

2023 KEY DATES—TERM 1	
Tuesday 21st February	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 2nd March	Professional Learning Day—Student Free Day
Thursday 9th March	Year 7 Immunisations
Monday 13th March	Public Holiday
Tuesday 14th March	KENNY Learning Team Day
Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd March	Year 7 Camp 1—O’Donoghue, Kenny and Flynn Learning Teams
Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th March	Year 7 Camp 2—Chisholm, Dunlop and Hollows Learning Teams
Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th March	Year 7 Camp 3— Frost and Monash Learning Teams
Thursday 30th March	Athletics Carnival
Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 5th April	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Thursday 6th April	Student Free Day—Last day of Term 1 Parent Teacher Conferences 9:00am to 2:00pm
Friday 7th April	Good Friday—Public Holiday
Monday 24th April	First Day Term 2
Tuesday 25th April	ANZAC Day—Public Holiday
Wednesday 3rd May	Year 7, 2024 Information Night 6:30pm

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Principal's Report

"I am proud that we continue to keep our actions and plans centred on 'improving the learning' for our students - your children, and we will continue to create the best learning opportunities for their future"...

A warm welcome back to the 2023 school year for Berwick College.

Our school community has made a strong start to the 2023 school year, with active engagement and collaboration between staff, students and parents to ensure we know how our students learn, sharing of any wellbeing needs and the forming of goals the students would like to achieve by the end of the year. While there were organisational aspects to be refined, holding the parent teacher student conferences on the first school day was rewarding. My thanks to Mr Vaughan Chaplin, Mr Jesse Nugent and Mrs Michelle Lewis who have led this initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Homegroup Teacher if you have any concerns.

Our 2023 College Captains, Emma, Stefan, Hunter and Callum, addressed the whole school community at the first assembly where we formally welcomed 26 new members of staff, 337 new year 7 students, new students in years 8 - 12 and our year 12s who proudly took their seat at the steps, commencing their final year of secondary study. I encouraged students to attend, to make the most of every single day of learning and to make their story a positive story of growth. We have a number of new staff who have commenced in the past week and we wish them a very warm welcome to our school community.

Since we started just four short weeks ago, we have had a very successful year 12 Orientation Day at Federation University, whole school photographs and a whole staff PD on anaphylaxis (pictured below is one of our supervisors, Ms Betteridge testing Ms King), mandatory reporting and Child Safe Standards. Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Forum, your input is highly valued.

This week we welcomed back members from our Class of 2022 to present awards and acknowledgments. It was lovely to have Andrew Horsburgh, Assistant Principal of Berwick Primary School, attend and share in the celebration of the educational journey our students. I am very appreciative of the supportive community partnerships that we share.

Year 7 ICARE Day was held to build positive connections between staff and students as part of our transition to high school processes. My thanks to Ms Lauren Varadi, the Junior School Coordinator, Assistant Principal, Mrs Michelle Lewis, staff from Wellbeing and student leaders who helped prepare for and provide support to ensure the day ran smoothly.

Council Election information has been sent to our school community with vacancies for four parents and one DET staff member. I am grateful for the membership and service of all the council members. Together with the staff, parents and students, they play a significant part in building this wonderful school and its culture. I look forward to inducting our new members at our AGM on Tuesday, 21st March.

This week I have visited the Ash Wednesday Commemorative Exhibition. We lost a student from the Class of 1983, Kerry Medwin, and a number of parents and staff lost their homes and family in these fires. Many students and staff worked at the relief centre based in the Leisure Centre and every year we lay flowers at Kerry's plaque in our garden at the front of Administration. This is a timely reminder to be grateful for our families and friends.

I am proud that we continue to keep our actions and plans centred on 'improving the learning' for our students - your children, and we will continue to create the best learning opportunities for their future. Please do not hesitate to contact our College via berwick.sc@education.vic.gov.au if you have any concerns or queries.

Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal



Class of 2022 Morning Tea



Maths After School Help Sessions & Chess Club

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. All year levels are welcome.

Year 12 Orientation Day

On the 30th of January, the year 12 cohort got the opportunity to attend an orientation day at Federation University in Berwick. The day provided us with helpful information and workshops regarding methods and strategies to achieve success in year 12. We got split up into smaller groups to participate in learning workshops, and the lectures provided to the VCE/VM students left everyone with something to go home and think about. Personally, my favourite part of the day was the study tips and tricks that the guest speaker Jonathan gave us. Overall, it was a great day.

Callum Black—College Captain



Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Privacy-Collection-Notice.pdf>

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365/Compass 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/Compass for Education, 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, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese.

2023 Swimming Carnival

On February 21st (Tuesday), Berwick College will be holding its annual Swimming Carnival. Students will be representing their Learning Team in a range of swimming and novelty activities on the day.

The day is an important part in the development of the Learning Team culture within the College. It will enable students and teachers to work and have fun together, and to further develop positive relationships which we believe are central to a student having success at school. With this in mind, it is compulsory for all students to attend.

When: Tuesday, 21st February 2023

Where: Doveton Swimming Pool (Cnr Tristiana St and Kidds Road, DOVETON, VIC, 3177)

Carnival Time: 9:30 – 2:30 pm (students will arrive to school as normal – 9:00am)

- Students should endeavour to wear their Learning Team colours to show their support for their team
- Students will return to school from the pool on buses, before returning home as normal – 3.15pm

Further Information:

- Students are to attend Home Group at 9:00am, followed by a short Learning Team assembly before travelling with their Home Group to Doveton Pool by bus.
- Students who are licensed drivers are NOT permitted to drive to the pool.
- Students are permitted to wear thongs whilst at the pool, but must have appropriate closed in shoes to wear to and from the pool.
- Make sure your child brings: bathers, towel, sunscreen, a hat, something to eat and drink and most importantly, a positive attitude!
- Students are to dress, as much as possible, in Learning Team colours.
- The Canteen will be in operation.
- **VCE VM students will be running a BBQ during our Swimming Carnival.** They will be selling:
 - Sausages- \$2.50
 - Soft Drinks- \$2
 - Snag/Drink combo- \$4
 - Zooper Doopers- \$1
- Dismissal from the pool requires written parent permission.
- Asthma sufferers must bring their appropriate reliever medication.
- Parents are most welcome to attend.



If you have any queries about the above information, please contact Sports Coordinator, Ms Claise Janssen or Assistant Principal, Mr Kevin McCall on 8768 1000.

VET Community Services 2023

In VET community services students have been learning about the skills and knowledge involved in the role of being a first point of contact for clients engaging with a wide variety of community-based services. Students have been exploring how factors such as culture, disability, literacy levels and mental health conditions may influence the way in which clients engage with services.

As part of this unit students were required to partake in a practical assessment whereby, they received calls from 'fictitious clients' and had to problem solve how to engage with the client in a professional and assistive manner.

We would like to thank Ms Birkett for her willingness to play the role of 'client' and her creativity in generating a host of scenarios. Students reported finding this task helpful in consolidating their skills and confidence.

Ms Lentowicz

Students in photo:

Sienna Stork, Natasha Coldebella,
Chloe Colbert, Javan Hawkins,
Jessica Bryant



From the College Nurse



My name is Lisa and I am your new school nurse. This position has been held for many years by Tracey so I will endeavour to keep up the standards! I am looking forward to meeting students, staff and parents along the way. I feel very strongly that communication with teachers, health professionals and parents is the key to making a welcoming atmosphere for our students. I encourage all parents to reach out if their child has a health issue and this will assist us in doing our very best for your child.

I have been nursing for 22 years, with my background being in Emergency department and GP nursing. I have also had some experience in schools as part of the Doctors in Secondary Schools program which I have been involved with for five years. I also have two children of my own and my hobbies include reading and spending time with my dogs!

Some important dates for the first term are:

Whole School Swimming Carnival - Tuesday 21st February

- Please ensure all students with a medical condition have updated records.
- Please ensure all students who have had anaphylaxis have an epi pen stored at the school.
- Don't forget to encourage hat, sunscreen and other sun protection and for all students to have a water bottle on the day.

Year 7 vaccinations - Thursday 9th of March And Thursday 12th October

Please make sure you have sent the form back that was emailed to you last year. This form needs to be back even if your child will not be vaccinated on the day. Please be assured that any child who has been marked as not to have the vaccine will not have the vaccine. Tracey has held a very impressive record of 100% of all vaccination forms back before the commencement of the vaccination program, so let's help to keep the record alive at Berwick College.

Year 10 Vaccination - Tuesday May 16th

Helpful tips for Vaccination day are:

- Ensure your child wears sports uniform - this means easier access to the upper arm and is less distressing for the student.
- Ensure your child has plenty to eat and drink on the day of vaccination; it assists with their blood sugar levels and means fewer students feeling unwell after vaccination.
- Please let staff know if your child has been unwell in previous days or is unwell on the day of the vaccinations.
- Just a reminder also that if your child calls or messages you to say that they are unwell or injured, could you please direct them to the health centre or member of staff. As part of our duty of care to the students it should be a staff member who contacts parents with regard to students getting picked up. If you have any concerns regarding your child or if they have a medical issue please feel free to call or visit the health centre so we can work out how to best support your child.

I looking forward to getting to know everyone and becoming a part of the wonderful team of staff at Berwick College.

Motivational Thought...

"If you can't you must, and if you must you can..."

Tim Ellix

First Day Conferences: In Review

This year, Berwick College ran the First Day Conferences initiative with great success. The premise of the event was an opportunity for parents, staff and students to meet, share college expectations and collaborate around learning support strategies. Many parents were able to advocate for their child, meet the homegroup teacher and understand how the college will work with parents to ensure high standards of education. Students had an opportunity to show parents their classrooms, receive their lockers and for some, meet their new homegroup teachers.

Teachers appreciated the robust (albeit brief!) discussions with parents and have reported feeling more able to act in a timely manner to support students at their individual point of need and advocate for them more actively.

Across the day, there were well over 1000 appointments from years 7 -11, well surpassing previous parent/teacher opportunities. Our returning students felt more comfortable being at school the following day as our absence list was halved based on historical numbers.

On the day, the year 7 cohort was extremely busy engaging with an alternate program. On the day, our new students worked in learning team groups and rotated through a variety of programs. Students participated in our 'Engage Program' with a focus on high energy, team work, leadership and collaboration games in the stadium. Our 'Motivate Program' was held in the Performing Arts Centre and focused on positive thoughts, growth mindset and choosing happiness. Finally, our 'Study Skills' session focused on preparation to learn, navigating the school and how to use timetables effectively. While it was an exhausting day, students' engagement was maintained throughout. Students should feel proud of their efforts on this day.

As a College, we are committed to improvement cycles, and this event is no different. We have collated surveys from parents and staff and will continue to use this information to perfect the process. While there are things that need refining, there was also much to celebrate. We thank staff, students and families for the engagement on the day and for taking the opportunity to advocate for their child/student.

Based on the feedback from parents, we would like address some of the common feedback from parents.

Can this please be an online event? Following COVID, the Department of Education has recommended that a focus for schools is to involve communities back into schools. The choice for this event being face to face was a deliberate one. In future, we will provide more notice for parents who can arrange work to attend the school in person.

The staffing on the day did not allow me to meet the homegroup teacher. As a College, we acknowledge that this is unfortunate, and not how we would typically run this event. Given recent staff changes, teacher shortages and timetabling constraints from part time staff we needed to ensure that all students had an opportunity to meet with a teacher. Staff took detailed notes on each meeting which were then handed over to the teacher who would take the class full time.

Longer appointments would be great please! We would love to offer longer appointments for parents and teachers to meet. Unfortunately, there is a very limited amount of time where we can fit all students into the day. Typically, teachers would have a class of 25 students. To meet with every student with longer time periods may pose further time constraints for other parents also trying to book. Parents are encouraged to make additional appointments or phone conversations with teachers following this event, especially if they believe that they have more information to share.

Can there please be more appointments set for outside work hours? While we extended our bookings from 9am – 4:30pm, we can appreciate that many of our parents also work, need to pick other students up from primary school and have other time constraints across any given day. Berwick College teachers face similar constraints with their own families. Trying to strike a balance between accommodating outside work hours bookings, the new teaching agreement, and teaching hours allocated per day can be a tricky one. If required, we suggested to parents trying to make an appointment, then (if required) following up with a phone call at a later date to unpack any additional concerns/considerations.

The library seemed to get quite congested for the year 7 parents. We agree. Moving forward, we recognise that there needs to be one location for year 7 students and parents as they are still learning how to navigate the school grounds, however the library was not the best location for this. In future, we would look to have a more open space that students can easily identify to attend their appointments.

Frost Falcons Learning Team



WELCOME TO THE FROST LEARNING TEAM

Welcome back to school to all our Frost students and families! A big welcome to our new year 7 Frost Falcons and to many of our other new year 8 - 11 students who have joined the team over the past few weeks – we have loved getting to know you. We hope that you have all settled in well and we look forward to seeing you participate in the wonderful and varied opportunities that the College has to offer you. It was lovely to meet our new Frost parents during the 'First Day Conferences'. If you missed this opportunity, please make sure that you contact your child's home group teacher.

HOME GROUP TEACHERS FOR 2023 are:

- Frost 1: Mr Lachlan Curnow - Lachlan.Curnow@education.vic.gov.au
- Frost 2: Mr Mark Coe – mark.coe@education.vic.gov.au
- Frost 3: Ms Taylah Quinn – Taylah.Quinn@education.vic.gov.au
- Frost 4: Ms Lauren Varadi – Lauren.Varadi@education.vic.gov.au
- Frost 5: Ms Alicia McVea – Alicia.mcvea@education.vic.gov.au
- Frost 6: Mr Rod Park- Rodney.park@education.vic.gov.au
- Frost 7: Ms Danica Vitalich – Danica.Vitalich@education.vic.gov.au
- Frost 8: Ms Robyn O'Shannessy- Robyn.OShannessy@education.vic.gov.au

A huge focus for all Learning Teams in 2023, is attendance. If your son or daughter is absent, it is important that you log on to Compass and put through the reason for their absence. An SMS text message is sent if your child is absent and no contact with the school has been made. Through Compass you can also monitor your child's attendance to individual periods, as well as see if they are arriving late to class. Also, if your child is going to be away for a period, please notify your home group teacher so that arrangements can be made to support your child to stay up-to-date.

2023 CAPTAINS

A big congratulations to our Learning Team Captains of 2023, **Tarran Frost** and **Christopher Jensen**, who will play an invaluable part in making sure the students in our learning team feel supported and a part of our community. We are thrilled to be working with them this year and have no doubt they will make amazing contributions to our team.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 21st of February
- Year 7 Camp (Frost) – Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th of March
- Athletics Day – Thursday 30th of March
- Parent Teacher Conferences – Wednesday 5th of April (4:30-8pm) | Thursday 6th of April (9am-2pm)

We look forward to a great year in Frost for 2023!

Ms Leah Green & Mr Stefan Maksic
Frost Student Learning Leaders
(03) 8768 1089



Flynn Phoenix Learning Team



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our Flynn students and their families, ready to tackle another academic year. We hope that everyone took the opportunity to rest and recuperate and are ready to tackle 2023. Students have managed to get back into the year quickly and continue the learning they started in Head Start.

We would also like to acknowledge and welcome our year 7 students who are in our High Achievers' Program (HAP)! We have been excited to get to know you all and are excited to see you begin your learning journey with us. We understand that for all students, starting a new school year can seem overwhelming at times, but ask you to remember that you have a fantastic support network here at school and asking for help can often fix a problem or concern quickly. If you need help, ask! The best person to check in with is your homegroup teacher, or student learning leader (Mr Chaplin) or Assistant Student Learning Leader (Mr Cunningham).

Welcome to our new and returning team members this year:

Ms Pouzet, Ms Song, Mr Cunningham, Mr Nettleingham, Mr Ellix, Ms Janssen, Ms Foster and Ms McGregor.



I would like to welcome **Mr Dustin Cunningham** to the role of Assistant Student Learning Leader, it is fantastic to have him in this role and he will be an asset in supporting staff and students.

We thank parents and students for all their efforts to book appointments in First Day Conferences. It was fantastic to see parents and students engaged in academic discussions with teachers.

It has also been noted that homegroup teachers also feel in a better position to support students in their homegroup more readily since these conversations. We thank the school community for the way they embraced this initiative.

This term there are some fantastic opportunities for all students to participate in. We have ICARE day (for year 7 students), year 7 camp, and swimming and athletics carnivals. There are also two student free days this term (one public holiday and one professional learning day for staff)

We would like to remind students and parents that Berwick College has many opportunities that reflect the individuality of your student. Students are encouraged to listen to the daily announcements, check Compass and the daily bulletin and read posters up around the school. Asking questions of teachers is also recommended.

We would also like to welcome our 2023 Flynn Learning Team Captains, **Taj Pentland and Mitzi Henry** (*pictured right*).

They will be working alongside our junior school ambassadors **Sayla Baldacchino and Stella O'Loughlin** (*pictured right*).



We look forward to the positive impact they will have representing all Flynn students.

On behalf of Dustin and myself, we would like to wish everyone a successful year and we look forward to supporting all students in Flynn. Go Flynn Phoenix!

Vaughan Chaplin

Flynn Student Learning Leader.



Dunlop Diggers Learning Team



We are super excited to welcome Ms Rebecca Kosach, our new Learning Team Leader. We would like to extend a warm greeting for the new students and families to the Dunlop Learning Team while also welcoming back those in years 8-11. We hope that this year will be a fruitful one with much learning and minimal interruptions. We hope that you have all been able to settle in, meet up with or make new friends, attend your classes and forge connections with your teachers, as well as participate in some of the wonderful opportunities here at the College so far. We enjoyed meeting many new parents and carers during our 'First Day conference'. If you were unable to attend and require any information, please ensure that you contact your child's Homegroup Teacher whose details can be found below:

- DU1 – Year 07: Mr Jonathan Wong – Jonathan.Wong@education.vic.gov.au
- DU2 – Year 11: Mr Zach Darley-Collis – Zach.Darley-Collis@education.vic.gov.au
- DU3 – Year 08: Mr Alex Maddison – Alexander.Maddison@education.vic.gov.au
- DU4 – Year 07: Ms Chelsea DeLeon – Chelsea.DeLeon@education.vic.gov.au
- DU5 – Year 08: Ms Celina Underwood – Celina.Underwood@education.vic.gov.au
- DU6 – Year 09: Ms Ingrid Mirtile – Ingrid.Mirtile@education.vic.gov.au
- DU7 – Year 08: Ms Xinyi (Luna) LIU – Luna.Liu@education.vic.gov.au
- DU8 – Year 10: Mrs Sankardevi (Devi) Arunagirinathan – Sankardevi.Arunagirinathan@education.vic.gov.au

Congratulations to **Regan Gay and Allanah Thorn**, our 2023 Learning Team Captains!



A great focus for all Learning Teams is attendance and uniform. If your son or daughter is absent it is important that you log into Compass and put through a reason for their absence. An SMS message will be sent if your child is absent and no contact with the school or through Compass has been made.

Through Compass you are also able to monitor your child's attendance to individual periods and can also see if they are arriving late to their classes. Also, if your child is going to be away for a period of time, please notify your child's Homegroup Teacher so that arrangements can be made to support your child in staying up-to-date.

We are very proud of the way our new year 7 students have been settling in and getting involved in College activities, including ICARE Day wherein their support for one another was on full display through their interactions but also in their development of a team chant.

Ms Rebecca Kosach and Mrs Sankardevi Arunagirinathan



PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER'S RISK

Students, staff and visitors often bring personal property to school. Berwick College and the Department of Education does not accept responsibility for private property brought to school.

This includes mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment and also cars parked on school premises.

IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and carers of students who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

These costs may be recoverable where it is assessed that it is likely, in all the circumstances, that the injury was caused by negligence (carelessness) or omissions of its staff/volunteers.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.



Welcome back to all our Hollows students and families, and a very warm welcome to students and families who are new to Hollows. We hope you had a restful break and are excited for 2023.

This year Hollows has two new Learning Leaders, Ms Annabel Bond and Ms Maddison Fenton. We are incredibly excited to be your Leaders and cannot wait to get to know all of you! If you need anything you can find us in F09. We hope that everyone has settled in well and are looking forward to a busy term 1. If you need more information or have any questions, please make sure that you contact your child's home group teacher.

The home group teachers for 2023 are:

- Hollows 1 - Year 7 - Mr Jake Herrington - jake.herrington@education.vic.gov.au
- Hollows 2 - Year 8 - Mr Dylan Amante - Dylan.amante@education.vic.gov.au
- Hollows 3 - Year 9 - Ms Maddison Fenton - Maddison.fenton@education.vic.gov.au
- Hollows 4 - Year 11 - Ms Luran Quinn - laura.quinn@education.vic.gov.au
- Hollows 5 - Year 10 - Ms Geni Nikolopoulos - geni.nikolopoulos@education.vic.gov.au
- Hollows 6 - Year 8 - Ms Deana Mihalos - deana.mihalos@education.vic.gov.au
- Hollows 7 - Year 10 - Ms Philippa Foot - Philippa.foot@education.vic.gov.au
- Hollows 8 - Year 11 - Ms Megan Alba - megan.alba@education.vic.gov.au

Year 7 ICARE Day

In week 3, our year 7s participated in ICARE day. ICARE day is aligned with our College values - Inquiry, Cooperation, Achievement, Resilience and Empathy. We started the day with a social/emotional learning session, then got to hear a Bunurong Cultural Heritage officer speak in the Welcome to Bunurong Country session and we finished the day setting goals for this year and preparing for camp. It was fantastic to see our new Hollows Hawks having fun and connecting with each other.

2023 Captains

A big congratulations to our Learning Team Captains for 2023, **Jake-Hanna Mardini & Nikolina Blagojevic**, who will play a key role in supporting Hollows students and set a great example for the rest of the Learning Team.



Attendance

Attendance is a big focus for Learning Teams in 2023.

If your child is absent, it is important that you log on to Compass and put through the reason for their absence. An SMS message is sent if your child is absent and no contact with the school has been made. If you're having issues with Compass or your child is going to be away for a period of time, please notify your homegroup teacher or a Learning Leader and they can help you with any attendance issues.

We look forward to a great 2023 in Hollows!

Ms Annabel Bond & Ms Maddison Fenton
Hollows Student Learning Leaders



Mighty Monash Learning Team



Welcome to 2023, Team Monash! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are finding your rhythm back at school.

Firstly, we would like to welcome our new cohort of year 7 students to the Monash Learning Team. We have already noticed the positivity these students bring each day and look forward to watching this over the coming weeks/months. Our Swimming Carnival kicks off a jam-packed term on Tuesday, 21st February and we can't wait to see our new year 7s leading from the front. We encourage all Monash students to get involved in these sports days to ensure we bank as many learning team points as possible.

It was lovely to meet so many families at our inaugural First Day Conferences. There was an exciting energy around the campus which was fuelled by the presence of having families on-site again. We believe building and strengthening the relationship between school and home life is integral to success, and we will continue to foster that growth.

We would also like to welcome Ms Sommers, Ms Dang, Ms Manole and Mr Wynton to the Monash Learning Team this year. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's home group teacher should you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. We are all here to support you and look forward to working with you.

This year, in line with our college policies and ICARE values, we are setting our expectations high. We will do everything within our power to ensure all students are punctual to class, in uniform, and ready to learn.

Please ensure home group teachers remain informed of your child's attendance to school and if they have a reason to be out of uniform.

We have seen such an improvement and would love to see this continue!

Mr Coco and Mr Wood - Monash Student Learning Leaders



Kenny Kangas Learning Team



KENNY
KANGAS

Welcome to all our Kenny families for 2023!

It has been an amazing start to the year, beginning with first day conferences. Home Group teachers got to meet with their students and parents/carers to start the year positively. It was especially wonderful to meet our new year 7 families and ease some of those first day nerves.

The start of a new year is always bittersweet for our year 11 students who have moved into year 12. While we miss having them with us there is a sense of pride seeing them in their new year 12 jackets and taking that final step towards their future. We wish them all the best in their final year of school - but don't forget our door is always open.

The Swimming Carnival is just around the corner and is always a fun day. Students are encouraged to dress up in **RED** to represent our house. We love seeing our students support Kenny and encourage them to compete in as many races as they would like. Alternatively, if students still want to be involved but are not confident swimmers we also run novelty events across the entire day. Anyone who participates receives a pass to go on the giant water slide.

Coming up on the 16/2 is ICARE day for our year 7s as well as Kenny day on the 14/3. Don't forget to keep an eye on the bulletin and the stadium doors for interschool sport sign-ups.

What an exciting and busy term one!

Miss Zuccolo and Mrs Bates



Chisholm Chargers Learning Team



As we approach the end of the first few weeks of the term, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the tremendous start we've had to the school year. We are incredibly proud of each Chisholm student and the hard work, dedication and passion you bring to the learning team every day. Thank you for making this a successful start to the year.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new year 7 classes. We are excited to have you join our learning community and can't wait to see the impact you will have on our team. We are confident that you will find a supportive and inclusive environment here at Chisholm and we encourage you to get involved in all that our learning team has to offer.

On behalf of the entire learning team, we would like to introduce ourselves as your Learning Team Leaders: Mr Daniel Bowen will be working closely with our Learning Team Assistant, Ms Courtney Moran, to ensure that our learning team remains the best Learning Team in the school!

We look forward to another exciting and successful term and encourage you to reach out to either Mr Bowen or Ms Moran if you have any questions or ideas for our learning team.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our Chisholm student leaders, **Shaya Hennessy**, returning in her role as captain and **James Jones** working with her, pictured right. We have no doubt that they will bring energy and enthusiasm to their roles, and we are confident that they will be instrumental in driving positive change within the team and be strong advocates for every Chisholm student.



We are excited to announce that this year we have extended our Chisholm leadership team to incorporate homegroup captains.

I am pleased to announce the following captains for our Homegroups:

- **CH1 Isabella Quirk**
- **CH2 Blake Beattie**
- **CH3 Charlee Lancaster and Addison Scott (shared role)**
- **CH4 Bindi Wood**
- **CH5 Brandon Pele**
- **CH6 Rishith Kumar and Oliver Graeme (shared role)**
- **CH7 Bethany Foster**
- **CH8 Kupa Cridland**

We are looking forward to working with everyone on creating a positive culture of competition and challenge throughout the year!

In addition, we are also incredibly excited for the upcoming swimming carnival. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students to come together and compete in a fun and supportive environment. We encourage all students to participate, regardless of their swimming ability, as this is a great chance to show school spirit and to have fun with your peers.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term and can't wait to see what the year holds for our learning team. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication, and we hope to see you all at the Swimming Carnival.

Best regards,

Mr Daniel Moran and Ms Courtney Moran

The Chisholm Learning Team Leaders



O'Donoghue Otellas Learning Team



Welcome back to all of our O'Donoghue families and an extra warm welcome to our new families. First term is well and truly under way with the first few weeks flying by. We have welcomed our new year 7 students and they have all made a fantastic start to the College. They seem to be fitting in perfectly.

It was great to meet so many families at our First Day Conferences. The chance to put a name to a face with Home Group teachers and build a connection with school was something that was appreciated by all.

We welcome a few new faces to our Learning Team this year. Welcome to Ms Zoe Mason (OD4), Ms Roslyn Meadows (OD6) and Ms Isabella Sawatzky (OD1) who will be working closely with those Home Groups.

Congratulations to **Charlie Cosgrove** and **Ethan Smith**, pictured right, who are our Student Learning Team Captains for 2023. They will have an important role in the O'Donoghue team, meeting regularly with other student leaders and working towards having a greater say in our school community. It is very exciting to have students new to the leadership group and we look forward to working with them this year.



Our Home group details and contact emails are as follows:

- OD1 – Ms Isabella Sawatzky isabella.sawatzky@education.vic.gov.au
- OD2 – Ms Simone King - Simone.King3@education.vic.gov.au
- OD3 - Mr Shannan Davey - Shannan.Davey@education.vic.gov.au
- OD4 - Ms Zoe Mason zoe.mason@education.vic.gov.au
- OD5 - Mr Gerard Leonard - Gerard.Leonard@education.vic.gov.au
- OD6 – Ms Roslyn Meadows – Roslyn.meadows@education.vic.gov.au
- OD7—Ms Tegan Kartaschew – Tegan.kartaschew@education.vic.gov.au
- OD8 – Mr Joshua Weber Joshua.Weber@education.vic.gov.au

At the end of last year, we wished Ms Laura Nash and Mr Cameron McKenzie well as they moved schools. We also wish Mr Cunningham well in a new role at the College. There are many activities for O'Donoghue students to get involved in during Term 1 this year, including the whole school Swimming Carnival and Athletics Day.

Please feel free to contact either of us at any stage throughout the year, we are looking forward to a big year for the O'Donoghue Otellas!

Mr Jesse Nugent O'Donoghue Student Learning Leader

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Mr Joshua Weber O'Donoghue Assistant Student Learning Leader

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Library News

WELCOME BACK to both old and new students and staff. We hope that in 2023 we can assist you with all your Library requirements; you only have to ask and we will do our very best to attend to your needs.

The Library is open from 8.30 am before school, at lunchtimes and after school till 4 pm which gives students time for researching, printing, photocopying, studying, preparing presentations/homework, borrowing, reading and playing games. Students are also welcome to just come in and relax on our comfortable furniture, chatting with friends and enjoying the air conditioning on a hot day.

At the end of last year, we were very fortunate to have been able to purchase some lovely new shelving for our fiction book collection. This was possible thanks to the contributions of our families to the Library Fund. Not only do the new shelves look great, they are all on castors so can be moved around the library to allow for special events such as the Art Exhibition or information nights. We are hoping to purchase more shelving as well as some decorative shelf ends in the coming year.

We look forward to meeting all of our new year 7 classes in the coming weeks for their library orientation sessions. We've been so excited to see our new students embracing reading and we can't wait to see the results from the Year 7 English borrowing challenge 'Game of Loans' we're running this semester! Stay tuned to see which class will be crowned the winners!



We still have a large number of books overdue from last year. We hope that you will keep a look out at home to see if you can find any library books and return them as soon as possible. We understand that your books may have been lost or damaged so if this is the case, please contact Library staff to let us know.

We regularly find items which students have left behind in the library. If they have a name on them we can easily return them to their rightful owners, but many do not. If your child has lost a pencil case, exercise book, hat, drink bottle, ipad/phone charger, lunch box or any other item, and they have been in the library, please remind them to check with library staff to see if we have found the item.

Also, last year a number of items went missing from the library and we were hoping parents/carers may have discovered them at home. Whilst we do offer old library books to students when we no longer need them, we will have used our 'Cancelled' stamp on the inside cover and will have covered the barcode and spine label with black text. Unfortunately, a large number of books from the manga series Naruto disappeared from our shelves. We also lost our bell from the front desk and many of our Learning Intentions/Success Criteria/ICARE Focus whiteboard magnets also disappeared. If you happen to find any of these items at home, we would be very grateful if you could please return them to the College.

An anonymous drop off would be fine if you prefer!

We hope to start running some of our lunchtime activities soon with Chess Club starting soon. We plan to hold a chess tournament later in the year with trophies and a shield for our chess champions! We will announce some more lunchtime activities as soon as we finalise which days they can be run.

Our very popular Dungeons and Dragons group continues to meet every second Wednesday after school. This group has been meeting regularly for a while now and are as enthusiastic as ever!! If you are interested in joining the group please come and talk to library staff or Mr Darley-Collis.

We look forward to a wonderful year of enjoying all the library has to offer with all of our staff and students!



Ms Helen Tonkin—Teacher Librarian



Class of 2022

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 on some fantastic results. On behalf of the College we would like to wish our Class of 2022 all the best for the year ahead! For those starting their further education later this month, we hope you have a smooth start and find your passions fulfilled with your new education provider! Goodluck and best wishes!

Class of 2023

Happy New Year! A fresh start and fresh opportunities! Our Careers Team are ready to help you seize the day and make the most of what is available to you at Berwick College. Our offices are open before school, recess, lunch and after school for any and all career enquiries and questions.

Senior School Careers:

Karen Crawley – Careers & VET Leader

Amy Crawley – Senior Careers VET & VASS Administration

Amanda Komen – VET & VASS Coordinator

Madeleine Collins – Work Experience & Student Placement Coordinator

Our Senior School Office is located next to the Senior School Coordinators and in with the Senior School Study Area. The Senior School Careers Office supports students in years 10 – 12 with their study pathways, job hunting and career outlooks.

Junior School Careers:

Corrine Duhau – Assistant Applied Learning Leader/ Junior Careers Teacher

Narelle Mills – Junior Careers Administration

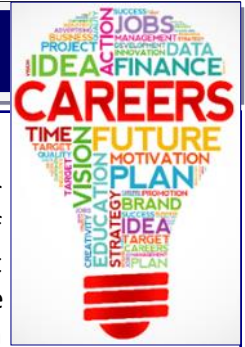
Our Junior School Careers office is located behind IT and outside where the old Wellbeing Centre used to be; outside and around the back of the Library. The Junior School office supports students in years 7 – 9 with their career action plans, job hunting prospects, study pathways and career outlooks.

YEAR 10 GAME OF LIFE - 2023 Work Experience APRIL 3RD – APRIL 6TH

In 2023 our year 10 students (15 years and over) will participate in our Work Experience Program as part of their studies in Game of Life. Students are required to complete one compulsory week of work experience as part of their learning and development, students have now had an information session about their work experience and have relevant forms and information. If you require more support and information please speak with your Game of Life Teacher or Ms Collins in the Senior Careers Centre.

Work Experience Advice:

- * If you are tossing up between a couple of different career ideas, now is the perfect time to try one out! Be prepared to enjoy or not enjoy work experience, that's what it is all about! Trying it out and testing what suits and doesn't suit your working style!
- * Pick something that matches your hobbies and interests
- * Pick something that has broad transferable skills (for example customer service, community services, administration tasks, cash handling)
- * And remember, you never know, your unpaid work experience could turn into a paid position! Use this opportunity to show your skills and treat the position as a working job interview...because the connections you make during this time could be very helpful in your future endeavours!



VCE VM - Structured Work Experience—MAY 29TH – JUNE 9TH

All students aged 15 years and over undertaking the Semester 1 Year 11 Vocational Major Program and Year 12 VCAL Program are required to participate in Work Experience as part of their course studies and learning experiences. Students will commence their work placement between **29th May 2023 – 9th June 2023**. Students have been given an introduction to Workplace Learning and have been provided with forms and packs. If you missed out on one, please come in and see staff in the Senior Careers Centre. For help and support please see Ms Collins.

VET INFORMATION

By now many of our students have had their enrolments approved and have started in their VET Courses. If you are still pending an enrolment, need to change your enrolment, or need to apply, can you please see Mrs Komen or Mrs Crawley in the Senior Careers Office.

URGENT WHITE CARD COURSE TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITY

Do you need to complete your White Card Training for your Work Experience or Placement? Or, are you a student and want to gain your White Card Qualification for your future endeavours? We will be running a training session at the College at a significantly discounted rate, during school hours. Please see Ms Collins in the Senior Careers Centre to book in and make sure you don't miss out.

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- ensuring students maintain their academic progress alongside their apprenticeship/traineeship
- providing ongoing support to students and employers through HEADSTART staff.

If HEADSTART is something you'd like to know more about, please get in touch with me through the details below. We support the majority of apprenticeships and traineeship courses (Certificate II, III, Diploma) and I look forward to supporting work-ready students to start their career pathway now.

What are the benefits?

- Students can spend a significant amount of time on-the-job and in training whilst still working towards their secondary certificate
- Employers can train and mentor young apprentices and trainees who are ready for work, in line with their particular business culture and needs
- Students develop higher levels of literacy, numeracy and employability skills
- Students can become an apprentice or trainee sooner
- Students will undertake high-quality apprenticeships or traineeships with genuine employers
- Continuous and dedicated support provided for all parties to help students progress to completion
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Landing Patterns at Berwick College

What is your morning landing pattern, right after you get to work? Is it getting the same car park? A coffee on the way to work? Checking emails as soon as you arrive? It is highly likely that this same pattern of events remains consistent daily, weekly and yearly. Now imagine that you are blocked from completing one or two of these things on any particular morning. Often it can make us feel uneasy, nervous or even ill-prepared for the day ahead. It is the same experience for your child at school.

Remote learning highlighted the need for staff and students to adapt to a changing world. It was a valuable time as it demanded schools reflect on the value of routine, the development of productive learning environments and the teaching of 21st Century skills which would allow students access to learning.

On the back of this, our College has begun to deliver a new process to students which will address each of these areas. At Berwick College, students will begin a new morning routine in homegroup called a 'Landing Pattern'. This is largely driven by Berwick College's belief that as educators we have an obligation to prepare students with the practical skills and behaviours they will need outside of school, in a workplace and beyond.

What is a Landing Pattern?

A landing pattern is a set series of behaviours that are typically performed in regular, successive order which allows an individual the opportunity to settle into an environment or prepare for a task. In essence, students at Berwick College are developing a series of specific morning routines which will act to develop 21st Century skills while concurrently allowing a more established preparedness for their day.

Why are routines important?

Routines are well documented in their benefits for an individual. It has been suggested that:

- A routine helps to simplify a complex environment and inform students exactly what to expect.
- Routines help to create smoother transitions between activities and therefore allow fewer opportunities for disruptions to occur.
- When students are expected to complete routine tasks, they have the opportunity to learn greater responsibility and more self-management skills.
- Creating predictable scenarios through routine allows your mind to adjust by knowing what is going to happen, therefore, alleviating anxiety over the unknown.
- Routine helps alleviate stress. Creating routines will allow you to set times for specific tasks and allow you to set times for fun.

What does the Landing Pattern look like at Berwick College?

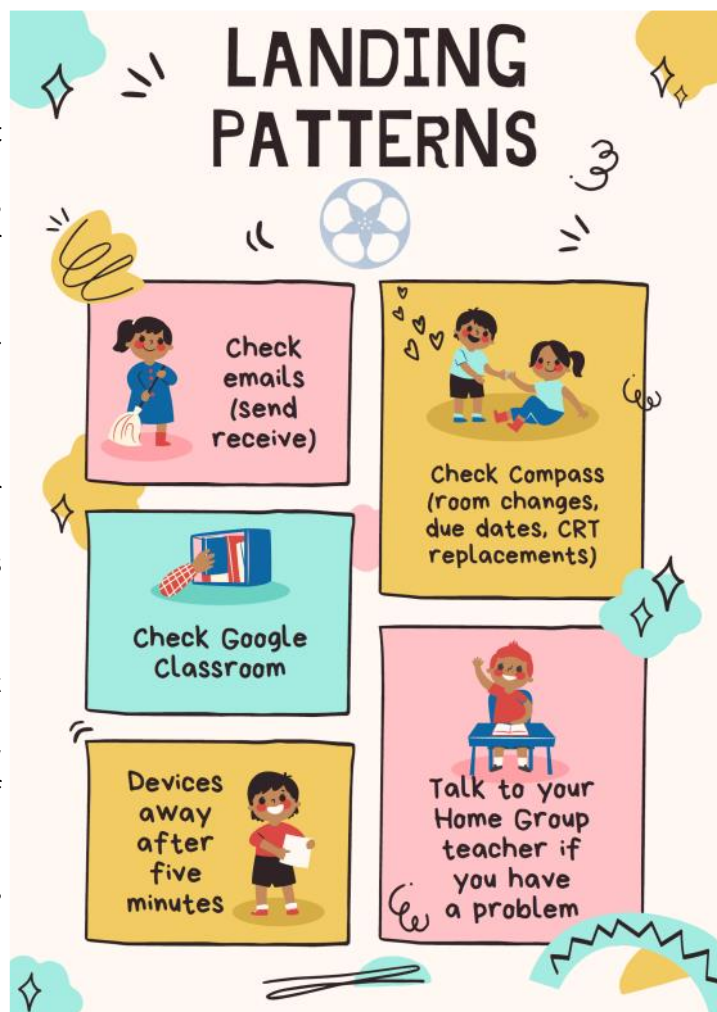
Landing Patterns will specifically take place every morning in homegroup, with an expected time of around 5 minutes.

When a student gets to class, it is expected that the teacher will begin with 'Good Morning students, please open your devices and begin your landing patterns.'

At this point students will:

- 1. Check emails (send, receive)**
- 2. Check Compass (room changes? due dates? CRT?)**
- 3. Check Google Classroom (if applicable).**

If you have any questions or would like to know more about landing patterns, please contact Mr Vaughan Chaplin or Mr Gavin Watson.



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