



# Camperdown Contact

CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 11, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## DUX 2025

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We are immensely proud of every student in the Class of 2025. This year's VCE and VCE VM results highlight not only strong academic performance, but also the dedication, perseverance, and integrity that our students have shown. They have embraced challenges, supported one another, and consistently demonstrated the values we uphold as a school community.

We are delighted and very proud to announce Lily Maskell as the Dux of Camperdown College for 2025, achieving an outstanding ATAR. This prestigious honour reflects Lily's exceptional academic performance and unwavering dedication throughout her VCE studies. Lily's exceptional accomplishment was closely followed by Finn Tolland, who is recognised as the runner-up. These remarkable results are a testament to their hard work, passion for learning, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

Students completing the VCE Vocational Major have also achieved outstanding results, successfully completing rigorous applied learning programs and industry-based experiences. Their achievements reflect strong pathways planning, practical skill development, and readiness for employment or further training. Our VCE VM Dux is Jada Mahony who has shown exceptional initiative, teamwork, and applied learning skills. Her accomplishments this year highlight her determination, her willingness to embrace challenges and the pride she takes in her work.

I extend my gratitude to the dedicated staff, supportive families and broader school community whose encouragement has helped guide students to success. This year's wonderful results are truly a shared achievement and I thank our teachers, support staff and families for their unwavering commitment to our students.

**Vicki Angus, Principal**

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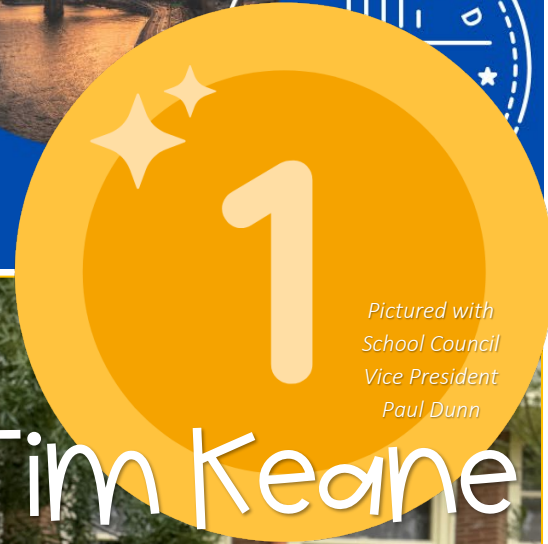
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# Major Raffle

## Tickets \$10

**\$10,000 Helloworld Voucher**

Only 4,000 tickets available



Tim Keane



Sheree HorSpole



Sharon Gillett

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

2025 has been a memorable and rewarding year for our Camperdown College community.

The year commenced with a whole school (P-12) celebration to herald in our new house names-each inspired by local landmarks and our rich Indigenous heritage. Throughout the year, Junior Campus students have enthusiastically researched and chosen mascots, along with floral emblems, to represent each house with pride.

A major highlight this year has been the significant renovations at the Junior Campus. The main building now features a new office area, freshly painted classrooms, new carpet and updated furniture, creating brighter and more functional learning spaces. The redeveloped outdoor area has transformed the campus entrance into a warm and welcoming space for students, staff, and families alike.

At both ends of our school journey, our "bookends"-the Prep and Year 12 students-have been exceptional. Our Preps settled in beautifully, quickly finding their routines and growing in confidence. Their enthusiastic shout-outs at assemblies have been moments of great pride. Meanwhile, our Year 12 students have led with maturity, energy, and a strong sense of responsibility, setting an inspiring example for their younger peers.

Throughout the year, we have celebrated many forms of achievement across our campuses-academic growth, sporting success, attendance milestones and the many students who consistently display our school values. Recognition at Friday Junior Campus assemblies and at Senior Campus celebration events has been a source of great joy and pride for all. Academically, we are thrilled with the strong progress shown across all year levels, including excellent NAPLAN growth, and we acknowledge the outstanding Year 12 VCE results.

Our calendar has been filled with exciting excursions, camps and community events, providing valuable opportunities for students to learn, connect and grow beyond the classroom. From alpine peaks to the sea and farmlands, students have explored a wide range of environments, broadening their horizons and deepening their learning experiences.

Giving back to the community continues to be a strong focus at Camperdown College. It has been wonderful to see our VCE VM students volunteering at the community meal, enhancing our school grounds, building cubbies for our younger students and creating opportunities for connection with our Naroghid site. In addition, students helped to set up the local show, created pavers for the community garden and Junior students, supported by Year 9 helpers, also proudly prepared lanterns for the *Light Up Camperdown* festival.

One of the standout days for me this year was Pirate Day at the Junior Campus. The laughter and creativity were infectious as students arrived in their pirate best to raise funds for brain

cancer research. Amidst the treasure hunts and hearty "Ahoy!" calls, one Year 2 student exclaimed, "This is the best day of my life!"-a beautiful reminder of the many "best days" our students experience at school.

Of course, not every day can be the "best day," but often it's the ordinary moments-the quiet effort, the small acts of kindness and the steady connections-that pave the way for extraordinary ones. This belief lies at the heart of our work with the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM). BSEM supports the whole child-socially, emotionally and academically-helping students build resilience, regulate emotions and remain engaged in learning. These moments of joy and connection help shape our students' sense of belonging and remind us why we do what we do: creating a school where every child can find and savour their own "best days."

Our SRC and JSC have once again shown outstanding leadership and enthusiasm, raising funds for charities, promoting awareness of important causes and organising enjoyable events for their peers. In addition, our student leadership teams at both campuses have led with enthusiasm and pride.

We are deeply grateful to our School Council, capably led by Luke Webb. This year, the group has worked diligently to continue improving our facilities and to review and update a number of key policies to meet the Minimum Standards for School Registration, including the Child Safe Standards. The reviewer provided the following feedback:

*"I would like to commend your school for demonstrating a strong commitment to the Minimum Standards and child safety practices. I was particularly impressed with your considered approach to cultural safety, as well as the range of strategies that are clearly embedded in your daily practices to promote child safety. You should be incredibly proud of your school's performance during this process."*

Our Parents & Friends Association, led by Sheree Horspole, has once again worked tirelessly to raise funds for our students. We are immensely grateful for their ongoing support, generosity, and commitment to the continued growth and success of Camperdown College.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated leaders-Assistant Principals, Jacinta Tolland, Katie Taylor and Sarah Brooks-and our staff team. Their professionalism, care and unwavering commitment make Camperdown College such a special place to learn and grow.

As we reflect on 2025, we celebrate a year of learning, growth and community -and we look forward with optimism to all that lies ahead. Wishing you all a wonderful break.

**Ms Vicki Angus**  
**Principal**

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

J23	Year 6 Graduation	J24	Year 6 Graduation (Year 5 Supper)
J25	Year 5/6 Somers Camp Acceptance Letter	J26	Year 6 2026 Polo Shirt

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

No communication has been sent home at the Senior Campus this past fortnight.

## 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.



## Parent Teacher Interviews and Semester Reports:

Thank you to all parents who attended our Term 4 Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday. This was a valuable opportunity for parents to have the Semester 2 reports explained, including the wonderful achievements of students throughout the year.

## Step Up Day

On Tuesday, students 'stepped up' into their 2026 classrooms, meeting their teachers and classmates for next year. The day was filled with excitement and plenty of positive experiences as students discovered who they will be learning alongside in 2026. We also welcomed our incoming Prep students for their final transition visit, where they enjoyed a fun-filled morning with their teachers, Miss Coker and Mrs Robertson. Our current Prep-Year 5 students took part in a near full day of activities, while our Year 6 students spent the day exploring a variety of classes at the Senior Campus.

In 2026, we are pleased to once again be running 11 classes from Prep to Year 6. We are delighted to welcome a new classroom teacher, Georgie Perkins, who will be joining us as a Year 5/6 teacher after coming from Trinity College in Colac. Staffing for 2026 is as follows:

**Prep C:** Miss Grace Coker, Room 6; **Prep R:** Mrs Kim Robertson, Room 5; **Year 1/2A:** Mr Rohan Adams, Room 1; **Year 1/2CW:** Miss Ashlee Carrigan-Walsh, Room 3; **Year 1/2P:** Miss Harriet Place, Room 4; **Year 3/4B:** Mr Graeme Bennett, Room 11; **Year 3/4C:** Miss Jeannie Cook, Room 7; **Year 3/4S:** Miss Darcie Seers, Room 8; **Year 5/6H:** Miss Madison Helmore, Room 12; **Year 5/6O:** Mr Lewis Osborne, Room 13; **Year 5/6P:** Mrs Georgina Perkins, Room 14; **Art:** Mrs Tanya Hislop; **Performing Arts:** Mrs Sophie Hinkley; **STEM/Library/Indonesian:** Mrs Lauren Murphy; **Indonesian:** Bu Jenna French; **PE:** Mr Matt Harkin; **Intervention:** Miss Vicki Kerr; **Disability Inclusion:** Mrs Kathryn Wilde; **Education Support Staff:** Sal Sutterby, Jenny O'Neil, Jorja Cook, Jada Mahony, Ruby Walsh, Tayla Kavenagh, Kathryn Robertson, Amy Stephenson

## Year 6 Graduation Ceremony:

Tonight, we are thrilled to be celebrating our 15 Year 6 students as they reach the end of their primary school journey. This special evening gives us the opportunity to acknowledge their achievements over the past seven years and reflect on the many memories they have created along the way. A reminder that our Year 6 students will enjoy dinner with staff from 5.45pm in the Food Technology Centre at the Senior Campus, before the graduation ceremony begins at 7pm, with family and friends warmly invited to attend.

A heartfelt thank you to Mr Adams and Miss Kerr for their tremendous effort in organising this event. Their time, planning and dedication have ensured that tonight will be a truly memorable occasion for our graduating students.

## Celebration of Learning Assembly:

This Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, we will be conducting our last assembly for the year, with this being our Celebration of Learning Assembly for Term 4. This assembly will celebrate the learning experienced throughout the Junior Campus this term, acknowledge many achievements made by students and give us the opportunity to say thankyou to many for their efforts this term and year. Our Year 6 leadership team for 2026 will also be announced. Family and friends are invited to join us on Wednesday from 9.15am to share in the celebrations.

## Prep – Year 6 End of Year Excursion:

Tomorrow, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we have our Prep – Year 6 End of Year Excursion. Students will enjoy a day out to end the school year. We will be enjoying the movie, Tom & Jerry The Movie, rated G, at the Camperdown Theatre. Students will be leaving the Junior Campus by 9am to walk to the Camperdown Theatre. They will then enjoy their fruit snack in The Avenue before making their way to the Camperdown Swimming Pool for an afternoon of water fun. The day is set to conclude by 3.15pm, where students will be dismissed from the Junior Campus. A barbeque lunch consisting of a sausage in bread and fruit box will be supplied before an ice-cream from the Timboon Ice-cream van. Please note that a dairy free option is available.

Full school uniform is to be worn by students in Prep – Year 5 tomorrow. Students in Year 6 have the privilege of wearing casual for their final Junior Campus celebration. SunSmart swimming attire is to be worn in the afternoon that includes a t-shirt or rash vest. **Please note: no t-shirt/rash vest, no play.** There will be regular 'stop swimming' breaks throughout the day to ensure all students stop and apply sunscreen under the supervision of a teacher. A reminder that consent and payment of \$10.00 is due today.

## Junior School Council Colour Run:

This Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, our Junior School Council will be running a colour run from 1.30pm for all students Prep – Year 6. Students are asked to wear a white (or light) t-shirt to school on the last day of the year along with older clothes for the colour run and are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation. If students would also like to wear a touch of Christmas with their white t-shirt, they are more than welcome to. Zooper Doopers will be available to purchase at lunchtime for \$1. All funds raised will be donated to the Starlight Children's Foundation. Past experience suggests that sending a towel and change of clothes with your children is a worthy suggestion - particularly for bus travellers. Parents are more than welcome to come and watch the students participate in the fun from 1.30pm.

## Prep – Year 2 Swimming Program:

Our Prep-Year 2 swimming program wrapped up on Friday after a highly successful six days in the pool. This year, students attended lessons at the indoor pool in Cobden, where our fantastic instructors helped them build confidence, skills and ability with every session. A big thank you to Mr Harkin for coordinating the program and ensuring it ran smoothly, safely and positively for all involved.

### Somers Camp in 2026:

We are excited to announce the six students selected to attend Somers Camp in 2026. Sailor Hargreaves, Violet Bell, Emily Menzies, Oliver Eagle, Harlee Rowbottom and Magnus Van Den Meiracker were randomly selected from over 30 expressions of interest from our 2026 Year 5 & 6 students. These students will represent Camperdown College alongside students from other local schools on this nine-day camp on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

### Lantern Making:

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, the impressive lanterns that our Prep–Year 6 students have been creating over the past few weeks were delivered to the Clocktower pavement for the Light Up Camperdown Festival. These lanterns became part of the festival's parade, which many of our students and their families proudly participated in. Students crafted papier-mâché lanterns and decorated them with flowers, leaves and coloured tissue paper, resulting in beautifully unique creations that added an artistic touch to the event. It was wonderful to see the messy, colourful fun of lantern making come to life in the vibrant display on the night, contributing to such a fun community celebration. We thank the Corangamite Shire for providing this opportunity to strengthen our connection with the local community.

### Apollo Bay Big Band:

Our students were treated to a very special performance by the Apollo Bay P-12 Big Band on Monday afternoon at the Senior Campus. Approximately 30 performers from Year 3 – Year 12 from Apollo Bay P-12 College performed a range of songs that kept our students entertained for the afternoon. Students were in awe of the sound, atmosphere and tunes produced by the vast array of musical instruments including wind and string instruments, along with keyboards and drums. Staff and students left the performance rightfully impressed by the very talented students and the effort and commitment on show throughout their performances. Thank you to the wonderful Apollo Bay P-12 College Big Band!



### Texts being read in 2026:

We would like to share the novels being read in classes in 2026. This year we found that when classes began reading these rich texts, students fell in love with the story with many purchasing a copy for themselves and for future home reading. We are loving the joy that comes from reading these novels in class and we anticipate this will want to buy a text to eventuate again next year, which may help with gifts or book shop visits over the holiday period:

**Prep:** The Magic Faraway Tree (Enid Blyton), The Enchanted Wood (Enid Blyton)

**Year 1/2:** Dot and the Kangaroo (Ethel C. Pedley), Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls (Elena Favilli), Stories for Boys who Dare to be Different (Ben Brooks)

**Year 3/4:** Matilda (Roald Dahl), Kensuke's Kingdom (Michael Morpurgo), Storm Boy (Colin Thiele), Wonder (N.J. Palacio)

**Year 5/6:** Holes (Louis Sachar), Hatchet, Wylah the Koorie Warrior (Jordan Gould), War Horse (Michael Morpurgo)

### Thank you and Goodbye:

On Wednesday, we will be saying thank you and goodbye to Mrs Nelson as she concludes her role as our Art teacher. While she will continue to support us through CRT work in 2026, we will certainly miss her weekly presence and the passion she brings to our Art program. We will also be farewelling Mrs Mahony as she prepares to begin her parental leave ahead of welcoming her second child early next year. In addition, we will be acknowledging a final farewell to Nicole Rock as she enters retirement.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Julie, Sara and Nicole for the significant contributions they have made to Camperdown College throughout their time with us.

### 2026 School Year:

We are looking forward to welcoming students in Year 1-6 back to school after the summer holidays on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. Our newest members of our school community, our 2026 Prep students, will begin their schooling journey the following day, **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**.

A reminder that students finish at normal time of **3.15pm** on the last day of the year, **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

I'd like to take this moment to wish all our families a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. I look forward to reconnecting with students and families as we begin the 2026 school year together.

**Mrs Jacinta Tolland**

**Junior Campus Assistant Principal**

## SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

I know many students and staff were disappointed last Monday when the **Summer Sports** were cancelled due to inclement weather. It was unfortunate that these could not be rescheduled due to other schools' commitments outside of this date. Pleasingly, we have been able to designate the first day of Activities Week to time up in the stadium for all students. After our Presentation Ceremony, all students will change into their PE gear and be able to enjoy the afternoon of sport.

Last Friday, we had the pleasure of visiting the two **School for Student Leadership** campuses to watch our students' Community Learning Project presentations. Mrs Brooks and Ms Angus travelled to the Glenormiston Gnurad-Gundidj Campus, while Ms Crowle and Ms Taylor trekked to Marlo in Gippsland to visit our six students at the Snowy River Campus. It was wonderful to witness their confidence in sharing their planning for their projects; both ideas looking to serve our school communities in 2026.

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Our **library** continues to be a place of wonder and fun at break times. Thanks to Lee Kavenagh's commitment to student engagement and literacy, students can always find something to do in the library space. Whether it be puzzles or Lego building, trivia or sudokus, paper plane making or Dungeons and Dragons games, crafts or simply reading, every member of the school community has a place in the library. We thank Lee for her hard work and our students for helping to making this the liveliest library in the district.

On Monday we were all entertained by the **Apollo Bay P-12 College's Big Band**. The group were on a tour of the South West and we are lucky they included us on their travels. Students Foundation to Year 9 were treated with a performance in the Senior Campus Hall, which saw audience participation throughout. Apollo Bay students and staff then spent the night in our hall before travelling home the next day.

We welcomed 28 Year 6 students to the Senior Campus on Tuesday for the **Statewide Transition Day**. Students from the Junior Campus and other surrounding schools spent the day strengthening the friendships and connections fostered at our Transition Taster sessions earlier in the year. We are looking forward to greeting them as Year 7 students on our first day back – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**Our 3D Printer Club** which runs on a Friday lunchtime, have been busy learning about this technology and surveying staff and students. They have come up with a list of artefacts which their leader, Lab Tech Linda Morgan has been printing over the term – the printers whirring day and night! The club held a Market Day stall on Friday, selling their wares to staff and students alike, raising funds for more filament in 2026. Science has budgeted to purchase a 3D Printer to sit alongside the Technology Department's machine.

Today, the first day of activities week, we were excited to be able to recognise the learning and achievements of our students at our annual **Presentation Ceremony**. This is where we officially say farewell to the Class of 2025, and celebrate their results – both academic and personal. You will see a snapshot of these results elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are looking forward to spending tomorrow and Wednesday with students for the end of our **Activities Week**. It is a relaxed way to reflect on the connections and relationships built between students and staff over the course of the busy school year. Relationships are at the heart of learning here at Camperdown College, and we look forward to helping students settle into new classes with different teachers in 2026.

On behalf of the staff at the Senior Campus, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to students and families for their commitment to building strong partnerships with the school. As we reflect on the year, what stands out are the individual stories and milestones we are privileged to see our students achieve over the time. We wish everyone a safe and restful break, before we start again in 2026.

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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>T4 W11</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Campus Presentation Ceremony 9.15am in the Senior Campus Hall
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Campus EOY Activity @ Stadium See Compass for more information
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation in the Senior Campus Hall 5.45pm Meal for Year 6 students and staff 7pm Graduation ceremony for family and friends
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Prep – Year 6 EOY Celebration Excursion See Compass for more information
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Campus EOY Activity @ Botanic Gardens See Compass for more information
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Campus EOY Activity – Movies and pool See Compass for more information
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Junior Campus Celebration Assembly 9.15am in the BER building
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Prep – Year 6 Colour Run 1.30pm at the Junior Campus
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day for 2025 for students Students in Prep – Year 9 are dismissed at 3.15pm
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	TheirCare open for bookings <a href="http://theircare.com.au">theircare.com.au</a>
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day for 2025 for staff
<b>2026</b>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Uniform Shop open 11am – 3pm (Email or phone to make a booking)
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Uniform Shop open 11am – 3pm (Email or phone to make a booking)
	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	First day for 2026 for staff
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	First day for 2026 for Year 1 – 12 students
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	First day for 2026 for Prep students
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	School Photos Prep – Year 12 students
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Geelong Cats Player Visit Junior Campus
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Prep students not required at school
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Prep students not required at school
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Senior Campus House Swimming Carnival Camperdown Swimming Pool
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 – 6 Swimming Program More information to come on Compass
	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Senior Boys Cricket
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Prep students not required at school
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	HSSSD Swimming Carnival
	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 – 6 Swimming Program More information to come on Compass
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Prep students not required at school
	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Somers Camp

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# *Year 6* **GRADUATION**

*Ceremony*

**MON 15 DEC - 7PM  
SENIOR CAMPUS HALL**

## **PREP-YEAR 6 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

Wed 17 Dec @ 9.15am



**P-6  
COLOUR  
RUN  
WED 17 DEC  
1.30PM**

SCHOOL'S OUT!  
WED 17 DEC  
3.15PM



TheiCare Open  
Thurs 18-Fri 19 Dec  
[www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au)



## Uniform Shop Open:

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026  
11am-3pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026  
11am-3pm

Phone or email for an appointment



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# Senior Campus Presentation Ceremony

## **Special Awards:**

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

Team State Sport Awards: Cricket and Hockey teams

Individual Regional Sport Awards: Reagan Webb and Patrick Spokes

Individual State Sport Awards: Philippa Kempton, Noah Boyd, Matilda Narik and Quinn Clark (Cross Country); Athena Chivell, Ekaterina Gunina, Maddison Fisher, Maya Smith and Jessica Paton (Athletics)

Parents & Friends Encouragement Awards: Bailey Fox, Ekaterina Gunina, Elisha Boyd, Philippa Kempton

Leura Masonic Lodge Award: Zoe Morrison and Beau Mitchell

Corangamite Shire Citizenship Award: Stella Horspole

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program: Nancy Leonard-Pekin

Future Innovators Award: Nancy Leonard-Pekin

Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award: Lila Horspole and Jada Mahony

Australian Olympic Change-Maker Award: Keira Johnston and Stella Horspole

AMPOL Australia All-Rounder Award: Taj Cunningham

Deakin University Award: Georgia Somerville

## **VET Excellence Awards:**

South West Tafe Outstanding VET Excellence Award: Sophie Halliday

Westvic Award: Lucinda Evans

## **Year 12 VCE Awards:**

*Year 12 Subject Duxes:*

Lily Maskell (Biology, English), Taj Cunningham (Business Management), Finn Tolland (Business Management, English, Health and Human Development), Georgia Somerville (General Maths), Aregawi Chivell (Legal Studies, Psychology)

## **VCE Vocational Major Dux Awards:**

VCE VM Endeavour Award: Gus Carbury

VCE VM Dux Award: Jada Mahony

## **VCE Dux Awards:**

Dux Runner-up Award: Finn Tolland

Dux Award: Lily Maskell



# SERIOUSLY SPORT

@ Camperdown College

## PREP-YEAR 2 SWIMMING

Our Prep-Year 2 swimming program has now concluded for another year. Students took part in six lessons over the last two weeks at the Cobden Indoor Pool. They enjoyed the experience and were appreciative of each lesson that was taught by their instructors.

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



## School for Student Leadership



We are so very proud of our SSL students who presented their Community Learning Projects last week across the two campuses on either side of the State! Showcasing the school values of caring, respect, responsibility and excellence, the students shared their ideas and planning for projects that will make a difference in our community. Focusing on teen mental health and fostering strong connections, all students are to be commended for their teamwork and dedication. We look forward to welcoming them back in just over a week and helping them enact their plans in 2026.



### Community Performance:

Violin students, Lila Horspole and Onaya Senarath, recently entertained the Camperdown Quilters at their Christmas lunch at the Killara Centre. Everyone enjoyed their playing. Well done, Lila and Onaya!

### Regional Australian Music Examinations Board Exams:

Onaya and Lila sat for their Grade 2 Violin Exams in Geelong and in November and December, respectively, and received pleasing results. They worked hard to perfect four long pieces for the examiner and were accompanied by pianist, Pam Radcliffe. Congratulations, Onaya and Lila on a great achievement!

### Camperdown Light Up Festival:

Lila and Onaya performed at the Light Up Festival last Friday with Corangamite Strings, an orchestra for students from local schools, on the Clocktower Stage, along with other local musicians! Well done, Lila and Onaya!

Students at both campuses 'stepped up' into their 2026 classrooms on Tuesday, meeting their teachers and classmates for next year. The day was filled with excitement and plenty of positive experiences as students discovered who they will be learning alongside in 2026. We also welcomed our incoming Prep students for their final transition visit, where they enjoyed a fun-filled morning with their teachers, Miss Coker and Mrs Robertson. Our current Prep-Year 5 students took part in a near full day of activities, whilst our Year 6 students spent the day at the Senior Campus.

Reports from current Year 6 students at the end of the day were that they enjoyed using the microscopes to explore elements from the yard and making slime in Science. They went home with a picture frame from Product & Design, a poem from English and stencil art from the Art space. Connections forged in the Transition Taster sessions were strengthened and new friendships established. Another highlight was meeting our 2026 Student Leaders who took turns working with groups throughout the day. We are looking forward to having them here fulltime at the Senior Campus in 2026.

## STEP UP DAY



# FROM MR HARKIN:

FIRSTLY, A HUGE THANKYOU FROM ME TO OUR FAMILIES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME AND THEIR CHILDREN THIS YEAR IN P-6 SPORT. I HAVE APPRECIATED EVERYTHING AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN 2026.

JUST A FINAL REMINDER THAT IF YOU HAPPEN TO FIND SOME CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE SPORTING ATTIRE IN YOUR CUPBOARDS AT HOME, CAN THEY PLEASE BE RETURNED TO THE JUNIOR CAMPUS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

**HAVE A NICE BREAK!**



## Happy Birthday

12<sup>th</sup>: Archie, Jonty  
13<sup>th</sup>: Charlotte  
14<sup>th</sup>: Makayla  
16<sup>th</sup>: Bailey, Eve, Tanmicka, Kain  
17<sup>th</sup>: Charlotte  
18<sup>th</sup>: Alando  
19<sup>th</sup>: Zaine  
21<sup>st</sup>: Sailor, Mariia, Ekaterina, Charlotte-Rose  
26<sup>th</sup>: Jackson  
28<sup>th</sup>: Jackson  
29<sup>th</sup>: Adele  
30<sup>th</sup>: Marigold  
31<sup>st</sup>: Addison, Chase

2<sup>nd</sup>: Axel, Isaac, Jordan  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Ruby  
4<sup>th</sup>: Jude

5<sup>th</sup>: Evelyn, Chloe  
10<sup>th</sup>: Fletcher  
12<sup>th</sup>: Mercy  
17<sup>th</sup>: Katie  
18<sup>th</sup>: Maximino  
19<sup>th</sup>: Hollie, Kaylee, Skylar  
21<sup>st</sup>: Keira  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Maggie  
23<sup>rd</sup>: Bryson, Amethyst, Brahminy  
24<sup>th</sup>: Samuel  
26<sup>th</sup>: Hailey, Logan  
27<sup>th</sup>: Matty, Amelia, Charlie  
28<sup>th</sup>: Logan  
30<sup>th</sup>: Ruby



## WELLBEING WRAP - 2025

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the wellbeing journey we've shared throughout 2025. Supporting our students to feel safe, connected and confident has been at the heart of everything we do, and it's been a joy to walk alongside them as they continue to grow.

This year, we explored a wide range of topics designed to empower young people and strengthen our school community, including:

- Sun Smart habits, helping students build lifelong routines for enjoying the sun safely.
- Youth mental health, with gentle reminders to recognise stress early, reach out for help and practise positive coping strategies.
- Online safety, encouraging respectful behaviour and wise choices in a digital world.
- Doctors in Schools, ensuring students know how to access confidential, youth-friendly healthcare when they need it.
- Social media age restrictions, including new laws and supportive resources to help families navigate these changes together.
- Good study habits, focusing on routines that support learning, balance and wellbeing.
- SchoolTV resources, offering families year-round guidance on a wide range of youth wellbeing topics via the link on our school website.
- Mental health literacy, helping students understand their emotions, recognise challenges and know where to seek support.
- Vaping awareness, highlighting health impacts and encouraging informed, healthy decisions.

We are so proud of the kindness, resilience and growth our students have shown this year. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support, care and partnership—it truly makes a difference.

As we head into the holidays, we wish all students and families a safe, relaxing and joy-filled break. May it be a time of rest, connection and recharging. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, refreshed and ready for the opportunities ahead.

# Senior Campus Calculator requirements 2026

Please find some information below to help students and their families check that they have the correct calculator for next year.

## Scientific Calculator

It is expected that all students in year 7-12 have access to their **own** scientific calculator for maths classes. Some calculators are damaged or lost from year to year, so we ask parents to check with their students to see if a new calculator needs to be purchased for the following year.

These calculators (see below) have a range of functions (buttons) that are required to complete their maths work. Whilst they may not use them in every session it is expected that they take them to **all** maths classes. The 'green' TI-30XB is the model on our booklist, but there are many different models that are suitable, and they do not require this exact model. It is possible to purchase a suitable model at the supermarket for under \$20.

**All** students are required to retain their scientific calculator for Year 11 and 12 for both the VCE and VM pathways, as it is the only model allowed in the GAT (General Achievement Test) mid-year, and all students are required to complete it. It also the only calculator that is allowed in some VCE science exams.

## Year 10


In line with previous years, it is the expectation that all Year 10 and VCE (11 & 12) mathematics students have access to their own CAS Calculator- TI-nspire CX II, these calculators are on the booklist. We understand that these calculators are expensive to purchase (~\$250) and encourage families to purchase these second hand if possible.

Student in Year 10 intending to continue into a VCE maths pathway in Year 11 & 12, must have the model with the **blue back**. Students in Year 10 intending to continue into a VM pathway in Year 11 & 12, can use a model with a black back, however, please be aware that whilst this model purchased second hand will be cheaper it may be more challenging to re-sell at a later stage.

In the instance that a Year 10 student might have a sibling in Year 12 that will pass on their calculator the following year, please let their maths teacher know and we will attempt to make a suitable arrangement for the Year 10 student.

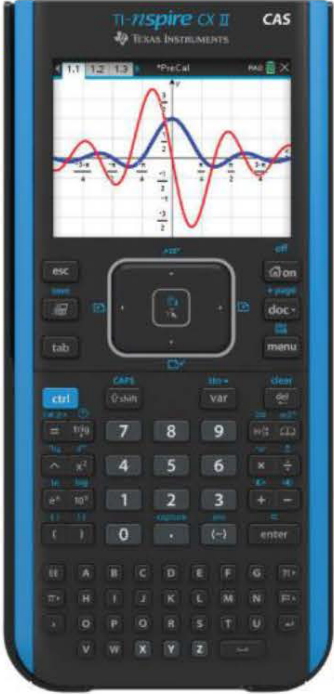
**Please see a summary of this information below**

Mrs Melissa Wood  
Numeracy Learning Specialist



Current Model Book listed

Year Level in 2026	Scientific	CAS Calculator TI n-spire CX II
7	✓	
8	✓	
9	✓	
10	✓	✓
11 VM	✓	
11 VCE	✓	✓ (blue back)
12 VM	✓	
12 VCE	✓	✓ (blue back)



# STAR STUDENTS' Strengths



COMMUNICATION SKILLS, CONFIDENCE,  
DEPENDABILITY, DETERMINATION, FRIENDLY,  
HELPLESSNESS, HONESTY, INCLUSIVE,  
INQUISITIVE, INTELLIGENCE, JOYFULNESS,  
KINDNESS, MODESTY, PATIENCE,  
PLAYFULNESS, POSITIVE OUTLOOK, SENSE OF  
HUMOUR,



## Happy December!

### Coordinator Message!

My name is Megan Campbell, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new TheirCare Coordinator at Camperdown Primary School. I joined the service in November and have already loved getting to know the children and families. Summer Holiday Program is about to start which will be a wonderful way to begin, I already feel extremely welcomed and supported by the school community. I have worked with children for many years, and I'm also a busy mum of two energetic boys. We love travelling and caravanning together as a family, and I enjoy bringing that same sense of fun, creativity, and adventure into our TheirCare program. I look forward to building strong relationships with you all and creating a safe, engaging, and joyful environment for every child.



## Special dates for the holidays



Who can believe it is the end of the school year already?! We can't! Keep an eye on your inbox for all of our open and closed dates, Holiday Program timetables, and our return to care for the new school year in 2026!

# TheirCare GALACTIC CIRCUS

## SUMMER 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!!**  
Book via [TheirCare.com.au](http://TheirCare.com.au)

From everyone at TheirCare, we thank you for a wonderful year and we wish you and your family a safe and happy holidays!

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