

# Keeping In Touch

18th December 2020



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Today was a day of celebration for getting through an extremely tough year. For the college, the year started with a campus coated in ash, an ECA centre full of amazing supplies that was a concern for students return, unfinished buildings for our F-4s and a community that was in disarray. Never in our wildest dreams could we have imagined this year. The impact was immense well before COVID hit and it came at a time when we needed our social connectedness more than ever. The many hurdles that have, at times, broken hearts have become the memories of this year. However through this, we have all made it through the year of hell.

I would like to make special acknowledgement to the various people and groups that have shown their dedication to our college and our children through the following:

- Our F-4 staff whom have risen above the stress of commencing school without their classroom but ensuring our students were nothing but happy
- Our Integration Aides whom changed their roles significantly to become on-site teachers during remote learning
- Our Admin staff who were swamped with extra administrative and financial demands with the extra student funding and bushfire recovery funding that came into the college (SSR, CSEF, etc.)
- Our teachers who have had to learn on the spot ICT and also become further engaged in the counselling and trauma recovery field.
- Our Wellbeing crew for assisting, liaising and implementing the flood of external services to reach out to children, families and staff
- Our leadership team for the dedication in working on the back foot as information and demand was without timelines or notice.
- Our School Council for joining us in WebEx online meetings and working as a great team to support our college
- Our Parents Club, which has had a revamp with some past members coming back to assist and support once again, specifically with the funding of some college programs and needs that have already been put in place.

Overall this year has been super tough for everyone. We are so grateful to each and everyone for the support and patience that everyone has shown and the achievements we continued to have. Whilst our transition and graduations looked different, they remained highly successful, to say the least. The following pages, present the School Captain final speech that evoked happiness and even a few tears. We congratulate the Year 12's on getting through this year and also for being the amazing resilient young adults that they have grown into.

For next year there are a few initiatives that are put in place. Some of these have been outlined in previous KITs but are important to reiterate.

## Year Level Leaders for 2021:

Claudia Byrne (Foundation & Jr Transition)	Alister McInnes	Zan Knott	Lisa Whitsed & Sue Scott	Warren Sinclair (Student leadership Coordinator)	Sandra Kovacic (Career Counsellor)	Sarah Klippel (Career Counsellor)	Olivia Nugent
F-4 Leader	5/6 Leader	7 Leader	8 Leaders	9 Leader	10 Leader	VCE Leader	VCAL Leader

I would like to mention regarding the above, whilst some year levels and year level leaders are either female or male, we always ensure the both male and female students have a male or female staff member to turn to. In the Year 5/6 area where our amazing male teachers; Alister and Jim will be teaching, there remains many female teachers in the specialist subject areas as well as in the hub staffroom that can be approached.

## Catch-up Tutor Program 2021

As you may have heard, the government has announced the Catch-up (Tutoring) funding initiative. This is to assist our children across our F-12 college of whom have fallen behind their usual expected achievements. For the college, we are implementing this on a number of levels.

1. Learning Specialist Numeracy (Vicki Kane)
2. Two teachers in one class of 29 which will enable tutoring, targeted intervention and extension across Year 7-10 within Maths and English
3. MYLNS (Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy Support) targeting identified students needing extra support from Years 5—12
4. Literacy/Numeracy intervention program which is evidenced based in improving student outcomes through strategies that are catered for those with dyslexia. This program is also implemented in classroom teaching ensuring no gaps from intervention to classroom practice.

## Staff Announcements:

Please join us in acknowledging the brilliant contributions that these staff members have made to our college. These staff are venturing to various fields within other education settings or venturing on completely new adventures. All of them, we wish them well and sincerely thank them for their work; Tom McKimmie, Sophie Pattison, Sarah Austin, Jess Ross, Julie Jarvis, Janet Bailey. We would also like to acknowledge our staff that have completed over 25 years of service; Gail Spink, Jose Miller, Stephen Learmonth and Leanne Learmonth. The college is forever grateful for their endless contributions.

Lets leave this year behind us and look forward to a new year filled with prosperity, health and great learning opportunities.

*Wishing you all a beautiful Christmas and a new year filled with love and happiness.*

*Warm regards, Fran Heath - College Principal.*

## School Captains - Graduation Speech

### Intro

- Good afternoon everyone
- Every year since Year 7, Tom has enjoyed a nutritious serving of two minute noodles for lunch, while it may not seem significant, the simple pleasure of heating up his chicken noodles on a cold winter's day helped Tom get through those long days. However, just as 2020 has proved to be a year of challenges, so too it was for Tom and his noodles. No sooner had we returned from our first experience of remote learning, that Tom, not one to break with tradition, wandered into the VCE room with his chicken noodles. It was here that Tom realised that 2020 was going to be a year like no other as he soon discovered there was no kettle or microwave! (due to corona virus restriction at school) But just as the class of 2020 showed determination in not letting the little things get them down, Tom wasn't about to let a lack of kettle stop him from enjoying his noodles. The site of seeing Tom biting down on a pack of dry noodles still brings a smile to my face now. It was small moments like this that separated 2020 from all the others.

### Year 2020

- 2020 is certainly a year we will never forget - for just as we thought we had overcome one hurdle the next one came up. It is fair to say the year began with fireworks, just not of the usual festive kind, from this point on it seemed every time we cleared one lot of adversity we were handed another challenge.
- From the bushfires that ruined not only our summer, but for many in our community, their livelihood. To the weeks upon weeks spent in remote learning in a year that was meant to be all about academic success. And finally the loss of a couple of mates that highlighted to us all the importance of looking out for one another - Yes 2020 certainly was a year that will not soon be forgotten.
- But in a year like no other, it was not only the big things that we missed, sometimes it was not being able to enjoy the simple pleasures that come with life as a Year 12 student. Like not being able to celebrate our last school social, losing the Year 12 room banter, the cancelled ,free, Bali trip and the lost sports days - Ryan and Riley still feel like they were robbed of the opportunity to become state basketball champions. It was the social connectedness that we often missed the most.
- However out of all of this came a silver lining. We developed a new appreciation for our teachers and the work they do for us, we came to realise the importance of the friendships we have developed over the years and the support we gain from one another, and we have developed the confidence that no matter what life throws at us - we will succeed. Yes 2020 was challenging, but it has led us to where we are today.

### Acknowledgement of Teachers

- We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work the teachers have put in during not only this year, but over the past 13 years. From being our enemies in year 9 to becoming our most relied upon teammates in our final years. There is no doubt that without your support, we could not have hoped to have achieved what we have.
- And although we may not have always been doing exactly the right thing, such as illegal holiday classes up the Biggara Valley - we could always be sure our teachers had our back.
- So to the staff of Corryong College, we say thank you, thank you for helping us through the most difficult year of our lives, and thank you for the opportunities you have provided us with.
- We would like to make special mention to Sarah and Sange who have guided us through our final years of school. Their enthusiasm and dedication has not gone unnoticed and we will be forever thankful to you both for doing all that you could to make us feel both special and valued in these difficult circumstances. Thank you Sarah and Sange

### Corryong College

- Over the years Corryong College has provided us all with many amazing opportunities. Not only the opportunity to follow our dreams by empowering us with the knowledge and skills to achieve whatever we wish.
- But they have also provided us with some of our most memorable moments and experiences outside the classroom.
- Geehi camp will always hold a special place in our hearts - the freedom, relaxed nature and opportunity to work as a team are moments we will cherish... and who could forget Harro, Trav and Darce heading off on a twilight bike ride, only to return after dark with stories of chasing kangaroos.
- Another memorable camp that I'm sure most people will never forget was the Year 9/10 Ski camp at Falls creek in 2017. For the majority of the class, this was their first time skiing and it was a very long 2 days for many people - stacking every 20 m and not making it off wombats ramble was perhaps not a highlight for some.
- After experiencing his first ski camp a couple years later in 2019 with nearly the same group, Waz decided that the best thing that came out of 2020 was not having to go on another one. Although witnessing Waz learning to ski is still one of the more amusing things I have witnessed in my lifetime.

## **Year 12 Cohort**

- At the start of this year our class was unrecognisable. Many students had either decided school wasn't for them or ventured off into the workforce. Although the departure of our peers was met with sadness amongst the class of 2020, it brought not only relief to their teachers, but it also meant the classroom was now filled with the aura of calmness; it was time for the rest of us to knuckle down.
- And we wouldn't have made it through the year if it wasn't for Angus who stocked up the year 12 room with essentials - like leftover bakery food, chips and chocolate. Angus always used his 'study periods' wisely; there was one particular time during summer he transported essential junk food and a slab of water from the IGA to school with a trolley and then walked the trolley back to the IGA.
- Year 11 Melbourne Camp was quite an experience for our class. Country kids in the city no doubt created a challenge for our supervising staff Tom and Sange. While it was extremely enjoyable, we must admit that most of us fell asleep during the Shakespeare play, and walking everywhere resulted in lots of complaints and aching feet. The boys started to think that wrangler jeans and boots weren't the best choice - both practically and from a fashion point of view. But this was an awesome experience all the same.
- There were many other little memorable moments that come to mind when we think back over the years.
- We lived and breathed handball (no matter the weather), it was our religion.
- Year 11 general maths was a very challenging year for Mrs Learmonth when trying to control the noise level and behaviour from mainly the front row of boys. Well done Mrs Learmonth.
- During the year 11 English speeches, Eli pronounced the word organism wrong in front of the class.
- Ben and his muck up day shenanigans
- Riding in tractor tyres down the big hill above the oval
- Stealing packets of chips from the storeroom
- The wrestling ring that was B 1&2 during lunchtimes when in Year 9
- And Emma's determination to finish school as soon as she could to get on with her apprenticeship and 10 year plan.

## **Acknowledgement of Year 12 Cohort**

- So to the Year 12 class of 2020, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you. I think we speak for everyone when we say that we could not have done it without one another. The good times and the bad, the memories and the moments we have created together have made not just this year, but all our years, an absolute joy. And although at times we may have felt separated and alone, it certainly made us all appreciate each other that little bit more when we were able to enjoy each other's company once again. I don't think any of us would have wanted to complete our school years with anyone else for they have been without doubt some of the most memorable years of our lives.

## **The Future**

- And now as we look towards 2021 and beyond, we can see the many exciting opportunities that we are presented with. From apprenticeships to traineeships and TAFE courses. From gap years to university degrees, to careers in aviation, environmental science and the defence force. The class of 2020 are spreading themselves far and wide. And while we might be all heading in our own directions, on our own path, we will always remember our time at Corryong College.

## **Wrap Up**

- It would be remiss of us not to mention the support of the most important people to us, our parents, guardians and families. We understand the pressure placed on families during VCE not to mention during remote learning, without your support we wouldn't be the people we are today. So thank you, we certainly hope we have made you proud.
- We would also like to thank Cafe Corryong Brew for the catering, the hospitality crew for their work today and Sarah and Sange for organising the day. It might look a little bit different, but we are so grateful for the effort you have all made to make this day special for us.
- So while many of us now wait with anticipation... and some nerves for results to be released on December 30th, we say to you all - good luck and to remember that for whatever 2021 might bring us, we couldn't be more prepared.
- We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Thank you.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Term 1, 2021

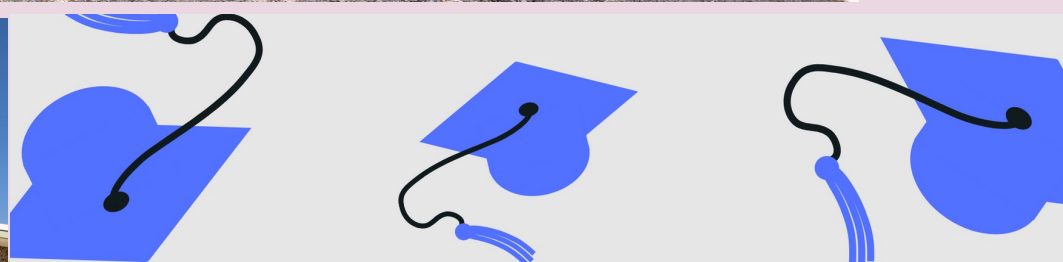
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Mon 1st	Tues 2nd	Wed 3rd	Thurs 4th	Fri 5th Swimming Carnival
Mon 8th Year 8 Tathra Camp	Tues 9th Year 8 Tathra Camp	Wed 10th Year 8 Tathra Camp	Thurs 11th Year 8 Tathra Camp	Fri 12th
Mon 15th	Tues 16th	Wed 17th	Thurs 18th	Fri 19th
Mon 22nd Cert II Empress Canyon Camp	Tues 23rd Cert II Empress Canyon Camp	Wed 24th Cert II Empress Canyon Camp	Thurs 25th Cert II Empress Canyon Camp	Fri 26th



On Monday afternoon a group of music students had the pleasure of spreading Christmas cheer with a surprise performance for the attendees of the Corryong Health AGM. There were plenty of smiles and surprised faces in the audience as we burst into the room singing “Christmas All Around the World”. It was a great way to finish the year with a bit of fun and Christmas spirit. Well done to Jazz, Sarah, Paige, Toby, Ruby-Jean for a great performance!







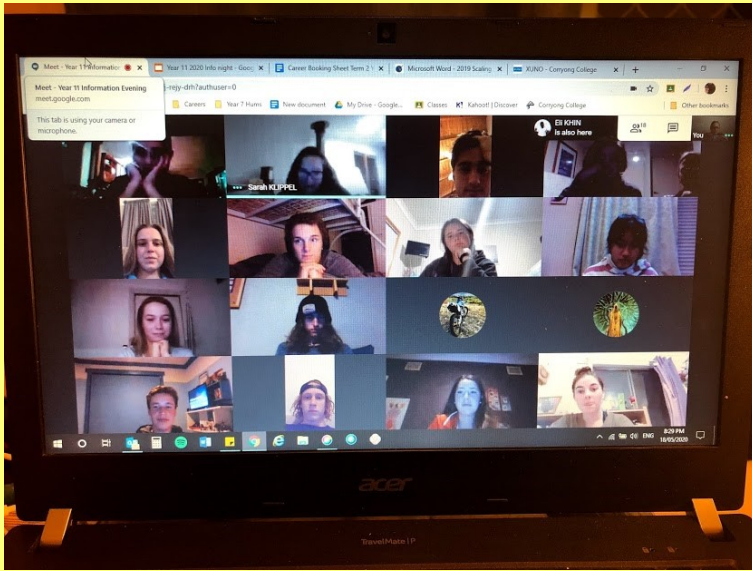
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY AMAZING

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to the class of 2020. A huge thank you to WMedia  
Albury for the streaming which is still available to view at  
<https://wmedia.com.au/corryonggrad/>  
Jasmine Pierce Photography  
Corryong College VET Hospitality  
Graduation now gowns  
Cafe Corryong Brew  
Staff and students who contributed to the day





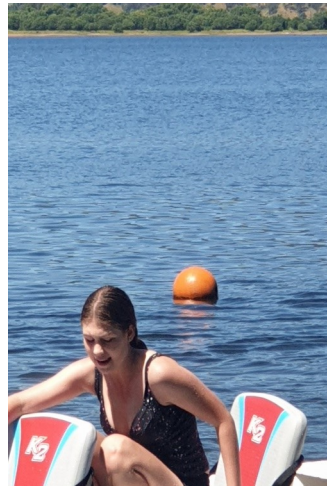


**Thank you to Albury Indoor Rock Climbing and 3D Lanes Wodonga for having us on our last day!**

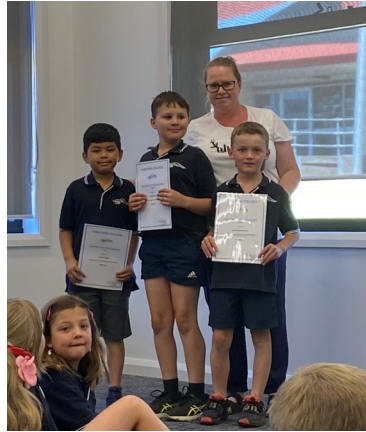




# Year 7/8 Khancoban Fun Day!







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# Presentation







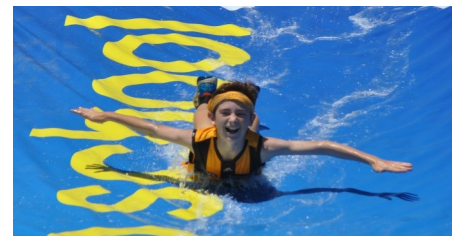
# Tough Mudder















chill with us

# SUMMER POOL DAY

swimming, music, lawn games,  
and more coming your way!

FREE ENTRY

**TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2021 • 1 - 4 PM**

**CORRYONG POOL**

105 Strzelecki Way, Corryong

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Albury Wodonga



### OP Shop Roster December 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>21</b> <b>AM</b> Di Brennan  <b>PM</b> Hazra	<b>22</b> <b>AM</b> Volunteer required <b>PM</b> Lindy O'Connor	<b>23</b> <b>AM</b> Kate & Suz  <b>PM</b> Chris Harrison Jane Spilsbury	<b>24</b> <b>AM</b> Sam Pryse  <b>PM</b> Kimb Heycox	<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>26</b> <b>BOXING DAY</b>
<b>28</b> <b>AM</b> Di Brennan  <b>PM</b> Volunteer required	<b>29</b> <b>AM</b> Volunteer required <b>PM</b> Lindy O'Connor	<b>30</b> <b>AM</b> Kate & Suz  <b>PM</b> Chris Harrison Jane Spilsbury	<b>31</b> <b>AM</b> Volunteer required <b>PM</b> Volunteer required		

If you can't work your roster day? Please arrange a swap with another volunteer or call Susanna on 0459 991 884. Any roster queries contact Susanna on 0459 991 884 or [opshopcorryong@gmail.com](mailto:opshopcorryong@gmail.com)





# CORRYONG OP SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Op Shop as a volunteer.

Our Op Shop supports our three local schools by providing regular, much needed funds for equipment that would not be purchased through the general budget, while providing a service to the wider community.

Please fill out your details below:

Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone: ..... Email: .....

School Representative Name: ..... Contact Number: .....

Please indicate below in what way you would like to be involved (Tick all relevant boxes)

- ☐ Working in the shop - shop
- ☐ Working in the shop - sorting
- ☐ Rag cutting
- ☐ Committee member
- ☐ Emergency relief (your name and phone number would appear on the roster)

Your preference for work: ☐ I like to work alone ☐ I like to work with others

What is your availability? (Tick all relevant boxes)

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| Monday    | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a week      |
| Tuesday   | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a fortnight |
| Wednesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month     |
| Thursday  | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-monthly       |
| Friday    | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Other .....      |
| Saturday  | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning |                                    |   |

Please indicate any special requirements; for example, "I would like to work with..."

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Thank you for your interest. Any enquiries should be directed at Susanna Hamalainen, Op Shop Coordinator  
Ph: 0459 991 884 or by email: [opshopcorryong@gmail.com](mailto:opshopcorryong@gmail.com)