



## NEWSLETTER

18TH DECEMBER 2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Friday 20th December  
End of Term 4 2024
- ◆ Monday 27th January  
Australia Day Public Holiday
- ◆ Tuesday 28th January  
All Staff Commence Term 1
- ◆ Wednesday 29th January  
Yr 7 & 12 Students Commence Term 1
- ◆ Thursday 30th January  
Yr 8, 9, 10 & 11 Commence Term 1

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## Principal's Update



Dear Students, Parents and Staff,  
It has been lovely to share the successes and achievements of our students in the past weeks with our awards ceremonies. Congratulations to all students who have worked hard in their learning and who have worked hard to meet our school values over the year.

We've had a very successful year, among many other things, we celebrated our 50 Year anniversary, we have a new school strategic plan, and we are advanced in our plans for our buildings upgrade. Our VCE results are improved, our year 9 and 10 students have had individual course counselling this year, and our year 7 & 8 students have participated in our new C.A.R.E. program. As we prepare to break for summer holidays, I want to thank each of you for your continued support for the school throughout the semester. I wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing summer break – enjoying the company of friends and loved ones.

### School Captains 2025

I am very proud to announce the school captains for 2025.

Academic captain – Kyeisha CANDASAMY  
Arts captain – Taran PUNCHIHEWA  
Sports Captain – Xavier CURTOLO  
Civics & Citizenship captain – Maanya MENON  
Vocational Major Captain - Costas MEITANIS

I look forward to regular meetings with the captains and hearing their ideas for improvements at our school.

### Student Free Dates for 2025

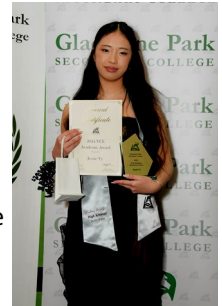
Friday 20 June – Report Writing Day  
Friday 15 August – Curriculum Day  
Monday 18 August – Curriculum Day  
Monday 3 November – Curriculum Day  
Wednesday 5 November – Teacher Professional Practice Day

### Starting Dates for 2025

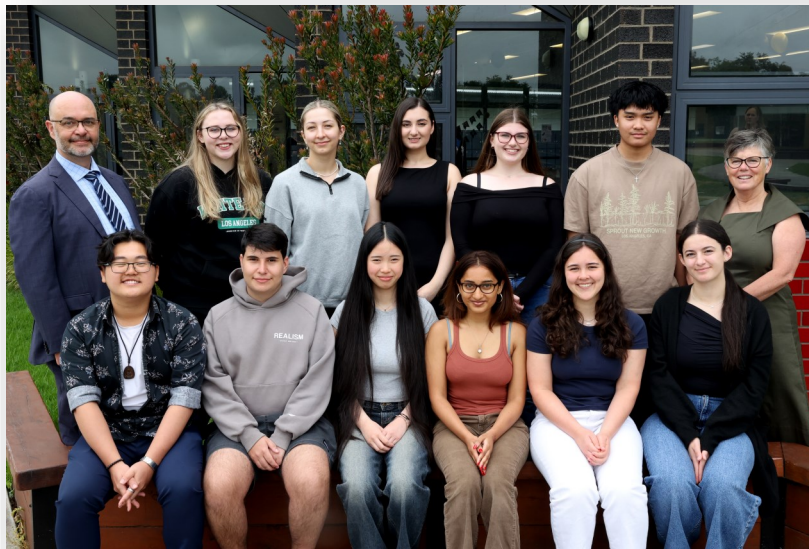
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January Australia Day – Public Holiday  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January - Teachers & ES staff commence.  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – **Year 7 and VCE Unit 3 students only**  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – **All Students Attend**

# Principal Update cont...

I am proud to announce our Year 12 graduates who attained an ATAR of 90 and above. Congratulations to you all for your perseverance, and commitment to your studies. A special congratulations to our Dux, Jessie Vy, who achieved an impressive ATAR of 98.65. Wishing you all the best for your futures.



<b>Jessie Vy</b>
<b>Elsa Hawes</b>
<b>Tijana Jovic</b>
<b>Mason Lim</b>
<b>Uvini Hettiarachchi</b>
<b>Zara Cuic</b>
<b>Jedd Corcuera</b>
<b>Eren Murataga</b>
<b>Natalie Hermiz</b>
<b>Tahlia Herron</b>
<b>Poppy McKernan</b>



On Friday, December 13th, the College proudly celebrated the achievements of 12 students who attained ATARs of 90 and above at a special High Achievers Breakfast. These exceptional students received a standing ovation during the teachers' morning briefing, recognizing their dedication and hard work. Families were then welcomed back to the Senior School, where students and parents enjoyed a delicious breakfast and morning tea together in celebration of their success. There was a wonderful atmosphere throughout the morning and it was a meaningful occasion, honouring the efforts and accomplishments of our senior cohort, including our Dux, Jessie Vy, who achieved an impressive ATAR of 98.65.

Special Thanks to the Senior School Team and to Cammy Jansz, Luke Sinclair and Kevin Monteiro for their assistance.

Joanne Carvalho  
Senior School Student Agency & Events Co-ordinator

# 2024 High Achievers Morning Tea



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# Year 10 Social



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October approximately one hundred and thirty students braved the blustery and wet conditions to attend the 2024 year 10 Social. Students came together to celebrate their time as middle school students.

The event was held at Sherwood Receptions in Greenvale. The old homestead created a beautiful rustic and intimate setting for the social, with many lovely photos taken. Attendees partook in a delicious three course meal, along with plenty of time on the dance floor showing off their moves.

The 'Hollywood – A night for the stars' theme inspired the red, gold and black colour scheme. Thank you to the Year 10 social committee, consisting of Hana Ahmed, Kaavinaah Daver, Gizelle Malki, Salini Tantiriwatta and Bindaya Wella Hewage. These students did an amazing job in planning, organising and hosting the event.

Students are to be commended on their outstanding and respectful behaviour throughout the evening. Thank you to the staff who joined the celebrations and shared this special experience with students. Finally, Middle School staff hope the memories created will remain dear to students for years to come. We wish all year 10s the best as they transition into VCE or alternative pathways in 2025.

*Ms McLennan*

*Middle School - Student Agency & Events Coordinator*



# Year 10 Social Cont...





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# State Track N Field

On the 21<sup>st</sup> October the s Sate Track n Field event was held at Lakeside Stadium at Albert Park. The top students from the state who qualified for the event coming through house, divisional the regionals made it through. We were very proud to have

Poppy Mckernan – Shot Put

Matthew Curtolo - 1500m

Pavle Stojkovski – Long Jump

Nathan Kenneth – Triple Jump

14 Boys Relay – Evan Manefield, Michael Sayed, Marco Peluso & Aike Sirimana Vithanage

Students were supported by family and made us all very proud of their achievements throughout the year.

Thank you for all the support staff,students and parents have given to the track n field team

Ms Lee-Anne Talbot



# Year 9 Surf Camp

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 20 enthusiastic and excited year 9 students made their way to Anglesea for our school's annual Surf Camp. The first stop was the Great Ocean Road Chocolatery, where many enjoyed some ice cream or purchased a little treat to take away, before setting off to the Burnside camp site to unload and get ready for the first surf lesson at Torquay.

The surfers headed down to the Torquay back beach for their first surf lesson. The waves were choppy and dumping, so it was a challenging first attempt at surfing for everyone. Even our veteran teacher surfers were having trouble catching a wave and staying on their boards.

After the lesson we headed back to camp for a shower, dinner and a little down time. We then drove to Point Roadknight in Anglesea for a walk over the sand dunes and to view the spectacular rock formations. We then continued on to Aireys Inlet, for a walk up to the lighthouse and the various lookouts along the spectacular cliffs. After watching the sun set over the coastline we returned to camp for some supper and bed.

After a good night sleep (for some), we headed to Cosy Corner in Torquay for Surf Kayaking lessons. The surf was great for catching a ride in the Kayaks, although with the tide coming in it was a tough work on the upper body. Some of the group got a little ambitious on some bigger waves resulting in a few nose diving and flipped kayaks, which was a lot of fun.

After the kayak lesson we had a quick lunch and then went to the Surf Outlets in Torquay in search of some clothing bargains. This was followed by a road trip down to Lorne and Erskine Falls. Students got to admire the stunning waterfall and creek from the various viewing decks and trails. Then after we returned to camp for dinner, we then drove down to Anglesea main beach and did a 3km return walk to Point Roadknight and back along the foreshore trail.

It was an early start Friday morning. With everyone up, packed and down to Anglesea Surf beach for our final surf lesson at 9.00am. The surf conditions were brilliant and most students stood up on their boards this time around, catching waves all the way into shore. After a highly successful and fun morning we ended the camp with fish and chips by the river in Anglesea.

I would like to thank all the students for their perseverance, enthusiasm and positivity with all the activities. The camp will run again in March next year, and I encourage all 2025 year 9 students to consider taking up the opportunity to attend. Have a chat to those who have been previously, as many students express to us that Surf Camp is one of their favourite secondary school experiences. Students who attended formed new friendships, strengthened old ones and made memories that will last a lifetime.

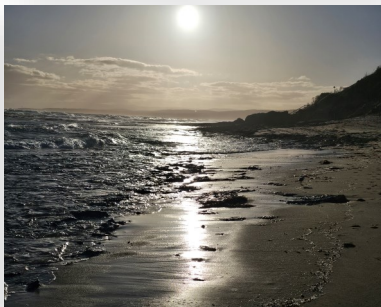
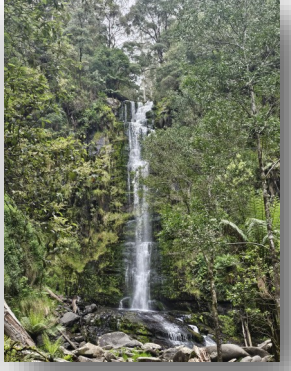
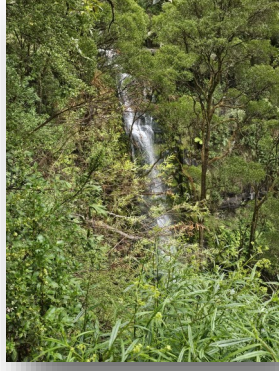
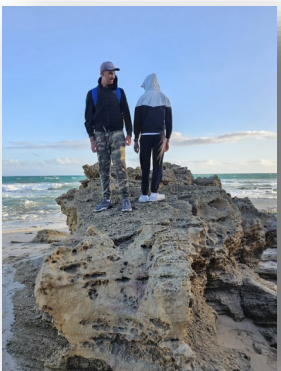
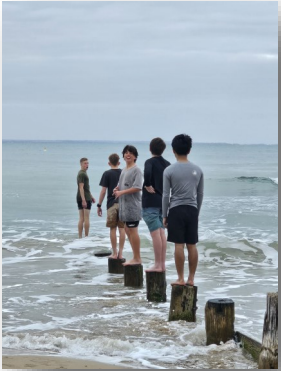
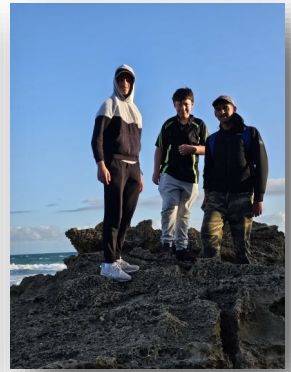
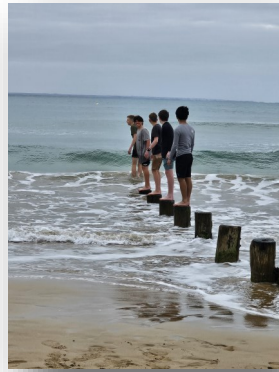
Camps are an important aspect of the school's extra-curricular program and they cannot happen without teachers taking time away from their personal lives to attend. Thank you to Con Zanetidis and Roger Centofanti for helping with the organisation and running of the camp in 2024. Your collaboration, enthusiasm and involvement in the camp is greatly appreciated.

Vanessa McLennan  
Middle School Student Agency and Events Coordinator

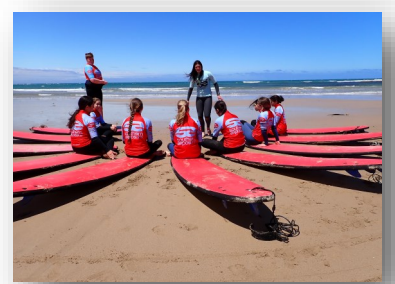
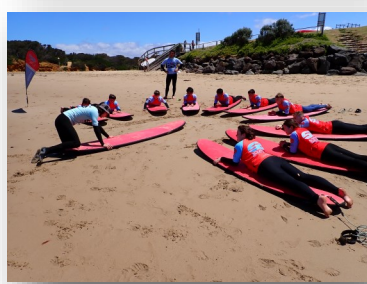
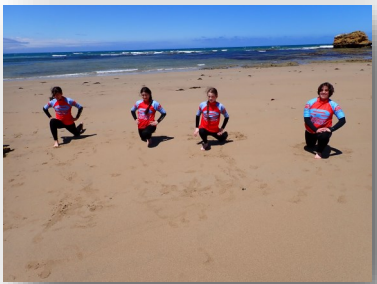
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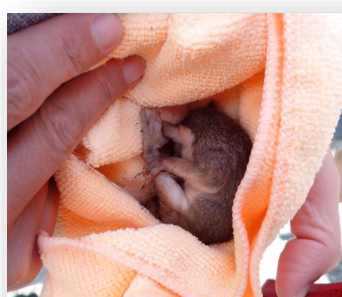
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# Year 12 Graduation 2024

The Graduation and Valedictory Dinner, held on Monday, November 25th, at the elegant Hyatt Place in Essendon Fields, marked a memorable celebration for the 200 students who graduated this year. The evening began with a warm welcome and address by College Principal Veronica Hoy, followed by insightful words from School Council President Sharron Matuato. The school captains—Kayla Drago, Shariff Rizvi Deen, Elsa Hawes, Natalie Hermiz, and Jake Sweerts delivered heartfelt speeches, reflecting on their journeys and bidding farewell to their peers. Students were presented with stoles and certificates, honouring their achievements, with notable awards like the Vocational Major Excellence Award going to Teagan Jansen and the VCE Academic Excellence Award to Jesse Vy.

The night's success was made possible by the dedication of many. Special thanks go to our administrative team—Rose Anda, Fiona Glenn, Janine Thomas, Amy Mullins, and Christine Simmons—and the careers team, including Samuel Yip, Thea Carr, and Andrew Jackson. The Senior School Team, led by Klate McFarlane and supported by Karen Powers, Elizabeth Dickin, Cammy Jansz, Jessica Nash, Matthew Cerra, Jayne Carfi, Georgia Stewart, Mary Amiridis, and helpers Shika Chand and Kevin Monteiro, played a vital role in making the event seamless. A heartfelt acknowledgment goes to Matthew Janineh for his exceptional work on the stunning stationery that brought the graduation vision to life. Lastly thank you to the 2025 school captains for their help with graduation and for representing the 2024 cohort beautifully. It was a special night of joy and pride shared by students, parents, and staff alike.

Joanne Carvalho

Senior School Student Agency & Events Co-ordinator

LEARNING AREA & SUBJECTS	AWARD WINNER
Year 12 VET Business	Chahinda Aycha
Year 12 VET Sport & Rec	Kathryn Myers
12 Visual Communication & Design	Mercedes Ioane
12 Making & Exhibiting	Zara Cuic
12 Media	Tahlia Herron
12 English	Jessy Vy
12 English additional language	Hadi Fallouh
12 Literature	Amelia Rose Evans
12 Food Studies	Suhan Fernando
12 Accounting	Tan Le
12 Business Management	Natalie Hermiz
12 Governor Landy (Humanities) History	Uvivni Hettiarachchi
12 Legal Studies	Natalie Hermiz
12 Software Development	Lucas Ruscigno
12 General Mathematics	Maahira Siddiqu
12 Mathematical Methods	Jessy Vy
12 Specialist Mathematics	Mason Lim
12 Health & Human Development	Evelyn Milonas



# Year 12 Graduation 2024

LEARNING AREA & SUBJECTS	AWARD WINNER
12 Physical Education	Methshika Watagodakumbura.
12 Music Performance	Elsa Hawes
12 Leanne Myslinski (Science) Biology	Methshika Watagodakumbura.
12 Chemistry	Jessica Vy
12 Psychology	Methshika Watagodakumbura.
12 Physics	Elsa Hawes
12 Systems & Engineering	Evelyn Milonas
12 Vocational Major – Literacy	Kaitlyn Luca
12 Vocational Major – Numeracy	Mitchell Reither
12 Vocational Major – Personal Development Studies	Joshua Buckland
12 Vocational Major – Work Related Skills	Teagan Jansen
12 Economics	Aaron Antony

SPECIALTY AWARDS	AWARD WINNER
ADF Long Tan Youth Award	Natalie Hermiz
ADF Future Innovators	Elsa Hawes
Robert Lamb Community Spirit Award	Shariff Rizvi Deen
Marty Stafrace Community Award	Riley Burjak
HeadStart Excellence Award	Bryce Camilleri

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS	AWARD WINNER
Academic Excellence in a VCE Award 2024	Jesse Vy
Excellence in Vocational Major Award 2024	Teagan Jansen



# Year 12 Graduation 2024 cont...



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# 2024 Captains Farewells

## Natalie Hermiz

At the start of this year, we all heard our teachers saying, *"This year will fly by,"* and they were right. But I'm sure there were moments when we all thought, *"I can't wait for this to be over,"* whether it was a long day at school, a never-ending week, or exams that felt like they'd never end.

But why is it that we're always in such a rush? We're so quick to wish away the present, always looking ahead, ready to skip a few chapters of our story. It's okay to think about the future, but sometimes it's important to just stop and appreciate where we are right now.

For those unsure about what's next, remember—you have time. There's time to figure out what you want to study, what career you want, or even the path you want to take. Don't stress if you don't have it all mapped out. Mistakes will happen, and that's part of the journey. We all stumble before we find our way, and that's what makes us human.

Be kind to yourself. Set big goals, work hard, and chase your dreams, but when things get tough, don't be afraid to take a step back and breathe.

And most importantly, be kind to those around you. The world needs more kindness, and even small things matter—listening to a friend, making someone's day, or just treating others the way you want to be treated. Those little acts of kindness can leave a big impact.



## Jake Sweerts

Among these long 13 years of schooling, despite being relatively quick now I look back at it. One thing has been a lasting foundation for all of us, and that pillar is friendship. I don't know about you, but the people we have been surrounded with has made the years of schooling exciting, entertaining, and hopefully something to remember.

I can vividly recall how scary it was for our first day of high school, saying goodbye to our parents and family as we walked in and saying hello to potential life-long mates. That small experience of venturing off into the unknown and making a new friend was daunting, but it has taught me so much about making friends in general – people are friendly, and it isn't hard to do.

Amongst living ups and downs in one single day of school was common, the few minutes before recess, lunch, and the final bell was always exhilarating. We were longing to see our people.

I can remember from years 7 until 11 we all had our own little friendship groups. But then in year 12 everything seemed to change. The groups seemed to dissolve, and everyone became friends with each other. I talked to so many new people, and made so many more close friends this year, and it just made everything more enjoyable.

From the movie night to the karaoke and the soccer tournaments it has been an exceptional year.

My advice is to make the effort to maintain your friendships. Make sure to enjoy the journey, as when that goal is completed, the thing we will look back on will mostly be the enjoyment of the memories that were made with the people who accompanied us.



# 2024 Captains Farewells cont...

## Elsa Hawes

It seems like yesterday I was in year 7 searching for my name on the class lists outside of the dance room, nervously entering a world where I was no longer a big year 6 and now a little year 7 surrounded by towering year 12's. Now, as a year 12, I face this nervousness again, stepping out into the world like the feelings I had in year 7, stepping into a world which I no longer know by heart.

Whether it's our closest friends or those we only ever saw in class, everyone here has shaped our journey in some way. It's strange to think that I will never do another chem experiment, have another English class or take another walk to the shops at lunch in my year 12 jumper.

I urge you all to take the good and the bad and take time to reflect. Reflect on what has been and the memories that you have made and will make along the way. You all can achieve your dreams, no matter what they are. So like Mr Barry wrote on my T-shirt, go get em!

It's been a privilege to be your Academic Captain.



## Shariff Rizvi Deen

To the Class of 2024— thank you, too. What a year it's been. School has been so much more than just lessons and exams. We've found friendships, discovered passions, and learned resilience. We've shown up even when things were tough, pushed through when plans fell apart, and proved time and time again that we know how to get back up.

I would like to take the time to acknowledge our parents who help us navigate our lives with patience, wisdom and unending support. Driving us wherever we needed to go, at whatever time. Putting food on our plates, even if it meant they wouldn't be eating that day. We're saying thank you for all the sacrifices they have made and will continue to make for us, and all the opportunities they have given us throughout our lives. They are truly the anchor in our storms.

As we head into the future—whether that be uni, work, travel, or figuring it out as we go—remember this: we're capable of so much more than we realise. Don't be afraid to take risks, to fail, or to stand out. Life will knock us down, but failure isn't the end of success—it's part of it.

Most importantly, don't forget to have fun. Laugh, create memories, and hold onto the moments that make life special, because one day, these *will* be the good old days.

It's been an honour to be your Arts Captain



## 2024 Captains Farewells cont...

### Kayla Drago

Positivity isn't about ignoring challenges or pretending everything is perfect. It's about choosing to face life's ups and downs with a mindset that empowers us to keep moving forward and overcome struggles. It's the belief that, even when times get tough, we have the strength to rise above it all and turn obstacles into opportunities.

Setbacks are real, and feeling negative is real. But it is important that you look back and proudly think about the progress you have made and how you had setbacks but saw the positive in a negative situation.

I encourage you all to carry this spirit of positivity with you. Be the ones who brighten a room with your smile, the ones who encourage others when they feel down, and the ones who look for good in every situation, because when we choose to spread positivity, we not only change our own lives, we change the world around us.

Thank you for giving me the honour to spread the word of positivity with you all, as your 2024 VM Captain and always remember to have positive vibes only.



# 2025 School Captains

We are thrilled to announce and congratulate our incredible students who have been chosen as our 2025 School Captains. Like every year, the quality of candidates that put themselves forward made for difficult selection. The 2025 cohort earned and deserved their captaincies through recognition of their leadership, commitment and dedication throughout their schooling journey.

Congratulations to Kyeisha, Xavier, Taran, Maanya and Costa.



Kyeisha Candasamy  
Academic



Xavier Curtolo  
Sport



Taran Punchihewa  
Arts



Maanya Menon  
Civics & Citizenship



Costa Meitanis  
Vocational Major

# Student Spotlight - Aiden Zarb

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, I cut off my hair and donated it to Kids With Cancer in order for them to make wigs for the kids. Leading up to the big cut, I raised money for the event which went to the Macedon Rangers Suicide Prevention Action Group (MRSPAG), which is a small organisation who helps support people who has lost people or been affected because of suicide. Both cancer and suicide have taken people close to me, and I have set out to try to improve the lives of people who are struggling with similar issues as me.

**Aiden Zarb**

**Year 12 Student**



## MRSPAG and wigs for children with cancer



Aidan Zarb

**\$2,362 raised**

\$3K target · 38 donations



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**This fundraiser is located near you**

Anonymous  
\$200 · 9 d

Jo McAuliffe  
\$50 · 26 d

# 2024 Music Encore Performance



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# School Savings Bonus

## Parent and carer School Saving Bonus code distribution

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au ([www.vic.gov.au](http://www.vic.gov.au)). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au)

# Smile Squad - Dental Program



Have regular dental checks



Smile Squad free school dental program

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. It offers free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students.

We want all students to get the most out of school.

Tooth decay can get in the way of learning. It can be painful and affect sleep and concentration.

Smile Squad is here to help children and young adults keep their mouth healthy and decay-free.

Here are some of our top tips for keeping school-aged smiles healthy. You can find more information about caring for teeth at [www.dhsv.org.au/smilesquad](http://www.dhsv.org.au/smilesquad)



Regular dental checks help spot and treat any problems early.

Sign your child up for free dental care with Smile Squad at your school.

**Want to know more?**

Visit [www.health.vic.gov.au/smile-squad](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/smile-squad)



# Smile Squad - Dental Program



## Eat well

A healthy diet for growing bodies and minds is the best choice for teeth. Eat a wide variety of healthy foods every day, including:

- fruit and vegetables
- grains and cereals like rice and bread
- dairy products like milk, cheese and yoghurt
- eggs
- meat without too much fat, and fish.

Food manufacturers hide sugars in many of the snacks marketed to children. Compare packets to choose products with less sugar.



## Drink well

Water is the best drink for the mind, body and teeth.

Fill up a reusable water bottle with water at school.



## In

## Clean well

Toothbrushing cleans away the bacteria that causes tooth decay. Fluoride toothpaste helps to repair the tooth surface and keeps teeth strong.

Children will need help to brush their teeth until they are eight years old.

### How to brush

#### STEP 1



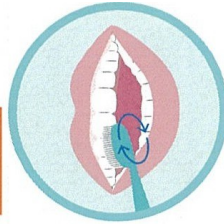
Brush in the morning and at night before going to bed.

#### STEP 2



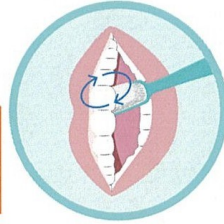
Use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste on a soft toothbrush.

#### STEP 3



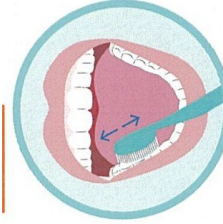
Brush teeth and along the gum moving in gentle circles. Start with the outside surfaces.

#### STEP 4



Repeat on the inside surfaces.

#### STEP 5



Use a light back and forth motion on the chewing surfaces. Spit out toothpaste, but don't rinse with water.

Be sure to brush all surfaces: top and bottom, left and right, front and back.

# Smile Squad - Dental Program

[Smile Squad is coming to the school.](#)

Dear Gladstone Park Secondary School families,

The Smile Squad team from **Cohealth** are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. Any Student enrolled in a Victorian Government PS are eligible.

No need to have a healthcare card, Medicare card or the CDBS.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school Annually.

## **How to access free dental care**

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: [SDP Consent Form](#)

OR use the below QR code:



# Career Information



*Australian*  
**Air League**

*Niddrie Squadron*

*Operating since May 1964*



**FUN, FRIENDSHIP  
& FLYING  
SINCE 1934**

Join us

Thursday Nights 7pm - 9pm  
Neil Heinze Pavillion, 56 Lake Street,  
Avondale Heights 3034

**JOIN  
TODAY!**



## ABOUT US

The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for girls & boys aged 8 - 18 yrs which encourages interest in aviation as a career or as a hobby. Cadets learn practical and theory aviation, life skills, team building, personal development, leadership skills, as well as take part in outdoor activities such as Flying & Gliding.

## PARTICIPATE IN LESSONS & ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

- Theory of Flight
- Aircraft Recognition
- Gliding and Soaring
- Building Model Aircraft
- Flight Simulators
- Drill
- Engineering
- Ranks & Badge Achievements

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

ANZAC Day March  
Remembrance Day  
Australian International Airshow  
Community Service

**FOR FURTHER  
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# Career Information - Yr 10-12

## Attention Yr. 10 – 12 Students

Two Summer Courses offered by **The Masters Institute of Creative Education**.

See details below.

For more information and to book a spot please visit: <https://tmice.edu.au/pages/courses>

Click on “Short Courses” then “Explore”

SHORT COURSE

## Summer 2025 School Holidays Creative Workshop: Fashion

4 Days | 20th - 23rd January 2025 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Calling all high school students passionate about fashion! Whether you're drawn to the world of design or intrigued by the business side of fashion, this workshop is the perfect opportunity to explore your creative potential and uncover the pathway that's right for you.



### COURSE SNAPSHOT

Course Dates:

20th - 23rd January 2025  
10AM - 3PM

Location: Melbourne

Fees: \$240.00

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SHORT COURSE

## Summer 2025 School Holidays Creative Workshop: Hair, Beauty, MakeUp

3 days | 21st - 23rd January 2025 | 10AM-3PM

Discover the world of hair, beauty, and makeup in this hands-on workshop designed for high school students eager to explore the fundamentals of this dynamic industry.



### COURSE SNAPSHOT

Course Dates:

21st - 23rd January 2025  
10AM - 3PM

Location: Melbourne

Fees: \$180.00

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# Year 12 - VTAC Information

## Year 12 - What is VTAC?

The **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre** is a hub where students apply for courses through TAFE, polytechnics and university. This includes Cert IV, Diplomas, Associate Degrees and Bachelor Degrees. They don't decide who gets into the course, they only facilitate the application process.



There are key deadlines for all Year 12 students to pay attention to:

Key Dates	
23 December (10am)	December offer round - Domestic
10 January 2025 (2pm)	January offer round one - Domestic

These dates are taken from the [VTAC.edu.au](http://VTAC.edu.au) website

Due to the complex nature of applications, some offers (like Medical entry and Acting) will only make an offer to students in January.

Some courses (like Architecture and Design) require a portfolio to be submitted and a selection task to be completed. Most of these **selection tasks** are released in July and students have 4-8 weeks to complete them. These tasks may be in addition to the presentation of their folios and interviews.

## Where to look for courses?

Students are encouraged to visit the **Open Days** conducted by various universities in Term 3 (August-September) and use VTAC's CourseSearch ([www.vtac.edu.au/coursesearch](http://www.vtac.edu.au/coursesearch)) feature to understand the courses and their pre-requisites for entry.

If students require a hard copy of a University's Course Guide, please visit the Careers Office. Note that these guides are limited!

# Medical Action Plans

## IMPORTANT

Students with the following medical conditions are required to provide an up-to-date Action Plan to the school.

Allergies

Asthma

Anaphylaxis

Diabetes

Epilepsy

Please ensure that you obtain a new plan from your doctor for the start of 2025.



Attend one of our January 2025 Workshops:

**January will see a series of workshops being conducted that will cover the creative and design disciplines that are on offer at LCI Melbourne. These workshops are now live and are able to be booked using this link [here](#)**

**The itinerary for the Creative Holiday Workshops are the following:**

January 20<sup>th</sup>, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am-4:00 pm

- Fashion and Costume Design
- Interior Design
- Visual Arts

January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1pm-4pm

- Graphic and Digital Design
- Filmmaking and Photography
- Marketing for Creatives

**Use the link below to make a booking for the Creative Holiday Workshop series, [here https://melbourne.lcieducation.com/en/news-and-events/events/2024/12/creative-holiday-workshops](https://melbourne.lcieducation.com/en/news-and-events/events/2024/12/creative-holiday-workshops).**



# AIMING HIGH 2025

## Unlock Your Potential!

“Aiming High is a transformative program designed to support VCE students completing Units 1–4 with mentoring, study assistance, and access to resources to help them excel academically and personally”

### Main Support Provided

- Personalised mentoring
- Access to study spaces
- Holiday learning sessions
- Academic resources
- Skills development workshops
- Guidance on career and higher education pathways



### Eligibility Criteria

- Students in Years 11–12
- Commitment to attending regular sessions and engaging with the program
- Live or study in the Greater Hume area



Register now to  
secure your place!



[Register your interest here](#)

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

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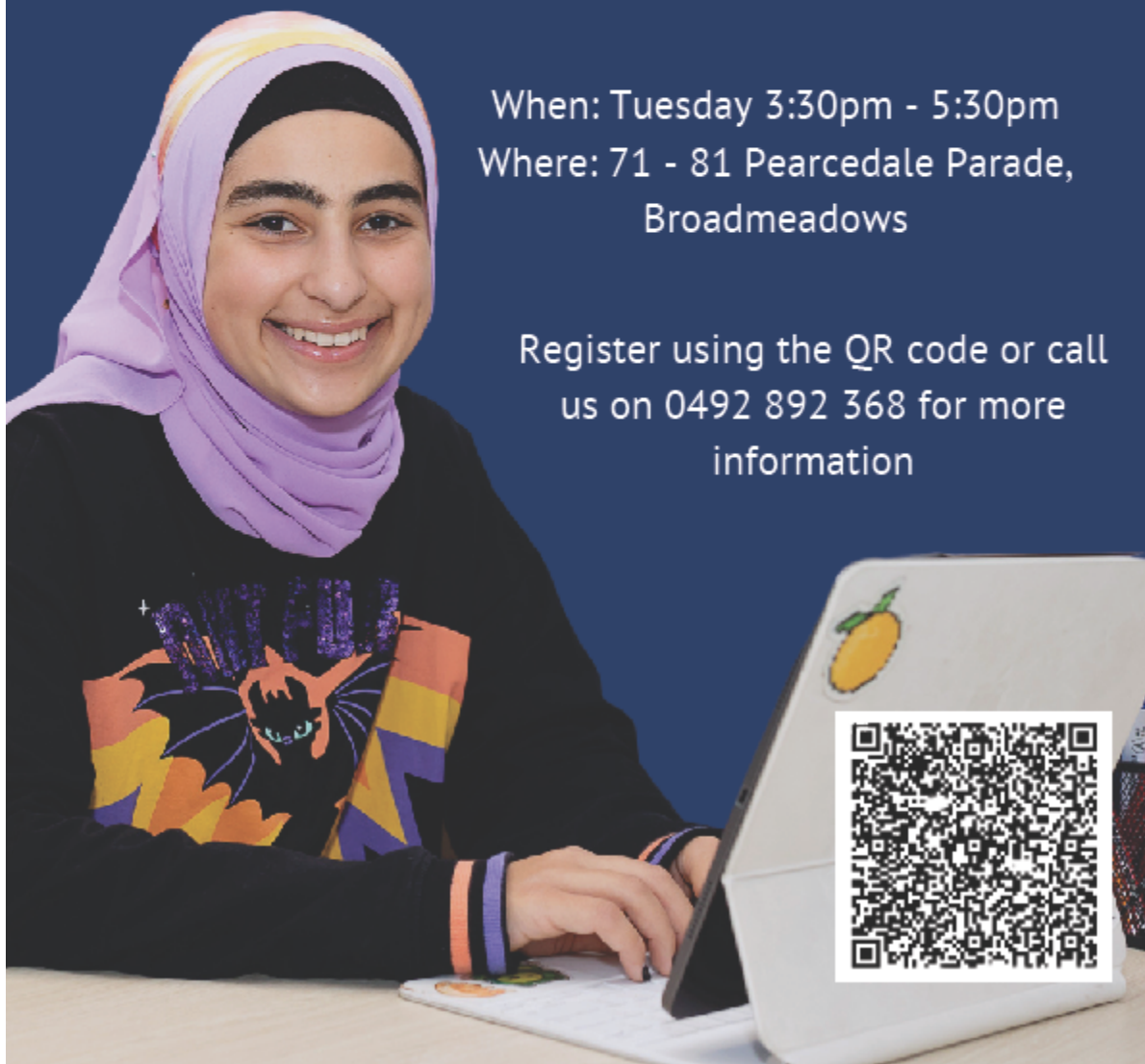


## FREE SECONDARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK SUPPORT IN BROADMEADOWS

Our friendly tutors provide FREE secondary support for  
highschool students every TUESDAY. Resources provided.

When: Tuesday 3:30pm - 5:30pm  
Where: 71 - 81 Pearcedale Parade,  
Broadmeadows

Register using the QR code or call  
us on 0492 892 368 for more  
information



# 2025 Collarts Summer Holiday Workshops

Collart's High School Summer Holiday Workshops are back for 2025! Tickets have gone on sale this week for our Summer Holiday Workshop Series for High School students in years 10, 11, and 12.

We have 13 practical workshops on offer on January 22, and 23rd, across a range of study areas at Collarts including Performing Arts, Fashion, Animation, Interior Design, Photography, Music, Media, and more.

Tickets are only \$15 for half-day workshops and \$30 for full-day workshops, and students can get 50% off when they purchase tickets 2 or more tickets. Students can experience what it's like to live a day in the life of a Collarts student.

You can find more information and purchase tickets through our [website](#) and we would love for you to share the flyer attached with any students you think would be interested.



**COLLARTS**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

**13 WORKSHOPS OVER 2 DAYS**  
**22ND & 23RD JANUARY 2025**  
**LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE**

LIVE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A COLLARTS STUDENT  
OPEN TO VICTORIAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GOING INTO YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 IN 2025 OR THOSE THAT COMPLETED YEAR 12 IN 2024

**WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:**

AUDIO & MUSIC	INTERIOR DESIGN
ANIMATION	PERFORMING ARTS
FASHION	PHOTOGRAPHY
FILM-MAKING	DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA
ENTERTAINMENT MGMT	GRAPHIC & DIGITAL DESIGN

SCAN OR CLICK  
TO  
RSVP



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# SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



## MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2025:

### Volleyball Tournament

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre  
1 Tanderrum Way, Broadmeadows VIC 3047  
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

## TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2025:

### Pathways to Health and Community Careers

Time: 10am – 1pm

Age: 16 – 24

Location: Youth Central  
33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

## WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025:

### Chill and Grill - Craigieburn

Time: 3pm – 6pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre  
59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064  
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

## THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2025:

### Lunchbox Cook Up

Time: 11am – 2:30pm

Age: 10 – 14

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre  
51 – 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

## FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2025:

### Chill and Grill - Broadmeadows

Time: 3pm – 6pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Youth Central  
33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047  
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

## SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2025:

### Hume Youth Makers Market at Craigieburn Central SC

Time: 10am – 2pm

Age: All Ages

Location: Craigieburn Central Shopping Centre  
340 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064  
Walk ins welcome

## MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2025:

### Photography Workshop

Time: 11am – 2pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Youth Central  
33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

## TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2025:

### Gymnastics Holiday Fun

Time: 10:30am – 2:30pm

Age: 10 – 14

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre  
59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

## WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2025:

### Art Frenzy

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre  
59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064  
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

## THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2025:

### Cheap Eats Cooking

Time: 11am – 3pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Roxburgh Park Youth Centre  
75 Lakeside drive, Roxburgh Park, 3064  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

### Tennis Competition

Time: 10am – 1pm

Age: 16 – 24

Location: Hume Tennis & Community Centre  
225 Marathon Blvd, Craigieburn Victoria 3064  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

## FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2025:

### Chill and Grill - Sunbury

Time: 3pm – 6pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre  
51 – 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429  
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

BOOK NOW!  
SCAN BELOW



For further information, please contact us at:  
youth@hume.vic.gov.au  
or phone 03 9205 2556



## 2024 Important Dates

Friday 20th December	End of Term 4
Monday 27th January	Australia Day - Public Holiday
Tuesday 28th January	All Staff Commence Term 1
Wednesday 29th January 2025	Year 7 & 12 Students Only Commence Term 1
Thursday 30th January	Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 Commence Term 1
Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th February	Intermediate & Senior Sports
Thursday 13th February	Year 7 BBQ
Monday 17th February	School Photo Day
Tuesday 18th February	Swimming Trails (Competitors Only)
Wednesday 19th February	Year 7 Sport
Wednesday 19th February	Junior, Intermediate & Senior Tennis
Thursday 20th February	Year 8 Sport

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00am to 4:00pm

Last day of each Term the  
office will close at 2:30pm

**The office is CLOSED during  
all  
school holiday periods**

All upcoming dates can also be  
found on our Website:

[www.gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au](http://www.gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au)

### **HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR DETAILS ?**

Please immediately notify the College of any changes to your address or contact details.

## **ATTENTION YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 PARENTS**

Parents are reminded that where a Year 11 or Year 12 student is absent from school due to a family holiday, this will be considered an unapproved absence.

VCE, including VM, has attendance requirements which must be met in order for a student to pass.

### **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Parents are reminded that the school does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers should you require one.