

Emerald Secondary College



The Bush Telegraph

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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Term 3 - 2017:

18th August 2017 **Issue 22**

Important Dates:

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

AUGUST:

Mon 21st: Yrs 10-12

Meningococcal Vaccinations

Tue 22nd-Thur 24th: Yr 9A, B & E
Connect City Experience

Tue 22nd, Wed 23rd and Fri

25th: Yr 9C, D & G - Connect City
Experience

Tue 22nd: Singing Soiree - EPAC
7.00pm

Tue 29th: Yr 12 Retreat Day - VCAL
students

Wed 30th: Yr 12 Retreat Day - VCE
students

Thu 30th: Percussion Soiree - EPAC
7.00pm

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From the Principal:

Victorian Interschool Drama festival

Last Friday, Ms Hanley accompanied a group of our students who performed and competed at the Victorian Interschool Drama festival.

The students, under the wonderful coaching of Ms Hanley, wrote, directed and performed their own plays.

In their first ever festival Emerald Secondary College students received four outstanding awards.

- Best Comedy (Junior Division)
- Best Male Actor Overall: Tiarnan Hunter
- Adjudicators Award: Charlee Tjepkema as the singer/Narrator
- Festival Encouragement Award: Emily Norton's script and direction



Congratulations to all the students involved for their outstanding efforts and performances, and a special thank you on behalf of the students and College to Ms Hanley for her leadership and coaching.

Careers and Pathways

At Emerald Secondary College we have a firm belief that every child can achieve and be successful. Part of this is how we discuss future options with students.

Over the past few weeks students from Year 8 to Year 11 have participated in discussions about pathways and course options. In Year 8 students have been selecting their Year 9 Electives, in Year 9 students have been selecting their Year 10 Electives and the possibility of accelerating a subject in either a VCE course or a Vet course. Our senior students have been selecting their VCE, VET or VCAL options for 2018 to continue with a successful pathway at Emerald Secondary College.

Although our Year 12s are very quickly coming to the end of their formal school based education, they have been discussing their options beyond school, supported by Nick Smith, our Careers and Pathways leader, and all teachers.

I would like to thank all our students, families and staff for discussing students' pathways for success and wish them all the best for their chosen subjects.

2018 Kick Start

Many Victorian Schools start their following year's subjects and classes before the Summer Holiday break. Our Leadership team have been reviewing a best practice model to commence the following year early, with associated benefits to student engagement and learning.

This year, Emerald Secondary College will begin a whole school 2018 Kick Start program.

After formal examinations and school based examinations conclude, Emerald Secondary College will commence the 2018 timetable, classes and programs on Wednesday 29th November and continue until Tuesday 12th December.

Our Annual Awards evening will take place on the evening of Tuesday 12th December.

During activities week from Wednesday 13th to Monday 18th December any students wishing to make changes to their electives or Senior Course may apply to do so by booking an appointment with our Senior School Staff. More information regarding any course changes will be shared later in the year.

We believe the Kick Start program will give all our students the best possible start to 2018. Staff are already planning and preparing courses for 2018 and Kick Start and further information will be sent home during Term 3 and at the start of Term 4.

Respectful Relations

Our students are exposed to many forms of social and anti-social behaviours due to TV programs, cartoons, videos, media and social media. The exposure is far greater than many adults were exposed to as they were growing up. We need to remember that our students are still growing and learning and it is sad that they have the potential to become desensitised to anti-social behaviours and habits through our technologies.

At Emerald secondary College we are a 'Respectful Relations' school. Under the guidance of the Department of Education we have a very clear policy on Respectful Relationships & School Values. This can be found on our College website under 'About us' – 'Policies'. Can I ask that all parents and families access this document and discuss what it means and how we expect each other to behave.

Jodie Doble, Principal

Kickstart 2018 - 29th November – 12th December

This year Emerald Secondary College will have a Whole School Kickstart program for two weeks from the 29th November to 12th December. Kickstart gives students extra class time for the best possible start for their 2018 course, gives students an opportunity to make early subject changes, and allows for a smooth start to the 2018 year.

2017 subjects will finish on Tuesday November 28th and students will then move up to their next year level for 2018. The 2018 timetable will begin on 29th November, and students will be taking their 2018 subjects with their 2018 teachers (where possible).

Kickstart Attendance

In Kickstart the 2018 academic year begins, and attendance is mandatory. College expectations for attendance and academic performance are the same as for the usual school year. Senior School students should note that Kickstart attendance is mandatory and counts towards Unit 1&3 attendance. Classwork tasks must be completed as part of satisfactory completion coursework for a satisfactory Unit pass. Subject changes will be completed after Kickstart. Kickstart textbooks and stationary

English novels will be available for use during Kickstart with early purchase through the College book seller, Lamonts. Students are expected to have their new 2018 exercise books with them during Kickstart. Teachers will provide copies of textbook information for students during the Kickstart period.

If you have any questions regarding Kickstart please contact:
Junior School – Minna Kanoa, Senior School – Jason Nicholas,
Assistant Principal – Estelle Alder

The logo features the word 'Kick' in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. Below it, the word 'Start!' is written in a large, bold, red sans-serif font, with an exclamation mark. The entire logo is set against a white background.



Homework Club

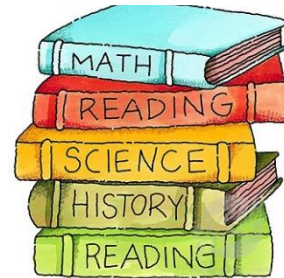
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

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

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

CLOSED SATURDAY
19TH FOR STORE RE-LOCATION

Beleza Pakenham

GRAND RE-OPENING

Monday 21 August 2017

At our bigger, company owned location:
SHOP 7, 99 BALD HILL RD, 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 1:00pm

EMERALD CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY

Wednesday 23rd August, 4 - 6pm

The cricket season is once again almost upon us. Emerald Cricket Club has Junior teams and Milo Cricket for all those budding young cricketers.

We are having our Junior Registration afternoon on Wednesday 23rd August at Chandler Reserve from 4-6pm.

Any questions can be directed to Ian Crosher (Junior Coordinator – 0429 660 153) or Kris Strong (President – 0418 527 897).

Hope to see you there!



PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS GROWING GREAT KIDS

ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?

How to get kids to listen without having to yell?

DEALING WITH ANGER

Helping parents, helping kids deal with frustration and anger.

STRATEGIES

Discuss and share strategies that work.

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Understand the challenges your kids face in School.

SELF CARE

How to cope with Stress and Emotions?

WHEN:

Thursdays

31 August, 7, 14 & 21 September 2017

WHEN:

7pm to 9pm

WHERE:

Cockatoo Primary School
19-33 Belgrave-Gembrook Road,
Cockatoo VIC 3781

COST:

FREE

FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES CONTACT:

Naomi Dewar 03 5968 8017 or Jasbir Singh 0431 203 177
or text your name to register.

Email: Dewar.Naomi.N@edumail.vic.gov.au or
jasbir.suopada@anglicarevic.org.au



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YOUTH SERVICES

TERM 3 PROGRAM

MY PLACE
YOUTH
FACILITY

MON

YOUNG MUMS

ARENA
10-12pm

SOS

MY PLACE
3.30-5pm

MEDIA IN THE HILLS

EMERALD
4-5.30pm

LGBTIQ SUPPORTERS

GROUP
PAKENHAM
6-8pm

OPEN
1-5.15pm

TUES

SPORTS PROGRAM

MY PLACE
4-5.30pm

SOW GROW COOK

MY PLACE
3.30-5pm

OPEN
1-5.15pm

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Contact Youth Services
for venue
4-5.30pm

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COMMITTEE**

MY PLACE
4-5.30pm

CATCH UP

MY PLACE
5.30-7pm

OPEN
1-5.15pm

THU

REFRACT

Contact Youth Services
for venue
4-5.30PM

OPEN
1-5.15pm

FRI

BRAINWAVES

MY PLACE
10-11.30am

OPEN
1-5pm

Youth Services programs are free, but some excursions and activities may incur a cost.
Bookings are essential

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PO Box 7, Pakenham 3810
Ph: 1300 787 624

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