

# 2024



# WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Persistence, Resilience & Mutual Respect

/ EDITION #1



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## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Phew! We're already four weeks into the 2024 school year and time is flying by. It's certainly been a lot of fun as we have re-engaged in learning in classes for the new year.

As I've walked past many classrooms over the past month and spent some time in classes, I've been particularly impressed with the way in which students have positively responded to the school's expectations for their learning and behaviours at school. I've seen students deeply engaged in class, heavily invested in their learning and behaving respectfully to their peers and teachers. Our updated staged response provides increased clarity for staff and students in terms of how we support everyone to meet our high expectations for learning at Warrnambool College and I thank our wider school community for your support as we embed this revised approach.

Last Friday the swimming sports at Aquazone was an early highlight of the year. The enthusiasm and energy on display throughout the whole day was amazing - worth bottling and reminding ourselves when the winter months arrive as to how great it is to spend time together outside and competing for our houses.



Dave Clift  
Principal

The winners on the day will be announced at our upcoming International Women's Day whole school assembly - I look forward to celebrating with the House that brings home the first House cup of 2024.

I hope the school year has started well for you at home as you support your children to be at their best this year. Please remember that the learning journey of secondary schooling is very much a partnership between home and school, so reach out if there's anything we can be doing to work more closely together in support of your child's learning needs.

Enjoy the warm weather while we still have it. I look forward to crossing paths with many of you at the various school events that are planned for the remainder of the term.

Kind Regards,

**Dave Clift** - Principal



EMMA VESEY  
Assistant Principal



## STAGED RESPONSE TO SUPPORTING BEHAVIOUR

We have had a positive start to the 2024 school year, there are many new supports and processes that we have put in place that support students to engage in their learning and support their personal growth.

The implementation of consistent classroom routines across the school has seen settled classrooms and calm learning environments. Entry and exit routines, with clear transitions between the different stages of learning in the lesson, are supported by the explicit teaching of behaviour expectations in all classrooms.

At the start of the year we presented to students and families our new Staged Response to Supporting Behaviour. This process is being used by all staff in the school to set high expectations for behaviour and learning and supports the application of clear and consistent consequences for unacceptable behaviour. It has been very pleasing to see positive behaviour data as a result of the implementation of the Staged Response.

### Elements of the Staged Response that we need the support of families include:

**Uniform** - Families will receive text messages when students are not in correct uniform. Students who have received 4 text messages will receive an after school detention to support their learning of expected behaviour. Families are reminded that black and grey clothing items are not part of our uniform, nor are non school jackets, hooded jumpers or leggings. While the weather is currently warm, the uniform looks great, please start to plan for the cooler weather and ensure students have correct uniform.

**Homeroom** - We have changed the structure of homeroom this year to 4x 8min sessions and 1x16 min session on a Friday. There is now an attitude and effort report that will be written based on a student's engagement with homeroom, contributing to a student's overall performance. Starting from next week, if a student is absent from 3 homerooms in a week, they will complete a lunchtime detention. If they miss 4 or more homerooms in a week, they will receive an after school detention. We are working hard to make homeroom an engaging space for students to regulate prior to period 1 and ask that you support us with ensuring your child is attending.

## PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday  
6th March will  
be a pupil Free  
Day. All staff will  
be completing  
Professional  
Development on  
this day.





**Detentions** - This year we have formalised our detention processes. House detentions are held on a Thursday night from 3:30pm - 4:30pm in House offices, a student who fails to attend a House detention, will be enrolled in a Principal detention the following week, failure to attend a Principal detention, will result in a student being suspended. As part of the Staged Response, many staff are holding restorative conversations during breaks to reteach students the expected behaviour and to set goals for positive behaviour moving forward.

**Communication with home** - You may have noticed that there has been more communication with home this year. Minor posts are visible to parents on Compass, staff are calling home when students are absent or to follow up on behaviours in class. We believe that if we can build a strong relationship with home, then we are in a better position to support students to thrive at school. We thank all of our families for your support and hope to continue to build these important relationships.

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## KEY DATES – Term 1

Date	Event
Tuesday 27th February	School Photos
Monday 4th March	Photo Catch-up Day
Wednesday 6th March	Pupil Free Day
Monday 11th March	Public Holiday
Tuesday 12th March	Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 13th March	NAPLAN begins
Monday 18th March	Open Night
Friday 22nd March	Belfast Dress-up Day
Wednesday 27th March	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 28th March	Term 1 ends
Monday 15th April	Term 2 commences

Please also see the **College Calendar** via **Compass** or our Website [www.wbllcoll.vic.edu.au](http://www.wbllcoll.vic.edu.au) for updated events and dates.



## POSITIVE IMPACTS

We are thrilled to share the positive impacts that the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program is having within our school community. Implemented with enthusiasm, SWPBS has fostered an environment where students consistently show persistence, resilience and mutual respect. It's truly heartwarming to witness our students arriving in their homerooms promptly, dressed in their full school uniforms, eager to engage in their 2024 classes. This collective commitment has enhanced the overall atmosphere of our school but also set a strong foundation for academic success.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR & ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS



**WE ARE SAFE**

**WE ARE RESPECTFUL**

**WE ARE KIND**

**WE ARE READY TO LEARN**

**WE COMMIT TO LEARNING**

With the transition to a new six-period school day, we've observed students confidently transitioning between periods and reporting that they are feeling more engaged throughout the school day. Students are prepared and focussed for each class, leading to improved academic outcomes across the board. The collaborative efforts of our parents, carers, staff and students in embracing the principles of SWPBS is truly commendable, and we look forward to continuing this journey of positive behaviour and academic excellence together.

Furthermore, the implementation of SWPBS has seen a noticeable reduction in unexpected behaviours, allowing teachers to devote more time to instruction and student support. As we witness the tangible improvements brought about by SWPBS, we are inspired to further cultivate a school culture that celebrates safety, respect, kindness, readiness to learn and commitment to learning.



## CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder that the 2024 school fees can be found at the top of our Compass page under the “Payments Centre”. Whilst we want to assure all families that all contributions are voluntary, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The support of our families allows us to provide:

- High quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Technology, Music, Humanities, Languages and PE.
- Wellbeing support through the provisions of our wellbeing team, counsellors, house staff and programs.
- Sufficient class sets of books for students.
- Additional classroom support in literacy and numeracy.
- Enhanced digital learning opportunities within all subjects which supported the continuity of learning during the offsite lockdown periods.
- Our Select Entry Program and Sporting Pathways Program.
- First aide for all students.
- Maintain and develop the school facilities and grounds.
- The upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on **Tuesday 27th February 2024**. In order for students to have their photo taken **students must be in full school uniform** (winter or summer).

There is no need to return any forms or money to 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 in the webshop. Please see Compass newsfeed for further information.



## PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Reminder to families that the first Parent/Student/Teacher conferences for 2024 are coming up on the **27th 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.

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

We extend our gratitude to families for your support in implementing our school's traffic management plan. Your cooperation in refraining from using the staff carpark (near the Gym) has significantly contributed to the safety and efficiency of our school grounds. We appreciate your commitment to ensuring a smooth flow of traffic and the overall well-being of our students.

As a friendly reminder, we kindly ask that you continue to utilise the designated drop and run parking zone on Grafton Rd (outside Administration) for a swift and organized drop-off/pick-up experience. Your continued collaboration is vital in maintaining a secure and conducive environment for all members of our school community. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing commitment to the success of our traffic management efforts and avoiding traffic issues in between learning spaces during school hours.

## 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





## EXCITING SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Warrnambool College is officially registered as a charity organisation under the Container Deposit Scheme. This means when you are depositing eligible cans and bottles you can choose to donate your refund to the Warrnambool College Sustainability Team to put towards bigger and better projects.

### How to:

1. Download the CDS South West App
2. Create or link your existing account
3. Click on Choose a charity
4. Search Warrnambool College Sustainability Team
5. Select Warrnambool College Sustainability Team as your charity payout
6. Scan your barcode every time you deposit cans/bottles/containers to donate to our team.



## 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 \$250 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. New Year 7 families will need to complete a form. Please contact the school office on 5564 4444 and ask for an application form. Alternatively you can download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page, via the QR code.



CSEF website

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





## 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 front office administration staff and House offices can support families who need some guidance on using Compass, including re-setting passwords. Please contact the school for assistance if needed.

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## PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in our Warrnambool College Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Warrnambool College Schools' Privacy Policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365 &/or Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using these packages, please contact the College on 5564 4444. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

This information is also available in ten community languages:

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



Warrnambool  
College Schools'  
Privacy Policy



## MOBILE PHONE POLICY

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours. The Department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year. The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state. This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions. By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

### Further information

**Exceptions:** For students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact one of our Principal team if you would like to discuss this.

**Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, families may contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

**School mobile phone policy:** A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available by scanning the QR code.



**Parent support:** The Mobile phones in schools webpage provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.



## 2024 CANTEEN MENU

Warrnambool College has a new canteen menu (see following page). Please note that students cannot use mobile phones to pay for goods during school hours.

# 2024 CANTEEN MENU



**DAILY  
SPECIALS**  
Small Tub - \$5.50  
Large Tub - \$8.00

**GF** Gluten Free  
**GFA** Gluten free available (*let our staff know*)  
**DF** Dairy Free  
**V** Vegetarian *Vegan options on request.*

## SANDWICHES

(GF available on request)

Cheese & Tomato (V)	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$5.00
Chicken & Cheese	\$4.50
Egg & Lettuce (V)	\$4.50
Chicken Salad	\$5.50
Ham Salad	\$5.50
Salad (V)	\$5.00

Gluten free available - add 50c  
sandwich extras - add 70c

## SUSHI (GF available on request)

Chicken	\$4.50
Vegetarian (V)	\$4.50

## SALAD

Fruit Salad (GF, V, DF)	\$5.50
Roast Veggie cous cous salad (V)	\$7.00
Caesar	\$7.00
Chicken Caesar	\$8.00
Falafel Salad (GF, V)	\$8.00

## DRINKS

Water	\$2.50
Flavoured water	\$4.50
Gatorade	\$5.50
Nippy flavoured milk	\$4.00
Iced tea/ Kombucha	\$5.50
Juice	\$4.00
Soft Drink	\$5.50
Slushies, fruit juice	\$2.50
Iced: Latte/Long Black/Chai	\$5.50
Alternative milk/ extra shot	70c

## WRAPS

Sweet Chilli Chicken	\$7.00
Salad (V)	\$6.00
Ham Salad	\$6.50
Chicken Ceaser	\$6.50
Falafel (V)	\$6.00

## ROLLS

Salad (V)	\$6.00
Ham & Salad	\$6.00
Chicken & Salad	\$6.00

## HOT FOOD

Chicken Tender Sweet Chilli	\$2.00
Hot Dog with sauce	\$5.00
Dim Sim	\$1.50
Wedges (V)	\$4.00
Cup of Noodles (GFA, V)	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Pie	\$5.00
Pastie	\$4.00
Beef Lasagne	\$7.00

## FOCCACCIA (Toasted)

Chicken Parma	\$7.00
Roast Vegetable	\$7.00
BBQ Chicken	\$7.00
Italian Salami	\$7.00

## SNACKS

Popcorn	\$2.00
Slice of the day	\$3.00
Veggie Chip	\$2.00
Muffin	\$3.00
Cookie	\$2.50
Mints	from \$2.50
Banana Bread	\$3.00
Frozen ice blocks (Yoghurt)	from \$1.50
Potato Chips	\$3.00

## BURGERS

Grilled Chicken	\$7.00
Beef Burger	\$7.00
Falafel Burger	\$7.00
Cheese Burger	\$6.50
BLT Burger	\$6.50



## BREAKFAST BEFORE 9am

Seasonal Fruit (piece) (GF, V, DF)	\$1.50
Fruit Salad (GF, V, DF)	\$5.50
Granola Cup (GF, V)	\$7.00
Muffin	\$3.00
Yogurt Tub (GF)	\$2.00
Hash Brown (2) (GF, V, DF)	\$2.00
Cheese Toastie (GFA, V)	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese Toastie (GFA)	\$4.50
Bacon & Egg Roll OR Wrap	\$6.00
Up & Go	\$4.00
Banana Bread (GFA)	\$3.00
Crossiant, plain OR ham & cheese	\$4.50
Fruit Loaf (2 slices) (GFA)	\$3.00

## HOT DRINKS

Coffee		
Tea		
Hot Chocolate		
Chai		
	Small	Large
	\$4.50	\$5.00

Alternative milk/ extra shot 70c



## **NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy ([www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy](http://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy)).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal ([www.nccd.edu.au](http://www.nccd.edu.au)). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact Kerry Ziegeler at the college – PH: 5564 4416.

Kind regards



Principal

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

*A fun, action packed day filled with colour & great participation in and out of the pool.*



Last week we made our annual trek to Aquazone and as always, brightened the streets as we proudly displayed our House colours in readiness for a day of fun, College pride and magnificent swimming.

Our Butterfly swimmers set the pool alight with the first two events of the day, seeing 2 records tumble! Big congratulations to Lily Goodman and Deny Fawcett who broke their own records from last year in the 50m Butterfly event.

We had full teams in the first novelty event which saw teams of students duck dive for House coloured golf balls. Hopkins were a little overexuberant with more than the allowed amount of competitors seeing them disqualified. Merri snuck away with the win in this event, closely followed by Belfast.

Everyone was keen to cool off as the Freestyle began so we had plenty of heats with some great swims. The Year 12's were out in force as they celebrated their last ever swimming carnival. Congratulations to Zaine Atkins and Olivia Uren for taking out the blue ribbon 50m Freestyle events. Not to be outdone, our Year 7's were keen to display their athletic prowess with a whopping 46 students participating in the 50m freestyle events.

Our Year 12's loved being the centre of attention as they completed 2 laps of the pool during their first right of passage of 2024. It was fantastic to see our senior students singing, dancing and clapping as they soaked in the applause from the rest of the school. We also had plenty of students joining in the novelty events run by Mr Boote. Lots of laughs and fun times were had with students being rewarded for their participation and collecting House points.

Well done to all students who came along and enjoyed a day filled with colour and fun. Age group and House champions will be celebrated at the next whole school assembly. Congratulations to the team of 35 swimmers who will represent Warrnambool College at the WD Swimming being held on Monday 26 Feb.





### BELFAST

This year has started smoothly for our Belfast students and staff. We are learning about the new Staged Response at Warrnambool College and what it involves. Overall feedback to this new policy has been very positive and has no doubt contributed to a feeling of calmness and order around the school.

Our passionate and dedicated House Captains, Nyasha Iervasi and Mia Mills were presented with their College blazers and school captain pins. We were awarded the 2023 Swimming Cup as well as winning the overall House Cup which is decided by results across all House v House competitions and performance in 2023. This is a great reflection of our culture and student engagement in supporting their House.

During this term two Belfast students are away at the Alpine school, Sanura Iervasi and Paige Clifford who are working with other selected students from across the state in a live in environment in the Victorian High Country. On March the 22nd Belfast House is holding their annual philanthropic fundraising day to raise money for the Gillin Boys Foundation. We will be asking our Belfast families to donate some baked goods which will go towards our fundraising efforts.

**Be Bold, Be Brave, Be Belfast !!!**



### HOPKINS

Hopkins House welcomes you and looks forward to what will be a great 2024! 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' to our student representatives who have led by example in demonstrating pride, support and inclusivity in the blue house.

We began this 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.

We have been celebrating some great student achievement to start the year with Jack King starting a placement at Alpine school and Issy Irving and Harmony Smith being the recipients of prestigious scholarships. Well done to these students.

We are very pleased to continue our partnership with the Francis Foundation in 2024, 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**







## CHILDERS

The start of the school year in Childers has been brilliant. With students settled into their routines, the enthusiasm to learn and connect has set a positive tone for the term.

Our dedicated 2024 student leaders, led by House Captains, Brigitte Graesser and Mariah Drake have initiated weekly meetings, demonstrating a commitment to enhancing the Childers space, fostering a positive overall culture, and engaging in philanthropic endeavours. The focus on fundraising for Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare reflects the students' desire to contribute meaningfully to the community. Leadership applications and nominations for our Year 7s is underway, a great opportunity for our passionate Year 7 students to participate in the process, ensuring a holistic representation of leadership.

Our recent Swimming Carnival showcased the vibrant spirit of Childers House. Gratitude is extended to the students for their enthusiasm in dressing up in yellow and passionately cheering on their House. Pikachu made an appearance again and several bananas stole the show! This day exemplified the outstanding team spirit within Childers House.

### The Childers Team



## MERRI

Hi Merri students, parents and guardians and welcome to our new Year 7 students and families. We are very proud of the start our Merri students have made to the year in 2024. They have settled very quickly amongst a host of changes and have been great supports to one another.



A big thank you to all Merri students who participated at our swimming sports. It was great to see so much orange and our Merri chant echoing around the swimming complex. Our student leadership team has been working very hard to start the year led by Merri House Captains Eliza Morton and Josiah Agnew. We are looking forward to raising money to support our House charity, Loved and Shared, and implementing strategies to improve connection to our school. You are very welcome to suggest ideas to our leaders or enquire with the Merri staff about joining our leadership team. We wish all Merri students the best for 2024 and we are looking forward to supporting you to achieve your goals.



### The Merri Team



## LOGANS

Logans has had a fantastic start to 2024 with students engaging in new classes, forming positive relationships, having a go and overcoming challenges as well as becoming familiar with our new Staged Response at Warrnambool College. It was brilliant to see the excitement levels at our Swimming Sports last week, with students across all age groups giving their all. During our first School Assembly Logans had some solid placings in the 2023 House Cup announcements and we were awarded the 2023 Public Speaking Cup thanks to an outstanding effort by our talented talkers.

A massive welcome and well deserved congratulations goes out to all of our new Year 7's. You have settled in so well, met challenges with positivity and shown amazing support and kindness to each other. Logans would also like to wish Liam Waterhouse all the best on his adventures in Don Valley during Term 1 where he will be joining students from all around the state to participate in the School for Student Leadership.

Our support of Western District Foodshare continues this year, and our amazing group of Student Leaders are keen to top our 2023 efforts of close to \$3000 and 145kgs of food donated.

**Live, Laugh, Learn, Logans!**



## FLAGSTAFF

We welcome old and new students to 2024 at Warrnambool College and Flagstaff, we hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We especially welcome our new Year 7's to Falcon land and hope you have settled in very well, please feel free to drop in to the office to meet the team and discuss anything that has arisen in the first four weeks. We now look forward to creating some great memories and relationships on the camp at a date to be advised. We thank all students who attended the swimming sports last week, it was great to see a sea of red and the Falcon spirit coming through in support of all participants.

As a House we look forward to working with our student House captains Zoe Borthwick and Asha McIntyre for 2024, they have some great ideas to implement over the year and with support of the senior, middle and junior leaders homeroom has some get things planned and rewards aplenty. If you have ideas for House please see the leaders to help implement these.

**The Flagstaff Team**





Kerry Cheeseman  
& Sarah McIlroy

## STARTING WITH A BUZZ

The Careers office has been buzzing with activity for the beginning of 2024 with lots of student visits and positive discussions around what this year will look like. This year, students enrolled in VCE-VM are involved in Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) placements. Of our 95 students involved in this program, 70 of those students are already linked with a host employer and have either commenced or are due to commence very soon. So wonderful to see our students getting some real hands on experiences with their industry of choice.

## CONGRATULATIONS to the class of 2023!!!

97% of students who applied for university have been offered a place to study this year as well as a significant portion of the cohort launching confidently into full time traineeships and apprenticeships. We wish you all the very best with you next steps in life. May you always be open to opportunity and resilient to change.

## 2024 Careers Expo

Coming up very soon is the 2024 Careers Expo. In conjunction with the Neil Porter Legacy, students will have the opportunity to access an array of businesses and Industry specialists. Check out the following page and Compass for a full list of exhibitors.

## HEADSTART

APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS



For any further details about HEADSTART, please contact Tim Rantall on 0408 180 566

It's the start of 2024 and the Head Start program is kicking back into gear! Tim Rantall is the Head Start Coordinator for Warrnambool College and will be working with any Year 10-12 students looking to find the right school-based apprenticeship or traineeship across a broad range of career areas.

Whether it's traditional trades, agriculture, or green energy, Head Start provides students with the opportunity to start learning crucial work skills, all while completing their senior schooling.

We currently have 22 Warrnambool College students engaged in School Based Apprenticeships and numerous others experiencing industry that may lead to future opportunities.





# 2024 CAREERS EXPO

Presented by the Neil Porter Legacy & Warrnambool and District Careers Teachers Association

Interactive activities, business stalls, and networking opportunities across multiple industries + much more!

## TUESDAY 5TH MARCH

@ the Warrnambool Greyhound Racing Club's Wannon Function Centre

**10.00am - 1.30pm**

Open to school groups

**5.00pm - 7.00pm**

Open to students and their families

### MAJOR SPONSOR



### SPONSORS



**DemoDAIRY**  
Foundation

*Learn about careers you've never heard of*

*Organise work experience opportunities*

*Make connections with local businesses*

*Discover pathways for your future*

### Supporters



## Autism Seminars

### Professor Tony Attwood

For Parents, Carers, Educators, Teachers,  
Support Workers and Allied Health Professionals

Join Professor Tony Attwood, an internationally renowned leader in the field of Autism Spectrum Disorders for three practical seminars that provide valuable explanations, strategies and advice.

#### Option to Attend One or Both Days

Wednesday, 6 March 2024 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm

- Cognitive Abilities: A different way of thinking and learning profile

Thursday, 7 March 2024 – 9.30am – 3.30pm

- Managing Feelings: Cognitive Behaviour Therapy to manage anxiety, sadness and anger
- Making Friends: Strategies to improve social understanding and friendship skills

**Venue:** Lighthouse Theatre Warrnambool – 185 Timor Street Warrnambool

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#### Presenter: Professor Tony Attwood



Tony is a clinical psychologist who has specialised in Autism Spectrum Disorders since he qualified as a clinical psychologist in England in 1975. He has over 40 years clinical experience and is also adjunct professor at Griffith University, Queensland.

His books have sold over 1 million copies and translated into 27 languages. Topics of his books include anxiety and depression, relationships and sexuality, employment and general advice for autistic children and adults including Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Tony has been invited to be a keynote speaker at many Australasian and International Conferences. He presents workshops and webinars and runs training courses on ASD for parents, professionals and autistic individuals all over the world and is a prolific author of scientific papers and books on the subject. He has presented numerous live webinars and worked with many thousands of autistic individuals of all ages with many expressions of autism.



# The Warrnambool Calisthenics Club

**Invites you to  
Come and try calisthenics  
at our open classes in 2024!**



Classes begin Tuesday January 30th 2024

All classes held at St Pius Function Hall

*\*Teams travel and compete at competitions*

TINY TOTS Aged 3 - 4 Years Tuesday 4:15pm-4:45pm

TINIES Aged 5 - 7 years Tuesday 5:00pm-5:30pm

SUB-JUNIORS\* Aged 8 - 10 years Wednesday 4:15pm - 6:15pm

RECREATION Aged 7 - 14 years Thursday 4:15pm - 5:15pm

JUNIORS\* Aged 11 - 13 years Tuesday 5:45pm - 7:45pm

INTERMEDIATES\* Aged 14 - 17 years Thursday 5:30pm - 7:30pm

SENIORS\* Aged 16 years & over Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm

MASTERS\* Aged 26 years & over Tuesday 8:00pm - 10:00pm

**Our first 2 weeks of classes are open for everyone to try calisthenics and receive more information. These classes are FREE for new members!**

**Calisthenics is an exciting mix of ballet, jazz, apparatus work, gymnastics, acrobatics, singing and acting... and it's all in the one class!**



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# Country

We, the staff and students of Warrnambool College, acknowledge that we are learning on the traditional lands of the Peek Whurrong people of the Maar Nation.

We pay our deepest respects to their Elders; past, present and emerging and to their continuing connection to the lands and waterways.

We also extend that respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who gather here.

We stand side by side with our First Nations people and commit to building a brighter future together.



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