



TRARALGON COLLEGE NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

APRIL

24th Athletics Carnival

25th Anzac Day Public Holiday

MAY

1st Year 10 Immunisations

15th Campfire Conversations

20th School Photos at Shakespeare Street Campus

21st School Photos at Grey Street Campus

22nd School Photos Catch-Up Day

for VM Students and any who were absent

21st - 23rd Year 7 Camp Rumbug

23rd Progress Reports

JUNE

9th King's Birthday Public Holiday

10th - 13th Gippsland Tech School Visits

16th - 19th Year 11 Exams

17th GAT

20th Student Free Day - Report Writing

23rd - 27th Commencement of VCE/VM Units 2/4

JULY

30th June - 4th July NAIDOC Week activities

4th Semester Reports & End of Term

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JULY

21st Term 3 Resumes
23rd VCE Information Evening
30th July - 8th August
Year 9 Morrisby Testing

AUGUST

7th Year 10 Course Counselling
14th Campfire Conversations
15th Progress Reports
20th Student Free Day

SEPTEMBER

9th Wellbeing Expo at Shakespeare St
11th VM Advocacy Day
12th VCE, VCE VM Unit 4 Course finished
12th Medieval Day
12th Progress Reports
16th Wellbeing Expo Grey St
18th & 19th Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
19th Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

6th Term 4 Resumes
15th Student Free Day
23rd Year 7 Immunisations
24th Year 12 Celebration Day
28th October - 19th November
Year 12 Written Exams
30th Campfire Conversations

NOVEMBER

3rd Student Free Day
Professional Development
4th Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
20th Valedictory
25th - 28th Tech School Visits
27th Year 10 Formal

DECEMBER

12th Semester Reports
19th Last day of Term 4

In addition to these important dates, there are a variety of other activities and initiatives designed to foster a vibrant school community currently in the planning phase. Our staff have been hard at work planning engaging events that align with our school values of respect, responsibility, and resilience.

All students are encouraged to participate actively in these opportunities, whether athletic, academic, or creative in nature. Active involvement in school life helps contribute significantly to school pride, personal growth and the development of lifelong skills.

Further updates will be provided via Compass, Facebook and in our upcoming newsletters across the term. If you have any questions or need further information about specific events, please do not hesitate to ask our office administrative team.



MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Educating with purpose, leading with passion - a new era at Traralgon College

What a busy and amazing term 1 we have had at Traralgon College. The year started positively with our Year 7 Welcome BBQ in Week 2 which was well attended by staff, families, and students. The weather was exceptionally good providing a great opportunity to welcome students and their families to our College. The Year 7 Embrace Days were a highlight, providing new students a warm introduction to the school spirit and culture. In Week 4, we held our campfire conversations and took time to sit and enjoy the company of our Koorie students, families, and the broader community. It was also a milestone event for our KESO, Aunty Vera, as we were able to acknowledge her 70th birthday with a rousing rendition of 'Happy Birthday.'

Our VCE PE students went out for educational visits to the Tech School in Morwell to experience VO2 max testing and investigate biomechanics. Art & Design Tech school visits are on the agenda for later in the year.



March saw the reinstatement of a whole college swimming carnival which was a sensational success. The weather once again being perfect for the day, allowed students and staff alike to dress in house colours and participate with reckless abandon. March also saw our Year 7 and Year 9 students undertake NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy testing. NAPLAN plays a crucial role in informing and shaping our future curriculum and programs. Data from NAPLAN provides valuable insight into the strengths and needs of our students and enables us to plan and tailor our Literacy and Numeracy programs and interventions. Many thanks to the entire team for the power of work involved behind the scenes and ensuring the whole process ran smoothly. Congratulations to our students who approached the test with our College values: respect for each other and the learning space during testing, responsibility for their own efforts and achievement and resilience to keep going as the test got progressively more challenging. We are all very proud of them.

Last week saw the whole college host over 500 Grade 5s and 6s at our College Awareness Day, a huge increase of previous years. It was so exciting to see the whole college pull together to ensure the day ran smoothly. The behaviour of the primary school students was exemplary. We received lots of positive feedback on the day from primary school students and staff and also in the days following the event. The students created their own art piece to commemorate the day - "The dawning of a new era at Traralgon College". Thanks to Anthony Jackisch and the team for a huge effort promoting and delivering such a high quality program. The awareness day also coincided with the release of our College promotional video showcasing the fabulous students, staff and facilities of the College.

We continue to see growth and expansion in the visual and performing arts space at Traralgon College. The development of our instrumental music program, our open mic night, and further growth of our Art Immersion program across the College.



The last week of term saw our final assemblies across the College focused on celebrating growth, success, and achievement. Darren Chester attended to present our School Captain badges and students were acknowledged for outstanding effort, attendance and sporting achievement. The term finished with our parent student teacher conferences. It was great to see so much engagement across our parent and carer community. It was evident that we are partnering together to help every student reach their full potential.

We look ahead with excitement to Term 2 with Athletics and ANZAC Day services in Week one. After a busy and exciting term, I would like to wish all our students, staff, parents, carers, and broader school community a restful break over the Easter holidays. For those of you for whom this is a sacred season, Happy Easter. For those for whom it is a chance for rest, adventure, or family, we honour that also.

Fiona Milkins
College Principal



ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy can be found at <https://www.traralgc.vic.edu.au/about-policies/> and describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365 safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Personal Property Brought to School

Traralgon College understands that staff and/or students may sometimes like to bring items of personal property to school. The Department of Education and Training does not have insurance for personal property of staff, students and visitors. Traralgon College does not take responsibility for items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during school activities. Damage to personal property brought to school is the responsibility of the owner of that property. Traralgon College encourages staff and students not to bring items of value to school, or to obtain appropriate insurance for such items.



ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Commitment to Child Safety

Traralgon College is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families. We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students.

We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments.

We promote positive relationships between students and adults and between students and their peers. These relationships are based on trust and respect.

We take proactive steps to identify and manage any risk of harm to students in our school environment. When child safety concerns are raised or identified, we treat these seriously and respond promptly and thoroughly.

Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of Aboriginal students, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, international students, students with disabilities, those unable to live at home, children and young people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex and queer (LGBTIQA+) and other students experiencing risk or vulnerability. Inappropriate or harmful behaviour targeting students based on these or other characteristics, such as racism or homophobia, are not tolerated at our school, and any instances identified will be addressed with appropriate consequences.

Child safety is a shared responsibility. Every person involved in our school has an important role in promoting child safety and wellbeing and promptly raising any issues or concerns about a child's safety.

We are committed to regularly reviewing our child safe practices, and seeking input from our students, families, staff, and volunteers to inform our ongoing strategies.

Student Well-Being and Engagement

As part of its commitment to Child Safety, the College has a detailed Student Well-Being and Engagement Policy that highlights:

- our commitment to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students
- expectations for positive student behaviour
- support available to students and families
- our school's policies and procedures for responding to inappropriate student behaviour

A full transcript of this policy can be accessed at the Traralgon College website - [College Policies - Traralgon College](#)

FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM



The wellbeing team at Traralgon College implement evidence based programs targeting mental health, family violence, drug and alcohol and sexual health.

This year we have chosen the following programs

P.A.R.T.Y (prevent alcohol and risk- related trauma in youth)
at Latrobe Regional Hospital for Year 11 and 12

TMHFA (Teen Mental Health First Aid)
Mental health education and suicide prevention for Year 8 and 10

ABC Program (Adolescents Building Connections Program)
Encourage positive change and form healthy respectful relationships for Years 7-9

BluEdge

uses exercise and workshops with Proactive Police to build connections and help improve resilience for Years 7-10

RUOK Day

is a national day of action and encourages meaningful conversations and check ins with people that may be struggling and at risk of suicide

Wear it Purple Day

Australian based initiative that promotes LGBTIQ+ awareness and support for young people.

FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

P.A.R.T.Y

Year 11 and 12 students enjoyed participating in the hands-on P.A.R.T.Y (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) Program at Latrobe Regional Hospital in term 1.

The P.A.R.T.Y program took place in a hospital simulated environment and provided students with information to help them recognise potential injury-producing situations, make prevention-orientated choices and adopt behaviours to minimise unnecessary risk.

Students visited the Emergency Department, ICU (intensive care unit) and heard from inspiring lived experience speakers and engaged with Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria.

Students thoroughly enjoyed this unique experience and commented...

"I'm glad the speech pathologist was there as this is an area I am interested in after school"

"It was so good to get to look in parts of the hospital ED and the ICU ward"

"The speakers were inspiring and especially the man at the end...made you feel like you can do anything"

Thank you LRH and PARTY Program for including Traralgon College students with this inspiring experience.



LIVE4LIFE & AWARENESS DAY ART

Live4Life

Live4Life has arrived in the Valley!
Live4Life Launch May the 12th
Gippsland Regional Indoor sports
stadium

Bringing together Year 8
students from secondary schools
across the Latrobe Valley.

Live for life promotes evidence
based mental health education
to improve mental health and
reduce suicide in young people.

The launch will host guest
speakers, pop up stands and a
BBQ lunch!

Local school bands will provide
light entertainment for all
throughout the day.

Introducing the Traralgon College Live4life youth
leadership crew! Live4Life – is an evidence-based
mental health education & youth suicide
prevention model specifically designed for rural
communities. Crew members become Live4Life
ambassadors, advocating for mental health
support and education.



Primary Students Art - The dawning of a new era at Traralgon College.



FROM THE CAREERS TEAM

Amber Roberts and Carolyn Wright comprise the Traralgon College Careers team and work as Careers Advisors providing inspiration, assistance, and advice to students, especially those in Years 9-12, on career choices, course selection at school and on post-school education and training options.

During Term 1 the focus has been on supporting Vocational Major students to source work placement positions one day a week as a core component of their studies and the lengthy process of enrolment and attendance at Vocational Education Training courses. The Careers team also had the pleasure of chatting to over 180 year 5-6 students about future career pathways and what they wanted to be when they grow up at the Awareness Day at Shakespeare Street campus on the 27th of March.



Term 2 has a lot on the calendar from a Careers perspective with students invited to attend various external events and excursions such as Aviation and Aerospace Careers Expo, Monash University Experience Day, Health Camp, and the Tertiary Information Session for all VCE year 12 students. The year 10 cohort will also start from week 2 onwards in Advisory classes completing work experience lesson as created by the Careers team to prepare them to undertake a week of work experience in week 2 of Term 3.



FROM THE SPORTS DESK

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Written by Mr Chris Lehner

Term 1 saw Traralgon College represented in Cricket, Volleyball and Tennis up against other schools from the Wellington region. Our Senior boys cricketers travelled to Sale and although they tried hard were no match for a talented Catholic College Sale outfit. Skipper Tom Duncan in his first game of cricket since a serious knee injury and Centrals A Grader Cameron Whitehead were the pick of the players on the day.

The College was represented in Volleyball by our Senior boys and Year 8 girls. Both teams were pretty confident going into the day, especially the girls who had been filling every spare moment of their PE classes pestering their teacher to practice volleyball. Unfortunately both teams failed to qualify for the Gippsland finals but had a great day and represented our College well with our 3 College values on display for all to see.

The weather gods shone brightly on the round of Wellington tennis with bright sunshine filling the sky at the Traralgon Tennis Centre. Both our year 8 boys and girls teams were enthusiastic however their lack of tennis experience was evident against a couple of the other very talented schools. The girls in particular learnt a lot on the day and will be ready to go again next year.





FROM THE SPORTS DESK

GIPPSLAND SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Written by Mr Chris Lehner

On the same day of our own swimming carnival, Addison Prout (Year 7, Wirilda), Izzy Williams (Year 9, Tarra), Patrick Woolan (Year 12, Bulga) and our own super fish Jess Whiting (Year 12, Wirilda) represented TC in the Wellington swimming carnival at the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre in Traralgon.

All four students dominated the event qualifying to move to the Gippsland Championships in Sale a week later. At this meet the students made the College proud as they each receive medals on the day.

Jess with gold in 3 of her 4 events has now qualified for the state titles to be swam early next term. A great effort by all 4 students and we wish Jess well when she swims next term.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Year 7 Traralgon College student Addison Prout for a stellar performance at the School Sport Victoria Gippsland Wellington Secondary Swimming Championships 2025 on Tuesday 4th March 2025.



3rd place:
50m Breaststroke
50m Butterfly
50m Freestyle
1st place:
50m Backstroke

Congratulations Addison, what a reward for your efforts and an outstanding athletic performance.



SPORTS PEOPLE OF THE TERM

TERM ONE

Senior Boys Cricket

Cameron Whitehead - Wirilda

Senior Boys Volleyball

Lando Pholma - Wirilda

Year 8 Girls Volleyball

Luna Gankhuu - Tarra

Year 8 Boys Tennis

Lucas Mackay - Wirilda

Year 8 Girls Tennis

Macey Jones - Tarra



FROM THE SPORTS DESK

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Written by Mr Chris Lehner

After being in recess for 2024 it was great to see that the enthusiasm from our students saw the annual swimming carnival back on the calendar for 2025 and it didn't disappoint. Students had the opportunity to participate in competitive swimming, creative diving as well as novelty water based events and even inter form group volleyball. A massive thank you must go out to all the staff and students that made this day a success. Wirilda through some talented swimmers as well as mass participation were the runaway winners on the day so it will be interesting to see how Tarra and Bulga respond on athletics day. Probably the highlight of the day was the staff vs student relay and Principal Fiona Milkins anchoring the staff team home in which encapsulated the positive culture at the College currently.

FINAL RESULTS

- 3rd - Bulga (393 points)**
- 2nd - Tarra (489 points)**
- 1st - Wirilda (697 points)**



AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

	Boys	Girls
Year 7	Clayton Ward (Wirilda)	Hayley Howell (Wirilda)
Year 8	NA	Marlee Tyas (Tarra)
Year 9	Lincoln Gellatly (Wirilda)	Alexis Campbell Jarvis (Wirilda)
Year 10	Luke Laing (Bulga)	Taylah Swan (Wirilda)
Year 11	Bailey Kanara (Tarra)	Georgia Tratford (Tarra)
Year 12	Flynn Mangion (Bulga) Will O'Doherty (Bulga)	Taylah Healey (Wirilda)



FROM THE COMMUNITY

Federation Physiotherapy Virtual Care Clinic

Access FREE 60-minute physiotherapy sessions via telehealth. Treatment is provided by Fed Uni Physiotherapy students, supervised by accredited physiotherapists.



We can help you with:

Musculoskeletal

- Advice before and after joint surgery
- Rheumatoid arthritis management
- Injury management
- Muscle and joint pain
- Osteoarthritis
- Tendinopathy management

Neurological

- Post-stroke advice
- Falls and balance issues
- Parkinson's and multiple sclerosis
- Minor head injuries

Cardiopulmonary

- Asthma
- Lung disease
- Long COVID
- Pulmonary rehab



How can you access the service?

Ask your health provider (GP, chronic disease nurse or other health professional) to send us a referral, or refer yourself on the website. The physiotherapy clinic will then contact you to make an appointment and explain the process.

Your telehealth appointment is provided via video call. You will be given the option to access this from home, or with free computer access in a private space at a community hub close to you.

(03) 5122 6015 fpvcc@federation.edu.au (03) 5326 1254
<https://federation.edu.au/federation-allied-healthcare/physiotherapy-clinic>



An initiative of the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone.

GIPPSLAND YOUTH THEATRE'S production of
Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID JR
 Music by ALAN MENKEN
 Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN and GLENN SLATER
 Book by DOUG WRIGHT
 Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film
 Music Adapted and Arranged by David Weinstein
 Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)

SATURDAY 3rd May 2025

1PM, 4PM & 7PM

Morwell Central Primary School Performing Arts Centre
 McDonald Street, Morwell

All Tickets \$25.00

Purchase ONLINE <https://www.trybooking.com/CZJVG>



Stay Local



Free school holiday activities for the entire family

APRIL 2025

Family Trivia

All ages Bookings preferred

Morwell Library
 Saturday 12 April
 2pm to 4pm

Story Writing Workshop

Ages 7 to 12 Bookings required

Moe Library
 Monday 14 April
 10.30am to 12noon

Spoken Word Poetry Workshop

Ages 13 to 17 Bookings required

Traralgon Library
 Monday 14 April
 2.30pm to 4pm

Family Movie

Morwell Library
 Tuesday 15 April
 2pm to 4pm

All ages Bookings required

Easter craft at Traralgon Centre Plaza

Friday 11 April 2025
 11am to 1pm

All ages Drop in session



Lego Bricks and Blocks

Moe Library
 Wednesday 16 April
 10am to 12noon

Ages 5+ Drop in session

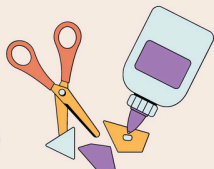
Traralgon Library
 Wednesday 16 April
 2pm to 4pm

Churchill Library
 Thursday 17 April
 10am to 12noon

Morwell Library
 Thursday 17 April
 2pm to 4pm



THE STUDIO



Join us during school term to get creative at our after school art and craft club. Make new friends as you create.

- We supply basic art materials
- Bring your own inspiration
- Learn new skills
- Got an idea? Let us know!

Suitable for 10 to 16 year olds.

MOE LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE

Mondays 3.45pm to 4.45pm

TRARALGON LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE

Wednesdays 3.45pm to 4.45pm

Bookings preferred but walk-ins welcome. Sessions run through school term. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised.



For more information and to book, scan the QR code. Or, visit your local library.



GAMING CLUB



After school activity social gaming club for young people aged seven to 17 years.

Love to game and hang out with your mates?

- Heaps of console games and board games
- Snacks provided
- Drop in session

MOE LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE

Wednesdays 3.30pm to 5pm

TRARALGON LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE

Thursdays 3.30pm to 5pm

Bookings preferred but walk-ins welcome. Sessions run through school term. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised.



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KIDS CONNECT



After school activity club for children aged seven to 12 years.

Facilitated by a friendly librarian, there will be a different activity each week, including:

- Arts and craft
- Lego
- Games
- Photography
- Badge-making and more

MORWELL LIBRARY

Wednesdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Bookings required. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised.



For more information and to book, scan the QR code. Or, visit your local library.

