

Emerald Secondary College

Fortnightly Newsletter



Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

Principal - Jodie Doble

College Council President - Phillip Dwyer

Assistant Principal - Jonathon Rogers

Acting Assistant Principal - Janine McMahon

Business Manager - Jayne Thompson



Term 1 - 2019:

8th March 2019 - Issue 3

Important Dates:

Every Wednesday: Homework Club - Help is on Your Way 3.20pm - 4.30pm in the Library

MARCH 2019

Mon 11th: Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 13th-Fri 15th: Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Bogong Camp

Sat 16th: Mimasaka students arrive

Fri 22nd: School Athletics Carnival

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Assistant Principals Report

School Celebrations

Tuesday saw each student enjoy a pancake to celebrate Shrove Tuesday or 'Pancake Day' as many know it by. A long line of students were catered for and it was great to be able to share in this positive interaction with all students with some of the best maple syrup pouring ever witnessed. Thank you to the staff who took the lead in the event.

National Day Against Bullying

Friday 15th March is an important day on the calendar as we all stand as one to say that bullying is not acceptable in any setting. All schools take bullying issues very seriously and days like this highlight the importance of students letting teachers know if they are having problems. Can you please have a conversation with your child/children regarding this issue?

School Photos

Our school photo day was recently held. Most students had their photo taken on this day; however, as always, there is a need to run a catch up day. This will be held on Monday 25th March. Students who still require their photo to be taken will be called out of class briefly to have this done. On this day we will also take our VCE group photo.

Parent Communication

Please remember that the college always welcomes parents to communicate with the co-ordinators and teaching staff to best support the students in their learning. Please be mindful that the College is working in a climate of respectful relationships. As such, we expect interactions between co-ordinators, staff and parents to be professional, respectful and solution focused.

Buildings and Grounds update

As with all schools it is important that we regularly review areas of the school that require attention. We have recently had some additional A/C placed in some rooms and are still working through the ongoing servicing and repair of others. Our goal is to have better heating and cooling in all rooms, this will take some time though. Hopefully students will see, and feel, the difference.

Jonathon Rogers - Assistant Principal



Curriculum Day – Professional Learning

Last Friday the staff at Emerald Secondary College joined with teachers from surrounding Emerald District schools to undertake professional learning from Glen Pearsall on Fast and Effective Feedback. Glen presented three sessions throughout the day, providing teachers with strategies that could be transferred immediately into our classrooms.

Some of the topics covered included:

- different questioning techniques
- encouraging students to become more active in their learning
- effective methods when checking for student understanding
- goal setting
- effective strategies for students to redraft their work.

Teachers walked away from the professional learning with many strategies to apply in their classrooms to support our students in their learning.

On Tuesday, our Year 11 and 12 teachers had a further opportunity to explore these strategies through meeting in subject areas with teachers from the Dandenong Ranges Teacher Network at Upwey High School. Discussions during this afternoon encouraged teachers to consider selecting strategies that could be used specific to subject areas.

As teaching staff, it is always a great opportunity to engage in any professional learning that can support our students in their learning.

Janine McMahon - Acting Assistant Principal



Whole School Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 20th February, Emerald Secondary College travelled to compete at the annual Swimming Carnival. Overcast conditions couldn't dampen the spirits of the competitors as students swam for the glory of their houses and cheered gallantly from the sidelines. There were novelty events such as volleyball and relays for those who did not want to compete in the big pool and a sausage sizzle ran to raise funds for our volleyball team.

The Year 12s also outdid themselves in their efforts for the costume competition, with plenty of colour and unique outfits on display.

Results for house standings will be announced at an awards assembly once the Athletics and Cross Country carnivals have taken place.

A big thank you to all students who competed, and the staff for your efforts today for making everything run so smoothly.



Work Experience - Help Required

As part of the Year 11 and 12 VCAL Program students attend school 3 days per week for timetabled classes, 1 day they attend a TAFE course (Building, Hospitality etc.) and 1 day per week they undertake Structured Workplace Learning (Work Experience). We have Year 11 students looking for placements on a Thursday in the following areas, Building and Construction, Electrical, IT and Retail. We also have Year 12 students looking for a placement on a Friday in the following areas – Graphic Design, Photography and Health Services.

Work Placements usually occur between 5 and 20 days and a minimum \$5- per day student payment needs to occur. Once paperwork is completed, the Education Department accepts liability for insurance / work cover. If you can help expand our students education in this way please contact Shane Closter at the College or 59685388 or via email to closter.shane.s@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Shane Closter - VCAL/VET Coordinator

District Swimming

Congratulations to our District swimming team who placed 3rd overall amongst some tough competition. The students were fantastic representatives of the College and showed great sportsmanship. All students who competed today came away with a place in at least one event. A fantastic effort.

Congratulations to the following students who placed first in their event and will compete at the regional level:

Cody Cummins 50m Freestyle and 200m Freestyle

Michael Dance 50m freestyle and 50m Backstroke

Liam Russell 200m Freestyle

Kiara Flavel 50m Breaststroke

Gemma Baguley 50m Freestyle

Bri Holder



Study Skills Week – Starting 12 March 2019

OPEN TO ANY STUDENT UNDERTAKING A VCE SUBJECT - Each day of the week beginning 12/3, the Senior School are holding lunchtime workshops in S4 on various study skills (program attached). Students will receive a raffle ticket for each session that they attend and participate in, to then go into a draw for a voucher for an externally-provided Exam Preparation Lecture of choice (up to the value of \$70).

Tanya Moran - Yr 12 Learning & Engagement Leader

STUDY SKILLS WEEK

In S4 Every Lunchtime - What's On?

Tues 12/3	TIME MANAGEMENT Maximise the time you have available to maximise your performance in VCE.
Wed 13/3	EFFECTIVE STUDY NOTES Find out how to create notes that are easy to study from and that make use of the Study Design
Thur 14/3	MASTERING SUBJECT VOCABULARY Discover different strategies for understanding and applying the specific terminology of your subjects
Fri 15/3	COMMITTING TO MEMORY Discover different strategies you can use to help memorise key knowledge and terminology for all of your subjects

WIN \$70 TOWARDS STUDY LECTURES

Looking for Host Families

This term, ESC will be hosting another group of students and teachers from our sister school in Japan, Mimasaka Senior High School, from Saturday 16th until Sunday 31st March. This is one of the longest running exchange programs in Victoria and we are looking for families who can host a student during their stay. This is a great opportunity for your child and your family to experience something different and unique. If you are interested and/or want to know more about hosting, please ask your child to see Mr Kawakami in his office at the bottom of G Block, contact him via Compass or call the College on 59685388.

Daisuke Kawakami - Languages Domain Leader



LITERACY AT ESC

Hello! My name is Tanja and I'm the Literacy Specialist here at the College.

This year will prove to be an exciting and challenging one for promoting and instilling positive and rigorous literacy practices across the College. I'd just like to share with you some of the goals we have for 2019:

- To write Individual Modification Plans for students in Years 7 and 9 who have been identified as having the potential for high growth, as well as supporting all students
- To improve relative growth in Year 7 NAPLAN results
 - o Relative Growth shows the level of growth for each student, relative to students that had the same score previously. NAPLAN results categorise students' growth as 'high', 'medium' or 'low'. This does not necessarily represent their achievement level – eg, a student may still show high growth even if their achievement level is low – as long as they have still showed a significant improvement.
 - o This kind of data can help us to identify students, for example, that are performing at a low level but have made great progress since the last assessment, or students who are performing at a high level but may not have made as much progress as may have been expected. Teachers can then intervene accordingly.
 - o Our expectations are that students will be able to demonstrate a year's growth in learning for a year's teaching.
- To participate in a Transition Program with our EDEC (Emerald District Education Community) Grade 6 teachers to develop a consistent curriculum and shared literacy practices
- For staff to engage in team teaching and shared teaching practices to improve student outcomes
- For students in Years 7-9 to engage in explicit reading and writing activities across learning areas
- To implement goal setting for students with clear success criteria for writing

Our absolute priority is that we participate in a whole school approach to developing literacy. To be successful readers and writers, students need to be explicitly taught the specific skills that will allow them to engage deeply with all kinds of text. We want these to be taught to your children across the whole school, in all subjects, at all year levels.

Tanja Korsten - Literacy Specialist

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

AFL Academy 2020

Emerald Secondary College is set to launch an AFL Academy in 2020.

Opening to Year 7 students, the Academy will offer boys and girls the opportunity to engage with coaches, professional athletes and resources during school contact hours to excel learning of the great Australian game.

The Academy program will aim to sequentially develop individual players through skill development, games, professional strength and conditioning sessions, match rules and conditions fitting their stage of learning and ability.

Aims:

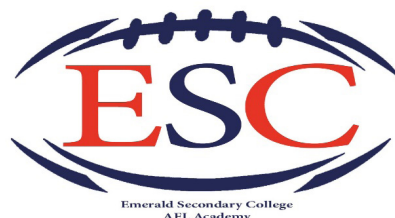
- The Emerald Secondary College AFL Academy is aimed at providing an integrated academic pathway driven by young students sporting aspirations.
- This elite program allows young student athletes to enhance and develop their sporting talent while concurrently receiving their secondary education.
- It is crucial to the Academy that students' academic pursuits are of the highest priority and that each student's interest and aspiration in sport assists them in achieving high results both academically and athletically.
- Promote and enhance self-discipline, goal setting, time management and leadership through team participation and team experiences.

Applications have now opened and can be collected from Jarrad Donders at Emerald Secondary College. We will be holding an information night on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at the College Open Night. For any further information please contact Jarrad Donders at Emerald Secondary College.

P: [\(03\) 5968 5388](tel:(03)59685388)

E: Donders.jarrad.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

f www.facebook.com/ESCAFLAcademy



Open Discovery Night
Tuesday March 26
6.30 pm



***Our* Commitment**

**QUALITY TEACHING AND
LEARNING, POSITIVE
RELATIONSHIPS,
PERSONALISED LEARNING**

At Emerald Secondary College we are committed to ensure that all our students experience a quality education that enables them to achieve their personal best and access excellence. Our school learning community provides a caring, inclusive and sustainable environment in which students can develop skills and personal qualities necessary to participate confidently and positively in a changing global world.

EMERALD SECONDARY COLLEGE

425 Belgrave-Gembrook Road

**For school tours
and further information**

Please call 59685388

***SEAL Applications due
Wednesday April 24***





Homework Club

Help is on Your Way

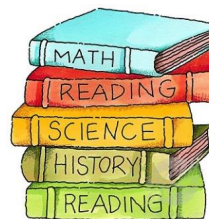
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

Details

When: Every Wednesday from 3.20-4.30pm

Where: Library with teacher assistance

Who: All students from Years 7 - 12



Any questions, please contact Mr Chamila Herath – Maths/Science G9 staffroom



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With a year's **Study Abroad Opportunity** you will learn a new language and experience a new culture

If you are in year 9, 10 or 11 now, you are eligible to apply to depart next January

For more information and an application, contact; Stuart McDonald,
E: stuhoo2000@yahoo.com.au
P: 0408 388 489



MENTAL HEALTH 101: STRESS AND ANXIETY

Casey Cardinia Libraries will tackle the important issue of youth mental health and well-being with an open and interactive free information evening for teenagers, their parents and carers. The editor and founder of Parent Guides, Eileen Berry, with special guests from headspace and PoPsy, will inform and spark open, honest and meaningful conversations about how to manage mental health and emotional well-being.


BUNJIL PLACE STUDIO
Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren
Thursday 28 March
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM



Bookings essential - Visit <https://www.bunjilplace.com.au/mentalhealth-101>



Rotary
Debutante Ball

Rotary 
A Project of The Rotary Club
of Emerald & District Inc

2019 Debutante Ball

SATURDAY 15th June 2019

**Deb Ball Application Acceptance
has been extended
to the 29th of March**

For further information and to
download an application form, go to
www.emeraldrotary.org.au

Don't miss out on a great night!

SO LONG SUMMER

17th March 2019
10am - 3pm

BANDS IN THE BUSH

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• GRACE PEACE and more...

Food Trucks, Free Family Activities,
Jumping Castle, Auctions, Stalls,
Raffles, Family Photography
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**Emerald Tennis Club
Saturday Morning
Junior Competition**



Winter Competition

**Junior Development
To Open Rubbers levels**

Commencing Saturday 27th April

Have Fun, Get Fit, Make Friends

**Registrations close on
Thursday 14th March**

**Call Darryl on 0430 442 422
etcjuniors3782@gmail.com**

If you missed our registration day,
it's not too late to sign up.

Players wanted

for U9's, U11's U15's, U17's

For enquiries contact
emeraldnetballclub@gmail.com

Debbie Ph 0438 547 157





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STRATEGIES

Discuss and share strategies that work

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Understand the challenges you kids face in school

SELF CARE

How to cope with stress & emotions



DATES:

Thursdays 21, 28 February
and 7, 14, 21 & 28 March 2019
9.30am to 12.00pm
Cockatoo Primary School
19-33 Belgrave-Gembrook Road,
Cockatoo VIC 3781

TIME:

WHERE:

COST:

FREE

FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES CONTACT:

Naomi Dewar 03 5968 8017 or Jasbir Singh 0431 203 177
or text your name to register.
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136 Rye St, Geelong VIC 3220
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