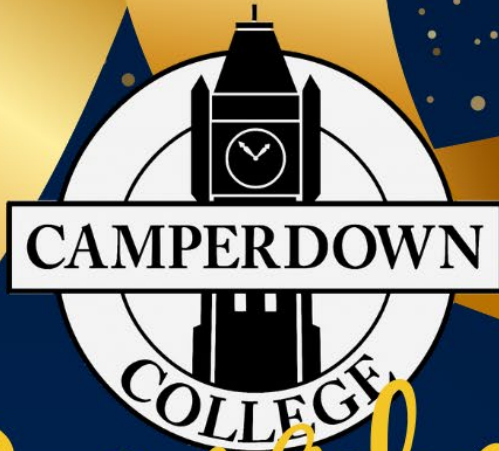


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CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 6, 6th March 2026

Camperdown
College
Junior Campus:
Refurbishment
Celebration
Thursday 5th March



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Refurbishment Celebration



The opening of the Junior Campus refurbishment was a memorable occasion and one that will remain in our students' memories for years to come. Past and present students shared reflections, symbolic stones were presented for the construction of a commemorative cairn, and the rich history of our college community was honoured. It was wonderful to see so many families, former staff and community members in attendance, reflecting the deep connection many have with the college. A particularly special moment was the unveiling of the commemorative plaque by members of the Hillman and Lucas families, whose connection to schooling on this site spans five generations.

Vicki Angus, Principal



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Yesterday marked a truly special milestone for our entire community - a proud moment many years in the making. It was wonderful to see so many current and past families, principals, School Council presidents and staff, along with trade representatives, Junior Campus students, Senior Campus Year 7 students and SRC representatives, come together for the opening of our Junior Campus refurbishment. The ceremony beautifully honoured our past, celebrated our present and looked confidently to the future of our college. Guests delighted in touring the refreshed office and learning spaces and sharing in a light lunch as the celebrations continued.

In my last newsletter column, I wrote about the significance of the cairn. The symbolic laying of the stones demonstrated the following sentiments from each of the year levels:

Year 6 – Holly Brooks: *These stones represent endurance and standing strong under adverse conditions.*

Year 5 – Hamish Christensen: *These stones represent the solid foundation we get at school.*

Year 4 – Campbell Horspole: *These stones represent belonging - everyone has a place here.*

Year 3 – Bede Tune: *These stones may change shape and size, but they still remain a rock.*

Year 2 – Ayla Mitchell: *These stones represent care for Country.*

Year 1 – Vance Doherty: *These stones represent transformation.*

Prep – Ellie Finlayson: *These stones represent learning and friendship.*

I thought it would be meaningful to share my speech with you, so that you can experience the pride and joy of the day alongside us:

This refurbishment has been fully self-funded, made possible through the careful stewardship and foresight of past principals and School Council members who had the vision and discipline to set aside considerable funds for the future of our school. Their long-term planning has enabled us to provide outstanding facilities for today's students while honouring the generations who came before them. We acknowledge their commitment with deep gratitude.

I would like to extend our sincere thanks to past principals Cherie Kilpatrick and Xavier Davis; School Council Presidents Darren Maskell, Jane Bennett, and Luke Webb; Assistant Principals Clare Monk and Jacinta Tolland; Business Managers Mardi Johnson and Trish Gibson and all School Councillors who walked this journey with dedication and belief in what our Junior Campus could become.

What you see today is a campus brought confidently into the 21st century - light-filled, spacious and purpose-designed for

contemporary learning. Over the past two years, walls have been removed to create an expansive Year 3/4 learning space and a dedicated Library STEM area. Corridors have been opened up by removing the old heater tunnels, transforming once narrow passageways into welcoming thoroughfares.

The main building now features a new office area, freshly painted classrooms, new carpet, and updated furniture - creating brighter, more functional learning environments. We have also added new staff toilets, sick bay, a nurture room, additional office spaces and much-needed storage. The redeveloped outdoor area has transformed the entrance to our campus into a warm and welcoming space for students, staff and families, while thoughtfully reflecting elements of our local geography and history.

Approximately eight years ago, we became increasingly aware that visitors often struggled to find our reception area. Various designs were considered, yet departmental and financial constraints proved too great at the time. In 2022, we were privileged to work with the talented architect Ben Hornsey from James Dean and Associates to redevelop the student toilet block and storage area. Through that collaboration, we found a wonderful connection and later engaged him to lead the redesign of the main building. His patience, creativity and guidance throughout the design phase have resulted in the exceptional spaces you see before you today.

The successful tender for our office project was awarded to Bowden Corp. Through the leadership of Rick Dolphin and Project Manager - and proud past student - Jake Dowell, this vision came to life before our eyes. We sincerely thank them and their team for their flexibility, professionalism, craftsmanship and commitment to excellence. In addition to the office area, the Year 3/4 learning area and library redevelopment was led by another Camperdown College alumni, Brad Hillman. We thank Brad for his adaptability, willingness to work to tight timelines and outstanding tradesmanship.

Finally, the true stars of this journey are our staff and students. Throughout the disruptions - the moving, shifting and adapting to new spaces - they showed remarkable resilience, flexibility and positivity. I think they would all agree that the result has made it more than worthwhile.

Today we celebrate not just refurbished buildings, but a renewed commitment to providing the very best environment for teaching and learning - now and for generations to come.

Ms Vicki Angus
Principal

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Monday 9th March: Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 25th March: Staff Professional Development
end of term 1: Thursday 2nd April @ 2.15pm



Refurbishment Celebration:

Our school community came together yesterday to mark the completion of our Junior Campus refurbishments. Families, students, past staff members and school councillors, tradesmen who contributed to the build and community members gathered in our beautifully renewed front gardens for a special ceremony, before enjoying the opportunity to tour the upgraded facilities.

A highlight of the ceremony was presenting the beginning of our stone cairn carefully constructed by parent and past student Alistair Tune. Alistair spent the remainder of the day working with students to ensure their stone was laid within the cairn signifying our renovations in such a symbolic way. We thank Alistair for completing this special project that will be something our students, staff and school community enjoy for decades.

The past 18 months have brought significant improvements to our learning spaces, and it was a proud moment to reflect on the transformation and what it will mean for our students now and into the future. The celebration concluded with a relaxed barbeque lunch, providing a wonderful chance for everyone to connect and share in the occasion.

Year 3-6 Swimming Program and Swimming Carnival:

Our Year 3-6 students wrapped up their swimming lessons last week, finishing on Wednesday before diving into the much-anticipated Swimming Carnival on Thursday, blessed with glorious sunshine. The carnival was a wonderful celebration of skill and determination, with students confidently completing events down and across the pool using a range of strokes and techniques. The day was not only about competition, but about recognising progress, courage and personal achievement. A big thank you to Mr Harkin, whose thoughtful organisation ensured every student had the opportunity to experience success and build confidence in the water. Year level champions were acknowledged, along with the presentation of the Year 6 Endurance Race medal. Congratulations to all of our individual winners and to Purumbete for claiming overall honours on a fantastic day of swimming.

NAPLAN:

Next week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will take part in the annual NAPLAN assessments, which cover reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. Testing will commence on Wednesday 11th March and conclude on Monday 23rd March. Our students have been preparing well and are approaching the assessments with a positive mindset. We look forward to seeing them demonstrate their learning and confidence throughout the testing period.

JSC's Silly Sock Day:

On Wednesday 18th March, students can wear a pair of silly socks to school for a gold coin donation raising money for the Sunnyside House Shop. This will be the JSCs first fundraiser for the year. We can't wait to see everyone's silly socks on the day.

Epilepsy Action Australia's 2026 Purple Up! Day:

Our Junior School Council is currently preparing for our Term 1 fundraiser, **Purple Up! day**, in support of Epilepsy Action Australia. This special day recognises and celebrates those who live with the daily challenges of epilepsy. We are inviting students to *purple up* on Purple Day, which will be held on the final day of term, Thursday 2nd April. Students can show their support for people living with epilepsy by wearing purple and bringing along a gold coin donation.

In the coming weeks, the JSC will also be creating purple badges, which will be available to purchase for \$1.00. We will let students and families know when these are ready to purchase.

Somers School Camp:

Emily Menzies, Sailor Hargreaves, Violet Bell, Harlee Rowbottom, Magnus Van Den Meiracker and Oliver Eagle returned home from Somers Camp on Wednesday after an exciting nine days away. Students have enjoyed sharing their highlights and the friends they made throughout their time away. We are very proud of how these students represented our school and the immense fun they had along the way.

Clean Up Australia Day:

Archie Rantall, Izaak Wilson and Rocco Brooks, our Environmental Leaders, ran a successful Clean Up Australia Day event last Friday at the Junior Campus. These students led all year levels in a clean up of the Junior Campus which was extremely successful. Thanks Archie, Izaak and Rocco for showing such passion for our yard and embracing your leadership role.

Induction Assembly – Junior Campus:

Our Prep-Year 12 Induction Assembly will take place on Monday 16th March at 9.30am in the AG Daws Hall at the Senior Campus. This special event will formally welcome our Prep students into the college community, alongside their Year 6 and Year 12 buddies, Year 6 student leaders and Junior School Council representatives. This ceremony is a meaningful highlight in our school calendar, bringing together students, staff and families to celebrate the beginning of each child's school journey with us. We warmly invite you to attend and share in this memorable occasion.

Thank you Gwen and the Uniting Church:

Gwen, on behalf of the Uniting Church in Camperdown, made a generous donation to our school to support students in need. Thank you for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

Pick Up and Drop Off:

A reminder that the yellow marked roadside areas in Brooke Street are designated drop off areas with parking prohibited at the beginning and end of the school day. Please ensure you are not parking in these areas or areas near the crossing. We are committed to ensuring our students are safe when arriving and departing school and appreciate your assistance.

Labour Day Public Holiday:

A reminder that Monday 9th March (next week) is a public holiday with students not required at school.

Mrs Jacinta Tolland, Junior Campus Assistant Principal

SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS



This fortnight started with a very successful day at the pool. A team of over 50 students, one of the largest for a long time, represented the college at the HSSSD Swimming Carnival. Alongside these competitors, other students went along and supported our Parents & Friends volunteers at their barbeque – these events are some of the most well patronised, translating to more funds for our school, so we thank them as well. At the end of the day, three of our students were age group champions – congratulations to Sicily Thun, Daniel Stringer-Donnelly and Holly Haigh! On top of this, Camperdown College came second overall and won the Aggregate Shield – proving that our swimmers are some of the strongest in the district. We are excited that a team of 13 students will be attending the GWR Swimming Carnival in March in Horsham. The college will be represented by individual swimmers and relays teams.

Each Wednesday morning, our student leaders run an assembly during Homegroup time. This is a timely opportunity for our School Captains, House Captains and leader of the SRC to share notices and motivate the rest of the school body. Our School Captains prepare their own script and challenge their peers to take on opportunities or acknowledge the efforts of others in the community. It is wonderful to see this group grow in skills and confidence each week. It is here our Homegroups will be sharing their carefully crafted Acknowledgements of Country they have written in homegroup time. Our student leaders are also running lunchtime fun on a Tuesday, rotating through a variety of activities, encouraging the younger students to get involved.

Our School Captains – Zack and Charlie were also put to the test last Tuesday at the annual Lions Youth of the Year event. It is a rigorous process whereby the students write an entry application, have an individual interview with the panel of three judges, write and present a five minute speech to those in attendance on the night, as well as answer two impromptu questions. Zack and Charlie are to be congratulated for how they presented themselves and engaged with the competition. We are very proud of their efforts. We are hopeful they will be able to share their speeches with the wider school community at our end of term Celebration of Learning Assembly.

This week our middle years students have engaged in exploring all the pathways open to them after school. Year 9/10 had the opportunity to attend a presentation from the ADF, who outlined the many different avenues and careers possible through them. The next day, Year 10 students also attended the Neil Porter Legacy South West Careers Expo in Warrnambool. Accompanied by their YLC Fraser Lucas and our Careers Practitioner Suzanne Maskell, the students learnt about options from apprenticeships to university and everything in between. This helped to build community and industry connections and is a vital part of their journey in Year 10 before moving into the senior years.

On Wednesday, Gnotuk once again took out the sporting shield –winning the Athletics Carnival. The sun came out and shone over a wonderful day which saw excellent participation and heartwarming milestones. Fuelled, once again by the Parents & Friends, students jumped, leaped and sprinted through the events (age group champions listed on page 9). Thanks to Grace Lee for organising the seamless event. The HSSSD Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Tuesday 17th March and the team will be put up on the sports notice board.

On Thursday, some very eager students had the pleasure of attending the Junior Campus Renovation Celebration. Having lived through the move last year, the Year 7 cohort were eager to be a part of the celebration, as were our SRC and student leaders. Thanks to Kate Wells and her group of helpers for cooking the barbeque for the event.

A reminder that next week is NAPLAN week – an opportunity for all students in Year 7 and Year 9 to show off their knowledge and skills. There will be changes to the timetable to accommodate these tests and we thank families and students in advance for doing their part on ensuring students are here on time ready to go!

Ms Katie Taylor, Senior Campus Assistant Principal

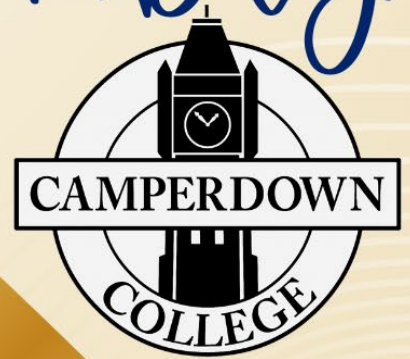
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

T1 W7	Monday 9th March	Labour Day Public Holiday No school for Prep-Year 12 students
	Wednesday 11 th March	NAPLAN Testing begins Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students
	Wednesday 11 th March	Parents & Friends Meeting 7pm at the Senior Campus
T1 W8	Monday 16th March	Prep-Year 12 Leadership Induction Assembly from 9.30am Families welcome
	Monday 16 th March	Scholastic Book Club due Prep-Year 6 students
	Tuesday 17 th March	HSSSD Athletics Carnival Camperdown College Sport Precinct
	Wednesday 18 th March	First Nations Leadership Program Day #1 Year 5/6 See Compass for more information
	Wednesday 18 th March	JSC Silly Sock Day for the Sunnyside Shop Prep-Year 6 for a gold coin donation
	Wednesday 18 th March	Year 7 and 10 Immunisations Senior Campus
	Wednesday 18 th March	School Council AGM 6pm at the Senior Campus
	Thursday 19 th March	CFNC Football/Netball Clinic Prep-Year 6 students at the Junior Campus
	Friday 20 th March	Prep-Year 6 Athletics Carnival Camperdown College Sport Precinct
T1 W9	Tuesday 24 th March	GWR Lawn Bowls Ararat
	Wednesday 25th March	Prep-Year 12 Student Free Day Staff Professional Development Day
	Wednesday 25 th March	GWR Swimming Carnival Horsham
	Thursday 26 th March	Prep-Year 6 Hockey Clinic Junior Campus
	Friday 27 th March	Year 3-6 District Athletics Camperdown College Sport Precinct

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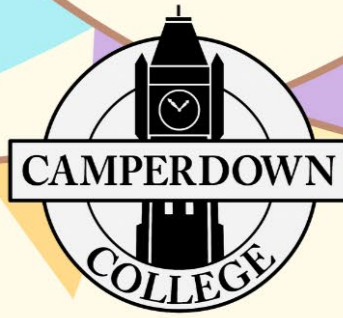
LEADERSHIP INDUCTION Assembly

Monday 16th March
AG Daws Hall at the
Senior Campus
9.15am for a 9.30am start
Families welcome to attend



Our Senior Campus School Captains shone, representing the college at the annual Lions Youth of the Year event at the RSL in Camperdown on Tuesday 24th February. Both of our young leaders have gone from strength to strength, growing in confidence and public speaking ability and both of these skills were evident for all to see. Charlie spoke about how one mistake does not define us, it is the learning that comes from mistakes that is important; whilst Zack spoke about how he has learnt that growth comes through pushing yourself and embracing challenges. Congratulations to both of our captains, you made our community proud.

Katie Taylor
Senior Campus Assistant Principal



Parents & Friends' **EASTER**
EGG RAFFLE

Easter Egg donations accepted at
the Junior and Senior Campus prior
to Wednesday 1st April.

Raffle tickets will be sent home
with students. Cost will be \$2ea, 3
for \$5 or whole book for \$20.

Raffle drawn at the
Junior Campus
Celebration Assembly
on Thursday 2nd April
at 9.15am.





SERIOUSLY SPORT @ Camperdown College



Senior Campus students enjoyed their day at the HSSSD Swimming Carnival on Monday 24th February, taking one of the largest groups of swimmers to the carnival in a long time. It was awesome to see so many students getting involved, giving their best in their races and supporting each other throughout the day.

As a school, we finished 2nd overall and were proud winners of the Aggregate Shield. This is a fantastic result and shows the commitment and effort of all our students. Congratulations to our three age group champions (Danel Stringer-Donnelly, Sicily Thun and Holly Haigh) for their outstanding individual performances, and to our relay teams who achieved wins.

HSSSD Swimming



Good luck to the students who are progressing to GWR level in Horsham on Wednesday 25th March – we're proud of you and wish you all the best!

Grace Lee
Year 7-12 Sport Coordinator



Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

In near perfect conditions on Thursday 26th February, our Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival was a huge success at the Camperdown Swimming Pool. Students were able to showcase their swimming skills learnt during our recent swimming program whilst having fun in a competitive environment. A huge congratulations to our age group champions: Ruby Baker, Callen McLachlan, Adele Currell, Jack Hillman, Lily Finlayson, Archie O'Connor, Natalie Corrigan and Billy Hillman. The Year 6 endurance race was also taken out by Callen McLachlan with Purrumbete the overall winners!

Matt Harkin
Prep-Year 6 Sport Coordinator



Division Swimming Carnival

In hot conditions, ten Junior Campus students represented the college at the Division Swimming Carnival at AquaZone in Warrnambool last week. All students conducted themselves brilliantly and put in some fantastic performances. We eagerly await results to confirm who has progressed onto Regional level later this term.

Matt Harkin
Prep-Year 6 Sport Coordinator



SERIOUSLY SPORT @ Camperdown College

As the dust settles on the track and the final echoes of the cheers fade, we look back on our annual Senior Campus Athletics Carnival that was held on Wednesday 4th March. From the adrenaline-fueled sprints to the gritty determination shown in the long-distance events, to the strength shown in the throwing and jumping events, every student brought their own spark to the track and field on the day. It wasn't just about the ribbons or the house points this year, it was about the moments of sportsmanship, the cheer of the crowd for the final finisher and the shared laughter under the sun. This year saw very high participation levels across all year levels and houses. Not only were the participation levels high but the energy levels and support from students, teachers and the crowd who came to support our students made it a very exciting day. Many students were willing to put their hands up and help and our Parents & Friends run their stall again which fed many people and gave students the energy to go onto their next events.

Gnotuk took the top spot, claiming first place with a dominant performance. Purrumbete followed closely behind in second, while Bullen Merri secured third place. We also had some very close age group champions this year: Beau Smith and Zoe Unwin (U13), Reagan Webb and Sydney Walsh (U14), Mason Narik and Maya Smith (U15), Quinn Clark and Ekaterina Gunina (U16), Patrick Spokes and Matilda Narik (U17), Oliver Clark and Lucinda Evans (U20). Overall, it was a fantastic day that was filled with fun, competition and a strong sportsmanship. The great weather, enthusiastic participation and a sense of community made it a day to remember for all involved.

**Breana Daffy and Philippa Kempton
Bullen Merri House Captains**



Happy Birthday

March

- 6th: Gus
- 7th: Beau
- 8th: Rielea, Zodey, Isla
- 11th: Annabel, Jack

- 14th: Lucy, Kyron, Hamish, Airly
- 16th: Eyisha, George, Spencer, Oliver, Elisha
- 17th: Sumaya, George

- 18th: Ted
- 19th: Raymond, Hyedi, William

VET & CAREERS WEEKLY Update



Exciting Opportunities & Important Updates: T1 W4 2026:

Please keep an eye on the Events and Opportunities board!

Important Dates:

Monday 16th March: Deakin Session Unlocked at lunchtime.

VET & Careers Update:

We are pleased to share that we are now successfully into our fourth week of the VET program, with over 35 students actively engaged across a diverse range of industry courses. It has been a fantastic start to the year, with students demonstrating strong attendance, positive engagement, and a genuine commitment to their chosen pathways.

This year, students are undertaking training in a variety of industry areas, including Building and Construction, Engineering, Automotive, Hair Salon Assistant, Hospitality, Music, Cookery, Electrotechnology, Health Services and Visual Arts. Our students travel each week to training locations across the region, including Cobden, Timboon, Warrnambool and Colac. Their willingness to travel reflects growing independence, responsibility, and dedication to their future career goals.

The VET program continues to provide invaluable hands-on experience, practical industry skills, and real-world learning opportunities. We are extremely proud of how our students are representing the school in professional training environments and embracing the opportunities that VET provides.

Student Spotlight – Ishmael Rothman

We are incredibly proud to highlight the fantastic progress Ishmael has been making through his work with **Mi Journey Café**. As part of his placement at the Mi Journey Cafe – Jaffle Kitchen, located at 162 Manifold Street, Ishmael has been fully immersed in the café's development and daily operations. From the very beginning, he has embraced every opportunity to learn and contribute.

Ishmael has been involved in a wide range of tasks, including helping design and develop the backyard garden space, preparing packaging, assembling furniture, and assisting during supplier visits. He has also focused on building his communication skills, interacting with staff and customers in a professional and confident manner. Demonstrating initiative and responsibility, Ishmael has completed an online Food Handling certificate to strengthen his knowledge of safe food practices in a hospitality setting. Well done Ishmael, Janine and the team at Mi Journey are truly singing your praises. We look forward to seeing his continued growth and are excited about what the future holds for him in the hospitality industry.

Tip & Trick of the Week: Getting a Job!

Don't just apply... follow up.

After submitting your resume (especially online), wait 2-3 days and then call or visit the workplace to introduce yourself. Ask to speak to the manager and say: "Hi, my name is ___ and I recently applied for the ___ position. I just wanted to introduce myself and express my interest in the role." This shows confidence, initiative and genuine interest - qualities employers value highly.

Many students submit applications. Very few follow up.

That small extra step can move you from the bottom of the pile to the top.



Hello VET and SWL students, it's time for a creative challenge!

I am looking for the most creative three photos that clearly showcase a direct link to your future career pathway. Your photos should: be taken during your VET or SWL placement, show real tasks, skills, tools, environments, or responsibilities connected to your future career, be appropriate and professional and reflect creativity, effort and thought.

This is your chance to show us what you're learning and where you're headed. 🏆 The winner will be judged by Three Careers Practitioners. 🎁 The prize? A Hot Chip Lunch for the winner and three friends of their choice. The winner will be announced at Assembly on Thursday 26th March. To enter: submit your three photos via email to me – via email or text 0421 171 286. Include a short explanation (2–3 sentences per photo) explaining how each image connects to your future career goals and ensure you have permission if others appear in your photos. Creativity, authenticity, and clear career connection will be key. Good luck — I can't wait to see your entries!

Kate Wells, VET Coordinator/VM Teacher



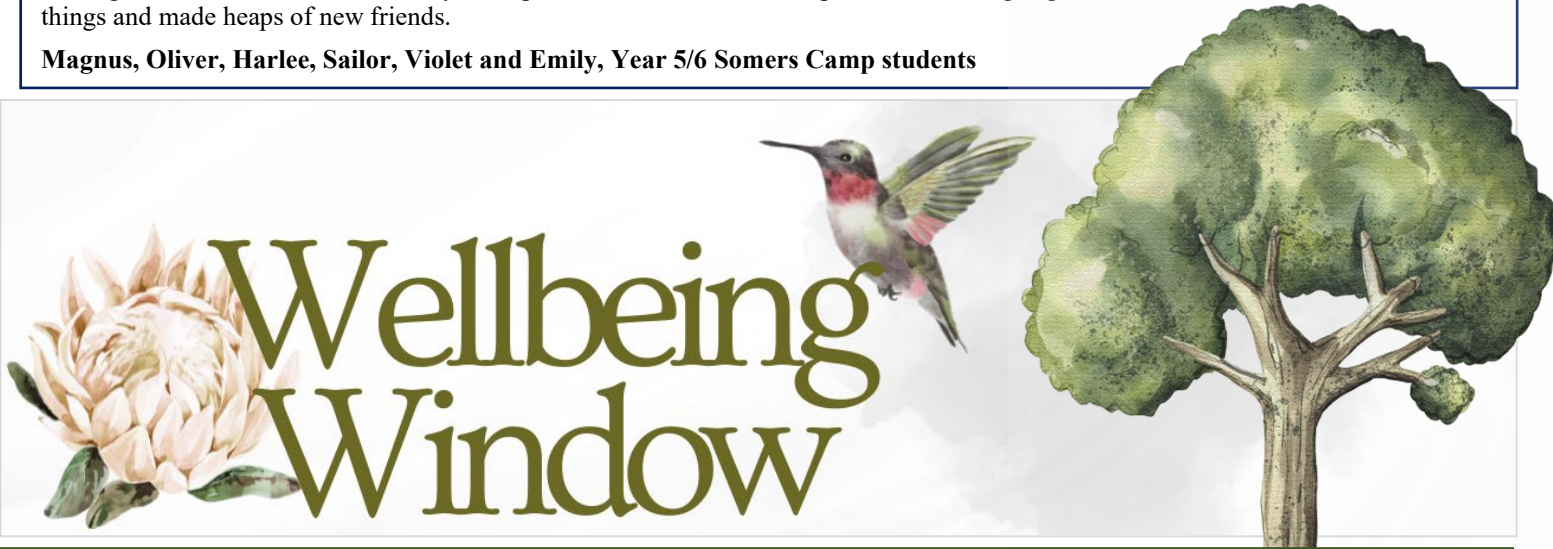


On Tuesday 24th February, Violet Bell, Sailor Hargreaves, Harlee Rowbottom, Emily Menzies, Magnus Van Den Meiracker and Oliver Eagle went to Somers School Camp. When we arrived on the first day, we got to find our huts and meet our roommates. It was really exciting getting to know everyone and settle into camp life.

During the camp, we did lots of fun activities and the meals we were served were delicious! Our favourite activities were the challenge swing, the high ropes course and surfing. The challenge swing was 18 and a half metres high, which was very scary but also exciting. We had to wear harnesses, safety glasses and a helmet before we could go on it. Every morning we went to the cinema for morning assembly. At assembly we sang songs, listened to weather reports and watched students receive awards. Sailor, Emily and Violet all won awards for either their writing or for showing the Somers Camp values, which was really cool.

There were also two concerts where we dressed up in costumes and performed in front of all 160 students. It was funny, a bit nerve-racking and lots of fun to watch everyone's performances. Somers Camp was an amazing experience. We had so much fun, tried new things and made heaps of new friends.

Magnus, Oliver, Harlee, Sailor, Violet and Emily, Year 5/6 Somers Camp students



NAPLAN

Every child has many strengths and talents, whether in learning, creativity, sport, music or the arts. NAPLAN is simply a snapshot of learning at one moment in time. It helps schools understand how students are progressing and is just one small part of your child's school year. What matters most is that children try their best and continue to grow and learn each day, knowing they are valued and loved regardless of any test result.

Some children may feel worried, especially if this is their first experience of sitting a test. Parents can help by keeping routines calm and positive. Early nights, healthy dinners, a good breakfast, and a lunchbox with nutritious food and water can make a big difference. Positive and encouraging words that reinforce that doing their best is all that is expected are very important. NAPLAN should be seen as a celebration of what your child knows and understands, and how they can demonstrate their thinking. Above all, a calm and supportive home environment will help your child approach NAPLAN with confidence, resilience, and a positive attitude toward learning.

RRRR

Over the past few weeks, students have begun learning through the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) program, developed by the Victorian Department of Education. This whole-school program, taught from Prep – Year 12, helps schools build a culture of respect, positive behaviour, and inclusion.

Through RRRR, students learn how to build healthy, respectful relationships, develop resilience, and strengthen important social and emotional skills. Lessons are age-appropriate and cover topics such as understanding emotions, coping with challenges, problem-solving, asking for help, and interacting positively with others.

Throughout the year, students will explore eight key focus areas: Emotional literacy, Personal strengths, Positive coping, Problem-solving, Stress management, Help-seeking, Gender and identity, Positive gender relations.

By participating in RRRR, our students are learning the skills to build safe, respectful, and positive relationships as they grow and into the future.

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Clean Up

Clean Up Australia Day was a successful day for everyone at our Junior Campus on Friday 27th February. We all had fun and managed to almost fill two wheelie bins with rubbish from our yard. We would like to thank Mrs Tolland and Ms Angus for sorting and organising the day. We would also like to thank all students for helping to clean our yard and be a part of Clean Up Australia Day in 2026.

Archie Rantall, Izaak Wilson and Rocco Brooks
Year 6 Environmental and Maintenance Leaders

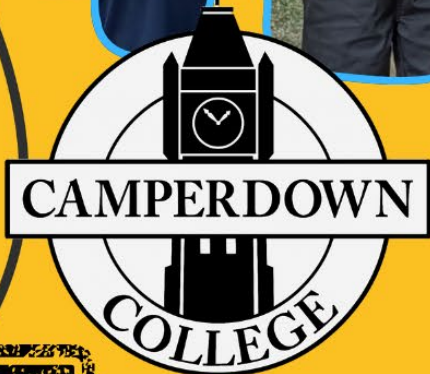


JUNIOR CAMPUS COMMUNICATION SENT HOME TO PARENTS THIS FORTNIGHT:

J7	Updated Somer Camp Information	J8	Year 3/4 High Ability Writing Workshop
J9	VHAP Term 2	J10	Year 1/2 High Ability Term 2

SENIOR CAMPUS COMMUNICATION SENT HOME TO PARENTS THIS FORTNIGHT:

S4	Year 7 Camp	S5	NAPLAN Testing
S6	Year 10 Enrichment		



LEARNING Legends

Caring, Confidence, Courage,
 Energetic, Enthusiastic, Helpful
 nature, Kindness, Leadership,
 Maturity, Persistence,
 Organisation,
 Respectfulness,
 Responsiveness,
 Seeks Feedback,
 Sense of Humour,
 Unflappable.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE

School Name

016259

School Ref ID

Applicant details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

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OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)* **OR** Special Consideration**

*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

**Out of Home Care applications must include a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example, Mackillop Family Services or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)) as evidence of the arrangement and must be no more than 18 months old).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

Declaration

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders. I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ___/___/2026

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Applications must be submitted to the school as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2. Where a school or family is unsure if the concession card is eligible, they are encouraged to submit the application into the CSEF system for validation.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Those who are eligible to apply for the CSEF must meet both of the following two criteria or be eligible for special consideration.

Eligible means-tested cards

Only financially means-tested cards are eligible.

Eligibility date

Eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (refer to the department's policy, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\)](#)), on either the first student day of Term 1 or Term 2.

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card
 - a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card). Applicant to use the 16 and over application form. For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on [Mature Minors and Decision Making](#)
 - a parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card but are not considered a mature minor. Applicant to use the 16 and over parent consent form.
- For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school. CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Special Consideration

A special consideration eligibility category exists to assist families and students in certain circumstances. Applications should be made through this application form. For more information, refer to: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility](#).

Payment amounts

The CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the department's policy for the current rates and more information, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts](#).

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by the applicant.

1. Complete the APPLICANT DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. **You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.**
2. Complete the STUDENT DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). This personal information is collected to assess your eligibility to receive a CSEF payment. Your data is securely managed and only shared with Centrelink and DFFH when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding connection to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csef@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the departments privacy policy, please visit: [Schools: privacy policy | vic.gov.au](#)



413SQN is recruiting now!



ALL RECRUITING FOR 2026 CLOSSES 31ST MARCH



Become an Air Force Cadet

The Australian Air Force Cadets No. 413 Squadron in Warrnambool are recruiting for their next intake.

If you're at least 12 years of age and turning 13 (Year 7) to 16 and have an interest in aviation, drones, STEM, leadership and personal development, bushcraft, a career in the Australian Defence Force, or just want to make new friends, we're keen to have you join our ranks. You'll learn many new skills and have a lot of fun along the way. We are sponsored by the Royal Australian Air Force and you will have the opportunity to fly and visit Defence bases in Victoria, and so much more.

Submit an Expression of Interest online now for our next intake.

413 Squadron - Warrnambool
Flying Officer (AAFC) Graeme Cox
Commanding Officer

ENQUIRIES:
413sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au
REGISTER TODAY:

www.airforcecadets.gov.au

Recruiting Information Session:
When: 5th March 2026 6:45pm
Where: Tel el Eisa Barracks, 19 Pertobe Road, WARRNAMBOOL



AIR FORCE CADETS

INSPIRING TODAY - LEADING TOMORROW

FEMALE FOOTBALL

Terang Mortlake FNC
Senior and U18 football
training
All welcome

Training will be on
Wednesday mostly at
Terang @ 5:00pm
Contact Kelvin Bell on
0403 933 638



Previous experience not required. Desire to have fun essential

Players from the Corangamite and Mortlake areas are most welcome
Noel McConnell 0418 682 749



'The 4 Peaks Challenge' - 2026

Think you can rise to the challenge of 'summitting' Mt Leura, Mt Sugarloaf, Mt Elephant and Mt Noorat on the same day?

Then this Friends of Mt Leura Inc. activity, in partnership with Mt Leura & Mt Sugarloaf Management Committee, is a must do for you and your family or friends.



MTs LEURA AND SUGARLOAF	MT ELEPHANT	MT NOORAT
Two of many scoria cones that nest inside an older maar volcano.	A perfect breached scoria cone that erupted some 180,000 years ago.	A circular crater that is the deepest scoria enclosed crater in Victoria.

- When:** Sunday April 19th 2026 ... for a full day of activity.
- Where:** Meet/start @ Volcanic Education Centre (Mt Leura Road, Camperdown) at base of Mt Leura at 9.30am. Coffee van onsite.
- BYO:** Morning tea, lunch, snacks and plenty to drink; sunscreen, day pack plus camera and/or binoculars for the terrific views.
- Wear:** Sturdy footwear and clothing suitable for the weather.
- Transport:** BYO vehicle or share with friends.

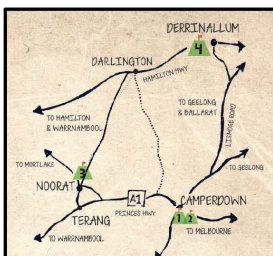
All welcome, and bring the kids ... but please note that some steep and rough terrain will be encountered so a degree of physical fitness is required.

This is our 7th '4 Peaks Challenge' Keep the tradition going!

For more information contact FoML:

John Fallon on 0487 341 337

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Easter EGG-STRAVAGANZA

EASTER EGG HUNTS -

11AM - KIDS UP TO GRADE 2.

12.30PM - KIDS GRADE 3 & ABOVE.

& VISIT FROM EASTER BUNNY

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL