

**Important dates:**

**Monday 01 March**  
Labour Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday 02 March**  
Fathering Project  
Dads Group Launch Event

**Wednesday 03 March**  
Year 10 - Keys for Life

**Monday 08 March**  
P&C AGM Meeting

**Thursday 11 March**  
Interhouse Swimming Carnival

**Friday 12 March**  
School Development Day  
(No Students Attend)

**Monday 15 March**  
School Board Meeting

**Thursday 18 March**  
B Div Swimming Carnival

**Thursday 01 April**  
Last Day of Term 1

**Monday 19 April**  
First Day of Term 2

**Monday 19 July**  
School Development Day  
(No Students Attend)

**Monday 11 October**  
School Development Day  
(No Students Attend)



## ***PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE***

**Digby Mercer**

The return of students has been smooth. Parents did a great job in sending their children to school in a mask and providing a spare mask to put on after four hours.

It is clear that we are in a new world in which things can dramatically change from one day to the next. It could take several years before Covid no longer poses a threat across the world. The wearing of masks and other Covid-safe practices must be taught and practised and is the responsibility of us all.

A key message coming out of the events of last year and over the Christmas break is that in this new world, a good education becomes more important than ever. Lies and misinformation pervade social media and general public discourse making sound knowledge and good analytical skills the best antidote.

## Christmas Holiday Maintenance Works

A considerable amount of work was completed over the holidays. All the walkways have been resurfaced and the A, B, C and D Block corridors have been carpeted. Hallway and walkway walls and pillars have been painted. Offices including the administration area and staff room have received new carpets. A sprung floor has been installed in the performing arts hall and foyer for dance lessons. Drainage improvements and road re-surfacing have been completed at the back of the school and the pre-vocational workshop and classroom have received new floor treatments. The classroom has been air conditioned. Additional maintenance works are still in progress but have been scheduled so that there is no interruption to lessons.

## Canteen

During this year there will be an upgrade to the canteen with the creation of an enclosed dining space. The million-dollar project will be happening at some time after Term 1 and will take 6 months to complete. Every effort will be made to keep the canteen operational during this period by creating an alternative serving space. When the project is completed the school will have a large, multi-purpose space ideal for large parent meetings, art exhibitions, year assemblies and a variety of learning activities.

## Bus Bay

I will be meeting with Transperth and the City of South Perth to investigate relocating the existing bus bay by the school entrance. This is something the school has wanted for many years so it is good to see that a process is underway.

## School Caps

In early March we are expecting the delivery of P&C funded school caps. Once the caps have been distributed to students the school will move to the “no hat, no play” that applies in primary schools.



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all the news [here](#)



# **ADMIN & FINANCE NEWS**

## **Jo May - Corporate Services Manager**

### **Contributions and Charges**

It is government policy that parents should contribute towards the cost of educating their children. Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected fees, it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the balance of contributions and charges. Contributions and charges form a large part of the school's income for learning and teaching programs in the school and supports the school in its focus to provide a quality education for all. The College is currently accepting payments for the 2021 school year, all course costs should be completed by Thursday the 01 April 2021.

Turn one big payment into easy instalments, you may like to consider starting a payment plan NOW to assist with completing all payments.

Payments are accepted by cheque, cash, Visa, Mastercard, direct deposit and Qkr:

BSB: 066 102 | A/C: 00903523 | Ref: student name

### **Attendance**

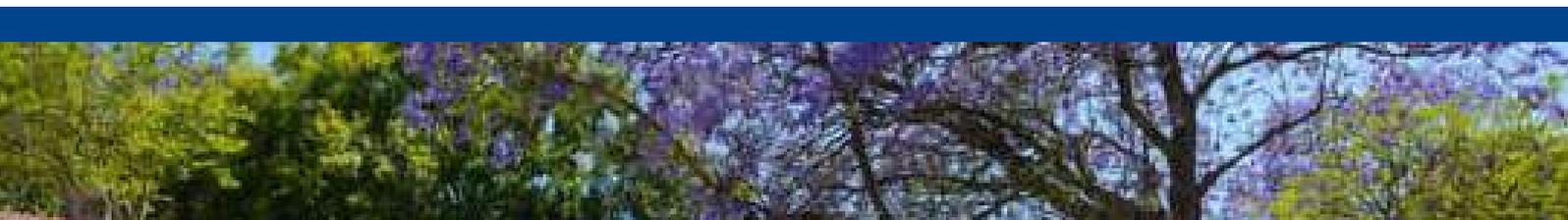
- contact the Hub's 24 hour Attendance Hotline 9365 2011 or go to the Connect homepage to advise reason for student absence before 9.00am
- for early departure provide student with a written note to request permission to leave class
- write an explanation for absence and send it via your child as soon as they return to the College
- respond promptly to Absentee Letters

### **Contact Details**

Please advise changes via email to [Como.SC.AdminSupport@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Como.SC.AdminSupport@education.wa.edu.au) or Change of Details form available at Administration. Many future communications may be sent by email – please ensure the College has your current email address.

### **Student pick up & drop off**

Parents are reminded to please use the designated areas for pick up and drop off and not the Staff Car Park near Administration. We realise the temptation particularly when the weather is unfavourable, however it can cause more congestion in an already busy area of the school. Your cooperation is much appreciated.



## A few reminders...

- If a student is late, will not be attending or needs to leave school early please call the Attendance Line direct 9365 2011.
- We suggest you download the Qkr! app to make payments to the school (excursions, lockers and Charges & Contributions and events).
- We would prefer you do not pay cash for items however if you are doing so please provide the exact amount. We do not give change.
- SAS Forms can be submitted to Admin now.
- If visiting the school, please remember to sign in at the front office and scan the SafeWA QR code.

## Create @ Como



### Calling all Year 7 students

Do have a talent for English? Would you like to unleash and explore you creative potential?

Our school-based enrichment program Create@Como offers students with aptitude in English and The Arts the opportunity to refine and build on their talents in a tailored, exciting and dynamic environment.

Please contact Ms Cattapan if you feel this could be the program for you.

## ***Call for nominations School Board 2021***

Call for nominations for parent representatives on the Como Secondary College School Board 2 are open.

The College Board at Como Secondary College is calling for parent nominations for 4 positions for a two (2) year tenure, 2021-2023. Parent Representatives must currently have a child in the school.

For further information, see [here](#)

## ***Permission Online Form***

Many thanks to those who have completed the Online Permission form.

For those who have not yet completed the form click [HERE](#)

Information in regard to Department of Education WA online services can be found in the [Newsletter 17 December 2020](#).



*Educating parents on practical strategies to help manage modern-day issues and challenges affecting today's youth across both primary and secondary school levels.*



Como Secondary College with the support of the P&C are pleased to announce SchoolTV is now available. SchoolTV offers a wide range of resources to assist with the challenges faced by students and families today. It is a valuable and diverse resource which can be easily accessed via our website homepage using the blue TV icon on the right, alternatively click on the link below.

### School Transition

Whether it is starting school for the first time, moving up to a higher grade or embarking on a journey through secondary school, there is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means your children are growing up!

However, transitioning is an ongoing process. It can continue long after students have entered their new environment and may encounter difficulties at a number of different stages. These stressors may appear as anxiety and frustration and result in

negative or disruptive behaviours. Such behaviours can become problematic making the transitioning process even more difficult for children and parents.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn practical strategies to assist your child during the transition process and reduce stress and anxiety levels.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact your Year Coordinator school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the School Transitions edition of SchoolTV

<https://como.wa.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-transitions>



## The Fathering Project

Como Secondary College with The Fathering Project invites fathers and father-figures to find out more about the project and opportunities on offer.

The Fathering Project assists dads to form groups that organise fun activities at schools across Australia, providing a safe and inclusive environment where fathers can engage with their kids and learn, share and connect with each other.

A Welcome event will be held Tuesday 02 March @ 7.00PM

To register for this free event follow the link - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/141638521631>

For further details about the program see <https://thefatheringproject.org/>

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 the fathering project

**DADS GROUP  
LAUNCH  
EVENT**



“Are you wondering how to stay connected with your kids in their teens? Do you wonder what other dads do about issues like social media, technology and giving career advice to their kids? Come along and find out the answers to these questions, meet some other dads and more!”



**COMO SECONDARY COLLEGE  
TUESDAY 02 MARCH  
7.00PM**

For further details about the fathering project go to [www.thefatheringproject.org](http://www.thefatheringproject.org)

# Student Council 2021

*Robyn Lewis - College Chaplain*

Huge congratulations to our Student Council for 2021.

Looking forward to seeing what ideas they have for the year and working along side them to help them achieve some great things for the students at Como Secondary College.

A special congratulation's to Imaan and Rohan our College Captains.

## *Year 12*

Imaan Rashid  
Rohan Davis  
Valentina Hurrelbrink  
Hakan Toy  
Raiyah Bagley  
Taha Zaghloul

## *Year 11*

Kirby Hobbs  
Mon Lwin  
Madeleine O'keefe-Muirhead  
Kal Krzyzanowski  
Kristina Gorry  
Kim Sanchez Dijkwel

## *Year 10*

Althea Perez  
Georgia Neill  
Haris Rashid  
Jaeda Ritchie  
Mani Walker  
Vivien Tamayo



# HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## Adam Smith - Acting Health & Physical Education HoLA

### Welcome to the Health and Physical Education Department

The Health and Physical Education department is delighted to welcome back all students in what will be a busy and enjoyable Term 1. We have a wide range of sporting events happening (listed below) and we encourage all students to become involved and 'have a go'. Students who participate in extra-curricular sports and physical activity build up a sense of belonging within the school and make school life an even more enjoyable experience.

Thank you for continuing to support the HPE department's 'out of uniform' policy. The response has been very positive and we appreciate the efforts made by parents and students in ensuring that practical classes can operate in an inclusive and hygienic environment. Uniform is a symbol of togetherness and unity, and Como SC students should wear the Como Physical Education uniform with pride.

### PE Fundamentals

As part of the Health and Physical Education department's commitment to the Department of Education's Aboriginal and Cultural Standards Framework and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority Cross Curriculum Priorities (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures), the school has included relevant Traditional Indigenous Games within the Physical Education curriculum, trying to incorporate the games where possible by matching the skills required with the relevant sports.

Year 7 Health and Physical Education classes completing Fundamental Movement Skills recently participated in: kolap (ko-lap) a target game where participants in pairs attempt to land objects (bean bags) on a mat in competition against other pairs; and bowitgee (bow-it-gee), whereby participants in teams of four continually move within a square (four square) passing an object (tennis ball) between players in an attempt to have the highest number of passes.

The Traditional Indigenous Games included in our Physical Education curriculum are sourced from "Yulunga" provided by the Australian Government through the Sporting Schools website.

<https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/resources-and-pd/schools/yulunga>

### Swimming Training

Under the watchful eye of Mr Joshua Findlater, students have begun swimming training in preparation for the Interhouse Swimming Carnival, to be held at Aqualife, East Victoria Park on Thursday 11th March, and for the School Sport WA "B Division" Swimming Carnival to be held on Thursday 18th March at HBF Stadium, Mt. Claremont.

Training is held Tuesday and Thursday morning at Kent St SHS pool.

Please continue to check Connect and the school website for details of our Interhouse Swimming Carnival.



### Year 10 Students Keys for Life



It is recommended that you attend this one-hour information seminar with your child, as it provides important information about reducing stress in the learn to drive process, crash avoidance and the WA licensing system.

To register your attendance to the free event please follow the link below –

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/141646294881>

For more information about Keys for Life, you are welcome to check the [Keys for Life website](https://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/programs/keys-for-life/) (<https://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/programs/keys-for-life/>), contact me or your child's teacher.

### Upcoming HPE and Sports Events – Semester 1

#### Term 1

- Wednesday 3rd March – Keys for Life Parent Information Evening (Year 10 only) at Como SC
- Thursday 11th March – Interhouse Swimming Carnival at Aqualife, East Victoria Park
- Thursday 18th March – School Sport WA 'B' Division Swimming Carnival at HBF Stadium, Mt. Claremont
- Friday 19th March - National Ride to School Day
- Monday 22nd March – Interhouse Cross Country Carnival at Como SC
- Tuesday 23rd March – Quadrathon (Hockey Academy)
- Thursday 1st April - Bridging the Gap (Golf Academy) at Collier Park GC

#### Term 2

- Thursday 22nd April – Golf Academy Corporate Fundraising Day at Collier Park GC
- Friday 7th May – Interhouse Athletics Carnival at Como SC
- Thursday 13th May – Year 8 Lightning Carnival
- Monday 21st June – Upper School Golf Championship (36 holes) at Royal Perth GC
- Friday 25th June – Yr 7-9 School Sport WA Hockey Ross Meadows Cup
- Tuesday 29th May – Year 7 Lightning Carnival



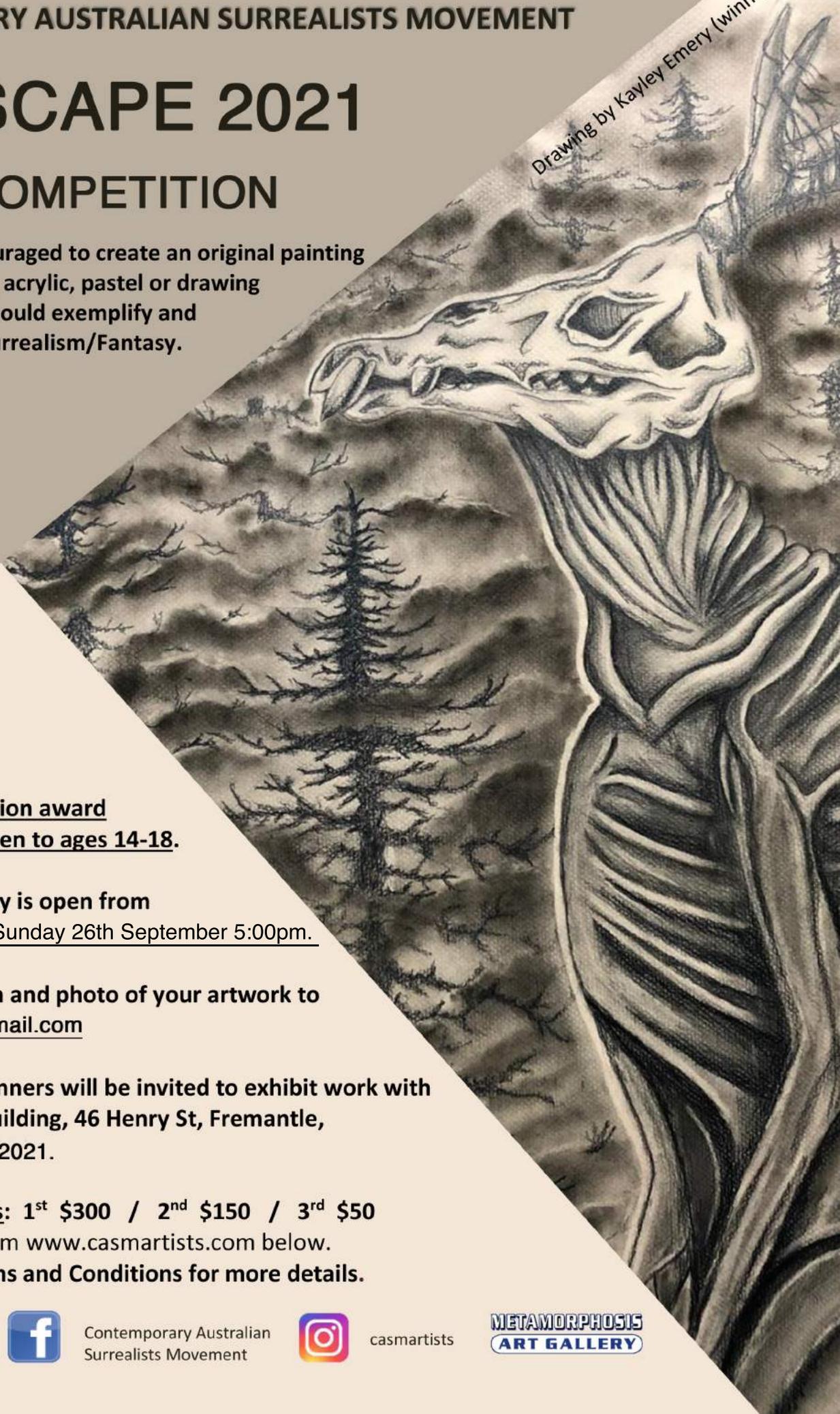
CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN SURREALISTS MOVEMENT

# MINDSCAPE 2021

## YOUTH COMPETITION

Applicants are encouraged to create an original painting or drawing using oil, acrylic, pastel or drawing medium. Artwork should exemplify and explore the genre Surrealism/Fantasy.

Drawing by Kayley Emery (winner 2019)



The youth competition award and exhibition is open to ages 14-18.

Application for entry is open from Monday 19th July to Sunday 26th September 5:00pm.

Forward application and photo of your artwork to [eschneider1291@gmail.com](mailto:eschneider1291@gmail.com)

Entry is free and winners will be invited to exhibit work with CASM at Moores Building, 46 Henry St, Fremantle, 15th - 31st October 2021.

Prizes: Art Vouchers: 1<sup>st</sup> \$300 / 2<sup>nd</sup> \$150 / 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50

Download forms from [www.casmartists.com](http://www.casmartists.com) below.

**Please refer to Terms and Conditions for more details.**



[casmartists.com](http://casmartists.com)



Contemporary Australian Surrealists Movement



[casmartists](https://www.instagram.com/casmartists)

**METAMORPHOSIS  
ART GALLERY**

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

These times can be stressful for many families. If you require help during this period, the following information may be of assistance.

### Emergency services and help lines:

Call 000 in an emergency if you feel someone is at risk of harm OR for mental health emergency assessment, support and referral contact:

- Urgent Mental Health Telephone Support Line supports children and young people under 18 years (family who have concerns can call 24 hours a day/7 days a week incl. public holidays) - 1800 048 636
- Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) 18 years+ is 24/7 – 1300 552 002 (metro) Peel callers – 1800 676 822 (free call).
- RuralLink for Rural and remote areas from 4:30 pm to 8:30 am (Mon to Fri) and 24 hrs (Sat, Sun and public holidays) - 1800 552 002
- Find your GP after-hours clinic. Call after hours GP Helpline on 1800 022 222

### If you need someone to talk to:

<b>Womens Domestic Violence Helpline</b>	<b>1800 007 339</b>
<b>Beyondblue</b>	<b>1300 224 636</b>
<b>Crisis Care Helpline Or Country Toll Free</b>	<b>9223 1111 1800 199 008</b>
<b>Headspace</b>	<b>1800 650 890</b>
<b>Kids Helpline</b>	<b>1800 551 800</b>
<b>Lifeline</b>	<b>13 11 14</b>
<b>Men's Line Australia</b>	<b>1300 789 978</b>
<b>Suicide Call Back Service</b>	<b>1300 659 467</b>
<b>The Samaritans</b>	<b>135 247 (7AM to 7PM)</b>

Online support can be accessed through the [WA Mental Health Commission](#)

# **PARENTS & CITIZENS**

## **Meetings**

The P&C meet once a month during term time on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the College in the Elicos Room. Attendance at these meetings is a great way to find out more about what is happening in the College, its future plans and how these will affect your child and your family. It is also a venue for parents to voice concerns, raise issues and discuss ideas both with the Principal and with other parents.

## **Second-hand uniforms**

There is a second hand uniform shop located at the school. It is run by the P&C and all funds raised go towards projects to benefit all students. Non-students need to sign in at the front office and staff can assist as to where to find the shop.

The shop is run on donations only. Please consider donating any school uniforms that you no longer need, including any specialist program uniforms, e.g. black pants, white collared long sleeve shirts for music performances.

Donations: can be placed in the marked boxes in the Canteen, the front office during school hours or given to the shop when open.

**Open every Friday 8.15am – 9am**

**Location: B Block**

**Enquiries: [comoseconds@outlook.com](mailto:comoseconds@outlook.com)**

**Payments: Cash only**



## COMO NOTICES

Please Remember the School Zone Speed Limit of

### College Access

All visitors to the College MUST sign in at Administration.



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### Contact During School Hours

Please DO NOT call the College to ask for a message to be given to your child. Please understand that with a College community of over 800 it is not possible to get messages to individual students. To avoid this issue, please ensure that after school arrangements are pre-arranged. This is part of helping students to become independent.

### Drop-off

There is considerable vehicle traffic around our College site before and after school. It is expected that all vehicles use the Bruce Street car park or the marked drop-off bays to drop students off. Staff and Student car parks are NOT to be used for this purpose because it causes a great deal of congestion and potential danger to students.

### Health

The Health Centre is open when the School Nurse is on site. When the Centre is open, students may access it at recess and lunch time without needing permission. If a student wishes to go during class time, permission with a note written in the College diary by their supervising teacher is required. If the Nurse is not available, students should see another member of the Student Services team or a Deputy Principal. Under no circumstances are students to contact parents/guardians directly and leave the College grounds without parents contacting the College and the student being properly signed out. In the case of injury, either a parent will be contacted or the student will be sent by ambulance to hospital, at the parent's expense.

NOTE: Please consider the health and wellbeing of others before allowing unwell students to attend school.