

Emerald Secondary College



The Bush Telegraph

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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Term 2 - 2017:

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Important Dates:

Every Thursday: Homework Club
3.20pm - 4.30pm in A7

JUNE:

Fri 9th-Fri 16th: Years 10 & 11
Exams

Mon 12th: Queens Birthday
Public Holiday (No School)

Wed 14th: Yr 12 GAT Exam

Wed 21st: Yr 10 Uni Experience
Day

Fri 23rd: VCE Theatre Studies
Excursion

Mon 26th-Fri 30th: Yr 10 Work
Experience

Fri 30th: Last day of Term 2

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From the Principal:

Student Achievement Feedback

Giving accurate and timely feedback to both students and their families on student achievement is important to us. As we all know, students really need to know what they have learnt and how well they have achieved to assist their understanding of how they can continue to improve their knowledge.

For this reason we have moved to using Compass as an online real time reporting tool. Many of our staff are using assessment rubrics to identify to what level students are currently achieving and showing within the rubric how students can improve further.

Online assessment is a very different method of reporting student achievement compared to previous years. With digital online assessment tools our teachers work collaboratively to develop meaningful curriculum to meet students' understanding and extend their knowledge.

If any parents or families

experience any difficulty accessing their child's online assessment reports could they please contact the College.

Diversity Acceptance Week

This week we have celebrated our Diversity Acceptance week. Our young student leaders developed this week, as part of their Inclusion project, and organised a number of engaging activities. Our College canteen supported the week by providing different cultural food days throughout the week.

The students began the week by launching their project at a Junior School Assembly followed by lunchtime activities that included Blind Soccer, Deaf Disco, Headspace, Wheelchair Basketball, the S.A.G.A group, a Sausage Sizzle, Pyjama Day and the launch of the 40hr Diversity Challenge.

Again, it was inspiring to see both our students and staff participate in a number of activities.

All funds raised go towards the new Community Inclusion Garden.



State Aerobic Championships

Last Sunday I accompanied Ms Donders and the ESC Aerobics squad to the Arena in Geelong. It was a long day starting at 7.30am with the Wild Card section before the State Championships began at 11.30am. The day finished after 10pm. I would like to thank all the parents, families and friends who came with us to Geelong to support our teams and school.

Both teams were amazing and performed at their best competing against the State's top athletes, some of whom compete internationally.



Our Junior team came 2nd in the Wild Card section, only just missing out on a place at the State Championships.

In the Stage 3 Open Aerobic Division at the State Championships, our Senior Team just missed out on a place that would see them compete at the National Championships, but were ranked 3rd in the State overall.

Congratulations to both teams for training so hard and competing at such a high level.

Inclusion Building Update

Due to the recent heavy rains, the Foreman came to see me this week with some bad news. The rains were



so heavy, the drainpipes couldn't cope with the high volume of water and unfortunately flooded the new building. Damage at this stage has been to the new doors that are yet to be painted and ceiling and wall plaster work. The Foreman has reassured me that this is only a temporary setback and we should still be able to move into the new building at some point next term.

Vandalism

It is with pleasure that I can share with our whole community that the police have identified, caught and arrested the two young people who came onto our school property on a Saturday night and smashed our Library and Administration windows and doors. Both these young people are not part of Emerald Secondary College. Nevertheless, it is disappointing to see young adults behave in this manner.

I would like to thank the Emerald and Pakenham Police, Emerald Woolworths and our community in supporting us to find and bring to justice these culprits.

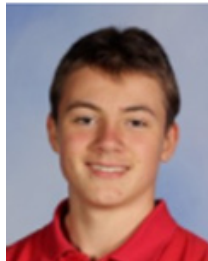
Jodie Doble, Principal



Junior School Student of the Week

This week we have two students from the Junior School who have been nominated:

Our first nomination as student of the week is Stephanie Jarvis of 7C. Stephanie has been nominated by her Art teacher, Ms Cronin, for her general all round awesome effort in her artistic pursuits. Stephanie is persistent and determined to make the best possible effort in class, and also for her efforts to paint the 'Emerald Going Solar' mural, which she contributes to on Thursday lunchtimes.



Our next nomination as Junior School Student of the week is Will Doran. Will is a Year 9 student and was nominated by Ms Donders due to his consistent hard work in class and also the fantastic way he goes about applying what he is learning in the theory classes to the practical classes in Outdoor Education. Will is always prepared for the various activities and keen to participate, he is also a very positive member of the class.

Every Day Counts

It is coming up to an important time of the Semester with Exams looming for Year 10 and 11 students and also many subjects at the Junior level having CATs due. For parents this can also be a tricky time as the winter chills hit and pressure possibly from your child wanting to stay home if they are feeling slightly unwell. Like all good habits – going to school and going to work - it is important to ensure that students develop a pattern of attending school regularly and resisting the easy option of staying home. Parents who have an awareness of their son/daughters more stressful times, like exams and CATs, are always better prepared to deal with the pressure that can come from their child's request to stay home. Compass lists many of the students tasks that are due and exam timetables can also be accessed via Compass. Check Compass regularly to monitor upcoming assessments and ensure that your child is at school on those days.

Learning Out in the Field

On Thursday 25th May our Year 11 Geography students were able to visit the beautifully restored Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre (AWBEC) in Cockatoo as part of their fieldwork on Bushfires responses. It was a great opportunity to learn about our local history and take part in learning within our wider community. We highly recommend people visit the Centre if the opportunity arises.

Thank you to Graham, Patsy and Leticia for being great hosts.



Winter Sport

Recently I took out the Year 9 and 10 Boys football team as part of the school's Winter Sport program. Sport is not only an important aspect of school life but it is also one of the great teachers of life – not to mention the health benefits. As an Assistant Principal it is also a great way for me to mix with students and get to develop relationships which can then be further developed back in a school setting. As a football coach I make a better umpire – but

nevertheless, the Year 9/10 boys who went out played outstandingly well and showed great sportsmanship to all sides they faced on the day.

Well done to all the students who are heading out for sports and who are representing ESC with pride. Thanks also to Marion Donders our Sports Coordinator for all the work that goes in to preparing the teams.

Mike Jaremczuk and Estelle Alder - Assistant Principals



The Nobelius Heritage Park and Emerald Museum Biennial General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4th July and they are looking for volunteers to join the Committee.

The meeting is to be held at 7pm on Tuesday 4th July at the Emerald Museum. As it is a Biennial General Meeting, a new Committee will be nominated (i.e.: President, Secretary, Treasurer), annual report will be presented and any new members will be welcomed.

More information about the different committee roles, including general committee members, can be found on our website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/EMvolunteers

EMERALD CFA RECRUITING NOW



Emerald Fire Brigade NEEDS YOU

- **Are you passionate about helping your community?**
- **Do you want to learn new skills?**
- **Make new friends?**

We are recruiting new members now and we invite YOU to take an active role with your local CFA.

Our particular need is active men and women for daytime response, but are also looking to strengthen our team for all times of the day.

Are you available?

For more information call 1800 232 636, visit cfa.vic.gov.au or email recruitment@emeraldfirebrigade.org.au

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**Emerald
Secondary College
UNIFORM**

**SALE
25% OFF**

05.06.2017 to 30.06.2017

GENERIC ITEMS NOT INCLUDED | SALE IN STORE ONLY
EXCLUDES ONLINE STORE | NO RAIN-CHECKS
NO FURTHER DISCOUNTS | LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE

Beleza

BELEZA PAKENHAM
2/56 John Street
PH: (03) 5941 4989

BELEZA MOUNTAIN GATE
Shop 5, 1880 Ferntree Gully Rd
PH: (03) 5941 4989

POLOS	FROM \$17.00
DRESSES	FROM \$44.00
JACKET	FROM \$56.00
SPORT TOP	FROM \$29.00

**NEW LOCATION
WITH THE SAME FRIENDLY FACES**

Beleza Pakenham

WE'RE MOVING!

Mid July 2017

To our bigger, company owned location at:
SHOP 7, 99 BALD HILL, PAKENHAM
(Only 5 minutes down the road)

Our phone number and trading hours will remain the same
P: (03) 5941 4989 Monday - Friday: 10:00am to 5:00pm, Saturday: 10:00am to 12:00pm

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP:

Will be open every Friday from 2.30pm - 3.15pm.
For out of hours secondhand uniform enquiries
please phone Sue Cambridge on 5968 4515



Homework Club

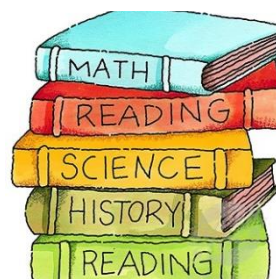
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

Details

When: Every Thursday from 3.20-4.30pm

Where: Room A7 with teacher assistance

Who: All students from Years 7 - 12



Any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Tounson - D Block staffroom

Cyber safety Presentations to students in Years 7-10

Emerald Secondary College is lucky to have Australian Expert, Susan McLean, presenting sessions on Cyber safety to students in Years 7-10 on Wednesday 14th June in EPAC. Parents are welcome to attend one of the following sessions and can register their attendance with Sue Batham on 5968 5388. Students will be attending a session at the following times:

Session 1 (9.00-10.40) will be for students in Years 9-10

Session 2 (11.05 – 12.45) will be for students in Years 7-8

Growing up Online:

An informative & entertaining session for students is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach & will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:-

- ❖ What are kids doing online – The popular social networking sites and apps such as KiK, Musical.ly and Instagram. What they are, what are the legal ages to use them & why these rules should be obeyed. The difference between an 'online friend' and a 'stranger'.
- ❖ Online Grooming – What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- ❖ Cyberbullying - What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- ❖ 'Sexting' – the taking and sending of explicit images...what are the REAL consequences. (Primary school kids too).
- ❖ Potential dangers and safety tips – how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online via parental controls and restriction passcodes
- ❖ Problematic internet use and gaming issues.
- ❖ Office of the eSafety Commissioner – Role, Resources & Reporting.
- ❖ Be confident in setting rules and boundaries around internet use in the home. It's OK to say NO!
- ❖ The session will conclude with time for Questions.



Susan Mclean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She is a mother of three and was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. She took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments. She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools, and is afforded 'expert' status on the Safer Internet Programme Data Base. She is also a member of the Australian Government's Cybersafety working group and a published author. Her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive parents' guide to helping their children stay safe online.