

Newsletter

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Principal's Report



We are continually taken aback by the resilience and commitment of our entire school community during another term of disrupted learning.

In response to the ongoing lockdown, students in Years 7-10 moved to a model of checking in more regularly with their teachers during scheduled lessons, which has proven a successful necessity as remote learning continued all the way to the end of Term 3. Our VCE students have worked hard to maintain their course and we would like to congratulate our Year 12 students in particular who are in their second year of disrupted VCE studies. With many of the final school-based assessments now complete, they are preparing for the GAT and the end of the year, whether this involves Pathways decisions or exams. We look forward to seeing all of our Unit 3 & 4 students onsite for the GAT on Tuesday, 5th October and hope to welcome all students back onsite at some point next term.

We would also like to acknowledge the important work that Mentor Teachers have undertaken during this latest lockdown. The daily checking in with students has ensured ongoing support for their wellbeing and engagement during this challenging time. We are very excited for the upcoming Mentor Teacher Conferences taking place on Tuesday, 5th October, which will provide an invaluable opportunity

for Mentor Teachers to support a positive return for students in Term 4, ensuring they are socially, emotionally and academically prepared for their learning.

Term 3 has seen great progress made in our continuous effort to provide students with the best facilities for teaching, learning and well-being. When students return on-site, they will see the brand-new Freeman Locker Bay fully installed complete with their lockers moved in. Our new Wellbeing Centre, housed in Dunlop has been fitted out and students are welcome to call past and say hello to Ms Newton and Ms Robins. The new car park will be complete including new paths and walkways.

Over the break I will be involved in continued panel discussions with the Victorian Schools Building Authority and Tectura Architects to confirm the successful tender for the construction of the STEM Centre. We anticipate that the successful company will break ground early in Term 4, starting with the removal of the Old Freeman block.

Have a wonderful term break and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4 – both on screen and in person.

Joanna Alexander, Principal

Images below: The new staff carpark and the new Freeman locker bay



Dunlop House



HOUSE LEADER INTRODUCTION

A huge and heartfelt thankyou goes out to all Dunlop students and families for managing another extremely difficult term. All the teachers are immensely proud of the incredible resilience shown by all.

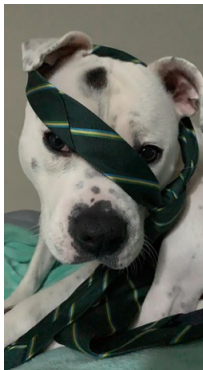
We have been trying to keep everyone's spirits up with continuing Mentor Group activities every day. This has promoted a sense of connection between students which we have identified as an extremely

important thing during this extended period at home. It has been a pleasure to see the hundreds of positive comments and interactions that are taking place every day. A huge thankyou to our mentor teachers who have played a huge role in this.

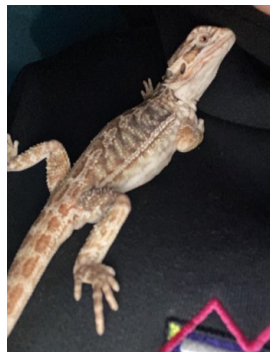
We had a pet parade competition where 130 different pictures of pets were posted. This provided a great distraction and everyone had a lot of fun with it. Other activities we have done or are coming up are Spin the Wheel competition, Dunlop's Got Talent, and teacher baby photo competitions.

DUNLOP PET PARADE

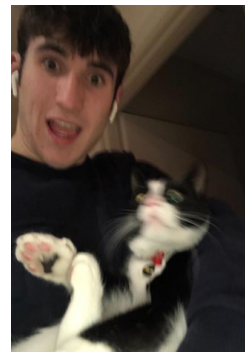
BEST DRESSED—Paige Rennie



MOST UNUSUAL—Lily Dodge

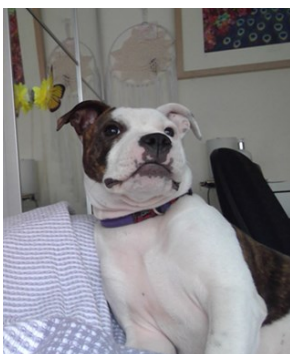


PET THAT LOOKS MOST LIKE OWNER— James Howlett



PRIME MINISTER OF PETS—

Charli Suidgeest



MOST PHOTOGENIC—Mia Barlow



BEST HAIRCUT—Emily Gittins



Dunlop House



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congrats to Holly Trainor who recently won the Nunawading Rotary Club Youth leadership competition. Congrats to the 36 students who were nominated for a House Values award. These will be featured in next term's Newsletter.

Congrats to the 88 students who did not miss a class during the term. The following 3 students were drawn out as winners of our attendance raffle	Congrats to the following students who won some competitions on our recharge afternoon.	Congrats to the following students who contributed greatly to the Strava competition where students were encouraged to walk or ride to get points for the house.
Bianca O'Brien Ashleigh Milner James Lee	Shalea Acquaro Amy Parcell Natash Jenes Holly Trainor	Harrison Lefebure 148km riding Sasha Davey 52km Run/Walk Harry Moorhead 44km Run/Walk Cassie Hoyer 50km Run/Walk/Ride Chloe Bowman 31km Run/Walk

Finally a big encouragement to our Year 12s who are starting to prepare for exams. Your resilience and attitude have been inspiring to all.

Please have a restful break and we look forward to better news regarding on site learning next term.

Mr Mark Pasquali - Proud Dunlop House Leader.

FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAIN

2021, what a crazy year it has been so far!

I continue to be amazed by the commitment shown by students towards their learning throughout this unprecedented time.

Words cannot describe how proud I am of my fellow Year 12 students for displaying such resilience throughout the entire year.

Although we may not appreciate it yet, this unusual year has prepared us all to become significantly more self-sufficient and adaptable individuals, which I believe to be important qualities.

I hope you are all well and are looking forward to an eventual return to on site learning.

Keep your heads up, the finish line is in sight, let's smash out the rest of this year!!

Lauren Antoniou- Dunlop House Captain

Dunlop House



MEET OUR 2021 YEAR 12s

Our Year 12s are such an important part of our House so we have decided to feature Year 12 student profiles throughout the year.



Name: Emily Gittins

Been at BHS since: Year 7

Favourite Subject: Psychology

Favourite food: Apple pie

What is something you are proud of? Getting my A.Mus last year

Who is your hero? Greta Thunberg, pretty sure she's around my age and she's already doing something significant with her life

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? New Zealand/Netherlands/Germany, the last one being because some of my family is from there and I've never met them.



Name: James Manu

Been at BHS since: Year 7

Favorite Subject: Literature

Favourite animal: Cats

What is something you are proud of?

Having maintained steady grades through lost time this year due to sickness and injury.

Who is your hero?

Trisha Paytas for her huge character development in her life through her ups and downs, but coming out as a true inspiration for all.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? Amsterdam seems a neat place to be.



Name: Sreenidhi

Been at BHS since: Year 8

Favourite Subject: Media

Favourite colour: Purple

What is something you are proud of? Participating at the national level for swimming

If you won a million dollars, what would you do? Keep half of it to help my parents out financially and donate the rest

Who is your hero? My mother

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? Seoul



Name: Nicholas Yee

Been at BHS since: Year 10

Favourite Food: Noodles

Favourite Animal: Panda

Plans for next year: University

If you won a million dollars what would you do? Stocks

What are you most looking forward to this year? Finishing Year 12

What is at the top of your bucket list? Getting my ATAR

Freeman House



HOUSE LEADER INTRODUCTION

Hopefully this will be our last newsletter in Remote Learning for 2021 and we will be back onsite in the classroom soon.

I am proud of the resilience shown by the students this term as most of the term has been spent at home in Remote Learning. The last few weeks of term have been busy with activities and programs to connect the students to the school community, and it has been incredible to see the student participation in these

activities. The Freeman mentor teachers have been checking in every day and have provided some fun activities for the students to engage in to start their day.

This all wouldn't be possible without the support of the parents and guardians of the Freeman students. We appreciate the efforts you have made to ensure that your child is attending and engaging in the school community and hope you all enjoy a restful and well deserved break.

Mr Liam Tobin, Freeman House Leader

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

On Monday 13th September we held a remote House assembly to acknowledge the achievements and effort of the Freeman students throughout the term. I am proud of the hard work and dedication that the students have shown during Remote Learning and would like to acknowledge the following:

School Values Awards

The School Values Awards have been introduced this year to acknowledge and reward students when they implement the school values of Respect, Citizenship and Pursuit of Excellence. Staff were encouraged to recognize and reward positive student behaviour by notifying the House and I would like to acknowledge the following students who received multiple notifications throughout the term:

David Huynh
Jemma Nhu
Ryan Rud
Dinadi Sirimanna Arachchige
Aarshi Chhatwal
Jacob Elrom
Charlie Ford
Elise McWilliams

Kiyo Sayers
Pragya Vashisht
Anushka Bajpai
Indigo Bennett
Angus Butler
Josh Chin
Ellie Fisher
Sophie Harry

Benjamin Holt
Riley Hosken
Samantha Issa
Aman Lamba
Niki Mirzapour
Alicia Roach
Senadi Sirimanna Arachchige
Akeira Somphanpanya

Strava Competition

The Strava Competition between the Houses concluded last week with Freeman finishing in third place behind Hollows and Melba. Congratulations to all students who got involved and recorded their physical activity while in lockdown. Collectively as a school we managed to cover over 7400kms in the four weeks of the competition and all students are encouraged to continue moving to receive the incredible benefits of physical activity. On the following page is a list of distances covered and points collected by our Freeman students.

Freeman House



	Run/Walk (km)	Ride (km)	Pts
	3km = 1 pt	5km = 1 pt	
Angus Butler	70.7	217.8	67.13
Maddy Bishop	103.2	43.3	43.06
Sharnah Atkins	108.43		36.14
Trixie Kneebone	72.64	19.69	28.15
Emily McCrohan	78.42		26.14
Olivia Roche	51.84	18.95	21.07
Lucy Freeman	52.41		17.47
Julia Gangur	48.65		16.22
Charlotte Freeman	44.75		14.92
Kristy Gangur	43.49		14.50
Jason Kelly	26		8.67
Will Aujard		39.84	7.97
Henry Shand	20.8		6.93
Madi Aujard	20.54		6.85
Grace Zhu	12.05		4.02
Koby Crothers	10		3.33



Recharge Afternoon Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes for their submissions during the Recharge Afternoon:

Kjemal Wainwright – F1
 Anushka Bajpai F7
 Tabitha Orlando F6
 Miranda Choo F1
 Paige Sweeting F15
 Akeira Somphanpanya F1
 Madeleine Green F5
 Rose Ennis F14
 Stephanie Ramm F5

STUDENT LEADER EXPERIENCE

My Remote Learning experience:

Hello everyone, my name is Raegan, and I am currently a Year 10 student in Freeman House. My experience throughout the last term has been challenging as most of it was spent behind a screen in Lockdown 6.0. Remote learning has proven itself difficult including the endless Wi-Fi and internet issues. However, learning from the comfort of my own home without the usual distractions of the classroom has helped me improve skills such as self-motivation and independence. Most days, I miss the encouragement of my friends, teachers, and classmates, seeing different faces and hearing different voices every day. But my sister and I have found comfort bingeing Netflix and Disney! I found the Recharge Afternoon and Zumba sessions as well as all the other fun activities provided a well needed distraction from the hours of screen time. Activities such as these made me smile and laugh, exactly what we all need right now! As much as I hope our freedom arrives soon, I am grateful for the skills and memories we gained from online schooling!

Raegan Carter F11

Year 12 Profiles

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What's your favourite subject?

Health and Human Development

What are your plans for after

Year 12? Uuhhh– Uni? TAFE? Gap year?

What's an imaginary subject that you wish you could take?

Sociology- talk about recent issues (Sexism, LGBTIQ+ oppression etc,)

What's your dream job? Something that helps people

If you could choose any two famous people to have dinner with, who would it be?

David Bowie and Harry Styles

If you were a wrestler what would your entrance theme song be?

Something Queen- maybe Don't Stop Me Now

If you were a vegetable, what do you think you would be? Corn- just cos corn you know



Ei Hann Ng

What's your favourite subject?

Visual Communication

What are your plans for after Year 12?

Be happy with whatever I'm doing

What's an imaginary subject that you wish you could take?

A subject that teaches us how to be a good gamer

What's your dream job?

Being an architect

If you could choose any two famous people to have dinner with, who would it be?

Matthew Perry and Jennie Kim

If you were a wrestler what would your entrance theme song be? The John Cena theme song

If you were a vegetable, what do you think you would be?

A carrot



Megan Burton

What's your favourite subject?

History

What are your plans for after Year 12?

To travel and have fun

What's an imaginary subject that you wish you could take?

Any subject from Harry Potter

What's your dream job?

Something to do with history

If you could choose any two famous people to have dinner with, who would it be?

Michael J Fox and Amybeth McNulty

If you were a wrestler what would your entrance theme song be?

Test Drive from How To Train Your Dragon

If you were a vegetable, what do you think you would be?

Radish, because it is small a cute but has a big flavour



Rubi Reeh

What's your favourite subject?

Philosophy

What are your plans for after Year 12?

Work, relax, eventually go to University

What's an imaginary subject that you wish you could take?

Study of Mythologies

What's your dream job?

Author

If you could choose any two famous people to have dinner with, who would it be?

Elizabeth Olsen & Tom Hiddleston

If you were a wrestler what would your entrance theme song be?

Hayloft by Mother Mother

If you were a vegetable, what do you think you would be?

A capsicum



Hollows House



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HOUSE LEADER INTRODUCTION

I would like to congratulate the whole school community for surviving another tough term. Like always, we are grateful for all the support we received from parents during the remote learning. Our students have shown tremendous resilience and embraced online learning with ease. During remote learning we conducted very successful parent teacher interviews - thank you to all the parents who took time from their busy schedule to attend the interviews.

Hollows House would like to welcome Melinda Robins (Mindi) who is part of our exceptional Wellbeing team and Kai Yin, who has joined us as a science teacher and has stepped in as a H6 Mentor Teacher. We are excited to have them as part of Hollows House.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to all students and staff back on campus for Term 4.

*Ms Laura Brock,
Hollows House Leader*

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Hollows House for coming first in the remote House Strava Competition. A special mention to Lee Martin who ran almost 600 kilometres in 3 weeks earning 200 out of Hollows 740 points!

This term many Hollows students have demonstrated our School values of Respect, Pursuit of Excellence and Citizenship. We would like to congratulate the following students who have received multiple acknowledgments from their teachers.



- Adele Sommerville
- Yasmin Wright
- Asher Loke
- Charlotte Pattison
- Vy Ta
- Malik Alamin
- Charlie Ford
- Xander Holt
- Jessica Curtis
- Jeremy Driver
- Clare Hancox
- Cadence Hannan
- Grace Hourigan
- Eesha Khushalani
- Milica Maric
- Freya Nicholls
- Charity Onley
- Pio Posadas
- Parla Pourakbarkhiavi
- Caitlin Scarbro

Hollows House



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STUDENT LEADERS

This term has certainly had its ups and downs. Coming in and out of remote learning has kept us all on our toes, but I am so grateful to all the staff at the school for making every transition as seamless as possible, enabling us to still have the best learning experience we could. I can't believe that we are almost at the end of Term 3! Well done to everyone at BHS, students and teachers, for making it this far. Hopefully we will get to properly enjoy Term 4!

Lucy Bryant



It has been great to see our Hollows Mentor Leaders being present and positive members of their own groups throughout remote learning, including running some fun activities like Kahoots on the Olympics, and a Spelling and Maths competition. We have delayed our special event of the Holympic Games until we return to school, but we love keeping that fun competitive relationships with our mentors as well. Some mentor leaders have begun their own personal traditions in their mentor groups, such as starting off each day with a fun random fact.

Thank you to all the Mentor Leaders for keeping spirits high!

Ms Kelly McGrath

Melba House



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HOUSE LEADER INTRODUCTION

Term 3

A few days became a week, a week quickly became a couple of weeks and then a couple of weeks became the term. I wrote in the newsletter last year that term 3 2020 will be one to remember and it certainly feels like history has repeated itself. The current period of remote learning has not been without challenges, however Melba House and the wider school community has risen to the occasion once again.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all Melba House students, their families and our wonderful staff throughout term 3. Overall the students have done exceptionally well in attending their online classes and

participating in a range of learning activities. Although we are all much better equipped to teach and learn remotely this time around, finding the motivation has been widely reported as a major challenge. Through checking in each morning, our Mentor Teachers have done a fantastic job to reach out and support the Melba students and assist them in finding ways to stay motivated and on task. To our Melba families, thank you for playing a significant role in supporting your child's learning across the term.

Best wishes for the holiday break, let's hope a return to onsite learning is not too far away for all students.

Mr Adrian Ferres, Melba House Leader

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Recharge Afternoon

Well done to the following students who were awarded prizes for their efforts during the Recharge Afternoon

- Emily Bishop- M1- Footpath Chalk Drawing
- Ella Hunter- M5- Comfort Baking
- Nicholas Farfarakis- M10- Freedom Photography
- Vrishhan Kanakuntla- M11- Random acts of Kindness
- Santi Reyes- M13- Laughter is the Best Medicine

Well done to the following students who received 3 or more achievement nominations from staff this term. All nominations contribute to the Melba House points tally for the School Values Award.

Emily Bishop	Clara Fitzpatrick-Robertson	Joel Cottam	Grace Hayen	Mitch Hooper	Natalie Hudson
Zoe Marshall	Amalia Ong	Georgia Ord-Steel	Tanya Pazokian	Ashleigh Perkin	Gavin Sandhu
Anthony Saramandif	Taiga Seers	Anna Smiichuk	Yoyo Sun	Jack Sutherland	Lavi Tuiono

Melba House



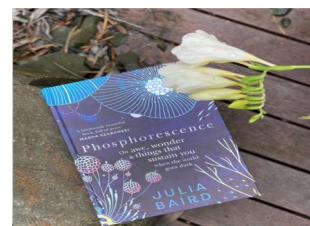
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EVENTS

Throughout remote learning, students have had the opportunity to participate in a range of virtual activities aimed at increasing their sense of connection, boosting morale and mixing up the time completing online learning.

It was fantastic to see so many students electing to be involved during the recharge afternoons, year 11 & 12 trivia afternoons, Zumba morning sessions and various Fun Friday activities.

The following images are a sample of what was posted during the Recharge Afternoon and highlights the range of talents and interests our community holds.



STUDENT PROFILE

Q & A with Nicholas Farfarakis (Year 8)

What have you enjoyed about remote learning?

- Being able to eat food whenever I want
- Sleeping in
- Reduced homework

Did you enjoy the recharge afternoon, what activities did you get involved with?

- Yes, this was very fun and it was nice to participate in some relaxing activities.
- I completed the freedom photo and post a joke activities.

What are you looking forward to about school returning onsite?

Being in class and focusing on doing school work
Catching up with friends in person

How have you found the Mentor Program during remote learning?

- The Mentor Program has been good during remote learning
- It has been nice to check in each morning with M10. My mentor teacher Mr Butler has been a great source of support and has been able to clarify many questions.

How do you plan to spend your holidays?

Sitting down on the computer, playing games and chatting away.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

My personal catchphrase: 'Invest in egg whites'

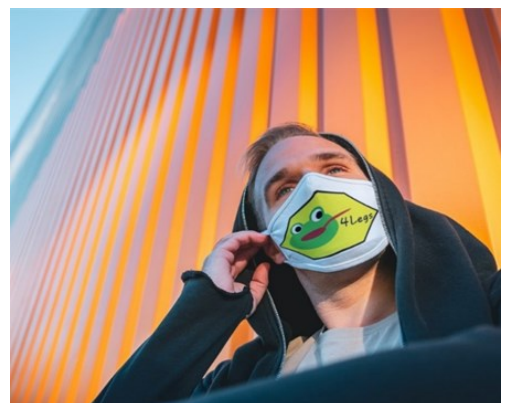


VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN



10 VCD students designed a logo for a pet food company during the last few weeks. They needed to place their logo in context. What a great way to advertise your business in this current climate! Students-Jack Cooper, James Grubb, Emma Nilsson, Tom Foulcher, Rohan Campbell and Xavier Daniels.

Ms Roach.



DRAMA



Drama Solo Performances

On Tuesday 7th September the Unit 4 Drama students had an opportunity to present their solo performances to the Drama teachers, Mr Kieren Bambery and Ms Alana Dare. The students have been preparing these performances at home and this was the first time they had performed them in front of an assessment panel. Students are now able to analyse and evaluate the creation, development and presentation of their solo performance devised in response to a prescribed structure. We wish them all the best for the Drama Performance exams on Friday 8th October.

Ms Cheryl Angus – Arts & Technology Learning Specialist.



RESOURCE CENTRE



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2021

The 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge concludes at the end of this week and at this stage eight students have completed the challenge. Each student has read a minimum of 15 books—some from the Challenge list and some free choice books. A couple of students read almost twice that many!

Participating students were able to log their books on the PRC site and consider other books that were suggested for them through the interactive site. This prolonged on-again-off-again lockdown has been great for the bookworms.

Congratulations on completing the Challenge go to:

Yeleb Lim, Kaye Magbanua, William Ness, Madeleine Rowan, Amalie Savva, Caitlin Scarbro, Hannah Strandgard and Paris Venema.

We look forward to presenting these students with their PRC Certificates in Term 4.

