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2020

Parent Information

VALUES

Care - Commitment - Character - Collaboration

Care	• Build and maintain positive relationships • Act with respect and empathy • Show gratitude • Demonstrate kindness and concern for others
Commitment	• Act in the best interests of the school community • Continually learn and improve • Expect high standards of self and each other • Meet responsibilities and embrace opportunities
Character	• Stay calm and consistent • Be confident and open minded • Acknowledge and learn from mistakes • Enjoy our successes
Collaboration	• Give and receive constructive feedback • Value all input and ideas • Share the load • Ask for help

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Welcome to Horsham College

‘Seizing Opportunities for a Better Future’

Horsham College is the largest secondary school in the Wimmera but prides itself on the level of individual support and follow up of each student at the College. As part of our more personal approach to managing students, Horsham College student engagement and wellbeing structure in 2020 includes two year level coordinators at each level, a sub school head, a welfare officer and Assistant Principal for our four sub schools; Years 7 and 8, 9 and 10 and 11 and 12 and Alternate Programs.

As our College grows we are constantly reviewing our structures so that personalised support and the relationship between student, teacher and parent/guardian are maximised.

Our College is committed to valuing individuals and empowering them to achieve their potential whilst living our College values of commitment, care, character and collaboration.

Curriculum

Horsham College is committed to providing education pathways for all our students. We offer a high quality, engaging curriculum catering to academic, vocational, technical and artistic pathways. The college is currently expanding choices available to students. This will continue to evolve over the next few years though our ongoing commitment to staff and community feedback.

The college delivers programs to support and extend students of all academic levels. In addition to the Select Entry Accelerated Learning Programs (SEALP), the school offers a range of additional electives designed to extend students academically, support students who need additional assistance or expand student interest through our after-school activities program.

The College supports students who may experience gaps in their numeracy skills through QuickSmart. QuickSmart is a Numeracy intervention program, which aims to support individual students to develop their academic skills through direct face-to-face interventions.

As the largest school in the region, Horsham College has a broad range of pathways open to senior students, including Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Vocational Education Training (VET), Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT). This means that students are able to pursue academic, vocational and other pathways. Students have access to a wide range of courses and are able to choose subjects to cater to both their academic and extra-curricular interests.

For specific information about subjects at each year level, please refer to the Horsham College website > Curriculum.

Special Programs

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP)

Horsham College is an active member of 'The Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools' (TAASS).

At Horsham College, our SEAL program aims to enhance the education and support for gifted and talented students. We provide two streams of SEALP; a General SEALP Stream (2 classes in 2020) and a Creative and Performing Arts SEALP Stream (1 class in 2020) to additionally support the high level of interest and talent in the Horsham community.

In each subject area studied, students are extended within the existing curriculum in both skills and knowledge. SEALP students are also offered a variety of extension activities and after school programs in the performing and creative arts. At the completion of the three-year SEAL program, all SEALP students have greater flexibility in subject selection for their future school years. High performing SEALP students in Year 9 are offered the opportunity to complete selected VCE units whilst in Year 9.

In 2020, the SEALP expression of interests will be online, open from Week 2 to Week 5 of Term 2. Information is to be provided to primary schools in Term 2 to support parents in this process. After this, students undertake a SEALP entry test. Horsham College uses the SEALP entry test, along with teacher recommendations and other primary school data to assess offers for the SEALP program which are made in Term 3.

Students are tested in the areas of Mathematics, Writing, Reading and Language. Prospective students will need to identify their preference for either the General or Creative and Performing Arts Stream when completing the expression of interest form.

The Arts: Music, Dance, Drama, Theatre Studies, Art, Visual Communication and Media

Horsham College offers many options for students interested in The Arts. In addition to Music, Dance, Drama, Theatre Studies, Art, Visual Communication and Media subjects, there are also many extracurricular opportunities available for students.

Students are able to participate in our Instrumental Music Program. The full range of woodwind and brass instruments are offered, as are voice, bass and electric guitar and percussion. Horsham College has a well-established school band, which tours local primary schools and wider Victoria regularly.

There is also an After-school Arts program offered that provides extension exploring and responding activities and accelerated preparation towards VCE subjects for any interested students in the areas of Music, Drama, Dance and Art.

In September, the Arts hold their annual showcase at the Horsham Town Hall. This encompasses both Visual and Performing Arts, exhibiting the talent and hard work of the students. This is a must see event!

Our facilities include new, purpose built Art and Visual Communication Design rooms, green screen and sound booth rooms for Media, Mac Lab, Drama studio with a 70-seat theatre and a modern and fully equipped Dance studio.

College Production

Students are able to participate in the college's annual Production in a variety of roles – from performing (singing, dancing and acting) to assisting back stage with sets, hair, make up or assisting the performers. Students are invited to audition at the start of the year and participate in afterschool rehearsals from Term 1 to Term 3. Several full day rehearsals are held in the lead up to the show. Each year a Production Committee is formed and consists of staff members, parents and Student Production Captains.

Human Powered Vehicle

The Horsham College Science and Technology faculties offer the Human Powered Vehicle program. This program focuses on STEM elements, allowing students to apply the knowledge learnt in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – covering a wide range of disciplines and skills, which are increasingly in demand in our rapidly changing world. Students from Years 7-12 can participate in this student-centred extra-curricular activity. Participants are given the responsibility of managing and running the race team with teacher guidance.

We currently have two HPV trikes; vehicle names are HC Armageddon a Trisled Tomahawk made from corflute and HC Apocalypse which is a Gtrike Matrix vehicle made from Kevlar/carbon fibre. Throughout the year we compete at various events including; Mt Gambier, Dimboola, Bendigo and the Energy Breakthrough Challenge in Maryborough.

As a part of the HPV program, students participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities. These activities are based around the requirements that the team must successfully complete in time for the race events.

These include:

- Repairing and maintenance of vehicles, design solutions and decorating the exterior
- Preparing an in depth presentation about the team and vehicle
- Obtaining sponsorship and assisting/running fundraising activities
- Running of the team for the race meet e.g. pit crew, team management, vehicle drivers
- Driver training and fitness program (vehicle driving and fitness program, health and nutrition)
- Marketing and promotion

If you have a question or would like further information please contact either Luke McCallum 53817109 or Cameron Whelan on 5381 7110 or alternatively on the email addresses below:

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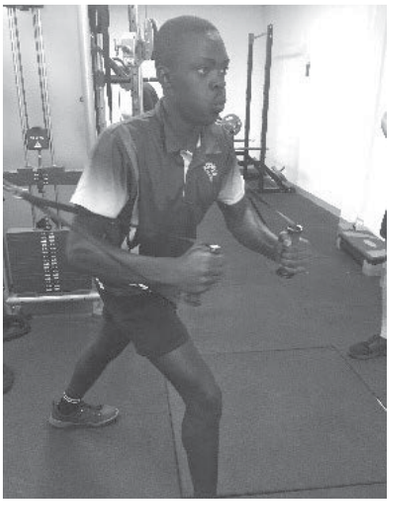
mccallum.luke.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

Cameron Whelan
whelan.cameron.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Peak Performance

Peak Performance Sports Program is a select entry program for talented athletes enrolled at Horsham College. The program is tailored for student athletes who are committed to achieving their best in their chosen discipline whilst expanding learning opportunities within the VET program. Entry into the program requires total commitment from the athlete in their physical performance and theoretical requirements. Exclusive to Year 9 and 10, Peak Performance is a year long unit with a strong sport specific focus on strength and conditioning. All college students have access to the training facilities during lunchtimes.

Applicant Requirements:
Students must be currently at representative level for their chosen discipline.



WestVic Academy of Sport

For further information and application forms, please visit https://www.horsham-college.vic.edu.au/teaching-learning/specialised-programs/peak-performance-sport-program/

Horsham College and the WestVic Academy of Sport partnership offers membership to ten students each year. The aim of the partnership is to provide services to our athletes that they could not otherwise access. The partnership complements their current coaching, training and competition environments. Membership will include up to $200 of financial support annually from the academy. WestVic Academy of Sport services include strength and conditioning coaching (RAD Centre Ballarat), physical assessments, guest speakers, excursions to elite training facilities (eg. VIS), online videos and other personal development.

Applicant Requirements: This program is for national/state based athletes. Regional level athletes are also encouraged to apply.

AFL Academy Program

The AFL Academy Program will be new to Horsham College in 2021 and is an exciting addition to our SEALP and Peak Performance select entry programs. The program has been designed in conjunction with AFL Wimmera Mallee and is for girls and boys who have a passion for the game of AFL and who want to develop their personal and team leadership skills. The program will be led by Academy Coordinator Mr Gareth Hose, Ms Liz Klinge and be supported by Director of Coaching Mr Shane Breuer.

The program will conduct specialised training sessions within the sport, focusing on skill acquisition, development and game sense learning.

Along with this, a focus on Strength and Conditioning Programs, advanced fitness sessions using the latest in fitness styles, techniques and equipment will be incorporated with a leadership and self-development program. The subject content will also cover specific aspects of Australian Rules Football such as skill development and acquisition, game strategy, diet, goal setting, injury prevention, training methods and strength & conditioning, meditation and mindfulness. To be a part of this program, students will be expected to maintain high educational and behavioural standards that align closely to the College's values of Care, Commitment, Character and Collaboration.

Students will have the opportunity to follow the program from Year 7 to Year 12 with VCE and VCAL pathways being developed with further education providers. Further information in regards to the application process for the Academy will be made available during the transition program.

Sport

Horsham College's sport program, run by a full time Sports Coordinator, allows students to strive to compete in the highest level of competition at interschool events in addition to providing competitive intra-school sporting events. Each student is placed in one of the four houses: Briggs (Red), Hall (Green), Darlot (Blue) or McLachlan (Yellow). Whether students are elite athletes or just want some exercise, everyone is encouraged to participate to some extent. Horsham College students have the opportunity to participate in two sports per term in the Black Ranges division. Horsham College teams enjoy great success at State and National levels in a variety of sports. The sport program also offers leadership opportunities with Junior and Senior House Captains and Vice Captains elected each year. These captains assist with organising for sporting events and encouraging participation within their respective houses.

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

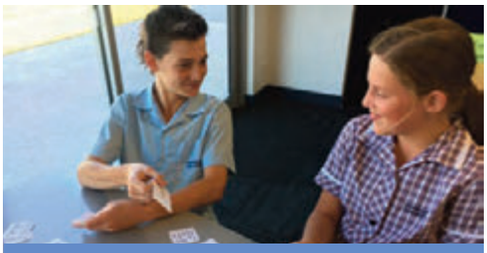
Horsham College is proud of its increasingly diverse student body with many migrant families now making Horsham and the Wimmera Region their home. In order to support students who speak a language other than English at home, Horsham College delivers both intensive English as an Additional Language (EAL) classes and in-class support where required. The EAL program provides students with small-group intensive English language tuition with a specialist EAL teacher.

These sessions support students in developing their English language proficiency, understanding the academic language used in mainstream classes, and building awareness of Australian culture and the Australian school system. In addition to EAL classes, students have access to in-class support to assist them in engaging with lesson content and understanding task requirements. An EAL specialist teacher also works closely with the classroom teachers of EAL students to ensure teaching strategies, lesson materials and tasks are differentiated and accessible for EAL students.

Year 7 Curriculum

Year long subjects

English | 5 periods per week



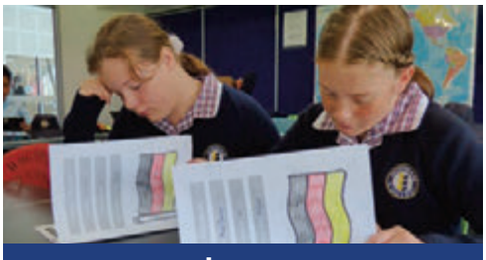
Maths | 5 periods per week

Science | 4 periods per week

Humanities | 3 periods per week

Health & Phys Ed | 4 periods per week

Semester long subjects



German | 3 periods per week

Spanish | 3 periods per week

Woodwork | 3 periods per week

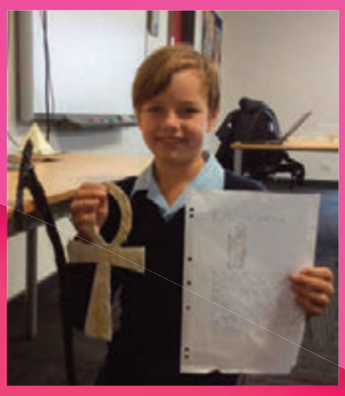
Art | 3 periods per week

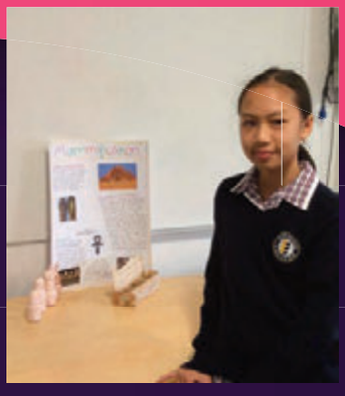
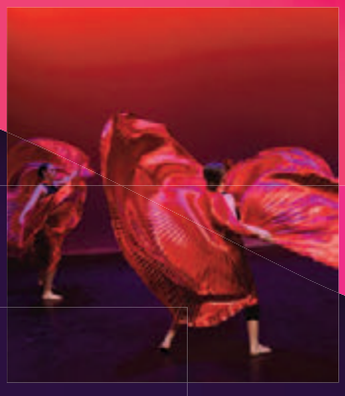
Home Economics | 3 periods per week

Term long subjects

Music | 3 periods per week

Drama | 3 periods per week



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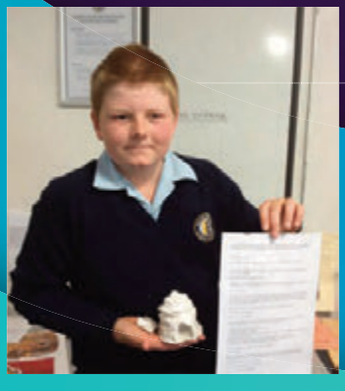

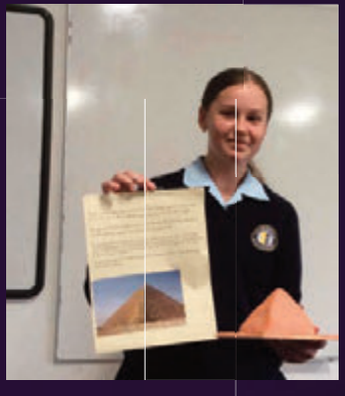
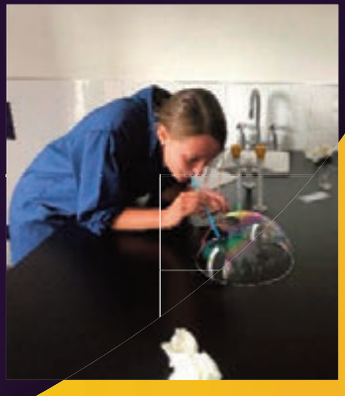

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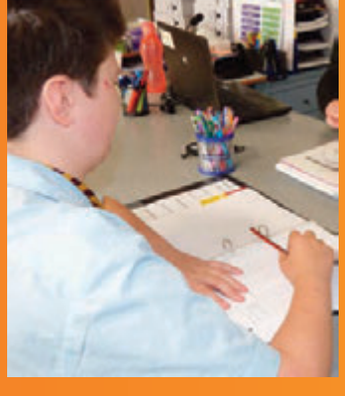

Year 7 Camp 2019

Student Services

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Levies, Textbooks and Stationery

Details regarding levies and fees for classroom materials are provided at the end of each year. For future Year 7 students this will be provided in the enrolment package you will receive on confirmation of enrolment.

Textbooks: As of 2019, Horsham College aligned with the other Horsham schools and the majority of schools throughout the state in regards to the provision of textbooks. This will mean that the previous textbook levy will no longer be applicable and that families will be responsible for the purchasing of textbooks. Years 7-10 will only be expected to purchase their English novels and Maths textbooks and students undertaking subjects in Years 11 and 12 will be required to purchase subject specific textbooks.

Stationery: Parents will be required to buy stationery items (including workbooks) through normal commercial outlets and according to a list supplied by the College.

Payment Plans and Financial Assistance

In 2015 the Camps, Sports & Excursions (CSEF) payment was introduced. A payment of $225 per student is available to parents who hold a valid means-tested concession card. These funds are paid to the school on behalf of the student and can be used to assist in covering the cost of any camps, excursions or sports but cannot be used on other costs.

With the removal of the Education Maintenance Allowance for families, we would like to highlight the option of a payment plan. A payment plan can make the costs associated with fees and materials and excursions more manageable. The college has a number of payment options available to parents including Centrepay, BPay and EFTPOS. If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please contact our Finance Manager.

The college will be glad to help any family with information about the Conveyance Allowance. The college also has some discretionary funds that can support families in need. Please feel free to contact the school, confidentially, if assistance is required.

Bring Your Own Device Program (BYOD)

The Horsham College Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program was introduced in 2016 to enable all students to have their own digital device while giving flexibility of choice. The College is currently working with our local feeder primary schools and our IT support team to review our current program to determine the devices which will best serve students' educational needs at the College. Further information will be provided during the transition program to provide as much time as possible for families to decide what device to purchase.

Please note that any device purchased must comply with the Horsham College Technical Specifications and be used as described in the College's Acceptable User Agreement, both of which are available from the Horsham College website. Setup of family sharing and downloading of the Company Portal ready for the first day of Term 1 is advisable. If assistance is required, then parents can contact the IT Department of Horsham College.

Further information regarding the BYOD program will be made available on the college website under the Specialised Programs tab as it comes to hand. College staff consistently undergo training sessions to enable the integration of Information Technology (IT) into Teaching & Learning in the classroom. Families who are unable to meet the BYOD requirement should contact the Year 7 Level Coordinators, Year 7 Leading Teacher and/or Year 7 and 8 Assistant Principal for support.

First Aid

A First Aid centre is located in the Administration building in the Wimmera Trade Training Centre. There are a number of staff who are qualified with current First Aid certificates. Minor ailments are treated at the college. If further treatment is necessary, then the parents/guardians will be notified, where possible. We do not hesitate to call the ambulance where necessary. Parents are advised to have an up-to-date ambulance subscription. Please be advised Horsham College is not permitted to provide any medication or creams to students. If students require medication throughout the day it should be handed to the Administration Office with written instructions from parents/guardians outlining the required dosage and administering time.

Canteen

The Horsham College canteen provides a variety of healthy, hot and cold food and drinks for our students at recess and lunch. Students can order their lunch at recess, and pick it up at lunchtime, which avoids them having to wait in line. Parents are able to order the students' lunch or recess purchases online on the school QKR ordering system. Students with special dietary requirements are also advised to order their food at recess.

Library

The Claude Brand Library is located at the oval end (West end) of the M wing and Wimmera Trade Training Centre and is open regularly throughout the day for students to use.

There is a comprehensive collection of books and non-print resources as well as modern audio-visual equipment, which all students are encouraged to use. Photocopiers/printers and iPads/computers are available for students' use. The Library's catalogue and other online databases are all accessible via the college webpage quick links (School Life – School Library) at school and at home.

Lockers

All students are allocated a locker to use each year. Locker areas are under cover and located as conveniently as possible to each corresponding Year Level Office. Students will need to provide a quality lock on their first day of school, which will see them throughout their years at Horsham College.

Bicycles

Horsham College has multiple bike racks available for students. Students are expected to bring and use a lock for their bike and to be responsible for observing traffic laws, in particular when using our school crossings, and school rules relating to use of bicycles and scooters.

Buses

If you live in Horsham, town bus services are available, for details please contact
Wimmera Roadways – 5381 1548.
Free travel is provided for those who reside 4.8 km or more from the college (outside of the town boundary) and travelling to the closest school. An application for travel must be completed and processed before your child is allowed to travel. Once the application has been processed, you will be notified of travel details and when travel can commence. Application forms can be picked up from the College or found using the link below:
http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/schooltravel.aspx#link82

Careers

The College runs a comprehensive careers program to assist students with their career pathways. All students commence a career exploration and planning program from Year 7. Students are prepared for a variety of pathways and while a significant number of our students are typically accepted in universities, TAFEs and private colleges, we are highly successful at helping students obtain employment, apprenticeships and traineeships. An important feature of the program is the targeted careers curriculum in Years 9 and 10 and Work Experience and Structured Workplace Learning opportunities in Years 10 to 12. Individual careers counselling is available to all students and compulsory at Year 12. We also run a guest speaker program and regular careers workshops for university applications and scholarships.

Horsham College Uniform

The purpose of the Uniform Policy is to create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with Horsham College. School Council believes this enables students to participate actively and safely in school life. The wearing of uniform will apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in specified school activities out of school hours.

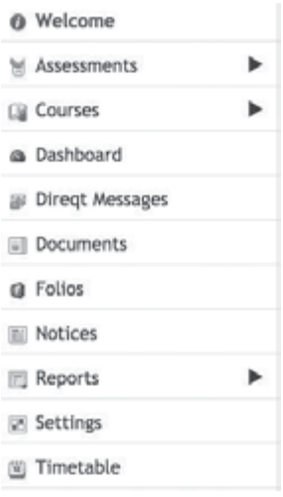
All uniform is to be purchased from Earles (68A Firebrace Street, Horsham Phone: 5382 2624); no substitutes will be accepted.

Hats will be issued to all new students to Horsham College, and must be worn during Terms 1 and 4. Replacement hats will need to be paid for by the students and are available from Earles.
The Physical Education uniform is only to be worn for physical education or sport. The track pants are NOT to be worn as part of the regular uniform. The Physical Education uniform can be worn to school when students have a physical education class in Lesson 1 and can be worn home if students have a physical education class in Lesson 6. Students can remain in the physical education uniform during Recess and Lunch if they have a physical education class on both sides of the breaks.

School shoes need to be plain black footwear and need to be sturdy for safety reasons. Students cannot enter Science or Technology rooms without appropriate footwear.

Communication to Parents

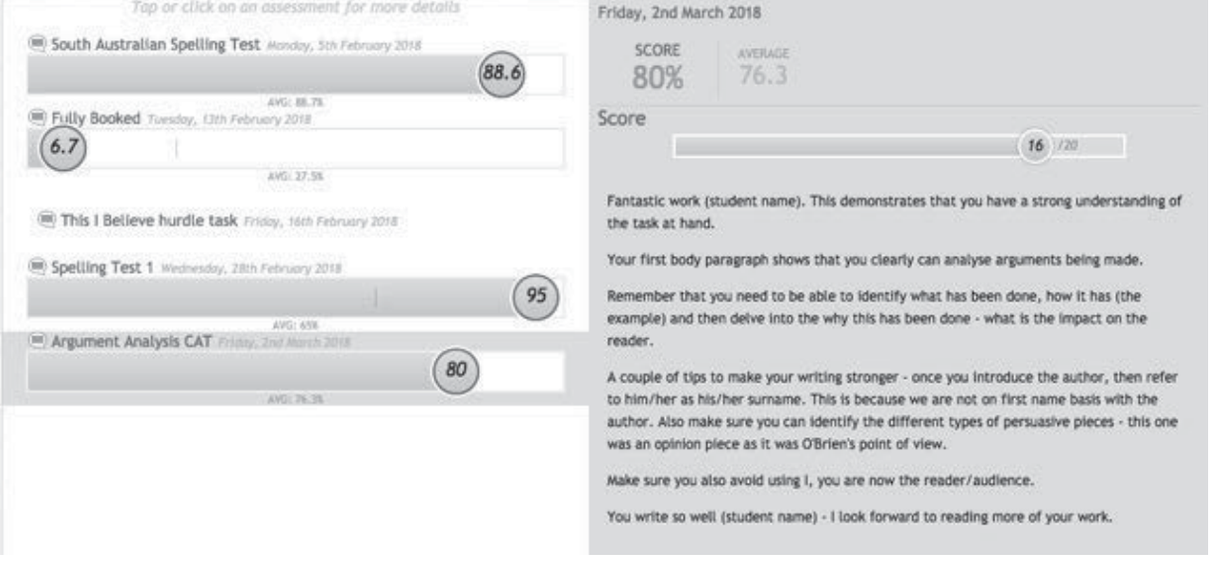
SEQTA Engage – Student Progress



At Horsham College we are committed to giving you frequent, accurate and helpful information about your child's academic progress. In addition to reports every term and parent teacher interviews twice a year, parents have access to SEQTA Engage, our learning management system.

This will give parents access to homework, assignments, marks and feedback. As parents of Horsham College students, you will have access to this information at your fingertips, as well as being able to contact each teacher through SEQTA's 'direct' messaging.

	Prepared for class	Completes set work	Remains on task	Behaves appropriately	AVERAGE	Parent Interview
10 English Mrs Heather DEAYTON	Always	Always	Always	Always	Always	Welcome
10 Maths Mr Elliot KELLY	Always	Regularly	Regularly	Always	Always	Welcome
10 Career & Health Ms Jenna BYWATERS	Always	Always	Always	Always	Always	Welcome
10 Careers Mr Neil King	Always	Always	Always	Always	Always	Welcome
10 Visual Comm Ms Courtney SCHERGER	Always	Regularly	Regularly	Always	Always	Welcome
10 Fitness Mrs Rikki NITSCHKE	Regularly	Regularly	Always	Always	Always	Welcome
10 Wood Mr Cam WHELAN	Always	Always	Regularly	Regularly	Always	Welcome
AVERAGE	Always	Always	Always	Always		



College Newsletter

The College Newsletter is produced each fortnight and contains valuable information about what is happening at the college. All students and parents/guardians are emailed the link to the latest newsletter and they are available on our webpage, Skoolbag App and Facebook page.

Communication

All parents are asked to provide Horsham College with a current email address. This allows us to effectively communicate with all parents as a college community or directly from groups such as Year Level Teams or Subject Teachers.

If ANY contact details or your living circumstances change please make sure you contact Horsham College to update them as soon as possible so we can keep your child's details as up to date as possible.

If you haven't already we recommend downloading the Skoolbag App on your phone and you can go in and submit you change of contact details in there and it gets sent directly to the school for our student records clerk to update.

Alternatively, a form can be collected from the school administration office in the Wimmera Trade Training Centre in Baillie Street to update your details or by calling the school on (03) 5381 7100 or by emailing the school horsham.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

Wider Communication

Horsham College informs the wider community through the following means:

- Fortnightly newsletter to all families
- Horsham College web page
- Monthly College Council meetings
- Parent/guardian representation on college committees
- Parent/guardian Information Meetings
- Local media releases
- Annual Report to the Department of Education and Training
- Horsham College Facebook page
- Horsham College Skoolbag App
- Horsham College Twitter Account
- Emails
- Texts

College Community

Student Leadership and Student Representative Council (SRC)

Student Leadership at Horsham College is fostered primarily through the Student Representative Council (SRC). The SRC has representation at all levels of the school. Chaired by the College Captains with the assistance of teacher facilitators, the SRC provides a forum for students to raise concerns and ideas related to the ongoing improvement of our school.

The SRC also encourages social responsibility through discussions of local, national and international issues and fundraising support for a variety of organisations. Coordinating and running events at the College's major sporting competitions throughout the year allows student leaders in the SRC to develop valuable organisational and teamwork skills. A variety of public speaking events and leadership development conferences are also available to SRC members throughout the year.

The SRC represents the College at a range of local community events, including such important events as Darwin Defenders, ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies. With the opportunity for developing leadership and public speaking skills, whilst representing peers at a forum including students from across the school, the SRC is an immensely valuable organisation within the College community. In 2021 SRC elections will occur in Term One for the coming school year.

Parent Involvement

The college encourages and receives support from families with assistance in the canteens, sporting carnivals, Chaplaincy Committee, Production Committee, Music Support Group, the Deb Ball Committee and working bees. Parental support is appreciated in assisting with school events, trips and school projects.

School Council

The School Council is representative of parents, students, teachers and community interests. The School Council governs the financial operation of the school and makes decisions regarding important policy matters and ensures the College is adhering to Department of Education guidelines, policies and procedures. The Council sub committees meet on the second Tuesday of the month and the full Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

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Horsham College Leadership Team

PRINCIPAL CLASS

Principal : Rob Pyers

Meg Woolford
Assistant Principal
Teaching & Learning

Kim Drummond
Assistant Principal
Compliance

Adam Ross
Assistant Principal
Junior School Year 7 & 8

Louise Amor
Assistant Principal
Middle School Year 9 & 10

Melissa Twaddell
Assistant Principal
Senior School Year 11 & 12

Liam Offer
Assistant Principal
Alternate Programs

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Heath Schulz
Leading Teacher
Year 7

Rod Kirkwood
Leading Teacher
Year 8

Liz Parsons
Leading Teacher
Year 9

Cam Whelan
Leading Teacher
Year 10

Daniel Garner
Leading Teacher
Year 11 & 12

Paul Webster
Leading Teacher
Careers – VCAL/VET & SBA

Caroline O'Donnell
Leading Teacher
Careers - VCE & Work Experience

Ranaye Johnstone
Leading Teacher
Alternate Programs

Elizabeth Klinge
Leading Teacher
Curriculum & Assessment

Dean Berger
Leading Teacher
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