

Camperdown Contact

CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 6, 29th August 2025



Our enthusiastic instrumental music students shared the joy of music with their families and friends at our annual Spring Instrumental Music Concert on Tuesday evening 26th August. Students played their solos and duets on the piano, violin and cello with wonderful concentration and poise. The concert concluded with the School Band playing an African song called *Banaha* and a dance song called *Move with the Motion*. A BIG congratulations to our wonderful music students!

Fiona Pugh
Instrumental Music Teacher



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

At Camperdown College, we are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our parent community. One of the many ways this support is shown is through voluntary financial contributions, which help us continue to offer an enriching and diverse educational experience for all our students.

At last week's School Council meeting, members suggested I take a moment to highlight just how important these contributions are to the life of our school.

While these contributions are completely voluntary, schools must follow strict Department of Education guidelines about how they are requested. For instance, we are not permitted to send account statements or approach families in any other way for payment. However, we can display contribution options via Compass, where you'll find them listed in the Payment Centre. Since the Department made all parent contributions voluntary, they have also placed significant expectations on schools to continue offering the same high-quality programs - and we've proudly continued to meet that expectation. However, in this current financial climate parent support is more important than ever.

I must acknowledge that we receive funding to operate our school and we use this to run our programs, subsidise camps and excursions to keep them affordable for all and plan improvements across both campuses. Over many years, we've carefully budgeted to update the Junior Campus and we are currently setting aside funds to further update its furniture and

fencing. At the Senior Campus, we're also planning to build another technology space - exciting developments that your support helps make possible.

We understand that times are tough, and many families are feeling the impact of rising living costs. Our school is not immune to these pressures, with the costs of materials, equipment and resources steadily increasing—particularly in hands-on and elective subjects such as Technology, Science, The Arts and Food Studies. These subjects are not only engaging and inspiring for students but are also vital in developing practical skills and creativity.

Voluntary parent contributions play a key role in enabling us to continue providing a wide range of these high-quality programs. Your support helps ensure our students enjoy access to the best possible learning experiences.

Of course, we recognise that not all families may be in a position to contribute the full amount requested - and that's absolutely okay. Whether you can give a little or a lot, every contribution, no matter the size, is appreciated and makes a meaningful difference to what we can provide for our students.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. It is truly valued.

Ms Vicki Angus
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

T3 W7	Monday 1 st September	Lions Eye Testing Year 4 and 6 students at the Junior Campus
	Tuesday 2 nd September	Scholastic Book Club due Junior Campus students
	Wednesday 3 rd September	\$20 Boss Program Market Day Senior Campus
	Thursday 4 th September	Junior Basketball Year 7/8 boys and girls
	Friday 5th September	Father's Day Breakfast Prep – Year 12 families in the BER at the Junior Campus
	Friday 5 th September	Father's Day Stall Prep – Year 6 students, all gifts \$3
T3 W8	Monday 8th – Friday 12th September	Scholastic Book Fair Junior Campus from 3.30pm-4.30pm each night in Library
	Tuesday 9th September	Prep – Year 6 Parent Teacher Interviews and Art Show From 3.30pm – 5.30pm
	Tuesday 9 th September	Indonesian Study Tour 2026 Information Session Senior Campus Library from 5pm
	Wednesday 10 th September	Prep Farm Visit See Compass for more information
	Wednesday 10 th September	Parents & Friends Meeting 7pm at the Senior Campus
T3 W9	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th September	Bogong Outdoor School See Compass for more information
	Monday 15 th September	Student Leaders Congress Celebration Night Year 6 @ Lighthouse Theatre from 7pm
	Tuesday 16 th September	Senior Campus Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm – 6pm in the Senior Campus Hall
	Tuesday 16 th September	GALS Project Launch Year 6 girls at the Lighthouse Theatre from 5pm
	Wednesday 17 th September	School Council Meeting 6pm at the Senior Campus
	Thursday 18 th September	Junior Campus Concert 6pm at the Senior Campus Hall
	Friday 19 th September	Junior Campus Celebration Assembly 9.15am in the BER building, families welcome
	Friday 19 th September	Last day of Term 3 Students dismissed at 2.15pm
T4 W1	Monday 6 th October	First day for Term 4
	Friday 10 th October	Year 3 – 6 Regional Athletics Ballarat
	Sunday 12 th October	Year 9 School for Student Leadership Students arrive in Marlo for their 9 week camp
T4 W2	Monday 13 th – Wednesday 15 th October	Year 3/4 Camp: Angahook
	Tuesday 14 th October	Year 9 Future Me Day 1
T4 W3	Monday 20 th October	Hooptime Regional Finals Year 3/4 All Stars in Hamilton
	Thursday 23 rd October	Year 9 Future Me @ Deakin
T4 W4	Monday 27 th October	Hooptime Regional Finals Year 5/6 All Stars in Hamilton
	Monday 27 th October	Super 8's Cricket (Primary)
	Tuesday 28 th October	Year 12 English Exam

JUNIOR CAMPUS COMMUNICATION SENT HOME TO PARENTS THIS FORTNIGHT:

J12 GALS Project Launch

J13 Parent Information – Year 1/2

JUNIOR CAMPUS COMMUNICATION SENT HOME TO PARENTS THIS FORTNIGHT:

S10 Indonesian Study Camp 2026 Info Session



Instrumental Music Concert:

On Tuesday night, our instrumental music concert students showcased their talents at our annual Instrumental Music Concert in the BER at the Junior Campus. Led by our music teacher, Mrs Fiona Pugh, students played solos, duets and band performances that celebrated the growth made with weekly lessons and practices, making for a very enjoyable night for all in attendance. Congratulations to all students who performed on the night and thank you to Mrs Pugh for her organisation and dedication to our music program here at Camperdown College.

Book Week 2025:

Last week, we celebrated Book Week for another year with the theme *Book an Adventure* guiding a superb Book Week parade on Tuesday. Mrs Murphy organised the most wonderful, immersive Book Week parade that saw all attendees feel like passengers aboard a flight full of onboard entertainment including books read by special guests. Costumes were on full show as students paraded around the aeroplane in front of many family, friends and peers. Thanks to Mrs Murphy for a wonderful experience. We appreciate the work that went into the parade.

Hooptime Basketball:

Today, our Year 3/4 Rookies ventured to the Camperdown Stadium to compete against other local schools in mini games of basketball rounding out a successful Hooptime Basketball competition that has occurred over the past four Fridays this term. Last week, our Year 3/4 All Stars team had a very successful day of competition in Terang, winning the grand final and progressing to the next round of competition on Monday 20th October, joining our Year 5/6 All Star winning team who also qualified for the Regional competition on Monday 27th October after also taking out the competition for Year 5/6 males earlier this term.

Junior Campus Renovations:

Over the past fortnight, we have seen continued progression with our renovations, with more classrooms painted, new furniture moved into classrooms and spaces rejuvenated with new wall furnishings. Our Prep and Year 1 classrooms have been the latest areas to receive this treatment, with students showing exceptional flexibility by learning in different parts of the school and in combined classes. Our Library/STEM area and Year 5/6 classrooms received their long-awaited new furniture this week. This furniture looks clean and modern and ensures our students are learning in comfortable and appealing settings.

We are on track to have the entire main building painted internally and new flooring installed by the start of Term 4 and we thank staff, students and families for their adaptability during this renovation stage.

Junior Campus Concert:

Work is beginning behind the scenes in preparation for our 2025 Junior Campus Concert scheduled for Thursday 18th September (last week of term). This night is always a highlight of the year so please put this event on your calendars. Rehearsals have begun and we can't wait for these performances to strengthen in the lead up to the concert in just a few weeks!

Progress Reports:

Progress reports were made live yesterday for students and families on Compass. These reports are a quick snapshot of how your child is tracking in the key attributes of persistence, behaviour and respect in all classes, including specialist classes. This is an important report, that is presented in graph form and accessed via the *Reports* tab on Compass, that we encourage families to view and discuss with their child. This is an important way to receive feedback from our specialist teachers who see your child on a weekly basis.

Father's Day:

Next Friday, we will be celebrating our dads/special people with our Parents & Friends breakfast in the BER at the Junior Campus. We hope many of our dads/special people are able to join us to recognise Father's Day. Our students will also be able to purchase a gift for dad at our Father's Day Stall. Donations for our stall can be dropped off to the Junior Campus office before Wednesday 3rd September.

Glasses for Kids (Prep – Year 3):

A reminder for families of Prep – Year 3 students to complete the consent form on Compass for the Glasses for Kids program if they haven't already done so. This program completes initial vision screens and, if required, will provide eye testing and glasses at no cost to families and is available to all students. Students who currently wear glasses can still be a part of this program, gaining an additional pair of glasses at no cost. If required, students can choose their glasses, be fitted with them on the day with the fitted pair of glasses being sent to the school within a few weeks of the visit. This is a wonderful opportunity, and we strongly encourage all families to support this initiative.

Lions Eye Testing (Year 4 and 6):

A reminder that our Year 4 and 6 students have the opportunity to have their eyes tested by a group of volunteers from the Camperdown Lions Club next **Monday 1st September**. Information was sent home with students earlier this term with consent forms due back at school by today, Friday 29th August.

Parent Teacher Interviews, Art Show and Scholastic Book Fair:

On Tuesday 9th September, we will be hosting our check-in Parent Teacher Interviews alongside our Art Show and Scholastic Book Fair. These short, 5 minute conferences are an opportunity for parents and teachers to *check-in* face-to-face to ensure student growth and progress is shared and further goals explored, as we near the end of another term. During these conferences, our students' art from the year will be on show for perusal. These conferences will be held in the BER (and not classrooms) along with our art show. Bookings are open on Compass with bookings available between 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

Our Scholastic Book Fair will also be available on the night (in the library), with this open to families from Monday 8th September. The book fair is an opportunity for students to purchase books, posters and book paraphernalia directly, while raising funds for our school.

The book fair will be open to students and families every night between Monday 8th September – Friday 12th September, 3.30pm – 4.30pm. *Please note, on Tuesday 9th September, the Scholastic Book Fair will be open for the full two-hours of the Parent Teacher Interviews and Art Show.*

Mrs Jacinta Tolland, Junior Campus Assistant Principal

SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS



For a short term, we are certainly packing a lot in! As we pass the halfway point there are wonderful events to review and exciting things to look forward to. Over the fortnight we have had students travel to Melbourne, Geelong, Port Campbell and locally here in Camperdown. What is so very pleasing (but not surprising), are the **reports from venues, event organisers and members of the public alike about just how beautifully behaved our students are.** They live the school values which are a focus of homegroups each week and display exemplary behaviour. It fills our teachers with pride to be stopped by members of the public, in venues such as the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) and be told how respectful our students are. While we sometimes support students at school in practising our values, it's incredibly rewarding to see them embrace these opportunities in the wider community and demonstrate, through their actions, that they truly value them.



Our Year 9/10 Art Elective and some Year 8 High Ability students visited the **French Impressionism exhibition** at the NGV last Friday, followed by time at ACMI. Leaving before school on a bus driven by Tim Keane, the students travelled with Mrs Mann and were able to really soak in the work of masters at the gallery after attending an education session. While all were pleased to be home, there were no complaints about the 6pm arrival back at school – it was such a positive experience, and one that made many teachers jealous!

This week, a group of Year 11/12 students travelled by train (an early start!) to participate in the P.A.R.T.Y Program. The Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (**P.A.R.T.Y**) Program provides a unique experience for young people across Victoria and we are lucky that teachers like Mrs Sue Maskell chase down these opportunities for our students. The program aims to provide participants with information that will

enable them to recognise potential injury-producing situations, make prevention-oriented choices and adopt behaviours that minimise unnecessary risk. At The Alfred hospital, participants engage with paramedics, doctors, nurses, allied health practitioners, patients and their families in the hospital through a combination of classroom-based information delivery, interactive scenario-based learning and proactive demonstrations.

On the same day, a group of Year 10/11 students went to Port Campbell with Ms Kate Wells on a program facilitated by the Neil Porter Legacy foundation. The focus for the day was to interact with **local industry** to learn about what happens at a gas plant, the environmental work they do and different roles including managers, engagements specialist.

Locally we have had Year 12 VM students visit the Junior Campus on Tuesday to run lunchtime activities. They have enjoyed games of *Octopus* and participated in arts and crafts – with some of our Year 12 students being schooled in staying in the lines when colouring! It is heart warming to see our oldest students head across to the Junior Campus (armed with umbrellas in the rain!) to spend time with some of the youngest members at our school in these, their last few weeks of school themselves.

Zack and Lewis Reagan spoke with the Camperdown Quilter's group, sharing their experiences of their Kokoda trek as well.

Here at school the library continued to be the place to be. The introduction of **Lego** at break times has been a hit, with Linda Morgan officiating in a building competition. Congratulations to Grace Magilton for her construction of an orangutan.

Today was **Wear It Purple Day** at the Senior Campus. Wear It Purple is committed to empowering rainbow (sex, sexuality and gender diverse) young people to have a voice in creating a more inclusive culture. Wear It Purple was founded in 2010 by students wanting to take a stand after hearing so many LGBTQIA+ students taking their lives due to bullying and harassment. United by the belief that everybody has the right to be proud of who they are and who they are becoming, Wear It Purple is raising awareness and, in the process, creating a more inclusive, safe, and empowered environment for the rainbow community. Purple ribbons were available at the library if students wanted to show their support of the cause.

The next round of **GPA**s are now live to families and students. These can be accessed on the *Reports* tab on Compass. These outline students' achievements in the learning attributes of Persistence, Behaviour and Preparation and Organisation. It is a valuable snapshot of how students are travelling. Families are invited to make a time at our upcoming **Parent Teacher Interviews (PTIs)**, if you would like to discuss these results with individual teachers. The PTIs will be held on Tuesday 16th September from 2.30pm – 6.30pm (30 minute break 3.45pm – 4.15pm), booking for this will be also available on Compass. If you are unable to make a time with a particular teacher, please contact the office and we can arrange an opportunity for you to get feedback from them via an alternative mode.

We would also like to remind families and students that there is no supervision at school until 8.35am in the morning, therefore we ask that no students are on site before this time (unless you are a Year 12 student attending before school classes). Thanks to the teachers offering these opportunities as we get closer to exams. Also, while we believe it is important that students are at school every day, it is important for everyone's health, if students stay home if they are unwell. Coming with symptoms such as coughs and sore throats can mean peers are also impacted with the bugs that are about in our community at the moment. We thank you for your support in these matters.

Mrs Sarah Brooks and Ms Katie Taylor, Senior Campus Assistant Principals

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Major Raffle

Tickets \$10

Only 4,000 available
Make contact to collect your
book/s from the Office

1st Prize:

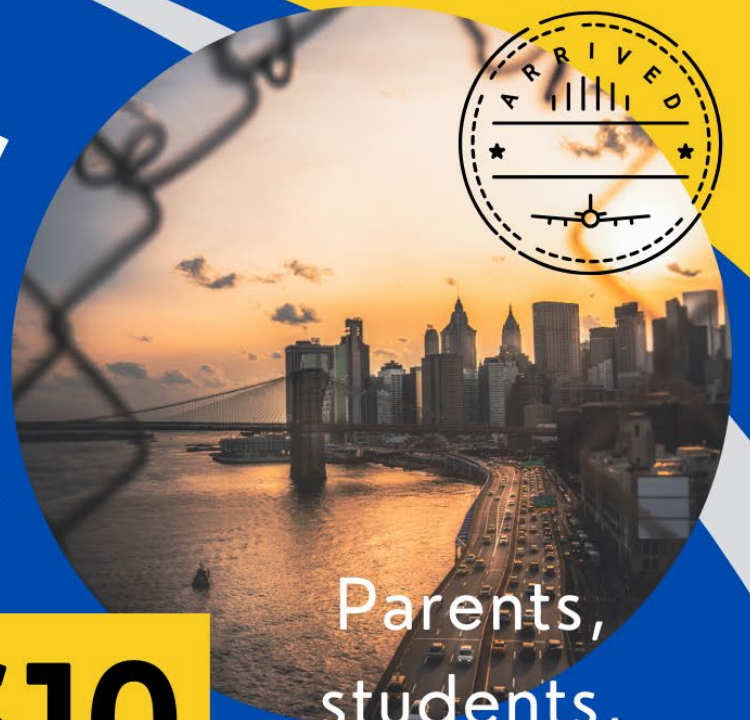
\$10,000 Travel Voucher -
Helloworld Camperdown

2nd Prize:

\$1,000 Accommodation &
\$500 Ticketek Vouchers -
Helloworld Camperdown
& Ticketek Australia

3rd Prize:

\$1,000 Fuel Voucher -
BP Australia



Parents,
students,
friends &
families...

We need your
help to sell
tickets!



Drawn Monday 15th
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Winner notified
by phone
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CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE

father's day breakfast & stall

Father's Day Gift Ideas: Gardening Gloves, Key rings, Pens, Drink Holders, Magazines, BBQ Utensils, Tea Towels, Socks, Mugs, Chocolate, Car Wash, Tools, Torch, Deodorant, Soap

It's that time of year again and we are asking parents/guardians to please make a small donation to this year's Father's Day Stall which will be held at the Junior Campus on Friday 5th September. Please note that if your child will be buying two gifts on the day, an equivalent donation would be appreciated.

Donations will need to be dropped at the Junior Campus Office by Wednesday 3rd September. All gifts will cost \$3 on the day, please feel free to contact the Junior Campus Office if you have any queries.

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER FROM 7.30AM – 8.30AM @ THE JUNIOR CAMPUS.

ALL FATHERS/SPECIAL PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND WITH THEIR CHILDREN. BACON, EGG, SPINACH AND RELISH ROLLS WITH TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$5.00 PER PERSON. TO ASSIST WITH CATERING, PLEASE RSVP HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING TO AMY.STEPHENSON@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU



CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE
Junior Campus
Reception →

After many years of planning and the dedicated efforts of our School Council, the long-term vision for the Junior Campus has finally come to life, with the newly renovated administration area officially open for business as of last week.

What makes this project particularly special is that it was led by alumni Jake Dowell from Bowden Corp - someone who once walked these very same corridors as a primary school student. Jake took the lead on the renovation and his exceptional attention to detail and commitment to creating a space that truly meets the needs of both staff and students was second to none.

Reflecting on the project, Jake shared that he takes great pride in giving back to the college community that helped shape his early years and he hopes the new space will serve and inspire students and staff for generations to come.

Vicki Angus
Principal

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The Junior Campus Book Parade was an incredible experience and all students enjoyed the adventure! Our Prep – Year 6 students transitioned into brave explorers, daring heroes, curious creatures and magical characters who wore amazing, creative and colourful costumes that were full of imagination! The following students were awarded for their inspiring costumes: Oakley Dickson, Olivia Marks, Xanthe Harris, Georgie Harrison, Harlee Rowbottom, Callen McLachlan and Sam Bateman.

Our students were treated to guest readers: Senior School Captains Jada Mahony and Stella Horspole, Mayor Kate Makin and pilot/past student Brett Hislop who each brought their favourite stories to life and made the day extra special. It's clear that stories really do take us on the greatest adventures and the event brought those adventures to life.

Thank you to everyone who participated, helped with costumes and joined us to celebrate the joy of reading. You've helped to make this year's Book Week one to remember!

Lauren Murphy
Junior Campus Librarian



Children's Book Week
16–23 August 2025

BOOK AN
Adventure



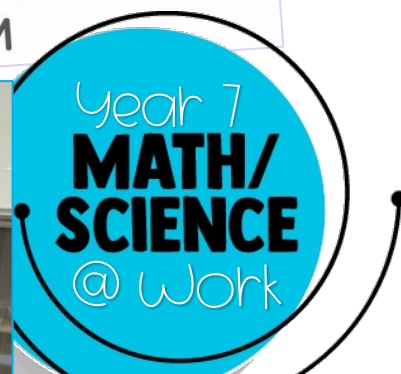
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Our Year 6 GALs team returned to Deakin in Warrnambool for their third workshop day on Tuesday 26th August. The focus of the day was communication, an essential skill for presenting their ideas confidently and clearly.

The girls explored strategies to help calm their nerves before and during presentations, which will be especially useful when speaking in front of an audience. They also learnt about the importance of microphone placement to ensure their voices are heard properly when presenting. A fun and interesting part of the day involved a decibel reader activity, where students read a short passage from Harry Potter. This helped to see how loud their voices were and what adjustments they might need to make to speak at an appropriate volume. After lunch, the girls had the privilege of hearing from Emily and Zoe, two scientists from Deakin University. They shared their inspiring stories and experiences as women in STEM, giving them insight into their work and the exciting opportunities in science careers. The girls then got creative with a hands-on activity where they had to design artwork inspired by seaweed. As part of the experience, they even got to taste a piece of seaweed—although none of them really liked it! It was very salty, but definitely a memorable moment.

This workshop was another engaging and informative workshop and students are looking forward to putting our new communication skills into practice!

Lauren Murphy, STEM Teacher



Year 7 students took part in the Maths & Science @ Work initiative at Terang College on Friday 15th August and enjoyed a variety of hands-on workshops that were led by local businesses and showcased the importance of maths and science in the workplace. Students took the opportunity to explore real-world applications of their learning, with highlights including making butter, learning CPR skills and experimenting with mixing hair dye. It was a fun day full of discovery that highlighted the many exciting ways maths and science connect to everyday life and future careers.

Gabrielle Eckhardt, Year 7A Coordinator

Art elective students visited the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne to view the French Impressionism exhibition on Friday 22nd August. They were joined by some of our Year 8 students as part of the School Enrichment Program. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to see some of the works of master artists, including Monet, Renoir and Cezanne. Students also enjoyed the opportunity to visit ACMI and learn about the history of the moving image.





SERIOUSLY SPORT

@ Camperdown College



HOOPTIME: YEAR 5/6 ROOKIES

Our Year 5/6 Rookies enjoyed their day at the Hooptime competition at the Camperdown Stadium on Friday 15th August. All students played four matches and demonstrated dedication and enthusiasm in all matches. Well done to all!

Matt Harkin,
Prep – Year 6 Sport Coordinator



HOOPTIME: YEAR 3/4 ALL STARS

Our Year 3/4 boys had an impressive day out at the Hooptime All Stars competition in Terang on Friday 22nd August. In a very even competition, our boys had some mixed results during the day, just managing to qualify for the grand final. In the final though, the team worked wonderfully well together to secure the win - qualifying them for the regional event in Term 4!

Matt Harkin
Prep – Year 6 Sport Coordinator



Taking a stand against bullying...

On Wednesday 13th August, our Senior Campus proudly took part in *Bully Zero's Day of Action* as part of National Bullying Prevention Week. This important event gave our school community the opportunity to take real and visible action against bullying. Students and staff came together in a spirit of unity and fun, participating in a lively dance off that brought smiles, laughter and a powerful message of inclusion and respect. In addition, everyone took part in the *Hands Up for Action* activity, a symbolic gesture reinforcing our commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for all. Events like these remind us that every action, no matter how small, can make a big difference. Together, we are building a culture where bullying is not tolerated and where every student feels seen, heard and valued

Understanding bullying and its impact:

Bullying is an ongoing or repeated misuse of power in relationships, intended to cause deliberate psychological harm. These behaviours can be verbal, physical or social and may occur in person or online, across various digital platforms and devices. Bullying can be obvious or subtle, but regardless of how it presents, it can have immediate, medium, and long-term effects on everyone involved — including bystanders. Despite significant efforts to reduce bullying in schools and communities, research shows that one in four students still report being bullied every few weeks. It's important to understand however, that not all negative interactions should be classified as bullying. The key difference is that bullying does not stop on its own and it involves a power imbalance. To help young people navigate social challenges, it's essential they learn how to distinguish between:


- Rude behaviour – accidental or thoughtless actions.
- Mean behaviour – hurtful actions done on purpose but only once.
- Bullying – intentional, repeated harm with an imbalance of power.

Why do some young people bully?

The reasons behind bullying can be complex. Some young people may:

- Seek approval or attention from peers.
- Try to regain a sense of control or power in their own lives.
- Feel insecure or unsafe and act out as a form of self-protection.

Understanding these motivations can help adults guide young people in addressing their feelings and behaviours in a constructive way.



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR


Discover New Adventures, One Page at a Time!

Monday 8th-Friday 12th
September from 3.30-4.30pm
 Junior Campus STEM and Library Room

Join us for a celebration of reading!
 Explore a wide selection of books
 for all ages, fun activities, and
 chances to win exciting prizes!

♥ Don't forget to bring your wish list!
 📖 Great books for kids, teens, and adults!

Every book you buy helps support our school library!



As our school library has recently been renovated, we're downsizing and donating books to children supported by the *Kids for Cows Foundation* in Cambodia. To transport these books, we're seeking **donations of wheeled suitcases**—new or used in good condition.

Kids for Cows is a 100% volunteer-run charity and **100% of funds go** to children living in poverty—primarily in Siem Reap and surrounding areas. Through fundraising and cattle agistment, we provide support in the form of **education, school supplies, sporting goods, clothing, and rice**. Some of our recent achievements include:

- Rebuilding a second home and supporting a local orphanage with supplies and a part-time English teacher.
- Renovating and opening a school in Veal village with over 100 children now learning English.
- Building/renovating five homes in the Kampong Plok lake community.

Our next trip is on **Saturday 27th September 2025**, and your donated suitcase could help deliver books directly into the hands of children who need them. See <https://www.cowsforkids.org.au/> for more information.



VET & CAREERS WEEKLY Update



✚ Exciting Opportunities & Important Updates!

Please keep an eye on the Events and Opportunities board!

- 2026 School Based Apprenticeships – Joinery, Steel and Construction. If you are interested in this opportunity, please see Mrs Maskell or Miss Wells for more information.

☀ Spotlight: Holly Haigh - Holly's Skills Shine in Salon assistance

Year 11 student **Holly Haigh** has been making the most of her time in the **VET Certificate II in Salon Assistance** program, showing impressive growth and achievement along the way. Through her training, Holly has developed strong practical skills, particularly in **braiding and hair care techniques**, and has shown a real talent for making clients feel comfortable and cared for. Her positive attitude, willingness to learn, and ability to interact confidently with others have stood out as real strengths.

Trainer Gemma Mahony has praised Holly for her effort and commitment, noting that she consistently puts her best into every task. Her growing confidence and developing skills demonstrate how valuable the VET experience can be - offering students opportunities to challenge themselves, gain hands-on experience and achieve success in new areas.

For Holly, Salon Assistance has been more than just learning techniques; it has been a chance to build new skills, connect with others, and take pride in her achievements.

♦ VET & Careers Tip of the Week

✚ **Try before you decide!** Work experience, VET courses and short taster programs are a great way to explore different industries before committing to a career pathway. Even if you discover a job isn't for you, that's still a win — it helps narrow down your options and brings you one step closer to finding the right fit. 🧡 🛠️ 📺

A group of Year 11/12 students travelled to Deakin University's Waurin Ponds and Waterfront campuses on Monday 18th August where they were greeted by student ambassadors who shared their knowledge and experiences of Deakin and led a tour around all facilities. Students came away with a better understanding of university life, study options, pathways and what their post school journey might look like if they choose to go to university. A big shout out to our students who were engaged in all presentations and tours, asked lots of questions and were wonderful ambassadors for our college.

Sue Maskell, Careers Coordinator



MARKET DAY

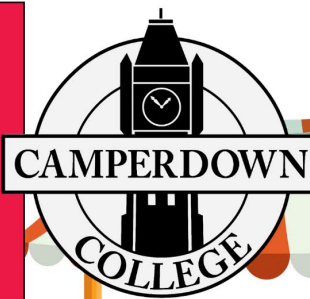
Wednesday 3rd September is Market Day at the Senior Campus, where the Year 9 Business students will provide goods and services to sell to students and staff at lunchtime to raise funds for various charities.

On sale will be food, drinks, crafts and games. Students will be able to purchase savoury and sweet treats and participate in some fun activities.

Some of the goods on sale this year are:

Sausage sizzle
Cupcakes
Cookies
Spiders
Scrolls
Lolly bags
Chips and gravy, and more!!

Be sure to get behind this and help the enterprising Year 9 students with their fundraising.



\$20 Boss Program
Year 9 Business Class
WED 3RD SEPT
Senior Campus



Thursday 21st August saw the final Transition Taster before our 2026 Year 7 students are welcomed back for the statewide transition day in December. In keeping with this year's Book Week theme *Book an Adventure*, Year 6 students learned how to craft effective openings for adventure stories in English. To add an interesting twist though, instead of choosing their own storylines, students let the roll of a dice decide what their stories would be about and what each sentence should include. This activity sparked creative thinking and encouraged students to step outside of their comfort zones. In the Food Technology Centre, students had fun learning how to make a cake in a cup and enjoyed choosing between chocolate chip or vanilla with sprinkles.

Rachel Mann, Year 7B Coordinator



FoodTech



POLICY FEEDBACK

Attached to this newsletter is the draft policy Bullying Prevention and we welcome any feedback on this. Please feel to contact a School Council member or Vicki, Jacinta or Katie to pass this on. In addition, the new the Digital Learning Acceptable User Agreement for the Junior Campus and Senior Campus is attached for your reference. Please note that all policies are available upon request at any time or on our college website.

Invitation to provide feedback:

Students, parents/carers and staff are invited to read the above policy and provide feedback via the college email at camperdown.co@education.vic.gov.au by 3.15pm on Friday 12th September.

How are school policies developed and reviewed?

School Council is responsible for the development and review of school policies. The Department of Education and Training provides guidance, and feedback from the wider school community is welcome. New policies, and policies due for review, are made available to the school community for feedback prior to ratification at School Council. All current school policies are published to the school and wider community on the school website: <https://www.camperdowncoll.vic.edu.au>.

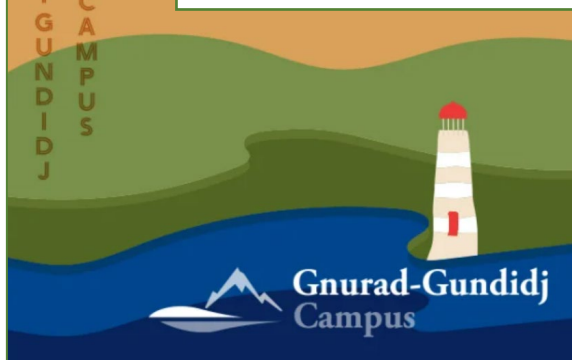
STAR STUDENTS' Strengths



ADAPTABILITY, ATTENTIVENESS, BUBBLY, CALM
& STEADY, CHEERFULNESS, COMPASSIONATE,
DETERMINATION, FRIENDLY NATURE,
HAPPINESS, HELPFULNESS, IMAGINATION,
INTERACTION, PERSISTENCE, POSITIVITY,
SENSE OF HUMOUR, TRUSTWORTHINESS,
UNFLAPPABLE, WILLINGNESS

Our Year 4 students enjoyed an exciting day at the School for Student Leadership's Gnurad-Gundidj Campus on Tuesday 26th August. They participated in a variety of engaging activities alongside the Year 9 students, with a strong focus on teamwork and collaboration. Some of the day's highlights included musical chairs, a scavenger hunt and hut building. It was a fun and memorable outing, and the students were very grateful for the opportunity to explore the campus.

Madison Helmore, Year 3/4 Teacher



Students in Year 11/12 travelled to Melbourne yesterday to spend time at the Alfred hospital taking part in the invaluable P.A.R.T.Y program. The P.A.R.T.Y program is a dynamic and interactive injury awareness and prevention program which utilises true stories and experiences to demonstrate the impact of injury. Students engaged with paramedics, doctors, nurses, allied health practitioners, patients and their families in the hospital, offsite and in an online setting. This program provided our students with an authentic experience of creating insight into the consequences that patients and their families are faced with as a result of risk-related trauma. Learning occurred through a combination of classroom-based information delivery, interactive scenario based learning and proactive demonstrations via face-to-face within the hospital departments. Our students enjoyed today's excursion, left the Alfred with lots to think about and represented our college with pride.

Sue Maskell, Careers Teacher



NEIL PORTER
LEGACY
COMMUNITY FOR CAREERS

Five enthusiastic students yesterday took part in an Industry Energy Careers Day, proudly coordinated by the Neil Porter Legacy. The day gave students a unique opportunity to step inside the world of energy production and learn directly from local experts.

The event featured three engaging workshops hosted by leading companies in the region — Beach Energy, Amplitude Energy and Lochard Energy. Each session highlighted a different part of the industry, from how natural gas is formed deep beneath the earth, to the advanced processes used to bring it safely to the surface and the important role energy plays in powering our communities. Students particularly valued the hands-on experiences provided throughout the day. They explored real facilities, saw the technology in action and even gained practical insights into daily operations at local energy plants. This rare opportunity allowed them to connect classroom learning with real-world applications.

More than just a careers day, the program opened students' eyes to the variety of pathways available in the energy sector, from engineering and environmental management to safety and operations. The Neil Porter Legacy continues to create opportunities that inspire young people and strengthen connections between schools and industry. This event was a great example of that vision in action.

Kate Wells, Careers Teacher

Menstruating isn't a choice, but those experiencing period poverty often must choose between purchasing period products or other essential items just to get by. They shouldn't have to choose... Some women and girls across Australia are doing it tough dealing with things like domestic violence, homeless and struggling financially. 64% can't afford period products and spending \$15 a month and for many, that's too much when essentials like food and rent come first. The last thing on their mind should be dealing with their period.

That's why we have made reusable fabric bags and filled them with essential sanitary products like tampons, pads, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and soap. These small items make a big difference.

Thanks to amazing help from Lyn Crook, we've been able to donate these bags through registered welfare agencies to people in the Corangamite Shire to be distributed. In addition, thanks to Ruby Fryers, Jada Mahony and Rebecca Johnson helping me to fill the bags and make posters around the school to inform students about Share the Dignity program.

VM and VCE students at Camperdown College have been grateful to be part of this project.

Let's keep helping—one bag at a time.




Blanket drive for RSPCA !!

I will be leaving boxes at both the junior and senior campus for animal bowls, blankets, food or kitty litter and sheets.
(no beds, cages, open food or pillows)



BY Mia Rippon

VAPING, LET'S CLEAR THE AIR

Vaping is on the rise across the Barwon South West (BSW) region, especially among young people who have never smoked. In a 2023 community consultation by Barwon Health Healthy communities, schools and families made it clear they cannot address this issue on their own

When it comes to risk taking behaviours, we know that it takes a multi-pronged approach to support young people. Supply, Demand and Education

This workshop aims to deliver tips & strategies for having conversations with your young person on vaping & other risk taking behaviour. Along with the opportunity for you to have your say on the topic of vaping - what you say matters

Your Invitation:
You are invited to participate in this interactive workshop facilitated by Health Promotion officer Christie Berry

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP
TIME: 7.00 - 8.30pm
Date: 10/9/25

Where: Camperdown College AG Daws Hall
Wilson Street Camperdown

Book your spot in the workshop by 3/9/25
<https://www.trybooking.com/DEEKL>

Supper Provided

For more information about the Barwon South West Vaping project: <https://batforce.org.au/projects/>



A FREE WEBINAR Digital media literacy & safety

PART III

Supporting Primary & Secondary students

This webinar is Part III of a series.
In this session, topics include:

- New Social Media Regulations
- Digital Footprint and Reputation
- Screen Time and Brain Development
- Parental Controls



Online, Wednesday
3 September, 2025
7.30 - 8.30 pm



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Renowned child and adolescent psychologist. Michael has years of experience working with young people and families and was Chair for the Cybersafety Committee.



Susan McLean

As Australia's foremost cybersafety expert and founder of Cyber Safety Solutions, Susan will offer proactive strategies to help keep young people safe.

Don't miss out.
FREE event.
Scan to register.



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1 – 3 PM
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ART EXHIBITION

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SUSTAINABLE ACTIVITIES

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corangamite.vic.gov.au/youthfest



This is a fully-supervised event which is drug, alcohol, smoke and vape free.

Camperdown Basketball Association Inc.



Player registrations for 2025-26 Basketball season are now
OPEN!!

Please register via PlayHQ link (JUNIORS ONLY):
<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/88ba6c>

CABA Registration costs

U9 (7 & 8 year olds) & U12 (9-11 year olds) - \$90

U17 (12-16 year olds) - \$100

Senior - \$110

BVC Insurance is \$32 for 17 & under and \$46 for seniors.

PLAYING NIGHTS:

Tuesday's - U12 Girls, U17 Girls & U17 Boys

Wednesday's - U9 mixed, U12 Boys, Senior Men & Women

DATES:

Season starts Tuesday 7th October and finishes on Wednesday 10th December for the Christmas break.

It will then restart Tuesday 27th January and finish up with the Grand Final on Friday 6th March.

***SENIORS** – if you are registering with a team – please have your captain register the 'TEAM TO SEASON' first via this link <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/cf5d32>
You will then be given a link to send to your teammates for them to register.

****Family discount** applies to families with 3 or more players. Families MUST contact CABA Committee PRIOR to registration for a discount code.

Any questions or queries please contact us via Camperdown Basketball Association Facebook page or email (basketballcaba@gmail.com) or contact Grant Fleming on 0408931863

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MONDAY 22 ND SEPTEMBER @ MELVILLE OVAL	THURSDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER @ HANLON PARK	FRIDAY 3 RD OCTOBER @ REID OVAL

A FULL DAY OF FOOTY FUN INCLUDES:

- Session run from 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Auskick (4-7YRS) & Superkick (8-12YRS) Match Play
- DJ Music / Dance Parties
- AFL Giveaways
- Mascot / Grand Final Sprint
- **FREE** Football for every registration
- All Girls Groups Available!

Register Now!

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South West

Big Dreams Start in Small Towns!

September
Sunday 7th
KILLARA CENTRE
210 Manifold St
CAMPERDOWN

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Drama Club (Prep-Grade2) 10 - 11am **\$5 per student**

A playful, supportive class full of theatre games, storytelling, character play, scene building, and dress-ups—designed to build confidence and creativity.

Drama Lab (Grade3-6) 11.15am - 12.15pm **\$5 per student**

A dynamic, hands-on workshop exploring theatre games, improvisation, character work, and scene creation. A space for kids to explore, collaborate, and perform.

Acting Studio (High School) 12.30 - 2pm **\$5 per student**

Stagecraft and skills in improvisation, voice, body, character development, monologues & scenes, intro to text analysis

The DRAMAFEST SOUTHWEST series is supported by the Victorian Government.
Drug, alcohol, smoking and vape free.
Safe and secure.