

Emerald Secondary College



The Bush Telegraph

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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Term 3 - 2017:

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Important Dates:

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

JULY:

Mon 24th-Fri 28th: Science Week

Wed 26th: VCE Theatre Excursion

Thur 27th: Yrs 9 & 10 Sports Day

Fri 28th: College PD Day -
Student Free Day

AUGUST:

Tues 1st: Future Options Expo -
6.00-7.30 pm

Tues 1st: Yr 9 Subject Selection
Evening -6.30-7.00 pm
VCAL 2018 Information
session - 7.00-7.30 pm

Yr 10 Subject Selection
Evening - 7.30 pm-8.00 pm

Wed Aug 8th: Yr 8 Sports Day

Thur 10th-Fri 11th: Yr 10 Mt
Buller overnight camp

Tues 15th: Community and Yr 9
Smart Gen Parent Night

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From the Principal:

Welcome to Term Three

I would like to warmly welcome all our staff, students and families to the start of Term Three. I would also like to warmly welcome to our Emerald community all our new students who have joined us from other schools and Colleges this term and wish them all the best for their future.

Over the break the Department of Education completed the upgrade to our College Gymnasium replacing the old straw internal cladding with new fire retardant boards. Also completed was the installation of shutters and fire doors to the Gym to improve safety for all our students and staff during the fire season.

I would like to thank all our VCE teaching staff and Jason Nicholas, our Head of Senior School, for organising and running the many support classes for our VCE students over the term break. Attending lunchtime and after school classes as well as holiday classes helps our students prepare to achieve the best possible outcomes and score in the VCE course. The VCE pathway is highly competitive and students are graded not only on their own achievement but also against all students within each course across the State of Victoria.

As with all our terms, in Term Three we will be very busy, with Future Career expos, VTAC information sessions and Course Counselling advice for our students in Years 8 and 9 selecting their 2018 Electives, and students in Years 10 and 11 selecting their Senior Pathways. It is also a busy time for our Year 12 students who are preparing for their Unit 4 final SACs, and examinations, which are held in Term Four.

At the end of Term Two Yvonne Hardy, one of our receptionists, retired to begin a new journey in her life with a coastal change. I would like to thank Yvonne for her many years of service to not only the College but also the education sector and wish her all the best for her future. This week Ms Sharon Nagel joined our front office team bringing many years of experience with her. I would like to warmly welcome Ms Nagel to our Emerald family.

Priority Review

Our Review report has been presented to the College Leadership team and staff, and the whole Leadership team is working on new Strategic and Implementation Plans to ensure continued improvement in student engagement and learning.

The Department of Education questioned the use of language within the report and over the term break has released an update that is a more accurate

reflection of the College, taking into account the hard work and dedication of the Leadership team and staff to improve all our students' engagement with school and learning over the past 18 months.

The community report will be available for all our families to read later this term through our website.

This is a very exciting opportunity for our whole learning community to engage with the future of the College and its continued improvement and success.

Community Support

Throughout Term Two, Mr Watson, our students and their families worked tirelessly to raise funds to support our new competitive Volleyball program. The team trains every week and is already achieving great success in competition against other schools.

I would like to thank our community for supporting this program through sponsorship:-Vibe Health and Fitness, Emerald Mitre 10 and Barry Plant Emerald.

These local community businesses have all made significant donations to the program, which will allow us to purchase uniforms, equipment and enter tournaments.

I would also like to thank the Emerald Lions Club for donating a stall at their 'Grow it, Make it, Bake it' market and to Emerald Village Meats for donating the BBQ facilities and meats for our BBQ fundraiser. Please check out our College Facebook page for more information.

Year 9 Mock Interviews

I would like to thank all our students, staff, families and community members for their support of our Year 9 Connect Mock Interviews. These experiences are invaluable and greatly assist our students in their understanding of the work place beyond school.

Following a survey conducted by one of our community businesses it was interesting to note the following.

- Of the students that responded to the questionnaire, 54 per cent plan to complete a bachelor degree or higher, whilst approximately one in five indicate completing an apprenticeship/traineeship or Year 12 Certificate.
- Students prefer the following future occupations; Electricians, Teachers, Mechanics, Carpenters, Doctors, Nurses, Engineers and Physiotherapists. These match with the Department's industry employment growth projections for Victoria and Australia.
- Interestingly, students have realistic wage expectations with approximately three quarters indicating they would be earning between \$40,000 and \$99,999. The average annual wage in Victoria is \$57,800 (Australia, \$60,500)
- Encouragingly, most students recognised that being reliable (81%), working hard (80%), having a positive attitude (74%), and the ability to communicate and get on with people (73%) are important to employers when entering the workforce.
- Almost all students (99%) have already obtained or are planning to obtain work experience based on arrangements through the school or their own personal networks.

Earn & Learn

Woolworths is about to begin its yearly Earn & Learn campaign. I would like to encourage all our families to collect the stickers and bring them into school. For every \$10 spent at Woolworth you will receive a sticker. Every sticker equals points that accumulate towards materials and equipment for the school. With our strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy we would like to use the points for equipment to support our students' learning in these areas. Please bring your stickers to the main office.



Jodie Doble, Principal

Parents of Year 10-12 Students

A reminder that the meningococcal W vaccine forms are due into the front office prior to the day of immunisations Monday 21st August. This is a free vaccination that the Victorian Government is funding for Secondary School students. If students require a card because they have lost theirs they should collect one from the front office.



ESC Future Options Expo?

Over 20 tertiary institutions will set up stalls in S-block where students and families can:

- ask about University and TAFE courses
- confirm which subjects to study here at ESC which will help or are required for entry
- gather course guides and other information
- confirm possible pathways or areas of interest and possible courses in those areas

ALL Domain Areas of the College will also have a stall for families and students to:

- ask about subjects here at ESC and if they would be suitable to study next year
- gather subject specific information
- Confirm possible subjects to study next year here at ESC

Coupled with this evening will be the yr 9 subject selection presentation at 6.30pm, VCAL/VET information session 7pm and the yr 10 subject selection presentation evening at 7.30pm in EPAC so SAVE THE DATE!!

The ESC Future Options Expo will be held in S-Block on Tuesday 1st August 6pm – 7.30pm. See you there!

Nik Smith - Pathways Leader



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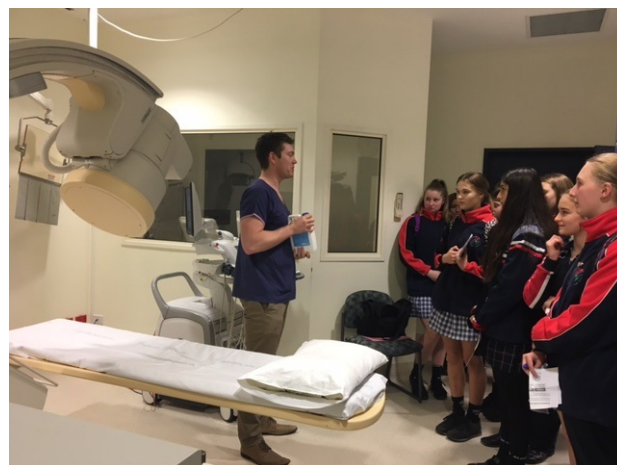


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Connect Program News

Before I recognize the wonderful efforts of our Year 9 students for the Mock Interviews last term, I must acknowledge the support of our community members. As you would imagine, the day becomes extremely busy and demanding when all Year 9 students are to be interviewed within school hours. This would not be possible if we did not have community members who are so dedicated to making a difference in the young lives. We have a few members who have been supporting this program for last five years. Also, I would like to specifically acknowledge our members of Emerald Rotary club and Woolworths Emerald for their continuous collaboration.

Personally, for me it was great to see our students being able to put to use all the information they had learnt over the topic of Careers in Term two. It was interesting that many students realized and demonstrated their understanding that these career pathways are not all linear; many influences result in changes of options and pathways.

In our efforts to keep providing consistent real life educational prospects, this year we invited Ivan Neville, Manager of Labor Market Research & Analysis Branch, Department of Employment as a guest speaker for the launch of Mock Interviews.

His presentation emphasized the importance of not only completing Year 12 but also encouraged students to consider higher education. The students also learnt that the money they can earn in life is directly proportionate to the extent of the qualification they will have. His presentation illustrated to our students the main personal qualities and skills that employers are looking for.

Continuing our commitment to develop our students to be socially aware, we will cover many new aspects in Health term (Term 3), such as positive psychology, mindfulness & wellbeing.

This term we will also focus on issues in our society such as mental health illness to build an awareness surrounding mental health issues and homelessness.

Ritu Arora - Year 9 Coordinator & Connect Coordinator



Further Important Information- Connect City Experience

With the Connect City Experience coming up this term (Week 6) parents will need to access compass to approve their child's participation in this excursion. Parents will be sent a targeted message when it is available on Compass.

Students will also be required to sign a contract of expected behaviors and have this also counter signed by parents.

In terms of travel, all Connect students going will need to meet at Belgrave Train Station. Students will need to have purchased a MYKI card prior to this week of travel. All home groups have three days in the city

Volleyball

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Thomas Watson



Sherbrooke Basketball (SBA) is undertaking a survey, the information we receive will guide a program of improvement to ensure the strength and viability of our local community basketball competition.

Sherbrooke Basketball Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/83BSG32>

Please click the link above and complete the survey, it should take a few minutes only and will greatly assist with the ongoing development of the Sherbrooke basketball competition.

If you know others who are interested in basketball, particularly those that live locally but play in a different competition please forward them the link or encourage them to access the survey on the SBA website.





THE HILLS CHALLENGE

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM COMPETITION

at Mountain Road Reserve, Cockatoo

SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

Registrations from 8:30 til 9:45am

Events Start 10:00am

Cost: \$5 per athlete

EVENT 1	UNDER 6 Boys & Girls	500 m
EVENT 2	UNDER 7 & 8 Boys & Girls	1000m
EVENT 3	UNDER 9 & 10 Boys & Girls	1500m
EVENT 4	UNDER 11 & 12 Boys & Girls	2000m
EVENT 5	UNDER 13 to 15 Boys & Girls	3000m
AND OPEN		

All runners results go towards the team score
Winning club gets their name on the Hills Cross Country Challenge shield.

WARNING: this is a rough and tough cross country course, with steep hills, thick grass, mud and creek crossings – all good cross country fun.

ENQUIRIES – KATIE 0428 744 498 or LISA 0408 338 724

Canteen, BBQ and Hot drinks available on the day

PRE REGISTER at cockatoo@lavic.com.au

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

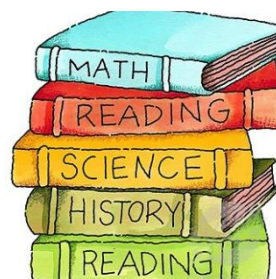
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

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 Trounson – D Block staffroom