

## NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2

Friday 11th March 2022

2022 KEY DATES—TERM 1	
Thursday 17th March	<b>KENNY Learning Team Day</b>
Monday 21st to 23rd March	Year 7 Camp 1—Dunlop, Chisholm and Hollows Learning Teams
Wednesday 23rd to 25th March	Year 7 Camp 2—O'Donoghue, Kenny and Frost Learning Teams
Tuesday 29th March	<b>Athletics Carnival</b>
Monday 4th to 6th April	Year 7 Camp 3—Flynn and Monash Learning Teams
Thursday 7th April	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00pm to 8:00pm
Friday 8th April	Parent Teacher Conferences 9:00am to 2:00pm
Tuesday 26th April	<b>First Day Term 2</b>
Wednesday 4th May	Year 7, 2023 Information Night 6:30pm
Thursday 5th May	<b>DUNLOP Learning Team Day</b>

## Maths After School Help Sessions & Chess Club—all year levels welcome!

### CHESS CLUB

Any students interested in chess? We will be getting those chess boards out on a **WEDNESDAY lunchtime** in the Library! We will see how much interest we get and then go from there with tournaments. Come on down!

### MATHS AFTER-SCHOOL HELP SESSIONS

Maths After-school Help Sessions have started back up. Students can come along if they would like a scheduled, quiet space to complete their Maths Homework or unfinished class work. Maths teachers will be available to assist with any questions students have. Sessions will run every **Tuesday in A13 from 3.20-4.30pm**.

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Berwick College notifies parents by email when newsletters are published. Newsletters are published three times per term. Newsletters can be accessed on the Berwick College website. 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

"students and staff are enjoying the opportunities this year"...

With just four weeks to go of Term 1, staff have begun to finalise assessments and complete interim reports in preparation for Parent/Student/Teacher conferences.

Our students and staff are enjoying the opportunities that this year has brought with year 11 students undertaking weekly dance sessions, with the support of The Rotary Club of Berwick and coordinators, Ms Kylie Duncan and Ms Amy Pyke, in preparation for the Presentation Balls next term; interschool sport, Year 9 & VET Dance Triple Bill performance, environmental research tasks and field trips to Cardinia Reserve and Akoonah Park, Outdoor Education activities such as Kayaking, Scuba camp, Division swimming and our Dance Academy students have commenced the Victorian State Schools Spectacular rehearsals. The upcoming year 7 camps will also assist in building positive relationships between students and staff.

The weather was resplendent for the Swimming Carnival, which was an excellent opportunity to build connections with our students, to connect them with their Learning Teams and for our year 12s to celebrate and participate in their last Swimming Carnival. My thanks to our Sports Coordinator, Mr Jesse Ramirez, for organising the day. The Learning Team results are on page 4—Congratulations O'Donoghue!

Our staff enjoyed the recent Professional Learning Day which was themed "Responsive Teaching" with Educational Consultant, Bronwyn Ryrie Jones. Staff were given the opportunity to work together to gain insights from cognitive science and the impact on working and long-term memory. Staff challenge themselves every day to be as effective as they possibly can in all facets of their teaching practice, and the final session on different responsive teaching techniques to show students what success looks like and tracking student thinking during lessons was particularly valuable. My thanks to Assistant Principal, Mrs Cassandra Marinopoulos, for organising the high-quality professional learning day.

On this day, staff were treated to an amazing morning tea organised by City Life Church to thank staff for the work they do, and to recognize teachers and support staff.

They also run our breakfast club for our students each week. In a world where there is so much negative news, it means a lot to have people say thank you and offer to help us with our students out of the goodness of their hearts.



On Tuesday, 1st March, our student leaders pledged to make a positive difference to our school community, as role models for our College ICARE values, and in supporting the activities of Learning Teams and Teaching and Learning. We also awarded students with a bronze, silver or gold pin as part of the Reward and Recognition Program. We are very proud of each one of you. Thank you to Brad Battin MP for encouraging our students, to Hollows student **Kavee** for leading the Australian National Anthem and to the Year 9 & VET Dance students for their 'taste' of the Triple Bill Performance.

I was fortunate to attend a fundraising event last weekend, with the catering done by a sensational group of young people who participate in 'Cooking 4 Kids', based in Beaconsfield.

Two of our delightful students, **Jess Sellers** and **Ava Daniels** were members of this group who did an exemplary job serving 85 people at a sit down dinner. I was so proud to be able to declare to all and sundry that Jess and Ava were Berwick College students.





## Principal's Report

Our senior staff have begun work to support the DET transformation of senior secondary schooling in Victoria and the implementation of Senior Secondary Pathways Reforms which will ensure every student has the skills they need to find rewarding careers and reach their full potential. There will be a new integrated senior secondary certificate in 2023, which will be fully integrated by 2025.

This will bring together our Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) certificates and the introduction of a VCE Vocational Major and a Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) across government schools. There are different steps we need to take along this journey and we look forward to explaining these changes to students and parents next term in preparation for 2023 course counselling.

After all of this activity, we will all be ready to relax briefly for this long weekend, returning rejuvenated to continue with determination to ensure higher quality learning outcomes for all our students.

**Ms Kerri Bolch - Principal**

## Declaration of Poll—College Council Ballot

The following Candidates were successful in the election for Parent member category:

- Ken Sellers
- Clint Leask

The following Candidate was a successful candidate for DET Staff member category:

- Kristen Healey

The following student was a successful candidate for Student member category:

- Ebony Walters (year 12) who joins Emma Guthrie (year 11)

We are very grateful for the active role our council members play in representing our school in the wider community and for the commitment of time to support the College in providing the best possible educational outcomes for all our students.

## Past Assistant Principal—Ross Miller—Open Studio

### Open Studios Weekend

Saturday + Sunday


2 + 3 April, 2022

Studios open 10am to 5pm

Delve into our guidebook to select which delectable studios you want to visit. Then tailor your own artist trail through the beauty of the Dandenong Ranges, the perfect inspiration for an incredible weekend. This event will be a COVIDSAFE event, see website for details.

### Workshops, demonstrations and events

Please take a look at the events pages on either side of the map in the centre of this guidebook for a timetable of special treats provided by the artists. You will find an amazing array of events to enjoy, workshops to experience and demonstrations to learn from. Some fees may apply, and bookings are essential for events with limited capacity, head to our website to book.

<p><b>20. Gina Miller</b> Mixed media</p> <p>Gina uses mixed media collage, acrylic paint, printmaking and Chinese brush painting. She explores colour and texture, bending the ideas of realism into an abstract so viewers can see different stories in her works. Her brush painting watercolours and prints are usually of birds, animals or flowers.</p> <p>M Gallery 6 Selby Aura Road Selby, VIC 3159</p> <p>0400 598 059 ginamillermiller@icloud.com</p> <p>@Gina Miller @ginamiller522</p> <p>4 parking bays on the property and 2 on street. Additional spaces at the top of the street at the church or 150m past the property after the railway crossing. 124 Auz Studio open by appointment through the year</p>	<p><b>21. Ross Miller</b> Sculpture</p> <p>Ross's sculptures of bronze, Ciment Fondu, wood etc. are not just objects, they hold a narrative as well. Motivated by a lifetime of travel and observation reflecting spiritual beliefs and cultural needs of people throughout time and his responses to the past and present.</p> <p>Apacheta Studios 6 Selby Aura Road Selby, VIC 3159</p> <p>0418 108 530 rossmillersculptor964@gmail.com www.rossmillersculptor.com.au</p> <p>4 parking bays on the property, 2 on street. Additional spaces at the top of the street at the church or 150m past the property after the railway crossing. 124 Auz Studio open by appointment through the year</p>
 	 





# Swimming Carnival Results—Congratulations O'Donoghue Learning Team



1st O'Donoghue 389  
2nd Monash 352  
3rd Dunlop 306  
4th Hollows 262  
5th Kenny 205  
6th Flynn 194  
7th Chisholm 163  
8th Frost 111



## Positive Climate for Learning



We know that students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour. At our College we place a big emphasis on making sure we provide a positive and caring learning environment for our students, including one that is free from bullying.

Bullying is a serious issue for all of us. We know that it can happen anywhere, anytime, and can have devastating consequences. We also know that with the rise of social media, cyberbullying is an increasingly important issue. Where bullying was once confined to the playground, it can now occur online at any time of the day or night. Cyberbullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying, and online actions can have real life consequences.

The best way to tackle bullying and cyberbullying is for schools, students and parents to work together. Please encourage your child to report incidents, whether they are directly or indirectly involved, to a staff member. We are currently surveying our students for feedback on their experience of bullying, and on Compass and the website <https://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au/elementor-12818/> you will find our Bullying Prevention and Response policy for your reference.

There are also helpful resources, called Bully Stoppers: Being Cool Online, available on the Bully Stoppers website, at [www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers) and webinars offered by eSafety Commissioner <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

### Parent and carer webinars 2022

#### 2022 schedule

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2021. To meet the growing demand, our education and training team is expanding the program in 2022 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Each month, we will present either a new webinar topic or a video with simple tips to keep young people safe online.

#### 2022 Parent and carer education topic schedule

<b>January</b> <b>Can't make it to a webinar?</b> You can watch this short video on Cyberbullying and online abuse. (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).	<b>February</b> <b>Webinar: Helping kids thrive online</b> (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 9 to 15 years old). 8th February - Safety Interest Day 2022 #SID22	<b>March</b> <b>Webinar: Cyberbullying and online drama</b> (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).
<b>April</b> <b>Can't make it to a webinar?</b> You can watch this short video on Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse. (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).	<b>May</b> <b>Webinar: Parental controls</b> (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 10 years old).	<b>June</b> <b>Webinar: Online gaming</b> (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).
<b>July</b> <b>Can't make it to a webinar?</b> You can watch this short video on Parental controls. (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 10 years old).	<b>August</b> <b>Webinar: Popular apps</b> (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).	<b>September</b> <b>Webinar: Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse</b> (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old). National Child Protection Week #NCPW22
<b>October</b> <b>Webinar: Digital technologies and mental health</b> (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18 years old).	<b>November</b> <b>Webinar: Guide to the holidays</b> (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 10 years old).	<b>December</b> It's December! You can check out our annual G2G Guide here.

Subscribe to eSafetyNews for dates and registration details or visit [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

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## From the College Nurse

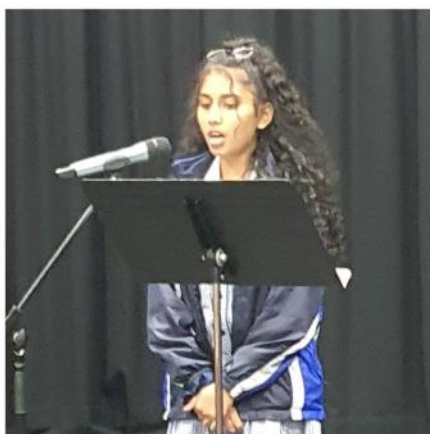
### IMMUNISATION DATES

**Year 10** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Meningococcal Vaccine.

**Year 7** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October.- HPV and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping cough booster



## Snapshot of our Student Leadership Induction





# Year 12 Swimming Carnival

Our year 12 students participated in their last ever Swimming Carnival at Berwick College last week.

As senior students, the cohort was able to dress up in a Movie or TV show themed costume, and parade in front of the rest of the school to begin the day.

We loved seeing the creativity in the dress up costumes of the Year 12 students, and the senior school team had a very hard job choosing the best dressed!

Over the rest of the day, the Year 12 students were able to have unlimited access to the waterslide, and enjoyed being able to cool down by the edge of the novelty events pool.

It was great to see so many students taking part in a day we hope they will look back on fondly for years to come.

**Ms Amy Pyke & Ms Stephanie Loiacono**—Year 12 Coordinators





# Technology Domain News

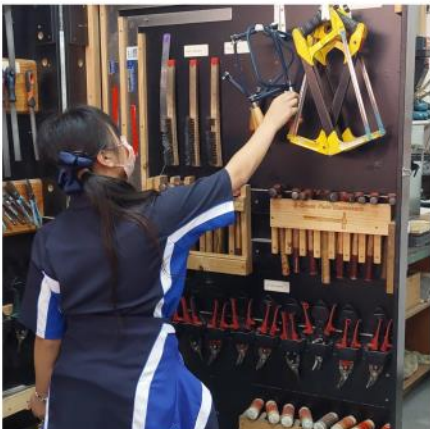
Technology subjects at Berwick College are back in full swing for 2022.

Our students are engaged in the process of investigating, creating, producing, evaluating, planning and managing a range of products using different materials such as wood, food, metals and textiles.

Our digital technology students are also designing and developing a range of digital solutions. It is great to have students back in the classrooms, utilising the resources of the school, to become engaged in the life skills offered by Technology subjects.

**Mr Adam Nettleingham**

Technology Domain Leader.





# O'Donoghue Otellas Learning Team



Term 1 has been racing along! It has been great seeing the O'Donoghue students settling in to their new classes and Home Groups.

On Tuesday, 1st of March, the College held our Leadership and Rewards and Recognition Assembly. **Molly Pittard and Charlie Cosgrove** were presented with their Learning Team Captains badges and many other O'Donoghue students were recognised for their efforts. We congratulate all who were involved, especially the whole team for finishing 3rd in the Learning Team Ladder for 2021.

The Swimming Carnival on the 4th of March gave our students the opportunity to show off their team spirit and swimming abilities. We couldn't be prouder of the efforts of the O'Donoghue students! We are quietly hopeful for some excellent results which should be released in the coming days.

If there are any questions about the upcoming Year 7 Camp or Parent Teacher Conferences, please feel free to reach out to your Home Group Teacher or Student Learning Leaders.

**Mr Jesse Nugent and Mr Josh Weber**





# Mighty Monash Learning Team



Congratulations to all Monash students on being announced the 2021 Learning Team Champions in our most recent assembly! We are so proud of the way our students always give their best effort across academics, sports, arts, and learning team activities. We succeeded in our goal of being back-to-back winners. Let's go for a three-peat!

It was a delight to recognise student success through our Rewards and Recognition Assembly on Tuesday, 1st March. We had six students achieve the Bronze, **Diyathi**

**Abeysekera, Austin Borutta, Oliver Freedman, Himara Karunasena, Dahamsa Molligoda, Zara Polyhronidis.**

We also celebrated **Caitlyn McGrath** who was awarded the Silver award and our Gold award winners, **Ellie Christodoulou and Ally Mitchell.** We are so proud of each of you!

We are also super proud of both **Manaree Te Paki and Seb Van den Brink** who were named the Year 9/10 Basketball Academy Captains.

During Swimming Carnival, Monash students from all age groups were involved and succeeded in both competitive and novelty events! It was amazing to see our team supporting and encouraging each other throughout the entire day.

We're more than half-way through Term 1 and are now eagerly awaiting our Year 7 Camp (April 4th-April 6th) and look forward to connecting with parents and carers through our Parent Teacher Conferences at the end of term.

**Mr Daniel Coco & Ms Rebekah Hirst**—Monash Student Learning Leaders



## Dunlop Diggers Learning Team



Term 1 has well and truly begun. Classes have settled in and we hope to hear of great learning experiences taking place all across the College from Years 7-12.

On the 1st of March we saw the Rewards and Recognition Ceremony take place in order to recognise the efforts of our incredible students throughout the 2021 learning year.

Congratulations to all of our fantastic Dunlop students who were presented with certificates and badges: **Sienna Andrews, Harry DuBois, Teaghan Glassenbury, Summer Kelly and Zane Windsor**. We hope they will wear those with pride in their achievements.

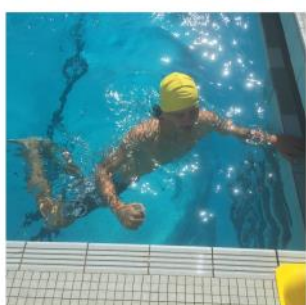
On the 4th of March the annual Berwick College Swimming Carnival took place with 67 students attending to either swim or provide support and cheers on the sideline. Special mention goes to the following students who entered themselves into multiple events, earning scores of points for our Learning Team, allowing us to take third place overall:

**Mona Trpenoski, Jessica Sellers, Trent Westra, Breanna Henderson, Summer Kelly, Teaghan Glassenbury, Lara Thompson-Green, Beau King, Cooper Finlay, Hamish Mitchell, Luke Greenshields, Callum McPhee** and so, so many more that we have not been able to mention here. Thank you for all your efforts.

Something for us to note at this time as well, is uniform. At this time, only our Year 7s and 8s are permitted to wear their Sport Uniform all day if they have a PE Lesson that day. We are seeing many students in Years 9, 10 and 11 attempting to exploit this. We are also seeing multiple cases of students wearing black runners in place of Oxford-style leather shoes and ladies choosing to wear leggings instead of the prescribed school uniform. We would like to encourage that you check to see if your child has all of the correct uniform according to the guide on the College website so that we do not have to send home Uniform Infringement Notices.

On a final note, we hope many parents across our Learning Team have been receiving a School Values Postcard emails from various teachers. These postcards directly relate to our College's ICARE values: Inquiry, Co-operation, Achievement, Resilience and Empathy. To have received one of these, your child must have demonstrated one or more of these values in their actions either inside the classroom or outside.

**Miss Rebecca Hann**  
**Mr Jake Uhlenberg**





# Frost Falcons Learning Team



## IT'S BEEN BUSY IN FROST!

The last few weeks have been busy in the Frost Learning team with several events and activities going on within the College. It has been great to celebrate achievements within the classroom whilst also seeing a great sense of community outside of the classroom.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to the 55 Frost students who attended the Swimming Carnival. We hope to see a larger participation rate for the Athletics Carnival. Well done to our year 8 Basketball Academy students who received most of our points on the day. Students who competed in the main swimming events will soon receive an invitation to a pizza lunch as a reward for their representation of the Frost Learning Team.



## ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately, unexplained absences are creeping up. If your child is away, please log the reason through Compass, or contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Sharyn Collins, on 1086.

## YEAR 7 CAMP

We are excited for our upcoming Frost camp. This will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> of March. It will be a great opportunity for our year 7 students to get to know their teachers and peers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Kenny Day – Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Camp (Frost) – Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

Athletics Day – Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Teacher Conferences – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April (4-8pm) and Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April (9-2pm)

Ms Leah Green & Ms Lauren Varadi

**Frost Student Learning Leaders**

# Flynn Phoenix Learning Team



In what has been a flying start for our students, we have certainly picked back up from where 2021 left off. Moving about the school, there is strong engagement by many of our Flynn students who seem eager to make the most of being back at school full time. We thank the students for the way they have started the year and the positive attitude many share around engaging with their lessons and teachers. Of note, is the increased communication between students, parents and teachers around student absences and the continuation of learning from home when necessary.

We ask that parents continue to provide notes on Compass in the event of student absences, as it allows us to better understand the needs of students and consider timely interventions if applicable. While our Flynn families are already quite good at this, there is scope for improvement. In addition, a timely reminder that full school uniform is expected to be worn throughout the school day. In the event of students being unable to wear this uniform, it is expected that students have a note from home that your child's homegroup teacher can place on Compass – this will prevent any unnecessary headaches for your child.

On Friday 4th March, the Berwick College staff and students attended the annual College Swimming Carnival. On what turned out to be a warm day, students were eager to get in the pool to cool off a little. It was great to see the Learning Team spirit on display and students actively trying to get points for Flynn. As of this writing, we are unsure of the results for the day but will announce these as they are confirmed. Some photos of the day have been included. Many thanks to Ms Healey and the rest of the Flynn HG teachers who worked tirelessly to motivate our team to achieve their best.

On Tuesday, 1st March, the College hosted our school leadership assembly remotely. This was an opportunity for students to collect their leadership badges and awards for the commitment to their studies throughout 2021. Congratulations to our many Flynn students who received an award / badge on this day. It was also in this assembly that the overall College Learning Team points for 2021 were announced. Flynn placed 4th overall, which has been an improvement from the last few years. Learning team points are collated from student academic results, participation in College life and additional extra-curricular events. Congratulations to Monash Learning Team, taking 1st place for the second year in a row.

**Mr Vaughan Chaplin and Ms Kristen Healey**  
Flynn Learning Leaders





# Kenny Kangas Learning Team



## IT'S BEEN BUSY IN KENNY AND IT'S ABOUT TO GET BUSIER!!

The last few weeks have been really busy at the College and it's going to ramp up even further in the Kenny Learning Team. We have been able to celebrate student achievements within the classroom whilst also seeing a great sense of community outside of the classroom and a high level of involvement.

### Student Leadership Assembly

Last week, we were fortunate enough to recognise our new leaders at the College and it was fantastic to see a variety of students from Year 8-12 volunteer to represent the College to their peers and the widespread College community.

### Swimming Carnival

This year students challenged themselves during the Annual College Swimming Carnival, held at the Doveton Pool in the Park.

Coming in 7th place, Kenny Learning Team students participated and competed in a variety of swimming events, ranging from freestyle to breast stroke and novelty events. Being a hot day, students were eager to get into the pool and signed up for events on the day.



It was fantastic to see students giving it a go and winning their ribbons!

### KENNY DAY

A friendly reminder that on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> of March, Week 8 we are celebrating Kenny Day! We will be continuing to support the CFA and the work they do in combating the bushfires as well as the RSPCA Bushfire Appeal. Students will be selling Krispy Kremes, Snags and Soft Drinks as well as participating in the annual eating competition. We have already had a number of students offer to volunteer their time to help out!

As a whole, we have been absolutely thrilled with the way in which our Kenny students have started the year. There has been heaps of positive feedback from teachers and we are looking forward to finishing the term off in an equally positive way.

### Ms Melissa Zuccolo and Ms Carolyn Bates

Kenny Learning Team

Student Learning Leader - Miss Melissa Zuccolo; [melissa.zuccolo@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:melissa.zuccolo@education.vic.gov.au)

Assistant Student Learning Leader - Mrs Carolyn Bates; [carolyn.bates@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:carolyn.bates@education.vic.gov.au)



# Hollows Hawks Learning Team



## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Hollows students represented extremely well with plenty of green paint and hairspray, cheering on the Hollows Hawks to an overall third place. We had many exceptional efforts and results throughout the day and it was exciting to see the participation of our students to create an amazing event.

Congratulations to our numerous competitors that have made it to the upcoming regional championships. Special mention to the Year 7s for having the largest participation out of all our year levels.



## UPCOMING YEAR 7 CAMP INFORMATION

For all Year 7 students and parents please remember that we have our camp coming up from March 21 – 23rd. If you haven't paid and given consent yet please ensure you organise it A.S.A.P. Payments can be made on Compass. If you have any concerns regarding this please contact the front office.

## ATTENDANCE

A reminder that absences must be logged on Compass on the day that your child is away. If you have an issue logging in to Compass please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Student Learning Leader** Mr Kevin McCall [Kevin.McCall@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kevin.McCall@education.vic.gov.au)

**Assistant Student Learning Leader** Miss Marnie Platt [Marnie.Platt@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Marnie.Platt@education.vic.gov.au)

## Buses replacing trains - Cranbourne and Pakenham lines

Night time Disruption Dates	Limits
Sunday 13 March to Monday 14 March, 8.15pm to last service each night	Caulfield to Dandenong/Pakenham
Sunday 20 March to Monday 21 March, 8.15pm to last service each night	
Tuesday 22 March to Thursday 24 March, 8.30pm to last service each night	Caulfield to Westall



## Chisholm Chargers Learning Team



With the new chant of "Ooohh ahh Charger Ooohh ahh Charger, Chisholm" Chisholm students were fired up for swimming carnival!

Unfortunately this year Chisholm didn't come away with the win however I was blown away with the supportive nature of our students who were racing and cheering on their peers!

Of particular note was our year 7 Chisholm group which had the largest attendance for the day and also earned the highest number of points for our Learning Team! I am incredibly proud of the work they put in to finish off our team banner that was a nice backdrop for the day.

I would be remiss to not mention the efforts of our Chisholm Assistant Learning Team Leader winning the teachers' sprint race, earning maximum points for our team— Mr Hannagan.

Well done to all our Chisholm swimmers and all of you who attended and made the day a massive success.

On the 1st of March it was a pleasure to see all of our Chisholm students being recognised for their outstanding contribution to the College through our leadership ceremony.

Below are our students who have made, and continue to make, a large contribution to the college:

Our Chisholm Captains- **Shaya Hennessy and Callum Black**

GOLD Award - **Hunter Van Der Ent**

BRONZE Awards—**Zahra Ahmadi, Maya Dendroulakis and Michelle Abdelkodous.**

Looking ahead we have our year 7s going on camp and I am really looking forward to what the remainder of Term 1 holds for our Chisholm students.

**Mr Daniel Bowen**, Chisholm Student Learning Leader

**Mr Ryley Hannagan**, Chisholm Assistant Student Learning Leader

## Careers Education/ VET News

### Uniform and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Please ensure your child wears full school uniform to all VET courses at Berwick College or off campus. This includes bringing along Personal Protective Equipment such as boots or overalls for classes such as Construction Pathways or Automotive.

Any VET queries, please contact Ms Laura Germano on 8768 1073, Ms Amanda Komen on 8768 1059 or Ms Karen Crawley on 8768 1058.

### **Key Contacts for the Careers & VET office for 2022**

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Amanda Komen – 8768 1059 – Administration - VET Attendance & Finance

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Gary Brittle – 8768 1087 (Careers/Structured Workplace Learning)

Megan Boce – 8768 1060 (Work Experience)

Narelle Mills – 8768 1058 (Careers)

Corinne Duhau – 8768 1058 (Careers/VCAL)

Karen Crawley – 8768 1058 (Careers/VET Leader)





Berwick Lightning Basketball is looking for new players to join our club in Winter 2022. If you want to learn Basketball, get fit and play with your friends, now is the time to join.

**We are looking for the following age groups**

U8 Boys and Girls (Born 2015-2017)  
U12 Boys and Girls (Born 2009-2012)  
U16 Girls (Born 2007-2008)  
U16 Boys (Born 2007-2008)  
U18 Boys (Born 2005-2006)

Recommend a friend and get \$10 off your Fees

Free Uniform for New Players

Discounts for Coaches

Email York on [registrar.berwicklightning@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.berwicklightning@gmail.com) to join

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





## Community News

## Job Opportunity - Be a Basketball Referee at Casey Basketball!

We offer a Beginner Course; it is a 4-week program that introduces participants to the rules and mechanics of the game. This course enables all participants to officiate basketball with the local community and be reimbursed for their efforts.

No experience required.

This is a job like no other, offering continuous growth and development, creating social networks and building relationships within the community. It can also provide opportunities to participate in elite basketball if that's where your passion lies.

The course begins on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March and will be delivered at Casey Stadium. There are then opportunities to officiate at Casey Stadium, Hillcrest Secondary, Timbarra Secondary, Kambrya Secondary and Berwick College.

There is a \$100 fee attached with this course that includes your uniform, whistle, worksheet and insurance fee with Basketball Victoria.

Link to register: <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/2c48d7>

Any questions: [refadmin@caseybasketball.com.au](mailto:refadmin@caseybasketball.com.au)



**Smash your savings goals and we'll match it up to \$500**



**Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.**

To join Saver Plus you must be 18 years plus, have regular income from work (you or your partner)\*, have a child at school / starting next year or be studying yourself, and have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible Centrelink payment\*.

\*New types of income and Capitalink payments are available, please contact us for more information.

- laptops & tablets
- uniforms & shoes
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions
- lessons & activities
- books & supplies



Seaver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Bery Street and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.anz.co.au](http://www.anz.co.au) for more information.

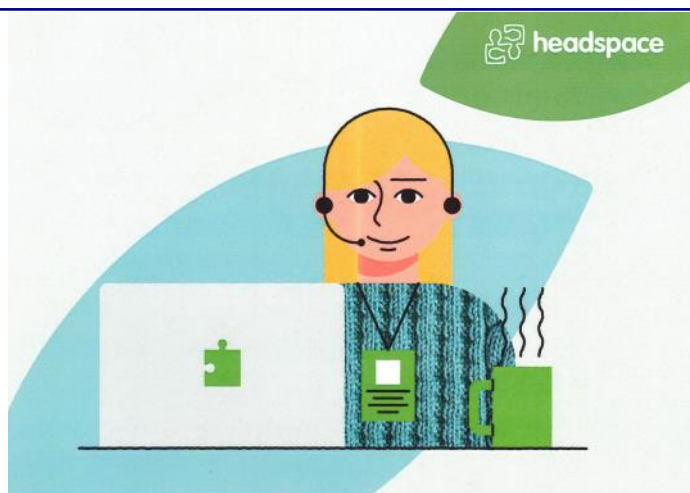


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**headspace Narre Warren is here to help!**

**We provide free Mental Health support, Primary Health Services and Alcohol and other drugs support for those between 12 - 25 years of age.**

**Open hours: Monday's 10am till 4pm, Tuesday to Friday 10am till 6pm**

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