



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

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

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 Last Day of Term 2

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MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

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

It's been a busy and exciting second half of term one. We have had lots of events and activities, building community school pride and spirit. Our Year 7s had a fabulous time on their Embrace Days. We ran our secondary school Awareness Day last week alongside our prospective students for 2027 Information Evening. NAPLAN took up a significant portion of the second half of term for both our Year 7s and 9s. Our students were well prepared and excited to do their very best for the test but were thwarted in their efforts with the difficulties encountered with the platform crashing on the day. What was evident during these challenges, was the amazing way in which our students embodied our college values. They sat patiently and respectfully waiting for the platform to be up and running again.



They showed remarkable resilience in trying to complete their writing and reading tasks in non-ideal circumstances. They took responsibility for their own efforts and achievements by striving to do their best regardless of the challenges. We were all very proud of them.

Other highlights of the term include our Koorie Big Day Out with our KESO Aunty Vera Harrold accompanying staff and our indigenous students to the day in Melbourne. It was a poignant and moving day for the students and staff who attended.

We have had a number of sporting teams out competing in inter-school sports alongside a number of camps excursions and activities. The highlight of the outdoor ed trip this week was surfing with dolphins. There were some very excited staff and students upon return from their trip.

This past week we had our athletics carnival at Joe Carmody race track in Newborough. The sun was shining. It was a glorious day for all the students to participate in the fun, house colours and dressing up for the day. Another great day of connection and community across our students and staff.

The past two days we have been conducting our parent teacher interviews. It has

been fantastic to see such a great support of our students by both staff and families. It has been wonderful to meet so many parents personally and have the opportunity to engage with students in this positive space.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a safe and happy Easter, whatever that season means for you and your loved ones.

I hope all the students have a chance to rest and relax and enjoy quality time with their families and friends and return refreshed for a great start to Term 2.

Fiona Milkins

College Principal



EVERY DAY COUNTS

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

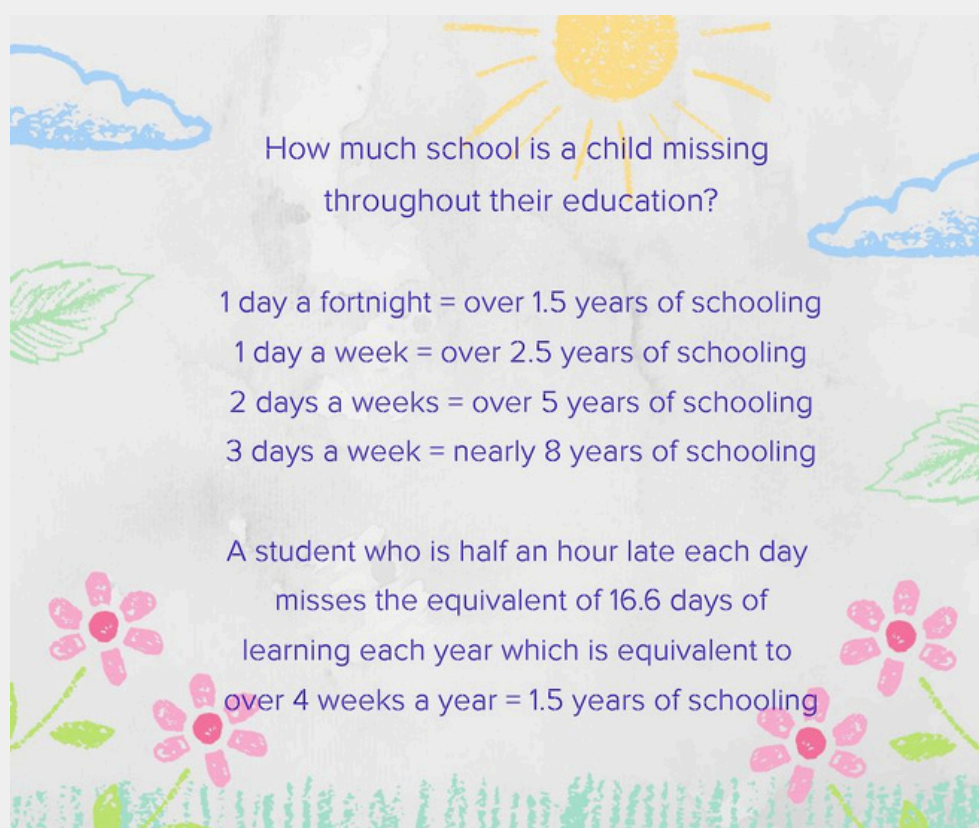
At Traralgon College, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

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**.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

TIPS TO HELP IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

an excerpt from the Victorian Government

<http://www.vic.gov.au/attendance-and-missing-school>

Setting up good attendance patterns and addressing attendance issues promptly can lead to future success and help your child feel more engaged and connected at school.

Here are some ideas which may assist you in supporting your child to attend school:

- Talk to your child about school and the importance of attending every day. You can ask them how they feel about school, what interests them or if they are having any difficulties. Some problems to look out for include:
 - bullying or cyberbullying
 - feeling isolated at school
 - disliking or feeling disconnected from the school culture or environment
 - falling behind in school work or feeling overwhelmed about keeping up
 - disliking school subjects, choice of subjects, or not feeling challenged by the work
 - finding relationships with teachers or other students at school difficult
 - competing demands on time, such as extracurricular activities
 - not feeling understood and fully accepted by peers or teachers
 - not experiencing cultural acknowledgement and understanding
- Encourage and celebrate good attendance habits with your child, including arriving at school on time every day.
- Set a good example. Show them how you keep to your own commitments.
- Encourage your child to take on hobbies at school that they enjoy such as sports and clubs. This will help them develop positive relationships outside of the classroom setting and can help your child feel part of a group, important to the school, and more motivated.
- Help your child maintain daily routines such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Help them pack their school bag the night before with everything they need.
- Have a set time for breakfast.
- Plan for your child to meet with a friend so they can travel to school together.

Remember, Every day counts.

Act early if you are concerned about your child's attendance and contact their school to discuss how you can work together to support positive attendance.



KOORIE CONNECTIONS

CLAY DESIGNS

Students enjoyed an opportunity to work with Steph for a hands-on clay activity. Students were really focussed and enjoyed it a lot.



Wrens

Artist: Teagan Logan-Wandin used with permission

KOORIE BIG DAY OUT

Students recently attended the Koorie Big Day Out, a statewide event that brings together indigenous students in Years 9-12 to explore future pathways and opportunities. Throughout the day, students connected with Victorian University Koorie Unit, exploring further education and career options empowering them to make informed decisions about their futures.



Rorey & D'Jaryn with the marngrook



FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

P.A.R.T.Y

Year 11 and 12 students attended LRH to engage with the PARTY Program.

The prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y) is an internationally recognised interactive injury awareness and prevention Program.

Students engaged with hands on activities with local SES, Ambulance Victoria, Vic Pol and LRH staff. The highlight being able to see emergency department and ICU areas of the hospital and what can occur following possible consequences from risk taking behaviours.



Traralgon Secondary college participated in the PARTY program at LRH on Tuesday. WOW if you are looking for a school for your child I recommend TSC. The students were well behaved and very interactive. The school is doing a great job with these students. We hear a lot of negative things about the students. The party team have all commented on their behavior. Well done TSC and the students that participated.

Thanks from Janet, Simmo and the rest of the the team

Feedback for our superstar students!



FROM THE ARTS TEAM

ART TECH EXCURSION

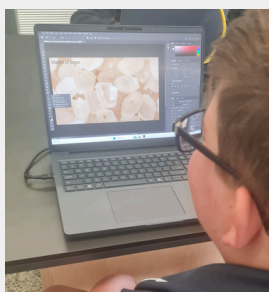
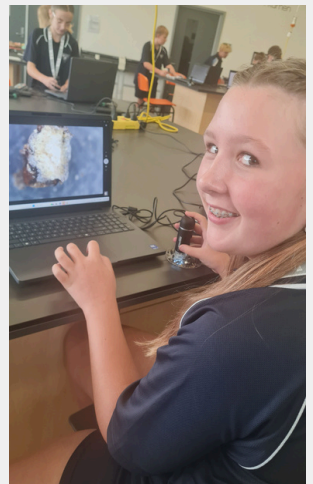
This term Year 7 Art students were lucky enough to take part in an exciting excursion to Morwell Tech School as part of their Visual Arts curriculum, exploring the dynamic relationship between technology and the creative industries and exploring how the visual arts can connect to future careers and opportunities.

Throughout the day, students engaged in a series of hands-on workshops designed to expand their understanding of contemporary art-making practices.

In Art in Virtual Reality, students stepped into immersive digital spaces to design and sculpt their own 3D characters. During Microscopic Art, they explored tiny, unseen worlds, capturing detailed images and transforming them into striking visual album covers. Students also combined creativity with problem-solving in Coding in Minecraft.

Students from classes 7E, 7D, 7F and 7LM embraced the opportunity to learn in a more adult-style environment, building connections between technology, art, and future career pathways. Beyond the workshops, students also enjoyed social time, playing arcade games, table tennis, adding to the lego wall and some even came prepared to enjoy a relaxing tea break with the amenities provided. This experience supported students in extending their creative thinking while broadening their

understanding of the many ways art can play a role in their future.



FROM THE SPORTS DESK

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2026

Our recent Athletics Day was a fantastic success, filled with energy, participation and school spirit. Students demonstrated great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day, with many outstanding individual and house performances.

Here are some photos of the day.

Many of the students and staff took the opportunity to dress to Impress!

Results are being tallied!





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

Did you know, there is a GP clinic
at school open to all students?

The clinic comes to the school
weekly and is bulk billed!

For further information or to
book and appointment please
contact Nurse Keegan:

 0447 782 506

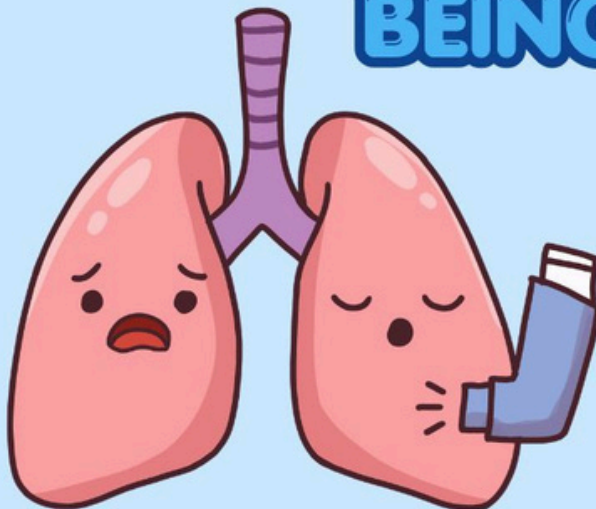
 keegan.johns@lchs.com.au

Or come into the clinic and see us:

 Grey St Campus- M18 Shakespeare St Campus- wellbeing portable




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Or come into the clinic and see us:

FROM THE COMMUNITY

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Free Workshop: Master VCE English

What we are covering:

- Creative, Text Response & Argument Analysis Strategy
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- Live Q&A with Senior VCE Graduates

Sign up now!



 Saturday, 11th April

 10:00AM to 11:30AM

 Online, via Zoom

Limited spots available, sign up today:
www.kedaeducation.com.au/vceenglishworkshop





Innovation in Action School Holiday Program

Challenge yourself in Swinburne University of Technology's Innovation in Action program for high ability year 10 to 12 students.

The Innovation in Action school holiday program is a unique opportunity for high-achieving students in years 10 to 12 to explore their potential. Spend a day at our Hawthorn Campus, where you'll participate in interactive workshops that push the boundaries of traditional learning.

Collaborate with like-minded peers, challenge yourself in a fast-paced environment, and produce a rapid prototype to solve a real-world problem. This program is designed to make learning exciting and inspire your future goals. Don't miss out on this chance to innovate and shine!

Free for students at Government schools.

In this program, you will:

- Identify and analyse a real-world problem
- Design possible solutions to your chosen problem
- Create a rapid prototype for your solution
- Pitch and evaluate your prototype with your peers


Dates: Friday 10 April
Wednesday 1 July
Wednesday 30 September

Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm
Location: Swinburne University of Technology, John St Hawthorn VIC 3122
Contact: schoolprograms@swin.edu.au

Register now!
swi.nu/innovate-shp



This program is part of the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series (VCEs) program, funded by and developed in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education.

 National Youth Science Forum


STEM HUBS 2026

SO... YOU'RE IN YEAR 10, 11 OR 12 AND INTO STEM? GOOD.

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Tuning Into Teens



Parenting program that teaches parents skills to help their teens begin to understand and regulate their emotions

DATES: Thursdays
30th April - 4th June 2026
6 sessions

TIME: 11:00am - 1:00pm

WHERE: ONLINE via ZOOM

COST: Free

To register for the Tuning Into Teens program, please complete the registration by clicking this link
[2026 TERM 2: TUNING INTO TEENS - Fill out form](#) or scan the QR code



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- singing lead and harmonies with the band "Borderline" for 20 years

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- 30 min. sessions

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Contact: Carolyn ph. 0419 526 709 or email
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Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice
Book by Linda Woolverton

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- ✓ 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

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Stay Local

Free family fun these school holidays

April 2026 Program

WIGGLE & JIGGLE WILD WEATHER

9.30am to 10am

Ages 18 months to 3 years.
Bookings preferred.

Churchill Library
Tue 7 Apr

Morwell Library
Wed 8 Apr
Traralgon Library

Fri 10 Apr

Moe Library
Thu 16 Apr

STORYTIME AT THE GALLERY

Latrobe Regional
Gallery Morwell

Thur 9 Apr
2pm to 3pm

Ages 3 to 5.
Bookings preferred.

FAMILY MOVIE

All ages.
Bookings preferred.

Morwell Library
Fri 10 Apr
2pm to 4pm

Moe Library
Sat 11 Apr
9.30am to 11.30am

GAMEFEST

1pm to 4pm

Ages 8 to 17.
Drop-in sessions.

Morwell Library
Mon 13 Apr
Traralgon Library
Tue 14 Apr

Moe Library
Wed 15 Apr



SPECIAL STORYTIME 'CASA MIA' WITH JOSIE MONTANO

Morwell Library

Mon 13 Apr

10.30am to 11.30am

Ages 3 to 5.
Bookings preferred.

GIANT GAMES, LEGO MEGA BLOCKS AND SCAVENGER HUNT

All libraries. During
opening hours.

Tue 7 Apr to Sat 18 Apr



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Free family fun these school holidays

April 2026 Program

DESIGN YOUR OWN POKEMON DRAWING WORKSHOP

Morwell Library

Thu 16 Apr

11am to 12noon

Ages 7 to 12. Bookings preferred.

DESIGN YOUR OWN FANTASY CREATURE

Morwell Library

Thu 16 Apr

2pm to 3.30pm

Ages 13 to 17. Bookings preferred.

HOLIDAY READING CLUB

Moe Library

Fri 17 Apr

3.30pm to 4.45pm

Ages 8+. Bookings preferred.

FAMILY TRIVIA

Morwell Library

Sat 18 Apr

2pm to 4pm

All ages. Bookings required.

Did You Know?

ENCHANTED FOREST FUN DAY

Get your Enchanted Forest passport and collect stamps for the activities you do!

Traralgon Library

Fri 17 Apr

9.30am to 12.30pm

Drop-in sessions. All ages.

Gruffalo's Child Storytime

9.30am to 10.30am

Arts and crafts

10.30am to 12.30pm

Pet rocks, fungi fun, leaf suncatchers and more!

LIBRARY UP LATE - TEENS

Traralgon Library

Fri 17 Apr

6pm to 8.30pm

Ages 12+. Drop-in session.

- Trivia
- Games and Craft
- Snacks!



Scan the QR code to find out more and book online or visit your local library.