



Year 11 Biology



In year 11 Biology students have been learning about the structure and function of DNA. To demonstrate their understanding they worked together to build a DNA model from candy. This proved to be a very popular experiment!



A Message from the Principal

2023 Subject Selection Night

Next week we are holding our 2023 Subject Selection Evening for students going into Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 in 2023. This night provides important information about our middle and senior school programs and the requirements for each. The Senior Secondary Reforms implementation commence from next year and as a result there are key changes to the senior school certificates and subsequent program. Key members from all subject areas will also be available to answer any questions that students and their families may have. Our Trade Training Centre will be open with subject displays and stands from local businesses from 6:00pm – 7:45pm. The information session for 2023 Year 9 & 10 students will be at 6:15pm, and the session for 2023 Year 11 & 12 students will be at 6:45pm. I look forward to seeing everyone there! It is essential that families play a key role in supporting students with their subject choices, planning and key aspirations so that everyone can work together to assist every student in their desired pathway.

Subject Selection Interview Day – August 9th

This year we have introduced a school wide Subject Selection Interview Day into our program. This will be conducted on Tuesday August 9th from 11:30am – 6:30pm. No classes will run on this day.

The aim of these interviews, conducted with students, mentor group teachers and families, is to support parents to have a clearer understanding of the choice's students are making in relation to their subjects and possible pathway options. It will also promote more regular conversations between families and teachers and provide an opportunity to review Semester 1 Reports, student goals for Semester 2 and Student Career Action Plans that were completed earlier this year.

These interviews are for all students and families from Year 7 through to Year 12. Current Year 12 students will be discussing their current goals, progress in previous report and goals for the remainder of the year as well as any important upcoming dates.

Bookings are now open through XUNO. For subject selections to be complete parents or guardians must sign off on their child's choices. If you are unable to make any of the times on this day please contact our front office on 5352 4177 so that another suitable time can be arranged.

PISA – Year 10

This year our school was selected to be a part of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). This assessment runs every three years and looks at students' ability to apply their knowledge and skills, and to analyse, reason and communicate effectively as they examine, interpret and solve real life problems. A random selection of Year 10 students will take part in PISA on Monday August 1st. Students involved will have received a notification and families have also been sent communication.

Ellie McDougall
Principal

PISA 2022

PISA is Coming to our school!

Our School is participating in the Programme for International Students Assessment (PISA), which is taking place between 18th July and 9th September 2022.

PISA is an important part of the National Assessment Program in Australia, which is the measure through which governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes. All Australian Education Ministers have agreed to Australian schools' participation in PISA, which is reflected in the Australian Education Act 2013.

International assessments provide a wide range of valuable information for education policy and review in Australia and overseas and also enable Australia to consider the performance of our education system compared with others.

Since the first PISA assessment involving 32 countries in 2000, the survey has continued to raise interest amongst educators and policy-makers world-wide. In 2022, Australia will be one of over 85 countries participating in PISA with around 15,000 students (from around 800 schools) representing our country.

What will PISA mean for our school?

A random sample of 15-year-old, mostly from Years 10 and 11, will be sampled to complete a two-hour computer-based assessment consisting of mathematics, science, reading, and creative thinking. These students will also be asked to complete a questionnaire.

A random sample of teachers will be asked to complete an online questionnaire which will collect information on classroom instruction, teachers' educational backgrounds, training, and teaching experiences.

Year 9/10 Basketball

On Tuesday a small group of your 9 and 10 boys made the trip to Horsham to play basketball. There were some fabulous displays of sneaky passes, fast breaks and (almost) dunks for the team which was a treat to watch! The boys did not disappoint on the court with three wins for the day and only one loss. They only just missed out on playing in the grand final, but they showed great sportsmanship by staying and cheering on the teams in the final.

Mr Krol and Ms Albrecht were impressed with the respect the team showed on and off the court towards students, teachers and referees. We are looking forward to next year!



Year 10 Work Experience Reflections

Ararat College would sincerely like to thank all the business' and organisations who kindly hosted our year 10 students for work experience this term. Without this support our students would not be able to gain practical experience in the work force that will help them choose their future pathways.

Here are a few reflections from some of our students about what the week meant to them.



For work experience I went to the East Grampians Health Service in Ararat. Unfortunately I got very sick on the Tuesday afternoon and couldn't return to work experience the following days. But in the days that I did go to the hospital, I got to see the radiology department, the dialysis department, 70 Lowe Street and the IPU. On Monday a small group of students and I sat in a meeting room to be introduced to what it's like to work at the hospital and safety procedures that the hospital has to follow to ensure everyone's safety. In the afternoon our group split up into smaller groups and went to different departments around the hospital. Sevahn and I went to the radiology department first and got to witness x-rays and ultrasounds. A radiologist named Kevin showed us around the area and how they do x-rays and MRI's. On Tuesday we went up to the dialysis department where we got to talk to some people about how the machines work and what it's like to live on them. After working in there we got taken down to the IPU where we got to check patients' blood pressure and find out about how to use different machines. In the afternoon we went to 70 Lowe street which is where we helped out with dishes and had nice conversations with the people in there.

Ashlyn Jones

This year for year 10 work experience myself and 5 of my peers were lucky enough to attend the East Grampians Health Services, otherwise known as the Ararat hospital. Throughout the week from the 18th to the 22nd we were able to observe and help with different areas of Health. Going from aged care to ultrasounds of babies. It was an amazing experience to be able to see how the staff from all over the hospital did their part, how doing their jobs helped with different areas, while also learning new things about different diseases and equipment. When we first arrived at 8:45am to start at 9am, we were taken to a meeting room on the 2nd floor to discuss what we were going to do throughout the time we were there and what we should always keep in mind when walking around. We were given a tour and shown how to get to all the areas we will be working in. After the tour we were split up into groups of two and headed off to our assigned areas for a few hours before lunch at 12. The areas were medical imaging, dialysis and IPU, day procedure unit, 70 Lowe Street, Allied Health, Garden View Court and Patricia Hinchey centre. We spent around 3 hours in each section and had 30 minutes to an hour for lunch. Everyone that was involved, overly enjoyed it and would love to attend again if it was offered.

Sevahn Maxwell

This term I completed my work experience at BAZZ Music.

The things I enjoyed about it was how calm, easy going, and chill things were. It was basically another week of holiday, it became my second home. I sat in on music lessons and helped out wherever I could. I even went down to Mitre 10 to help out with some renovations for BAZZ Music.

The most challenging thing was trying to use equipment I was unfamiliar with. We tried to connect a computer to an analogue mixing desk and just gave up after it was too hard. Using the mixing desk was actually pretty enjoyable. I learnt how to use all the PA systems there.

Overall, I found work experience to be delightful, it was at times challenging but a great time all together. I learned many valuable things about organising, lesson teaching and general music industry skills.

Rhylan Interlandi

This term I completed work experience at Nathan Woolley Gardening, I enjoyed the experience and the relationships built, the most challenging thing was trying not to get distracted, overall I found work experience to be alright.

Tyler Woolley

I worked at the Ararat Gallery TAMA with many kind, friendly people. They all treated me with respect, I was shown the behind the scenes of how they do things like getting their upcoming exhibitions ready and looking after the art pieces they own. I worked with not only the Art Gallery itself but also the Visitor Information Centre helping out with restocking the brochures and organising the display cabinet. My first day I had my tour shown around and met everyone that was working that day, I also was shown all of their collection and what desk I would be working at. The three other days I did more hands-on things, working with Jo the main worker for the Information centre, I helped digitalise the Art Gallery's collection, I curated a few pieces in the collection and organised the studio and helped get mannequins ready for an upcoming exhibition. I chose the Art Gallery as my work experience because I wanted to keep local and wanted to understand what it would be like to work with art pieces and see the ins and outs of a public Art Gallery.

Mia Sheffield

For work experience this term I went to Norval, which is a camping site. While I was there I worked in a range of jobs. I worked in the kitchen preparing and serving food as well as with guides that took the grade 6 students there to do different activities. I enjoyed going out with the guides the most because it was more hands on and engaging. My favourite activities to help out with were high ropes and imitative games. The most challenging part of work experience was learning how to belay but it was also one of the most exiting parts. Overall, I really enjoyed work experience and I think I might go back to Norval if I have a gap year before university.

Milly Keilar

Indonesian Dance Company

This week we had Bu Alfira and Pak Murtala from the Indonesian dance company 'Suara Indonesia' visit the school to perform some traditional Indonesian dances. Bu Alfira and Pak Mur are from Sumatra, Indonesia, and they have spent many years travelling across Australia teaching Indonesian dance. This was a very unique and fantastic experience for the entire Year 7 and 8 cohort that had the opportunity to not only learn about Indonesian dance but also reinforce Indonesian language being learnt in the classroom.

After the dancers had performed, the students were then taught two dances. The first was a body percussion dance called *Ratoh Duek* from Aceh in North Sumatra. The second was a dance called *Randaj*, which is a traditional dance from West Sumatra. It was great to see so many students getting positively involved in celebrating Indonesian culture and using the language in a practical way.

Chris Osbourne-Kiswaya
Indonesian Language
Studies Teacher



Year 8 Silhouette Paintings

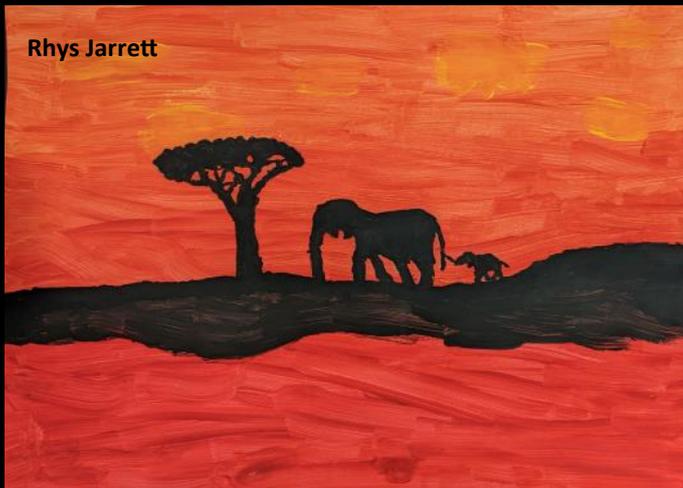
Students first learnt and practiced their fine brush techniques. They also learnt about mixing their colour palette to make sure they had at least four tones of paint to create their background with.

Students could chose to paint a silhouette of a natural object or a human-made one. This task took much practice to work toward their finished product and all students experienced a high level of success.

Harshita Andurkar



Rhys Jarrett



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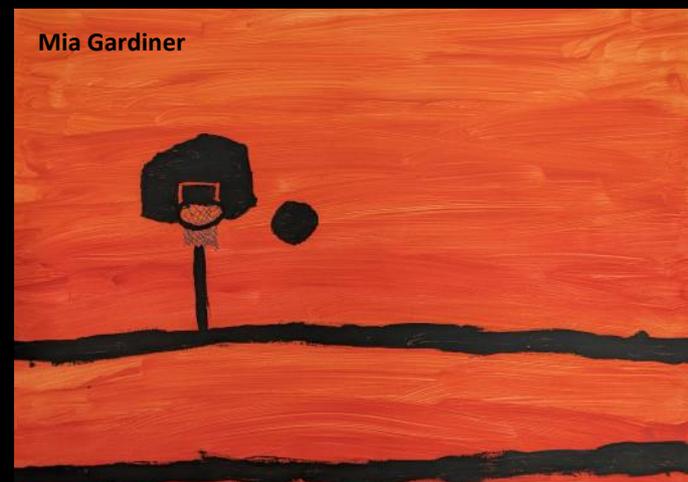
Jaimie-Lee Burton



Daemon Savoia



Mia Gardiner



Term 3 2022

Week 4 August	Monday	1	
	Tuesday	2	
	Wednesday	3	Brainstorm Production Year 7 and 8 Subject selection - 2023 Information Evening
	Thursday	4	
	Friday	5	
Week 5	Monday	8	
	Tuesday	9	Subject Selection 2023 - No classes on this day but all students should attend school for subject interviews.
	Wednesday	10	
	Thursday	11	
	Friday	12	
Week 6	Monday	15	
	Tuesday	16	
	Wednesday	17	
	Thursday	18	School Council
	Friday	19	

School Uniform Recycling. Donations Needed!

Schools are always in need of second hand uniform.

If you have items of uniform that your child no longer requires and you would like to donate, we would be most grateful to receive them. Any uniform that is still in good wearable condition will be happily accepted.

If you would like to make a donation please send them to school with your child to deliver to the college office. If you would like to donate items anonymously, please contact the college office 5352 4177 and we will make arrangements for their delivery.

Thank you to those families who have been donating their surplus uniform, your support is greatly appreciated.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's)

Free Rapid Antigen Tests have been made available by the Victorian Government to all school students. Parents are welcome to call into the college office during office hours 8.15am to 4.30pm to collect the fortnightly allocation for their children.

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 1359) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

Ararat College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country throughout Victoria. We pay our respects to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and emerging.