

# Camperdown Contact

CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 2, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

## ANZAC DAY 25 April



It was wonderful to see such a strong infant contingent along with students from throughout the college, join with staff and families to honour ANZAC Day on Saturday to reflect on the courage, resilience, sacrifice and enduring legacy of service. A special mention to School Captains Zack and Charlie for their excellent reading of the ANZAC Requiem and to Junior Captains, Magnus and Kaylee for handing out poppies and laying the wreath with such respect.

**Vicki Angus, Principal**

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

School Council continues to prioritise key projects within our long-term facilities plan, ensuring our students are the beneficiaries of safe, modern and high-quality learning environments.

Over the holiday period, construction commenced on the new perimeter fencing around much of the Junior Campus. With one side already completed, feedback from both within and beyond our community has been overwhelmingly positive. Many have commented that this is one of the most significant improvements to our grounds in many years. In addition to enhancing the overall appearance of the school, the new fencing will strengthen safety and security for our students while clearly defining play and learning spaces.

The Junior Campus play space has also seen important upgrades in recent weeks. Our playground- well used both during and after school hours- has undergone significant work to ensure compliance with current safety standards. This has included lowering the bases of some climbing structures, addressing potential finger entrapment points and installing substantial amounts of soft-fall material to create a safer surface for students at play.

In addition, the older playground located on the oval- originally relocated from Cressy Primary School -has been removed as it no longer met compliance requirements. This presented an excellent opportunity to enhance the space in a different way, with the relocation of our gaga pits. Thanks to the generous support of Bookaar Cricket Club, the pits are now positioned on a synthetic surface, providing a more forgiving and durable playing area that is much kinder on hands and knees.

At the Senior Campus, the ageing playground was also removed over the holidays. This structure had reached the end of its usable life and was no longer providing a safe playing surface due to tree root encroachment. Following consultation with students, there was a clear preference for increased opportunities for ball sports. Planning is now underway for a half-court basketball facility, supported by funding through the Active Schools initiative. The final location of this project is currently being determined.

Work has also commenced on the long-awaited Technology shed. With initial site preparation underway, including soil delivery and slab works, this new facility will mirror our existing Technology building, which currently houses welding bays, small engines and CAD learning spaces. The new shed will include a dedicated classroom and expanded woodworking facilities. A covered central area between the two buildings will provide improved ventilation, particularly for sanding activities. This development will significantly enhance our capacity to deliver contemporary, hands-on learning experiences in Technology subjects.

These improvements reflect our ongoing commitment to providing safe, engaging and purposeful spaces for our students. Each project is carefully considered with student experience at the centre, ensuring our grounds continue to support both learning and wellbeing.

**Ms Vicki Angus**  
Principal

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>T2 W3</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3-6 District Cross Country <i>Noorat Recreation Reserve</i>
	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 7 2027 Open Night from 7pm</b>
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	HSSSD Cross Country <i>Camperdown</i>
	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mother's Day Breakfast Prep-Year 12, 7.30am-8.30am at the Junior Campus</b>
	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mother's Day Stall Prep-Year 6 at the Junior Campus, all gifts \$3</b>
<b>T2 W4</b>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	HSSSD Senior Football and Intermediate/Senior Netball
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Junior Campus Assistant Principal and Prep staff and students visit kindergartens
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents & Friends Meeting <i>7pm at the Senior Campus</i>
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 2027 Transition Taster <i>Science &amp; Robotics Session 1/2</i>
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Writer's Workshops <i>Shivaun Plozza</i>
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3-6 Division Cross Country <i>Warrnambool</i>
<b>T2 W5</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup>-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Education Week: Showcase Your School</b>
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Junior Campus Open Morning (for current family and friends) <i>9am-11.30am</i>
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 10 Science NAPLAN
	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Prep 2027 Open Morning 9am-10.40am at the Junior Campus</b>
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council Meeting <i>6pm at the Senior Campus</i>
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	National Walk Safely to School Day
<b>T2 W6</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 12 BioLab Excursion
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 2027 Transition Taster <i>English and PE Session 5/6</i>
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Primary and Secondary GWR Cross Country <i>Warrnambool</i>
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Prep 2027 Transition Visit #1 from 2pm-3pm <i>Literacy at the Junior Campus</i>
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Primary School Nurse at the Junior Campus <i>Prep students</i>
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5/6 Tri-Sports <i>Camperdown College Sport Precinct</i>
<b>T2 W7</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 9/10 Business Boss Challenge <i>Market Day</i>
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	HSSSD Junior Football and Netball
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Prep 2027 Transition Visit #2 from 2pm-3pm <i>Art and Performing Arts</i>
<b>T2 W8</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>King's Birthday Public Holiday Students in Prep-Year 12 not required at school</b>

## Our Mission:

Camperdown College will provide exemplary teaching and learning programs within excellent facilities which foster school pride, aspiration and persistence to achieve high levels of learning for all students.



## Prep-Year 6 Cross Country Carnival:

Last week, students from Prep-Year 6 came together for an energetic and enjoyable Cross Country event at the Camperdown College Sport Precinct. With warm weather and bright sunshine setting the scene, students embraced the challenge of the course, demonstrating determination and perseverance throughout their races. The day began with our senior students leading the way, setting a positive tone and encouraging younger runners throughout the carnival. Students were cheering each other on from the sidelines and celebrating every effort across the finish line. Between races, students took part in a variety of activities and enjoyed music that added to the atmosphere. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved and making the most of the day.

Congratulations to all of our age group champions, and to Bullen Merri for finishing the day as overall House winners (see page 9 for full results). Thank you to Mr Harkin for his organisation and for ensuring the event was such a positive experience for all involved. We now look ahead to the District Cross Country in Noorat next Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May and wish our qualifying runners every success.

## ANZAC Day:

On Saturday, our college community came together to recognise ANZAC Day, with many students and staff attending the local commemorative service at the Soldiers' Memorial on The Avenue in Camperdown. Our Junior School Captains, Kaylee Brebner and Magnus Van Den Meiracker, proudly led the school in the march alongside members of the Senior Campus leadership team. They also represented the college by laying a wreath and distributing poppies for attendees to place in remembrance.

We extend our thanks to the families who joined us for this important occasion and to our students for the respectful and thoughtful way they conducted themselves throughout the march and service. We also appreciate our students and families showing flexibility upon arrival, with the start time for the march brought forward and adjusted from the information we received from the Camperdown RSL and then distributed to our school community, with the President of the RSL very apologetic.



## Division Athletics Carnival:

Today, we proudly sent 10 students to Warrnambool to represent Camperdown College at the Division Athletics. Having qualified due to their excellent results at district level last term. Wren Baulch, Natalie Corrigan, Blair Evans, Lily Finlayson, Knox Fleming, Georgie Harrison, Jack Hillman, Callen McLachlan, Oscar Stephenson and George Wilkinson are competing today as both representatives of Camperdown College and our local district team.

## Education Week (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May):

We are very excited to be celebrating Education Week in a few week's time at the Junior Campus with the doors opening to our current and prospective family and friends. The theme of Education Week this year is *Showcase Your School*. We are excited to be organising a range of activities throughout the week, with information to be shared with families over the coming weeks. Please put the following open mornings on your calendar. We hope you can join us!

*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May*

**Open Morning for current family and friends, 9am-11.30am.** Parents and friends are encouraged to spend time in classrooms and throughout the school observing and assisting within the classroom. Parents, grandparents and friends invited. Light morning tea provided.

*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May*

**Prep 2027 Open Morning, 9am-10.40am.** Kindergarten families are invited to attend our school to enjoy a primary school experience at Camperdown College! This open morning will include time within the Prep classroom meeting our Prep students, teachers and experiencing part of our Prep classroom program along with a school tour for parents.

## Parent Helpers:

Now that Term 2 has well and truly begun, we have enjoyed welcoming parent helpers into our classrooms to hear students read. For those interested, parents of students Prep-Year 6 are invited to be a parent helper and experience the joy of being in their child's classroom and assisting with our reading approach. If interested, please email [jacinta.tolland@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:jacinta.tolland@education.vic.gov.au) with the day of the week that suits you best.

## State School Relief Prep Uniform:

We were very fortunate to offer our Prep families who hold a concession card the opportunity to apply for a summer uniform pack to begin the school year. Whilst in 2025, winter packs were also on offer, we have been informed that winter packages won't be available this year for our Prep families through State School Relief.

## Student Voice Fundraising:

Three of our passionate Year 3/4 students, Jewel Whitewood, Billie-Violet Martin and Kaitlyn Pennell, have been busy making bracelets and stress balls that they would like to sell from next week to raise money for Diabetes awareness. The girls will be spending money raised on blue ribbons that they would like to hang from a tree at the Junior Campus to raise awareness of those living with diabetes. Items will be sold for 50 cents, \$1 and \$2 and will be sold at recess throughout the coming weeks.

## Wet Weather Timetable:

Term 2 has started with such sunny and warm weather however we are preparing for the cold and wet weather that we know is most likely to arrive. If it is raining during a recess or lunch play, a wet weather timetable will be enacted allowing students the option to play

inside their classrooms. For some, who prefer to play in the rain, play outside during rainy days is permitted if students are wearing a rain jacket or puffer jacket (not our regular school jacket). Gum boots and school beanies are also encouraged. Students who don't have a wet weather jacket on but prefer to stay outside, can play in our undercover areas. This flexibility of play reflects the different preferences our students have when the weather turns wet and allows the importance of play to continue in a manner that all students are comfortable with. Please note, if a storm arrives all students will remain inside.

### “Real Support, Right Now”

The Victorian Government is striving to support Victorian public school families with the cost of living and education relief. We have been fortunate to have Glasses for Kids, School Breakfast Clubs and free period products at the Junior Campus. A new dedicated webpage about cost of living support is available for parents and carers with further information available: [www.vic.gov.au/education/cost-of-living](http://www.vic.gov.au/education/cost-of-living).

**Mrs Jacinta Tolland, Junior Campus Assistant Principal**

## SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS



The term has begun in energetic fashion, with our Year 8 students making the most of the first three days through their local camp experience in Warrnambool. Based at the new Warra Gnan facility, students explored the very best of our region, enjoying beautiful weather that allowed for surfing, beach combing, fishing, an *Amazing Race* and bike riding. Another new feature of the camp was the use of public transport, helping students to build independence and confidence while adding an extra sense of adventure and helping to keep the costs lower for families.

It has also been a fantastic week of sport and participation across the college. Our Cross Country event was held on Monday in ideal conditions, with strong participation from students across all year levels. It was Gnotuk who once again emerged as overall champions, taking out all three major events this year; congratulations. The challenge has been laid down for Bullen Merri and Purrumbete next year! On Tuesday, the Camperdown College Sport Precinct was a hive of activity, hosting five girls football teams and boys netball teams in a day that was highly anticipated by many. There were plenty of wins, excellent displays of skill development and, most importantly, outstanding sportsmanship shown throughout. We extend our

thanks to senior students who supported the day through coaching and umpiring roles, as well as to Miss Grace Lee for her continued thoughtful organisation of all aspects of our sporting calendar. Her efforts ensure these opportunities run smoothly and provide such positive experiences for our students.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Jesse Van back to the Senior Campus, where he has taken on a role within the VM program, following Miss Wells. Mr Van has quickly re-engaged with students, many of whom he knows from their earlier years, and has embraced teaching both Work Related Skills and Personal Development Skills classes. His familiarity with the students and his enthusiasm for supporting their learning journeys have ensured a smooth and positive transition.

We also acknowledge those students who represented the college at the ANZAC Day March and service on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. While we understand the event began slightly earlier than advertised, as communicated since by the RSL President, our students demonstrated respect and pride throughout the occasion. They have asked us to pass on their apology for this minor hiccup. Our School Captains, in particular, continue to represent the college with distinction, reflecting the strong and valued connection we share with our local community.

In week 2, our Year 11 students, along with a number of Year 12 students, have been in Melbourne for their Careers Camp. Navigating public transport, visiting universities and TAFE facilities, connecting with past students, and engaging with organisations such as the Big Issue, the camp culminated in attendance at the Careers Expo. This camp is part of the valuable pathways planning and support offered here at the Senior Campus, providing valuable insight into future pathways and future planning.



We are eagerly anticipating our Year 7 2027 Open Night next Tuesday, beginning at 7pm. The evening will provide families with the opportunity to take a guided tour of the campus, hearing from our teachers and, most importantly, from our students themselves about their experiences. Students from across the year levels have been actively involved in preparing for the event, showcasing the many opportunities available at Camperdown College. The evening will conclude with light refreshments and will mark the beginning of our transition program, and we warmly invite all Year 6 families and members of the wider community to attend.

**Ms Katie Taylor, Senior Campus Assistant Principal**



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EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AT  
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# OPEN NIGHT!

YEAR 7 | 2027



TUESDAY 5TH MAY

— SENIOR CAMPUS —



7:00 PM • Enter via Errey Street

— FOR MORE INFORMATION: —

**(03) 5593 1617**

 **ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE**

 **INNOVATION**

 **VOCATIONAL SKILLS  
AND TRAINING**

 **COMMUNITY FOCUS**

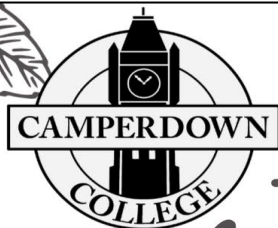
 **SPORT**

 **EXTRA-CURRICULAR  
OPPORTUNITIES**

 **LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT**

 **CREATIVITY**

 **PERSONAL GROWTH**



Save the Date

Camperdown College  
Debutante Ball:  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2026



# Mother's

## DAY BREAKFAST & STALL FRIDAY 8TH MAY

**Mother's Day Breakfast:** The Mother's Day Breakfast will be held in the BER Building at the Junior Campus and open to all families of students in Prep - Year 12 from 7.30am - 8.30am. All mothers/special people are invited to attend with their children. Bacon and egg sandwiches, cereal, juice, fruit, yoghurt, tea and coffee will be available for \$5 per head (payable on the day). For catering purposes, please email [amy.stephenson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:amy.stephenson@education.vic.gov.au) to RSVP. Please note that breakfast will not be served after 8.30am.

**Mother's Day Stall:** We ask that each student in Prep - Year 6 donate one gift for the Parents & Friends Mother's Day Stall. If your child needs to purchase more than one gift, we ask that you donate accordingly. Could all donated gifts please be left at the Junior Campus Office by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May so that they can be gift wrapped. All students are encouraged to bring \$3 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to purchase a gift for their mum/special person. Parent helpers will be required on the day. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Amy in the Junior Campus Office.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our College prides itself on the quality, consistency and range of options available within our school uniform. It is designed to support student comfort and practicality, while fostering a strong sense of belonging and maintaining a high standard of presentation across the College.

At a recent School Council meeting, a request was raised regarding the option for online purchases. While we recognise that flexibility is important for families, this is currently not feasible due to financial constraints.

### Uniform items can be purchased in the following ways:

-  **In person:** Book an appointment at the uniform shop, open Wednesdays from 3pm-4pm. Booking link available on Compass.
  -  **By phone:** Contact either school office to place and pay for your order.
  -  **By email:** Download the order form from the college website (coming soon) and submit it via email.
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-  Beanies and sun hats are also available for purchase at either campus office at any time during the school year.



## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all families who have paid their 2026 student voluntary contributions. These contributions enable us to continue providing high-quality learning resources, programs, and opportunities that support all students across the College.

If you are yet to make your payment, please check Compass for your statement. Alternatively, you may contact our Business Manager, Trish Gibson, to have a copy emailed to you. Please note: payment plans can be arranged if desired.

### JUNIOR CAMPUS COMMUNICATION SENT HOME TO PARENTS THIS FORTNIGHT:

No communication was sent home at the Junior Campus this fortnight.

### SENIOR CAMPUS COMMUNICATION SENT HOME TO PARENTS THIS FORTNIGHT:

No communication was sent home at the Senior Campus this fortnight.

# Term 1 Awards & Honours

## Senior Campus Learning Awards:

Mrs Adams: Logan Bryan

Mr Attrill: Sophie Halliday

Ms Black: Zander Horan

Mr Brooks: Grace Magilton, Samuel Tolland

Mrs Brooks: Oliver Clark, Michael Katsaros,  
Hamish Collins, Nancy Leonard-Pekin

Mrs Bruckner: Ekaterina Gunina

Ms Cakebread: Sam Gould

Ms Crowle: Noah Boyd

Miss Dooley: Grace Hinkley

Ms Elliott: Dean Gould

Mrs French: Lila Horspole

Mr Geary: Kayla Loving

Miss Guthrie: Vogue Fleming

Miss Jubb: Eros McGeachin

Miss Lee: Charlie Londregan

Mr Lucas: Ruby Johnston

Ms Mann: Sophie Wilson, Ekaterina Gunina

Mrs Maskell: Harry Wood

Ms Parry: Tyler Grundmann

Ms Taylor: Michael Katsaros, Aregawi Chivell

Ms Wells: Jordan Kempton

Mrs Wood: Joshua Lucas

## Senior Campus Grade Point Average over 3.8:

Viel Ashi Caballero, Rieley Dempsey, Phillipa Murphy, Leah Paton, Charlotte Robertson, Zoe Unwin (Year 7), Vogue Fleming, Ruby Johnston, Zhai Krish Lyons, Amethyst Rothman, Onaya Senarath, Zodey Felstead, Brahminy Rothman, Reagan Webb (Year 8), Mariia Gunina, Ekaterina Gunina, Abey McLachlan, Miller Murphy, Jessica Paton, Isla Spokes, Daniel Stringer-Donnelly, Marianne Claire Suson, Amber Wallis, Sophie Wilson, Emily Wood, Stirling Collins, Dean Gould, Oliver Horspole (Year 9), Taylah Bernoth, Elisha Boyd, Quinn Clark, Lola Evans, Chase Fleming, Eros McGeachin, Sicily Thun (Year 10), Sophie Halliday, Grace Hinkley, Keira Johnston, Philippa Kempton, Nancy Leonard-Pekin, Kayla Loving, Zoe Morrison, Matilda Narik, Hannah Robertson, Mercy Rothman

School Captain Award: *Isla Spokes*

Sports Award: *Katie Hansford*

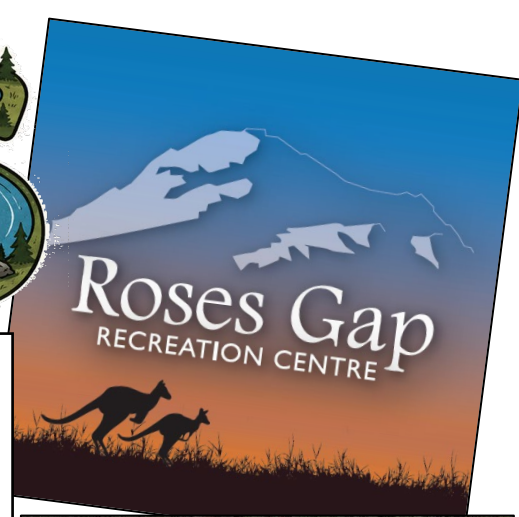
SRC Award: *Sam Gould*

## JC Student of Term 1

Lucy Marshall, Samuel Hillman, Evan Lafferty, Ollie Glennon, Kyron Hay, Phoebe Rethus, Lily Finlayson, Eamon Bredin, Skye Fleming, Sophia Brown, Oliver Eagle, Raymond Rankine, Van Duynhoven, Georgie Harrison, Eve Van Den Meiracker, Henry Wilkinson



# CAMPUS



Term 1 was a busy period for our Year 7 students, culminating in a camp during the final days of term. Students and staff travelled to a bush camp at the beautiful Roses Gap in the Grampians National Park, where they spent two nights enjoying a range of challenging activities, including crate stacking, the giant swing and canoeing.

The weather conditions were typical for autumn, which added to the overall experience. Students demonstrated excellent teamwork throughout the activities and had plenty of fun along the way-one highlight was watching students soar through the air on the giant swing. It has been a pleasure to witness their growth so far this year as they navigate the transition into secondary school life. Great work, Year 7's!

**Rachel Mann, Year 7 Coordinator**



Our Year 8 students enjoyed an action-packed camp to Warrnambool this week filled with fun and new experiences. Highlights included surfing, where many students bravely tackled the waves and built confidence. There were plenty of smiles as they caught their first waves and competed for the best surf. Students enjoyed spending time by the Merri river fishing, with lots of bites and even a few catches. Bike riding along the scenic route of the rail trail added to the adventure, with lots of laughs. Walking along the breakwater provided beautiful views of the ocean and some wildlife with students spotting a dolphin and stingray. Overall, the camp was a fantastic opportunity for students to strengthen friendships, try new activities and create lasting memories.

**Sondi Guthrie, Year 8 Coordinator**





# SERIOUSLY SPORT @ Camperdown College



Fantastic conditions greeted students for our Prep-Year 6 House Cross Country last week. It was very pleasing to see how much effort students put in and how well they supported each other. A huge thanks to our families and friends who came to cheer on their children.

Individual champions on the day were: Kensie Austin-Ruff and Knox Fleming (12/13yo), Isabella Wilkinson and Jack Hillman (11yo), Georgie Harrison and Spencer Marshall (10yo), Natalie Corrigan and Bede Tune (9yo), Lucy Christensen and Axel Duynhoven (8yo), Evie Smith and Carter Merrett (7yo), Ruby McLaughlin and Van Duynhoven (5/6yo). The winning team for the day was Bullen Merri.

**Matt Harkin, Prep-Year 6 Sport Coordinator**



## Prep-Year 6 House Cross Country



Our annual Senior Campus House Cross Country event was a great success, with beautiful weather and strong participation from all year levels. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved, showing positive attitudes, and encouraging each other throughout the course.

Congratulations to all runners for their effort and determination. The winning house was Gnotuk, completing the hat trick of house events. Our age group champions were Zoe Unwin, Beau Smith, Reagan Webb, Bentley Currell, Maya Smith, Noah Boyd, Ekaterina Gunina, Quinn Clark, Matilda Narik, Patrick Spokes, Lucinda Evans and Oliver Clark.

**Grace Lee, Year 7-12 Sport Coordinator**



## Year 7-12 House Cross Country

It was a busy and competitive round of sport with our boys' netball teams and girls' football team showing great effort and improvement.

In boys' netball, the Year 7 team fought hard in both matches, going down narrowly in one game and showing determination in the other. The Year 8 boys had a strong win and a narrow loss, highlighting their growing confidence and teamwork. Our Year 9/10 team had an excellent day, securing three wins and only just missing out on progressing to Region in a close match with Terang College. The Year 11/12 boys continued to improve, competing well in all games despite not coming away with a win. In girls' football, the team showed resilience across all matches, with a very close 3-point loss and two other hard-fought games. Their effort and teamwork were commendable throughout the day.

**Grace Lee, Year 7-12 Sport Coordinator**



## Girls Footy & Boys Netball





# SERIOUSLY SPORT

## @ Camperdown College

Katie Hansford has enjoyed outstanding success in two recent school shooting events. She claimed first place in the Junior Girls competition at the Warrnambool Region Sporting Clay Target Competition, before backing it up with another impressive performance at the Colac Gun Club school shoot. There, she scored 18/20 in the single barrel event to win the Junior Girls section and finish equal second overall.

**Grace Lee,**  
Year 7-12 Sport Coordinator



## VET & CAREERS

# WEEKLY

## Update



### 🔧 Student Spotlight – Engineering in Action 🔧

We are excited to highlight three of our students — Aiden Patching, Eros McGeachin, and Kain Mitchell—who are currently participating in the Engineering program at Timboon through the Corangamite Trade Training Cluster.

Throughout the program, students have been actively engaged in metal fabrication operations, developing practical skills and gaining confidence in the workshop. They have particularly enjoyed exploring the different types of welding and are always eager to share what they've learned. Under the guidance of highly experienced teacher Jamie Mackieson, with over 10 years' experience in this field, students are learning a wide range of valuable skills including manufacturing, engineering drawing, welding, fabrication, and the safe use of power tools. His expertise and passion for the industry provide students with a strong foundation in real-world engineering practices.

This fantastic hands-on program allows students to create meaningful projects, often walking away with items such as custom-built fire pits and other fabricated pieces — something they can take pride in and showcase. The Engineering program offers an excellent pathway into a variety of trade-based careers and further study opportunities, including apprenticeships and even university-level engineering courses.

We are proud to see our students embracing this opportunity and building skills for their future — keep up the great work! 🙌

### 💡 VET & Careers Tip of the Week:

#### **Treat every task like a job interview.**

Whether you're in a **VET class, workshop, or placement**, the way you approach small tasks says a lot about you.

- 👉 Show up on time
- 👉 Listen carefully
- 👉 Ask questions
- 👉 Take pride in your work

Employers notice students who **consistently do the basics well** — and these are often the ones who get offered jobs or apprenticeships.

💡 **Pro Tip:** Your teacher or supervisor could be your next referee-or your way into employment. Do the small things right, and big opportunities will follow.



# Happy Birthday!



## APRIL

2<sup>ND</sup> JACK & RHETT

3<sup>RD</sup> JACK & RUBY

4<sup>TH</sup> INDIE

6<sup>TH</sup> AMELIA, HEIDI,  
WREN, GRACE  
& HARRY

8<sup>TH</sup> MACEY

10<sup>TH</sup> KENSIE

12<sup>TH</sup> SAVANNAH &  
STIRLING

13<sup>TH</sup> KAYLIN

14<sup>TH</sup> ZACHARIAH



# Wellbeing Window



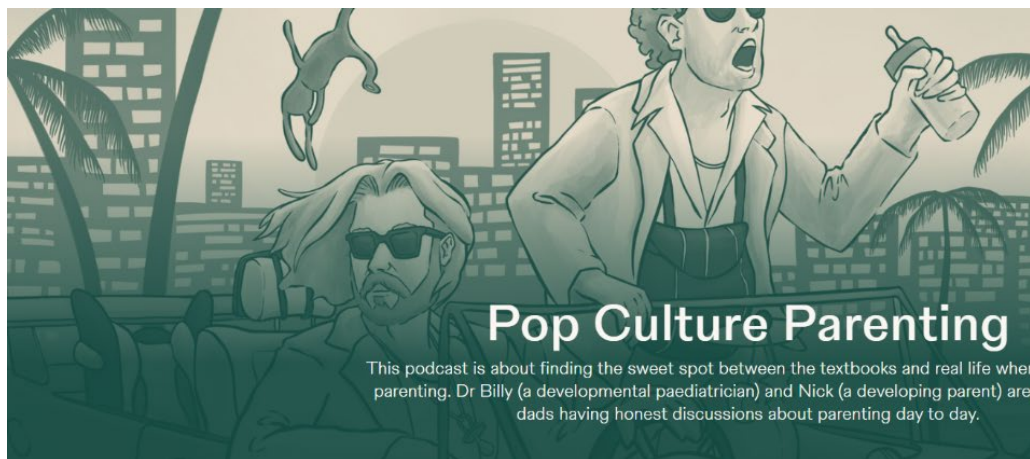
## POP CULTURE PARENTING

Pop Culture Parenting is a podcast by Guiding Growing Minds that blends real-world parenting with the science of child development, finding the “sweet spot” between textbook theory and everyday family life. Hosted by Dr Billy Garvey, a developmental paediatrician, and Nick, a fellow parent, the show involves real conversations about raising children.

The two dads combine their professional expertise with lived-in experiences by exploring familiar characters and stories. They help explain how children think, feel, and grow, touching on a range of topics like behaviour, emotions, and mental health, which are broken down into practical ideas that can be used in everyday life. The podcast covers a wide range of topics, including behaviour, emotions, and mental health, breaking them down into practical strategies that can be applied in everyday parenting.

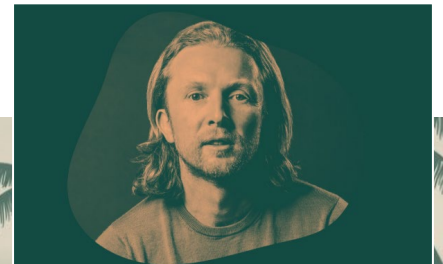
Available to listen to on YouTube, Spotify, iTunes, iHeart Radio and Google podcasts:

<https://www.guidinggrowingminds.com/popcultureparenting>



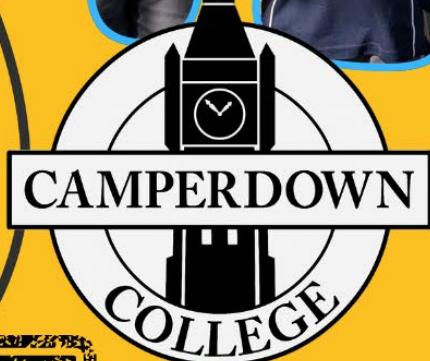
## Pop Culture Parenting

This podcast is about finding the sweet spot between the textbooks and real life when it comes to parenting. Dr Billy (a developmental paediatrician) and Nick (a developing parent) are a couple of dads having honest discussions about parenting day to day.



**Dr Billy Garvey**

GGM founder Dr Billy Garvey is a dad, podcaster, author and a developmental paediatrician with over 20 years' experience working with children and families in a number of settings. He is passionate about helping those who care for kids – parents, educators, sports coaches, clinicians, family support workers – by advancing their ability to guide healthy child development and mental health.



# LEARNING Legends

Calm, Cheerful, Commitment,  
 Creativity, Dedication,  
 Determination, Down to Earth,  
 Energetic, Enthusiasm,  
 Focussed, Generous,  
 Honesty, Kindness,  
 Optimism,  
 Perseverance, Positivity,  
 Sense of Humour,  
 Relatability, Willingness to  
 Grow, Worldly

# Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

## APPLICATION FORM

<b>CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE</b>
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School Name

<b>016259</b>
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School Ref ID

### Applicant details

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

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

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**Do It For Dolly Day** is a national movement that highlights the serious impact of bullying and the importance of kindness, empathy and respect. Each year, communities across Australia "Go Blue" in memory of Amy "Dolly" Everett, whose tragic death brought national attention to the devastating consequences of bullying and cyberbullying. While this day raises awareness, it also reminds us that bullying remains a persistent and complex issue affecting many young people.



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**Schools** play a vital role in creating safe and inclusive environments, where respectful relationships are modelled and every child feels supported.

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