

St. Arnaud Secondary College

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 3

Term 1

Week 4

19th February, 2021

VCE & VCAL Information Night

From 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Wednesday (10 February), St. Arnaud Secondary College ran our annual VCE/VCAL information evening. The night was well-attended by students with their parents/guardians keen to access important knowledge and hints about how to make the most of their senior school program.

Mr. Hand provided an essential overview of the key features of the senior years of school, along with some hints about how to be successful. Both the VCE and VCAL groups had sessions on the key features and requirements of their certificates.

The VCE audience was lucky to hear from Chloe Frank who was the 2020 dux of Donald High School, achieving an ATAR of 96.3. Mr. Hand engaged Chloe in a questions and answers session in order to share her personal keys to success and how students could achieve their best, including some specific study strategies.

Students and their parents/guardians then attended short sessions on their chosen subjects conducted by the classroom teachers, where key information was covered, with some opportunity for questions.

Although it was a quick and information-rich evening, we hope that all students and parents/guardians found the information valuable.

Students, parents and guardians are encouraged to be in regular contact with the school and their teachers if they have any questions or require any further information.



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Principal's Report

Lockdown

We were all caught a little off guard last Friday with the statewide shut-down, but I must again congratulate both students and staff for their willingness and ability to adapt. Thanks also to all parents for your understanding and support during this week as well. It was nice to be able to welcome students back on site on Thursday to resume our classes for the year.

Clearly, many lessons were learnt last year, and more again from this lockdown. Following a day on Monday to allow staff to organise class lists and work on Compass – our attendance rates in our Year 10-12 Webex classes was very positive – it was like slipping back into an old routine. It did however, highlight some further practices we need to implement, especially with Year 7 and other new students, so that we can be fully prepared if another lockdown is to eventuate this year across all year levels. Over the next few days, students in year 7 will be given full access to Compass and Webex, which will be new to all of these students – and hopefully they will come home and help parents as well.

Unfortunately, it is our reality that we must be prepared for further lockdowns – and with very little notice – until this pandemic is under some control.

We will also be working on a Webex Timetable for Year 7 to 9 students – who we do not believe should be doing five hours of screen time each day – which we will enact if the needs arises which, adding some certainty if we return to remote and flexible learning.

School Council Elections

As they say, “The Show Must Go On” and School Council elections are no different. School Council is an important cog in the workings of a school, an opportunity for parents to gain a greater awareness of the workings of the school and have regular input into local policy development. It is an exciting time to be on council as we are on an improvement journey and also have a number of

building projects in the pipeline over the next three years. School Council is not an onerous task – we have no more than eight meetings a year and those meetings cannot go over 90 minutes, with most lasting less than one hour. In this term of office, which runs for two years, we have Bill Anderson’s position up for re-nomination, as well as two other parent positions that have been vacant for a year. It would be good to have these positions filled this year. We have one staff position up for nomination which is currently held by Russell Marland.

I have included information for parents, as well as the timeline and nomination forms for all categories in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Student Leaders Ceremony

The “on-again – off again – on again” Primary School and Secondary College Student Leaders ceremony is due to take place this afternoon at the Town Hall. I am sure that our College Captains will lead the service well and the new additions from the Primary school will make it an enjoyable event.

Swimming Sports Monday

At this stage, Monday’s Inter-School Swimming sports will be taking place at the St. Arnaud Swimming Pool. Students who have been selected will need to bring their swimming gear to school with them on Monday. Student are reminded that they need to be wearing school Uniform or the College Sports top. If students do not have a green sports top, they will need to catch up with Mr Knight or myself on Monday morning.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Tony Hand
Principal

Happy Valentines



Last Friday the 12th of February, we celebrated Valentine's Day by making appreciation letters, selling cupcakes, brownies and cookies at recess and lunchtime, and dressing up in red, white and pink. The bake sale was successful with everything selling before the end of lunch. We made a profit of \$144.05 and proceeds are going towards the schools leadership program. The best-dressed individuals were Amy Greenaway and Sophie Male.



OFFICE News + Events

Parent Payments and School Charges 2021

St. Arnaud Secondary College Council is committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for all our students. In order to support our students and parents throughout the year, the College makes available to all students many items and services that are generally funded by parents. The College has introduced a textbook hire scheme, which will financially assist families.

School Council has approved a policy, which levies a range of charges to parents; these are compliant with the DET Policy for Parent Payments. Policies and Parent Payment schedules for each year level are located on the school webpage. <https://www.starnaudsc.vic.edu.au/>

Family Statements with BPAY details will be sent out to families.

Parent Payment Arrangements and Options:

- Parents will be provided with early notification of annual payment requests and reasonable notice will be given for any other payment requests during the year (i.e. excursions, camps)
- The College offers Parents the option to make payment by instalments. Please contact Kerrie Swanton, Business Manager, to make these arrangements.
- Methods of payment are BPAY, cash or cheque.
- Eligible families that receive Camps, Sport & Excursion Funds can allocate these funds for sports travel, camps and excursions only.
- The payment for Optional Items including camps and excursions must be paid by the specified due date prior to departure. Other payments for Optional Items including Food Technology must be paid in week 2 of each Term, or by negotiated instalments.



Year 7 Summit Camp – Deposit \$50.00 and forms due now

Year 7 Summit Camp – Balance \$400.00 due 3rd March 2021

1:1 Notebook Program – Instalment 1 \$215.00 due 5th March 2021

Food Technology - due now for students undertaking Food Technology in Semester 1

***When making payment via BPAY please note the receipt number on the returned permission slip.

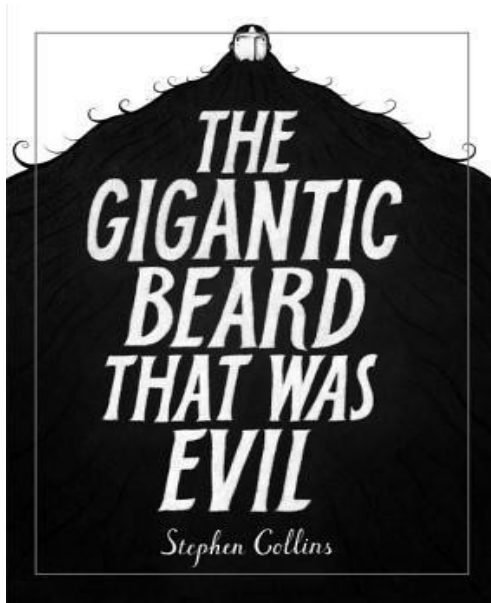
All camps and excursions are required to be paid prior to attendance, unless payment plans have been approved.

Business Manager – Kerrie Swanton
Student Administrator – Debbie Hancock
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The G. H. Edwards Library News

New Books have arrived and are on the shelf for student borrowing.

The Library is open recess and lunchtime for borrowing.



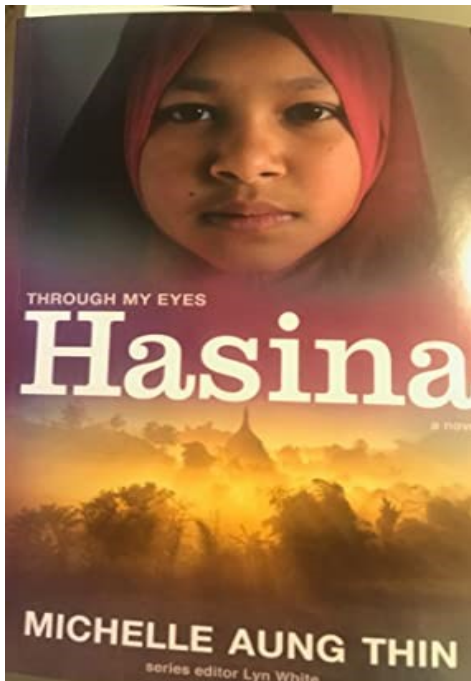
The Gigantic Beard That Was Evil

Author: Stephen Collins

On the buttoned-down island of Here, all is well. By which we mean: orderly, neat, contained and, moreover, beardless.

Or at least it is until one famous day, when Dave, bald but for a single hair, finds himself assailed by a terrifying, unstoppable... monster*!

Where did it come from? How should the islanders deal with it? And what, most importantly, are they going to do with Dave?



Hasina

Author: Michelle Aung Thin

The soldiers come at night. The first Hasina knows of it is her aunt's voice, urgent, full of fear. 'Up, up. Get up!'

The second thing is smoke. Then, there is a scream. 'Run,' her father shouts. 'And don't stop!'

Hasina races deep into the Rakhine forest to hide with her cousin Ghadiya and her little brother Araf. When they emerge some days later, it is to a silent, smouldering village. Her own house is still standing, but where is the rest of her family? Perhaps they have been gathered up and taken away by the army...or worse. So many Rohingyas are gone, how will she survive? Will her parents return? Hasina must fight to save her family amid the escalating conflict that threatens her world and her identity.

Remote Learning Again!!

Miss. Griffith's first remote Year 11 Psychology class, learning about sensation and perception with great big smiles on their faces. All students were in attendance, but are excited to be back in the classroom by the end of the week.



Notices

BreastScreen Victoria van returns to St Arnaud with free breast screens

From 29 March – 16 April 2021, BreastScreen Victoria's hot pink van will return to St Arnaud to provide free breast screens to the community. Women aged between 50 and 74 should have a free breast screen every two years. They are the best way to find breast cancer early, before there are symptoms and when treatment is most successful.

All breast screens are with a female radiographer, in a friendly and safe environment. You don't need a doctor's referral or Medicare card, and screens only take 10 minutes.

BreastScreen Victoria has safety measures in place to protect clients and staff against the risk of COVID-19. This includes mandatory face masks and spaced out appointments to allow for physical distancing, and more cleaning in between appointments. More information about screening during COVID-19 can be found [on the BreastScreen Victoria website](#). The van will be at St Arnaud Town Hall – Napier Street, St Arnaud (rear carpark).

Appointments for the St Arnaud van can be made online at [breastscreen.org.au](https://bookings.breastscreen.org.au) or by calling 13 20 50.

Links:

Bookings: <https://bookings.breastscreen.org.au> or call 13 20 50

Facebook: [St Arnaud van event page](#); [BreastScreen Victoria](#)

Website: www.breastscreen.org.au

Thank you.

Danika Gasparini (she/her)
Health Promotion Officer
PH 03 9660 6886



**BreastScreen
Victoria**

BreastScreen Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

BreastScreen Victoria is an inclusive service. We are dedicated to creating a welcoming, safe, and accessible service for all eligible Victorians.

Careers & Pathways



The Regional Education Support Network (RESN) is a free, entirely online service started by a group of top VCE graduates who were passionate about ensuring that all Australians, regardless of where they live, can have access to high quality academic support during their VCE and HSC.

“Our team of over 90 experienced volunteer tutors are ready to answer any questions that have you stumped, or proofread and offer advice on essays you are about to submit. We believe that RESN can help students in regional and rural areas get the support they need to fulfil their potential”.

For further information or to register visit:

www.resntutoring.com.au/



The Science Experience is a fun 3 or 4 days of science activities designed for Year 9 and 10 students. Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

The program takes place in over thirty-five universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres (many are held during school holiday periods). Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the sciences.

For further information including location and dates please visit:

www.scienceexperience.com.au/about-the-program



Career bullseyes

You can now start exploring different career pathways by selecting a subject/learning area you enjoy.

Visit:

<https://myfuture.edu.au/bullseyes>

GIRL POWER IN ENGINEERING & IT:



Year 9 & 10 Girls do you want to be inspired about the exciting possibilities of engineering and IT through the University of Melbourne Girl Power program?

The program nurtures students from Year 9 right through to their completion of Year 12 with exciting opportunities to build their skills and meet likeminded students. Year 9 students will enjoy a three-night camp at the University of Melbourne (2020 July School Holidays). Followed by work experience in Year 10 and mentoring opportunities during Year 11 and 12.

“In light of the COVID-19 situation the 2020 Girl Power was postponed to 4 July 2021. Applications for this camp are still open for students who were in year 9 in 2020. This camp will run for 5 nights and will end on Friday 9 July. There will be an additional camp for students in year 9 in 2021 that will start at the same time Sunday 4 July but will end on Wednesday 7 July 2021. Applications for both the year 9 and year 10 camps are via the same link”.

The Application deadline has been extended to March 2021.

For further information visit:

<https://eng.unimelb.edu.au/engage/schools/girl-power-in-stem>

Reminder - YEAR 10 VIRUTAL HEALTH WORK EXPERIENCE – MONASH UNIVERSITY



Following the success of their 2020 online program, Monash University is bringing back their virtual Hands on Health work experience program for 2021.

If you're interested in health, this is a great insight to learn all about health careers and pathways to get you there.

Applications for Terms 1 and 2 are open now until Friday 19 February, For further information visit:

www.monash.edu/medicine/handsonehealth/the-program/virtual-work-experience

Mrs Rebecca Reynolds
Careers Co-ordinator

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Careers and Pathways
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Fact Sheet No 1. School council elections – Information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad directions of a school in accordance with their constituting Order and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. DET employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school
- A mandated elected DET employee member category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

For all schools with a year 7 and above cohort, there is a fourth category of membership:

- A mandated elected Student member category, 2 positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*. School councillors must abide by the *Code of Conduct – Employees* issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** (be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty)
- **act in good faith** in the best interests of the school (work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds)
- **act fairly and impartially** (consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self interest)
- **use information appropriately** (respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available)

- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** (accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school)
- **use the position appropriately** (not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage)
- **act in a financially responsible manner** (observe all the above principles when making financial decisions)
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** (know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law)
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** (set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable).

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a) the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b) the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent member category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for Parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council this year.
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.



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Form 2: Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of
St. Arnaud Secondary College
Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on <i>(insert day, month and year)</i> .
Thursday 25 February 2021
The ballot will close at 4.00pm on <i>(insert day, month and year)</i> .
Tuesday 9 March 2021

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category
Parent member

Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2021
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2023

Number of positions:	3
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Membership category
DET employee member

Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2021
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2023

Number of positions:	1
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Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal signature



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Form 3: Self-nomination form for Parent member category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a Parent member on the
St. Arnaud Secondary College school council

Name:

Residential Address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training		
I am an employee of the school Council		
I am engaged in work at or for the school		

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I:

- I am not, and never have been, insolvent under administration
- Am of unsound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- Am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council

Signature of Candidate

Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on: 54951811

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.



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Form 4: Nomination form for Parent member category

I wish to nominate:
for an elected position as a Parent member on the <i>St Arnaud Secondary College School Council</i>

Candidate's details

Name

Residential Address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement:	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training		
Is an employee of the school Council		
Is engaged in work at or for the school		

Name of Nominator:

Signature of Nominator:	Date:
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Candidate to complete:

I accept the nomination and am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:

- I am not, and never have been, insolvent under administration
- Am of unsound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- Am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council

Signature of Candidate	Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

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You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on: 54981811

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Form 5 - Self-nomination form - DET employee member category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a DET employee member on the
St. Arnaud Secondary College school council

Name:

Residential Address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

Statement:	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training		
I am an employee of the school Council		
I am engaged in work at or for the school		

I am prepared to serve as a DET employee member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- I am not, and never have been, insolvent under administration
- Am of unsound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- Am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council

Signature of Candidate	Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

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You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on: 54951811

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Form 6 - Nomination form - DET employee member category

I wish to nominate:

for an elected position as a DET employee: **St. Arnaud Secondary College**

Candidate's details

Name :

Residential Address:

Contact phone (*mobile or landline*):

Email:

Statement;	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training		
Is an employee of the school Council		
Is engaged in work at or for the school		

Name of Nominator:

Signature of Nominator:

Date:

Candidate to complete:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a DET employee member of the above-named school council.

I hereby declare that I am not:

- I am not, and never have been, insolvent under administration
- Am of unsound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- Am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council

Signature of Candidate	Date

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School Council Election Process and Timetable

School council election process and timetable 2021

Name of the School: ST. ARNAUD SECONDARY COLLEGE



EVENT	DATE
Notice of election and call for nominations	Thursday 18 February 2021
Closing date for nominations	Thursday 25 February 2021
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be displayed	Friday 26 February 2021
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Tuesday 2 March 2021
Close of ballot	Tuesday 9 March 2021
Vote count	Tuesday 9 March 2021
Declaration of ballot	Tuesday 9 March 2021
First council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Wednesday 17 March 2021 (Could be Wed 10 March 2021)
Second council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Wednesday 17 March 2021

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Calendar 2021



Term 1			Semester 1 - 2021
Feb	Mon	22	NCD Swimming—St. Arnaud
	Tues	23	Year 12 Lit Excursion—Hanging Rock MIPS
March	Wed	3	VCE Studio Arts Excursion—Bendigo Gallery MIPS
	Thurs	4	NCD Triathlon—Boort
	Mon	8	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
	Tues	9	Year 7 Summit Camp Year 12 OED Excursion—Halls Gap
	Wed	10	Year 7 Summit Camp
	Thurs	11	Year 7 Summit Camp
	Fri	12	Year 7 Summit Camp
	Mon	15	MIPS
	Wed	17	2022 Year 7 Information Evening—6-7pm
	Thurs	18	LMR Swimming—Swan Hill
	Mon	22	School Photos
	Mon	29	Parent—Teacher Interviews 9am-7pm Year 11 & 12 Classes Running
	Tues	30	MIPS
	Wed	31	House Aths—tbc
April	Thurs	1	End of Term 2.30pm Dismissal
	Mon	19	School Resumes
	Thurs	22	SSV Swimming
May	Mon	3	House Cross Country pm
	Wed	5	Black Ranges Cross Country—St. Arnaud