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# Truganina Times



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## Welcome back for 2021!

Dear Community

A very warm welcome back to the 2021 School year.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the entire College community – staff, families and students and thank you all for working together to keep us all safe and learning during 2020, certainly a year like no other.

With strength in community to respectfully face challenge, we emerge into this new year.

A new year with many opportunities to support our children and families and together provide the very best learning opportunities for all children at the College.

In 2021, the College is very well placed and prepared to differentiate the learning and wellbeing support to make sure each and every child is supported. Each student has a range of learning information that this year's staff are fully briefed on and from day one the learning has been and will continue to be differentiated to cater for the next step in your child's learning. The staff differentiate the content, the process and the work the children produce. Students have a clear understanding of what is expected of them with each learning focus having a learning intention or goal and success criteria. The success criteria inform the children of what is expected of them so that they can take responsibility for their learning and understand the high expectations of the learning. At an age/stage appropriate level the learning intentions and success criteria are pasted or written by the children into their workbooks.

Each class is currently working through the IGNITE curriculum where all classroom routines, high expectations around learning, behaviour, wellbeing and student input into learning are being set and embedded.

Each class in the College works in a small team of three to four classes. Each team has a Professional Learning Community Leader (PLC), and each year level has a Principal Class Officer who work collaboratively to ensure excellent communication with home and fabulous learning. I would encourage all community members if you need anything or have any questions please ask your child's class teacher at drop off or pick up if a small question or please make contact via phone or email with the class teacher, PLC leader or Principal Class Officer if a longer conversation is needed.

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The Principal Class Officers are as follows

Ms Sadia Toqeer – Foundation and Year 6

Mr Robert Nikolic – Years 1 and 4

Ms Vanitha Sujith – Years 2 and 5

Ms Leanne McNaughton – Year 3

Ms Lisa Foster – Acting Director of Teaching and Learning and Year 5

Ms Justine Ryan – Years 7 and 8

Mr Christopher Pugh – Principal of Middle Years (Yr.5-9) and Year 9.

These senior staff look forward to meeting you and would be very pleased to assist with any enquiries.

As the year has started, I have been very pleased to see the entire community focussing on establishing pride and confidence in our College. Being in uniform promotes the College to the community in a very positive light. Students are expected to be in school uniform inclusive of black shoes and families have been supportive of this expectation. If you need assistance with uniform, please contact the office on 9368 9800.

It is crucially important that each student is at school every day (unless unwell). Each day's learning builds on the previous day. Each day's social connections with other children and staff builds on the previous days. Learning and wellbeing is too important to miss a day of school. Most families understand the importance of 100% attendance, some families need reminding of this information. It is not ok to be away. It is not ok to have a day off because you have slept in.

School starts at 8.35am with an important period of independent reading for the entire College. Every staff member myself included hear students read. If you child gets to school after 8.35am, they miss this valuable opportunity. When students are absent due to illness please notify the school via phone or email. If there are unexplained absences the school will contact you to see if you need any assistance. For each child to be able to do their very best they need to be at school every day on time. If you need any help with student attendance, please contact your class teacher or Principal Class Officer.

On behalf of the School Council President Ms Jagruti Dave and myself I would like to extend a special welcome to all new families to the College. This is inclusive of our wonderful Foundation children who started their formal schooling last week. We look so forward to getting to know all of you and the positive contributions you will make to our great school.

To our new staff a warm welcome. The learning and wellbeing culture of our College is strong and our results in both these areas very positive. I have been very impressed with your work ethic, enthusiasm and commitment to the learning of our students. A special welcome to our tutor staff. In 2021, the Government has invested heavily in providing extra staff to assist with small group instruction to help ensure all children, regardless of their learning level, show strong growth in their work.

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Our students do well in their learning growth because of the combined effort of both school and home to encourage, support and demonstrate high expectations of each child. The College website which can be accessed at [truganinap9.vic.edu.au](http://truganinap9.vic.edu.au) has a tremendous amount of information to assist with learning and can be translated by a click of a button into 23 languages. For example under the Community Engagement tab there is some very helpful information on the reading comprehension strategies and the reading and maths mantra along with tips for helping your child succeed. If you have any feedback to strengthen this website, please contact Ms Sadia Toqeer via the office email or phone.

Mr Fred Salmond and his facilities team have been very busy over the Summer holidays and as we can all see the work continues. In the next newsletter we will showcase the additions to the College buildings and grounds. A sincere thank you to Mr Salmond and team.

As I bring this Principal report to a close, I will remind all children and families of the importance of reading at home every night and also of the importance of completing the weekly homework. Our school values of learning, responsibility and resilience develop through these important experiences.

I wish you all the very best for the 2021 School year and look forward to speaking with you personally in weeks to come.

Kind regards



**Jenny Crowle**  
Principal

## 2021 Truganina College Events Calendar

Date	Event
Wednesday 24th February	School Photos
Monday 1st March	Year 7 Immunisation
Thursday 4th March	School Photos
Monday 8th March	Public Holiday No School
Thursday 1st April	Last day of Term 1

## School Crossing



When using our School Crossing, please ensure that you wait behind the yellow lines until the School Crossing Supervisor has put this red Stop sign up, has blown his whistle and indicated that it is safe to cross the crossing.

# Attendance at School

## Important Information

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using our Compass Parent Portal.  
\*New families to the college will have their details sent home in Student Planners shortly.
2. **Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.



Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

### **Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?**

We need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

### **What is your responsibility?**

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let us know in the morning if your child won't be at school.

We must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day and at Truganina College this process is completed via an SMS in the morning.

In order for the school to implement the same day notification requirement via SMS, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

**There is no safe number of days for missing school** – each day your child misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy.

If your child misses...	that equals...	which is ...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

# 2021 School Privacy Policy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website [<https://truganinap9.vic.edu.au/overview/>].

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages:

- *Amharic*
- *Arabic*
- *Dari*
- *Mandarin*
- *Somali*
- *Sudanese*
- *Turkish*
- *Urdu*
- *Vietnamese*.

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## Victorian School of Languages

This year our College is both fortunate and proud to host students who are attending Punjabi and Tamil classes, conducted by the Victorian School of Languages (VSL). Classes will be commencing on February the 6<sup>th</sup> and will be conducted on Saturday mornings at Truganina College. If you would like to enrol your child/children please see the VSL website (<https://www.vsl.vic.edu.au/enrol/>). Truganina College looks forward to hosting VSL once again in 2021.

Jaimie Vernon  
Year 3 Classroom Teacher  
VSL Supervisor

# Year 7 Immunisation



## Annual Secondary School Immunisation Program

### Secondary School vaccinations

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccinations to Year 7. These vaccines provide protection against:

#### Year 7 students

- Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (pertussis) - one injection
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two injections spaced by a minimum of 6 months

The Wyndham City Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February each year if you do not want your contact details given to the Wyndham City Council immunisation service.

- To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to - <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>

If you have had your child vaccinated elsewhere, you may wish to ensure that this is reflected on the Australian Immunisation Register. You can do this by contacting the immunisation provider and asking them to confirm that the vaccine was recorded on AIR.

You can contact the local council immunisation service on **03 9742 0777** to discuss any changes to your child's health that you think might impact on their suitability to receive the vaccine or to withdraw your consent for vaccination at any time prior to vaccination day.

We will let you know when the Wyndham City Council immunisation service will be visiting the college to provide the due vaccine and what you can do to prepare your child for vaccination.

# 2021 School Photos

Annual school photos will be taken at Truganina College by Arthur Reed Photos on **24th February & 4th March 2021**.

**There is no need to return any forms or money to school.**

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2021 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2021 images are online to view before making your purchase.



# 2021 School Photos Continued...

## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2021 - Important Registration Information



*School Photographs will be taken at*

**Truganina College**

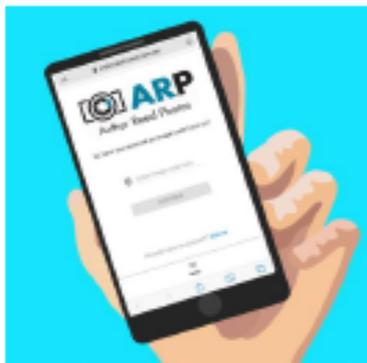
24th Feb & 4th Mar, 2021

**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day**

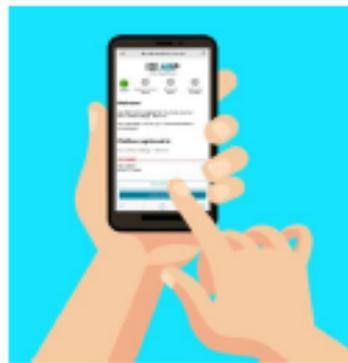
**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

**When you receive the flyer with your child's 2021 image code**  
*Follow these 3 simple steps -*

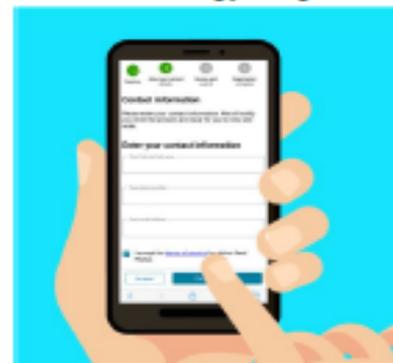
**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's 2021 image code



**2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



**3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

***That's it!***

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details**  
**When 2021 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

**\*\*BEFORE ORDERING for 2021, please wait to receive notification that new images are online\*\***

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# Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students and \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

**The annual CSEF amount per student is:**

**\$125 for primary school students.**

**\$225 for secondary school students.**

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

## How to apply

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 03 9368 9800 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

## More information

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

**Clare Najdovski**  
**Finance Manager**

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM**

School Name

School REF ID

**Parent/legal guardian details**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  OR

Foster parent\* OR  Veterans affairs pensioner

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Student details**

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_