



WELCOME

Dear Families,

Thank you for your attendance at our information forum and for allowing us to begin this next step of your family's educational journey. We hope that your child will find their place at Warrnambool College and certainly be the best version of themselves. We advocate that every Warrnambool student can and should thrive; ultimately, we want your child to experience success.

This booklet serves as a reminder of key information and dates that will arise at the College in the period between now and your child commencing with us. We are mindful to balance the amount of information required to ensure a smooth transition for your child, though also conscious not to overload families with too much at once.

If you find after tonight that you have any queries at all, please contact our administration staff or Principal team who are happy to assist. The College contact number is 5564 4444.

If you missed the Information Evening, all presentation slides from this session can be found on our website: www.wbllcoll.vic.edu.au



KEY DATES

2026 - TERM 4

- **Monday 19th October 2026**
Year 7 Information Session 6pm
- College Auditorium
- **Monday 7th December 2026**
Small Schools' Orientation Day
- **Tuesday 8th December 2026**
Statewide Orientation Day

2027 - TERM 1

- **Wednesday 20th January 2027**
Administration staff will be available
from this date for payments and general enquiries in the Administration Office.
- **Thursday 28th January 2027**
Warrnambool College Day
We ask all families to attend during the day (*further information via email & socials*).
- **Friday 29th January 2027**
Classes begin at 9:00am

TO DO LIST

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION
BELOW AND COMPLETE AND
RETURN ALL APPLICABLE FORMS BY
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6th. 2026

- ☐ **Government School families** complete and return the cream coloured **Enrolment Application** by Friday 6th November, 2026

- ☐ **Review and update the personal information** for your child and family on the **General Medical Advice Form**.

- ☐ Please supply any specific **medical plans** and **anaphylaxis plans**.

- ☐ **Set up your Compass log-in.**
Use the emailed information; if not received please contact the College. This enables you to stay connected and involved in your child's learning and for College communication.

- ☐ Complete the **Student Class Choice & Swimming Abilities Form** via QR code.



Student Class Choice

We will do our best to accommodate requests, however, we cannot guarantee that every student will receive their first choice, as classes need to be organised based on numbers and overall requirements.

Swimming Abilities

Please provide information about your child's swimming ability and experience. This information is required by the Department of Education to help us plan a safe and successful 2027 Swimming Trials.

Important: Any student whose swimming ability information has not been provided will not be permitted to participate in swimming activities.



- ☐ Read and review the **Year 7 camp information** supplied and log into Compass to consent and pay.

- ☐ Read all relevant **school policies** including but not limited to: Uniform Policy, Attendance Policy, ICT Acceptable Use Agreement, Mobile Phone Policy, Digital Learning Policy (available on our College website).

- ☐ **State Schools Relief (SRR) Uniform Package Form** (for families who received CSEF in 2026).

- ☐ **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application Form** (for families with health care/pension cards or foster families).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Administration Office - January 2027

The College will be open for families from Wednesday 20th January 2027 from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Families may make payments and have any questions or queries answered. Warrnambool College Day on the 28th January 2027, is extremely busy, it is far better to come in early and finalise any queries prior.

Commencement dates for students 2027

Students and parents/guardians will be required to attend school for Warrnambool College Day on **Thursday 28th of January, 2027.**

The first official date for classes for all students will be Friday 29th of January 2027.

Sick Bay

Sick bay is available for minor injuries and illnesses. When a student attends sick bay a post will be made on Compass visible to parents. If deemed to be unwell, parents will be contacted directly and an ambulance may be called. If you need to contact our sick bay or wellbeing centre directly, please call 5564 4412.

Communication

Compass - Our main form of communication is via Compass. Please ensure you log in, your details are correct and that you are familiar with the platform.

Facebook & Instagram - Our Facebook and Instagram pages communicate and celebrate student achievements and events at the College, please follow us at: fb.me/wbool.college
www.instagram.com/wbool.college/

Newsletter - We issue a newsletter twice a term. Reminders via Compass and email will be sent when the newsletter is available. All editions of the newsletter are also available on our website.

Website - Our website provides access to detailed information in regards to your child's education including policies, forms, curriculum, subject information, and assorted resources.
www.wbllcoll.vic.edu.au

Contacting your child

Every effort should be made to ensure your child knows of the day's arrangements before they come to school. **In the event of an emergency**, if you need to get a message to them we will do our utmost to deliver the message, though at times this is not possible. If you need to collect your child in an emergency please contact the College before you arrive to ensure we have your child available for you when you do arrive.

Student Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is very important to their educational outcomes and Warrnambool College has in place procedures to monitor attendance and follow up on unapproved absences.

Parents will be sent an SMS on the day that an unauthorised absence is recorded for their child. This helps parents and the College keep accurate records of absences. By approving absences in the morning College staff know when students are ill, need work at home, or similar help. An SMS is sent if a student is absent in Home group and/or period 1 and a further email at 2:00pm if any other absences have not been updated on Compass for the day.

Lateness and Early Departure: A student who arrives late to school should attend the front office or their Sub School to sign in. A student who is departing school early should be signed out on compass prior to departure and collected from the front office/sickbay.

Notifying College of your child's absence:

Log onto Compass (use the supplied information; if not received please contact the College.) and approve the absence.

Please note that verbal approval for absences is not acceptable, this information is required on Compass. If you require help in how to enter the information on Compass, please contact your Sub School on 5564 4444.

SMALL SCHOOLS' ORIENTATION DAY

MONDAY 7th December 2026

THIS DAY IS FOR STUDENTS
WHERE LESS THAN 10 STUDENTS
ARE ATTENDING FROM THAT
SCHOOL, BOTH GOVERNMENT AND
NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

- Students are able to travel to the College by bus. Parents may drop their children outside the College Auditorium if they wish.
- There will be a general welcome for all students in the College Auditorium at 9:00am.
- The College canteen will be available for students to purchase items if required. Mobile phones can not be used to pay.
- We would ask all students to bring a pencil case and paper to write on.
- Students should attend "out of uniform", however we ask parents to ensure clothing is appropriate; particularly with regard to lettering or signage on T-shirts. Students must wear closed toed shoes (eg. runners). Students may be doing PE, Art, Woodwork or Drama so clothing needs to be comfortable and appropriate for these activities.

2027 SPP STUDENTS

Students in the Sporting Pathway Program are invited to a half day session on Monday 7th December, 9am-12pm in the College Hall.

- Students will complete some pre fitness assessments and get to know you activities, prior to the Statewide Orientation Day.
- Students should wear clothing that is appropriate for physical activity.
- Students will have the chance to meet the SPP team, ask questions they may have regarding the program and make friends who share similar passions.
- Students are welcome to stay for the remainder of the day and join in the Small Schools' Program.

INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

We will be running an Indigenous Engagement Program on Monday 7th December, 12:30 - 3:25pm. Please meet at the front office.

- The induction will be run by our Stars and Clontarf Academies. Our goal is to make students feel culturally safe in the school environment, welcome them to the Academies and provide an opportunity to meet staff.
- Students and families may ask questions, and staff will address any concerns students may have ahead of the Orientation Day and starting secondary school in 2027.
- Indigenous students from Small Schools are invited to attend for the whole day.
- Indigenous students from WPS and WEPS are invited to attend for the whole day. Please notify the office on 5564 4444 if you would like to attend.

Further information will be communicated with families who have indicated AITSI status.



STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY

TUESDAY 8th December 2026

THIS DAY IS FOR ALL WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE'S 2027 YEAR 7 STUDENTS.

- There will be a general welcome for all students in the College Auditorium at 9:00am.
- Students are able to travel to the College by bus. Parents may drop their children outside the College Auditorium if they wish.
- The College canteen will be available for students to purchase items if required. Please note, mobile phones cannot be used to pay.
- We would ask all students to bring a pencil case and paper to write on.
- Students should attend "out of uniform" however we ask parents to ensure clothing is appropriate; particularly with regard to lettering or signage on T-shirts. Students must wear closed toed shoes (eg. runners). Students may be doing PE, Art, Woodwork or Drama so clothing needs to be appropriate and comfortable for these activities.

Our transition coordinator, **Kaye Barr**, will be visiting primary schools in Term 4 to answer any questions and assist in the transition process.

As always, if you have any queries relating to Orientation Day please do not hesitate to contact the Front Office on 5564 4444.



2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS:

Warrnambool College appreciates the support of families who choose to make a financial contribution to the school. Please refer to the College website www.wbllcoll.vic.edu.au for information regarding 2027 Parent Contribution Arrangements.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES:

Warrnambool College offers a range of optional items and accessing these items and activities does require payment.

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- Year 7 Camp - March 1st - 3rd, 2027
- optional activities, excursions and programs
- class photos etc

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

STATE SCHOOL RELIEF (SSR)

Families who received Camps, Sports, Excursion Funding (CSEF) in 2026 will be eligible for the State Schools' Relief Uniform Package.

The SSR form is included in this information pack and details what items are available for each student. Please return this form to the main office by 7th November 2026 to allow sufficient processing time for SSR to lodge and return vouchers to parents. **A paper copy of the SSR vouchers must be presented to Lowes when purchasing uniforms through SSR.**

The amount offered through SSR does not always cover the full cost of the items listed on the SSR form. If there is a shortfall, this will need to be paid for by parents/ guardians.

Shoes requested through SSR will be available for collection from House offices on Orientation Days on the 7th and 8th of December 2026. If shoes are not received at the school by these dates parents will be notified via SMS as soon as they are available.

COUNTRY BUSES

- Students requiring travel on Country Buses must register through Brauer College. Please contact 5560 3888 for any enquiries or to register.
- For travel on town buses please contact Warrnambool Bus Lines on 5562 5748



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Warrnambool College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty. We offer a range of support options, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund**
The government provides the Camps, Sports & Excursions Funding of \$400 per child for any eligible families. Please ensure you apply for this funding through the school via this link for the form and details. Applications close at the end of term 2.
www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx
- **NILS – The No Interest Loan**
For more information call 13 64 57 or go to the following link: nils.com.au/

FAMILIES WHO RECEIVED CSEF IN 2026 WILL NEED TO REAPPLY FOR 2027 DUE TO THEIR CHANGE IN SCHOOL. THE FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS PACK. PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE MAIN OFFICE. APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 4th JUNE 2027.

STUDENT INSURANCE

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE, AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents/carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents/carers can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

STATIONERY LIST

GENERAL STATIONERY

- ☐ iPad or Macbook – compulsory item
- ☐ iPad keyboard – compulsory item
- ☐ Headphones/earphones that connect to iPad - compulsory
- ☐ Padlock – combination lock for school locker - compulsory

The following items are required for all subjects at all year levels and can be retained from previous years and replaced where necessary.

- ☐ Binder books – A4 96 page (1 per subject)
- ☐ 2 x A4 96 page workbooks for English and SEAL
- ☐ Display folders x 2
- ☐ Pens – blue, black, red
- ☐ Highlighter set of 6 colours
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Protractor
- ☐ Eraser
- ☐ Sharpener
- ☐ Pencil case
- ☐ Ruler – 30 cm
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Pencils – 2H, 2B, HB
- ☐ Binder book – A4 96 page 10mm grid x 2 Maths specific
- ☐ Calculator Txas scientific T1-30XB Multiview (year 7 or retain previous years)
- ☐ Binder Wallet x 2

YEAR 7 ENGLISH TEXT

Students are required to purchase one novel for English classes as per below:

CORE & SPP

- ☐ *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*
Author: Rick Riordan

SEAL

- ☐ *Lenny's Book of Everything*
Author: Karen Foxlee

ART MATERIALS

- ☐ **1 x Visual Art Diary A3 110gsm 60 Sheet/120 Page**
★ Essential requirement
- ☐ 1 x Brush Roymac Achiever White Taklon Round - 02
- ☐ 1 x Brush Roymac Achiever White Taklon Round - 06
- ☐ 1 x Eraser Staedtler Rasoplast 526 B20
- ☐ 1 x Marker Artline #200 Black 0.4mm
- ☐ 1 x Marker Artline #210 Black 0.6mm
- ☐ 1 x Pencils-Coloured Aquarell Pkt 24's
- ☐ 1 x Glue Stick Bostik 35gm
- ☐ 2 x Pencil (HB) Goldfaber
- ☐ 1 x Paint Watercolour Micador Stylist Palette 36 Disc

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

The Warrnambool College 'Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)' is designed to enable all students to have access to appropriate technological resources in all their classes.

Warrnambool College takes the role of computers in the classroom seriously to ensure all students have access to the same learning outcomes. The purpose of BYOD is to establish a framework that facilitates the use of computers for the purposes of teaching and learning in the classroom.

Students are entitled to connect one computer only to the College computer network. Before purchasing a computer, we recommend you read the Digital Learning Policy as it relates to Year 7 to 9 students.

The BYOD requires Year 7 to 9 students to have an iPad with a physical keyboard OR an Apple Macbook.

*The complete Digital Learning Policy and ICT Acceptable use Agreement can be found on the College website: www.wblcoll.vic.edu.au

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Option 1: iPad with a physical keyboard Option 2: Apple Macbook (Air or Pro) M1/M2/M3 Note: <i>Must not have sim card/cellular access at school.</i>			Transition to Apple Macbook / Windows Laptop *	Apple Macbook/ Windows Laptop / iPad*	Apple Macbook/ Windows Laptop / iPad*

Purchasing for BYOD

To assist families in selecting appropriate devices, Warrnambool College has partnered with JB Hi-Fi Education, a leading provider of education technology solutions. Through this partnership, families can access a range of devices that meet or exceed the school's specifications at competitive prices.



Purchasing through JB Hi-Fi Education ensures:

- Access to devices pre-approved for school use
- Competitive pricing and finance options
- Warranty and repair services

For more information and access to the dedicated BYOD portal, please visit: www.wblcoll.vic.edu.au/about/byod-program.html



USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

What electronic devices can I use at school?

- At Warrnambool College we have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy. This includes the use of an iPad with a keyboard or Macbook for learning and headphones/airpods to use in classes when permitted to support learning. You will require a device in every lesson and should only use your device when instructed by your teacher.

Can I use headphones/airpods at school?

- Yes, headphones/airpods can be brought to school, but this is at your own risk and responsibility.
- Headphones/airpods should only be connected to an approved BYOD, as per our ICT use agreement.
- They should not be connected to mobile phones as this is in breach of our mobile phone policy.
- Headphones/airpods should be removed any time you are speaking to a staff member.

Can I use headphones/airpods in class?

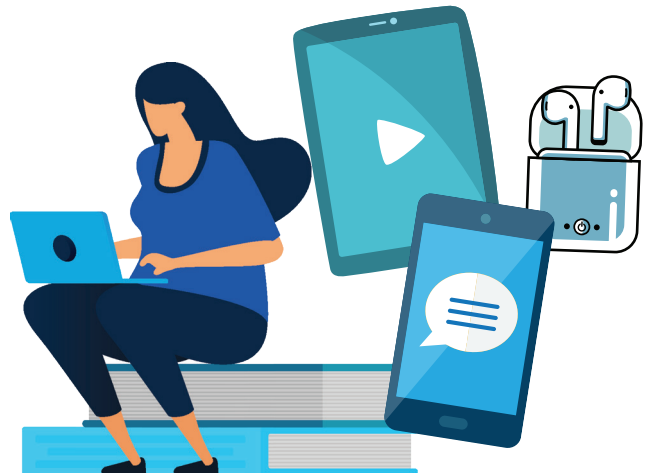
- Yes, you can use headphones/airpods in class under the following guidelines:

When you **CAN** use your headphones/airpods:

- With permission from your teacher.
- When they are required as part of a learning task.
- If they are required as part of your learning needs and this is written into your Self Regulation plan or Individual Education Plan (IEP).

When you **CANNOT** use headphones/airpods:

- Any time your teacher or a staff member is speaking to you, including:
 - lining up outside your classroom;
 - during the Engage phase of the lesson;
 - during class discussion or group work.
- When using your headphones/airpods creates an occupational healthy and safety risk to you or others.
- When completing exams /assessments under test conditions (eg.NAPLAN, CATs and SACs).



What happens if I am not using my device correctly?

- Your teacher will follow our behaviour matrix to set the expectations and redirect and reteach the expected behaviours of device use. If incorrect use of your device continues your teacher will issue consequences that align with our staged response for behaviour.

Can I use headphones/airpods in the yard, on excursion or during assemblies?

- Headphones/airpods are not to be used during any assemblies to allow students to fully engage in the content being presented.
- Headphones/airpods should only be used during an excursion if permission has been granted and they are connected to a suitable BYOD and they do not pose a safety risk to the student or others.
- Headphones/airpods can only be used at recess and lunchtime if they are connected to a suitable BYOD as per our school policy.

OTHER GUIDELINES:

- For the safety and comfort of all in a classroom, the noise levels of headphones/airpods should not be loud enough for others to hear.
- The sharing of headphones/airpods is only permitted if it does not impact the learning of either student.
- A teacher can refuse the use of headphones/airpods if their use impacts on student learning or safety.

Students identified to have additional learning needs who require headphones/airpods to support their engagement at school will have the specific details of their use written into their Individual Education Plan.

UNIFORM POLICY

STUDENTS OF WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE ARE REQUIRED TO ABIDE BY THE UNIFORM DRESS CODE. A SCHOOL UNIFORM ENABLES STUDENTS TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF PRIDE AND IDENTIFICATION WITH OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. IT PROMOTES EQUALITY AMONGST STUDENTS AND ENSURES HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

Students are expected to wear the Warrnambool College uniform with pride. Uniforms should always be neat and clean in appearance. Students wearing the uniform at any time are representing the College; they are required to wear the uniform correctly and abide by the College Code of Conduct until they have arrived home and changed.

In accordance with OHS guidelines and risk minimisation strategies, decorative jewellery is not permitted to be worn to school. Ear piercings and one nose ring is permitted provided these are sleepers or studs.

Please note, students are strongly encouraged to wear a SunSmart hat when outside during terms 1 and 4. A College beanie is also available to purchase and can be worn in terms 2 and 3 when outside. Hats and beanies are available for purchase from Lowes at Gateway Plaza.

- The sports uniform must be worn to school for timetabled PE classes and inter-school competitions. It can also be worn on regular school days. Students in the Sporting Pathway Program (SPP) are permitted to wear their SPP uniform on any school day.
- Students in school academies are permitted to wear approved academy polo shirts on any school day.
- If students are not in full school uniform on the day of a school excursion, they may not be permitted to attend.

At Warrnambool College our flexible uniform policy allows students to choose uniform options from the list on the next page that they are most comfortable in.

Sports uniform and SPP uniform should be worn on days when students have practical classes.

UNIFORM SUPPLIERS

Lowes are our College uniform suppliers. Lowes are located at Gateway Plaza in Warrnambool and are open 7 days per week for your convenience. You can shop online using the following link: www.wblcoll.vic.edu.au/enrolment/uniform



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.

SCARF

- 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.



UNIFORM - Q & A

ALL YOUR UNIFORM QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Where can I purchase uniform?

- LOWES is our school supplier of uniform, you can purchase instore or online via their website.
- Uniform can also be purchased second hand via your own networks in the community.

What uniform do I need to wear?

- All students are required to wear school uniform everyday. You can choose from the range of uniform items that we offer to ensure you are comfortable and warm.
- SPP students are required to purchase the SPP shirts and be dressed in sport uniform for SPP classes.
- All students undertaking PE classes are required to wear sports uniform on these days.

Can I wear layers under my uniform?

- We encourage students to layer their uniform. Every room in our school has split system heating and cooling to ensure that we provide comfortable learning environments.
- Students have many options to layer their uniform to keep warm. Including school polo shirts, rugby jumpers, soft shell and puffer jackets.
- Hooded jumpers are not permitted as part of our uniform at any time.
- Students can wear plain long sleeve tops including non-hooded jumpers that are navy or white under their polo shirts, for extra warmth.
- Non-school jackets are not a part of our uniform. They are not permitted to be worn.

What pants can I wear to school?

- There are a range of school uniform pants, shorts, skirts and dresses that students can wear.
- Pants, shorts and skirts can not have coloured stripes or large logos.
- Black and grey track pants and black shorts are not part of our uniform.
- Leggings of any sort are not part of our uniform and cannot be worn as part of the sports uniform, or daily to school.
- While we have provided navy blue track pants at LOWES, we also support families to source their own plain navy-blue track pants, shorts and skirts from other stores.

Can I wear a beanie, hat or scarf?

- We have a school bucket hat that students can purchase and wear.
- We have a school beanie that students can purchase and wear.
- Students can wear plain blue, green or white scarves.
- Students will be asked to remove non-school items.



What if I can't wear my uniform?

- If you are unable to wear a part of your uniform for 1-2 days due to unforeseen circumstances. A student requires a uniform pass.
- A note written and dated by parents/carers needs to be presented to the Sub School Assistant in their Sub School office before school, who will complete the pass on compass.
- If a uniform pass is required for more than 1-2 days, then families will need to speak with their Year Level Leader.
- For example, if your shorts are dirty, you can wear a different pair of shorts for one day.
- Hooded jumpers and leggings are not acceptable replacement items.

What if my child has a medical condition that impacts them wearing part of the school uniform?

- If your child is unable to wear elements of school uniform due to medical reasons, then a letter from a Medical Practitioner is required.
- This letter should outline the items your child is unable to wear, the suggested alternative, and the duration of the exemption.
- This will then require Principal approval. In some cases, the Principal may need to contact the Medical Practitioner directly to discuss other options that your child might wear that align with our uniform policy.

What if my child comes to school out of uniform without a note?

- Students who are not in correct uniform, where possible, will be asked to remove the item that is incorrect.
- A compass post will be made and this generates a text message to Parent A on compass.
- When a student has 4 posts, Compass generates an automated text and email to notify parents of a Sub School detention.
- If the student continues to not wear uniform, they will be required to attend a Principal's afterschool detention and the Principal will discuss with parents/carers.

Can I donate second hand uniform?

- Yes, we are always happy to accept second hand uniform donations.
- Items should be in a good condition with no tears or stains.
- Clean items can be brought to the front office at any time.
- We cannot accept Academy tops with student names printed on them.



If you require assistance with uniform, support is available through our Wellbeing Team and State Schools Relief. Please contact your child's Sub School for further information.

READY TO LEARN

at Warrnambool College

When I am
ready to learn
this is what it
looks like...



I have
put MY
**MOBILE
PHONE**
in MY LOCKER



I am
wearing
MY FULL
**SCHOOL
UNIFORM**



I have
left MY
BAG
in MY LOCKER

I have MY
**BOOKS,
DEVICE,
& PENS**



I AM on
TIME
for CLASS



Warrnambool
COLLEGE

THE BIG 3

HOW TO SUPPORT
YOUR STUDENT
TO BE SUCCESSFUL
AT SCHOOL...

1 ATTENDANCE

- Arrive at school prior to 8:55am each day.
- Attend all school days (there are 3 student free days per year).
- Sign in at the front office, Sub School or on Compass when arriving late.
- Sign out at the front office, Sub School or on Compass when leaving early.
- Approve absences on Compass when you know your student will be absent.
- Make contact with the school regarding extended absences/illness.

2 READY TO LEARN

- Discuss with your student what they have on each day and what they might need help with.
- Ensure your student has all the books and stationery they require throughout the year.
- Ensure your student is wearing the correct uniform at all times.
- Ensure your student has a school approved device that can be connected to the school network and support the apps required.
- Ensure your student has a padlock for their locker so they can safely lock their bag and mobile phone in their locker each day.
- Support your student to maintain appropriate behaviour for a safe and productive learning environment.

3 COMMUNICATION

- Read all communication from the school so you are aware of events and important information.
- Make contact with your student's Mentor, Sub School or Classroom Teacher if you have any questions or concerns about their academic progress or wellbeing
- Log onto Compass regularly to access reports, CAT/SAC results, review the newsfeed, approve events and excursions, book parent/teacher conferences, approve and track absences and to monitor Compass posts relating to your student's progress.
- Share relevant information with the school regarding your student, so we can best support them. For example, wellbeing information, medical information, additional learning needs or social/emotional needs.
- Check your contact details are current on Compass so you receive all relevant information and so we can contact you when required.

ATTENDANCE

ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



WHAT TIME DO I NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL?

Students are expected to arrive by 8:55am when the music starts indicating that it's time to make your way to Homeroom. We suggest students arrive before this time, to ensure they have placed their bags and mobile phone in their lockers and organised their books for the first two lessons. Remember to observe the behaviour expectations of the areas of the school.



WHAT IF I'M LATE?

Students who arrive after 9am will need to go to their Sub School to sign in. Alternatively Parents/Carers can approve lateness on Compass prior to arrival. Please avoid being late as you will miss the important messages delivered during Homeroom.



WHAT IF I NEED TO LEAVE EARLY?

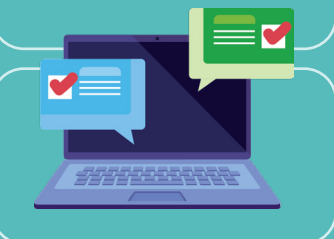
Bring a note signed by your Parent/Carer to your Sub School at the time you need to leave to be signed out. Alternatively Parents/Carers can approve departure/absences on Compass or present in person to sign out a student. Students who leave without consent will be deemed absent without approval and potential consequences will be put in place.



WHAT IF I AM ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?

Parents/Carers are legally required to explain why a student is absent. This should be completed on Compass prior to the start of the school day. Text messages will be sent to Parents/Carers when a student is absent from Homegroup and/or Period 1. Absences can also be approved by calling the front office and choosing your Sub School office from the main menu.

If a student is going to be absent for an extended period of time due to medical reasons or a family holiday, Parents/Carers should contact their Sub School to inform of the dates and students can speak with their teachers to collect work.



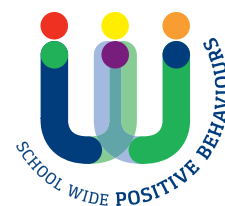
DO YOU NEED HELP ACCESSING COMPASS?

Contact our General office or your Sub School office on 5564 4444, to seek assistance.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: SCHOOL SUCCESS STARTS WITH ATTENDANCE

a big life FOOTPATH

Big Life works to build young people's capacity to be resilient in the face of challenge by building their social and emotional skills, their capacity to connect meaningfully with others and to experience positive emotions.



This footpath outlines the personal development journey from Year 7 to Year 12. Each year, students explore the topics along the footpath, building their skills and understanding as they move through secondary school.

Big Life BOOST

Big Life Boost is a short, regular lesson students participate in during extended Homeroom.

The Big Life Boost is aimed at building student resilience, mental health, and wellbeing.

TERM 1:

We support students to develop positive connection to self, school, peers, and staff members.

Students build their skills and capacity to demonstrate the school value of **Responsibility**.

TERM 2:

We support students to develop positive coping strategies.

Students build their understanding, skills and capacity to demonstrate the school value of **Respect** to self and others.

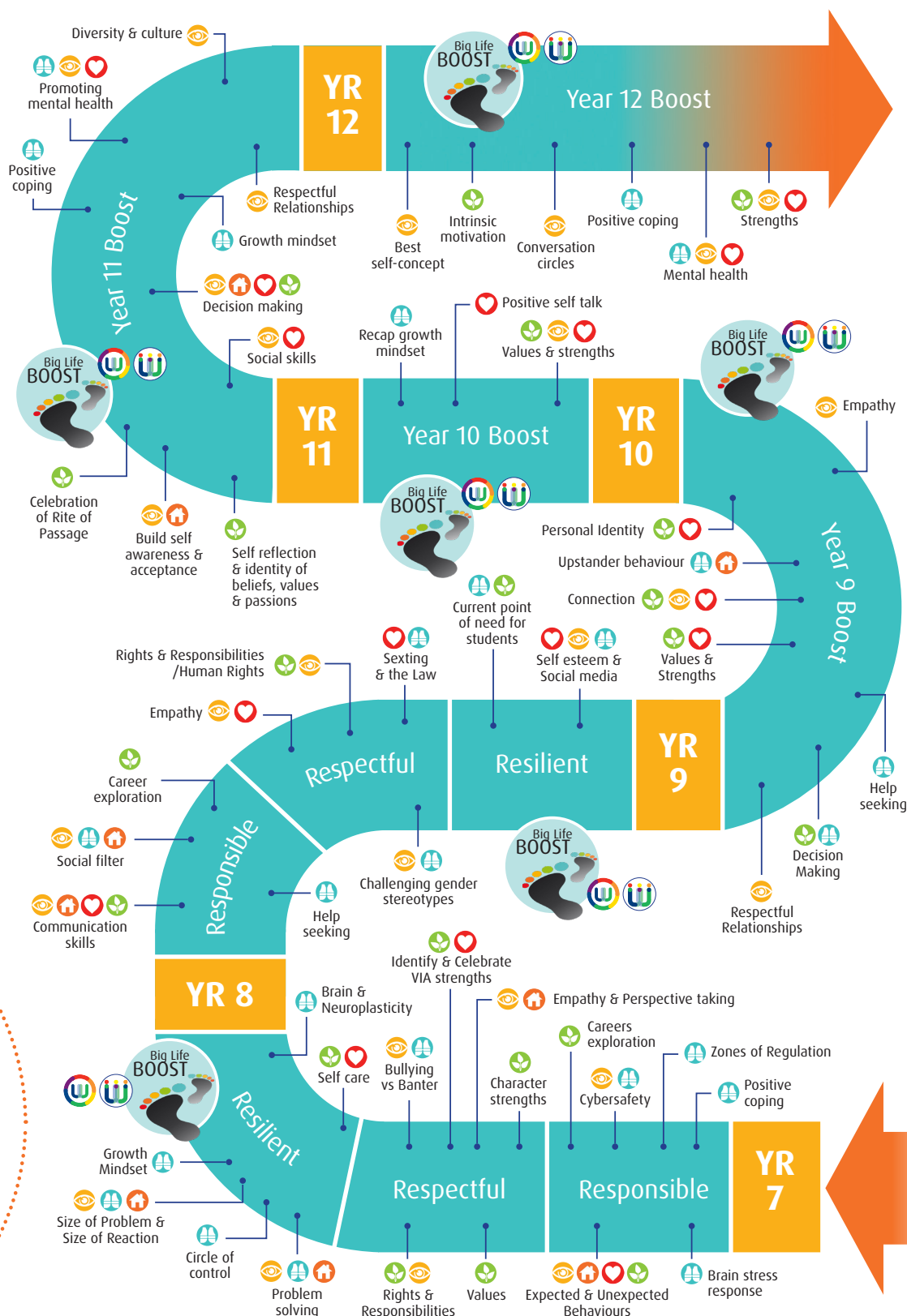
TERM 3 & 4:

We support students to develop resilience.

Students build their understanding, skills and capacity to demonstrate the school value of **Resilience**.

Big Life 5 BIG QUESTIONS

- What is the meaning of life?
- How can I love and be loved?
- What do I do when bad things happen?
- How do I make family work?
- How do I relate to those different from me?





**INCLUSIVE
EDUCATION**
SUPPORT TO SUCCEED

DISABILITY INCLUSION

Disability Inclusion is a new government program designed to make sure all students can learn together in Victorian public schools. It gives extra help to students with disabilities and ensures your child gets the specific support and classroom changes they need to succeed.

We will keep working with families, students, and staff to make sure inclusive changes work well for everyone.

Warrnambool College staff will tell you if your child needs a Disability Inclusion Profile and guide you through each step of the process.

We also provide ongoing training and resources for school staff so they can give students with disabilities and different learning needs the support they deserve.

Who to contact if you have concerns about your child's learning:

- If your child is struggling in a specific subject, contact the teacher directly through the Compass Parent portal.
- For general academic concerns over multiple subjects, contact the year level team.
- If your child has a diagnosed disability, suspected learning difficulty, Disability Inclusion Profile, Individual Education Plan, or requires specific adjustments in class, contact the Disability Inclusion team through the main office.

Warrnambool College is excited to be part of Disability Inclusion. We look forward to continuing to support our students to learn and thrive.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or Disability Inclusion, please contact Anita Bounds via 5564 4444 or Anita.Bounds@education.vic.gov.au