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WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Respect, Resilience & Responsibility

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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

A couple of weeks ago, we had the privilege of celebrating the achievements of our year 12 students as they had their last official day of school. After 13 years (about 2,500 days) of formal education it was their turn to have their final rite of passage as they signed each other's shirts, had photos taken, listened to speeches, received awards, cut the year 12 cake, watched the year 12 video, reminisced, laughed, cried and ultimately lined up at the school driveway for their guard of honour.

As they ran noisily through along the driveway to the cheers and applause of the rest of the school, I contemplated just how quickly their six years of learning had seemed to progress at Warrnambool College. The class of 2025 had only two months at Warrnambool College before the pandemic hit and we were forced into the confines of our homes.

Over the first two years of their secondary schooling, they spent about half their school days on a computer at home rather than with friends and staff in the classroom. I know their commitment to self-development, to work through the challenges that life has thrown at them, has enabled them to become incredible young people who are now ready to enter into the wide world beyond school.



DAVE CLIFT - Principal

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE CONT.

I am incredibly proud of all they have achieved and we all wish them the very best in their next adventures in life – the personal values they have taken on board and fostered during their time at Warrnambool College will surely hold them in good stead.

On the same day that we farewelled our year 12 students, we also welcomed our grade 6 students and families at our transition information night. The sense of excitement and anticipation was clearly evident from everyone present. When we checked for understanding on the information that we'd been presenting and rewards were on offer for correct responses, it seemed as if every grade 6 student's hand flew up in the air to answer the questions posed. We're incredibly excited to begin a new learning journey with our year 7s of 2026 and on the basis of the energy in the room during our information night, we know it's going to be an amazing six years of growth so that everyone can thrive in their learning.

As we hit these milestones in term 4, with year 12s finishing classes and preparing for grade 6 orientation days later in the term, it can create a false sense that learning and schooling is winding down for 2025. In fact the reverse is true as year 12 exams continue for the next couple of weeks, as year 11 exams commence in a fortnight, and years 7-10 work through a significant numbers of common assessment tasks and their own preparation for end of year exams. The last six weeks of learning for all our students will be amongst the busiest that we've yet experienced this year and it's important to continue to push, to strive, to put that extra bit of effort in so that we can all achieve our personal best in the end of year assessments.

As always, I thank all families for working in partnership with our school and our staff so that together we can enable our students to thrive. If you have any questions about any of the upcoming assessments (including exams) for your child, please contact the front office, house offices or classroom teachers directly so we can support you.

Dave Clift - Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

EMMA VESEY
Assistant Principal

END OF SEMESTER LEARNING TASKS

As we enter the final half of term 4 keeping up with assignments, assessments, and deadlines can become challenging for students. Compass, our online learning platform, provides an easy way for you to stay informed about your child's academic activities and support them in managing their learning tasks. We encourage you to regularly check Compass for updates on homework, upcoming assessments, and teacher feedback. This way, you can help your child stay organised and ensure they're meeting key deadlines. By staying connected through Compass, you can support your child's learning journey, celebrate their achievements, and identify any areas where they may need additional encouragement or assistance.

WORKING HARD UNTIL THE END

Our Year 11's will finish formal classes on Friday 14th of November, with exams starting on Monday 17th November. This will also include interviews for our Vocational Major students to ensure they are on the right track. This is followed by Headstart Lectures from 24th November. Year 11's will officially finish school for 2025 on Friday 28th November.

Year 10 students will finish the school year on Friday 5th December. Year 7-9 students will finish classes on Friday 12th December after the Junior Final Assembly. All classes will run as normal until these dates and it is expected that all students are in class and ready to learn until these dates. Our staff will be providing meaningful learning, assessment and feedback for students to engage in. Please make sure you are keeping an eye on the calendar and the "What's on" each week on Social Media as there are lots of events as we celebrate and reflect on another year of learning.

ATTENDANCE

We would love to continue improving attendance in all year levels at Warrnambool College. Regular school attendance is essential for every student's academic and social success. When students attend school consistently, they are more engaged with their learning, participate actively in class discussions, and build strong connections with their peers and teachers. Every day in school is an opportunity to develop new skills, reinforce knowledge, and gain confidence in their abilities. Missing school, even occasionally, can lead to gaps in understanding that may become harder to bridge as the year progresses. Encouraging daily attendance also instils a sense of responsibility and resilience that benefits students well beyond the classroom. Let's work together to support our students' full participation and commitment to their learning—every day counts!

UNIFORM

A large part of showing respect and responsibility as a Warrnambool College student is wearing the school uniform with pride. We offer a flexible uniform so students feel comfortable at school; however, with this comes the responsibility of wearing the correct items. We ask parents to work with us to ensure their child is in uniform and to reach out if support is needed. LOWES will hold another sale in mid-November — a great opportunity to purchase uniform items at a reduced cost. By using a LOWES Zero Card, families can also make interest-free payments.

CELEBRATE THE POSITIVES

Last week, we said farewell to our Year 12 Class of 2025. On the same evening, we welcomed our 2026 Year 7 students and families through our Transition Night. We are excited for what next year will bring for our new year levels and the continued growth of our school through the upcoming reorganisation.

SCHOOL INFORMATION



INTRODUCING THE NPL PARENT NEWSLETTER

The Neil Porter Legacy is passionate about putting careers at the heart of secondary education. Recognising that parents play a vital role in guiding their children's education and career choices, they've launched the NPL Parent Newsletter — a new resource designed to support families in navigating career pathways with confidence.

The first edition includes tips for helping young people with subject selections, explanations of senior school acronyms, insights into VET DSS options, a spotlight on the dairy industry, and details about local training, jobs, and upcoming careers events — including sessions from the Australian Defence Force.



Scan the QR code to access the first edition.

KEY DATES TERM 4



For updated events & dates please see the College calendar via Compass or the College website:
www.wblcoll.vic.edu.au

MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER

- Year 12 Exams continue

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER

- Intermediate State Hockey

TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

- Remembrance Day

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

- Western District Tennis Cup

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

- House Assemblies
- Year 11 Last Day formal classes

MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER

- Year 11 Exams begin
- VM Interviews

TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

- Stars Foundation Awards Night

WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

- International Mens Day Assembly
- 2025 Clontarf Awards Night 5pm

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER

- Year 12 Graduation

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

- Year 11 Exam feedback session

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

- 2026 Year 12 Headstart

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

- Warrnambool College Restructure Launch Assembly
- School Council

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

- Year 7 & 8 Project Rockit

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

- Year 11 Last Day
- House Assemblies
- Pulse Report



FLAGSTAFF

CELEBRATION DAY

A TOUCH OF PINK

Flagstaff Celebration Day was a massive success! Despite a last-minute venue change due to the weather, our incredible student leaders handled the move seamlessly — setting up the hall, organising the donated bake sale and preparing delicious doughnuts for their peers to enjoy. The enthusiasm continued into lunch, with students lining up for hot pizza and cold drinks, creating a fantastic atmosphere of community and celebration. The spinning wheel was a big hit with staff and students alike, with plenty of vouchers and prizes won throughout the day.

A huge well done to our student leaders — **Sienna, Jules, Zemma, Jemma, Rach, Jess, Lilly, Bella, Gabi, Lily, Morgan, Soph and Peyton** — for their energy and teamwork. Special mention to our senior leaders **Sienna, Zemma, Jules** and **Rach**, who did an outstanding job sourcing raffle donations. Thanks to their efforts and the generous support of families and staff, we were able to raffle off prizes exceeding \$1,000 in value and raise over \$2,000 for the Leila Rose Foundation! We are so proud of our students for their commitment, generosity and leadership in supporting the final Celebration Day of 2025.

A huge thank you to all our Flagstaff families and the following local businesses for their generous support: **Woolworths Dennington, Central & East, Jane Dough, Athletes Foot, McDonalds Central, Toyworld, Direct Chemist Outlet Northpoint, Collins Booksellers, Piercing & Hair by Georgia, Taylors Surfodesy, Bubble Station, Bamboo Juice, and Capital Cinema Warrnambool.**



We also acknowledge some outstanding recent achievements from our Flagstaff students: congratulations to **Lily Goodman**, who attended Alpine School in Term 3 and completed a 40km community walk; to **Nara Rohan**, selected to play in the Essendon Cricket Club senior side for the Victorian Premier Cricket League; and to **Pippa McCarthy**, who claimed 2nd place at the Dancestar National Championships.

Finally, congratulations to all Flagstaff students who applied for College Captain roles — the process is rigorous, and we commend you for your courage and leadership. As always, thank you to our families for your ongoing support and for trusting us to guide and encourage your children in their educational journeys.



BELFAST

This year, our Belfast Student Leaders went above and beyond to make a difference both within and beyond our school community. Taking the lead, they organised visits to 'Respect' (Lyndoch Living), where they spent time with residents, shared stories, played games, and brought plenty of smiles to everyone's faces. Their kindness, empathy, and willingness to give back truly highlights the type of people they are — thoughtful, community-minded, and driven to make a positive impact.



Not stopping there, the team also pulled together a fantastic Movie Night Fundraiser, screening the new film *Kangaroo*. The event was a huge success, bringing together students, staff, families, and friends for a fun-filled night that raised valuable funds for a great cause. These initiatives perfectly capture the leadership, teamwork, and character that define our Belfast student leaders.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM



Warrnambool College Breakfast Club

Join us every Monday at 8:20am outside the Wellbeing Room for a delicious start to your day!

We'll be serving FREE toast, toasties, cereal, and snacks for all students. It's the perfect way to fuel up before school. See you there!



You're not alone

Strengthening Parents Support Program (SPSP) is a free service funded by the Victorian Government.

We support parents and carers of children between the ages of 0 – 18 with a disability or developmental delay.

Our supportive group and program offer a safe space to share experiences, find information and hear from experts on a range of topics. Come and enjoy a coffee and a chat with other parents and carers facing the same challenges and share a similar parenting journey.



Connect to parents and carers

For coffee catch ups, find social support and connection with other parents and carers.



Date and Time

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month
9 & 23 Oct, 6 & 20 Nov & 4 Dec
10:00am to 11:30am



Location

71 Koroit Street, Warrnambool

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FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER - 4PM

WARRNAMBOOL REPAIR CAFE

10am – noon

Sunday 2nd November at
Flagstaff Hill Maritime
Village, 89 Merri Street



Coinciding with “**Wreckfest Rare**
Trades Festival” at
Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village

Scan QR code to book your repair
at Flagstaff Hill 2 November

10am – noon

Saturday 6th December at **West**
Warrnambool Neighbourhood
House, Pecten Avenue Park,
West Warrnambool. Accessible
parking at 10 Carolyn Crescent.



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Facebook group: Warrnambool Repair Café

Speak to a person: Brenda 0418 392 948

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Warrnambool College has partnered with SchoolTV to deliver ongoing support to our families, community and staff.

What is SchoolTV?

It can sometimes feel challenging for parents to raise happy, healthy and resilient children and teens.



What can help families and schools is up-to-date resources aimed at providing information on key topics that relate to parenting and the wellbeing of our children.

SchoolTV is an online wellbeing resource that provides parents and carers with credible information to support the mental health and wellbeing of their children. It features interviews with leading specialists, practical strategies, and real-world insights to help families navigate the modern challenges faced by young people today.

You can access SchoolTV via our school website or directly at wblcoll.vic.schooltv.me/



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

- 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.

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

- Plain navy-blue skorts (no large logos)

- 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.

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

- Warrnambool College bucket hat
- Warrnambool College beanie

Peaked caps are not permitted.

- Navy blue, white or green scarf

SPP UNIFORM

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

- 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.

- 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.

- As per Warrnambool College uniform outlined above.

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



2025 CANTEEN MENU



DAILY SPECIALS

500ml container
\$7.50



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)	\$4.50
Ham & Cheese	\$5.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$5.50
Chicken & Cheese	\$5.00
Egg & Lettuce (V)	\$5.00
Chicken Salad	\$7.00
Ham Salad	\$7.00
Salad (V)	\$6.00

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

DRINKS

Water	\$2.50
Flavoured water	\$4.50
Gatorade	\$5.50
Nippy flavoured milk	\$4.50
Juice	\$5.00
Soft Drink – bottle	\$5.50
– can	\$3.50
Up & Go	\$4.50
Iced tea/ Kombucha	\$5.50
Iced: Latte/Long Black/Chai	\$6.00

Alternative milk/ extra shot 70c

SALAD

Fruit Salad (GF, V, DF)	\$6.00
Caesar (add chicken + \$1)	\$7.00
Falafel Salad (GF, V)	\$8.00

WRAPS

Sweet Chilli Chicken	\$8.00
Ham Salad	\$8.00
Chicken Salad	\$8.00
Falafel (V)	\$8.00

ROLLS

Salad (V)	\$7.00
Ham & Salad	\$7.00
Chicken & Salad	\$7.00

BURGERS

Chicken Schnitzel	\$8.00
Chicken Parma	\$8.00
Beef Burger	\$8.00

HOT FOOD

Chicken Tender Sweet Chilli	\$2.00
Hot Dog (sauce extra)	\$5.50
Dim Sim	\$2.00
Potato Cake	\$2.00
Wedges (V) (sauces extra)	\$5.50
Bowl of Noodles (GFA, V)	\$4.50
Sausage Roll	\$5.00
Pie	\$6.00
Pizza	\$5.00

FOCCACIA (Toasted)

Chicken Parma	\$8.00
Roast Vegetable	\$8.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken	\$8.00
Italian Salami	\$8.00
Chicken Avocado	\$8.00

SNACKS

Popcorn	\$2.00
Assorted Slices	\$4.50
Muffin	\$4.00
Cookie/Rumballs	\$3.00
Mentos/Zappos	from \$2.50
Potato Chips	\$3.00
Frog in Pond	\$3.00



BREAKFAST BEFORE 9am

Fruit Salad (GF, V, DF)	\$6.00
Granola Cup (GF, V)	\$7.00
Muffin	\$4.00
Yogurt Pouch (GF)	\$4.00
Hash Brown (2) (GF, V, DF)	\$2.00
Bacon, Egg & Cheese Muffin	\$5.00
Jaffles	\$6.00
Bacon, Egg & Cheese Wrap	\$6.50
Crossiant – Ham & Cheese	\$5.00



ICE-CREAMS

Zooper Dooper	\$100
Snap Stix	\$1.50
TNT	\$1.50
Calipo Mini	\$2.50
Icy Twist	\$2.50
Paddle Pop	\$3.50
Twister	\$3.00
Frozen Yoghurt (Strawb'y/Mango)	\$3.50
SplICE	\$4.50

HOT DRINKS

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

Alternative milk/ extra shot 70c
Marshmallows extra 50c

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF *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.



Artwork by Hannah O'Brien. This artwork was created as part of the Indigenous Perspectives Project. Thanks to Mel Steffensen author of our new Acknowledgment to Country.