

Emerald Secondary College



The Bush Telegraph

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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Term 4 - 2017:

24th November 2017

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Important Dates:

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

NOVEMBER:

Thu 23rd - Tues 28th: Yr 11 Exams

Fri 24th - Tues 28th: Yr 10 Exams

Tue 28th: Valedictory Dinner

Wed 29th - Tues 12th Dec: Whole
School Kickstart Program

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From the Principal:

Learning and Teaching

This week our 2018 Leadership team spent the full day reflecting on the Review Report, our student learning data and student, parent and staff opinion data to develop our 2018 Annual Implementation Plan.

How we engage our students in their learning is a key priority as well as promoting literacy and numeracy skills, and students' confidence to aspire and achieve their personal best.

Once the plan has been approved by DET it will be made available for our whole community through our College Website.



Born to Soar Pty Ltd are proud to announce a partnership with Emerald Secondary College. This partnership will establish a new Centre for Gifted and Talented Education to be located at Emerald Secondary College in Term One 2018.

Whilst this opportunity has a primary aged focus, the partnership will see our own staff and students benefitting from educational supports, program and professional development. For more information contact either myself at the College or Angus Giles from Born to Soar on angus@borntosoar.com.au

Bushfire Readiness

As mentioned last week, I would like to remind all our families to make sure they have their Bushfire plans updated and ready. While we hope we will never have to act on our Bushfire Plans it is important that we all have them. The College is no exception to this.

Over the next few weeks, Cardinia Shire and the CFA will be reducing the fuel around the school with a focus on the Northern side of the College and Lawson's Road side of the College. This will involve the removal of dangerous trees, slashing and some after school hours controlled burns.

I would like to remind all our families that the College will close on CODE RED DAYS, and will potentially close on EXTREME days. The CFA, SES and DET Regional offices will advise us 24 hours prior to an Extreme day taking into account wind directions, temperatures and conditions.

We will only close if there is a potential threat to lives. If we are closing all our families will be notified through Compass and SMS. Our Website will display days we are closed, and the entrance and exits to the College will be blocked. Buses will not run on days we are closed and families are encouraged to put their own plans in place on school closure days.

2018 Debutante Ball

Applications are now open and can be collected from the College front office.

Our wonderful Emerald Rotary have again partnered with the College and organised our annual Debutante Ball. The cost for participants includes the choreography,

dance tuition, dance rehearsals, suit hire for the boys, flowers, photography package and the student meals at the venue.

The 2018 Debutante Ball will be on Saturday 16th June at The Grand on Cathies Lane in Wantirna.

This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to be proud of themselves in a formal setting.



Jodie Doble - Principal

Junior School Student of the Week

Congratulations to our students of the week this week and again it is great that we are recognising a few students.

April Peters – Year 8



April has been nominated by Mr Reid for her consistent excellent attitude to her work in English this semester. He stated that April is always trying to get the best out of herself. She works well independently but she especially shows talent when in a group situation. She has gone out of her way to help other students with their work, particularly in sharing her expertise on the Audacity program for the English 'Horror Story' CAT. Keep up the good work April and congratulations.

Sophie Oglivie – Year 9



Sophie has been nominated by her Maths teacher Mr Sidney for the consistency of her completed work which is always on time or, in some cases, earlier. She has achieved very good results with this work ethic. Sophie has always sought assistance when she needs it. Overall a fantastic effort and achievement and I encourage her to keep this up. Well done Sophie!

Montana Laseni - Year 9



Montana has also been nominated by her Maths teacher Mr Sidney for her work in both Science and Connect. Montana completes her homework on time and prepares for CATS and other tasks with the attitude of wanting to achieve her best. Montana has achieved some great results as a consequence of this attitude. Overall a fantastic effort and achievement and I encourage her to keep this up. Well done Sophie!

Summer Bushfire Control Works Around ESC

This week Parks Victoria will begin some fuel reduction works on the Lawson's Road / School site area in preparation for a controlled burn in the coming weeks. The current work will involve bulldozer works to construct the control line along the Northern private property boundary, removal of some hazardous trees and slashing along the path on the main Emerald Gembrook Road. Once again these works are all part of ensuring the safety of students and staff at the College on high and extreme fire danger days.

Review of PASE, CAT Redemption Process & Ready 2 Learn

Over the past few weeks the College has been conducting a series of reviews on new programs/processes that were introduced in 2017 in a bid to evaluate their success on meeting their goals. This provides an opportunity to consider additions for the upcoming year to provide further clarity, effectiveness and, most important of all, support for student outcomes. What we have found from the review process is the great insight that students have about these programs/processes and the passion to which they take their opportunity to provide this feedback. This notion of student voice is a crucial aspect of schools and school planning – it is not tokenistic but affords the students with a real opportunity to shape learning and planning. As a key part of Emerald's look to undertake and embed 'student voice' further, we have a number of staff visiting another school that has been a leader in this approach to their school. It is hoped that from this visit ideas will be brought back and embedded into practice in 2018.

Ultimately the more we involve students in their school the more success we will have in meeting outcomes.

Students Moving Lockers for KICKSTART – Combination Lock Expectation

All students will be assigned new lockers for KICKSTART. Please note that any student who does not have a combination lock for their locker will not be assigned a locker and will need to keep all their belongings in the Sub School offices until they purchase a combination lock.

Students are expected, as part of College requirements, to have a school combination lock on your locker. Parents pay good money for your equipment and laptop's - so we need to ensure that they are safe.



Student Uniform in 2018

Uniform 2018 – all new Yr 7 students are required to wear the new PSW uniform (plus any students who wish to in Yrs 8-12), The old uniform can be worn by students in Year 8-12 up until the end of 2019. From 2020 all students will be in the new PSW school uniform. Students in Yr 12 in 2020 will have the opportunity to wear the College approved Yr 12 Top.

- The Senior School uniform is no longer in stock or for sale – so it will be hard to get new.

The table below provides some clear information for both parents and students. Please note that in 2018 there will be a focus on school pants.

Mike Jaremczuk & Estelle Alder - Assistant Principals

COMPULSORY for Year 7 2018

- All Year 7 students are required to wear the new PSW supplied College uniform which can be seen below. **They are not able to wear any of the old uniform items.**
- Students may wear a long sleeve white shirt under their uniform that does not have a logo, as long as it is under their jumper.
- All short sleeve shirts must have an ESC logo.
- Navy school trousers/shorts (tailored, elastic waist) **Note: legging style pants are not acceptable and pants are not to be tucked into socks**
- Plain white, navy or black socks
- **Plain fully enclosed shoes which are all black including any visible logo, laces or fastenings. (T-Bar for girls okay). Ballet style shoes are not acceptable.** Students not having all black shoes will be required to re-purchase an all-black pair.
- Plain all blue or all black cap, hat



Years 8 – 12 Until the end of January 2020

**** Students can choose to wear the new PSW uniform items above if they don't wish to wear items below**

All students

- ESC logo red polo shirt
- White short sleeved button up shirt with logo/ long sleeved button-up - no logo needed
- Navy school trousers/shorts (tailored, elastic waist) **Note: legging style pants are not acceptable and pants are not to be tucked into socks**
- Plain white, navy or black socks
- ESC logo Polar fleece ¼ zip top with rugby-style top
- ESC logo Rugby-style top
- ESC logo Waterproof jacket
- **Plain fully enclosed shoes which are all black including any visible logo, laces or fastenings. (T-Bar for girls okay). Ballet style shoes are not acceptable.** Students not having all black shoes will be required to re-purchase an all-black pair.
- Plain all blue or all black cap, hat

Girls Only Additions (School Uniform)

Choose from:

- ESC Summer cotton check dress
- ESC Winter College skirt
- Plain skin coloured, plain navy blue or plain black stockings/tights

Dresses and skirts must be of a suitable length no shorter than 10cm above the knee. The College reserves the right to ask students to make the necessary changes in order to reflect this.

End of Year Activities

End of Year Activities will be running from Wednesday 13th December - Monday 18th December. There are a variety of activities (free or incurring a cost) and students are encouraged to participate.

The cut-off date for consent and payment is Friday 1st December. There will be no flexibility with the closing date due to processing, confirmation and payments to the various organisations.

All information can be found on Compass Newsfeed.

Sarah Trounson - End of Year Activities Coordinator



INVITATION TO YEAR 9 PARENTS AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Connect Community Project Expo for 2017

We would like you to come along to celebrate the success of six community projects launched by our Connect students and staff in Term Four-2017

1. Care package- Asylum seekers
2. Trivia Night
3. Japanese initiative for Primary school
4. Back pack for kids
5. Habitat for wild life
6. Looking out for Man's best friend

"Be the change you want to see"

Venue: EPAC

Date: 28th November

Time: 10:00am - 10:40am

PLEASE RSVP – arora.ritu.r@edumail.vic.gov.au



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 stationery

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

Kick Start!



Homework Club

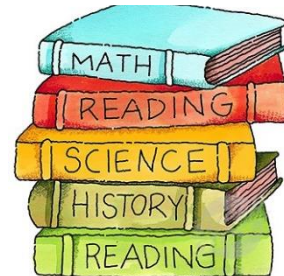
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

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

Second Hand Uniform News

Will be open every Friday from 2.30pm - 3.15pm.

For out of hours secondhand uniform enquiries please phone Sue Cambridge on 5968 4515

Sue Cambridge - ESC Uniform Shop

Monbulk Cricket Club in conjunction with MADCOW presents

MONBULK FUN RUN **10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY**

2017 COLOUR RUN

"Run to the G"
4km & 8km Run / Walk

Date: Sunday 26th November, 2017
Place: Start / Finish - 'MCG' Monbulk Cricket Ground
Time: 8 - 8.30am registration for a 9am start (sharp)
Entry Fee: \$10 School Kids / \$20 Adult / \$40 Family

Face Painting Double Shot Coffee Van
Rotary BBQ Monbulk Produce Market
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For more information email Kelly at kellyembellish@hotmail.com or [@Monbulk Fun Run 2017](https://www.facebook.com/MonbulkFunRun2017)
or register Online at www.eventbrite.com.au

Proceeds from Fun Run go to Monbulk Relief Fund and MADCOW Community Projects
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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE KEY SAFETY ISSUES IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Police in Cardinia want to run community safety projects with you. At this event you can share your concerns directly with local police and help create a safer, stronger Cardinia. We'll have a creche and feed the kids, so book today!

- Event: Community safety workshop
- Where: Emerald Community House, 356-358 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald
- When: 4 December 2017. Doors open 5.30pm

Community Safety Forums are being held in communities around Victoria as part of the Community Safety Networks project.

Local safety networks will be set up across 12 communities to give residents a greater voice in helping to combat crime.

To register your interest visit www.facebook.com/eyewatchcardinia and look for the event.

Unable to attend? Contribute to the conversation today at www.engage.vic.gov.au/csn/location

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Saturday
9th
December

Bring your friends and family!

Alma Treloar Reserve
Pakenham Rd, Cockatoo
(Wet Weather venue St Luke's, McBride St, Cockatoo)

5-6:30pm
FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES
Jumping Castle, Popcorn,
Face Painting, Fairy Floss!
(Sausage Sizzle at a small cost)
Alcohol free event

6:30pm
Community Carol
Singing








Sunday
10th
December

Bring your friends and family!

Gembrook Primary School
50 Main St, Gembrook

5-6:30pm
FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES
Jumping Castle, Popcorn,
Face Painting, Fairy Floss!
(Sausage Sizzle at a small cost)
Alcohol free event

6:30pm
Community Carol
Singing

Emerald Scouts

Christmas

Tree Sale



Saturday & Sunday
2nd, 3rd
9th, 10th
16th
December
9am-2pm

Emerald Scout Centre
21 Kilvington Drive