

## Important Dates

**Monday 8th March**  
Public Holiday – Labour Day  
School closed.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
Last day of term  
RC LC 3pm

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
SSG – TBC RC LC

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Public Holiday - Good Friday  
School Closed RC LC

## 2021 Term Dates

**Term 1:** 28<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Term 2:** 19<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3:** 12<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4:** 4<sup>th</sup> October to 16<sup>th</sup> December

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we settle into first term our teaching and learning programs are in full swing and the students are continuing to respond well to the structures and school work. Thank you to all members of the school community for your adaptation to Remote Learning 3.0 which thankfully lasted only three days.

### Census on 26<sup>th</sup> February

Northern School currently has 432 students enrolled across the school.

### Top Attendance Tips for Parents

Schools want to work in partnership with parents—act early if you have any concerns by contacting school and asking for advice and support.

- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind.
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day.
- Reward appropriate behaviour and don't unintentionally reward unwanted behaviour by letting children who stay home have access to their devices and the internet.
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing.

### Do I have to go to school?

- Yes, in Victoria school is compulsory until you turn 17.
- Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. From foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school.
- Apart from this, school is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you're away and wonder if you're OK.

## Why is regular attendance at school important?

- Right now, being at school is your most important job and you're building habits that you'll take into adulthood. While it might not seem obvious, when you come to school you are learning about more than just literacy and numeracy. You're learning all sorts of skills
- Being at school every day also means you are involved in your own learning, interacting with other students and teachers and are a part of environment that is motivating and stimulating. You can get help from your teachers and friends.

## School Uniform

The school's school uniform is compulsory for all students from Foundation to Year 10. It is very pleasing that so many students have adopted the school uniform, but several students are still out of uniform. If any parent and carer is experiencing financial hardship in purchasing the school uniform, please contact Andrea Wallace.

## School Council 2021 Candidates

We have had requests from parents for Statements from Candidates for the parent nominations for School Council 2021. Although it is not a requirement in Ministerial Order 1280, we have invited candidates to prepare a brief statement which will be distributed to the school community. The Ballot will now remain open until Tuesday 9th March 4pm.

Pamela Mathieson

## Principal

### SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, school uniform will no longer be purchased from the front office at the Reservoir campus. Uniform will now be purchased from our School Uniform Shop in the new STEAM building.

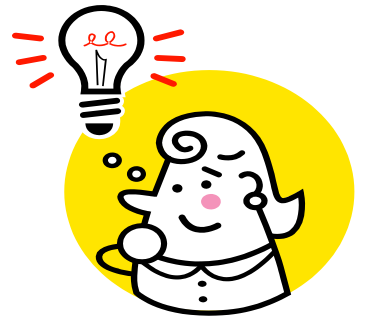
The shop will be open:

Tuesday mornings – 8.30am – 9.30am

Monday and Thursday afternoons – 2.45pm – 3.45pm

State School Relief uniform requests still need to go through Andrea Wallace and can be dropped off either at the front office or the uniform shop.

We are also going to offer a second hand uniform shop, so if any families would like to donate any old uniform that is still in good condition, that would be fantastic. Please drop this off at the front office of the Reservoir or Lalor campus.



# REMINDER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a reminder that **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
is a Public Holiday (Labour Day).

There will be no classes running for students  
on this day.

Thank you

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