



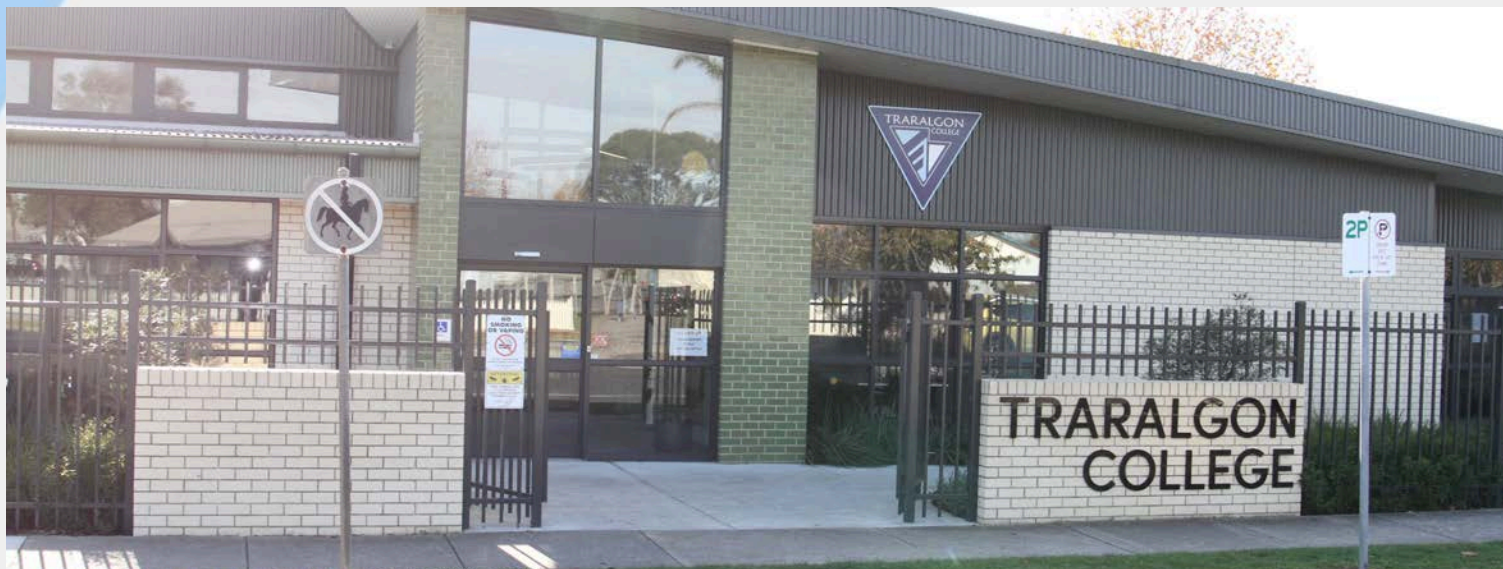
TRARALGON COLLEGE NEWS

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September 2025

TERM THREE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 6th Term 4 Resumes
- 15th Student Free Day
- 16th & 18th Rossums Robot Factory Performance
- 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 Graduation

DECEMBER

- 12th Semester Reports
- 19th Last day of Term 4

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MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

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

It has been another busy few weeks across the college. Alongside improvements in both our Attitudes to School survey and our NAPLAN data, we have also received our preliminary staff survey data, which shows improvement in every area in this space which is a really exciting result. We continue to recruit new staff to support our growing student cohort, as well as our extra-curricular and support programs.

Many exciting events have been held across the term, including the Year 12 camp complete with a mud run and high swing. I had intended to attend but, at the last minute, was unable to go. I am told the students had a fabulous time.

Our special events this term, including Book Week, Science Week, Medieval Day, the Wellbeing Expos, and the Blue EDGE program, have all been well supported by staff and students.



We continue to represent the college proudly in all areas of sport, with a number of teams attending interschool events. Our Visual and Performing Arts program also continues to grow, with the highlight being our Open Mic Night.

One of the greatest highlights of the past few weeks was our VM Advocacy Day. Our VCE VM students did an amazing job advocating for causes close to their hearts. Although the weather wasn't kind, there was a great turnout from both staff and students.

Our Year 12 VM students have now completed their coursework, and we held a special assembly to farewell them.

We are also pleased to announce the successful appointment of our two advertised assistant principal positions. Narelle Loechel will continue in her role as substantive Assistant Principal of Years 9 and 10, and Owen Henderson will continue in his role as substantive Assistant Principal of Years 7 and 8. However, Owen will be on leave from the college in Term 4 as he takes up the position of Acting Principal at Lakes Entrance Secondary College. We wish him well for this opportunity and look forward to welcoming him back at the beginning of 2026.

Next term promises to be full, busy, and exciting. We look forward to continuing to build a positive culture across the college — one where high expectations are central to our continuous improvement journey, and where staff and students can strive to reach their full potential.

INFORMATION FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

SMOKING AND VAPING

Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

Research from **VicHealth** shows that young people care about what their parents, carers and older siblings think and do about vaping.

The Department of Education has developed resources to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping. The resources include advice about how to talk to children and young people about vaping, and where to get support. To access the resources, go to <https://www.vic.gov.au/smoking-and-vaping-advice-parents>

You can also view **this video** on smoking and vaping from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne for health advice and tips for starting a conversation with young people.

SCHOOL SMOKING AND VAPING BAN

A person must not smoke cigarettes, including e-cigarettes (regardless of whether they contain nicotine or are prescribed for therapeutic use) within school premises and within 4 metres of any pedestrian access to school premises. Smoking in these places is a fineable offence.

The smoking and vaping ban applies to:
anyone present on school premises during and outside of school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents or carers or the wider community, such as sporting groups
all activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes.

The department also bans smoking and vaping at school events and excursions held off school premises.





EVERY DAY COUNTS

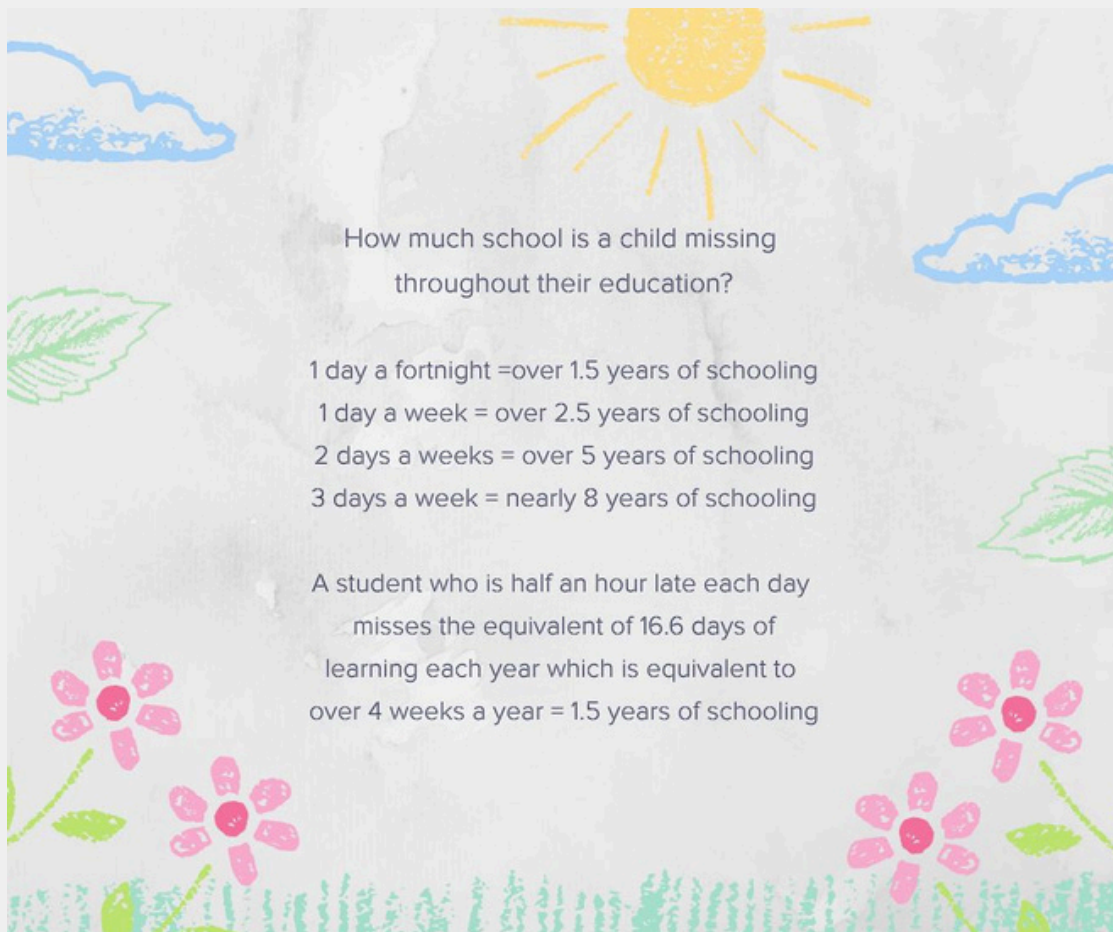
THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At Traralgon College, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings. Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour. If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via Compass so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see Attendance and Missing School. Remember, Every Day Counts.



FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

BLUE EDGE – POLICE WEEK INSPIRES OUR STUDENTS

During the term, we welcomed Traralgon Police and Morwell Proactive Police onsite with police cars and props as part of Police Week for the BlueEDGE program.

The BlueEDGE program—designed to Educate, Develop, Grow and Empower young people through fitness and activity-based learning—runs in partnership with Victoria Police and emergency services. Tailored to students in Years 7–9, it promotes positive behaviours and attitudes by building a growth mindset and encouraging students to look towards their future with confidence.

Each session involves physical exercise, a shared meal, and dynamic workshop activities. These experiences have been shown to increase confidence and model skills such as connection, self-reflection, resilience, and teamwork. The program also supports youth mental health and wellbeing by providing tools for self-regulation, social connection, and making safe choices.

Traralgon College has been fortunate to partner with Blue Light for the past three years to deliver the BlueEDGE program, and students were thrilled to take part in this year's Police Week





SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

SWPBS EXCHANGE SHOP – NOW OPEN AT BOTH CAMPUSES!

Our SWPBS team has been busy running the Exchange Shop across both campuses! Students can swap their green chronicles for a variety of fun rewards. Stock changes regularly (and can vary), but some of the goodies you might find include:

🍫 Chocolates & lollies 🧸 Toys & LEGO 👕 Clothing ...and so much more!

A big thank you to our wonderful donors who help keep the shop stocked and exciting for our students. ❤️



BOOK WEEK 2025

This year's Book Week theme "Book An Adventure" was celebrated with great enthusiasm across the college. Students and staff joined in the fun by dressing up in creative, book-inspired costumes, taking part in the book exchange, and joining in on the parade. It was a fantastic week that highlighted the joy of reading and the creativity of our school community.



BOOK WEEK 2025



Creative Design	Winners
Year 7	Summer Moore Hayley Howell Ashley Scott
Year 9	Jiya Khosla Alannah Roberts Ayen Mayen Issabel Williams <u>Mahli Hart</u> Ruby Dowling Victoria Worsley Kyra Mitchell
Year 10	Alyssa Schultz
Year 11	Zac Dennison Eva Kelly Sienna Elliott Hayley Turrell
Year 12	Lucien Cuff <u>Chloe Verdaas</u> <u>Amelia Eacott</u> Emma Maiden Dakota Maiden Reese Hood Emily Carney



BOOK WEEK 2025





NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2025

Science Week at Traralgon College saw activities running on most days during lunch. **Microscope Monday** gave students the chance to look at pre-prepared slides as well as slides they created themselves under the microscope. **Take a Look Tuesday** at Shakespeare Street was our big demonstration day, featuring hydrogen balloons and dragon's breath, while at Grey Street students interested in astronomy viewed slides projected onto a screen in the media studio. **Watch This Wednesday** at Grey Street included more demonstrations, such as the gummy bear sacrifice. **Tournament Thursday** brought photo, poster, and name-a-star competitions across both campuses. The week finished with the Science Olympiad at Grey Street, where students competed for science glory (and chocolate), while Shakespeare Street celebrated with a big Science Club day, featuring bicarb and vinegar rockets and other fun experiments.

COMPETITION WINNERS!



Poster

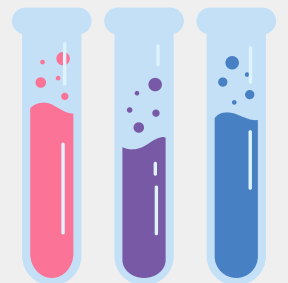
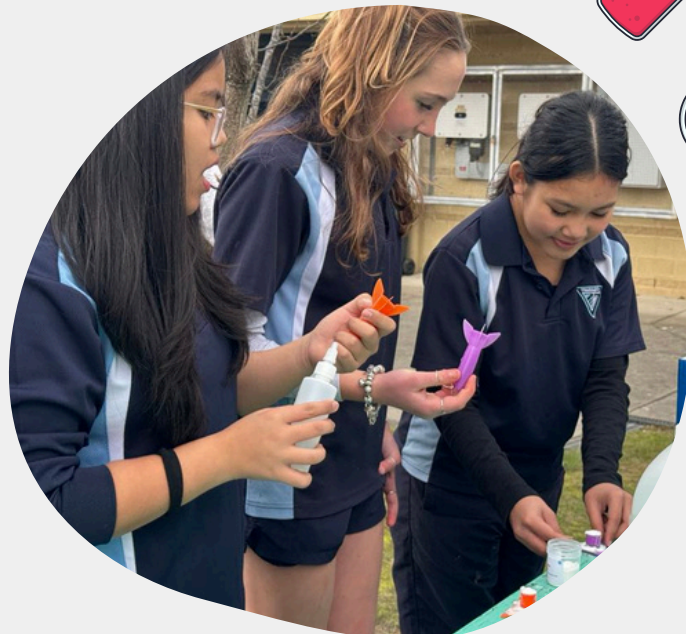
- 1 Amelia Eacott
- 2 Lily Beattie
- 2 Leigh Robinson

Senior School Photo Comp

- 1st place - Number 5 Butterflies Reese Hood
- 2nd place - Number 2 Jellyfish Kai Ratcliffe
- 3rd Place - Number 4 Kookaburra Amelia Eacott

Middle School Photo Comp

- 1st Place - Number 12 Jet Ketchell
- 2nd Place - Number 30 Maggie PRIOR O'BRIEN
- 3rd place - Number 13 Elijah IMLACH





NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Here are some pictures of our students enjoying science weeks activities



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TALENTED YEAR 9 WINNERS!

Take a look at their winning photos below - such amazing creativity on display!

1st Place Jett Ketchell



2nd Place Maggie Prior O'Brien



3rd Place Elijah Imlach



Telisi - Named by Reese Hood

Name a

STAR

competition

CONGRATULATIONS TO REESE HOOD
WHO LET HER BRILLIANCE
LIGHT UP THE GALAXY!

follow this link to see [Telisi - Named by Reese Hood](#) in
the International Space Registry

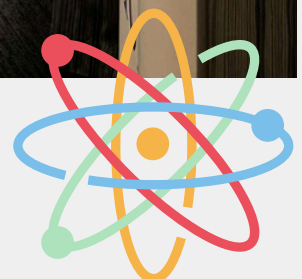
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science
week 2025**

FROM THE SCIENCE TEAM

GIRLS IN PHYSICS BREAKFAST

Traralgon College students had the incredible opportunity to attend the Girls in Physics Breakfast, hosted by VicPhysics.

The event featured the brilliant Associate Professor Nadia Zatsepin, whose passion and energy captivated everyone in the room, her topic – making movies with x-ray lasers! . Students had the opportunity to meet like minded students and women who have a career in physics and engineering. They were inspired by insights into the world of physics and the pathways available for women in STEM. It was an engaging and motivating experience that highlighted the excitement of scientific discovery and the power of following your curiosity.



FROM THE HUMANITIES TEAM

YEAR 8 MEDIEVAL DAY

Year 8 students stepped back in time for Medieval Day at the Shakespeare Street Campus on Friday 12th September. This hands-on experience built on their studies of the medieval period in the Year 8 Australian Curriculum, helping students explore chronology, historical questions, continuity and change, causes and consequences, as well as skills like strategy, design, and hand-eye coordination. Here are some pictures of our staff and students enjoying the day.







FROM THE COMMUNITY



headspace Day 2025 make space

a reminder to make space for what matters most,
especially when things feel busy or overwhelming.
FREE event for anyone aged 12 - 25.

activities include:

- making slime
- interactive art and crafts
- DIY self-care kits
- mindfulness and meditation session
- movie session

when: Thursday 9th October,
3pm - 4:45pm
where: headspace Morwell



register here.



Free school holiday activities for the entire family

SEP/OCT 2025
CBCA 80th Anniversary

Traralgon Library
Mon 29 Sep 11am to 2pm Craft, treat bags, dress-ups and a birthday cake!
All ages. Drop-in session.

Featuring...
Storytime with Caz Goodwin and Daisy the Koala
Traralgon Library
Mon 29 Sep 11.15am and 12.15pm
All ages. Bookings preferred.

Bugs and Blooms Drawing Fun
Traralgon Library
Tue 30 Sep 10am to 11am 11.30am to 12.30pm
Thu 2 Oct
Moe Library
10am to 11am
Ages 7 to 12. Bookings preferred.

Buzzy Bee Day!
Moe Library
Thu 25 Sep 10.30am to 2pm
All ages. Drop-in session.
• Latrobe Valley Beekeeper's Association presentation and education hive
• Bee craft
• Pot and paint and more!

Advanced Bugs and Blooms Drawing Workshop
Traralgon Library
Tue 30 Sep 2pm to 3pm
Ages 13 to 17. Bookings preferred.

Morwell Library
Thu 2 Oct 1pm to 2pm

Family Trivia
Morwell Library
Sat 4 Oct 2pm to 4pm
All ages. Bookings required.

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL



AFL PLAY

AFL NINES

AFL GIPPSLAND NINES, TRARALGON
SHORTER GAMES, NO TACKLES, NO TRAINING

AGNES BRERETON RESERVE
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER
10AM - 3PM

REGISTER NOW




DANCEFACTORY

VET DANCE



2026 TERM DATES

1st Term Wednesday 28 January - Sunday 29 March (performance Sun 29th March)
2nd Term Monday 20 April - Thursday 25 June (performance Sun 21st June)
3rd Term Monday 13 July - Thursday 17 September (proposed perf Wed 16th or Thurs 17th Sep)
4th Term Monday 5 October - Sunday 13 December (proposed perf TBC)

VET DANCE
CUA20120 Certificate II in Dance
with selected units from CUA30120 Certificate III in Dance

This program provides students with dance technique, performance skills and industry knowledge. Students will learn to work with others, follow direction, self-motivate, adapt quickly to changes, and gain self-confidence.

The training will include classes in Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, minimal theory and a performance at the end of each term. The skills learnt can be related to everyday fitness and coordination, further training in dance and performance and appreciation of the performing arts.

CUA30120 Certificate III in Dance

Year 12 students that have already completed VET Dance/ CUA20120 Certificate II in Dance can do one further year of study to complete their CUA30120 Certificate III in Dance.

Develop own dance skills, technique & performance with minimal theory.

Classes in Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary & Performance.

Units completed are under Block Credit Recognition (BCR) and may be eligible for credit towards the VCE.

Certificate III comprises 13 units - 6 already completed with VET Dance/ Certificate II, 5 compulsory, 2 electives

Latrobe

The Latrobe Urgent Care Clinic (UCC) in Moe provides GP-led care for non-life-threatening conditions, without the need for you to visit an emergency department.

If you are experiencing any of the following illnesses or injuries, visit the Latrobe UCC instead of emergency:

- mild to moderate infections
- fever
- pain when urinating
- suspected minor fractures and sprains
- back and muscle pain
- minor cuts, burns, and insect or animal bites
- heartburn, vomiting, nausea
- headaches, migraines and brief fainting
- constipation, diarrhoea, abdominal pain
- allergies and rashes
- light bleeding in the first trimester of pregnancy
- mild to moderate asthma attacks, coughs and other respiratory symptoms.

The Latrobe UCC accepts walk-ups, referrals and pre-booked appointments, and runs as a triage service, meaning people with the most urgent medical needs are seen first.

This service ensures vital emergency department resources are freed up for patients with more critical needs.

Call us: 5127 9111

Location: 42-44 Fowler Street, Moe (a map is on the back page)

Learn more: lchs.com.au/latrobe-ucc