

2024 Term 2 Key Dates	
Monday 13th May to Friday 14th June	Student Attitude to School Survey
Tuesday 14th May	Careers Expo years 9—12
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th May	Year 11 Presentation Balls
Thursday 30th May	Year 9 Morrisby Assessment Periods 1—3
Friday 7th June	Year 10 Exams
Monday 10th June	<b>King's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
Tuesday 11th June	<b>Assessment &amp; Reporting Day—Student Free Day</b>
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Tuesday 18th June	<b>General Achievement Test (GAT) - VCE</b> College Council Public Meeting 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday 20th June	<b>FROST</b> Learning Team Day
Tuesday 25th June	Year 7 Immunisation



## After School Clubs and Support

**NEW—VCE English Skills Tutorial Program:** Wednesday 3:30—4:30pm. *Details on page 14.*

**Maths After School Help:** Tuesday after school from 3.30-4.30pm in A13. Students are welcome to 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 help with any questions they have. All year levels are welcome.

**STEAM Club:** Monday lunchtimes in A17. For anyone interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Mathematics! Interact with Legos, toy robots, electronics, conduct experiments etc.

**Study Skills:** Tuesday mornings, from 8:00am sharp to 8:45am in F5/F6 HAP Hub. For students to catch up on homework, improve note taking and studying, enhance literacy skills, manage time more effectively and receive assistance from teachers. To enrol contact Dr Lubarsky in F5 office or Ph. 8768 1000 or email: saraya.lubarsky@education.vic.gov.au

### OFFICE HOURS - Telephone: 8768 1000

**FINANCE OFFICE:** Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 4:00pm

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE:**

Monday to Friday: 8:15am – 4:00pm

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**BERWICK COLLEGE NEWSLETTER**

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

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## Principal's Report



**At Berwick College our community fosters resilient, empathetic students who challenge themselves to learn, grow and become contributing members of society. We pride ourselves on providing an inclusive, positive and respectful learning environment.**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are moving quickly through this term and so far students have observed the ANZAC Day commemorations, enjoyed the Dunlop and Monash Learning Team Day celebrations and participated in interschool sport and outdoor education activities.

Last week was one of my highlights of the year so far. Firstly the students, from year 12 Captains to year 7 students, who have only been here for a little over a term, who proudly spoke at the Grade 6 Information Night were phenomenal. The passion they spoke about what their College means to them and the opportunities that they have been provided was very impressive. It is listening to this that reiterates to me why we do what we do here at Berwick College. A massive thank you to the Ms Lauren Varadi for organising the night. The feedback from parents was incredibly positive.

Secondly – the School Production Aladdin JR – wow! If you did not get to see it you missed out on a fantastic show. The months of hard work definitely paid off. A massive thank you to Ms Jorgia Foster, MR Michael Couche, Mr Ross Crowley, Ms Annalise Occhietti and Ms Catherine McGregor.

Next week we are looking forward to the annual, two year 11 Presentation Balls. Students have been diligently practicing and are looking forward to being presented to their families and friends. My thanks to The Rotary Club of Berwick for their provision of this special event and to Coordinators Ms Natasha Rallis and Ms Michelle Lau for their hard work in supporting our students to have this memorable experience.

Finally, as those parents of students in years 7 and 9 will remember, Berwick College students sat their NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy in Term 1. We have received the initial results which show that our year 9s have improved on 2023 results in both areas, with 6% more students in the Exceeding and Strong Categories in year 9 Numeracy in 2024 compared to 2023. This was celebrated in a recent staff meeting. Well done to all staff and students on these results.



### **Every Day Counts – the importance of 95 percent attendance.**

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

**School is better when you are here.**

### **Why is attendance important?**

We all want all our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study. Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, and just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day you miss puts you behind, and can affect your educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with falling behind in subject topics and assessment tasks, can lead to fewer subject choices and may impact on achievement in years 11 and 12 and post-school pathways.

### **Ninety Five Percent Attendance**

At Berwick College our research shows that students who have an attendance rate of 95% or greater are expected to be able to achieve expected learning growth. Those who have an attendance rate of less than 95% are less likely to make expected learning growth. This works out as no more than two days absent per term.

**Congratulations to the 720 students who have achieved attendance above 95 percent this year.**

# Dance Academy News



## Dance Star State Qualifier

On April 28th, our BCDA students competed in the Dance Star State qualifier competition in Rowville against other secondary schools across Melbourne.

All of our BCDA troupes are through to the State Finals on 2nd June at Rowville Secondary College. This is the first time that we have had all of our troupes through and it is because of the hard work our dancers have put in during classes. We are incredibly proud of the resilience shown by all of our students and the maturity throughout the day. Well done team!

Students will compete again in the State Finals on 2nd June to qualify for Nationals which will be held in Adelaide.

### Results:

*Contemporary/Lyrical large team section*

**Berwick College year 11s 1st - 88.95**

**Berwick College year 9s 2nd - 83.70**

Haileybury 3rd - 77.85

**Berwick College year 8s 4th - 75.10**

*Jazz large group*

**Berwick College year 11s 1st - 79.50**

Haileybury 2nd - 77.30

Haileybury 3rd - 77.20

*Jazz small group*

Haileybury 1st - 90.60

Mentone Girls' 2nd - 82.90

**Berwick College 7s 3rd - 72.80**

**Berwick College 10s 4th - 72.35**

*Small group hip hop*

Haileybury 1st - 78.10

**Berwick College 2nd - 74.10**

*Ballet*

**Berwick College 7s/8s 1st - 79.6**

*Theatrical Dance*

Mentone Girls' 1st - 78.70

**Berwick College 7Bs 2nd - 69.00**



# Dance Academy News



## Aladdin JR

Last week we had 12 BCDA students perform in Berwick College's production of Aladdin JR. Many played lead roles including **Jasmine** (Alex, year 11), **Iago** (Alysia, year 8), **Kassim** (Evie, year 8) and **Rajah** (Ella, year 12). Congratulations to all students on a fantastic show!

Thank you also to parents and students for their contributions to the bake sale which raised money for the BCDA Nationals trip. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our community.



## Victorian State Schools Spectacular

The Department of Education's Performing Arts Unit auditioned students from across the State for this year's Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Congratulations to **Laila** who is part of the First Nations Ensemble and **Regan** and **Estelle** who are both Principal Dancers. We are super proud of you!

We also have sixteen, year 7 and 8 students performing in the Mass Dance!

The Spectacular will be performed twice on Saturday, 14th September at John Cain Arena, followed by a television broadcast in December. Rehearsals have commenced for this year's production which will showcase more than 3,000 Victorian government school students in a performance of music, song, dance, skating, circus, and puppetry, and backstage areas such as audio, lighting, vision and stage management.

We are very excited to see our students doing what they love and being ambassadors for Berwick College!



# Dance Academy News



## VCE VET student - Lili

Congratulations to VCE VET student Lili who recently auditioned for the Joffrey Ballet School and received a 50% scholarship to their summer intensives for Jazz & Contemporary.

Lili also got accepted into their trainee program for 2025 which is a huge achievement.

Lili will be attending the Contemporary summer intensive in New York in August for two weeks. We wish Lili all the best and are SO proud of her achievement!



**Ms Melissa Quenette**  
Dance Academy Director



## DANCE ACADEMY

THE BERWICK COLLEGE DANCE ACADEMY (BCDA) OFFERS ASPIRING PERFORMING ARTISTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND GROW IN A HIGH-QUALITY TRAINING PROGRAM. OUR FOCUS IS ON TECHNIQUE, ARTISTRY AND PHYSICAL ABILITY

### What do we offer?

- Integrated academic and dance program where students undertake dance training in school hours
- Dedicated teaching staff
- Industry guest teachers & choreographers
- VCE Dance
- VCE VET Dance Certificate II
- National Dance Competition
- USA Study Tour
- Victorian State School Spectacular
- Leadership opportunities
- Dance training from Year 7 to Year 12
- Affordable course fees
- Networking opportunities

### CONTACT

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BERWICK COLLEGE DANCE ACADEMY  
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Accepting enrolments across all year levels



## Berwick College Choreographic Competition

Open to all Berwick College Students!

**When: June 14th**  
**Where: Performing Arts Centre**  
**Time: 4:30pm - 9pm**

**ALL STYLES OF DANCE AND ANY SKILL LEVEL**

- Medals and trophies
- \$3 - \$5 entry per item
- Payment via QKR!
- External judge

**ENTRIES DUE MAY 10TH**

Contact Ms Quenette for more info!  
melissa.quenette@education.vic.gov.au

2024 Information:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/14i6iAy8a-KnOifG4tVLKyYdaRFCNHX>

# Grade 6 Parent Information Evening

On Wednesday, May 1st, Berwick College opened its doors to prospective families of Grade 6 students for our Year 7, 2025, Parent Information evening.

The evening was made memorable thanks to the outstanding efforts of our student leaders and representatives. The student leadership team, alongside three amazing year 7 students, did an excellent job showcasing our wonderful school.

I want to give a big shoutout to the awesome students who really made our Parent Information Evening shine!

- College Captains: **Tarran Frost, Regan Gay, Kaiden Roewer, Matthew Nunn, and Shaya Hennessy**
- Curriculum Captain: **Samantha Sellers**
- Monash Captains: **Austin Borutta and Emma Sawyers**
- Basketball Captains: **Heath McPherson and Isabella DeJong**
- HAP Students: **Terry Ratnayake, Sanuli Perumal Wijayawimala Siriwarde, Rosna Joby, and Mia Mercuri**
- Dance Students: **Molly Reynolds and Sripriya Nelaturi**
- Year 7 Students: **Darcie Hannam, Grace McNiece and Piper Cutchie**



Thank you for your dedication and commitment to making our Year 7 2025 Parent Information Evening a success!

**Miss Varadi - Junior School Leader**



## Rebecca Henderson -Class of 2019 Olympian—Athletics Womens 20km Race Walk

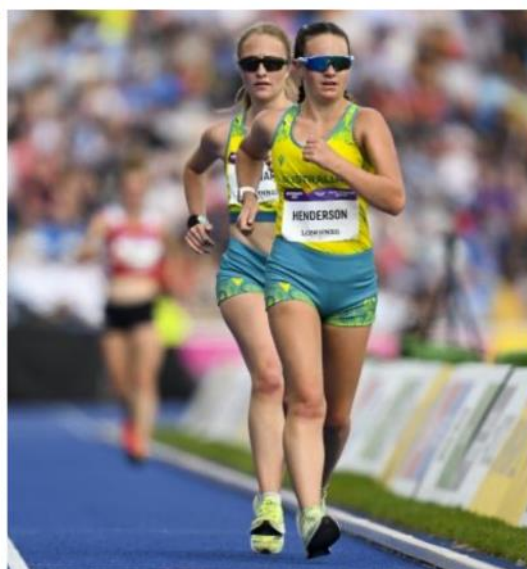
Berwick College was thrilled hear that Rebecca had qualified to compete in the 2024 Paris Olympics. After achieving Dux at Berwick College in 2019, Rebecca has recently completed her Bachelor of Biomedicine at Monash University finishing as the top scoring student for the entire Biomedical Science cohort in 2023. She has also been accepted to study Doctor of Medicine at both Monash University and Melbourne University which she will commence in 2025 depending on which offer she decides to accept.

Proud mum, Cathy has shared a little of Bec's story to inspire our student athletes...

*Bec started at Casey (now Berwick Little Athletics) as a 5 year old with her cousins, Tamsyn & Ryley Pentland, and whilst she really enjoyed it she was usually towards the back of the pack in the races as they were mainly shorter distances. Once she started to compete in Cross Country and longer distances as she got older she started to have some minor successes but mainly just continued to enjoy competing and the social side of Athletics. Rebecca started competing in the Race Walk as a **nine year old** and had instant success making the State Championships every year and coming away with six State medals (four times State Champion) and also numerous National Championships as she progressed through to Senior Levels.*

*However, Bec also enjoyed competing in other sports and split her time also competing in Triathlon and Swimming. She competed in four School Sport Victoria National Championships with her highest finish being 4<sup>th</sup> and she was also selected to Captain the Victorian team in her final year and won the Lindsay Gaze Leadership Award for SSV. Rebecca also competed at multiple National Open Water Championships in 5km and 10km distances with her highest finish also a 4<sup>th</sup> placing. When COVID hit Rebecca was mainly competing in Triathlons and had started racing at an International level, however she had also achieved a World Junior Qualifying time for the race walk and was due to head to Kenya for the World Junior Athletic Championships (which was cancelled due to COVID). However, training for both Swimming and Triathlon was very difficult during the extended lockdowns we suffered in Melbourne during 2020/21, so she started training longer distances with her racewalking to move up to the 20km senior distance. The postponement of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics gave Rebecca the opportunity to train for the longer distance and early in 2021 she raced her first ever 20km racewalk and then managed to qualify for Tokyo with her second race. At the age of 20, Bec was the youngest competitor in the race and finished 35<sup>th</sup>. She has since then raced at two World Athletic Championships and also finished fourth in the Commonwealth Games in 2022.*

*Bec has been named in the first round of athletes for the Paris Olympics and she will compete in the 20kkm race-walk again. She also recently competed in the World Racewalking Teams Cup in Turkey where she assisted Australia to qualify two teams for the new racewalking Marathon Mixed Relay.*



*If Rebecca has a good performance in the 20km race in Paris she is hoping to gain selection for this second event in Paris which will be six days after the individual race.*

**Congratulations Rebecca, the staff and students of Berwick College are very proud of you and are cheering you all the way!**

# Dunlop Diggers Learning Team



## ATHLETICS DAY

On Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of March, the College hosted the annual Athletics Day. It was great to see the students participate in the events and giving their very best. Dunlop did not place in the top three, but our students wore their ribbons with pride. We look forward to building our team for next year.



## DUNLOP / MONASH DAY

This year, Dunlop Learning Team teamed up with Monash Learning Team to host a celebration event to support each Learning Team's chosen charities.

There were many activities such as the basketball competition, guess the lolly jar, wall squat competition, hair and face painting, as well as a sausage sizzle and Krispy Kreme doughnuts for students to buy.

The event was well attended by the student cohort and staff.

We thank students and parents for your support of the day.

**Miss Rebecca Kosach and Mr Ross Crowley—Dunlop Learning Team Leaders**



# Chisholm Learning Team



At the beginning of every term, we hand out our EPIC (Every Period In Class) awards to those who are absolutely smashing their attendance goals and top the green chronicle boards- and we have some VERY EPIC students to give a shout-out to... fantastic effort to **Zakaria Ameer-Moussa, Archer Hayes, Max Owen & Tayla Sigg.**



## Learning Team Assembly

Last Tuesday, the Chisholm team came together for an assembly to celebrate our EPIC students (*pictured above*), but also for a discussion about our team spirit and camaraderie both in class and out.

While we showed great improvement at our Athletics Carnival last term, we want to push for the #1 Learning Team like the Chisholm days of old. In line with our attendance goals, the more participation the better.

This was followed by our 'Chisholm Challenge' - requiring speed, quick-thinking and teamwork to recreate images of the Learning Teams using hidden puzzle pieces.

In a very tight finish, our year 11s and 7s completed the puzzle in what could have otherwise been a draw – winning themselves a pancake breakfast on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> of May!!

**Big Congratulations!!**

## Uniform & Mobile Phone Policy

Winter is coming! Words of 'House Stark'. Even though it's getting colder in the mornings, **hoodies are not allowed** under any circumstances. If you have difficulties in securing a Berwick jacket for your child, please get in touch with Mr Bowen or Mr Leane to discuss alternatives.

**Mobile phones** are still a recurring issue and if seen using one, student's will be issued an immediate after school reflection. Please remind your child to store their phone away in their locked locker during the day.

## Green Chronicle Shop

We are always on the look out to highlight Chisholm achievements – and green chronicles are no different!

If you receive a green chronicle in class, we urge you to pay a visit to Mr Leane or Mr Bowen to cash in for some prizes!! Further, if you have achieved something or know someone who has, please let us know!



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

**Mr Daniel Leane**—Chisholm Student Learning Leader Assistant

# O'Donoghue Otellas Learning Team



## Welcome back!

Welcome to Term 2! As we welcome everyone back to school after the holidays, we want to express our gratitude for your ongoing support in fostering a positive learning environment.

## Celebrating Success!

In Term 1, we completed two 'Ready to Learn' sprints, where students received points for being on time to class and coming to class with all the required materials. We would like to congratulate all O'Donoghue students for winning both of the 'Ready to Learn' sprints!

This term we have also had an O'Donoghue Learning Team assembly to recognise the achievements of students who have outstanding attendance and outstanding behaviour in class. Well done to the recipients of the Green Chronicle and Every Period in Class (EPIC) awards; **Max Marotta, Raphael Lu, Mia Smith, Carla Webb, Lachlan Hinton, Reinier Kohlhardt and Sharnee Knight**. The recipients of the above awards will be given a sticker that is placed on their student ID card which grants express passage to the front of the canteen line as special VIP treatment.



A reminder that your green chronicles can be redeemed for rewards. Please come and see us in C1s to get your rewards for all your hard work!

**Mr Jesse Nugent and Ms Isabella Sawatzky**  
O'Donoghue Student Learning Leader & Assistant

## Before and After School Supervision

Student safety at Berwick College is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

- **Before school:** School grounds are supervised at the lower and upper bus areas from **8:30am**
- **After school:** School grounds are supervised at the lower and upper bus areas until **4pm**

Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending a supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents and carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice, presentation ball rehearsals, SACs).

Families are encouraged to contact Administration on 8768 1000 or email [berwick.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:berwick.sc@education.vic.gov.au) for more information about our student supervision arrangements. For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy please contact the Administration office. This policy includes Berwick College's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.

# Kenny Kangas Learning Team



Welcome back to Term 2! It has been fantastic to see all the Kenny students back at school after the Easter break. It has been a fantastic start to the term.

## Mobile Phone Policy

A friendly reminder that the updated Berwick College Mobile Phone Policy has been implemented since the start of Term 2. We thank you for your support with the implementation of this policy.

## SWPBS Rewards

Come and see Mr Cunningham or Mr Boland in F9 to get prizes for your hard work in class and green chronicles. There are many options of prizes to redeem your points with and it has been fantastic seeing so many students being rewarded for their hard work. One green chronicle equals 1 point, so please keep reminding your teachers to give you a green chronicle during classes!

## Learning Team Assembly

On Tuesday last week we had a learning team assembly to recognise the hard work of Kenny students in Term 1. We were able to give out awards for the most green chronicles in our learning team, as well as the E.P.I.C awards for students who were in class for every period in Term 1.

We also were able to complete some team building games in the Leisure Centre; the energy was up and students engaged really well with their peers. **Great work!**



**Mr Dustin Cunningham—Kenny Student Learning Leader**

**Mr Riley Boland - Kenny Learning Team Assistant**

# Hollows Hawks Learning Team



Welcome back to Term 2; we are excited to get underway. In a recap of Term 1, the Hollows Learning Team achieved first in Swimming and second in Athletics. We are really proud of our team's efforts, well done.

## Hollows Highlights:

Congratulations to **Kaylah Young** for representing Australia in a dance competition in Sydney over the weekend. We are really proud of your efforts and we know you have represented the College well.

Congratulations to our very own Hollows member, **Heidi Draai**, for her work in soccer. Heidi has represented the Australian National team and tried out for the New Zealand National team for the World Cup held in October. Heidi has currently been training with Melbourne City in the hope of becoming a squad member. We wish you all the very best and can't wait to see you succeed further.

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## Attendance:



Attendance is still a major concern for Hollows. If your child is away, please log the reason through Compass, or contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Melissa Kolbeck, on Ph. 8768 1054.

**Ms Annabel Bond & Mr Dylan Harris—Hollows Learning Team Leaders**

Student Learning Leader - [annabel.bond@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:annabel.bond@education.vic.gov.au)

Assistant Student Learning Leader – [dylan.harris@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:dylan.harris@education.vic.gov.au)

# Safe Collection of Students

## YEARS 7 TO 11

Berwick College has a duty of care to ensure the safe collection of students from school or a school activity.

If necessary, during school hours, parents may collect their child from the Front Administration office or authorise an emergency contact (recorded on CASES 21/Compass). Both the adult's name and reason for the collection must be entered on the Compass Attendance module or can be emailed to [attendance@berwickcollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:attendance@berwickcollege.vic.edu.au).

If a parent requires a non-emergency contact to collect a child, written permission must be provided and verification of identity using suitable photo identification (such as a driver's licence) must be sighted by school staff prior to pick up.

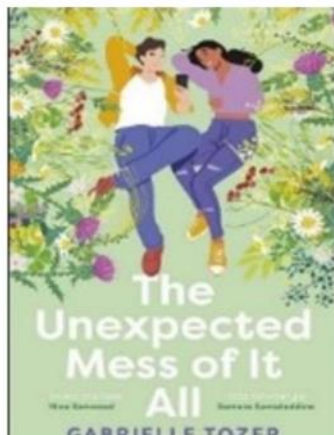
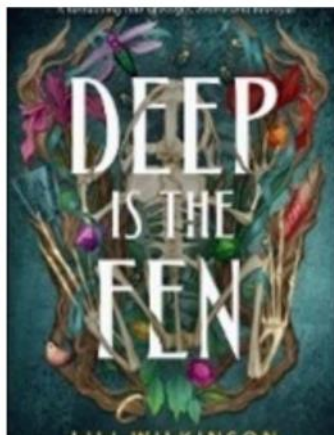
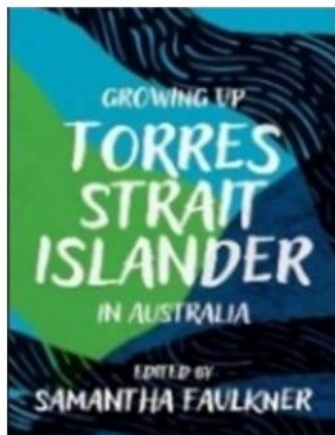
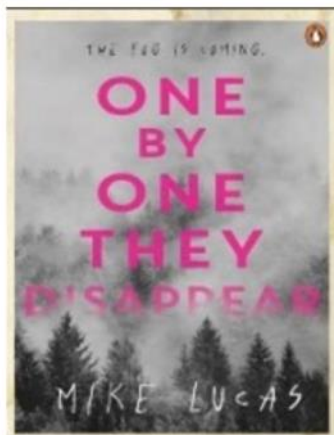
## YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Year 12 students are required to remain on College grounds between their first and last scheduled class. Students are encouraged not to leave College grounds at any time during the day and are expected to spend their study periods studying in one of the allocated spaces within the College i.e. Senior School Centre or Library, where there is teacher supervision and support available.

Year 12 students leaving College grounds independently during the day must:

- Provide written parent consent (either handwritten or via email to the attendance officer/s: [attendance@berwickcollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:attendance@berwickcollege.vic.edu.au)) or via parent consent on the Compass Attendance module.
- Sign out from the Front Administration Office.

Every month we have new books coming to our library, chosen by an expert selection panel at Lamont Books as well as the library team listening to you and choosing the books you want. Here is a selection of new books that have just arrived. We invite you to check them out and be the first to borrow and read them.

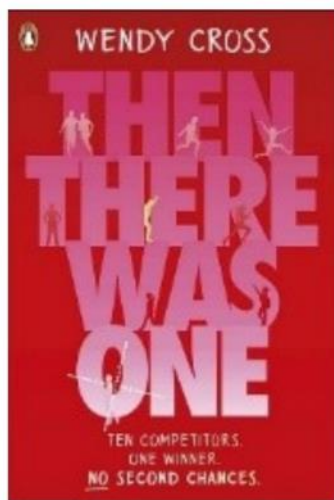
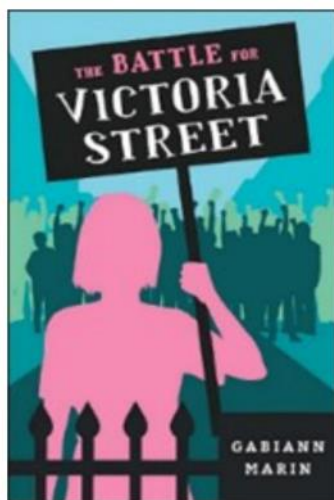
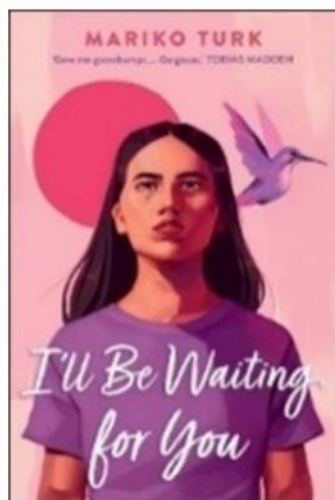
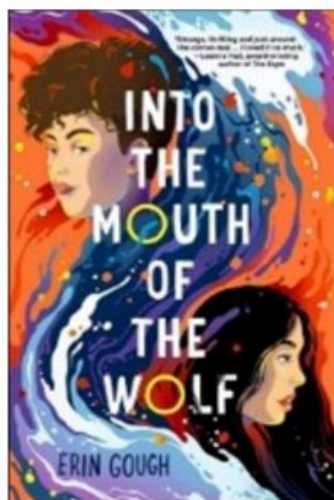


A frighteningly creepy supernatural thriller that chills to the bone with imagined and real horrors.

A journey through Torres Strait Islander culture and identity, past and present.

A bewitching journey behind the closed doors of a secret society.

A very funny and fraught 'enemies-to-will-they-won't-they' romance between family friends Jamila and Billy.



Part thriller, part queer romance, *Into the Mouth of the Wolf* is the stunning, long-awaited novel of Amelia Westlake.

This is a touching story with themes of grief, ghosts, moving on, and a romance as well.

It's 1973, and 11-year-old Billie is living in the best street in the whole world. But things are changing: Billie's neighbours are being forced out of their homes, and scary people are trying to get them to leave.

A great read for those who love a good murder mystery that will have you guessing until the very last page!

Of course, we also have our Wheelers EPlatform EBook collections which you can access 24/7 by downloading the Wheelers EPlatform app or going through Compass (click on the star 'School Favourites' then the 'EBooks link'). There are thousands of great books from which to choose.

As the weather gets cooler it's the perfect time to curl up in a cosy corner with a book. We hope you can find some great books to keep you entertained and take you to far away places on wonderful adventures. Please talk to the library staff if you need any help with finding the perfect book. **The Library Team**



# Careers News & Information



## REMINDER UPCOMING VCE-VM STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING

All students aged 15 years and over undertaking the year 11 and year 12 Vocational Major Program are required to participate in Structured Workplace Learning as a part of their Vocational Studies.

Students will complete their block of structured Work Experience from **Monday, 3rd June** – **Friday, 14th June** (excluding Wednesdays for VET and the King's Birthday Public Holiday). During classes, students will be provided with the information they need to start seeking placement. We encourage students to start doing this early, and ensure the paperwork is completed and returned to the Careers Centre no later than **Monday, 20th May**. If you have any questions please contact Mrs McKeon, our Careers Counsellor and Work Experience Coordinator, on 8768 1015.

## REMINDER UPCOMING YEAR 9 MORRISBY TESTING

On Thursday, May 30th, Berwick College year 9 students will have the opportunity to participate in the Morrisby Profiling event. The Morrisby Testing is a compulsory Department of Education careers program that features psychometric assessments linked to detailed career and study suggestions, providing a personalised career education experience.

Students complete multiple timed aptitude assessments and multiple-choice questionnaires. Student Morrisby Profiles are created by drawing on their responses to the administered assessments.

Findings derived from a Morrisby report can be utilised to:

- Inform subject and course selection.
- Provide objective information about a young person's underlying strengths, potential & working preferences.
- Highlight motivating factors and personality.
- Deliver tailored career pathway suggestions.
- Provide an interactive and personalised career focused experience.

In Term 4 students will have the opportunity to participate in a 30-minute feedback session with a specialised Morrisby vocational consultant. During the interview process students will unpack and discuss report findings and explore study and career options that align with the student's results.

Further information about the upcoming Morrisby event will be provided in the coming weeks. If you would like more information regarding the Morrisby profiling process, please contact the Senior Careers Centre and speak to one of our friendly team members.

**Ms Carly Lentowicz**

Careers Counsellor/ Teacher

## CAREERS ACTION PLAN CLASS LESSONS

Our Team is currently busy visiting classes in years 10 and 11 delivering a Career Education Session to prepare students for Course Counselling. Every year our Careers Team facilitates one Career Action Plan Lesson for each student. In addition, these lessons provide students with the time to discuss how their secondary school studies can link them into a Career Pathway and explore what information is relevant at each year level. The lessons are laid out using the framework (*pictured right*).

Our Careers Teachers will have been to each year 10 and 11 class by the end of Term 2. If your child misses this session, please make sure they come to the Careers Centre to book a catch up time. If your child comes home with information and questions please be aware these sessions are occurring and that careers staff are always available for support. For more information please see the Department of Education website and detailed career plans.

<https://www.schools.vic.gov.au/career-education/action-plans>



# Community News



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A six-session parenting program for parents or carers of adolescents aged 10 to 18 years.

Throughout the program we will cover a range of topics, including:

- Improving conversations with your teen
- Helping prevent behavioural challenges through emotional coaching
- Managing adolescent emotions, worries and anxieties
- Encouraging emotional intelligence to help deal with conflict and improve relationships

Tuning in to Teens helps guide parents through a five stage emotional coaching program. This program offers parents an alternative parenting style to help improve communication and emotional awareness.

Cost Free

Date

Every Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> June  
**\*No group 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Time

10am until 12:30pm  
Light refreshments will be served

Venue

Uniting  
53-55 Webb Street  
Narre Warren VIC 3805

Get in touch

Bookings Essential

Please call the Group Workers on **03 5990 8400** to register or email: [groupwork\\_sou.ith@vt.uniting.org](mailto:groupwork_sou.ith@vt.uniting.org)

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## Uniting

## LEGO CLUB!

TERM 1 School Holidays & TERM 2 2024:  
6 Week Program  
Limited Numbers Available!

**What is LEGO Club**

LEGO Club teaches children skills like turn-taking, sharing, listening, conversation, teamwork, shared attention, problem solving, self-regulation, encouragement, patience and how to see different perspective and builds CONFIDENCE!

Each session, children are given specific jobs in the building task and work together to complete their goal of a finished model

**The Roles:**

1. ENGINEER - reads the instructions and gives directions to the others
2. PARTS SUPPLIER - sorts through and finds the right bricks for the builder
3. BUILDER - oversees the building and listens to instructions from the engineer
4. CLUB LEADER - makes sure everyone is doing what they need & look out for social challenges that need problem solving by the group. And together they build the model!

**Dates:**  
School Holidays: Mondays & Wednesdays at 10am.  
Term 2: Mondays and Wednesdays at 4.30pm.  
Costs: \$150 per session

**Ages:**  
8-14 years old  
groups based on age and skill level

**Location:**  
Mindspace Psychology  
16-18 Woods St Beaconsfield VIC 3807

MINDSPACE PSYCHOLOGY

## What immunisations are provided in secondary school?

**Students in Year 7- 25th June (or aged 12 to 13) receive a whopping cough booster and the HPV vaccine.**

Year 10 students receive the meningococcal A, C, W, Y vaccine

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# Community News

## Casey Youth Services Reconciliation Event



4.00pm - 6.30pm  
27 MAY 2024

Narre Warren Youth Information Centre  
52 Webb st, Narre Warren  
This is an event for young people ages 10 - 25.  
Family members are welcome.

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Did you know:

- Half of all mental health problems begin prior to the age of 14?
- Prior to the pandemic, 1 in 100 psychologists had closed their books. Post-pandemic, 2 in 3 psychologists have closed their books.

Brentwood Park Neighbourhood House and Community Centre, have partnered with Michelle, paediatric psychologist in the field of Educational and Developmental Psychology and aim to support and enhance community cohesion with a series of affordable, psychoeducation-based workshops and Q&A style consultations. Workshops are suitable for parents/carers and teachers seeking professional guidance and information to:

1. Enhance awareness and understanding
2. Improve and develop relationships
3. Explore ways to drive positive change
4. Support youth mental health and wellbeing.

“Psychologists simply don't have the workforce to deliver the necessary programs to the community.”

These sessions are suited for families who may be on waitlists to see a psychologist, or even for families who are looking for more tools for their parenting toolbox.

The workshops will run for 90mins a fortnight at Brentwood Park Neighbourhood House.

Cost:  
\$20 per person  
\$30 per couple  
Concession Rate: \$10

The first session will be on Sunday 5th of May, 1pm - 2:30pm.

Book here:



## Student Leadership Initiative— Beanies for sale...



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