

## Principal's Report

### Transition – Grade 6 students to Year 7

Over the next few weeks the local primary schools will visit the North Campus of Sunshine College. We will welcome all of the grade 5 and 6 students from Sunshine Harvester PS, Dinjerra PS, Sunshine North PS, Albion PS and Albion North PS. They will be given a bit of a taste of what goes on in a secondary school setting and will hopefully go home with a positive outlook of our school. They will take part in a variety of classes during their visits which will include Mathematics, Music, Art, Physical Education, Foods Technology and Science.

If you know of any child that is in grade 5 and 6 please do not hesitate to communicate the positive virtues that our school has to offer and to highly recommend our school as the next phase in their child's education.

Please let them know about our Scholarship Program and don't hesitate to recommend our **Sunshine College Community Information Evenings** which will be held on **Tuesday the 19th of May at the North Campus between 6.30pm and 8pm** and on **Thursday the 21st of May at the New West Campus between 6.30pm and 8pm**.

If any Grade 5 or 6 parents would like a tour of the school at any other time please ask them to contact Mr. Pitrakkou or Mr. Neri directly to organise this.



**Andrew Pitrakkou**  
Sunshine College  
North Campus Principal



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## Compass Parent Portal

The Sunshine College Compass Parent Portal is an extensive management and communication system, which enables you to keep informed about news and events within the school. At the moment while we introduce this new system, we are only trialling some of the features available to us on this secure online platform. The features open to you at the moment are:

- Viewing and downloading of reports
- Viewing your child's attendance
- Ability to update your contact details
- Viewing your child's timetable
- Notifications on camps and excursions
- Viewing School Calendar and Newsletter
- News Feed items; there will be some items to view as soon as you log in

To access the Parent Portal via a computer, please visit: <https://sunshine-vic.compass.education>

Alternatively, to be able to access the Parent Portal via any smart device, please go to either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and install the Compass School Manager app.



On your first sign in, enter "Sunshine College" in school name.

You should receive a letter in the mail by Friday 20th March with log in details. You will be able to change your default password once logged in. Please keep this form in a secure and safe location for future reference.

As with all new systems, if you are experiencing any issues or have any questions, please contact the school's office and we will be more than happy to help you.

## Student Leadership

At a recent Assembly we were very excited to appoint new Class Student Representative Captains, House Captains and Campus Captains. We expect our House Captains to rally the students on Athletics Day. We expect all of our students to attend and participate to earn points for either Red, Blue, Green or Yellow House. Congratulations to all of our leaders and we wish them all the best for 2020.

it's not okay  
to be away

## Attendance at School

In Victoria, education is compulsory for children aged between 6 and 17. When children are enrolled, it is expected they will attend school every day of each term. Your child must attend school every day.

A poor pattern of attendance places students at risk of not achieving their educational, social and psychological potential and disadvantages them in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations.

Sunshine College, in consultation with representatives from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development – Victoria, have developed an Attendance Policy which is aimed at guiding teachers, parents and students in setting guidelines relating to the regular attendance of students to school.

We would like to work with you on ensuring that your child attends school every day. Your child should only be absent from school if they are medically unfit to attend. The school requires a note from a doctor stating that they are unfit for school.



Students earning a free pie by reciting 20+ digits of pi

## Pi for Pie Day—Numeracy Celebrations

Students across Sunshine College have been coming up with weird and wonderful ways of improving their numeracy skills. As part of a Numeracy celebration students were challenged to remember 20 digits or more of Pi. If they could recall 20 or more correct digits they won for themselves a meat or apple pie. An extraordinary effort. Congratulations to all participants.

## Sport

We have participated in many interschool sports over the last month which has included Volleyball, Indoor Soccer and Swimming. Students have represented the Campus and have gone on to represent the College. Well done to all our participating students.

## All Girls Can—Try a Trade Day

A group of Year 10 girls from Sunshine College North Campus were lucky enough to experience an All Girls Can –Try a Trade Day at the AGA Trade Training Centre in Deer Park. The girls took part in four hands-on workshops designed to give them experience of what it might be like to be an electrician, a plumber, a carpenter and a motor mechanic. The girls all had a go at using tools and creating a simple tool box, cutting and drilling metal, and removing a wheel! At lunch, the girls made the most of the opportunity to network with people in the industry and finished the day by listening to and asking questions to a panel of six inspirational women who have all forged successful careers and study pathways in a trade.

Overall it was an enjoyable and inspiring day out that gave many of the girls the confidence and information they needed to think about pursuing a career in trade.



## School Ambassadors

As parents and students aligned to this school I would like all students and parents to be positive ambassadors for this school. If you know we are doing a good job spread the news. Tell people what a great school your child attends and talk to others about the programs we offer. If you are not happy about any aspect please contact the Principal directly.

## Books and Uniform

A reminder to all parents and students, that school uniform should be worn every day. The uniform can only be purchased from the Senior Campus (Graham St. Sunshine) on Mondays between 3pm and 4pm and Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm or at **Double 'C' Jeanery** in Laverton.



## Breakfast Club

A great start to a day requires a good breakfast. We encourage all students to start the day with a healthy breakfast.

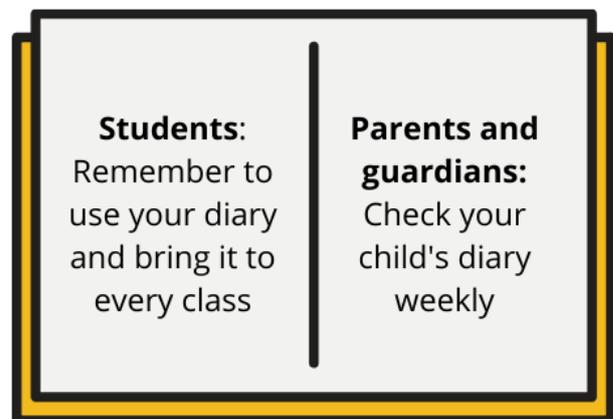
The Breakfast Club is held in the 'Breakfast Club Room' **every Friday** and is run by our Student Wellbeing Leader, Ms. Hui from 8am. All are welcome!

## Lateness and Absences

Parents and guardians are reminded that students should be at school before the commencement of period 1.

If a student is late to school a note explaining the lateness would be appreciated. If a child is absent from school a note or a phone message is required explaining the absence.

Sunshine College has an Attendance Policy which requires all students to not be absent from school **for more than 16 days per year.**



## Helping Your Child

As parents you have an enormous role to play ensuring your child experiences success at school. Please check their diaries on a regular basis and use this as a communication tool between yourself and the teacher.

Insist that they do some form of homework each night even if they have told you that they have no set homework for the night.

Ask your child to read on a regular basis. Keeping up with the world current affairs and issues gives students an insight into the world they live in and interact and gives them that worldly knowledge.

Checking your child's work on a regular basis gives you a clear indication of where your child is currently at in regards to their academic performance.



## Sunshine College— Ardoch Youth Foundation Partnership

Ardoch Youth Foundation is a not for profit community organisation, that works to ensure every child and young person's potential is realised through full participation in education. Ardoch Youth Foundation has been working to bring schools, communities and businesses together to develop programs and generate resources in the form of financial grants, donated goods and volunteer time.

These resources are used by our partner schools to improve student wellbeing and learning. Ardoch believes that education provides children and young people with the means for creating better options and choices in life. For further information, visit [www.ardoch.asn.au](http://www.ardoch.asn.au).

Sunshine College have had a successful partnership with Ardoch Youth Foundation for over 9 years. Programs include: Literacy Buddies, Broadening Horizons; Volunteers in School; Fare Share fortnightly food delivery; Sponsored excursions; Speakers for Mock Interviews/Speed Careers and incursions with the ACU.



student eyecare



## Free Eye Tests Covered through Medicare

### Haven't had your eyes tested in a while?

According to the **Optometry Association of Australia**, every person should get their eyes checked at least once every two years.

Full eye tests will be conducted at **Sunshine College – North Campus**

At least **1 in every 6** students have vision issues that go undetected.

Typical symptoms that go undetected are **quick loss of concentration, reading avoidance, blurry vision, tired eyes and headaches.**

All students are given a detailed report at the end of their eye tests.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/rFITJaikoacDed3K8>

## Don't miss out

For more info, please visit [www.studenteyecare.com.au](http://www.studenteyecare.com.au)

(03) 8644 7012

### ***Change of Details***

If you have changed your address, phone number or email address since your child started or medical details regarding your child have changed, please let the office know so we can update our records

Dates to Remember	
Friday 20 March	Staff Professional Practice Day—Year 9 & 10 students are not required at school
Monday 23 March	Staff Professional Practice Day—Year 7 & 8 students are not required at school
Thursday 26 March	Students dismissed at 2.40pm
Friday 27 March	Last day of Term 1—Students dismissed at 2.40pm



### Child Safety

Our community values of **Growth, Relationships, Learning** and **Wellbeing** are underpinned by an understanding that **Child Safety** is a paramount responsibility of the school community. Sunshine College has a number of guiding **policies** regarding **Child Safety** on our web site located at [www.sunshine.vic.edu.au](http://www.sunshine.vic.edu.au). Please take some time to make yourself aware of these and contact the school should you have any concerns regarding **Child Safety**.



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