

# CARRUM DOWNS SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are now well into our second week of having all students back on site and our college is slowly returning to its normal ebbing and flowing. We are focusing on student learning and re-engagement in face to face teaching and ensuring all students are ready to move forward with their learning.

We have recently undertaken our Year 9 and 10 course information night and our students will soon be undertaking subject selection and course counselling as they choose their subjects based on their areas of interest.

We are continually receiving advice from the Department of Education and the State government in relation to the relaxing of restrictions and returning to normal life. This will have a large impact on activities such as camps, excursions and inter school sport.

Our community users of our sports facilities are also planning to resume their training and competitions which is another step in the right direction.

We will be guided by the Department of Health and Human Services as things start to open up again. I would like to thank all of our students and staff who are supporting our hygiene and safety practices to create as safe an environment as possible here at the college.

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Things move quickly in schools and I would like to inform everybody of important dates and events that will be coming up over the second half of the year.

- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Last day of Term 2 and school finishes at 2.40pm
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Semester 1 Reports released
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of August** - Pupil free day-staff undertaking professional development
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August** - Parent Teacher interviews via WebEx
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - Year 7 Parent Information Night
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October** - Last day for Year 12 students
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - Pupil free day-staff undertaking professional development
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - Melbourne Cup Day- public holiday
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - VCE exams begin
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** - Year 10 and 11 exams begin
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - Whole School Rollover for 2021-runs for two weeks
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Valedictory Night
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Grade 6 Orientation Day
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Awards Night
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day for Year 10 and 11 students
- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Activities Week begins
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - 2020 school year concludes

We will release the relevant information for each of these events as they approach so that everybody is fully informed and able to participate in each event.

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Mr Walsh recently released the House cup video which is on our Website if you wish to look at it. If you click on the House Cup tab and then scroll down to the House Cup update you will be able to see all of the great work our students and staff have undertaken during remote learning and how students and each House is performing in relation to our House Cup. The Cup is still up for grabs so we need all students participating fully for their House in the chase for the elusive Cup.

I want to finish by thanking everybody for their support this Term. Our staff have done an incredible job in never been seen before times. They have gone above and beyond to ensure that student learning continued during this time. Our parents and students have played their part and we have stuck together as a college to get through these very difficult times. We may never see anything like this again and especially the impact that it has had on our college. I hope that we don't.

We have all displayed incredible resilience and patience and come together as a community more than ever before. I would like this work to continue and that we build even stronger relationships between families and the college. Please remember when things get difficult and don't go the way you want them to that by working together and supporting each other we can navigate these difficulties and arrive at a successful solution. If we can deal with COVID we can deal with anything.

I look forward to the end of next week when our staff can take a very well earned break and re-charge their batteries ready to tackle Semester 2. Please stay safe and if you require any support please don't hesitate to contact us.

Have a good weekend.

Regards

Mark Gow  
Principal