

## NEWSLETTER ISSUE 10

Friday 13th November 2020

KEY DATES	
<b>Term 4</b>	
Friday 20th November	Professional Learning Day— <b>Student Free Day</b>
Monday 30th November	Headstart Program begins for 2021
Friday 11th December	Headstart Program concludes for Year 11, 2021 and Year 12, 2021
Thursday 17th December	Headstart Program concludes for Years 8, 9 & 10, 2021
Friday 18th December	Final day of term finishes at 2:30pm
<b>2021 Key Dates</b>	
<b>Thursday 28th January</b>	Welcome to Term 1—Students first day (Assembly Period 1)
Tuesday 16th February	Swimming Carnival
Friday 5th March	Staff Professional Learning Day— <b>Student Free Day</b>
Monday 8th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 1st April	Final Day Term 1—Parent Teacher Interviews 9:00am—2:00pm Leisure Centre

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#### BERWICK COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Please keep up-to-date with all College news by reading the newsletter, following us on Facebook and contacting the appropriate Home Group Teacher if you have any concerns.

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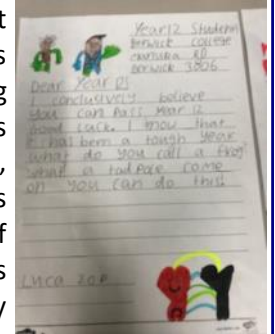


## Principal's Report

*...“our staff have played a critical role in enabling students to stay connected, engaged and motivated”...*

We know that change affects everyone differently and our staff have played a critical role in enabling students to stay connected, engaged and motivated throughout the disruptions to learning this year. We have been reflecting over the past few months on the lessons we have learned, to identify strengths and needs in our structures and processes to ensure our students have the knowledge, skills and attributes to thrive and grow in this complex world.

We have farewelled and thanked our Class of 2020 for the energy and life they have brought to our College over the past six years and wished them all the very best for their VCAA exams in an open-air assembly. My thanks to **Berwick Primary School** Grade 2 students for writing such beautiful letters of encouragement to our students. It has been lovely to see VCE students seek final support and wisdom from their class teachers before they enter the examinations, and our Senior School Team is very pleased with their continued perseverance, effort, focus and attitude. My thanks to Mrs Erin McCarthy, Senior School Coordinator for her facilitation of these important final assessments. Our amazing Careers Team is always available for students to discuss their varied pathways and options. It has been an incredible and challenging journey for each and every one this year and we wish our Class of 2020 all the very best in their future endeavours.



As we enter the final five weeks of learning, preparations for 2021 are well underway. Construction of the 2021 timetable is an extremely complicated process and my thanks go to Ms Dee Longwill and Mr Chris Sacco for their hard work to ensure it will be ready for the staff and students to commence their 2021 Academic year.

**World Teachers' Day** was acknowledged for all our staff in recognition of their outstanding work and dedication. Our staff make a profound difference to young people every day. NAIDOC Week was proudly celebrated and Remembrance Day observed. I have enjoyed reading the 'Book In a Day' stories and congratulate all students who participated in this event as part of Book Week .



Year 7 to 11 students have been invited by our Student Voice and Agency Learning Specialist, Mrs Brodie Andersen, to be part of our **Student Leadership Program in 2021**. There are many opportunities to serve our school and wider community in roles such as: College Captain; College Council Student Representative; Domain Captain; Learning Team Captain; Dance, Basketball, ICT and Sport Captains, as well as ICT Leaders. I look forward to seeing our students grow and develop in their leadership skills in 2021.

The **Headstart Program** (2021 classes) commences in Week 9 and gives our staff the opportunity to establish early positive relationships with students and assists in building the frameworks around high expectations. It also assists in identifying the level of prior knowledge and understanding necessary to ensure we can maximise student learning growth in the coming months.

In response to the current restrictions and advice from the DET, Assistant Principal, Mr James Doble and Junior School Coordinator, Mrs Michelle Lewis have prepared a comprehensive transition program so our Grade 6 students will be well prepared for secondary school. Our Information Evening to welcome our new Year 7 families will be held online on Monday, 7th December.

We will celebrate our student achievement and personal growth a little differently this year but it is important that we reward and acknowledge our students for their hard work. My thanks to Ms Rebecca Hann for organising our end of semester celebration. Many of our past staff, alumni, local businesses who support our College, universities and local politicians sponsor these awards with bursaries, vouchers and/or names on plaques and medals. We are very grateful for their on-going association with our College and their encouragement to our students and their families.

The Health and Wellbeing Centre looks fantastic and the plan is for a handover in November. We have to do the landscaping ourselves because of funding shortfalls but have the plan ready to go. We may ask for your help with planting! Take care. **Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal**

# Book in a Day 2020

Book Week was moved to late October this year but the English Domain was still able to run its fabulous Book in a Day writing competition.

For this year's competition for budding writers, the Year 7s were called upon to represent their Learning Teams in small groups, in order to collectively write a short-story based on a genre presented on the day. The added challenge – each group only had a total of four and a half hours to write their story!

Thirteen teams from our eight Learning Teams entered the Library just before nine o'clock, and the story genres were distributed. This year featured new genres including Cyberpunk, Historical and Superhero, all of which assured that each of the stories created by these incredible teams would be wholly different from each other and unique. Planning would be essential, writing would be time-consuming, and editing could not be ignored. The most important factor, however, would be the students' ability to work together within their team to overcome problems and create an incredible end result.

The English Domain and the Library staff were pleased to see these students stepping forward to take part in this event and to be recognised for their creative talents. Each of the students who signed up should be proud of their efforts and their ability to work as a team to create a shared writing vision.

The stories are now in the process of being judged and the winning team will be announced soon. Prizes for our winning writers will follow!

## Mr Jake Uhlenberg

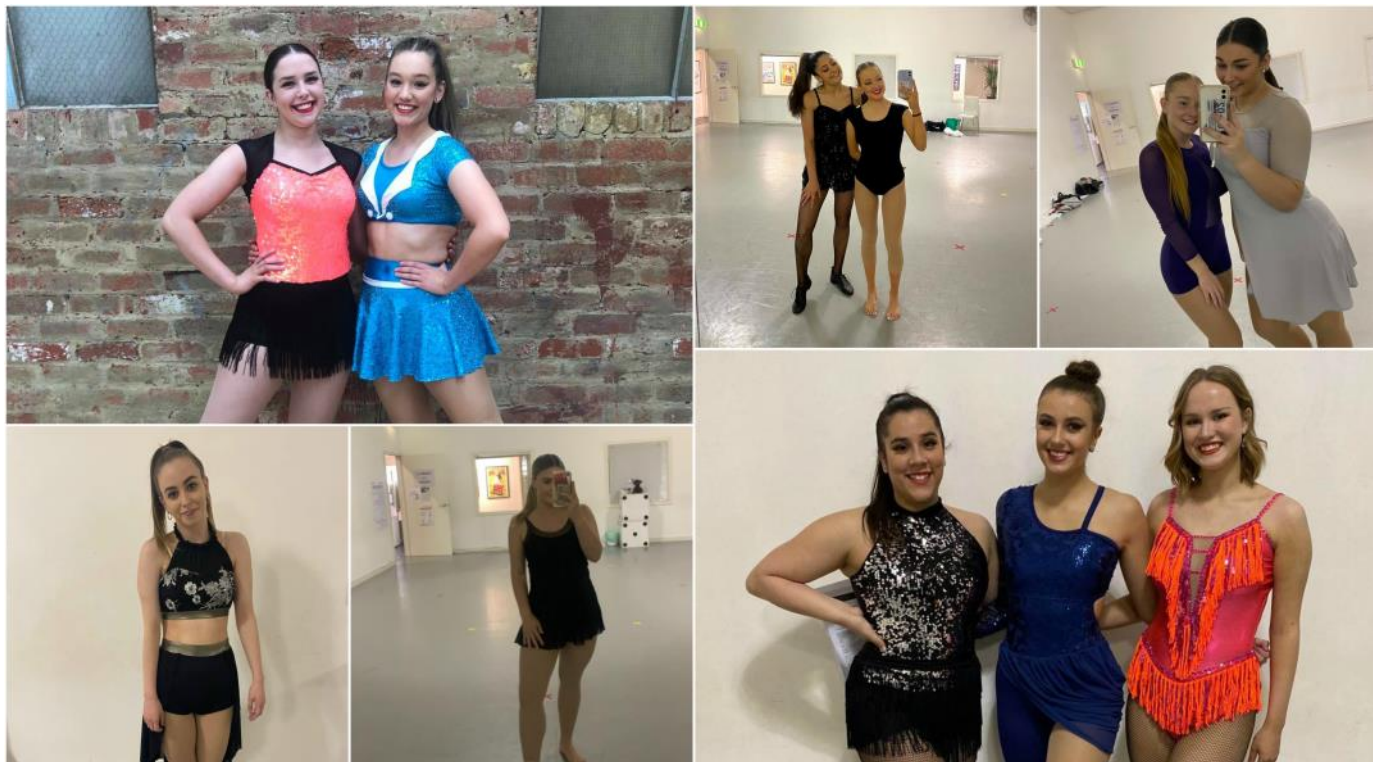


## Dance Academy—The Last Hurrah!



The final Performance for our Year 12 VCE dancers was completed at the end of October. We are proud of these students, of their efforts and resilience, to get through such a tough year. We wish you all the very best in the future.

Also, our Year 11 students completed their VET Unit 4 studies last month. It was so lovely to see their skills develop in their solo routines during the year.



Ms Julie Wotherspoon and Ms Amy Pyke

## O'Donoghue Otellas



We are very happy to have all our students back on campus! It has been great to see everyone and to see how much they have grown!

Four of our Year 7s were lucky enough to spend the day in the Library writing a Book-In-A-Day. We were very impressed with their efforts and thank them for representing O'Donoghue with pride.

Applications are open now for a range of leadership roles for 2021. All students are aware of these roles and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Home Group representatives and our O'Donoghue Learning Team Leaders for 2021.

Headstart is fast approaching and this will be a great opportunity for students to start fresh and prepare for next year.

If you have any questions or concerns about the end of the school year, please get in touch with us.

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# Kenny Kangas



We are happy to report that all of our Kenny Kangas have come back and settled into on-site learning. We had a pizza lunch with our Year 8s on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of November to welcome them back and shared a pancake breakfast with our Year 9s and Year 10s on the Thursday and Friday. We will be having a donut day for our Year 11s on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> of November. It is so lovely to see all of our students supporting each other and making sure that they are catching up with their friends and classwork.

We wish all of the year 11s good luck with their upcoming exams during week 8 and best of luck with their transition into year 12.

**Ms Irena Arney and Ms Melissa Zuccolo**  
*Kenny Learning Team Leaders*



# Hollows Hawks



## Melia Monteith – Hollows HG 7 Year 8

Online learning was different. I found that I was super unproductive and lacked motivation. I was able to persuade myself to get out of bed in the morning but could never convince myself to do any kind of work. It was also extremely hard not being able to see any of my friends, because seeing them is usually the best part of my day. The only good things about online learning were that I could wear comfy clothes all day and eat whenever I wanted to.

By the end of online learning I was very eager to return to onsite learning because I really wanted to catch up with all my friends. After returning to onsite learning my motivation increased and I became more productive. I now know that I prefer onsite

learning to online learning, and hope to never participate in online learning again.

## Alycia Browne & Jorja Green – Hollows 2 Year 9

The experience of going back to school was different for everyone. There were lots of emotions, excitement, nervousness, and more. Coming back to school for the first time in months, was a relief as seeing your friends for the first time in a while, but it had felt like it had been forever. The thought of coming back to school and reality was nerve wrecking but once you got to school all of the adrenaline in being back and seeing friends took away all the nerves.



Being back at school made it easier to get work done without the distractions that come with doing school at home and having a teacher in person to help you explain work clearly. Being stuck in quarantine has taught us many things, like the time you spend with your friends is valuable and to not take simple things for granted, like going for a walk and not having to wear a mask.



This week in one of the Year 11 VCAL classes, students had the opportunity to teach their peers what they have learned through their VET subject/trade and work experience. **Mitch Ford (Year 11 Hollows student)** (pictured left) had a go at reading a story book to his class. One of his peers is currently enrolled in a Certificate of Early Learning and Childcare and coached Mitch to do so. We love when students support one another. Well done at stepping out of your comfort zone.

As we near the end of the year, students are finishing content and assessment in their current classes and year levels. It has been a really tough year and we know that our students are looking forward to Headstart which begins on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of November. This is when students begin their 2021 classes. New subjects and new electives provides a fresh start. We think that we can speak for everyone when we say we are ready to say goodbye to 2020!

Students and parents are reminded that if a subject change is required a 'subject change form' needs to be collected from either the Junior School Leader (Year 7 to 9 in 2021) of Senior School Leader (Year 10 to 12 in 2021). This can ONLY be done once Headstart has begun and during the Headstart program this year.

Please get in contact with us if you have any queries or questions.

**Ms Deana Mihalos & Mr Neil Gould** - Hollows Student Learning Leaders

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## Flynn Phoenix News



A warm welcome back to all our students in Year 8, 9 and 10. It has been fantastic to see our students return! As we have moved around each of the classrooms, students have been engaged, friendly and welcoming. It is clear that everyone is making the most of reconnecting with peers and teachers.

As we approach the end of the year, students will be allocated their subject allotments and new timetables. It is recommended that students review these carefully and alert their homegroup teachers to any obvious mistakes. Students are recommended to have new workbooks for these subjects, as the class contact will continue through into 2021.

As a school, our focus during Term 4 has been about reconnection. We acknowledge that curriculum is still important in preparing students for 2021, however we also need students to feel connected to our Learning Team and school. We recommend that if students are concerned about their progress, need support or have any questions about next year that they communicate with their homegroup teacher and / or class teacher.

Christmas donations will soon be underway for this year. Students are encouraged to bring in non – perishable food items to donate to local families who need support over Christmas. There will be a large collection point at the front office where students can leave their donations.

**Mr Vaughan Chaplin and Mr Adam Nettleingham**  
Flynn Learning Leaders

## Frost Falcons News



**A warm welcome back to the rest of our cohort.**

We couldn't allow our Year 7s to be the only ones to have fun, could we?

Mr. Oke and Miss Rees wanted to ensure that all of our students felt welcomed upon return to school. Each Year 8, 9 and 10 student received a lolly bag, with a special note inside. Thank you to our current Frost Captain, **Riley Stapleton**, who spent an ungodly amount of time putting these together!

### **FROST CAPTAINS 2021**

We would like to remind our 2021 Year 9, 10 and 11 students that applications for the Frost Captain leadership positions are due this coming **Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

Please submit your application to F7, to either Mr. Oke or Miss Rees.

We wish all of our applicants the best of luck and look forward to working with the successful candidates in # Frost 2021!

### **HEAD START**

Headstart is swiftly approaching! Headstart will offer students a fresh start and a chance to look forward to the new year.

Attendance during Headstart is of utmost importance.

**Mr Oke and Miss Rees**  
Frost Learning Leaders



# Mighty Monash



It has been fantastic to have all of the Monash Learning Team back together after welcoming our Years 8 – 10s back onsite.

We have been re-connecting with our Home Group and are having weekly competitions between Home Groups that will continue throughout the term. So far Monash 3 have taken out our tower-building challenge and Monash 1 and 6 were triumphant in our music quiz.

We are getting to the point in the year where we look towards 2021. It is so important that we get off to a great start during Headstart and communicate about any concerns with classes or subjects. All Monash students are asked to follow the process for change of subjects and to speak to your Home Group teachers throughout Headstart about how your new classes are going.

We are on the home stretch and are proud of the achievements of our Monash students in this challenging year. Over the past couple of weeks, we have been presenting Outstanding Application certificates to students who were recommended for the award by the majority of their teachers for Semester 1.

Students who achieve this award are acknowledged for showing strong effort and positive attitude towards their learning all semester long.

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Outstanding Application Award from the Monash Learning Team:

**Year 7** – Lachlan Papas, Rachele Osborne, Hannah Dodman, Karreena Thivakaran, Charlie Johnson, Sarah Mansfield, Filip Kuljanin, Noah Fitzpatrick, Filip Trpenoski

**Year 8** – Ally Mitchell, Caitlyn McGrath, Stefan Kuljanin, Abby Stevens, Ava Scott, Sebastian Van Den Brink, Cedric Rault, Callun McDonald, Truman Byrne, Sienna Warren

**Year 9** – Saffron Wardrop-Brown, Isabella Perera, Naomi Alter, Cooper Thomas, Jorja Langthaller, Tayissa Batty, Jordan Cruse, Charlotte Bartholomeusz, Ellie Christodoulou

**Year 10** – Poppy Wardrop-Brown, Ebony Walters, Braden Wilkinson, Ryan Speller, Shesh Sai Murali, Keeley Dempster, Amber Henderson, Thevini Pathirana, Chloe Bayliss

**Year 11** – Bailey Campbell



Mr Paul Roberts & Ms Rebekah Hines Monash Student Learning Leaders





# Headstart Program - Parent Information

Friday, November 27, is the last day of the 2020 academic year. On Monday, November 30, students will start the 2021 academic year. This program is called the **HEADSTART PROGRAM** and details are outlined below.

## **YEAR 12 (2021) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday, 30 November to Friday, 11 December 2020**

All current Year 11 students intending to continue their studies at Berwick College in 2021 will complete a two-week Year 12 Headstart Program.

### **Program in preparation for 2021**

Students will begin their 2021 studies during this time and will have the opportunity to use the holiday period to reflect, review and continue with this work.

As some programs are run outside the College the following expectations apply:

- **Students doing a complete VCE course** will be required to attend Monday to Friday
- **Students doing VCAL** will **not** be required to attend on Wednesday **and** Friday as these are the days their VET study and Work Experience is scheduled
- **Students doing VET within a VCE course** will **not** be required to attend on Wednesday, as the VET course does not commence until 2021
- **Students undertaking a VET course** that is scheduled **within the timetable** on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are **required to attend**.

## **YEAR 11 (2021) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday, 30 November to Friday, 11 December 2020**

All current Year 10 students intending to continue their studies at Berwick College in 2021 will complete a three-week Year 11 Headstart Program.

### **Program in preparation for 2021**

Students will begin their 2021 studies during this time and will have the opportunity to use the holiday period to reflect, review and continue with this work.

As some programs are run outside the College the following expectations apply:

- **Students doing a complete VCE course** will be required to attend Monday to Friday
- **Students doing VCAL** will **not** be required to attend on Wednesday **and** Friday as these are the days their VET study and Work Experience is scheduled
- **Students doing VET within a VCE course** will **not** be required to attend on Wednesday, as the VET course does not commence until 2021
- **Students undertaking a VET course** that is scheduled **within the timetable** on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are **required to attend**.

## **YEAR 8, 9, 10 (2021) HEAD START PROGRAM - Monday, 30th November to Thursday, 17th November 2020**

- All current students in Years 7-9 are expected to attend school and begin their 2021 program during these four weeks. Students will do the next year's work
- Students will be in their Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 classes for 2021 and will have timetables that reflect the composition of classes for 2021
- The College will try to keep staffing changes to a minimum but some will be inevitable due to staff leaving the College for employment elsewhere in 2021.

### **STUDENT INFORMATION & EXEMPTIONS**

- Students must attend classes with workbooks or folder (paper) and pen/pencils
- Students will not be expected to have textbooks at this time. Teachers will provide resource materials.
- There will be **NO** opportunity for students to "catch up" on work missed in 2020 in preparation for the 2021 year unless the student has been granted an exemption from the program
- **There needs to be a good reason provided before an exemption is granted.** Parents may ask the appropriate Student Learning Leader to exempt a student from the program at the end of the year. Student Learning Leaders will compile a list of exempt students and will provide written confirmation to parents.

### **Student Learning Leaders may grant exemptions for the following reasons:**

- New student to the College
- Serious medical issue – eg: student has a medical condition supported by a medical certificate to explain any on-going absence during this time
- urgent or serious family related issue – e.g. death in family
- **All other requests for exemptions should be directed to the College Principal – Ms Bolch**
- Students granted an exemption may choose to do the work provided at home either in 2020 or 2021 whichever is appropriate.

# Headstart Program - Parent Information

## VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING (VCAL) & FLEXIBLE LEARNING PROGRAM (FLP)

Students moving into **Year 10 – FLP, Year 11 VCAL or Year 12 VCAL in 2021** will be required to attend the Headstart program on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**. Students will not be required to attend school on Wednesdays or Fridays, as these are the days they will be at VET or Work Placement in 2021. VET and Work Placement do not commence until 2021.

Students enrolled in **Year 9 FLP for 2021** will be required to attend the Headstart program on **all days of the week**.

## Student Subject Allocations 2021

Students will be informed of their 2021 subject allocations as follows:

Details	Dates
<b>Students informed of subject allocations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior School (years 7 to 9) notified by Ms Lewis – Junior School Leader</li> <li>Senior School (years 10 to 12) notified by Ms McCarthy, Senior School Leader</li> </ul>	Monday, 9th November to Friday, 13th November
<b>Request a subject change</b> Student can request an elective subject change by completing the 'Elective Change Request Form'. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior School (years 7 to 9) forms available from Ms Lewis, Junior School Leader - office – B03s</li> <li>Senior School (years 10 to 12) forms available from Ms McCarthy, Senior School Leader - office – Senior School</li> </ul>	Monday, 16th November to Friday, 27th November
<b>Requests approved / denied</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student notified</li> </ul>	Monday, 30th November to Friday, 11th December

## YEAR 11 END OF YEAR EXAMS 2020—Monday, 23rd November to Friday, 27th November

**VCE classes:** Year 11 VCE students are not required to attend classes during the exam week.

**VCAL classes:** Year 11 VCAL classes will run as normal during the exam week (There are no VCAL exams).

VCAL students who have a VCE class cancelled are to work in the Senior School.

**VET classes:** VET classes in the timetable and on Wednesday, 25th November and Friday, 27th November will run as normal (VCE students are not required to attend but can where possible).

VCE VET Dance	ANNALISE OCCHIETTI
VET Small Business	BRENDAN MCGREAL / GAVIN WATSON
VET Community Services	CARLY LENTOWICZ
VET Applied Fashion Year 1 & 2	BELINDA SMITH
VET Auto Year 1 & 2	TIM DONOHUE
VET Auto Year 1	RUPERT CRANSWICK
VET Electrotechnology Year 1 & 2	RUPERT CRANSWICK
VET Construction Pathways Year 1 & 2	JIM DE VRIES

**Year 11 classes running during the week:** Year 11 classes with five or more Year 10 students will run.

**Year 10 students** undertaking a Year 11 subject: Students are required to sit the Year 11 exam and will be exempt from their Year 10 class(es).

11BIO.01	KRISTEN HEALEY
11PSY.01	CAROLYN BATES
11HIS.01	JODIE OWEN
11VCD.01	ZAC DARLEY-COLLIS

# VCAA End of Year Exam Timetable

Monday 16 November	9.00am–10.45am Further Mathematics Examination 2		3.00pm–5.15pm Business Management
Tuesday 17 November	9.00am–10.15am Mathematical Methods Examination 1	11.45am–2.00pm Outdoor and Environmental Studies	
Wednesday 18 November		11.45am–2.00pm Literature	3.00pm–5.15pm Mathematical Methods Examination 2
Thursday 19 November	9.00am–10.15am Specialist Mathematics Examination 1	11.45am–1.30pm Visual Communication Design	3.00pm–5.15pm Health and Human Development
Friday 20 November	9.00am–10.45am Product Design and Tech- nology	11.45am–2.00pm Specialist Mathematics Examination 2	3.00pm–5.15pm Accounting
Monday 23 November	9.00am–11.45am Chemistry		2.00pm–4.15pm Legal Studies
Tuesday 24 November	9.00am–11.45am Physics		
Wednesday 25 November	9.00am–10.45am Theatre Studies	11.45am–2.00pm Geography	3.00pm–5.15pm Philosophy Physical Education
Thursday 26 November	9.00am–10.45am Food Studies		3.00pm–5.15pm Media
Friday 27 November	9.00am–10.45am Studio Arts	11.45am–1.30pm Music Performance	3.00pm–5.15pm Applied Computing: Software Devel- opment
Tuesday 1 December		11.45am–2.00pm Indonesian Second Language	

## Community News



**GOOD VIBE TRIBE**  
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Toll 131 430 (Hearing and Impaired Services)

## BUSKERS WANTED

Musicians, Dancers, Performers.....



**We're looking for Street Performers (first timers or professional) to entertain Emerald leading up to Christmas**

**12 – 24 December 2020**

For more information and to register contact:  
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By 7th December 2020