2025





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Term 3 endsFriday September 19

Term 4 commences Monday October 6

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Throughout term 3, Warrnambool College has been working through a recruitment process to fill leadership positions for 2026 that reflect our new school restructure and moving towards year level support structures for our students. It's been very exciting and inspiring to be part of these selection panels, to read through the multitude of applicants wanting to work in and lead our school community into 2026 and to listen to the energy and expertise of candidates in interviews. Following a very thorough selection process, I am pleased to announce those that will be leading our school support structures next year:

Year 7 Year Level Leader: Emma Richardson
Year 8 Year Level Leader: Salome Broch
Year 9 Year Level Leader: Luke Howlett
Year 10 Year Level Leader: Abby Callaghan
VCE VM Leader: Tom White
VCE Leader: Anthony Kingma

In 2026, two year levels will be grouped together to form a 'subschool' support space in the school. Years 7 and 8 will form the junior sub-school, Years 9 and 10 will form the middle sub-school and Years 11 and 12 will form the senior sub-school. Each sub-school will be supported by a full time education support staff member.



Dave Clift Principal

We have recruited for these roles in term 3 as well and I'm again pleased to announce these amazing support staff who will be based in our 2026 sub-schools:

• Junior Sub-School Education Support: Mia Mills

• Middle Sub-School Education Support: Sophie McDonald • Senior Sub-School Education Support: Sara Morrison

These sub-school office spaces will be located in the following areas

of the school in 2026:

 Junior Sub-School: A wing (current Hopkins House office) Middle Sub-School: C wing (current Logans House office)

 Senior Sub-School: V wing (same location as current senior

school office space)

We will be providing more information on the transition from houses to year level supports in term 4 newsletters and information evenings for parents before launching the new support structure at a whole school assembly in November. There will also be a lot of information provided for parents and students at Warrnambool College Day on 28th January 2026 before classes recommence the following day.

In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the school restructure for 2026, please contact the school and ask to speak to the Principal on duty. Decisions are still to be made on a number of smaller aspects of the restructure, but we will do our best to answer any queries you may have.

Thanks for all your support throughout term 3 to ensure all our students can thrive and enjoy the opportunities our great school has on offer. I wish you a safe and restful holiday break so we can hit the ground running in term 4.

TERM 3 LAST DAY Friday 19th September

Term 3 finishes on Friday the 19th September, we will be running an adjusted timetable and will finish an hour earlier at 2:25pm

Dave Clift - Principal



JOHN THOMSON **Assistant Principal**



CELEBRATING HIGHLIGHTS

As we head into the final weeks of term, I'd like to take a moment to recognise and celebrate some recent highlights across our school community.

Firstly, congratulations to the cast, crew, and staff involved in this year's school production of Little Shop of Horrors. Our Year 8 students were treated to a special matinee performance on Thursday and provided glowing reviews, and this was echoed by the enthusiastic audiences on Friday and Saturday. Attending on Friday evening was an absolute highlight of the term for me. The talent, teamwork, and commitment on display were truly outstanding. Well done to everyone involved!

As the end of term approaches, we encourage all students to connect with their teachers to ensure they are up to date with their learning. This is particularly important for our senior students, who should take note of any revision lectures or sessions available over the holidays. We ask our families to continue to support students getting ready for exams over next term. It can be a bit of a stressful time, so I encourage you to embrace nature, embrace an attitude of nurturing (even when rooms haven't been cleaned) and keep a keen eye on nourishment (it's all in the balance).

To our senior students, developing healthy study habits now will set you up for success in the important months ahead. Make sure you are keeping up to date, revising work covered and choosing active study methods rather than passive ones. Writing an essay will develop your knowledge far better than reading the novel again.

Recently, our Stars morning tea for our young First Nations women was a great success, providing a warm and empowering space for connection and support. Looking ahead, we are excited to see our First Nations Senior School students participate in an upcoming workshop at La Trobe University, helping to connect them with opportunities and their next steps beyond school.

Finally, I'd like to wish all students, families, and staff a safe and restful holiday break. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to another positive and productive term ahead.



KEY DATES TERM 4



For updated events & dates please see the College calendar via Compass or the College website: www.wblcoll.vic.edu.au

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

Term 4 classes begin

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

GWR Athletics

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

- Flagstaff Celebration Day
- Pulse Report

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER

WD Junior Sports

WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER

 Contemporary Bands Concert (6:30-8:30pm)

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

House Assemblies

MONDAY 20 OCTOBER

Year 12 Final House Assembly

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

- Year 12 last day
- 2026 Year 7 Information Evening (6pm)

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

Report Cycle #5

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER

- Year 12 Exams begin
- School Council

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER

- School Assembly
- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (4-6pm)

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

Newsletter #7 published

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing everyone back for term 4 on Monday 6th October.

END OF YEAR EXAMS

All year 7-11 students will have exams in term 4. This experience allows students to practice their skills in exam conditions. It is important for students to enter this experience with a positive attitude and make the most of the opportunity. Consequences will apply for students who do not behave as per our behaviour expectations in these spaces. With exams also comes stress and anxiety. Practicing these experiences from year 7 allows students to understand how they respond in these settings and seek support where needed to support them. This support can be through Wellbeing, their classroom teacher or House office.



BUSES FOR END OF TERM

Buses will be running from 2:30pm on Friday 19 September being the last day of term 3.

ATTENDANCE









One of the biggest indicators of success at school for a student is their attendance. Non-attendance has a variety of effects on a student, both academically and socially. Absenteeism can increase social isolation, including a lack of engagement with the school community and peers. At Warrnambool College we have four student free days per year. Students therefore should be in attendance every other day to maximise their learning opportunities and build their connection to the school

Sometimes parents do not realise their child's attendance has dropped by having regular absences, whether that be half or whole days and when our staff call to follow up parents are surprised. Our ES in House staff are happy to support with any questions you have around attendance, they can help establish plans for return to school, extra supports required and can support House Leaders to follow up with staff when there are issues in the classroom.

Parents receive daily texts and emails when your child is absent, you will also receive phone calls when absences put a student at risk. You can access your child's attendance through Compass and in the pulse emails, we encourage you to check attendance regularly or contact your House if you would like assistance. Thank you to all families who returned the letter sent home in the April holidays or who logged into Compass and approved absences.

It has been great to see an increase of parents approving absences prior to them occurring and signing their students in and out. Please ensure that your child enters and leaves via the front office when they are leaving school early or arriving late.

We have included below the reasons you can use when your child is absent and also a guide for what the attendance dots mean on your child's Compass page.

ATTENDANCE DOTS

REASONS FOR ABSENCE

| Medical/Illness | Student is at home with a cold or is unwell with COVID-19. Student has been sent home from school unwell. Student has been injured during class and is sent home. Student is in hospital. Student has a chronic health condition or pain |
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| Medical Appointment | Student is attending an appointment with a doctor or medical specialist. Student has a dental appointment. Student has an allied health appointment Other medical appointments. |
| Bereavement | Student is attending a funeral.Student is away due to the death of a friend or family member. |
| Truancy | Parent is aware of absence but does not approve. Parent does not know about the absence and believes the student went to school, but they went elsewhere. |
| Parent Choice | The parent has chosen to keep their child home from school, they are not sick or attending an appointment. The student is absent due to attending an event that is not school related, or is on a 1-2 day family holiday. Parent is concerned about COVID exposure at school and decides to keep the student at home. |
| Family Holiday | The parent has notified the school, that the student will be absent for an extended period of time due to a family holiday (more than 1-2 days). |
| Religious/Cultural Observance | The student is not attending school due to religious or cultural observance. |



CELEBRATION DAY FOOTY FEVER

Childers House proudly continues its commitment to community service by supporting our philanthropic partner, the Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network (WCLN). On Wednesday 27th August, our Childers Student Leaders and Sustainability Team braved wild weather at Albert Park, planting around 100 native trees, shrubs, and grasses. Battling through patchy rain and winds, our students demonstrated incredible resilience and teamwork. The plants will grow to form a natural windbreak, helping to protect the area, increase biodiversity, and contribute to a healthier environment for the local community.

Childers Day, and once again the weather challenged us, but our spirit never wavered. With the theme of "Footy Colours", students proudly wore the colours of their favourite sporting teams. A highlight was the arrival of the WCLN Fairy Penguin, which brought plenty of smiles. Fundraising was in full swing, with students and staff enjoying KFC chips, BBQ sausages, and a bake sale generously donated by Childers families. The fun continued with activities including the Lucky Duck Fishing game and a footy handball target competition, all aimed at raising funds for WCLN.

Together, these events showcased the best of our school community. Childers House once again demonstrated its values of resilience, service, and teamwork. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed — through effort, donations, or participation — for helping us support a cause that truly makes a difference in our local environment.





FLAGSTAFF

We are excited to announce that Flagstaff Celebration Day is just around the corner! On Friday 10 October, our community will come together for a day filled with fun, food, and fundraising – all in support of the **Leila Rose Foundation**.

There will be plenty to enjoy on the day, including delicious pizza, a bake sale full of sweet treats, refreshing drinks, and lollies for the students (and staff!). But that's not all – we're also very proud to be selling pink scrunchies handmade by students from Warrnambool College.

Scrunchies are available now in the lead-up to Celebration Day and can be purchased from the Flagstaff House Office. If stock lasts, they will also be available for purchase on the day – but numbers are limited, so we encourage everyone to grab theirs early! Wear your scrunchie proudly in the lead-up and on Celebration Day itself to help create a sea of pink in support of families affected by rare childhood cancer.

Flagstaff student Abra
Curran with the scrunchies
made by Ms Brennan
Fabrics into Patterns class.

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foundation

All funds raised will go directly to the Leila Rose Foundation, a charity dedicated to assisting families facing the heartbreaking reality of a rare cancer diagnosis. From practical support to seeking specialist care, the Foundation ensures families feel informed, supported, and empowered during the most difficult time of their lives.

We'd love to see the whole community get behind this important cause. **Save** the date – Friday 10 October – and don't forget your pink scrunchie!





SPOTLIGHT STARS

Shining a light on the incredible achievements of our young performers.



Its been two weeks since the Little Shop left the Lighthouse and people are still talking. About the professionalism of the performances, the slickness of the bands sound, and the visual masterpieces of the set, props and puppets. For the 30 plus students involved on, off and in front of the stage this year's school production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' will forever be a formative experience and everlasting memory. For the army of parents and staff involved working on the show was a privilege which was paid in spades with the squeals of joy from the cast, band and crew when the curtains slowly came in on closing night. A massive thank you from the Production team to all the students brave enough to share their time and talents, and to the families involved for their comradery and commitment. To the staff that supported beyond their time, you are golden. It takes a village to get shows like this off the ground, and 'Little Shop of Horrors' didn't just take off, it launched - a huge success for all involved.





FUTURE INNOVATORS

Celebrating creativity, teamwork, and success at the Science and Engineering Challenge.



During Science Week (week of 11th August), around 30 Warrnambool College students competed in the Science and Engineering Challenge hosted at Deakin University Warrnambool. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to apply classroom learning in a hands-on, real-world setting and to collaborate with peers in a competitive but supportive environment.

Throughout the day, students took on eight different challenges, including bridge building and wind turbine energy production. The bridge-building contest is always a highlight, and this year was particularly exciting as Warrnambool College claimed first place in this event for the very first time. Congratulations to all the students involved in this fantastic achievement!

Overall, Warrnambool College finished second place on the day, but we also received a special acknowledgment — volunteers commented on how respectful and well-mannered our students were, earning us the Best-Behaved Students Award. This recognition reflects the pride we have in our school community.

A big thank you to Elizabeth Barker and Kate Martin for preparing and organising the students for the event, and to Paul Braithwaite, Salome Broch, and Asha Devi for their ongoing support of other Science Week activities back at school.

CLONTARF ACADEMY

Another action packed term with plenty of great excursions!



Some activities this term included the Year 8/9 Phillip Island Camp, the Stars and Clontarf *Out of the Shadows Walk*, partner morning training sessions, the Senior Work Experience Week camp, and the AFL game against Kings College.



































Rail Trail for Research 4 TEENAGERS / 40 KILOMETRES









We are Lily Goodman, Remy Boote, Manan Agrawal, and Anastasia Waters, and we've recently taken part in the School for Student Leadership.

As part of this incredible experience, each group completes a community learning project. For ours, we've chosen to raise funds for cancer research by taking on the challenge of walking the entire

40km Warrnambool to Port Fairy Rail Trail — all in one day!

4th October 2025

(walk goes from dawn to dusk)

Location: Warrnambool to Port Fairy Rail Trail

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

Join the Walk: Take part in the full 40km or just a section to help raise awareness in our community.

Shop & Eat for a Cause: Purchase merchandise or enjoy some food on the day — every dollar goes directly to the Leila Rose Foundation and Cancer Council Victoria.

Make a Simple Donation:

Donate using our QR code or contribute a gold coin in the lead-up to the event — every bit counts!



DID YOU KNOW?

1 in 2 people suffer from cancer within their life. That means that in the whole of Australia, 13 million people will (at some point in their life) have suffered from some type of cancer. In Warrnambool 300 people get skin cancer per year. That doesn't account for other types of cancer, like breast, prostrate, brain, lung etc.







Alpine School



RESILIENCE & CIRCLE OF CONTROL

Raising resilient teens: What's in your control



A Guide for Parents & Carers

Resilience is a skill that grows over time. Young people need support and encouragement as they build it. Facing challenges, bouncing back from setbacks, and managing emotions takes practice, and it's completely normal for teens to struggle with it at times. The Circle of Control is a tool that helps people focus their energy on what they can influence, rather than wasting energy on things they can't change.

The Circle of Control helps understand where to focus energy when facing challenges.

- What we can control own thoughts, behaviour, words
- What is outside our control- everything else e.g. other peoples opinions, behaviour, words

How You Can Support Your Young Person

- 1. <u>Talk about challenges:</u> share stories about times when you or someone you know overcame something difficult.
- 2. <u>Use the Circle of Control at home:</u> help your young person name what's in and out of their control when they feel overwhelmed or frustrated.
- 3. <u>Praise effort:</u> Acknowledge when your child show persistence, even if things don't work out perfectly.
- 4. <u>Model resilience</u>: Let them see you using calming strategies and reframing a setback.
- 5. <u>Encourage helpful self-talk</u>: "I can't do this.... yet" is a great mindset shift.

Useful Resources

- ReachOut Parents
 - o parents.au.reachout.com
- Raising Children Network
 - o raising.children.net.au
- Smiling Mind App



























SIR JOHN ECCLES

Tall Poppies AWARDS 2026

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 SIR JOHN ECCLES TALL POPPIES AWARD!

This award recognises outstanding former students of Warrnambool College, High School, or North Tech who have excelled in academia, research, business, sport, community service, or other significant fields. Nominees must have graduated at least five years ago.

Academic Context Criteria:

Outstanding scholarship measured by the award of a doctorate in any field and/or academic achievement of <u>national and/or international standing</u>.

Social Context Criteria:

An outstanding contribution in a largely voluntary capacity to a significant national or international program.

Business Context Criteria:

Significant managerial responsibility e.g. CEO, Board member of a national or international company.

Sporting Context Criteria:

A significant individual achievement in a nationally and/or internationally recognised sport or membership of a team which has had success at the acknowledged highest level for that sport e.g. World championship, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games.

If you know of someone who is achieving great success in their field, please email: Mia.Mills3@education.vic.gov.au or phone: 5565 4444



Because parenting doesn't come with instructions.

Warrnambool College has partnered with SchoolTV to deliver ongoing support to our families, community and staff.

What is SchoolTV?

It can sometimes feel challenging for parents to raise happy, healthy and resilient children and teens.

What can help families and schools is up-to-date resources aimed at providing information on key topics that relate to parenting and the wellbeing of our children.

SchoolTV is an online wellbeing resource that provides parents and carers with credible information to support the mental health and wellbeing of their children. It features interviews with leading specialists, practical strategies, and real-world insights to help families navigate the modern challenges faced by young people today.

You can access SchoolTV via our school website or directly at wblcoll.vic.schooltv.me/







Warrnambool College Uniform

SHIRTS & POLOS

- White polo shirt w/ College logo
 long or short sleeve
- Navy-blue polo shirt w/ College logo
- Navy-blue & green Sports polo w/ College logo Students may wear a plain white or navy-blue long sleeve top under their polo/jumper.

PANTS/SHORTS

- Plain navy-blue track pants (no large logos)
- Navy-blue track pants w/ College logo
- Navy-blue & green Sports shorts w/ College logo
- Plain navy-blue shorts (no large logos)
- · Dark grey melange trousers
- Dark grey melange shorts
 No skins/leggings or grey/black tracksuits or yoga pants are permitted.

SKIRT/DRESS

- · Green, blue & white checked pleated skirt
- Navy-blue & white check fabric dress

SKORTS

• Plain navy-blue skorts (no large logos)

OUTERWEAR

- Striped rugby jumper w/ College logo
- Navy-blue soft-shell jacket w/ College logo (optional)

 Navy-blue puffer jacket w/ College logo (optional)
 Black or non-school jackets/hooded jumpers are not permitted.

SHOES

- Traditional black leather polishable shoes
- Appropriate runners may also be worn

HATS

- Warrnambool College bucket hat
- Warrnambool College beanie Peaked caps are not permitted.

SCARE

Navy blue, white or green scarf

SPP UNIFORM

We strongly encourage you to purchase a minimum of the following items:

SHIRTS/POLOS

- 1 x SPP Dress polo (to be worn to school and to formal events)
- · 2 x SPP Training tops

Students may wear a plain white or navy-blue long sleeve top under their polo/jumper.

PANTS/SHORTS

- Plain navy-blue track pants (no large logos)
- Navy-blue track pants w/ College logo
- Navy-blue & green Sports shorts w/ inner compression & College logo

No skins/leggings or grey/black tracksuits or yoga pants are permitted.

OUTERWEAR

 As per Warrnambool College uniform outlined above.

Black or non-school jackets/hooded jumpers are not permitted.



2025 CANTEEN MENU

SANDWICHES

(GF available on request)

| Cheese & Tomato (V) | \$4.50 |
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| Ham & Cheese | \$5.00 |
| Ham, Cheese & Tomato | \$5.50 |
| Chicken & Cheese | \$5.00 |
| Egg & Lettuce (V) | \$5.00 |
| Chicken Salad | \$7.00 |
| Ham Salad | \$7.00 |
| Salad (V) | \$6.00 |

Gluten free available – add 50c sandwich extras – add 70c

DRINKS

| \$2.50 |
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| \$4.50 |
| \$5.50 |
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| \$5.50 |
| \$3.50 |
| \$4.50 |
| \$5.50 |
| \$6.00 |
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Alternative milk/ extra shot 70c



ICE-CREAMS

| Zooper Dooper | \$100 |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Snap Stix | \$1.50 |
| TNT | \$1.50 |
| Calipo Mini | \$2.50 |
| Icy Twist | \$2.50 |
| Paddle Pop | \$3.50 |
| Twister | \$3.00 |
| Frozen Yoghurt (Strawb'y/Mango) | \$3.50 |
| Splice | \$4.50 |

DAILY SPECIALS

500ml container \$7.50

COFFEE

| Fruit Salad (GF, V, DF) | \$6.00 |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Caesar (add chicken + \$1) | \$7.00 |
| Falafel Salad (GF, V) | \$8.00 |

WRAPS

| Sweet Chilli Chicken | \$8.00 |
|----------------------|--------|
| Ham Salad | \$8.00 |
| Chicken Salad | \$8.00 |
| Falafel (V) | \$8.00 |

ROLLS

| Salad (V) | \$7.00 |
|-----------------|--------|
| Ham & Salad | \$7.00 |
| Chicken & Salad | \$7.00 |

BURGERS

| Chicken Schnitzel | \$8.00 |
|-------------------|--------|
| Chicken Parma | \$8.00 |
| Beef Burger | \$8.00 |

HOT FOOD

| Chicken Tender Sweet Chilli | \$2.00 |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Hot Dog (sauce extra) | \$5.50 |
| Dim Sim | \$2.00 |
| Potato Cake | \$2.00 |
| Wedges (V) (sauces extra) | \$5.50 |
| Bowl of Noodles (GFA, V) | \$4.50 |
| Sausage Roll | \$5.00 |
| Pie | \$6.00 |
| Pizza | \$5.00 |
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FOCCACIA (Toasted)

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| Chicken Parma | \$8.00 |
| Roast Vegetable | \$8.00 |
| Sweet Chilli Chicken | \$8.00 |
| Italian Salami | \$8.00 |
| Chicken Avocado | \$8.00 |

GF Gluten Free

GFA Gluten free available (let our staff know)

DF Dairy Free

V Vegetarian Vegan options on request.

SNACKS

| Popcorn | \$2.00 |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Assorted Slices | \$4.50 |
| Muffin | \$4.00 |
| Cookie/Rumballs | \$3.00 |
| Mentos/Zappos | from \$2.50 |
| Potato Chips | \$3.00 |
| Frog in Pond | \$3.00 |



BREAKFAST BEFORE 9am

| Fruit Salad (GF, V, DF) | \$6.00 |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Granola Cup (GF, V) | \$7.00 |
| Muffin | \$4.00 |
| Yogurt Pouch (GF) | \$4.00 |
| Hash Brown (2) (GF, V, DF) | \$2.00 |
| Bacon, Egg & Cheese Muffin | \$5.00 |
| Jaffles | \$6.00 |
| Bacon, Egg & Cheese Wrap | \$6.50 |
| Crossiant - Ham & Cheese | \$5.00 |

HOT DRINKS

Coffee Tea Hot Chocolate Chai

Small Large \$4.50 \$5.00

COFFEE

Alternative milk/ extra shot Marshmallows extra 50c

70c



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF



Country

We, the staff and students of Warrnambool College, acknowledge that we are learning on the traditional lands of the Peek Whurrong people of the Maar Nation.

We pay our deepest respects to their Elders; past, present and emerging and to their continuing connection to the lands and waterways.

We also extend that respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who gather here.

We stand side by side with our First Nations people and commit to building a brighter future together.



Artematic by Hannach O'Erian, This artematic was created as part of the ineligeness Passpertime Project.
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