

# 2024



# WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

As we close out another successful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we have achieved together as a school community. This year has been filled with growth, milestones, and countless moments of pride. This year, our students have demonstrated our school values of persistence, resilience and mutual respect. Whether it was through academic pursuits, involvement in sports, the arts, or their commitment to helping one another; everyone has contributed to making Warrnambool College a place where we can all be proud to belong.

We have celebrated notable achievements, including strong NAPLAN results particularly at year 9, the completion of some significant building works, strong student voice via the SRC, individual and team sporting accomplishments, growth in student numbers in our senior school exiting to defined pathways, the Great Gatsby production and wonderful representation and success in Eisteddfod in all categories, including music. These accomplishments reflect a minority of the breadth of achievements across the year and the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, and families.

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**Jen Penn**  
Acting Principal



This year, we also introduced new curriculum structure with the six-period day, Elev8 – English, Humanities and Health combined at year 8, a number of new curriculum electives, the introduction of the WAVE junior program and Stars Indigenous Girls Academy; all of which have enhanced our school environment and provided new opportunities for learning and growth.

I am deeply grateful to our incredible teaching staff and education support team. Your unwavering commitment to fostering a positive and engaging learning environment has been the foundation of our success. To our families, thank you for your partnership and for trusting us with your children's education. Your support is invaluable, and we couldn't do this without you.

As we look forward to the next school year, I encourage our students to take time this summer to recharge, explore their passions, and continue learning in ways that inspire them. For our graduating class, this marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter. We are proud of you and cannot wait to see the amazing things you will accomplish.

Thank you for a remarkable year. Together, we have built a strong, supportive community where every student can thrive. Have a safe and joyful summer!

Warm Regards,

**Jen Penn** - Acting Principal

## END OF YEAR PROGRAM

Friday 13th of December is the last day of official classes. We are facilitating an End of Year Program for students from December 16th until December 19th.

Attendance is optional for this week.

## COUNTRY BUSES – End of Year Dates

LAST DAY OF BUS TRAVEL 2024

Thursday 19th December 2024 – Normal times

FIRST DAY OF BUS TRAVEL 2025

Thursday 30th January 2025





## CELEBRATING 2024

We invite all students and families to attend our Final assemblies for 2024 where we will come together to celebrate the achievements of the past year. These special events are a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the milestones we've reached as a school community, and to honour the efforts of every student. Join us as we celebrate a year of growth, learning, and success, and look forward to the achievements to come in the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you there to share in this memorable occasion!



## KEY DATES 2025 • TERM 1

### Thursday January 23 OFFICE OPEN

Administration staff will be available for payments and general enquiries in the Administration Office.

### Wednesday January 29 WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE DAY

All families are invited to attend during the day (more information to be confirmed via email & socials).

### Thursday January 30 CLASSES BEGIN 9:00am

## PREPARING FOR 2025

As we finish up the school year for 2024, it is time to start also thinking about what the start of 2025 looks like. Booklists are available on Compass for families to access and order prior to the 15th Dec. Your \$400 school saver bonus can also be used for purchasing books, uniform and stationary through our school suppliers.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our families on WC Day, January 29th 2025. A flyer is included in the newsletter for you to plan your morning. We encourage all families to attend the year level presentations so we can build a positive relationship that best supports your child to thrive at school. Year 12 VCE interviews will open on Compass to book, on Friday 13th Dec. We encourage you to book early to secure a time that works best for you on the day and ask that parents.

Summer holidays is a great time to check you have everything you need to start the school year and be ready to learn.



## BELFAST

### HOUSE AWARD WINNERS

Spirit - Mia Mills

Citizenship - Alexander Cox

Leadership - Nyasha Iervasi

To start the year off we were proud to announce our student leadership team, led by Nyasha Iervasi and Mia Mills. This group, along with the other 2024 Belfast Student Leaders, have dedicated many recess and lunch times to producing many different and exciting activities for the rest of the House and the College to participate in.

The green machine produced a terrific display in the 2024 WC swimming, Athletics and Cross Country, finishing second in each of these carnivals. As we always preach to our students during assemblies, participation in school events is the key to success and our Belfast cohort took this on board to swim, run, jump, throw, walk and attend!

In March Belfast held their fundraising day. The theme for the day was "Australiana" which involved a gold coin donation, lolly stall, BBQ and entertainment. All of the goods available for sale went towards raising money for our charity partner "The Gillin Boys Foundation".

Across the year we have focused on improving our 'attitude and effort' in Home group. Our students have consistently been ranked in the Top three position throughout the entire year in regard to Attitude and Effort. We have won the overall scholastic trophy for the past six years in a row which is an amazing effort. All of our Belfast staff are very proud of this achievement.

Congratulations to each of our outstanding 2024 Belfast House award winners. Your achievements truly embody the spirit of excellence, dedication, and hard work that each award represents.

Thank you to our terrific office staff: Katie Crute, Lauren Niklaus, Nicole Gynes and Jackson Greene, along with all of our Home Group Mentors. Who all make our House and school a better place to be for both staff and students. Our Belfast office will go through some changes as we move into 2025. Lauren finished at the end of term Three, replaced by Nicole Gynes who is doing a super job. Jackson is heading interstate in 2025 with his family, a great opportunity for Mr Greene but also a big gap to fill. After 21 years at WC and eight years as Belfast House Leader I am staying in education but moving schools. I will miss the day-to-day working with students at Warrnambool College. It has not always been easy, with many hard conversations with students and families. Overall the students have always been respectful and resilient and families have backed the school and our House team. For this I say thank you.

Finally to our students and their families. Thanks for all of your support in everything that we do. We believe the relationships we have developed with all our Belfast students and their families get us through the tough times and build strong bonds that are a feature of the House system. Have a great Christmas and a well deserved break.

**Adam Dowie** - Belfast House Leader



# CHILDERS

## HOUSE AWARD WINNERS

- Spirit - Jake Goddard
- Citizenship - Maisy Rowe
- Leadership - Jet Sullivan

Our Childers House Philanthropic Day raised over \$1,500 this year, in support of the Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Childers families, who generously donated an array of baked goods, which contributed greatly to the day's success. For the second year running, our Lucky Duck fishing game proved to be a highlight, with students eagerly lining up for their turn to "fish" for a duck and claim a prize. We also hosted a raffle that included a fantastic selection of vouchers from local Warrnambool businesses. Thank you to the following businesses for your generosity; Boost juice, Peppers Pizza, Pearsons Nursery, Pontings Mitre 10, McDonalds, Bojangles, Boss Burger, Collins Booksellers, Great Ocean Road Ten Pin Bowling, and Warrnambool Capitol Cinema.

In term 3, Childers Student Leaders met with WCLN facilitator Geoff Rollinson and Warrnambool City Council member Kristy Roche to discuss exciting revegetation projects planned for 2025. Our students are eager to contribute financially to these initiatives, but even more excited to participate in the hands-on work of planting and nurturing new vegetation. It's a fantastic opportunity for Childers House to engage in local environmental stewardship and give back to the community.

Congratulations to all Warrnambool College students who were involved in the Great Gatsby performance. Childers students Yvette Boyle, Rahni Clegg, Beatrix Clift, Jazmin Lay, Bailey Marsh, Ariana McColl, Penny Morrow, Keely Noonan, Mia Pozzobon, Maisy Rowe, and Otis Stretch played key roles in the production, making us proud with their dedication and talent.

Congratulations to our 2024 Childers House award winners. This recognition is a testament to your commitment and dedication to making Childers a great House for everyone.

To finish off, we would like to acknowledge our Childers Student Leadership team who worked tirelessly every week to plan and organise events, promote our charity, and work towards making Childers the amazing house that it is! Congratulations to our 2024 House Captains, Brigette Graesser and Mariah Drake on a fabulous year. Thank you to the rest of our amazing team; Skyla Couch, Ruby Ward, Jake Goddard, Jet Sullivan, Lilly McDowall, Bonnie Moon, Edie Clift, Leila Gibson, Liam Gravalin, Vidhi Jagad, Hamish McBain, Phineas Griffin, Cody Duncan, Beatrix Clift, Tian Clift and Isabel McGinness.

Congratulations to Jet Sullivan and Jake Goddard for being selected as our House Captains for 2025. We are looking forward to more exciting adventures and an eventful year in 2025. Childers staff would like to thank our wonderful school community for making 2024 a tremendous year of achievements and supporting our students to thrive!

**Rhonda Simmons** - Childers House Leader





## FLAGSTAFF

### HOUSE AWARD WINNERS

Spirit - Toby Graham

Citizenship - Molly Watson

Leadership - Zoe Borthwick

This year saw Flagstaff continue to build on a successful 2023, marked by the growth of our student leadership team, a strong sense of community, and a competitive spirit across all areas, including homeroom challenges, athletics, swimming, and philanthropy. As a staff leadership team, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our students for making Flagstaff a truly special place to call home at Warrnambool College. We look forward to 2025 with great enthusiasm, eager to see what new achievements lie ahead.

We welcomed over 30 fresh faced year 7's into Flagstaff this year and they have represented themselves and Flagstaff beautifully, as a class 7F have shown how building meaningful relationships can make high school a very safe and enjoyable place to be. At the other end of the spectrum our year 12 cohort entered their final year of schooling together and have done an amazing job enduring the covid years and all have bright futures ahead whatever that may entail.

Our House Celebration Day with a touch of pink theme supported the great work of the Leila Rose Foundation. The Leila Rose Foundation offers support and guidance to families who have a child with a rare childhood cancer providing over \$1.7 million to families in need across Australia. Our student leaders did a brilliant job putting together a fantastic day involving a bake sale and pizzas. We are absolutely stoked to be donating approximately \$2,000 to the Leila Rose Foundation. We hope to run more fundraising events next year as this is a key pillar to the new student leaders aims for 2025. Keep your eyes peeled for our new initiatives!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 House Awards for Flaggy! Your outstanding contributions to our community reflect the very essence of these honours.

I would like to thank our brilliant 2024 House captains, Zoe Borthwick and Asha McIntyre. Both students led from the front during a difficult year and set a stellar example of leadership. We look forward to Zemma Wright, Sienna Musico and Julia Mokhsin stepping into the House leadership roles next year and making them their own. We can't wait to see their new ideas for our space.

Finally, I would like to thank the team in the House office Zacc Struth, Teagan Straw and Sara Morrison for their support and their efforts in working really hard to make our office a safe and welcoming space for all students at Warrnambool College. Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to Teagan as she embarks on a new stage in her career in Melbourne, you will be missed but better things await. Thank you to the Flagstaff families who have also contributed to a great 2024. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2025.

**Tom White** - Flagstaff House Leader





# HOPKINS

## HOUSE AWARD WINNERS

Spirit - Olivia Graham  
Citizenship - Charlotte Wythe  
Leadership - Henry Rattray

Our mighty Hopkins Eels have made us all proud with their active participation in our sporting events, fundraising efforts and inter-homeroom challenges. The spirit and dedication of our Hoppies students has truly made 2024 unforgettable!

It was delightful to witness our team unite in a sea of blue, conquering several novelty events and leaving our mark with a string of victories at our Swimming Carnival. At the Athletics Carnival and Cross Country events, our Hopkins House athletes also showcased their remarkable talent on the track and on the sidelines as they cheered one another on!

We are immensely proud of Jack King for attending the Alpine School program and cultivating exceptional leadership qualities that will inspire his peers. Congratulations also goes to Charlotte Wythe on her outstanding achievement in making the state cricket team, a testament to her hard work, skill, and dedication to the sport. Well done to Brandon Lynch for receiving the 'All-Rounder' Award in the 15-year-old category!

Hopkins would also like to commend Gracie Renea Hough, Olivia Graham, Alice Higgins, Daphne Pye, Henry Rattray, Pippa Ward, and Archie Yates for their exceptional achievement in the Victorian High-Ability Program (VHAP), demonstrating academic excellence, dedication, and a commitment to continuous learning that sets a high standard for their peers.

Congratulations to our 2024 Hopkins House award winners. You have shown a commitment to making a difference and your achievements set a wonderful example to us all!

A heartfelt congratulations also goes to Henry Rattray, Alice Higgins, Ali Watson, Millie Hook, Holly Wickham, Mabel Albers, and Daphne Pye for their participation in The Great Gatsby production. Also, special recognition to Lily Cheeseman and Mabel Albers for their involvement in the community production of Mary Poppins. Their creativity, passion, and dedication brought these performances to life, making us all very proud.

Hopkins remained committed to our philanthropic partner, The Francis Foundation, which is dedicated to providing essential resources for men's mental health in our community. During our lively Hopkins Day in term 2, our school community donned their best 'dress as your dream job' attire, enjoyed music, indulged in Jane Dough donuts, relished a BBQ, and savoured various other delights.

There is much to rejoice in when reflecting on the year 2024 - whether your child embarked on their inaugural Warrnambool College school camp, ventured to the Alpine School, or earned a well-deserved scholarship. Whether they proudly represented their House at a special event, enhanced their attitude and effort scores, or simply exhibited unwavering dedication every day, we are profoundly grateful for their contributions and eagerly anticipate more thrilling adventures in 2025.

**Hugh Richards** - Hopkins House Leader





# LOGANS

## HOUSE AWARD WINNERS

Spirit - Izabella Belling

Citizenship - Campbell Pedler

Leadership - Eva Beckel

A huge effort and great attitude from amazing students secured the Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country House Cups for Logans, with some fantastic individuals going on to compete at Warrnambool, SW Region and States levels.

The Logans Celebration Day was a great event full of mullets, flannels and iconic Aussie characters. Following the hard work of the Student Leadership team and students and families who donated baked goods, we raised just over \$2500 along with a donation of non-perishable food items for Western District Foodshare. The Logans team were also very grateful to the following businesses for their amazing support: Norfolk Butchers, Bakers Delight East Warrnambool, Saputo, McDonalds and Town and Country Pizza.

The Logans Student Leadership team, led by Captains Alice Cann and Kezia Judson, were central to the success of our Celebration Day and promoting House Spirit during events throughout the year. A massive thanks to the team; Eva Beckel, Cooper Mills, Zachary Leslie-Thom, Caleb Vesey, Jayden Leslie-Thom, Izabella Belling, Remy Boote, Addison Holcombe, Lil McKellar, Luka Price, Cooper Richardson, Tulleah Beckwith, Leah Boote, Acacia Garner and Taylor Membrey.

Congratulations goes out to Mackenzie Walker and Zoran Hunter who have been named Logans House Captains for 2025, and an additional huge congratulations to Mackenzie for her appointment to the 2025 College Captain team!

Congratulations to our 2024 House Award recipients. The Citizenship Award went to Campbell Pedler who has shown a high level of dedication and passion in Football Umpiring, was awarded the 2024 Junior Umpire of the Year in the Western District Football Umpires Association and was the youngest ever individual selected for the AFL V-Line Cup Umpiring team.

The Leadership Award went to Eva Beckel who has been a dedicated member of the Student Leadership team. Eva is a fantastic role model to younger students, provides valuable guidance and ideas and is always willing to help, lead and support wherever she can.

The Spirit Award went to Izabella Belling. Izabella has been involved in a huge range of events and activities at Warrnambool College and is always the first to volunteer when something needs to be done, attends every House event decked out in purple and gets involved in the Warrnambool College community in any way she can.

Finally, a big thank you to our fantastic House staff; Kim Gration, Prudence Etherington and Madeleine McSwain who have provided great support to staff and students throughout 2024. And I wish to express my gratitude to our Logans students, mentors, families, and the entire community for making this year one to remember.

**Julia Brain** - Logans House Leader



WESTERN DISTRICT  
FOODSHARE



# MERRI

## HOUSE AWARD WINNERS

Spirit - Dendona So

Citizenship - Patrick Stuart

Leadership - Eliza Morton

The marvellous and mighty Merri team kicked off 2024 with a great showing in the annual Swimming Carnival. Our students had strong participation in events both in and out of the pool, and our cheer squad was unleashed, with strong voices singing out the Merri chant at any and every opportunity. We were especially vocal after a great win in the tug-of-war! We had another great day at the Athletics Carnival with students giving their all out on the track, competing for orange glory. We thank all students for participating and being a part of the Merri team.

The Push Up Challenge has become an annual event for Merri. Organised and led by our student leaders, students got down to do as many push-ups as their bodies could stand during Home group, taking on their mentors to add a competitive edge. The Push Up Challenge raises awareness of mental health and how physical activity can have a positive impact on how we handle adversity in our lives. It was a great event to unite our House and start a very important discussion about managing our own mental health through strategies and supports.

Our Pyjama & Curry philanthropic day was held during term 3, raising money for our local charity, Loved and Shared. Loved and Shared is a fantastic local charity supporting vulnerable young families with supplies in a time of need. Our curries and baked goods were extremely well received, a big thank you to all the Merri families who donated curries, baked goods and lollies to sell and to India Gate for their delicious curries. It is the participation of all within our Merri community that make this day such as success.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Merri House Awards! To Dendona, your positive energy and unwavering spirit have inspired those around you, creating an atmosphere of encouragement unity and zest. Patrick your community service has shown what it means to be a responsible and compassionate citizen and Eliza you have demonstrated your dedication to the Merri community and inspired others while making a positive impact.

Merri mash up has been hotly contested throughout the year with M4 dominating most terms and enjoying pizza and pinata parties. Watching M4 enjoy the spoils was enough for our other Home groups to really turn up the heat during the last term for our Christmas decorating competition. With great creativity, dedication and a competitive edge, M3 took this battle out, a big congratulations to everyone who contributed to a very festive room. To round off the year, M6 snatched the victory in the last term to win the Bad Santa prize party.

Thanks to students, teachers, families and local business that have contributed to our year. It has allowed us to create an environment that has allowed every student in Merri to achieve their best through unity and zest.

**Luke Howlett** - Merri House Leader



Loved & Shared



What an exciting year 2024 has been for the Stars Foundation program at Warrnambool College. With 24 amazing Indigenous girls enthusiastically participating in activities that foster growth, learning, and connection. As the second Stars program established in Victoria, we join 68 other programs across Australia, all united by the vision of empowering Indigenous girls to reach their full potential. Our program is built around four key pillars: Wellbeing, Education, Training and Employment, and Community, Culture, and Leadership. These pillars guide our initiatives and help us create an enriching experience for each girl.

## STARS AWARDS

We are thrilled to recognise the hard work and dedication of our 2024 Stars Award Recipients:

- Senior Academic Award: Seanna Claridge (yr 10)
- Senior High Attendance Award: Seanna Claridge (yr 10)
- Senior 'Star of the Year': Meekah Merriman (yr 10)
- Junior Star of the Year: Piper Chatfield (yr 9)
- Junior Academic Award: Shakira Grayson (yr 7)
- Junior High Attendance Award: Chloe Mobbs (yr 7)
- Rising Star Award: Alkira Couzens (yr 10)

Congratulations to these students and a heartfelt thank you to each of the girls who commit to the program, bringing pride, strength, and positivity to Stars and the Warrnambool College community. The growth, leadership, and community spirit displayed by each of our Stars girls truly bring the Stars Foundation's vision to life. We are excited to see them continue to shine and inspire!

**Nique De Bono & Tanya Knowles**

# CLONTARF ACADEMY

*A fun packed year with many highlights to look back on.*



We cannot believe how fast the year has gone, but looking back, there were many highlights and special moments again for the boys in the Warrnambool Clontarf Academy in 2024. The program attracts Indigenous boys to school, keeps them there and instils values to improve their education, self-esteem, life skills, health and employment prospects. During the school day the boys are supported to engage in the school curriculum while having the opportunity to utilise the Academy room before and after school as well as their lunch breaks.

The boys once again engaged in a morning training program throughout the year along with participating in a range of activities planned around our 5 Key Learning Pillars – Sport, Employment, Leadership, Wellbeing and Education. The morning training sessions continue to be a highlight for many boys. The sessions cater for all ability levels and set the boys up for a positive start to the day in the classroom.

Camps and sporting carnivals are always highlights on the Clontarf Calendar. Many boys work towards these major events by striving for a high attendance as well as improving their attitude and effort towards their studies. This year boys spent time on camps in Torquay, Melbourne, Grampians (Gariwerd), Strath Creek, Darwin and Ballarat where the boys were successful in winning the Clontarf Cup football carnival against Academies from across Victoria.

As always, successful programs rely heavily on the support from community and corporate partnerships, however our host school is the key to our success. The support from our KESOs and Principal teams, allows us to continually adapt and cater for the needs of the boys in the program. Along with the staff at the school, who go above and beyond in many situations, the Clontarf Program continues to build on its success. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to future successes in 2025!

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

*Warrnambool College students serving up a challenge in Table Tennis State Finals.*



## TABLE TENNIS STATE FINALS Year 8 Boys, 29 November

Our four eager representatives made their way in the early hours of the morning for a 9am start at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic. Energy was high and the boys were well led by captain Cooper Richardson who played as the team's number one. He was supported by Will Emeny, Mitchell Holder and Remy Boote as they played against three strong opposition teams.

First round was against Northcote High School and the second was against McKinnon Secondary who were both favourites to make the grand finale. We lost both matches, however individual games were close and the highlight was captain Cooper taking sets off opposition players who were competing for the Victorian team.

The third round was against Chaffey Secondary where all the four singles were very close and a few of them going to five sets, one even having a golden point scenario. Unfortunately, the result didn't go our way but the boys reflected afterwards about how we wanted to experience State finals and to see the next level of table tennis which we did.



Congratulations to all four boys for competing and showing great sportsmanship. Bring on a strong twelve months of local competition and we will be quicker and better ready for next year.

Also, a special thanks to all the parents who drove and supported throughout the day, it was a nice vibe of Warrnambool people amongst the organised chaos that is State finals with many Melbourne teams.

**Mr Brad Henriksen**  
Table Tennis Academy Leader

# ALUMNI UPDATE

*Catching up, reminiscing and celebrating with friends.*

My name is Nicole and I've recently joined Warrnambool College as the Alumni coordinator. I attended Warrnambool College from 2000–2006. Following year 12 I moved to Canberra to attend the Australian Institute of Sport on a Basketball scholarship.



In 2014 I was honoured to be recognised by the College for my basketball achievements as a recipient of a Tall Poppies award.

In my role of Alumni coordinator, I am excited to connect with past students and share both their memories of attending Warrnambool College / Warrnambool High School and Warrnambool North Technical School and the paths they have taken since leaving school. I also look forward to continuing the wonderful work those in the role before me have done to grow our alumni data base.

Please reach out for all things alumni - [Nicole.Gynes@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nicole.Gynes@education.vic.gov.au)



## 30-YEAR SCHOOL REUNION A SUCCESS

On October 12, the Warrnambool College Class of 1994 celebrated its 30-year school reunion with former students touring the College grounds. It was a milestone event for the group which was the first year 12 Warrnambool College cohort, following the amalgamation of Warrnambool High School and Warrnambool North Technical School. The group excitedly reminisced about their school days, typing classes, their favourite teachers and their memories of being the first year 12s of the newly-amalgamated College. Alumni travelled from Ballarat, Melbourne and Sydney to attend the reunion, which also included a catch-up at the Warrnambool Hotel that evening where there were lots of laughs and stories shared.

*If your year level has an upcoming school reunion to celebrate contact the College for more information about how we can help.*

## TALL POPPIES AWARD

Nominate an alumni for the Sir John Eccles Tall Poppies Award  
Do you know someone who is excelling in their chosen field? Every second year we showcase our alumni who are thriving in the world beyond our classroom walls and school gates. We consider their pathways and achievements as powerful proof that at Warrnambool College every student thrives.

The Tall Poppies award is named for the highly lauded Sir John Eccles AC, Nobel Laureate and Rhodes Scholar and will be presented to past alumni who have achieved outstanding achievements in their post academic, research, business or sporting fields.

The Tall Poppies Award will be held again in mid-2025. Nominations for the award are now open. For more information or to request the selection criteria and a nomination form email Alumni Coordinator Nicole Gynes - [Nicole.Gynes@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nicole.Gynes@education.vic.gov.au)

# WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE *Day*



**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

9:15am - 12:30pm

**WE KNOW THAT WORKING WITH OUR FAMILIES  
IS KEY FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENTS.**

We believe it is important that both the family and the school share a strong understanding of our students, the support they need, how we can work together and to ensure that students have the opportunity to take the lead in their own education.

**We invite all our families to Warrnambool College Day 2025.**

On Wednesday 29th January, we will open the doors of Warrnambool College to our families. There will be opportunities for information sharing with mentors and House teams, Wellbeing and Inclusive Education Team support, group presentations and academy sign up.

There will be presentations in the morning for all families to access. If you are a year 7 family, we ask that you attend the year 7 Presentation in the hall at 9:15am. This will have information specific to year 7 and starting the school year. Years 8-11 families will also have year level specific presentations, with the Year 8's at 10:30am, Year 9's at 11am and Year 10 and 11's at 11:30am. These presentations will speak to the important areas of information for each year level and our whole school expectations.

PLEASE SEE A TIMETABLE OF THE DAYS ACTIVITIES OVERLEAF .....



**Warrnambool  
COLLEGE**

## ACTIVITY TIMETABLE • YR 7 FAMILIES

9:15am - 9:45am **Presentation in Hall - Year 7 students and families**  
30 minute Presentation and Question Time

9:45am - 10:00am **House Meetings** - House leaders take students and families to House area to introduce them to the space.

10:00am - 11:00am **Year 7 Interviews** - with House Mentor (10 mins)  
*No need to book - these will be allocated on Compass and shared with families on the day.*

*Optional Activities can be completed before or after your interview.*

**Locker Allocation** - During your interview collect your locker number from your Mentor. This check-in will entitle you to a ticket in our raffle to **win 1 of 15 \$50 LOWES vouchers.**

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

10:00am - 12:30pm ICT connection - Auditorium

9:00am - 12:30pm Wellbeing, Inclusive Education Team, Clontarf and Stars available for families to access.

10:00am - 12:30pm Academy Sign up - Lower level S building

9:00am - 12:30pm Compass information, payments & administration - Front Office

10:30am - 12:30pm **LUNCH** - Free BBQ located outside the Hall.

## ACTIVITY TIMETABLE • YR 8 -11 FAMILIES

**Presentations in Hall**      **Year 8**    10:30am - 11:00pm

**Year 9**    11:00am - 11:30pm

**Year 10 & 11**    11:30am - 12:00pm

11am - 12:30pm **Locker Allocation** - Collect your locker number from your Mentor. This check-in will entitle you to a ticket in our raffle to **win 1 of 15 \$50 LOWES vouchers.**

## YEAR 12 VCE INTERVIEWS

9am - 4pm (10 min interviews) - Senior School Area

Year 12 VCE interviews must be booked via Compass in the same way that parent teacher interviews are booked. **Bookings open on Friday 13th of December.** Parents have access to 5 senior school staff members to support with any VCE pathway concerns.

**VCE-VM** students do not need to book an interview as they completed these at the end of 2024. VCE-VM students should attend to collect their locker and Year 12 shirts.



# Warrnambool College Uniform

## SHIRTS & POLOS

- White polo shirt w/ College logo  
- long or short sleeve
- Navy-blue polo shirt w/ College logo
- Navy-blue & green Sports polo w/ College logo

*Students may wear a plain white or navy-blue long sleeve top under their polo/jumper.*

## PANTS/SHORTS

- Plain navy-blue track pants (no large logos)
- Navy-blue track pants w/ College logo
- Navy-blue & green Sports shorts w/ College logo
- Plain navy-blue shorts (no large logos)
- Dark grey melange trousers
- Dark grey melange shorts

*No skins/leggings or grey/black tracksuits or yoga pants are permitted.*

## SKIRT/DRESS

- Green, blue & white checked pleated skirt
- Navy-blue & white check fabric dress

## SKORTS

- Plain navy-blue skorts (no large logos)

## OUTERWEAR

- Striped rugby jumper w/ College logo
- Navy-blue soft-shell jacket w/ College logo (optional)
- Navy-blue puffer jacket w/ College logo (optional)

*Black or non-school jackets/hooded jumpers are not permitted.*

## SHOES

- Traditional black leather polishable shoes
- Appropriate runners may also be worn

## HATS

- Warrnambool College bucket hat
- Warrnambool College beanie

*Peaked caps are not permitted.*

## SCARF

- Navy blue, white or green scarf

## SPP UNIFORM

We strongly encourage you to purchase a minimum of the following items:

### SHIRTS/POLOS

- 1 x SPP Dress polo (to be worn to school and to formal events)
- 2 x SPP Training tops

*Students may wear a plain white or navy-blue long sleeve top under their polo/jumper.*

### PANTS/SHORTS

- Plain navy-blue track pants (no large logos)
- Navy-blue track pants w/ College logo
- Navy-blue & green Sports shorts w/ inner compression & College logo

*No skins/leggings or grey/black tracksuits or yoga pants are permitted.*

### OUTERWEAR

- As per Warrnambool College uniform outlined above.

*Black or non-school jackets/hooded jumpers are not permitted.*



# HEAD START: BARWON SOUTH WEST REGION



Congrats to these students at Warrnambool College for starting their Head Start School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship in 2024:



## SBAT Students in 2024

|                    |                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Toby Graham        | Electrotechnology Electrician       |
| Jacob Brown        | Plumbing                            |
| Leland Spence      | Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology |
| Lochlan Chadderton | Carpentry                           |
| Makayla Alexander  | Hospitality                         |
| Malachai Smits     | Carpentry                           |
| Nathan Turner      | Business                            |
| Zachary Brown      | Carpentry                           |
| Zade Neave         | Plumbing                            |
| Isaac Rodgers      | Carpentry                           |

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Students signed-up in the Barwon South West Region

## What does the Head Start program offer students?

A wide variety of apprenticeship & traineeship options

real life work skills while still in school

genuine employment outcomes

## What does it take to be in the Head Start program?

- ✓ You must be over 15 and enrolled in year 10, 11 or 12
- ✓ Ideally have completed work experience or structured workplace learning
- ✓ Willing to find work opportunities
- ✓ Committed to studying and learning
- ✓ Has good school attendance & is punctual & reliable

Want to know more? Speak to your careers teacher or Tim Rantall - Head Start Coordinator for your school





NOV - DEC 2024

# FREE SURF PROGRAM

for young people aged 14 - 25

STOKED is a gnarly 6-week SURF THERAPY program for young people aged 14 to 25 yrs. Riding the waves of life can be stressful. Our program is for anyone who would like to SURF, meet NEW PEOPLE and improve their WELLBEING.

Each week we get together to yarn about all things life! - Then we hit the waves for some good times - Finished with some delicious tucker with the crew, yeeeow!

**MONDAYS 4:30 - 7:30PM**

MONDAY 04 NOVEMBER

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER

MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER

MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

MONDAY 02 DECEMBER

MONDAY 09 DECEMBER



TO FIND OUT HOW TO APPLY OR VOLUNTEER SCAN CODE OR VISIT [brophy.org.au/stoked](http://brophy.org.au/stoked)



## 6-WEEK PROGRAM

YARN - SURF - EAT

Location:

**SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

PERTOBE RD  
WARRNAMBOOL

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The program involves a crew of amazing mentors, local surfers, ocean lovers and other local legends who want to join in and connect with young people.

Contact Stoked  
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## Today's Carers, Tomorrow's Future



MacKillop  
Family  
Services

[mackillop.org.au/fostercare](http://mackillop.org.au/fostercare)

MacKillop Family Services is calling on Warrnambool to understand the need for local foster carers and highlighting the positive impact foster carers make to children's lives.

Foster carers provide care for children temporarily unable to live at home. People like Rachael and Matthew Buck, who have provided respite and emergency care to over 100 children and young people.

See their story here: [www.mackillop.org.au/theirstory](http://www.mackillop.org.au/theirstory)

If you would like more information ring Tendai in MacKillop's Warrnambool office on 0418 640 587 or visit [www.mackillop.org.au/fostercare](http://www.mackillop.org.au/fostercare)



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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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