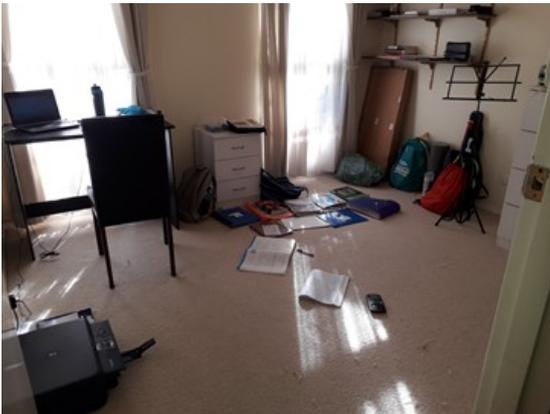
The winners this week are:



Shanna Gopinathan Y11



Behrad Talebi Y7



and Arjun Srinivasan Y8

Our winners can expect to receive a \$30 gift voucher which has been mailed out to them. Congratulations!

Parent survey Remote Teaching

The College is seeking feedback from the college community in regards to the remote teaching process. We have received over 100 responses so far.

Attached is a link that will take you to the survey. If all families could please click the link and complete the survey, it should only take a few minutes to complete. (If the link doesn't work with a click, please copy and paste into any browser)

This will give us valuable feedback as to how the remote teaching process is working for yourselves.

The survey will be open from 30 April through to Wednesday the 6th May. If families could complete the survey between this timeframe it would be greatly appreciated.

Survey link: <https://forms.gle/iymjFm7QQuqEzUdi9>

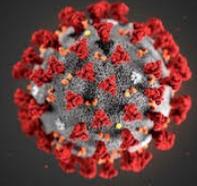
Student Wellbeing Support

Highvale Secondary College acknowledge that this is a challenging time for our school community and are aware of how vital access to Wellbeing services are in the coming weeks. Therefore, we have ensured that Wellbeing support service will continue through two term.

Students can use the Conferences option under the Community tab on Compass, to book into sessions with Miss Stranger, Director of Wellbeing. Please see the item on Compass news feed for further information.

Student Reports

Y8 Reactions to Covid-19 and Isolation



OWEN ASHLEY

Some good things about working from home are things like I can get food whenever I want, I can leave early if I finish all the work and I can stay in my pyjamas all day.

Before quarantine we could do things like sports and catch up with friends but now we can only catch up with friends over FaceTime which relies on Wi-Fi and let's be real, Wi-Fi in Australia is not really that reliable.

Working from home has its disadvantages too. A couple days ago, my Wi-Fi cut out for about an hour and I had to do extra homework after school.

Some things I miss are seeing my friends and not being able to interact with them in real life.

HEMI BAKER

I personally feel that Covid-19 has done many good things for the environment and is letting the planet heal from all the pollution.

My life over the past 6 weeks has been very fun. All I've done is get up at 8 o'clock sit down at my chair, watch YouTube for half an hour, wait for an email and do the work and I've been taking more breaks than at school because we are allowed to whenever we want and have a bit more freedom than school and we get to wear whatever we want to.

I don't miss much really except for the interaction between my friends and the teacher. My family hasn't changed much as my mum still goes to work because she's a health care worker.

I'm finding online schooling easier than going to school because there aren't as many distractions and feel like I can get more done.

MAKAYLA DAVIS

I got my laptop and started. I was so confused as I couldn't figure out how to send an email then I saw how to do it. All my friends were laughing at me. I hate having to stay home. I hate not being able to see people. I hate not seeing the world around me. It sucks

JADE DINGLE

My opinion on Covid-19 is that it's caught everybody off guard and that the whole situation is overwhelming for me, mostly because nothing like this has ever happened before; being at home a lot, not being able to see friends and having to do school online.

Life for me in these past few weeks has been kind of the same but just I can't go out.

Time.

The main thing I'm doing during our time at home is school and homework. Something else I've been doing for a small part of the time at home is cooking.

The one thing I miss the most is my friends. I also really miss going to the movies with my family and friends.

I'm hoping that the spread of the virus will decrease and that scientists will keep working on a cure so that no more people die.

AMY VENTER

It has now been 34 days in quarantine, and I am missing everything. I do not like Coronavirus at all! But I am very grateful that everybody I know is safe and healthy.

My life hasn't been too bad over the past 6 weeks and I have found some new interests that I have, I have also had a lot of time to focus on myself and things that I need to work on. To fill in my time I have been doing a lot of reading, watching TV, schoolwork and going for about ten walks every day because I have nothing else to do. My family and I have been doing a lot of inside activities and we have watched so so so many movies that even the TV is getting boring now, never thought I would say that.

I have done so much online shopping it is not even funny anymore I think I have an addiction, every time a parcel comes to the door my mum just says Amy come get your parcel without even looking at it because she already knows it's mine.

BEN SARGENT

I think Covid-19 is a terrible and horrific disease. It has killed so many people all over the world and has infected so many leaving them sick. I feel sorry for families that have lost family to this virus. I think that everyone should just stay home because they are costing people lives just because they can't deal with staying home for a few weeks. My life hasn't changed much because of the pandemic, I still wake up early for school, my dad still goes to work (He works in a lab), I still do school work, but I just have to stay at home. The only thing that has changed for me is that I don't go to swimming.

At the start of the isolation period I was a bit bored, but after a week or so I got use to the isolation and found ways to entertain myself and to keep busy.

The thing I miss most is seeing my friends at school. It's so much more fun when you are actually with your friends instead of and online call. School is also easier at school because there is a teacher watching over you to help you and to make sure you aren't getting distracted or procrastinating.

ETHAN MCDONALD

COVID-19 makes me feel worried about the things and people I love and but I'm still happy cause I know that I have had it way better off than some people.

I feel especially sorry for my sister because she is in VCE and year 12 and there must be so much stress because there it's not the same, and the grades are going to be different because they can't do exams.

I hope that this pandemic will be at least be over by semester two, because I'm sure a lot of people will not want to switch classes and learn new subjects from home. Because.

The biggest thing I miss is getting teacher feedback and help straight away.

NOA KAFE

I feel that Covid-19 has changed people in ways that are better and in ways that are for the worst. My life has gone from being surrounded by the people I love to being completely isolated at home and having to learn a whole new system of school.

I have taken this time in isolation to improve on my creativity by doing things like using chalk and trying out new baking recipes. Most days I am either swamped with schoolwork or chilling watching Netflix and making tik tocks. I am hoping that by next term school will be back to normal so I can go back to seeing all my friends on a daily basis, I am hoping that basketball will start again and I hope that someone finds a vaccination for the virus.

CAITLYN LAMPERT

I'm fine with what's going on now, but I am afraid that me or people I know will get Covid-19.

I'm mostly on my phone, drawing, texting or watching YouTube on my laptop, or outside riding my bike around with my brother to get exercise.

My family and I are spending more time together exercising and eating lunch on our balcony. I hope we can go back to school soon and I hope I can do swimming and art class again (they've both stopped).

I really want everything to go back to normal so everyone can be happy and not fight over things like toilet paper.





LIBRARY INFORMATION

Mrs Johnson

The library is a very quiet and incredibly tidy place without students! It is very strange to have no borrowing, no card games, no chess games, no classes, no studying, no quiet reading, no computer games, no book searches, no book shelving and no NOISE! Looking forward to having you all back as soon as we can.

I have extended the borrowing time of all library books that were originally due to be returned on or before the first day of Term 2, April 14th. All library books will now be due back at school when school returns to normal.

I have bought a lot of new books for the library, so that there will be many brand new books to choose from when we all come back to school.

Remember to rest and relax as well as doing your schoolwork.

Take care and stay well.

Happy reading!





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Grand Piano Fundraiser - Donation Form

Highvale Secondary College's instrumental music program has grown significantly over the last five to ten years and there is a strong desire to continue to improve and expand the program. One way this can be supported is by investing in high quality equipment. As such, donations are now invited from members of the school community towards the purchase of a better grand piano for the theatre. We believe such an instrument will enhance our instrumental music program for both performers and audiences alike. Many ensembles would make use of the piano (e.g. Stage Band, Orchestra and Chamber Strings among others), as would solo pianists and accompanists of other soloists and duos.

We are aiming to raise between \$15000 - \$20000 to purchase a quality grand piano from a manufacturer such as Yamaha or Kawai. Rather than purchasing a new base model, it would be preferred to purchase a mid-high range used, or, funds permitting a lower mid-range new piano.

A donation of \$200 equates to buying a key of the piano for us. You could also choose to donate a major chord (3 notes / \$600) or even a pentatonic scale (5 notes / \$1000). Those who contribute these amounts will be able to sign their name or business name on each key they have purchased on a print of a piano keyboard. This print will then be framed and hung in the theatre as a long-term reminder of those who generously contributed a significant amount to the purchase of the instrument. Smaller donations are also welcome from those who are unable to donate a key, chord or scale, but would still like to contribute.

If you would like to donate, cash or credit card payments can be made at the general office from Tuesday 25th June. For donations of a key, chord or scale, you will also be able to sign the print keyboard at the office at the time of lodging your donation.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity in supporting musical education at Highvale Secondary College.

Kind regards,

Chris Mitchell
Director of Music

Heather Carr
Acting Principal

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Name(s): _____

I/we would like to make a donation of: (please tick)

Qty

- _____ - Pentatonic scale(s) [5 keys] of a grand piano for Highvale Secondary College at \$1000 each.
- _____ - Major chord(s) [3 keys] of a grand piano for Highvale Secondary College at \$600 each.
- _____ - Key(s) of a grand piano for Highvale Secondary College at \$200 each.
- General donation of \$_____ towards a grand piano for Highvale Secondary College

Payment details: CREDIT CARD/CASH (Please circle) Donation Total Amount: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp Date: _____ CCV: _____

Cardholder Name: _____ Signature _____

PLEASE NOTE DONATIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTABLE.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Protecting Children from Abuse: For Parents and Carer

保護孩子免受虐待 給家長和照顧者的資訊

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

학대로부터 어린이 보호하기: 부모와 보호자를 위한 정보



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

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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