

Term 2

26th June 2020

Important Dates:

First Day of Term 3:
Tuesday 14th July

Family Interview Night:
Wednesday 5th August

Gold Coast Show Day:
Friday 14th August

Last Day of Term:
Friday 18th September

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A quick and easy way to update your details is through **PARENT LOUNGE**; it only takes a minute and saves you **time on the phone or coming into the office.**

Acting Principal Update

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I trust that this newsletter finds you safe and well, as we see out the end of Term 2 and hopefully the flattening of the curve of the Coronavirus pandemic.

This term has been particularly challenging for all. I want to acknowledge the efforts of the staff, students and parents for contributing to the stability, support and success of our online learning delivery, enabling our students learning to continue during this complex time. I particularly want to acknowledge the teaching staff, as they were required to adapt their entire programs in a very short period of time, to ensure that our students' learning was as uninterrupted as possible. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our students and parents for maintaining a consistent, high level of attendance during this time. Arcadia College maintained an average of 82% attendance during Term 2, which is a great result given the circumstances. Learning is an active process; engagement is key.

Semester 1 reports will be available via parent lounge from Wednesday 15th July, Week 1, Term 3.

A couple of reminders moving into the winter season. As the weather starts to get cooler, a reminder to all students of appropriate dress codes. Jeans, t-shirts, jumpers and closed-in footwear are all examples of appropriate dress. Students who are not dressed appropriately will need to report to admin, unless they have been given a parent note for extenuating circumstances. Thongs, singlets and midriff-revealing wear are not permitted under any circumstances. Arcadia hoodies are available for purchase; please contact 'Finance' for further information.

Congratulations to our two iPad winners, Sienna and Amelia for best attendance/engagement online during Term 2. The following students should also be congratulated for consistent attendance during Semester 1, gaining themselves a Fitbit: Aimee, Annajade, Hunter, Kyle, Cody and Gaura. Well done to all of these students!

Moving into the pointy end of the year, it is absolutely essential that students are maintaining a minimum of 85% attendance to ensure that they are being exposed to all of the learning opportunities and experiences within the studio spaces, enabling individual success.

Arcadia College is renowned for its inclusive, individualised approach to education, with dedicated staff enabling successful, independent learners. I am proud to be leading such a passionate group of educators, working alongside a unique, vibrant and well-mannered group of young people. We look forward to seeing all students returning to school after the holidays **on Tuesday 14th July, 2020.**

Kind regards

Tahlia McGahey
Acting Principal

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Certificate of Completion

This Certificate of Completion does hereby certify that

VICKY FIELDING-ALBERT

has undertaken all of the requirements and successfully completed the following program

COVIDSafe Professional

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Tuckshop

This term has seen some major changes to the way we send food to the students. Gone are the days of fruit and veggie stick platters.

All food is now individually wrapped. It is time consuming, but we are determined to still serve healthy choices as much as possible.

Our favourite part of cooking is the lunch time hot meal.

This term we prepared:

- Sweet and Sour Hokkien Noodles
- Pasta and Meatballs
- Herb and Ricotta Pasta
- Fried Rice
- Chicken Strip Wraps

Hope all the students have a wonderful term break and look forward to seeing all your smiling faces in Term 3.

Happy holidays everybody, from the Tuckshop team."



School Nurses

A huge thank-you to all the students, parents and staff for your patience and diligence in supporting the hygiene and safety requests of the college during this last term. It was a challenge for everyone but parents and students responded admirably by keeping unwell students at home and collecting students if illness was a concern.

The Year 7 and 10 vaccination clinics ran smoothly, providing important vaccination cover to protect students against HPV, Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis and meningococcal disease.

The school nurses are here to assist with on-site healthcare and provide advice to students that may require external health support. Please don't hesitate to call the nurses if you have a concern regarding a student's healthcare during school hours.

Judy and Di



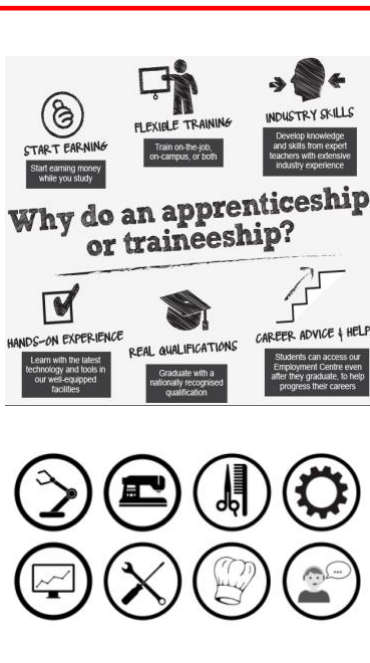
Careers

It's been a quiet 2nd term for School Based Traineeships with the majority of our businesses on the Gold Coast having to shut their doors. The good news is the vacancies are starting to trickle through slowly which is exciting! I've had plenty of interest in the students wanting to apply for these vacancies.

We have been very lucky with our students at Arcadia who are already completing a Traineeship, that they were able to continue throughout the "lock down" period as the business they are working for were able to keep going. I would like to give a big shout out to the students who have been working online through Term 2 to complete their qualifications at the Trade College and other private Registered Training Organisations. They have been exposed to a whole new world of Zoom Classes and Clouds etc which has been challenging for some but they have shown great resilience and pushed through. I am hoping that the Trade Colleges will open up to face to face classes again in Term 3 and the students will be able to get back into the Prac Rooms and get their hands dirty once again!

I have also had a lot of interest from students in Grade 10 and 11 for the TAFE at School courses which start at the beginning of Semester 2. We have students signed up for courses working with Animals, starting a Diploma of Nursing, Certificates in Fashion Design and quite a few trade courses. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to obtain qualifications while at school and could help them on their chosen career paths.

Michelle Hoffman
Careers and Training Coordinator



Studio Updates

7:

Term 2 was an eventful and interesting experience for students and staff. The start of Term saw the innovation of at home learning, with incredible results and engagement from all Year 7 students.

This term we covered our Extreme Earth through the discovery and exploration of natural disasters and their effects on Liveability in the world. We also learned about the Earth, Sun and Moon and how our planets make up our solar system. The photograph attached, is an exhibit made by several of our Year 7 students of the planets in our Solar System.

We very much look forward to continuing to grow as a cohort; socially, emotionally and academically. We are incredibly proud of our student's resilience throughout the worldwide pandemic and the progress our students have made during Semester 1. Well done Year 7's and we look forward to an amazing educational journey for Terms 3 and 4.

Your Team

Joel, Ev, Amore and Lara



8:

'Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not'
The Lorax.

I think we can all agree it's been a crazy first half of 2020, some of the discussions we have been having in year 8 have been about positive mindsets and the power of our thoughts. To emphasise how important, it is to show kindness to each other so we have started a kindness initiative in both of the year 8 class rooms. Students are encouraged to notice an act of kindness or something they appreciate about a peer or teacher during the day and put the note into our Kindness box. At the end of the day, notes in the box are read out to the class to encourage each other and to help create positive mindsets in our students.

Here are some of the comments from our students about what kindness means to them:

Vaine: Kindness means to be nice to everyone even people you don't know.

Luke – People being nice to each other

Bailey – Welcoming and accepting people being caring and looking after each other.

Lara – Being caring, friendly supportive and positive to people

Namara – Loving and respectful

Caleb – Treating people with respect and helping people in need.

Pat – Kindness is when someone helps someone else

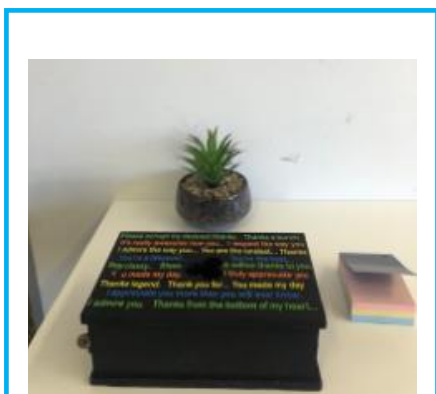
Grace – Offering help to someone in their need, being respectful to someone and respecting their boundaries. Being there for someone in their need.

Nik – It's cool to be kind.

Keanu – Doing great things for people, help where you can and don't say bad things about them. Show friendliness and care about their feelings.

Henry – A kind person is caring and forgiving and is empathetic

Year 8 Team



9:

What a journey Term 2 has been! Teaching and learning online was not without its challenges, however the opportunity for innovation and the exploration of learning and collaboration technologies was invaluable. We commend all of our year 9 students who adapted to the online learning environment with a positive and determined attitude, and who showed great resilience when it was time to return to the classroom.

During the term, students have participated in a range of creative and interactive learning activities. In English, students wrote powerful and persuasive speeches inspired by some of the greatest speech writers in history. Plate tectonics was the topic for science this term, where students constructed 3D models of geological processes and events such as volcanoes, earthquakes, and subduction zones to demonstrate their learning. History transported us back to World War One to discover the unique and inspirational stories of service men and women. Students developed inspired and innovative MRE packs and board games for Design Tech, while in Art students created a propaganda poster, drawing on their learnings about World War One.

The HPE team led students through a series of activities that explored our local national parks. Students also participated in plenty of Covid safe outdoor sports and games, with a crowd favourite being 'camouflage'. SEL delivered a series called 'my life, my decisions', empowering students with the skills and knowledge to make positive choices. GreenX7 was a regular focus in delivering wellbeing activities this term. Such activities included mindfulness and breathing exercises, morning fitness routines, goal setting and teambuilding activities that promoted collaboration and connection. Year 9's also had the opportunity to explore themes like acceptance and compassion through engagement in National Reconciliation Week. Storytelling and artwork were used to discover the history and culture of Australia and the reconciliation process.

We hope that this term has provided an opportunity for new learning, reconnection and reflection. Have a restful and safe break and we look forward to seeing all of our wonderful students in Term 3.

Year 9 Team

10:

A term with a difference.

A term like no other.

A term where students learnt about resilience.

A term where resilience taught students about themselves.

A term where students even mentioned they were looking forward to coming back to school!

The grade 10 students impressed the team with their ability to adapt to the online learning environment. Moments of gratitude and reflection were captured. Knowledge that life will have its challenges and it is within these moments that they can find the courage to persevere.

It is with sadness that this term marks the end of the Arcadia College journey for Wellbeing Coordinators Jillian Dudley and Sam Clausen. They leave with the knowledge that the grade 10s are supported by a strong team that will continue to challenge the students to extend out of their comfort zones and build upon their resilience and discover personal strengths.

Thank you, students, for being such a fabulous crew, a mixed team whom join together (on most days!) to support each other regardless of your differences. Remember to stay true to who you are, be you, do you, for you.

Year 10 team



11:

Term 2 has been such a great learning experience for us all, it has challenged us, and allowed us to improve on independent learning through the development of digital technology skills.

During Sport and Recreation, students developed their understanding and skills in orienteering, including use of compasses, map reading, and traversing through different terrains. Students demonstrated physical performance in orienteering contexts using the skills and knowledge developed throughout the unit.

This term in Arts in Practice student explored their cultural identity and produced art pieces suitable for a school open day.

This term in Science in Practice students learnt about Workplace Health and Safety, where students dressed up in a selection of personal protective equipment, in a winner takes all 'Workplace Charades'. Students learnt about the necessity of protecting themselves and others in following the guidelines set out by different governing bodies.

In Social Community Studies Students this term investigated the current issues and ideologies of teens when making choices regarding health and nutrition. From that investigation, Students planned and designed a healthy lifestyle booklet for the purpose of educating teens to make healthier choices.

During Essential English students explored workplace diversity and developed personal views and perceptions of the importance and benefits of an inclusive workplace.

In Essential Mathematics students learnt an array of real-life concepts, including income, percentage discounts, data and graphical displays. Students showed their ability to adapt to online learning as engagement and mastery of concepts covered was consistent throughout the term.

Year 11 students should be proud of all they have achieved and we are excited to see what Term 3 has in store.

The Year 11 Team

12:

This Term has been an exercise in resilience and independent learning for our Year 12 students due to Covid19 and subsequent home learning and social distancing. Covid-19 has put a hold on our excursions and camps this term, as Covid-19 restrictions are slowly lifting we are hoping to run a school camp in week 9 of term 3.

Overall students have worked extremely hard to keep up with their schoolwork tasks online and have shown commitment to their studies on return. We are looking forward to a smooth sailing term 3.

After a long wait Staff and Students finally received their new 'Personalised Senior Jerseys'. This has been a popular tradition at Arcadia and we ask students to remember they are representing their school in public when wearing these and to be mindful of their behaviour.

Year 12 students have completed Term 2, with many personal academic achievements being made. Students continue to demonstrate their artistic capabilities with their Art pieces. They continue to be engaged in learning in Math, English, Science, Social and Community Studies, Social and Emotional Learning as well as some students working towards Traineeship and Certificate Courses. Term 2 has been an anxious time for our students, whom I'm sure, like staff, are looking forward to classroom-based face to face learning in Term 3. Despite the uncertainty and disruption caused by Covid-19, our wonderful Year 12 students faced the situation with maturity and proactivity.

Year 12 Team





COLLEGE CALENDAR

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Term Dates 2020:	
Term 1:	
- Induction New Students	22 January
- All Students	29 January to 3 April
Term 2:	20 April to 26 June
Term 3:	14 July to 18 September
Term 4:	7 October to 4 December
Year 12 Last Day:	20 November
Year 10 & 11 Last Day:	27 November
Year 7, 8 & 9 Last Day:	4 December

School Holidays

Pupil Free Day / Staff Professional Development

School Events 2020 :	
Family Interview Nights:	Wednesday 19 February Wednesday 5 August
Make A Difference Day:	Friday 28 February
Penthouse Days:	Wednesday 24 June Wednesday 11 November
Year 12 Graduation/Formal:	Thursday 19 November
Whole School Awards Day:	Friday 27 November
Junior School Excursion:	Wednesday 2 December

Public holidays 2020:	
Wednesday 1 January	- New Year's Day
Monday 27 January	- Australia Day Substitute
Friday 10 April	- Good Friday
Monday 13 April	- Easter Monday
Saturday 25 April	- Anzac Day
Monday 4 May	- Labour Day
Friday 14 August	- Gold Coast Show NEW DATE
Monday 5 October	- Queen's Birthday
Friday 25 December	- Christmas Day
Saturday 26 December	- Boxing Day
Monday 28 December	- Additional for Boxing Day