



Shepparton Christian College

# PULSE



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# Principal's Piece

## "A glimpse of the fantastic things our students experience."

What a wonderful year 2019 has been. It is truly exciting times at Shepparton Christian College.

2019 was a fantastic year of development and growth of our College. There continues to be strong interest in our College because of the approach, attitude, culture and success of our students, staff and community.

We continue to seek that all students will aspire to do and be their best. We can ask nothing more. We are proud of our students and their achievements in 2019, and look forward to a fantastic 2020.

I love the positive nature of Christmas, the holidays, getting together with family and friends, the food and the giving and receiving of gifts. I even love Christmas movies.

The biggest challenge for me at Christmas is navigating the giving and receiving of gifts. The complex world of etiquette around who we give to, what we give, and what expectations there might be when we receive. It should not be this way, but often is.

Why do we give gifts at Christmas? Tradition might have sparked out of the story of the three wise men, or from the legends of Saint Nicholas. It might simply be a marketing ploy of the modern retail industry.

For me, the reason I love to give gifts, is to bless others as I have been blessed. I am the recipient of the greatest gift ever given. The gift that outdoes all other gifts. The gift that was given with no expectation

of repayment. The gift that is free and available to everyone.

The gift our Father God gave us, through Jesus Christ. The gift of Jesus being born. The gift of the teaching we have from when Jesus walked on this earth. The gift of being made right with God, that could only happen because of Jesus dying on the cross to pay the price for our sins.

God did not give us this gift because he wanted anything in return. He gave this gift because he wanted to show His love. This is what we celebrate at Christmas.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15 NKJV)

So, when you are out buying Christmas gifts this season, remember the ultimate gift.

Have a happy and safe holiday. Enjoy the restful time with family and friends. Merry Christmas and God Bless.

God Bless



Chris Aiton



Principal Chris Aiton

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# Prep Orientation & Grade 6 Buddies

The Preps for 2020 have completed their transition sessions. They have had a very exciting time with lots of new experiences. They have met most of their specialist teachers for next year; having Music with Mr Tan and Art with Mrs Meyers. Mrs Bognar has also come and said hello. The new Preps have done sport in the stadium and visited the library. A highlight has been meeting their Grade 6 buddies for next year. Together the buddies have made a library bag, played games and chatted while eating lunch. There have been some very supportive friendships made. All the new Preps have embraced their school experience and are ready and excited for what 2020 will bring. There have been

some special friendships made within the group and they are all looking forward to next year. We at SCC look forward to seeing them next year and journeying the year together.

Mrs King



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## Primary Robotics

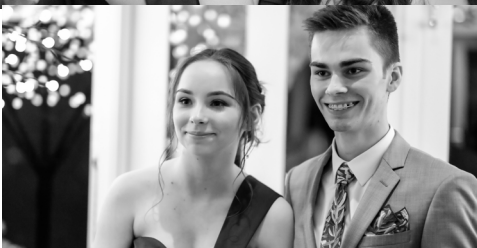


On Friday the 15th of November, Primary Students combine their knowledge of Lego and coding to create robots using WeDo kits. We were blessed to be joined by two teachers from Belgrave Heights Christian School to demonstrate how to use the WeDos, to help students learn about digital technology. Throughout the workshop students were given challenges to create different robots by following the step-by-step guide. Students then used their understanding of coding to program their robot. Some of the robots students created were a flashing snail, a cooling fan and a space rover. It was impressive to see how engaged students were in using the WeDos and how quickly they took to using the program. We look forward to using the WeDos more within the classrooms next year.

Miss Stone







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## Year 12 Graduation Dinner

The 2019 Year 12 Graduation Dinner was held at Olive house Event and Function Venue on the 21st of November. It was an absolutely meaningful and God-glorifying event where families, friends, staff and board members of Shepparton Christian College celebrated the relationships that were fostered within the community. During the event, there were speeches, prayers of thanksgiving and blessings, gift presentations and photo-taking sessions. On behalf of the 2019 Year 12s, we thank Shepparton Christian College, Parents & Friends Association, families and friends, as well as all the organisers of such unique and marvellous celebratory event.







# QUIZ WORXS

## Primary School Puppet Show

Quiz Worx attended Shepparton Christian College on Monday the 9th of December. They presented a fun story about the nativity and birth of Jesus. Their theme was "a real person, in a real place, in a real time". The historical information and the way the story was told made it relatable. The students enjoyed learning, laughing, dancing and singing. Live performances are always a very special experience.

Mrs King





# Grade 5/6 Bicycle Education

During Term 4 our Grade 5/6 class participated in Bike Education with Mr Clark and Mrs Harland. Students bought their bikes to school and learnt about general road rules and developing a greater awareness around safety on the road. They also had practical sessions on bike maintenance and basic riding skills. The Grade 6 students then took part in on-road cycling including a ride to Kids Town and back. Students will be accredited with certificates for the program, according to the level they completed. These include Level 1: Bike Ed basic riding skills certificate, Level 2: Bike Ed pathway cycling certificate and Level 3: Bike Ed on-road cycling certificate. Well done to all those students that participated and thank you to Mrs Harland and Mr Clark for your expertise and patience.



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# Awards Assembly & Celebration Night

## Primary & Secondary

Our Awards Assembly was held on Friday 6th December. Students were recognised for their Academic and Effort achievements across subjects in the secondary school and the College Values for the primary students in each grade. The Awards Assembly featured a few performance items, one of which was the 'Toto' item by the vocal and music tuition students. Shepparton Christian College held its 3rd annual Celebration Night at Eastbank on 12 Dec 2019. The event was filled with a variety of programs such as speeches, award presentations, musical and dance performances, and investitures of school and house captains. Guests, students and families also enjoyed viewing the art work displays of our talented school students at the foyer. We thank all staff, the school board members, students and volunteers for making the Celebration Night a success. Shepparton Christian College also would like to extend its gratitude towards the ADF personnel—Warrant Officer Darren Thomas, and Caltex for contributing to this night of celebration. Above all, we honour the name of Jesus Christ for leading the College throughout this year.





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## Activity Days

### Primary & Secondary



### Primary Activities

On Wednesday the 11th of December the whole primary travelled to the back of Aquamoves by bus as part of their end of year activities. We then walked to Kidstown. It was a relaxing walk with lots of good conversations and friendship on the way. Once at Kidstown we all enjoyed some fun activities. Pascal house won the "build a kangaroo" picture out of nature materials found. The upper primary played Capture the Flag; a much loved game by all. The lower primary had a water balloon competition and played on the equipment. For lunchtime we all enjoyed an Aussie BBQ, with a sausage in bread. It was a fabulous day to connect and celebrate the end of a great year. Children also participated in a variety of end of year activities in class. Some have made God's Eyes, advent calendars and Christmas crafts, played with bubble wands and games in the stadium with their buddies. All have enjoyed many celebratory activities to end an amazing year in education and development.

### Secondary Activities

During the final week of school, we took years 7-11 out for an activities day around Shepparton. In the morning the secondary group split down the lines of years 7 to 8 and years 9 to 11, with each group heading to Fun Planet and Aquamoves respectively. Many shenanigans were had, as the group at fun planet spent their time destroying the staff in laser tag and racing up rock climbing walls and the group at Aquamoves did their best to chill in the water while not getting sunburnt. Lunchtime was spent around the Shepparton Lake before swapping activities in the afternoon. The supervising staff for the year 9-11 group seemed to fair much better at laser tag, as David Clark seemed quite adept in the theatre of war that was laser tag. We were told he left no survivors! Overall, it was an excellent day, that left everyone involved thoroughly exhausted, which I believe is the measure of a good day out!





# Crazy Hair Day

Primary & Secondary



## The Eggcellent Crazy Hair Day

On the 29th of November the primary Student Representative Council ran The Eggcellent Crazy Hair Day. This was to raise money to make improvements to the chicken coop. We had a barbeque with bacon and egg rolls. Students were allowed to wear their hair any way they wanted to! Which means CRAZY HAIR! There was a contest for craziest hair and a chicken dance at lunch time, both to win house points. Paterson won the Chicken Dance.

Students had a wonderful day and went home happy! We also raised \$330 to improve the lives of our wonderful chickens.



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## 2020 Therapy Dog 'Kirra'



In 2020, the College will begin implementing a Therapy Dog Program as part of our Student Wellbeing services. Kirra is a one-year-old Labrador Retriever owned by the school counsellor, Mrs. Sue Green. She has been chosen for her gentle temperament, intelligence and her suitability for working in a school environment. Kirra has been socialised from an early age with children of all ages and has completed the appropriate formal training to gain accreditation as a Therapy Dog. Many of our students are already familiar with seeing Kirra at school. She was first introduced to our students as a puppy as part of the Keep Me Warm Campaign that was run earlier in the year. Since then she has been at school several times as part of her own learning experience. The students have shown great enthusiasm at having Kirra in their classrooms or out in the yard and she has shown herself to be a great addition to our staff team. We look forward to seeing the impact she will have on our student body next year. If any of our families would like to discuss this program further, please contact the school.



# Important Dates

## Primary & Secondary

### December

19th Office Closes 12pm

### January

22nd Office Opens  
28th New Staff Orientation Day  
29 - 31st Staff Development

### February

3rd First Day of Term 1  
6th Secondary ID Photos  
11th Welcome BBQ (5.30 - 7.30pm)  
Primary Information Session  
Edmodo Information Session  
Secondary Information Session  
12th Swimming Carnival (Grade 1 - 3)  
14th Swimming Carnival (Grade 4 - Year 12)  
18th Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting  
19 - 21st Year 7 Camp & Year 9 /10 Camp  
20 - 21st Year 11 & Year 12 Camps



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