



Camperdown Contact

CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 8, 4th September 2026

debutante ball: 2026



What a spectacular night! Our 2026 Debutante Ball was truly one to remember, with a stunning Bridgerton-inspired backdrop, beautifully styled to create the perfect setting for such a special occasion.

Our debutantes and partners looked absolutely stunning as they took to the floor, showcasing creative, theatrical and beautifully choreographed dances that had everyone captivated. From the energy of the opening presentation to the elegance and flair of the dancing, the evening was a wonderful celebration of our young people.

A huge congratulations to all of our debutantes and partners - you certainly embraced the occasion and made the night your own.

Thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes to bring this magical evening to life. It was a truly memorable celebration of talent, creativity, family and community.

Vicki Angus, Principal

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

A Symphony of Stories was the theme for this year's Book Week, and there was something wonderfully fitting about the way our Book Parade brought this theme to life. Just as an orchestra brings together many different instruments, sounds and talents to create one beautiful performance, our students came together in a wonderful array of characters, costumes and stories. Each student added their own unique note to our celebration – from pirates to princesses, classic characters to contemporary favourites, and fantasy to fiction – creating a colourful and joyful symphony of stories across our college. The creativity and imagination on display were wonderful to see, with many students, supported by their families, putting considerable time and effort into creating their incredible costumes.

What made the day particularly special, however, was the joy it brought to our students and to the wonderful parents, families and wider community who came along to watch the Book Parade. Regardless of the amount of time or effort that went into each costume, the impact was the same – our students came together to celebrate the joy of books and the stories that inspire, entertain and connect us.

Our staff certainly embraced the theme as well, dressing as much-loved nursery rhyme characters. We had the Three Blind Mice shaking their tails, the King's Horsemen attempting to put Humpty Dumpty back together again, an Old Lady who had swallowed some very interesting critters, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star shining brightly alongside a very special diamond, and Old MacDonald himself!

We are incredibly fortunate to have two very well-stocked libraries across our college. Lee Kavenagh and Lauren Murphy do a wonderful job of ensuring our collections remain current, engaging and responsive to the interests of our students. They listen to student requests, seek out new titles and continually add to our collections so that there is something to capture the interest of every reader. Their work plays an important role in fostering a strong reading culture across Camperdown College.

It has also been wonderful to see the commencement of our Senior Campus Book Club, led by Liam Geary. The club provides students with an opportunity to come together to share their thoughts about books, discover new authors and genres, and simply enjoy talking about reading with others. In the coming weeks, students will take greater ownership of the club and its direction, which will be a fantastic opportunity for them to shape the reading community they want to be part of.

While Book Week provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate through costumes, characters and creativity, it also reminds us of something much more important – the lifelong value of reading. Reading develops language, vocabulary, comprehension and imagination, while also providing opportunities to explore different worlds, perspectives and ideas.

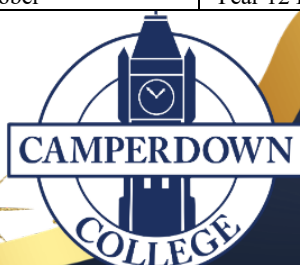
Whether we are young or old, there is always another story waiting to be discovered. I encourage our students and families to continue making time for reading, sharing stories together and, most importantly, enjoying the wonderful world that books open up to us.

Ms Vicki Angus
Principal



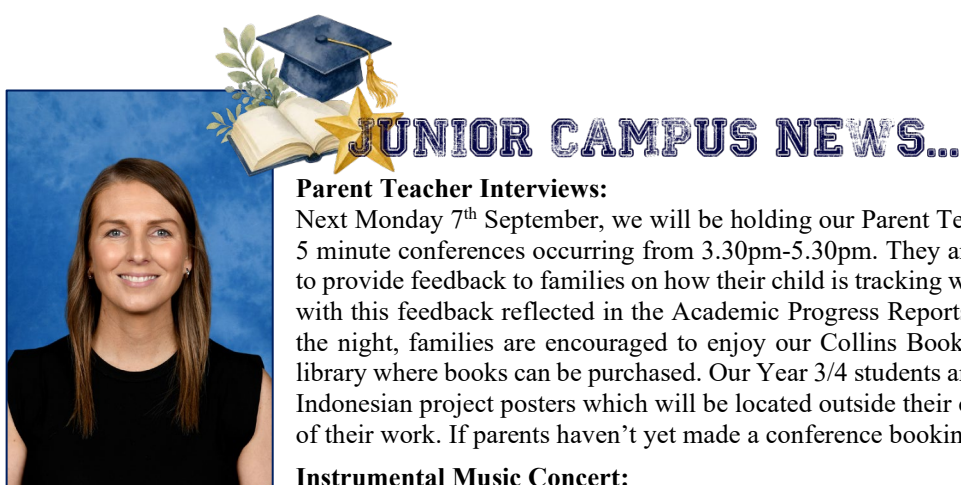
CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

T3 W9	Monday 7th September	Prep-Year 6 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm-5.30pm at the Junior Campus
	Monday 7th September	Book Fair @ the Junior Campus 3.30pm-5.30pm
	Monday 7th September	Instrumental Music Concert 6pm in the BER at the Junior Campus
	Tuesday 8th September	Melbourne Stars Cricket Roadshow Year 3-6 students
	Tuesday 8th September	Corangamite Youth Leadership Summit
	Tuesday 8th September	Year 7-12 Parent Teacher Interviews 1.30pm-6.30pm in the AG Daws Hall
	Wednesday 9th September	First Nations Leadership Day 3
	Wednesday 9th September	HSSSD Junior Basketball More information to come on Compass
	Wednesday 9th September	Prep Farm Visit See Compass for more information
T3 W10	Monday 14th September	GALS Project Launch 4.30pm-6.30pm @ Deakin in Warrnambool
	Thursday 17th September	Junior Campus Concert 6pm in the Senior Campus Hall
	Friday 18th September	JSC Sports Day More information to come
	Friday 18th September	Junior Campus Celebration Assembly 9.15am in the BER building
	Friday 18th September	Last day for Term 3 Students in Prep-Year 12 dismissed at 2.15pm
T4 W1	Monday 5th October	First day for Term 4
	Thursday 8th October	Greater Western Region Athletics in Ballarat Senior Campus students
	Friday 9th October	Regional Athletics Carnival in Ballarat Junior Campus students
T4 W2	Wednesday 14th October	Greater Western Region Junior Hockey
	Thursday 15th October	Greater Western Region Intermediate Hockey
T4 W3	Tuesday 20th October	Last day of formal classes for Year 12 students
	Wednesday 21st October	Year 12 Final Assembly and Mystery Bus Trip



Our Mission:

At Camperdown College, students are known and their learning and wellbeing are equally valued and nurtured, enabling them to thrive in a changing world.



Parent Teacher Interviews:

Next Monday 7th September, we will be holding our Parent Teacher Interviews for Term 3 with these short 5 minute conferences occurring from 3.30pm-5.30pm. They are a great opportunity for classroom teachers to provide feedback to families on how their child is tracking with their learning and development at school, with this feedback reflected in the Academic Progress Reports that will be shared with families today. On the night, families are encouraged to enjoy our Collins Bookstore Book Fair which will be set up in the library where books can be purchased. Our Year 3/4 students are looking forward to showcasing their recent Indonesian project posters which will be located outside their classrooms. QR codes can be scanned as part of their work. If parents haven't yet made a conference booking, these are still open on Compass.

Instrumental Music Concert:

Following our Parent Teacher Interviews on Monday next week, we look forward to welcoming instrumental music families to our annual Instrumental Music Concert in the BER at the Junior Campus. The night will start at 6pm. We look forward to students showcasing their musical talents on the night.

Junior Campus Concert:

Excitement is continuing to build as preparations for our 2026 Junior Campus Concert gather momentum. Rehearsals have become a daily part of school life as we count down to concert night on Thursday 17th September. With the theme *Through the Decades*, this year's concert promises to be another fabulous showcase of our students' talents, and we can't wait to share it with our school community. The concert will commence at 6pm, with family and friends invited to attend with no tickets required on the night. Doors will open at 5.45pm.

Kids In Space Showcase Day:

On Tuesday, twelve of our Year 5/6 students rose early to travel to North Melbourne Primary School to present their Kids In Space innovation projects to fellow students and renowned judges from many space-based organisations. The three teams representing Camperdown College spoke confidently and passionately about their project answering questions and explaining their design process multiple times throughout the day. Students also enjoyed seeing the inspirational projects completed by other schools and learning more about the space problems they had identified and the solutions conjured up collegiately. Mrs Murphy led this work with our students and we thank her for exposing our students to such diverse and interesting work that may hopefully stimulate many to pursue a career in the space field.

Thank You Parents & Friends:

Thank you to our Parents & Friends Association for their efforts today in providing a hearty breakfast for our students and their fathers and special people. The Father's Day breakfast and stall held at the Junior Campus was a huge success with over 260 breakfasts prepared. Students thoroughly enjoyed carefully selecting a gift for their dad or someone special and we thank our Parents & Friends representatives for the efforts put into wrapping and gifting these items for the special men in our students' lives.

Miss Leith:

Miss Leith finished her final four-week placement at Camperdown College last Friday after spending her time in Year 5/6H alongside Miss Helmore as part of her pre-service teaching training. We wish Skye all the best as she finishes her teaching degree and thank her for her time in our Year 5/6 classroom this term and last term.

Book Week:

Book Week last week was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Mrs Murphy. Students enjoyed a range of activities throughout the week at recess and lunchtimes, but the highlight of the week for many was the Book Week Parade. Costumes showed exceptional creativity and cleverness while showcasing favourite book characters across all year levels.

Girls as Leaders in STEM (GALS) Project Launch:

On Monday 14th September, six of our Year 6 girls will take to the stage at the Lighthouse Theatre in Warrnambool to launch and present their STEM projects. Kaaisha Arora, Kensie Austin-Ruff, Ruby Baker, Holly Brooks, Emilia Narik and Helayna Walker have been working hard to develop innovative projects designed to address real-world problems. They will have the exciting opportunity to share their work in front of friends, family and students from other schools participating in the program. We are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm the girls have shown throughout the process and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in their leadership, confidence and presentation skills as they share their ideas with others who share a similar passion for STEM.

Mrs Jacinta Tolland, Junior Campus Assistant Principal

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.



SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS...

It has been another busy few weeks across the Senior Campus, with plenty of opportunities for students to learn, connect and get involved beyond the classroom.

Last Tuesday, students in Year 9-11 participated in a successful wellbeing incursion, working with highly recommended and experienced facilitators from The Man Cave and The Big Sister programs. Students explored a range of topical issues, relaxed out of uniform and enjoyed a communal lunch provided by our Wellbeing Team. Offering opportunities for these meaningful discussions are so important in the modern world. Thank you to Kathryn for organising the day, and to all students for their thoughtful and meaningful contributions.

Congratulations to Katie Hansford, who finished second overall at the school South West Zone Clay Target Shoot in Noorat last Thursday. Katie now heads to Echuca next Monday for the State Titles, and we wish her all the very best. Basketball tryouts have also taken place over the past week, with teams now being

selected for the HSSSD Junior Basketball competition next Wednesday. We wish all three teams well as they represent the college. Families are reminded to ensure that consent for the event has been completed on Compass.

There has also been plenty happening through our SRC. Next Tuesday, some of our Year 7-9 SRC members will attend the Corangamite Youth Leadership Summit, providing them with another valuable opportunity to develop their leadership skills and connect with other young people from across the region. Plans are also well underway for end of term activities and fundraising. The SRC has decided to donate the funds raised from the Sport Colours Day on the final day of term to brain cancer research. There will be a range of other activities throughout the day, as well as a barbeque. It has been wonderful to see students making use of our sandwich toasting initiative from SRC over the past few weeks. There has been a steady stream of students enjoying a warm lunch together, so if you are interested, remember to head to the Food Technology Centre at the start of lunchtime on Mondays.

Our Passport to Employment program has continued, with our eight participants travelling to Koroit and Warrnambool this week to further explore the world of work. Students visited the Bega factory to investigate employment opportunities within the industry, before heading out to purchase clothing suitable for a job interview and sharing lunch together. These practical experiences provide students with valuable skills and a greater understanding of what is expected in the workplace.

Applied Learning has also been on display, with our Year 11 VM students travelling to Cudjee Wildlife Park as an introduction to their unit of work on area and volume. Students had the opportunity to meet some of the wildlife before they will put their learning into practice by designing and building animal shelters for the park and supporting other wildlife services. This is another great example of Applied Learning in action. Thank you to Mrs Brooks for organising the experience and to Simon for accompanying the students.

Our Biology and Psychology students also headed to the zoo on Friday as part of their coursework in both subjects. It was an early start and a late return, but thanks to free public transport for students, this was a low-cost experience that we were very pleased to be able to offer.

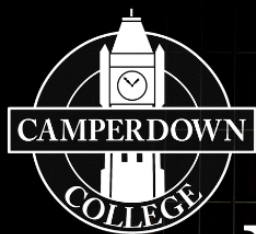
Closer to home, Book Club continues to be popular in the library, with students regularly gathering to discuss their favourite texts. There is a wonderful buzz around books and writing at the moment, which is a lovely reflection of the strength and enthusiasm of our students in this area.

A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 8th September. Students who live in town will be dismissed at 12.50pm, while bus travellers will be supervised through a modified program during Sessions 5/6. Bus travellers may also be dismissed at 12.50pm if a note is provided from home. This note needs to be given to their teacher during Session 1. As always, we encourage students to accompany their parents or carers to the interviews so they can be active participants in these important conversations about their own learning and progress.

Finally, our End of Term Celebration of Learning Assembly will be held in the AG Daws Hall on the final Monday morning of term, Monday 14th September, commencing at 8.55am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the achievements, growth and learning of our students throughout the term.

Ms Katie Taylor, Senior Campus Assistant Principal





INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

Monday 7th September
@ 6pm in the BER

SENIOR CAMPUS PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 8th September @ 1.30pm-6.30pm
AG Daws Hall
Book now on Compass



JUNIOR CAMPUS PARENT TEACHER *Interviews*



MON 7 SEPT

3.30PM-5.30PM



BOOK FAIR
in the Library
3.30PM-5.30PM



**INSTRUMENTAL
MUSIC CONCERT**
@ 6PM IN BER



INTERVIEWS
*in students'
classrooms*



**INTERVIEWS OPEN
ON COMPASS
ON MONDAY
24TH AUGUST**



Working together
TO SUPPORT EVERY STUDENT



SERIOUSLY SPORT

@ Camperdown College



Our Year 3/4 All Stars took the court in Terang on Friday 21st August and made the college proud with their efforts on and off the court. Our girls narrowly finished in 3rd place and our boys 4th. It was pleasing to see the sportsmanship and positive behaviour displayed throughout the day.

Matt Harkin
Prep-Year 6 Sport Coordinator

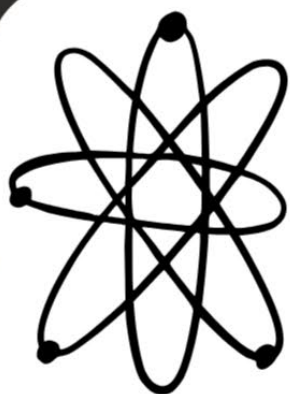
Year 3/4 All Stars



Year 3/4 Rookies

Our Year 3/4 students were fantastic on Friday 28th August at the Rookies competition at the Camperdown College Sport Precinct. All students had a real go on the court and were very enthusiastic in how they supported each other off the court. It was fantastic to see their skills develop over the course of the day and the smiles on their faces to be present at all times.

Matt Harkin, Prep-Year 6 Sport Coordinator



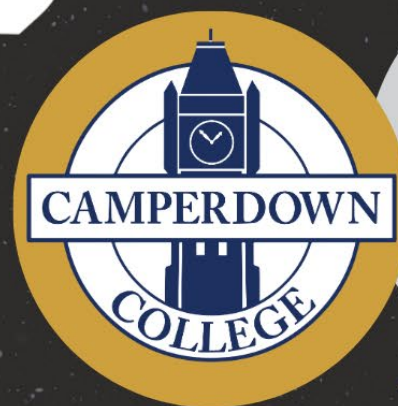
SCIENCE FAIR

Friday 16th October 2026

@ Camperdown College

* Senior Campus

Hands on fun: 4pm-6pm



**MAD SCIENCE SHOW:
6PM IN THE AG
DAWS HALL**

Bio Print Discovery
Brainwave Trading Company
Chromatography Butterflies

Critter Counter
Fossil Factory
Hovercraft CD

Mad Scientists Only!
Robot Racers

Seed Bombs
Slime Bar

The Bug Press
The Mad Scientist
The Novel Matrix
The Speciman Pot
The Sprout Lab

Worm Hole/Biohazard Bakery

*Food, Cake & Plant Stalls,
Popcorn, Coffee, Showbags
& Face Painting*

SAVE THE DATE!



father's day breakfast & stall

Our Parents & Friends Association coordinated yet another successful Father's Day Breakfast and Stall today. Breakfast was hailed a huge success with over 260 dads/special people enjoying the time with their children. Many dads started work late, just to be able to enjoy this celebration. Junior Campus students then enjoyed the chance to choose their very own gift for their Dad/special person for Father's Day on Sunday. A huge thank you must go to our Parents & Friends volunteers who worked hard to coordinate this event.





CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE

JSC PRESENTS...

2026 SPORTS COLOURS DAY

 Friday 18th September
Last Day of Term 3

Gold coin donation to wear you favourite sports colours.

Sports Hamper Raffle Prize

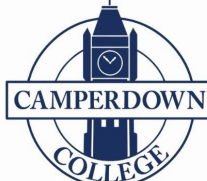
Tickets will be sold in welcome circles:
\$2 each
or x3 tickets for \$5

ON THE DAY









- Raffle Winner Announced
- Recess Activities
- Parents/teacher VS Year 6s Game at Lunchtime

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

The following policies will be discussed at School Council on Wednesday 16th September:

VOLUNTEERS POLICY

CHILD SAFETY & WELLBEING POLICY

They can be accessed on our website. If you would like to provide feedback on either, please contact either office or email camperdown.co@education.vic.gov.au.



Name: *Arthur*
Prep R



Student Voice
with Aurelia and Sophia



What is your favourite book, movie, or game right now?
My favourite game to play is tag because you get to run around.



What is one thing you are really good at?
Very fast running.



What is your favourite thing to do on weekends?
Play Fortnite with my Mum and sister.



If you were Principal for a day, what would you do?
Zooper Doopers for everyone!



Happy Birthday!



SEPTEMBER

4TH AVA & SOPHIE
5TH OAKLEY & TYLER
7TH NATE, ALLIRA & AMELIA
9TH SAMUEL
10TH SYBELLA & SCARLETT

11TH IVY
13TH HARLEE
15TH LUCA, SAMUEL & OLIVER
16TH OSCAR, BLAKE



BREAKFAST Club







Fuel your day! 





JUNIOR CAMPUS: 

Fridays

8.20am–8.45am

SENIOR CAMPUS: 

Mondays
(from week 4)

8.20am–8.50am




Last night, six of our aspiring Year 6 student leaders attended the Lighthouse Theatre to present at the Student Leaders Congress Celebration Night. This special occasion provided an opportunity for students to reflect on their own growth as leaders, while also celebrating the achievements of student leaders from schools across the Great South Coast Region. Our school team consisted of School Captains Kaylee Brebner and Magnus Van Den Meiracker, School Pride Leaders Oliver Eagle and Joanna Primmer, and Student Voice Leaders Aurelia Smith and Sophia Brown. Together, they have participated in this valuable local leadership opportunity with last night's celebration marking the culmination of their work to make a positive difference to the health and wellbeing of our school community. All six students stood proudly on stage as a video they had produced was shown to the packed audience, showcasing their *Wellness Wednesdays* project. Through this initiative, the students organised and ran lunchtime activities each Wednesday, creating opportunities to support the health and wellbeing of students across our school. Congratulations to this ambitious group of young leaders on their efforts last night.

Madison Helmore, Year 5/6 Teacher



Twelve Year 5/6 students travelled to North Melbourne Primary School to proudly represent Camperdown College in the Kids in Space Program on Tuesday.

Students were challenged to design something that could help astronauts live and work in space or use space technologies to solve a problem here on Earth. Throughout the project, students used Makers Empire to design and prototype a 3D model of their invention, bringing their ideas to life through digital design.

All Year 5/6 students participated in the design challenge and presented their ideas at school, with twelve students then selected to represent Camperdown College at the event.

During the day, students presented their innovative designs and 3D prototypes to judges and shared their ideas with students from schools across Victoria. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase their creativity, problem-solving skills and public speaking abilities. Students gained valuable knowledge and inspiration from the many exciting space-related projects on display and thoroughly enjoyed learning about the ideas developed by other schools.

Lauren Murphy, STEM Teacher

Our STEM GALS students recently attended Workshop 3 at Deakin University in Warrnambool, where they focused on developing their communication and presentation skills. The girls used specialised equipment to test how clearly and loudly they could present before sharing their Southern Bent-wing Bat project.

The students were excited to receive positive feedback on their presentation from other schools and facilitators. After lunch, they enjoyed a session with Kirsten from Zoos Victoria, who spoke about her role working at the zoo and shared insights into caring for and protecting wildlife.

The day finished with a tour of Deakin University, including a visit to the venue where the girls will present their project at the launch night on Monday 14th September. We are very proud of their hard work and look forward to seeing them present next month.

Lauren Murphy, STEM Teacher





Exploring PATHWAYS

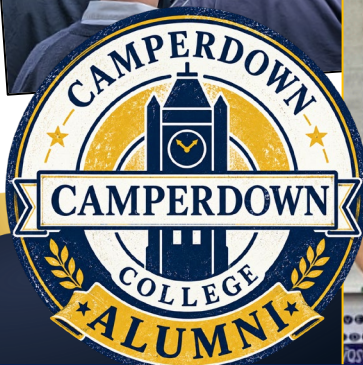
@ Camperdown College



Year 11 VM students travelled to Cudjee Wildlife Park last week as part of their next unit of work in VM Maths: Shape and Measurement. Students got up close and personal with reptiles, marsupials and birds before heading out to the grounds to feed the likes of emus, kangaroos and other birdlife.

In the next few weeks students will apply their surface area and volume skills to design and construct animal shelters, with some to be donated back to Cudjee as well as other wildlife services and facilities in need.

Sarah Brooks, VM Maths Teacher



On Wednesday, we welcomed back to Camperdown College Alice Peers. Alice left us in the late 1990's and ended up completing Year 12 at a TAFE setting in Melbourne before taking up an electrical pre apprenticeship program. She spoke to the students today about the challenges of going into a male dominated trade as a young female. Highlights of her career included working on the new Royal Children's Hospital build and now in rail. She currently works on the maintenance and servicing of the Metropolitan trains. Her key message to students was that all jobs are important and it doesn't matter what you want to do, know that you are making a valuable contribution to our communities. Alice has been a strong advocate for women in trades and although there has been lots of progress in this area since Alice started there is still some way to go. Thanks for visiting Alice.

Suzanne Maskell, Careers Coordinator

SENIOR CAMPUS:
MON 14 SEPT @ 8.55AM

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

JUNIOR CAMPUS:
FRI 18 SEPT @ 9.15AM

VET & CAREERS WEEKLY Update



☀ From School based traineeship to future leader: A pathway built on hard work and ambition – Zackary Regan ☀

At Camperdown College, we love seeing our students make the most of the opportunities available to them, and this student is a fantastic example of just how powerful a VET and school-based traineeship pathway can be. While completing his VCE Vocational Major, he has been undertaking a School-Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) in Certificate III in Cabinet Making and Timber Technology with Wayne Hately. Throughout his traineeship, he has received excellent feedback on his progress, work ethic, and attitude, consistently demonstrating a willingness to learn, take on new challenges and produce work to the best of his ability.

He is a hard worker who doesn't simply aim to get the job done, he continually strives to improve and do his very best. His commitment to his training is a great example of the attitude and determination required to succeed in the workplace and in life beyond school.

What makes his achievements even more impressive is the way Zack has balanced his vocational training with his responsibilities as School Captain. Leadership isn't just about having a title, and he has shown that true leadership is about setting an example for others through your actions. His work ethic, reliability, willingness to learn and commitment to those around him demonstrate exactly what positive leadership looks like.

Zack's career exploration has also extended beyond the workshop. As part of his vocational journey, he completed a week of work placement with Victoria Police, gaining valuable insight into the organisation and the wide range of roles and opportunities available within the police force.

Importantly, he already has a clear vision for his future. His goal is to complete his apprenticeship, build valuable skills and experience in the industry, and then pursue a career with Victoria Police. It is an exciting pathway that combines practical skills, workplace experience, leadership and a strong sense of purpose.

What makes this story particularly special is that he is building this pathway while still at Camperdown College. Through completing his SBAT, work placement, VCE VM studies and leadership responsibilities, he is gaining real-world experience and developing the skills that will support him long after he finishes school.

Zack's journey is a fantastic reminder that success doesn't always follow a traditional classroom pathway. Sometimes, the best way to discover where you're heading is to get out into the workplace, have a go, learn from others and build your future one experience at a time.

We are incredibly proud of his achievements so far and can't wait to see where his hard work, leadership and ambition take him next.

📁 VET & Careers Tip of the Week:

Build Your Network Before You Need It!

Your next opportunity could come from someone you already know!

Whether you're completing a VET course, work placement, SBAT or casual job, every person you meet in the workplace could become part of your future career network.

👉 **Tip:** Don't just turn up, do the job and leave. Ask questions, show initiative, be reliable and make a good impression. Employers remember students who are enthusiastic, hardworking and willing to learn.

💡 **The trick:** Keep a list of people and businesses you have worked with or met during VET and work placements. When you're looking for an apprenticeship, traineeship or job, you may already have a valuable contact who knows what you can do!

Remember: *Your VET course isn't just about getting a qualification — it's about building skills, experience and connections that can open doors to your future.* 📁 📁



JUNIOR CAMPUS COMMUNICATION SENT HOME TO PARENTS THIS FORTNIGHT:

J28

Junior Campus Concert – Costume Requirements

J29

Year 5/6 Parent Information

SENIOR CAMPUS COMMUNICATION SENT HOME TO PARENTS THIS FORTNIGHT:

No communications sent home at the Senior Campus this fortnight

Wellbeing Window

@ Camperdown College

Our Year 9-11 students recently took part in two powerful and engaging experiences lead by The Man Cave and The Big Sister Experience.

Both sessions created a safe space for students to have raw honest and sometimes challenging conversations about what it means to navigate relationships, emotions, identity, respect and growing up. The format of the day was anything but sitting and listening. Students participated in activities, games, teamwork and challenges, with plenty of opportunities to connect, laugh, reflect and learn from each other. Students were encouraged to be brave enough to step outside their comfort zones, try something new and be open to perspectives and experiences different from their own.

Rather than simply being told what they should do, students were encouraged to speak openly, listen to each other and reflect on their own experiences. The sessions highlighted the importance of checking in with friends, recognising when someone might be struggling, and knowing how to get how to support a peer without having all the answers.

There were challenging questions, honest conversations, plenty of energy and importantly a strong focus on looking out for one another.

Importantly we don't want this to be a one-off experience. In the coming weeks, our Wellbeing Team will continue the conversations through smaller group workshops, providing opportunities to hear from our students about their experiences, ideas and what they believe will help strengthen positive relationships and peer connections at school.

This follow up will give students a genuine voice in shaping our wellbeing work and allowing us to build on conversations started during the workshops, strengthen positive peer culture and continue creating a school environment where students feel safe, supported, respected, and connected.

A big thank you to the Man Cave and the Big Sister experience for creating such an authentic space for our students to connect, challenge themselves, build confidence and have the conversations that matter.

THE Big Sister EXPERIENCE



NOW HIRING!

OSHC Coordinator - Camperdown College

Are you passionate about working with children and making a positive impact in your school community?
Join our team as a Coordinator!

- ★ Flexible hours
- ★ Above award payrate & retention payment
- ★ Opportunities for traineeships

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WITH YOUR RESUME AND LETS HAVE A CHAT!



Community Bank
Cobden & Camperdown



Camperdown Show

Saturday Oct 10 📍 **Camperdown Showgrounds** ⌚ **9am- 3pm**



COMMUNITY SPIRIT ON SHOW

Celebrating the people, traditions and connections that make Camperdown special.

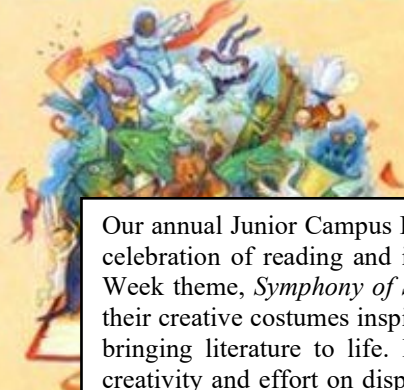
Discover what's on ...

- ♥ Howling Huskies
- ♥ Royal Flying Dr's Simulator
- ♥ Live Music, Food & Stalls
- ♥ Wildlife/Animal Encounters
- ♥ Make Bake Grow Create Expo
- ♥ Virtual Reality Ride
- ♥ FREE Kids Activities
- ♥ Motorcycle Show & Shine
- ♥ Laser Tag
- ♥ Wood Chop



2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF STORIES



22-28 August 2026

Our annual Junior Campus Book Week Parade last week was a wonderful celebration of reading and imagination as we embraced this year's Book Week theme, *Symphony of Stories*. Students and staff proudly showcased their creative costumes inspired by favourite books, characters and stories, bringing literature to life. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm, creativity and effort on display. Thank you to our families for supporting this special event and helping make our Book Week celebrations such a success... once again!

Lauren Murphy, Junior Campus Librarian

collins booksellers

Book Fair

MON 7 SEPT 3:30-5:30PM

**15% CREDIT
TO CAMPERDOWN P-12
FOR ALL PURCHASES**



collins
booksellers

Shivaun
Plozza

School Visit 28 Aug



Buy the books!

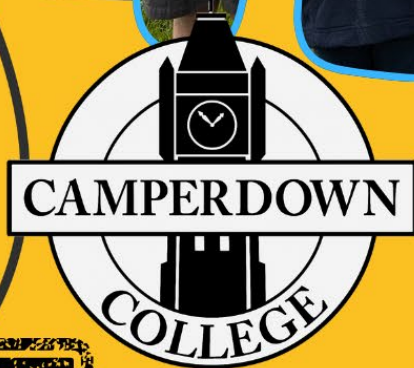
15% of purchases made by 6
Sept will be credited to the school.

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Camperdown College had the exciting opportunity to welcome acclaimed Australian author **Shivaun Plozza** to our Junior Campus on Friday. Students gathered to hear Shivaun share her journey as a writer, the inspiration behind her books, and the creative process involved in bringing stories to life. She spoke about the importance of reading, imagination, perseverance, and believing in your own ideas. Students were highly engaged throughout the session, asking thoughtful questions and learning about the work that goes into creating a published novel. Shivaun's visit provided valuable insight into the world of writing and encouraged many students to explore their own creativity.

The visit was a fantastic addition to our Book Week celebrations and an amazing opportunity for our students to meet a successful Australian author in person. Experiences like these help foster a love of reading and writing while inspiring the next generation of storytellers.

As part of the visit, families are also given the opportunity to purchase signed copies of Shivaun's books. Using the QR code provided on the flyer, books can be purchased and then delivered directly to the school. This gives students a special chance to take home a personally signed copy from the author.



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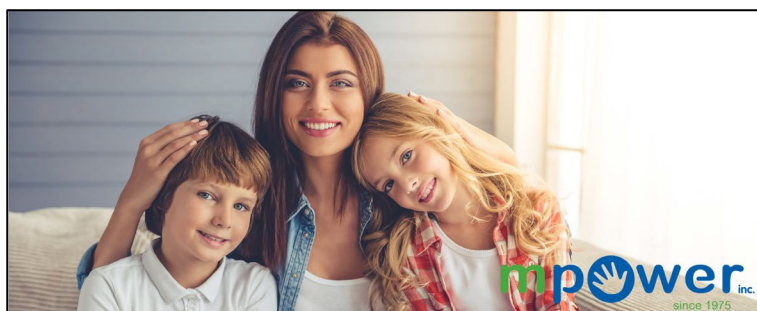
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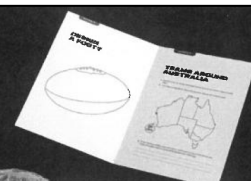
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