

NEWSLETTER # 5-AUGUST 2021

2021 TERM DATES

Term 1	Thursday 28 January – Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June
Term 3	Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September
Term 4	Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jack Scharf	Macey McGlead	Harrison Watt	Alyssa Allan	Bree Allan
Tyde Potschka	Noah Davis	Kayley Williams	Louis Fulkerson	Sam McVilly
Pearl Quinn	Holly Proudlock	Chloe Chapman	Amala Liepa	Hayley Hymas
Brodie Shanks	Kara Chapman	Kye Baker	Zane Duursma	Kayleigh Lyon
Lachlan Marr				

IMPORTANT DATES

(All dates are subject to change due to COVID)

VTAC Application Open (Year 12 Students)	Monday 2 nd August
Addams Family School Production	Friday 6 th & Saturday 7 th August
VCE General Achievement Test (GAT)	Thursday 12 th August
Year 7 & 8 Basketball	Wednesday 18 th August
Curriculum Day-Student Free Day	Friday 20 th August
Application Closes for Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize	Tuesday 31 st August

EXCURSION/PERMISSION NOTES

Any student who has not handed in permission/excursion forms and full payment at least 2 days prior to the departure date **will not** be going on the excursion/sports. Payment plan arrangements can be arranged direct through the office prior to the date of the excursion. All payments and forms must be handed in at the box allocated at the office.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

If you are having difficulty paying your account please contact our Business Manager, Colleen Smith, about a payment plan. There are various ways to ease the burden of your account. Please do not hesitate to phone 5682 2066 and speak to Colleen.

VTAC APPLICATIONS-YEAR 12 STUDENTS

VTAC Applications open on Monday 2nd August. Information regarding the application process can be found at <https://www.vtac.edu.au/> If any families have enquiries regarding this process, please contact Roxy Hurst via email roxanne.hurst@education.vic.gov.au

STAFFING

There have been a few changes of late to our staffing structure. Ms. Emma Enticott has taken up a position at Forrest Hill College and Mr. Andrew County will be leaving mid-August to pursue his avionics career. We wish them well in their positions. Mr. Peter Roffe will be taking long service leave at the end of Term 3 for the remainder of the year. Ms. Clifton will be on leave for most of Term 3.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Yolanda Deal, our new Science Laboratory Technician, to our team once she recovers from a farming accident. We thank Mrs. Heather Bassed for her continuous support to cover Yolanda's absence.

The Foster Secondary College Well-Being Team are very pleased to be working with Mrs. Sandra Challis, an experienced and much needed mental health support clinician who will be visiting weekly to work on site with our students. For further information please visit the Department of Education website:- <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/mentalhealth/Pages/mental-health-practitioners-secondary.aspx>



REMINDER TO STUDENTS

Reminder to all students that you are not permitted to text or ring parents/guardians to come and collect you. Students should see the office staff to organise being picked up if this situation arises.

PREMIER'S SPIRIT OF ANZAC PRIZE 2021

School students from Years 9 to 11 can win \$2,500 for their education and co-curricular activities by learning about Australia's proud and significant war and peacekeeping history. The Victorian Government is encouraging all students in these years to enter the Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize, an annual competition to build awareness of the enormous contributions made by Australia's veterans.

Students can enter the competition by responding to and reflecting on a prompt about the Spirit of ANZAC Prize and how it represents resilience, courage, endurance, ingenuity mateship, and good humour. Applications for the prize this year will close at 5pm on Tuesday 31 August. For more information, the full topic and eligibility criteria, students should visit:-

www.vic.gov.au/soap

Senior secondary certificate reform

Victoria is transforming the delivery of senior secondary education with the introduction of a single senior secondary certificate that will offer greater access to quality vocational and applied learning pathways for all students. The senior secondary education reforms aim to provide access to education and training that is relevant, engaging and that delivers in-demand skills for the future world of work, ensuring that students can access education that leads to employment.

Next year students will still be able to enrol in either the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The following year, in 2023, VCAL students will be enrolled in the new VCE Vocational Specialisation or the new foundation pathways certificate which will be introduced to replace Foundation VCAL.

The VCE Vocational Specialisation will be recognised internationally, be valued by employers and will build on the strengths of VCAL including providing:

- flexible timetables that allow students to study at school, TAFE and work
- opportunities to experience real-life workplaces
- subjects that will build students skills and prepare them for life after school
- greater access to high quality VET learning, either in school, a neighboring school or a local TAFE

The new certificates are part of a suite of 38 reforms recommended in the *Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling* (the Firth Review) to lift the quality and perception of vocational education and help more students access high-quality applied learning programs.

Course selection in 2022

We are supporting all students in their course selections for 2022 and are providing the following advice and information to students considering a VCAL pathway.

If students are studying VCAL in 2022 they will transfer into the VCE Vocational Specialisation with credit for completed VCAL subjects in 2023. In 2023, students will continue to study Senior VCAL subjects in the new certificate as part of the implementation process. At the end of 2023, these students will be awarded the VCE Vocational Specialisation if they meet the requirements.

Students who are studying Foundation VCAL over multiple years, including in 2022, will transfer into a new foundation pathways certificate in 2023 with credit for completed subjects. These students will study the new foundation subjects and graduate with the foundation pathways certificate.

This approach provides assurance and clarity to current Year 10 students some of whom will be among the first cohort to receive a VCE Vocational Specialisation certificate in 2023.

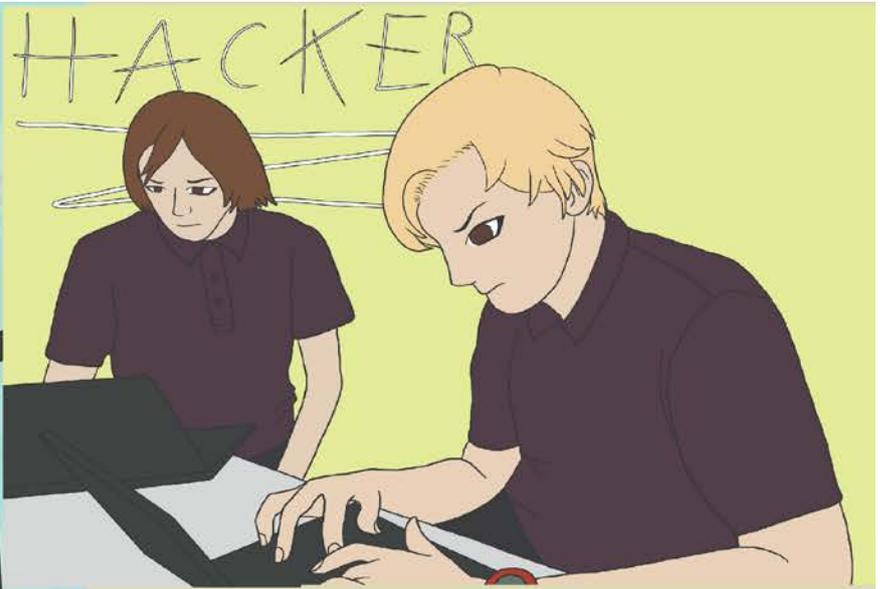
The following diagram sets out the senior secondary pathways for students commencing the VCE or VCAL in 2022.

Enrolment options



* Note: Students can also move between certificates

To learn more about Victoria's senior secondary certificate reform, you can email the [Senior Secondary Reform team](#).



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Includes
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Secondary
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and
community
band
playing all
your 80's
favourites!

aka The *Woka Woka Wham!* Concert

Saturday September 11

Clip on your braces, tease up your
hair, find your one left-over
mesh glove, pull up those leg-ins
and dance your way back

to the 80's!

Professional DJ

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre
Doors open 7.00pm

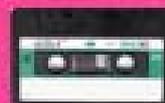
BYO Drinks and Nibbles

\$15 adult/ \$10 student

Table bookings available

Bookings Foster Secondary College General Office
or call 56822066

ALL PROCEEDS TO FOSTER SECONDARY COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Reshape Our Future

Youth Forum &
Sector Conference
11-13 August



Reshape Our Future is a 2-day youth sector conference running across four in-person locations plus online, presented by Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) on 11 - 12 August, with a 1-day youth forum afterwards on 13 August.

Join our **Youth Sector Conference** to discuss and address key challenges, build connections, and showcase the cutting-edge of youth work practice across Victoria, Australia and around the world.

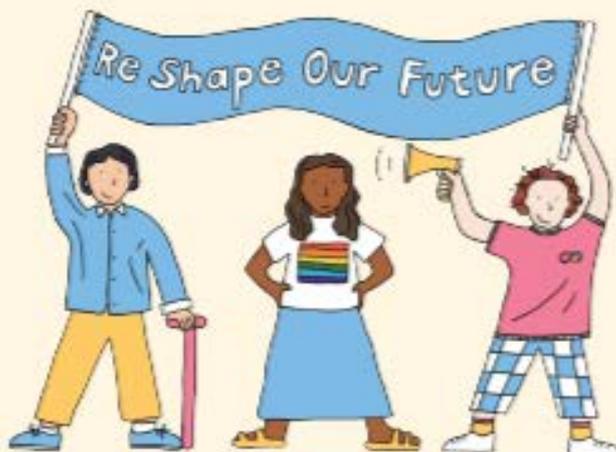
Our Locations



Today's generation of young people are facing uncertainty, inequity and unprecedented challenges. That's why we're bringing together hundreds of workers who support young people, policy-makers and thought leaders from multiple sectors, including young people to have your say and inspire action to *Reshape Our Future*.

Find out more here: yacvic.org.au/reshape

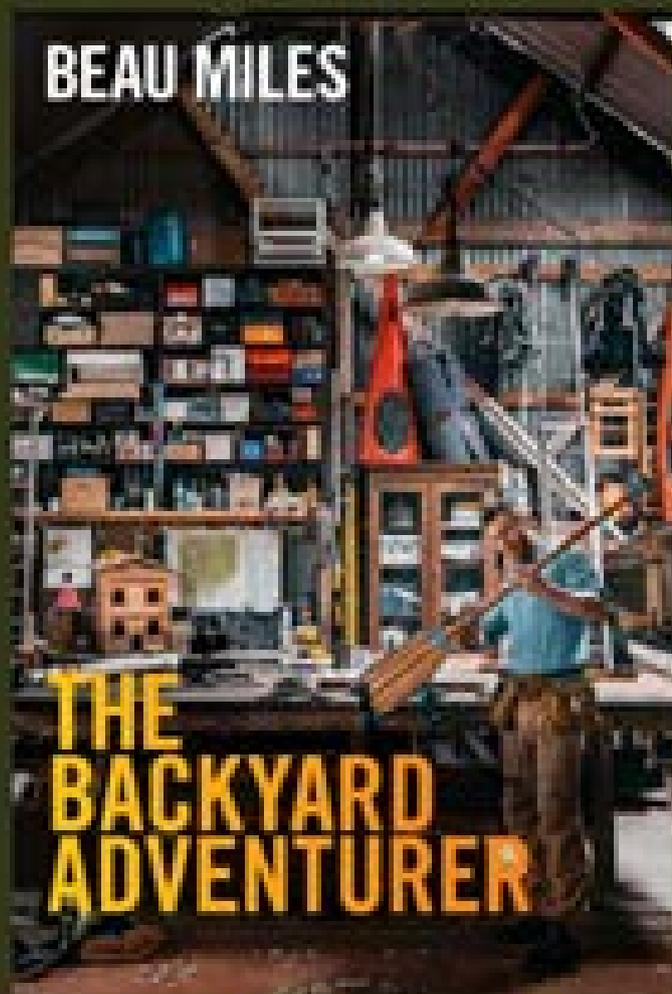
Contact **Carla Hall**, Rural Youth Projects Co-ordinator on 0459 158 647 or chall@yacvic.org.au to discuss free tickets and transport assistance.



AUTHOR TALK
Q&A, NEW FILM FOOTAGE AND BOOK SIGNING

BEAU MILES

After years of adventuring around the globe - running, kayaking, hitchhiking, exploring - Beau Miles came back to his block in country Victoria. Staying put for the first time in years, Beau developed a new kind of lifestyle as the Backyard Adventurer.



LEONGATHA
LIBRARY

Thursday 2nd of
September 4.30pm



West Gippsland
Libraries



Book your free tickets via:
wgrlc.eventbrite.com



Lorraine Peters
PH: 0403 262 813
Email: glenlor@westnet.com.au



Can you join us?

Latrobe Valley Walk to D'Feet MND

September 12th 2021 at Victory Park, Traralgon

Registration starts from 10:30 am



Walk the circuit – wheel chair friendly



Entertainment in the sound shell all day courtesy
of GIPPSLAND MUSIC CLUB

Food and drink stalls



BYO Chair

www.mnd.org.au/lvwalk