



TRARALGON COLLEGE NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

MARCH

3rd – 5th Gippsland Tech School Visits

6th Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development

9th Labour Day Public Holiday

11th – 23rd NAPLAN 2026

25th Year 10 Immunisations

25th Year 7 2027 Information Evening

26th Year 7 2027 Awareness Day

27th Progress Reports

30th Athletics Carnival

APRIL

1st & 2nd Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

2nd Last Day of Term 1

20th Term 2 Resumes

25th Anzac Day

29th Year 7 Camp Rumbug

MAY

1st Students return from Year 7 Camp Rumbug

14th Campfire Conversations

19th School Photos at Grey Street Campus

20th School Photos at Shakespeare Street Campus

22nd Progress Reports

28th School Photos Catch-Up Day

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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TERMS 2, 3 & 4

JUNE

3rd Year 8 Celebration Evening
8th King's Birthday Public Holiday
9th - 12th Gippsland Tech School Visits
15th - 18th Year 11 Exams
15th VCE VM Units 2 & 4 Commence
16th GAT
19th Student Free Day - Report Writing
22nd - 24th Year 9 Camp
26th Semester Reports
26th Last Day of Term 2

JULY

5th - 12th NAIDOC Week
13th Term 3 Resumes
13th - 15th Year 8 Camp
15th VCE Information Evening
20th - 24th Year 10 Work Experience

AUGUST

4th - 7th Gippsland Tech School Visits
22nd Progress Reports
17th - 21st National Science Week
24th - 28th Children's Book Week

SEPTEMBER

1st Wellbeing Expo Shakespeare St
7th Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development
8th Wellbeing Expo Grey St
11th Progress Reports

11th VCE, VCE VM Unit 4 Coursework finished
17th & 18th Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
18th Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

5th Term 4 Resumes
12th & 19th - 23rd Year 9 Morrisby Testing
20th Year 7 Immunisations
26th Year 12 Written Exams Commence
29th Campfire Conversations

NOVEMBER

2nd Alternate Program
3rd Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
6th Progress Reports
11th Remembrance Day
18th Year 12 Written Exams Last Day
19th Valedictory
20th - 26th Year 11 Exams
24th - 27th Gippsland Tech School Visits
26th Year 10 Celebration Evening
30th Head Start Commences

DECEMBER

30th - 11th Head Start Program
8th Grade 6 Orientation Day
18th Last day of Term 4

Additional activities and initiatives designed to support a vibrant school community will be communicated throughout the year. Students are encouraged to participate in the wide range of athletic, academic and creative opportunities offered, as involvement in school life strengthens school pride, personal growth and the development of lifelong skills.

Updates will be shared via Compass, Facebook and in our upcoming newsletters. Please contact our office team if you require further information.



MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

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

What a busy and successful start to Term 1, 2026 it has been at Traralgon College.

The year began positively with our Year 7 Welcome BBQ in Week 2, which was well attended by staff, families and students. The beautiful weather provided the perfect setting to welcome our newest students and their families to the College. The Year 7 Embrace Days were also a highlight, offering a warm introduction to our school spirit and culture.

In Week 4, we held our Campfire Conversations, sharing time with our Koorie students, families and community. We look forward to further celebrating our community during NAIDOC Week activities later in the year. We enjoyed a fabulous day at the pool for our whole College Swimming Carnival in Week 5.



With perfect weather and outstanding House spirit, students and staff embraced the day with enthusiasm and pride. Which house will win the day - Tarra, Bulga or Wirilda?

It is exciting to see the many positive opportunities and celebrations continuing across the College in 2026. Looking ahead, we anticipate educational visits to Gippsland Tech School. Year 11 and 12 students will have another opportunity to participate in hands-on P.A.R.T.Y (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) program at Latrobe Regional Hospital. Our Outdoor Education students will venture to Mount Baw Baw for their annual overnight hike, our Arts students will travel to the city for the Top Arts and Top Screen excursion. A range of other excursions and learning experiences are also currently in the planning stages across multiple year levels.

Towards the end of the term, we will welcome Grade 5 and 6 students from across the community for our College Awareness Day. Last year we welcomed over 500 students; we look forward to seeing how many join us in 2026.

We are also looking forward to our Athletics Carnival in the last week of term, which is always a highlight of the term and a wonderful opportunity for house spirit

and participation, and of course, a great excuse for a dress up!
Our Year 7 and Year 9 students will complete NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy testing later in the term. NAPLAN provides valuable data to inform and strengthen our curriculum programs and targeted interventions. I thank our staff for their significant work behind the scenes to ensure the process runs smoothly.
Thank you to our families and broader community for your ongoing support. Together, we continue to build a strong and thriving Traralgon College.

Fiona Milkins
College Principal



EVERY DAY COUNTS

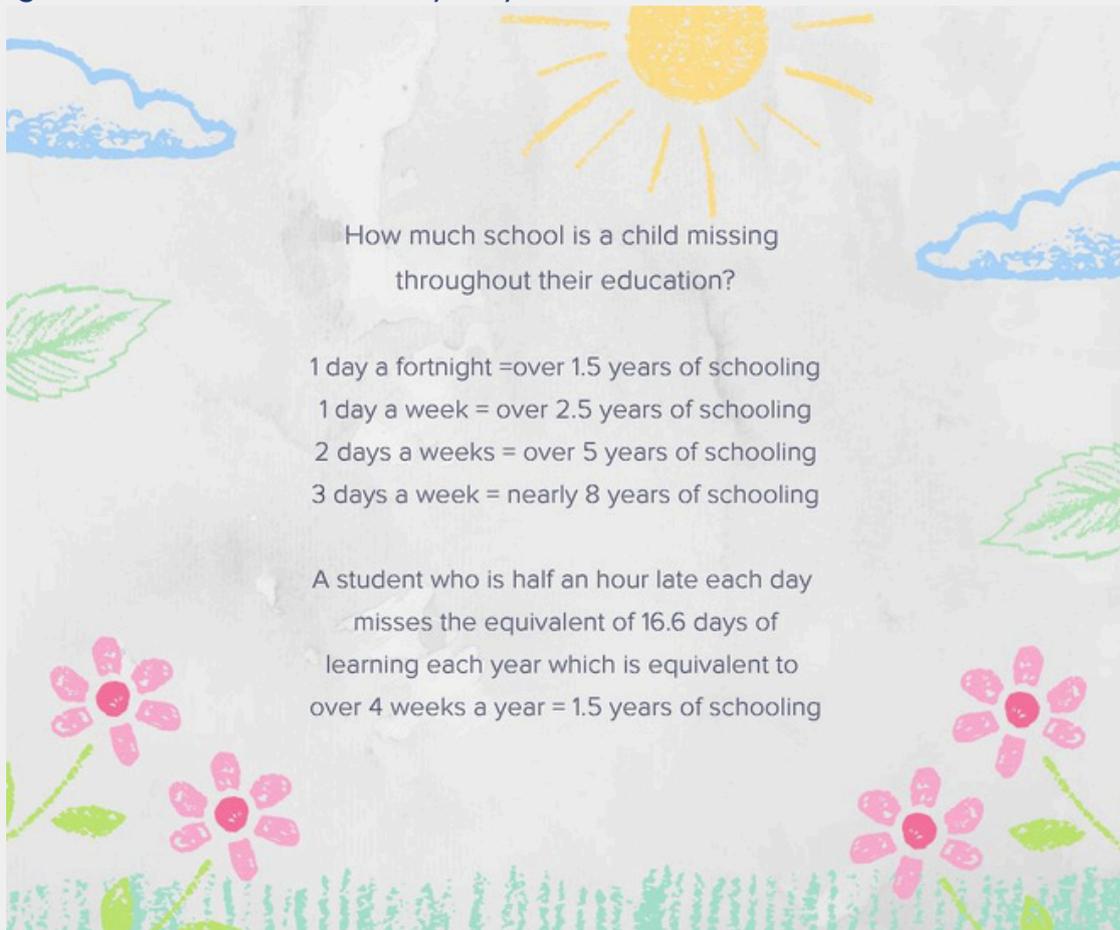
THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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.



KOORIE CONNECTIONS

PROUDLY INTRODUCING OUR INDIGENOUS LOGO

In response to student feedback asking for a Koorie uniform option, Traralgon College commissioned local Gunai Kurnai artist Teagan Logan-Wandin to design artworks for incorporation into one of our school uniform top designs. We were fortunate to be granted a licence to use Teagan's artworks.



Teagan wrote these words regarding her artwork

Panel: The design represents all coming together as one, uniting through culture on Gunai Kurnai land. Keeping connection through gatherings and telling stories on country, listening to our elders, passing down their knowledge and wisdom to everyone. Using this connection to land and culture to move forward and unite us all.

Wrens: The wrens are Yeerung and Djeetgun, representing the men and women of the Gunai Kurnai people.



Artist: Teagan Logan-Wandin used with permission

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.



WELCOME YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

YEAR 7 WELCOME BBQ

It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces and families already feeling part of our college community.

We are incredibly proud of how well our Year 7 cohort has begun the year and thank our staff and families for supporting such a positive start to secondary school.



HYDROGEN POWER

In 2026 Traralgon College will be represented by five students in the Hydrogen Grand Prix (H2GP) global racing series. With support from Zenviron and the Gippsland Tech School, students will design, build and race hydrogen-powered remote-controlled cars against other schools in August during the Gippsland New Energy Conference.

Across months of preparation, students learn hydrogen fuel cell chemistry, mechanical and electrical engineering, data analysis and optimisation, teamwork and race strategy. The competition is a four-hour endurance race where reliability and efficiency matter more than outright speed. Teams must carefully manage a limited supply of hydrogen and battery power to ensure their vehicle lasts the full race duration.



Zenviron



Hydrogen for the vehicle is produced by splitting water into hydrogen and oxygen and storing it in refillable cartridges, allowing students to work with the same clean-energy technology being developed for future transport and industry.

Throughout May and June, the Gippsland Tech School will work with students to design and refine their vehicles and race strategy. On Friday 17 July, they will host an H2GP collaboration day, bringing together teams, staff and industry partners to troubleshoot challenges and showcase progress. A mini track will be set up in the Design Studio so teams can test and refine their cars ahead of competition.



Expressions of interest for Year 10 and 11 students to participate in future teams will open in the coming weeks.

Thank you to Gippsland Tech School and Zenviron for supporting Traralgon College's involvement in H2GP 2026.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2026

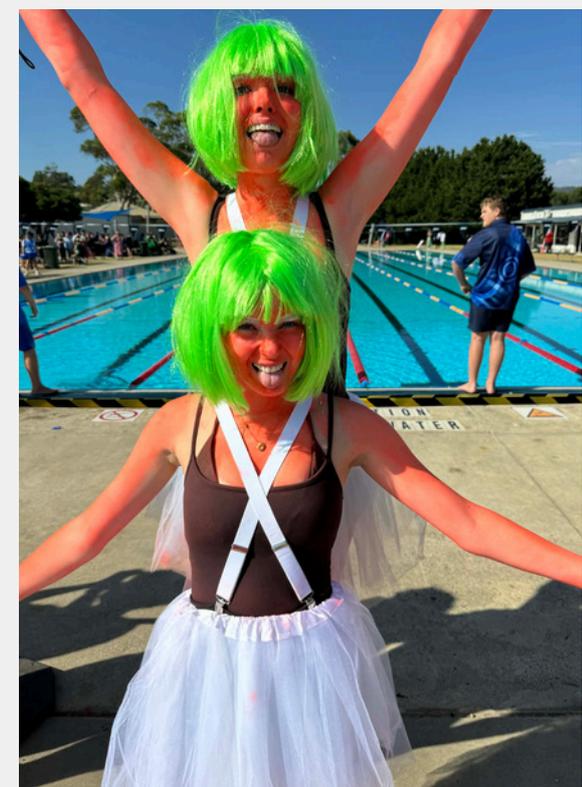
After a fantastic return in 2025, our 2026 Swimming Carnival once again proved to be a highlight of the College calendar. The energy and house spirit on display throughout the day were outstanding, with students embracing every opportunity to get involved.

From competitive swimming races and creative diving to novelty water events and inter-form volleyball, there was something for everyone. Participation levels were impressive, and it was terrific to see so many students stepping up for their house.

A sincere thank you to the staff and student leaders who worked behind the scenes to ensure the day ran smoothly. Events like this are only possible because of their organisation and commitment.

At the time of print, final house results were still being tallied - with anticipation building as students eagerly await the official announcement of our 2026 champions.

The staff vs student relay was, once again, a crowd favourite. With Principal Fiona Milkins anchoring the staff team home, the race perfectly captured the spirit, fun and positive culture that continues to define our College.





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](#)



SAFETY REMINDER

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAFFIC & ROAD SAFETY & AWARENESS

The safety of our entire school community is of utmost importance. As we all travel to and from school—whether walking, biking, using e-scooters, e-bikes, being a bus traveller or driving—all members of our school community are reminded that they must abide by all Victorian road rules, which can be found at [Home - Transport Victoria](#).

In addition, parents are reminded to follow the school parking and access signage located at both campuses. There is strictly no access to bus loops at either campus for student drop-off or pick-up.

Designated Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up Zones:

- Shakespeare Street Campus: The designated area is located at the front of the school on Shakespeare Street, clearly signed "PICK UP & DROP OFF ONLY." Please do not enter staff carparks or the Bus Exchange area.
- Grey Street Campus: Drop-off and pick-up occurs on the Grey Street service road, where zones are marked with yellow line markings and signage "Drop Off Pick Up." The Bus Exchange area is for staff vehicles only during school hours.

Supervision Before and After School:

Please be aware of the supervision times provided by school staff:

- School grounds are supervised from 8:35am to 9:00am and from 3:13pm to 3:35pm.
- Bus Exchanges are supervised from 8:10am to 8:55am and from 3:13pm to 4:00pm.

For safety reasons, students should not remain on school grounds outside of these times unless prior arrangements have been made. Staff are not available for supervision outside these hours.

Other Key Safety Reminders include but are not limited to:

Walking & Crossing - Always use footpaths and school crossings. Be sure to look both ways before crossing and follow the instructions of crossing guards when present.

Bikes & Scooters, E-Bikes & E-Scooters - Ride responsibly, wear a helmet, and obey all traffic signals. Dismount when approaching crowded areas and never ride against traffic.

Traffic & Parking - Please do not park on school grounds at any time. Observe all posted signs and be mindful of student drop-off and pick-up zones.

Speed Limits - Adhere to speed limits around the school, especially in school zones. Slow down and remain alert for students walking or riding.

Stay Alert - Avoid distractions like mobile phones when walking, riding, or driving near the school.

By working together and following these safety measures, we can create a safe environment for our students and community.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our school safe!

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.





DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS

**DOCTORS IN
SECONDARY
SCHOOLS**



Doctors in Secondary Schools program at Traralgon College.

Did you know there is a doctor at Traralgon College if your child needs to see one?

Through the Department of Education's **Doctors in Secondary Schools program** students at our school can see a doctor or nurse in a private consulting room here at school every second Thursday.

Who can see the doctor?

All students from Years 7 to 12 can see the doctor or nurse on their own. If the doctor decides a student is not mature enough to consent to medical treatment, or if they think it's best to involve parents or carers, they will first discuss this with the student.

The **parent/carer information sheet** available at [Doctors in Secondary Schools | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/doctors-in-secondary-schools) has more information on student consent to medical treatment by the doctor.

What does it cost?

Seeing the doctor is free! Appointments are bulk billed through Medicare.

How can my child make an appointment to see the doctor?

- Text or call the Doctors in schools nurse- 0447782506
- Email- keegan.johns@lchs.com.au
- Speak to a member of the wellbeing team at school.

Can I attend the appointment with my child?

Yes. You can also make an appointment for your child.

What can my child see the doctor about?

Anything they would see their regular doctor about.

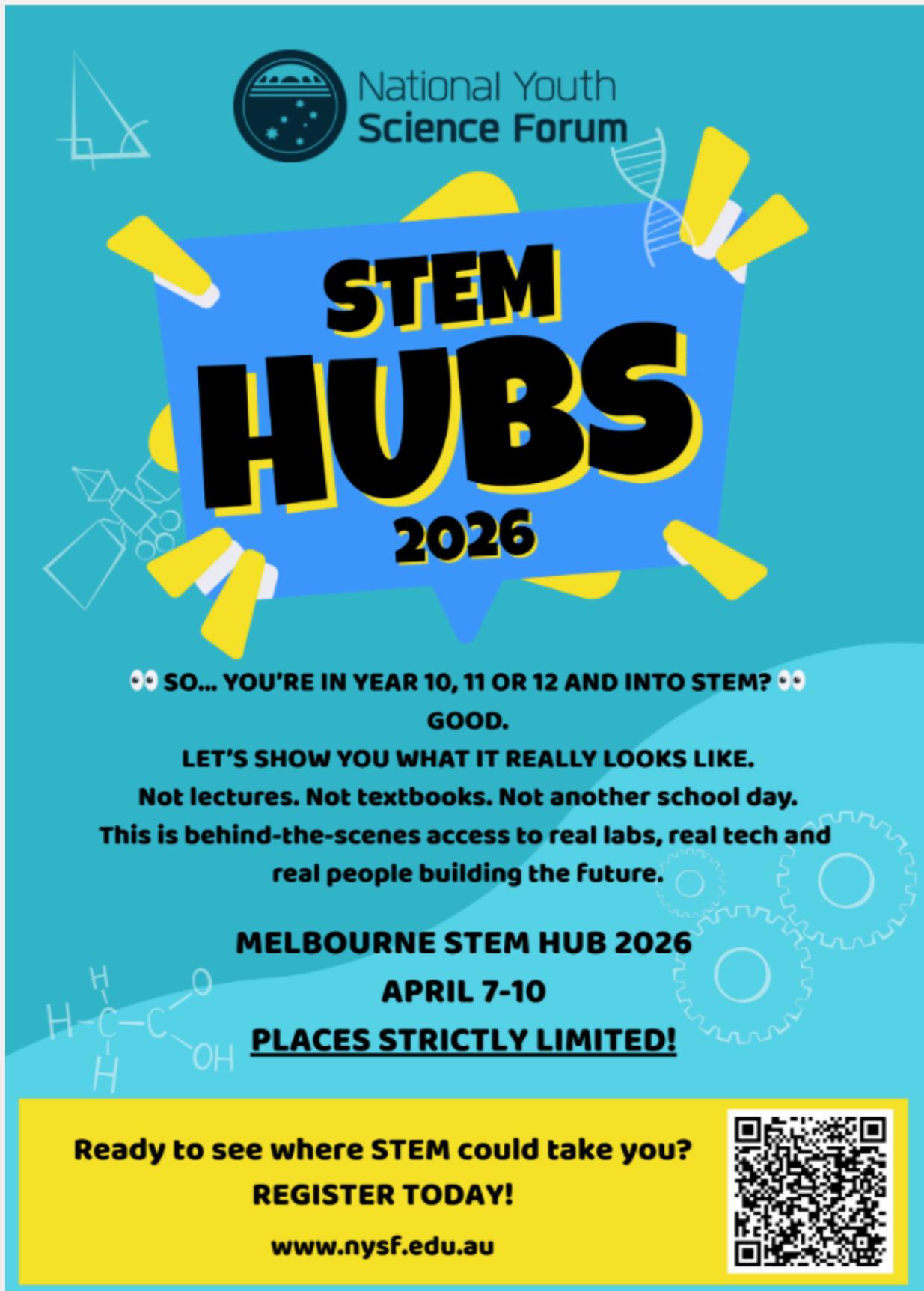
When is the doctor at school?

Term 3- The Doctor is at Traralgon College every second Thursday beginning on the 18/7/25. On the alternate weeks on Wednesdays beginning the 24/7/25, the nurse with the Doctors in schools program is available on her own at the college for consultations.

Who can I talk to if I have questions?

You can contact Doctors in schools directly on the information provided or alternatively you can call and speak to the wellbeing team leader on 51762240.

FROM THE COMMUNITY



The poster features a teal background with various scientific icons: a right-angled triangle, a DNA double helix, a chemical structure of a carboxylic acid, and several interlocking gears. A central blue banner with yellow borders contains the text 'STEM HUBS 2026'. Above the banner is the National Youth Science Forum logo, which includes a globe and stars.

 National Youth
Science Forum

STEM HUBS 2026

👁️ SO... YOU'RE IN YEAR 10, 11 OR 12 AND INTO STEM? 👁️
GOOD.
LET'S SHOW YOU WHAT IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE.
Not lectures. Not textbooks. Not another school day.
This is behind-the-scenes access to real labs, real tech and
real people building the future.

MELBOURNE STEM HUB 2026
APRIL 7-10
PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED!

Ready to see where STEM could take you?
REGISTER TODAY!
www.nysf.edu.au



FROM THE COMMUNITY

NEW TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Contact us via:
 Email- rosedalejfc2@outlook.com
 Owen Drummond (President)
 0408326587
 Facebook- Rosedale Junior Football Netball Club

We're excited to announce we'll be fielding a girls-only football team next season – and we're on the lookout for players to join the fun!

After School Reading Club

For children aged nine to 13 years

Hang out with other book loving kids and share your latest read!

- Chat about your favourite characters and plots
- Bring your current read/book
- Bookish craft
- Sneak a peek at the latest arrivals in our junior collection
- Snacks!

MOE LIBRARY
 First and third Friday of each month
 3.30pm for a 3.45pm start.

Walk-ins welcome. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised.

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

KIDS CONNECT

After school activity club for children in Years 1 to 6.

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

You can attend all sessions or just one or two, but bookings are 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.

FROM THE COMMUNITY



Get up to \$500 for education costs

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355



FROM THE COMMUNITY

Key Assets Victoria is a not-for-profit foster care agency supporting children in care that operates in all areas of Melbourne and many regional areas. There is currently 12,458 children in Victoria that need the support of a loving caring foster family. We would be very appreciative if you would consider placing the attached graphic and notice below in your school newsletter or maybe you would be able to display it on your community notice board.

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: info@keyassets.com.au

Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.com.au

Please call if you require any additional information and like us on Facebook and Instagram



**COULD YOU
FOSTER A
CHILD?**

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers**
in your area. Enquire now on how
you can help change a child's life.

Canifoster.com.au | 1800 932 273

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