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Principal's Reflection

Student Attitudes

As a small rural school we pride ourselves on the supportive environment we have created at Foster Secondary College (FSC). A fundamental ingredient for effective learning is that students feel safe, supported and engaged while at school. As we have come out of COVID lockdowns, our focus has continued to be on supporting our students, and staff, to be able to perform at their best. Programs such as Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy Support (MYLNS), RRRR (Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships), Mental Health First Aid programs (with supportive school nurses) are a few we have expanded to meet our needs in 2022.

It is with great pride, therefore, that we note our 2022 Student Attitudes to School Survey are stronger than ever. This extensive survey was completed anonymously and independent of FSC, and our results are compared to local schools, similar schools, and the state average. The survey looked at the following domains:

Emotional and Relational Engagement

Individual Social and Emotional Wellbeing

Learner Characteristics and Disposition

Not Experiencing Bullying

Physical and Mental Health

School Safety

Social Engagement

Teacher-Student Relations

Foster Secondary College averaged higher than all other schools in 28 out of 32 of the measures in this survey. In particular our results in stimulating learning, managing bullying, teacher relations, and high expectations were very pleasing. Our focus areas appear to be based on attitude towards physical activity, attendance, transition to Year 10-12 and community connections. We are already taking steps to address these areas.

The leadership team of FSC would like to acknowledge the great efforts of our staff, students and school community in making our school such a high performing institution.

Daryl Callcott

Acting Assistant Principal

Important Dates

Monday 28th November
Monday 5th December
Monday 5th December
Tuesday 6th December
Wednesday 7th December
Thursday 8th December
Friday 9th December
Tuesday 13th December
Tuesday 13th December
Thursday 15th December
Tuesday 20th December
Tuesday 20th December

Head Start 2023 Week 1
Head Start 2023 Week 2
Year 8 Phillip Island Camp
Senior Band & Vocals Day
Intermediate Concert Band Day
Combined Day Rehearsal
End of Formal Classes
State-wide Transition Day
Year 11 Formal
Presentation/Awards Day
Semester Reports Published
Final Day of 2022

2022 Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 3rd October – Tuesday 20th December

2023 Term Dates

Term 1 Monday 30th January – Thursday 6th April

Term 2 Monday 24th April – Friday 23rd June

Term 3 Monday 10th July – 15th September

Term 4 Monday 2nd October – Wednesday 20th December



Foster Secondary College cordially invite
parents and friends to the

**2022 Presentation Day
Awards Ceremony**

which will be held at the Foster Secondary
College Gymnasium on

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER

12:00pm to 2:00pm

All students will be in attendance on this day and are required to
wear full school uniform.

This day celebrates the accomplishments of all our
school members.

PRESENTATION DAY
CLASSES OF 2022

Music Department Gigs at a Glance

joseph and the technicolor dreamcoat

when? [Wednesday, November 30 \(TBC\), 7am-9pm](#)
where? Regent Theatre, Melbourne
cost? \$90

flutey-tooty-clarinooty-trumpy-wumpy-saxophooneychristmas carols

when? [Friday, December 2, 11am - 2pm](#)
where? Prom Country Aged Care and Laneway, Main St Foster

arty farty christmas party

when? [Friday, December 2](#)
Concert 5.30-6.45pm BBQ dinner 6.45-7.30pm
Movie (optional) 7.30-9.15.00pm
*Families welcome **OR** pick up at 9.15pm*
where? Foster Secondary College Music Centre/ FSC Courtyard
concert tickets? \$10/ no bookings required/ includes BBQ dinner

senior band and vocal group sgsm combined day

when? [Tuesday, December 6 9am-3.15pm](#)
where? Korumburra Secondary College
cost? free

intermediate band and guitar ensemble combined day

when? [Wednesday, December 7 9am-3.15pm](#)
where? Leongatha Secondary College
cost? free

sgsm end-of-year performance

when? [Thursday, December 8 9am-9pm](#)
where? Leongatha Secondary College
cost? \$15 (dinner provided)

luna park excursion

when? [Monday, December 12, 7am - 6pm](#)
where? Luna Park, Melbourne
cost \$60

presentation day

when? [Thursday, December 15 9.00am - 2.40pm](#)
where? Foster Secondary College Gymnasium

Full details of these events have been posted on Compass.



We are back!

Stockyard Gallery hosts Foster Secondary College Art exhibition

After a three-year lapse due to covid restrictions, Stockyard Gallery recently hosted the Foster Secondary College Art exhibition. Students who studied art in Year 7 to 10 represented art works on display.

Selected representatives of Foster College and Stockyard Gallery were asked to nominate for art awards.

They selected art works that they saw as being inspirational or significant. Congratulations to the students who were acknowledged with an award.



STAFF

In 2023 we will be having some staff changes. Megan Hawking and Bronwyn Clifton are returning. Lachlan Pezet will be taking on English. Adeline Collins, a former student, Maths and Science. And Louisa Vale will be taking over from Roxanne Hurst in the Careers Coordinator Role. We wish Roxy all the best.

Families Leaving

After many years of being with us at the Secondary College we have families leaving. Some of these families have been with us for 12 years.

Callcott, Cashin, Garlick,

Kirwan-Brooks, Kyne, Lazaroo,

Martin, McGregor, McVilly,

Mitchell, Tracy, Tudor, Van Dyke,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best and thank them for their support and contribution to the college.

SRC 2022

What a busy year our SRC have had. From fundraising to fun days, they have done great work supporting organisations such as The Fare Share Winter Appeal, various cancer research charity's and raising funds to go into the SRC kitty to improve our school and support future projects. But the great work does not stop there!! They have also raised awareness on a variety of issues such as anti-bullying through Do It For Dolly, supporting our LGBTQI community and supporting mental health through Movember and RUOK initiatives to name a few. Students achieved this by thinking outside of the box and taking inspiration from their peers. Organising treasure hunts, dress up days, out of uniform days, lunch time activities such as bubble blowing, chalk drawing, games and Barbeques. Many of these activities brought our school community together, put smiles on faces and added a dash of fun to our school environment while opening discussion on tough subjects. This year our students have also created the student voice page in our newsletter. This page is for anyone who wishes to share anything – work, excursions, opinions, year level news – anything! We are refining the operations of this page, next year we will aim for one student voice page in every end of term newsletter. Watch this space!

Special thanks to our school captains, Isabelle Callcott and Harrison Garlick, who stepped up and gave the midyear presentation to the school and to Maddison Boyd who on several occasions addressed our school community in support of the above issues. We would also like to acknowledge members of staff who donated time or resources such as soup for our **PJ and Soup Day**. Your kindness and generosity are invaluable and a very treasured asset to our college. To our Wellbeing staff, thank you for working closely with us. We look forward to continuing this partnership into the future.

Thank you to all parents who send in a gold coin for out of uniform days or who send money in to support whatever fundraiser we have going at the time. There have been quite a few this year. You enable our students to make a difference, no matter how big or small. Every single contribution helps.

Lastly, but certainly not least, to our members. You are each one super stars. Thank you for giving up lunch times, for contributing to our meetings and volunteering your time to better our school and wider community and bring a smile to your peers faces.

A reminder that anyone can join the SRC. Not only does it give you a voice and enable you to help make a difference, but you also gain a certificate that can assist with applying for scholarships and employment. If you are thinking of joining us next year, come have a chat with Megs or Tika.

What an awesome community we have. We look forward to working with you all in 2023 to continue the great work. Stay safe and enjoy the Christmas break.

With love, Megan Williams and Tika Hicken.

Foster Secondary College SRC Staff.





Senior School News

Hello School Community,
I'd like to introduce to you the changes in the Senior School for 2023. I'd like to thank Kit Rotthier for his time and efforts leading the Senior School through some of the most trying circumstances during the pandemic, trying for both staff and students alike. Kit moves into a leadership role working with building the practice of our College staff. I will definitely need his guidance as I begin my work with our seniors in 2023! I will take charge of the VCE year 11 and 12's as we look to continue on current senior school success stories. Assisting me in the role coordinating the year 10 cohort as well as the VCE VM student body is Wendy Vitols. Replacing Roxy (whom we wish all the best) in the Careers Office is Louisa Vale whom Wendy and I will work closely with to ensure student pathways stay strong and give students the greatest opportunity of success - no matter the direction. Student success is dependent on solid support structures both at school and at home. My vision is to establish solid relationships with students and parents and hope that anyone who needs us will make direct contact via phone or email (richard.johnston@education.vic.gov.au wendy.vitols@education.vic.gov.au)

To the new Year 10's - welcome to the Senior School! Mrs Vitols will be your first point of call. I look forward to working with you and being part of your learning journey into VCE. Some of you are already starting some VCE subjects, others starting a VET subject, lets come prepared to be at your best. To our new Year 11's - a new learning program for some of you must be exciting, refreshing at the least. Whether it is VCE VM, straight VCE or a mixture of both, you are all in this together and I can't wait to lead you on your journey and celebrate those little wins along the way. Year 12 students - you have made it!! Those Year 7 Hums classes don't seem that long ago!!!! The real deal starts now. I have loads of supports for you, I'll challenge you along the way. Year 12 will throw curveballs at you when you don't want them, but, in the end you'll be able to celebrate all that you have achieved. Celebrate each other successes, new subjects, friends, teachers and let's not forget parents and family - all part of your life next year. Here are two things to have a think about as you prepare for next year

1. Create an environment at home and at school that limits distractions and you can work at your BEST;
2. Be kind to yourself - eat well, sleep well and surround yourself with all that is "great". Happy festive season and Summer (if we get some sun) break.

TakeCare,Johnno



Senior School News

Hello all,

My role this year has changed to being Assistant Senior School Leader. This role entails the nurturing and management of the Year 10s for 2023, as well as those Year 11 and 12 students who are commencing or completing their Vocational Major VCE programme. This is a very exciting time for our students, as they commence in the new VCE VM pathway.

For Year 10s for 2023, I am looking forward to working closely with you, as you start your Senior School studies. Remember, we treat Year 10 as our Pre-VCE year - this is your chance to really knuckle down, push yourself, and see what you are capable of - and which direction you would like to take from a careers/learning perspective. I feel honoured to have the opportunity to continue working with you!

VCE VM students - what an opportunity you have! To be able to complete your VCE, alongside TAFE qualifications, and for some of you a Headstart Traineeship! Brace yourselves, as the courses are rigorous, and you will need to apply yourself attentively to your coursework, your TAFE studies, and your work placement requirements. I will be keeping in regular contact with your parents, and community members, in order to work with you to ensure you successfully complete the VCE VM. As a side note, if any student or parent has any queries about the new VCE VM, feel free to contact me at the school.

It's going to be ripper 2023, team!

From,

Wendy Vitols

Nesting Boxes

The school have nesting boxes available to purchase.

Hand Made by Product Design students from Peter Williams class.

Bird, Bat or Possum.

Prices vary. Please contact the school for prices

STUDENT VOICE

Foster Secondary College

Topic of the month: END OF YEAR!!!

WOW..... that was a hell of a year!

(end of year poem by Ursula John)

While it was filled with a vast amount of COVID and absent days we leave it in the past and head on our way. We say goodbye to those underway essays, those pesky due dates and homework we lost "accidentally". We say hello to new books and subjects while still keeping to our year long inconvenient budget. We don't let this stop us as that is far from what our school is about as it is crowded with community, filled with celebration and a colossal amount of unity. We take pride in this school and that is shown in our surveys so please join us and say "Bye bye 2022.....

HOORAY HOORAY!!!!!!!!!!

Just a reminder to HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY.

See you next year for another year of student voice.

