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WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Persistence, Resilience & Mutual Respect

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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

What an incredible start to the school year it has been with beautiful weather, smiling faces, positive vibes and plenty of learning happening in each and every classroom. I've been delighted to walk up and down the corridors of school and share in some of this positivity as students and staff have supported one another in working towards their personal best efforts.

The whole school swimming day last week is always a highlight of the term 1 calendar and it was fantastic to see all students thoroughly embracing the energetic spirit of the day. The support for houses was immense – through the coloured clothing, banners, cheering from poolside, energy expended in the pool and the enthusiasm for so many different novelty events out of the pool. Every year I marvel at just how smoothly the event runs and how inclusive it is, of all swimming abilities (including those that are happy to contribute via skipping competitions and tug of war). It really is an incredible example of all that is great about Warrnambool College. A massive thanks goes out to all the staff that pulled the event together – your efforts don't go unnoticed and we certainly don't take any of this for granted.

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Dave Clift
Principal

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible start to the school year as we hosted “Warrnambool College Day” for the first time. The commitment of such a huge number of families to come into school, spend time with houses and home room mentors, listen to information sessions and take self-directed tours around the college was amazing. Again, arranging the event took a lot of energy and time - the positive energy on the day from families and staff alike made it all worthwhile and has certainly set the scene for optimism and anticipation for the year of learning to come.

I hope you’ve had a great start to the school year in your household and, like us, are also looking forward to all the great things that will happen in 2023 at Warrnambool College. Please remember that we are here to help in any way we can to support you and your child’s learning throughout the year.

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Kind Regards,

Dave Clift - Principal



DAN LEE
Assistant Principal



PUPIL FREE DAY

**Monday 27th
February will be
a pupil Free Day.**
All staff will be
completing Berry
Street Training on
Trauma Informed
Practice on this day.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

As we all know, the safety of our children is of utmost importance, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that our school environment is safe for everyone. As the number of students at our school continues to increase, we have noticed an increase in traffic congestion during pick-up times, which can be a cause of concern for everyone's safety.

To avoid this congestion, we kindly remind parents to consider utilising the local football grounds for pick-up and drop-off. This not only alleviates traffic around the school but also provides an opportunity for children to engage in physical activity before and after school. We also ask that parents do not use the staff car park near the gym for pick up and drop off as this is also the Bus Interchange for all Warrnambool Schools and is extremely busy directly before and after school. We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our school community.

UNIFORM

Wearing school uniform is an important aspect of the educational experience. Uniforms create a sense of unity and pride among students, while also promoting a sense of equality and inclusivity. When everyone is dressed in the same attire, it eliminates the distraction and competition that can arise from students comparing their clothing and reduces the chances of students being judged on their appearance. Ultimately, school uniforms contribute to a more positive learning environment by promoting a sense of community and minimising potential distractions. Anyone not wearing uniform may not be able to access busy spaces at lunchtime such as the library, the gym, House Offices and the canteen.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We are hoping to hold our School Athletics Carnival on **Tuesday 14th March** following the long weekend. We have been told that the Brauerander Park facilities upgrade should be completed by then. We would love to see as many parents as possible there to cheer their children compete for their Houses. If the works at Brauerander Park are not completed by then we will have classes as per usual on this date.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Reminder for all families that student attendance is very important to enable all students to begin the school year with a level of understanding in all classes. If your child can't attend school for any reason, please ensure you approve this absence via Compass. Our ES House staff and House Leadership are following up all students under 70% attendance.

IMMUNISATIONS

Reminders regarding the Yr 7 and Yr 10 Immunisations:

- Immunisations are scheduled for **Wednesday 29th of March**.
- The final date for all immunisation cards to be returned is the 10th of March. Please provide these to administration, ensuring they are signed and dated.
- The current consent card advises of the 2-dosing schedule of the HPV Vaccine for yr 7 students, however only a single dose will now be required for HPV.
- If you do not wish to have your child immunised or you have received the vaccination elsewhere, the City Council still requires the card to be signed, dated and returned by the due date.
- Yr 7 students will all be vaccinated within their period 1 or 2 classes on the day.
- Yr 10 students will be vaccinated within their House during period 3. Times will be added to their Compass schedules for that day.
- There will be a catch-up date early term 2 (date to be confirmed) for students who may have missed the immunisation day.

*Please note that the October 3rd date indicated for yr 7 students will no longer be happening due to the HPV vaccination changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact Warrnambool City Council 5559 4855 or Warrnambool College 5564 4444 regarding the immunisations. More information can be found on our Compass news feed.



FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS

Just a reminder to families that Curriculum Contribution payments are available to be paid via Compass billing for those families who have not yet done so. You will be able to see this charge when you log onto Compass.

Payments can be made in full or if required there are 2 payment plan options:

- 8 monthly instalments beginning 17th Feb. 2023 – 17th Sept. 2023
- 16 fortnightly instalments 17th Feb. 2023 – 15th Sept. 2023

Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding this payment.



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amount this year is \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

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

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5564 4444 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.



SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023

School photos will be taken on **Monday 6th March**. **All students will need to be wearing a school polo shirt or summer dress.**

There is no need to return any forms or money to the school. Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available. Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending Warrnambool College. Even if you registered last year, it's important that you register this year using your child's 2023 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details. When images are ready to view, registered parents will be notified by SMS and email and purchases can be made.

Further information will be posted on our Compass newsfeed.

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Reminder to families that the first Parent/Student/Teacher conferences for 2023 are coming up on the **22nd of March**. These will be held online via Webex. More information will be provided via Compass newsfeed later in the term with all the relevant details regarding how to book, the meeting links as well as the available booking times for your student's teachers.

HOUSE CONTACTS

Our House system offers great support for our students and families, below are the direct phone numbers for each House office. Parents may call these numbers directly for any student or attendance queries.

● Belfast	5564 4425	● Hopkins	5564 4428
● Childers	5564 4426	● Logans	5564 4429
● Flagstaff	5564 4427	● Merri	5564 4430



COMPASS

Please ensure you log into Compass to update your family contact details.

This ensures we are able to contact you, your partner or your emergency contacts should an emergency arise. Please check to confirm the phone numbers and email addresses on your details are correct, or alternatively amend as required.

Please also ensure we are aware of any updated living arrangements, independent students, students living in 'Out of Home Care' or any legal documentation the school should be made aware of.

Our Administration staff at the front office and in House offices can support families who need some guidance on using Compass. Please contact the school for assistance if needed.

PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Department of Education Schools' Privacy Policy.

For more information please refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>

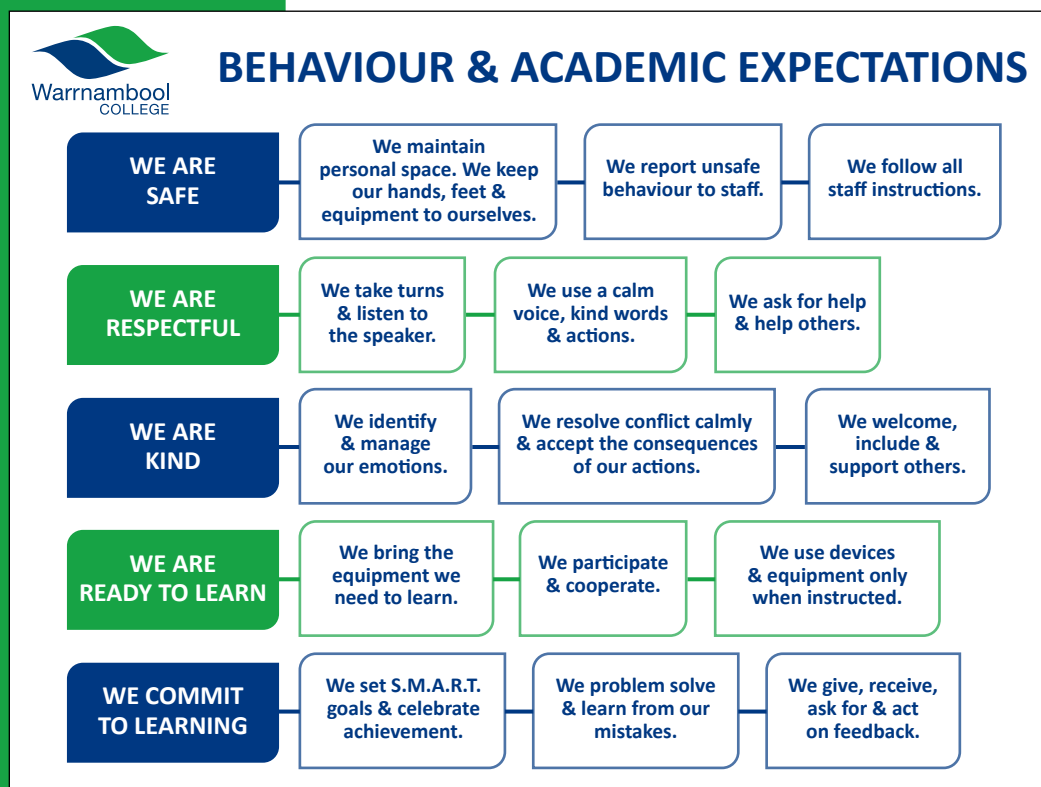
This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Vietnamese
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR (SWPB)

We are a School Wide Positive Behaviour School. This means we use an evidence based approach to recognise process driven positive behaviour that is specific, describes the student's actions and is seen as true by the student because it links to expected behaviour. Through encouragement, ongoing teaching, and correction, we aim to help every student thrive, both socially and academically.



Our Behaviour Matrix outlines the behaviours we wish to see from students in our school. These expectations will be explicitly taught to all students and is a reference tool for staff and students when discussing behaviour expectations.

POSITIVE REWARD POINTS (PRPs)

As part of SWPB we recognise students who are achieving the explicit behaviour expectations by awarding Positive Reward Points (PRPs). These have replaced merits from previous years.

PRPs are celebrated every 4 weeks at House Assemblies, with students in the top ten positions receiving canteen vouchers and students in 11th - 20th place receiving a certificate, noting their achievement. PRPs then reset for each 4 week cycle allowing other students to be recognised.

At the end of the year the top five PRP recipients in each House will be recognised at our Junior and Senior Final Assemblies.



KEY DATES – Term 1

Date	Event
Monday 20th February	Year 7 Camps begin
Monday 27th February	Pupil Free Day
Monday 6th March	School Photos
Friday 10th March	Report Cycle #1
Monday 13th March	Public Holiday
Wednesday 15th March	NAPLAN begins
Tuesday 21st March	NAPLAN catch-up sessions
Friday 24th March	Belfast Dress-up Day
Monday 27th March	Open Night
Wednesday 29th March	Year 7 Immunisations
Thursday 6th April	Term 1 ends

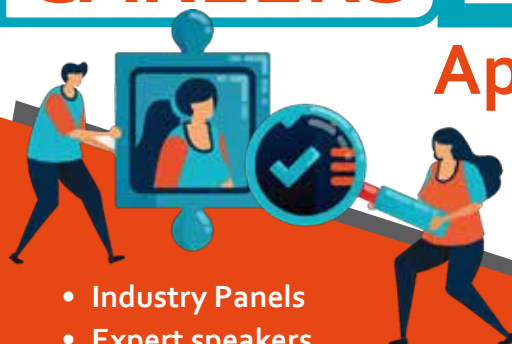
Please also see the **College Calendar** via **Compass** or our Website www.wbcoll.vic.edu.au for updated events and dates.

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Swimming CARNIVAL

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Last Friday we made our annual trek to Aquazone for the Warrnambool College Swimming Carnival. As always, we brightened the streets as we walked and proudly displayed our House colours in readiness for a day of fun, house pride and some magnificent swimming.

The first two events saw 18 tremendous students fly down the pool in three heats demonstrating some great skill in our Butterfly events. None more so than **Lilly Goodman** and **Deny Fawcett** who put themselves in the record books by beating previous records for the Girls 12-20 and Boys 12-20 50m Butterfly events.

We moved onto Freestyle which saw wonderful participation from all year levels. Our year 12s were keen to rack up points for their Houses in their final swimming sports and the younger year levels followed the example set with multiple heats in each event. We also had plenty of students participating in the awesome novelty events organised by the brilliant Mr Boote and his team of helpers. The Water Toss, Iced-T challenge, Tug-of-War plus plenty of other novelty events were hotly contested as masses of students attempted to take out the win in each event.

After the individual events, we celebrated our year 12s as they walked a lap of the pool and jumped in to complete their first rite of passage as the Class of 2023. Following this, our Houses went head-to-head in the relays for House points. Results will be released and celebrated at House assemblies this week!





BELFAST

Welcome back to a new year at Warrnambool College and an especially big welcome to our Belfast students and families, in particular our new Year 7 students and their families. Within the house we have had a busy start to 2023, we have welcomed the new Year 7s in Belfast with a formal induction still to follow, we have also acknowledged our student leaders in 2023. Major projects for our Student Leaders this term include planning for our Philanthropic Fundraising day on Friday 24th March and also restarting the prospect of our Belfast to ??? Wednesday walk. Stay tuned!

Our students enjoyed our first event of the year with the swimming sports and it was a great showing from Belfast students, both in and out of the pool.

We are excited to continue our relationship with the **Gillin Boys Foundation** this year. In 2022 we raised around \$3000 for the Gillin Boys and we hope to surpass that amount this year.

Be Bold, Be Brave, Be Belfast !!!



MERRI

It has been a busy, exciting start to 2023 and we have enjoyed getting to know the new members of the Merri community and welcoming back everyone for another action-packed year. We started the year in full spirit at the swimming carnival and I was incredibly proud, inspired and motivated by the zesty Merri spirit displayed by all students in attendance. Whether it was dressing in an orange tutu, wig or cape, or chanting Merri chants that could be heard from the other side of the pool, Merri Spirit was on full display. A special congratulations to yr 12 Merri student, **Brady Flavel**, for achieving the 18-20 age group champion. Awesome work Brady.

Every second Friday morning we come together for a Merri House assembly. Here we celebrate the amazing things happening within school such as attendance, positive reward points (PRPs) and participation in school extracurricular activities. We also like to celebrate the incredible things students are doing outside of school. If you know of a Merri student who is doing something awesome in our community please email:

chloe.hammond@education.vic.gov.au

Merri is on the hunt for a new philanthropic charity. In our House assembly today we presented the short-listed charities chosen by the Merri student leadership team. Please keep an eye out for an email outlining these two charities and in Monday's Homegroup, Merri students will be able to vote for the charity that they would prefer the Merri community support for 2023 and beyond.

The Merri Team





CHILDERS

It's been an exciting start to the school year for all Childers students, especially our Year 7 students! We hope they are settling in well. We started 2023 with enthusiasm during the Swimming Carnival and thank all our Childers' students for putting so much effort into their yellow dress-ups!

We are proud to announce our new local charity will be **Coastcare Landcare**. We have supported the Cancer Council for many years as our philanthropic charity, and the decision to let it go wasn't easy, however we realise the potential for students to embrace social responsibility and community involvement in caring for our environment. Our Childers team and Coastcare Landcare are excited about what this will mean for our direct interactions with the Warrnambool community and surrounds.

On behalf of Childers House, I would like to wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and successful year at Warrnambool College for 2023.

The Childers Team



HOPKINS

The Hopkins House welcomes you to what will inevitably be a great 2023! The mighty Hopkins Eels have been hard at work welcoming our new year 7's to the team, and how well they have adjusted! A huge thank you is owed to all our student representatives who have led by example in demonstrating pride, support and inclusivity in the blue house.

We began the year with eager anticipation for the swimming carnival, with our sights set on living up to our Hopkins eel namesake. What a treat it was to see our team band together in blue and make waves at AquaZone, picking up the win in several novelty events.

We are very pleased to continue our partnership with the **Francis Foundation** in 2023, an organisation that works tirelessly to support men's mental health in our community. Hopkins is also committed to setting the standard and demonstrating what it means to be Ready to Learn at school. We have a renewed focus on punctuality, mutual respect and collaboration with peers, staff and the Warrnambool community.

The Hopkins Team



LOGANS

Logans has had a brilliant start to the 2023 school year. The challenge has been set by other Houses this year, so "LOOK OUT FOR LOGANS IN 2023!" In preparation for the Swimming Carnival, Logans' students designed and signed a Logans banner to display at the pool to help build the culture and spirit of Logans House. We completed purple tie-dyeing, our Logans student leaders nominated a song as our Logans chant, we organised Zooper Doopers for students who participated (both swimming events and novelty events), and all Logans students were encouraged to wear purple and be part of Logans House in 2023. We dominated the novelty events and were competitive in the pool, culminating in the Year 7 boys breaking the 50m relay in the last event, capping off a great day. We also had Logans staff and students completing craft activities on the day which everyone enjoyed.

During Homeroom we have had team building challenges to build connection and our Logans student leaders will be inducted in our House assembly this week.

Live, Laugh, Learn, Logans!



FLAGSTAFF

We at Flagstaff hope you had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to a successful 2023. We have had a busy start to 2023, including welcoming our new Year 7's, with a formal induction still to follow, and welcoming our student leaders, who have a renewed focus on student voice within our main projects for the year ahead.

Our students enjoyed our first event of the year with the swimming sports last Friday. Our junior swimmers including **Lily Goodman**, **Stella Morgan** and **Maebh Kettle** led the way in the water and all participants had a lot of fun in the novelty events.

We are excited to continue our relationship with the **Leila Rose Foundation** this year and our student leaders are working on a number of ways in which we hope to continue to support the foundation.

The Flagstaff Team



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



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Congratulations to Warrnambool College's **Wil Rantall** and **Roy Lucas** on winning GOLD and SILVER respectively at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury in January this year. Congratulations must also go out to all the other Warrnambool students who competed in the event on their amazing efforts and dedication to their chosen sport.



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Warrnambool College year 12 student **Layla Watson** has been continuing her excellent results in both 400 metre events and in shorter distance running. Layla's commitment and training efforts over summer were rewarded with a great win in the 400-metre final of the Beachside Gift in Mentone in February. Layla then followed this up with an impressive win at the Ballarat Gift in the 70-metre sprint final. Congratulations Layla!



During the summer holidays a group of passionate musical theatre students took part in the Holiday Actors production of 'Shrek, The Musical'. Our students performed admirably, astounding audiences by their incredible talent on stage! Bravo to: **Calder Nicolson, Zade Matheson, Zoe Borthwick, Mia Copland, Millicent Lee, Arwen Bounds, Zach Jervies, Archie Buchanan, Felix Buchanan, Taz Reuel** and **Tyler Brown**. Two of our music teachers were featured in the orchestra: **Erin Toulmin** on reeds and **Jacob West** on guitar, and **Rebecca Grey** was the assistant director! A wonderful team of people presented a vibrant and wonderful show to sell out audiences every night. Congratulations to everyone!



Our very talented yr 11 student and up and coming musician, **Zoe Borthwick** has been selected to be a part of the Future Folk Performers program through the Port Fairy Folk Festival, to be held in March this year. Zoe will be performing on the Fiddlers Green and across various other stages in the festival arena. Come along to support Zoe and the other emerging artists on the Folkie weekend. We are all very proud of Zoe for always challenging herself and pursuing her love of music - well done!



On Saturday February 4, **Cameron Chuck** hosted his debut dual album launch, "A Warm Welcome" and "Silence With a Bang", to a sold out crowd. Cameron played selections from both albums with his supporting band. It was fantastic to see so many students, ex-students and staff come along to support this talented young musician. Thank you to Dale Cleves Warrnambool for supporting this event. If people would like to pre-order copies of CDs of these albums, please contact Leah Humphrey at Warrnambool College to arrange. Cameron Chuck is a name to remember!



On Sunday February 5, Soul Band played at the Whalers Hotel as part of Gabby Steele's Emerging Artist showcase. This was the debut gig for **Archie Buchanan** and **Brady Keegan** so we wish them congratulations on a fantastic job! The crowd absolutely loved the band - calling for an encore at the end of their performance! Stay tuned on the Warrnambool College Facebook page to hear about upcoming gigs from these talented young musicians.



On Sunday, February 12, **Izaak Agnew** competed in the John Huf Award as part of the Port Fairy Jazz Festival. Izaak was selected to compete in the final alongside two other talented young Jazz Musicians. Izaak did a fantastic job playing 'A Song For Claire' by Dave Weckl, 'A Night In Tunisia' by Dizzy Gillespie, and '7 Nation Army' by the White Stripes. He was supported by Warrnambool College students **Zoe Borthwick** and **Cameron Chuck** and ex-student **Melody Speed** for his group work. Izaak was a runner-up in the competition, winning a \$250 prize. Well done Izaak!



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