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## WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE **NEWSLETTER** Persistence, Resilience & Mutual Respect

EDITION #3

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#### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Last week I had the privilege of sitting alongside eight giants of industry, hospitality, academia, entertainment, sport, health and community. These incredibly gifted individuals had come to our school to engage in a Q&A session with our year 11 students and share some of the wisdom they had picked up over their careers and lives. What they shared was an eclectic and thoughtful mix of what makes us human, what draws us towards one another and how to be the best version of ourselves. The year 11 students engaged throughout the whole 70 minute session, listening attentively and asking pertinent questions. We were all inspired through the interaction. And these incredible eight visitors to our school all had one thing in common. They all attended Warrnambool College. These insanely talented individuals who had worked hard and long to hone their skills and offer something of significance to our state, our nation and even the globe had all walked the same corridors as our students of 2023. It was humbling to reflect on how significant their time had been as students of this great school.

Later that evening, these eight individuals (plus two more) were inducted as Warrnambool College Tall Poppies. It was a night of celebration as the audience in our auditorium learnt more about what they have achieved in their lives so far.

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#### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE





DAVE CLIFT Principal

Our guest speaker, Kynan Barker (a previous Tall Poppies awardee) reflected that while it's important and special to recognise the achievements of Tall Poppies, we need to also consider the medium poppies and poppies as well with reverence, as we all have our part to play in the wider story of our society. I think that's what I love most about Warrnambool College – that no matter what skills and talents we bring with us to school, provided we put positive effort in, we can celebrate all that we are and who we are becoming.

Term 2 has rushed by at pace, including many extra-curricular experiences and plenty of learning in classes. First semester assessments are completed, reports are written and holidays are almost upon us. I hope that it's been a term full of growth and development for you and your family – I certainly feel as if we continue to grow and learn as staff at Warrnambool College.

I trust that the school holidays bring opportunities for you to create important memories as a family and an opportunity to reset and recharge energy levels before we commence term 3 – a longer term with no public holidays and just one pupil-free day. Stay safe over the next two weeks. I look forward to seeing many of you at our subject expo at school during July.

Kind Regards,

**Dave Clift** - Principal

We acknowledge the traditions and culture 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.



CHLOE HAMMOND Acting Assistant Principal

**TERM 2 REFLECTION** 

As we draw to the end of Term 2 we also mark the mid-way point of the year. The Year 7 students have settled in to life at Warrnambool College and continue to build social skills and connect through a series of Big Life sessions. Year 9 students have been particularly busy thriving on the opportunity to explore and build connections beyond the school gates. Firstly, with the Warrnambool community through the Industry Connections Program and with the Melbourne city experience camp. VCE and VCE-VM students have completed the GAT and Year 12 students have celebrated one of their rites of passage with the Year 12 Ball. Term 2 also saw many achievements on the sporting field including Cross Country and musical rehearsals are in full swing getting ready for performance of Grease in Term 3.

Next term, looks just as busy with Year 10 and 11 formals, as well as our much-anticipated Athletics Carnival which is due to finally take place at Brauerander park on Monday 28th August. Get your House colours ready!

#### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Last Friday 16th June, Cycle #3 Progress Reports were published on Compass. Being the mid-way point of the year, this is a great opportunity for you and your child to look at these together to evaluate their academic and attitude & effort achievements for semester 1 and set goals for the second semester. It is also a good opportunity to review your child's Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) that have been completed this semester and look at the feedback comments provided by the teacher. **Semester reports will be published to parents/guardians and students this Friday 23rd, also via Compass.** 

#### SPP PLACES AVAILABLE for SEMESTER 2

If your child is in Year 7, 8, 9 or 10 and has shown interest in joining the Sporting Pathway Program (SPP) we have had some spaces open up for Semester 2. SPP students engage with a strength and conditioning program and take part in specific sport training sessions with some of the best coaches in the Western District. This is an extra-curricular program and involves a fee of \$450 for the semester, which will need to be paid upon acceptance into the program. Application forms are available via our website or on Compass. Forms to be returned to the front office by lunchtime on Thursday 22nd June or emailed to: <u>warrnambool.co@education.vic.gov.au</u>

To find out more about our Sporting Pathway Program: <u>www.wblcoll.vic.edu.au/curriculum/spp</u>

We wish you all a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 3 on Monday 10th July.

#### SCHOOL INFORMATION



#### TERM TWO - LAST DAY Friday 23rd June

Term 2 finishes on Friday the 23rd June and school will finish an hour earlier at 2:30pm. As a result, we will be running an adjusted timetable with shortened periods with the following bell times:

| 9:00  | Home room |
|-------|-----------|
| 9:14  | Period 1  |
| 10:15 | Period 2  |
| 11:10 | Lunch 1   |
| 11:58 | Period 3  |
| 12:53 | Recess    |
| 1:30  | Period 4  |
| 2:25  | Finish    |
|       |           |

#### **BUS TRAVEL**

PLEASE NOTE: Only students that are registered to travel on specific country buses can use this service; the service is not to be used for sports training/work/social purposes. Parent/Carers are to make their own arrangements in this regard.



## **SchoolTV**

Recently, Warrnambool College has partnered with **SchoolTV** as an initiative to provide the Warrnambool College Community with free resources to support the emotional and social development of our children. The SchoolTV platform provides schools with an extensive range of wellbeing resources for parents/guardians, so they can work together in partnership to ensure better wellbeing for all students. Warrnambool College will be targeting the delivery of specific topics that are relevant to our school community via the Facebook page, Compass and the College website, but all resources can be accessed now via the SchoolTV link on the Warrnambool College website. We encourage you to jump on and check out this incredible resource.

#### HOUSE REPORTS



### **FLAGSTAFF**



This term has been a very busy one in Flagstaff land. Our student leaders have been busy commencing their planning for our **Leila Rose Foundation** celebration day, organising very competitive home room challenges, which at this stage looks like it will be taken out by Mr Faris's F6. They will enjoy their rewards at the end of term.



Term 2 has also seen **Molly Watson** and **Erik Howie** spend the term at the Alpine School in the high country, gaining invaluable experience in hands on learning, leadership and communication, we look forward to Molly and Erik bringing back some great ideas for continuing to engage Flagstaff student voice.

Enjoy the rest over the term break and see you all for another busy term 3.

#### The Flagstaff Team



Flagstaff also had a great representation in both the Western District and Greater Western Regional Cross Country events recently. Well done to **Noah Crispe (yr 9), Sophie Cooper (yr 10), Lilly Singleton (yr 12), Bridie Poyner (yr 10)** and **Steph Brown (yr 12).** Lilly and Bridie were age champions with their great times and a big congratulations to Lilly who will progress to the State Championship in mid July.



### <u>HOPKINS</u>

The year is flying by, we've had a busy term with lots of things happening. Here are the latest updates and highlights from Hopkins as we near the end of the Semester. It has been an eventful and successful period for our students and staff, and we are proud to share some noteworthy achievements.

Academic Excellence: Our students have shown exceptional dedication and commitment to their studies. Students have produced some outstanding academic achievements in various subjects. Their hard work and perseverance are truly commendable.



**Sports Triumphs:** We've had a wide range of participants representing the House and the wider College community in varying sports including, football, netball, swimming and more. Our students have been shining on the field and court. Earlier this term we were able to successfully retain the Cross Country trophy, pipping Belfast by 1 point. **Isabel Griffiths** and **Mitch Roberts** ran fantastically and were able to claim age champion in their respective age groups but to 'run away' with a one point showed the importance of having a go and getting involved. It was a true team performance.

**Community Engagement:** At Hopkins House, we strongly believe in giving back to the community. Our student leaders have been busily organising and running our out of uniform day which took place last week. It was a truly fantastic day with all funds raised going directly to the **Francis Foundation**, a local charity who provide shelter and support for men experiencing significant mental health concerns. Staff members visited the Foundation earlier in the term and got to meet some of the residents and to gain a more thorough understanding of the supports provided by this fabulous organisation.

## francis foundation

We would like to express our gratitude to the entire Hopkins House Warrnambool College community for their ongoing support and involvement. It is through your dedication that we continue to create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students.

#### **Hopkins** Team





### **LOGANS**



Logans House raised \$3000 during their celebration day which will be contributed to our charity Food Share. Logans are also running a food drive up until the end of term. A big thank you to our partners who helped support Logans Celebration Day; Woolworths, Jane Dough, Midfield Meat, Pinky's Pizza, Bakers Delight and Saputo.

A massive thank you and congratulations to our Logans Student Leadership Team who were unbelievable during the day and in the lead up to the day. Parents/guardians should be extremely proud of their children and their contribution towards Logans Celebration Day. A big thank you also to our House staff; **Julia Brain, Shannon Gration** and **Tim Brown** who were fantastic with their support in organising prior to the day and throughout the day. Lastly, thank you to all the staff, students and families who generously donated baked goods and helped out during the day.

Please support our Food share Food Drive up until the end of term 2. We would love if students and families could donate any non-perishable food items into the red bins in each house office around the school.

Live, Laugh, Learn, Logans!



### BELFAST



Hard to believe the end of Term two is upon us and we are halfway through the year. Term two has been a busy one for the Belfast House. In the second week of the term WC held their House Cross Country. Not something that has been our strong point but this year we finished second by one point! What a great effort to back up our first place in the swimming. During the term we have had Junior, Intermeadiate and Senior winter sport, and it was great to see so many Belfast students participating. We have had our Year 9 students working on their Industry Connect Program on a number of Fridays. Our Year 12 students had their formal during the middle of the term, looking fabulous in their suits and gowns. Our Belfast student leaders met with Chris Gillin from The Gillin Boys Foundation, enjoyed some Home Group activities and then went out for tea. We have also had a number of students rehearsing and practising for our music production "Grease" including Eliza Hoffman, Zade Matheson, Tyler Brown, Archie Buchanan, Calder Nicholson and Felix Buchanan.

Great term everyone! Belfast Team

#### HOUSE REPORTS

### <u>MERRI</u>

It has been a big term in the Merri house with so much packed into a short term. Well done to all of our Merri students who participated in the Cross Country earlier in the term and those that represented our school at the Winter sports throughout the term. We are also very **proud of our Year 9's** as they have been working very hard on their ICP presentations, solving the problems of businesses in the local community.



A big congratulations also goes out to Merri students **Lucas Byron (yr 11)** and **Alex Primmer (yr 10)** who recently participated at the Volleyball Country Championships in Mildura. Alex was a part of the team that won gold and Lucas was selected in the team of the tournament in his age division.



Loved & Shared

With the Merri Philanthropic day fast approaching, our student leaders have been busy planning and preparing fundraising activities to best support Loved & Shared. This has involved a visit to the Loved & Shared warehouse to gain an understanding of how the organisation operates, current needs and the process of providing help to the vulnerable members of the community. This has led to great discussions about the best ways for our Merri community to support Loved & Shared and help families and children throughout the South West. We are looking forward to everyone's involvement on the day to ensure the best outcome for our charity. Whether that be purchasing one of our delicious curries, dressing up on the day, donating items to be used by Loved & Shared or providing food to be sold at our bake sale.

Well done on a great term! The Merri Team



### **CHILDERS**

Childers has had a brilliant Term 2, showcasing a range of achievements including sporting and the Arts. Congratulations to Childers student **Sam Niklaus** for his recent selection in the VIC Country Under 16s Football Team! Childers House featured strong competitors in the Warrnambool District Cross Country in May; **Edie Clift, Patrick Colla, Bonnie Moon, Lewis Duerden, Lachlan Rea,** and **James Wearne** participated in the event. **Lewis Duerden** secured first place in his age group, and **Edie Clift** and **Lachlan Rea** qualified for the GWR Cross Country. A huge congratulations for your efforts to represent our school and Childers House.

Childers House have excelled in the Arts, particularly in music! During the recent Warrnambool Eisteddfod, exceptional performances were delivered by Lilly Gardiner, Olivia Holdway, Zoe Holdway, Clare Speed, Devlen Warburton, Arwen Bounds, Karl Graesser, Leesha Keegan, Brady Keegan, Tazmyn Reuel, Bridget Ruane, Dominic Russell, Malachai Smits, Lexi Twitt, and Jem Twitt. Thank you for your outstanding commitment and passion for music!



Childers Student Leaders are working towards fostering a sense of community and belonging among students. Our leaders are actively setting goals and planning positive changes, including improving corridor aesthetics, and creating engaging displays. We've recently installed a new TV screen outside Childers Office keeping students informed about the latest news, reminders, and student achievements. We have also created a "Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare" message board to promote environmental awareness and encourage volunteering in tree-planting and beach clean-up events.

As the end of Term 2 approaches, staff and students eagerly anticipate a well-deserved mid-year break.

Stay safe everyone. Childers Team

## **CROSS COUNTRY ACTION**

Our strong contingent of runners participated in the Interschool Cross Country and the Greater Western Region Cross Country in May, with some fantastic results!

On May 9, a team of 64 students travelled to Jellie Reserve, Woodford to compete against other runners from Brauer, Kings & Emmanuel Colleges for the Interschool Cross Country. Students displayed great sportsmanship through their encouraging cheers for all competitors crossing the line. and enjoyed the day catching up with students across the Warrnabool area. All students represented Warrnambool College extremely well showing great sportsmanship encouraging and both athletically and socially. Big congratulations to **Andy Walz, Lewis Duerden** and **Mitch Roberts** for winning year-level champs.





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We had 30 dedicated distance runners competing in the GWR Cross Country. Dodging showers and tackling a challenging water-logged track, our students showed great resilience and determination in representing Warrnambool College. Congratulations to all our students, in particular to **Andy Walz** and **Mitch Roberts** who won age champions! We wish the very best to our ten students who have qualified for the State titles to be held later in the year.





Each Tuesday morning, students participate in Big Life activities that support resilience building and positive connection with their peers and homegroup mentors. Students learn through fun games or challenges, videos, conversation or exploring a topic or awareness day.

We know from evidence that building students' skills to recognise their emotions, positively cope, decision make, work with others, and practice mutual respect, is helpful in building 'protective factors' that support student resilience, as they experience life's ups and downs. You can access the weekly Big Life Boost via the compass portal.







#### **GREASE IS THE WORD**

The talented cast and band of 50 plus students are well underway to bring the global phenomenon of GREASE the musical to the Lighthouse Theatre in August 18 & 19 and it will be a show not to be missed.

Featuring dazzling dance numbers and all those unforgettable songs including: *Summer Nights, Sandy, Hopelessly Devoted to You, You're The One That I Want, Greased Lightnin',* and *Grease is the Word*.

Get ready to dust off your leather jackets, pull on your bobbysocks and join this sensational cast and live band as "bad boy" Danny and "the girl next door" Sandy fall in love all over again.

Tickets on sale NOW.

#### CAREERS & PATHWAYS





Kerry Cheeseman & Sarah McIlroy

Find us in the Careers & Pathway Office

#### MAKING THE MOST OF THE MORRISBY

Over terms 1 & 2 all year 9 students have started or completed their online Morrisby Career Profiling. It is an innovative online assessment which identifies a student's strengths and builds a comprehensive personal profile, raising self-awareness. After setting up an account, which we did together in class, they have lifetime access to information about apprenticeships, colleges, university courses and potential careers, including salary expectations and different routes to employment.

In week one next term every student who has completed their profiling will have a one on one session with a dedicated career practitioner to unpack their individual results and make sense of what it means for them. Perfect timing for Year 10 subject selection!

#### What can parents & guardians do?

Please encourage your young person to complete their profiling which can be done from home (Kerry can reset passwords if they have been forgotten). You are welcome to attend your students one-on-one session and discuss the results! Data shows that parents are the biggest influences on student pathways.

#### YOUR STUDENT & UNIVERSITY

Term 3 is the window when year 12s will create accounts and submit university preferences. It is also the time when students can apply for SEAS – Special Entry Access Scheme – to add a layer over their ATAR helping their chances of getting in.

There will be lunch time sessions, webinars and one-on-ones available to cover all of this and what is needed, but as always please reach out to Kerry Cheeseman anytime for anything Uni and SEAS related.

More info to come closer to the time.

KEY DATES: July 31st VTAC Opens Sept 16th SEAS guarantee closes Oct 6th SEAS Closes

## SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

Many great initiatives have been undertaken this term by our passionate Sustainability team.



#### EXCURSION TO THE WARRNAMBOOL COMMUNITY GARDEN

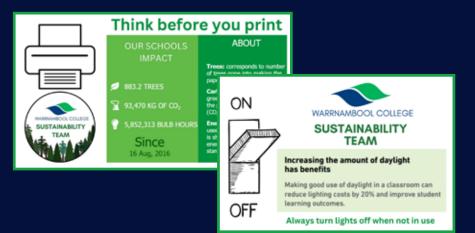
On Wednesday, April 5th, the Sustainability Team visited the Warrnambool Community Garden for our first excursion as a group. Rob Porter provided the group with a tour of the site, explaining its sustainable practices, followed by a lesson on composting. The team came back with a long list of ideas that we hope to implement at school in the future. A big thanks to Rob for being such an inspiration to our team.

#### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

New members are always welcome to join our Sustainability Team. There is no cost involved in joining. We meet every fortnight on Mondays in U4 during the first break. Listen for announcements or check Compass for reminders.

#### PAPER RECYCLING TRIAL

This term, the Sustainability Team has conducted a paper recycling trial in the U Wing to determine if students will utilise paper bins when provided. This trial will continue in Term 3 with the potential to be expanded to other classrooms if used responsibly. Paper recycling bins are located in all U Wing classrooms, House offices, and next to printers in the Library and C Wing. Staff and students are encouraged to choose to recycle responsibly to reduce our school's waste output.



#### ENERGY-WISE SIGNAGE

As part of our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint at school, our team has developed a series of infographics. These infographics have been placed in all classrooms, on printers, and on our digital display boards to encourage our community to think before they print, to turn off lights, and use heaters responsibly. It has been great to see a reduction in lights and heaters being left on and a decrease in the amount of singleuse resource printing. If you have ideas for future campaigns, please reach out to a member of the team.

## WARRNAMBOOL EISTEDDFOD

Our incredibly talented music students took part in the recent Eisteddfod - with resounding success!



Many of our Music students recently took part in the solo and duet sections of the 2023 Eisteddfod. Our students were a powerhouse of support for each other and competitors from other schools. The sense of comradery amongst our students was fantastic and they all performed admirably. Many students were performing publicly for the first time, and we hope this experience paves the way for many future performances!

Well done to all our students. Please see the impressive results: Novice Woodwind Solo Oscar Woithe - 2nd Liam Waterhouse - 3rd

Intermediate Woodwind Solo Zoe Holdway - 1st Asha McIntyre - HM Clare Speed - HM

Advanced Woodwind Solo Elissa Ross - 1st

Novice Brass Solo Lilly Gardiner - 1st Lil McKellar - 2nd Devlen Warburton - 3rd Izabella Belling - HM

Intermediate Brass Solo Archie Buchanan - 2nd Calder Nicolson - 3rd Advanced Brass Solo Archie Buchanan - 1st

VCE Woodwind/Brass Solo Elissa Ross - 1st

Novice Woodwind/Brass Duet Liam Waterhouse & Oscar Woithe - 1st

Intermediate Woodwind/ Brass/Strings Duet Clare Speed & Zoe Holdway - 3rd

Advanced Brass/ Woodwind Duet Elissa Ross & Duncan Ward - 1st Archie Buchanan & Emma Thompson - 2nd

#### WARRNAMBOOL EISTEDDFOD continued



More fantastic results on the final day of the Eisteddfod for the Music Sections – it was a HUGE day to say the least! Many, many successes on so many levels. We were immensely proud of every student that took part, and would like to congratulate all students on the way they represented Warrnambool College. Our music students showed so much heart, and we are grateful to be a part of their learning every week. Please see the outstanding results below:

Junior Concert Band Warrnambool College - 1st

Senior Concert Band Warrnambool College - 1st

School Stage/jazz band Warrnambool College Jazz Combo - 1st

School Contemporary Bands Warrnambool College Soul Band - 1st Warrnambool College Intermediate Rock Band - 2nd Intermediate Woodwind/ Brass Ensemble Warrnambool College Clarinets- 1st

Advanced Woodwind/Brass Ensemble

Warrnambool College Saxes - 1st

Intermediate Brass Ensemble Warrnambool College - 1st

Open contemporary band: The Pocket Players- 1st

Community bands: **Portland Citizens Brass Band**  *(lead by our brass teacher, Emma Thompson)* - **2nd** 



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Celebrating student achievements outside of school in their varied passions and endeavours.



In April, talented drummer **Izack Vickery** (yr 9) played drums in the Junior Rock Band to a packed crowd in the Gershwin Room at the Espy in St Kilda - standing room only! Izack played two songs, including an original song that was written and made performance ready in just four days! A massive thank you to Rock Academy for providing this opportunity for young musicians, and well done to Izack on his amazing performance.



A huge congratulations to year 7 student, **Sophie Burrows** who was awarded the inaugural VAL U/14 Athlete of the Year Award at the Victorian Athletic Annual Gala Awards in May. A fantastic achievement recognising the dedication and commitment Sophie has displayed in athletics throughout the sporting year.



Warrnambool College SPP student Alexander Cox (yr 10) has qualified for the World Ninja Athlete Games. He will compete in the OCR 3km race, Ninja World Series Championships Event at the Ninja World Cup USA, at the Orange County Convention Centre in Orlando, Florida in July. Alexander has a background in gymnastics he has been training and competing in Ninja Warrior for the last couple of years and has for the second year qualified for the Ninja Challenge League Australian Championships in Melbourne in October. What an incredible opportunity for Alex, we wish him all the best on his Ninja journey.

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS continued



Congratulations to **Sam Niklaus** (yr 10) for being selected for the VIC Country Under 16s Football Team. Sam ran out in the #3 guernsey in Melbourne last weekend against VIC Metro, and VIC Country won by a thrilling 3 points, last time VIC Country beat VIC Metro in this age group was 18 years ago! Sam will join the VIC Country team on the Gold Coast in the school holidays, playing against South Australia and Western Australia. Sam's local club is the Warrnambool Football Netball Club.



Over the long weekend several of our students represented the South West Pirates Warrnambool Volleyball Association at the Country Championships held in Mildura.

In the U/17 Junior boys Lucas Byron (yr 10), James Fowler (yr 11), Max Keane (yr 9) and Levi Longey (yr 9)had a fantastic tournament, unfortunately they lost their hard fought bronze medal match 1-3 against Sunraysia. However both James and Lucas were selected in the All Star 7 for the division. Congratulations boys!

**Bridget Arden** (yr 11) and **Alex Primmer** (yr 10) competed in the Division 3 Women's team, toppling a strong Sunraysia side in the gold medal match 3-0 to take home a hard-earned medal!

Our students reflected on their tournament experience as a great opportunity to build camaraderie with their team mates whilst learning new skills from competing against and watching higher level players from across Victoria.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Our leadership groups are collaborating on some amazing initiatives, here are a few...

#### WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

The SRC has been working on creating a PD for teachers run by students about student voice and how to implement it across the school in an effective way. They have also started to plan for the highly anticipated arts cup which will be taking place in Term 3 on September 15.

#### THE SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

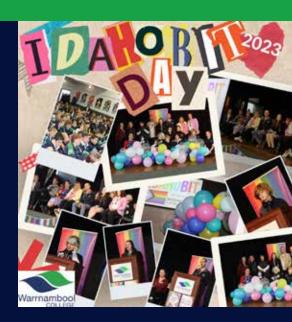
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#### **COLLEGE CAPTAINS**

The College Captains have been busy planning for assemblies and events across the school, including the recent IDAHOBIT day assembly where Captain Tazmyn Reuel presented a moving speech. Captains were also involved in the Tall Poppies awards night celebrating the school's wonderful alumni and have been working on their passion project for the year: Building Respect. This will focus on improving respect towards self, others and the environment.

#### **RAINBOW CLUB**

The Rainbow Club has been busy creating a welcoming and supportive community for the LGBTQ+ students at this school. Following the IDAHOBIT Day assembly, which occupied much of their time, they have been committed to fostering inclusivity and understanding. Looking ahead, they are actively discussing plans to empower students and make the club more student-led in the upcoming term.



#### MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Multicultural Leadership group have been discussing ways to showcase their different countries, ethnicities and beliefs at Warrnambool College. This well-established group aims to empower young people by encouraging its members to celebrate diversity and promote a sense of belonging within the school community. With representatives from the Centre for Multicultural Youth, the group recently completed training about 'active citizenship' and how they can enact positive change in the community. This training has helped them to prepare for their upcoming inaugural Multicultural Celebration event where they hope to promote the importance of diversity and a sense of belonging.

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#### LOGANS STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Logans have just concluded their fundraiser raising \$2993 to help support their local charity, Foodshare which provides food for families around the coast. Their new focus is now the Food Drive to collect donations for Foodshare, they are reaching out to their Logans community but also the whole Warrnambool College community to donate food that can help feed local families. More information on their food drive can be found on Compass and Warrnambool College's social media pages.



#### CHILDERS STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

In the Childers student leadership team, one of the goals made earlier in the year was making home groups more engaging. They came up with having inter-homegroup competitions every second Friday called the Childers Championship! The team are also starting to organise the Childers Day in August to fundraise for their new charity - CoastCare, LandCare.



#### **KOOYANG CONNECTS CLONTARF**

The Kooyang Cup footy match between Warrnambool and St. Patrick's Ballarat academies took place in April at the Mack Oval, with the weather gods putting on some sensational weather. Warrnambool started well with the midfield of Wells, Chatfield, Edwards, Sebire and Jenkins well and truly on top, but didn't capitalise on their opportunities. St. Patrick's took advantage of a ten-goal breeze in the third and Warrnambool responded well in the last with Jyah Chatfield kicking goal of the day. But St. Patrick's came home with the win 15-5-95 to Warrnambool 11-10-76. The game was played hard but fair by both teams and displayed the great Clontarf spirit, with the boys enjoying a deadly feed and chat after the match. Jyah Chatfield was presented with the Clontarf Spirit and Longest Kick awards and the KESO MVP wen to Chase Scoble. Well done everyone!



The Warrnambool Academy would like to thank all the partners and staff for the successful day. The academy now has a great foundation set to build on.

#### VIBE HIGH FOR EMPLOYMENT

With opportunities starved over the last couple of years, the Warrnambool Clontarf Academy were able to run an Employment Day earlier this year. We welcomed Fulton Hogan, Bendigo Bank, Deaths Births & Marriages, gforce employment + recruitment, Woolworths and the Careers team. The boys moved around the academy room seeking support with ID documents. Woolworths provided the lads with the opportunity to go through the process of how to apply for a job online. The boys were also able to get the opportunity to see the vast range of departments Woolworths have to offer for part-time work. Hopefully we will see some of our lads working there soon. The morning saw 18 students move through the room ranging from Year 9 to Year 12. There was a huge focus on resumes with our partners helping students update, improve or create a new resume. Employment is an important part of the boys journey throughout their education.

#### KALAY ACADEMY





#### CULTURAL TOUR AT BUDJ BIM

In May, Kalay students spent a day out on Gunditjmara Country and learnt about their culture with Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tours. Students learnt about the Kooyong (eel) and the history of Lake Condah at Tae Rak Aqua Cultural Centre and then enjoyed a picnic and tour of Kurtonitj Indigenous Protected Area.

Student comments included: *"It was really fun, I got to bond with the girls and learnt new things about my culture"*.

*"It was a really interesting trip, I liked listening and learning at the bird lookout spot".* 

#### NATIONAL SORRY DAY MORNING TEA

On 26th May Kalay students invited elders and community leaders for a National Sorry Day morning tea where students learnt about stories of their ancestors from the stolen generation. Everyone created purple flowers and displayed them at the front office of the College in the hope that the community will reflect on the history of this country and the impacts that are still being felt today. Students left the flower activity in the College staff room for the staff to participate in and show their solidarity to the Indigenous community on National Sorry Day. SchoolTV

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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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