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Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome parents, students and staff to the

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Important dates...

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| 12 FEB | PRIMARY MEET & GREET INTERVIEWS |
| 14 FEB | SWIMMING CARNIVAL |
| 18 FEB | SCHOOL DENTAL VISIT |
| 19 FEB | YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING |
| 21 FEB | PRIMARY DISTRICT SWIMMING |
| 21 FEB | SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT |
| 25 FEB | YEAR 11 & 12 INTERSCHOOL SPORT |
| 26 FEB | STUDENT FREE DAY |
| 7 MAR | YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION |



Meagan Cook

A very warm welcome is extended to all students and their families, especially those who are new to the Boronia K-12 Community this year. Welcome also to new members of Staff. Joining Boronia K-12 in leadership positions:

- **Glenn Bennett** - Director of Senior School
- **Krystal Jackson** - Director of Middle School

New Staff classroom teaching positions:

- **Mairead Allan** – Grade 3/4
- **Maree Campbell** – Science/Maths
- **Tania Carlos** – Grade 5/6
- **Marta Garcia Corbacha** – Spansih
- **Alex Hand** – Humanities and Literacy Support
- **Catherine Holleran** – English/Humanities
- **Ben MacLean** – Maths/Science
- **Alice Mondon** - Foods
- **Nupur Narang** – Maths/Science
- **Kate Sciberras** – Humanities/English
- **James Keighley** – Grade 5/6 (later this term)

Staff returning from Leave

- **Karen Hocking** – Primary Performing Arts
- **Lucinda May** – Primary School
- **Hayley Sparks** – Grade 1/2

New Educational Support Staff

- **James Latu** - Student Well-being Youth Worker

Whilst it seems like a long list it reflects not only our ongoing growth but also changes in the curriculum programs that required staff with skills in specific learning areas and year levels. I am confident that each of these new staff members will have a positive impact on the future of our College.

I was pleased with the way in which our students commenced their learning last week. There was a genuine sense of excitement throughout the College as our sub schools assembled and students and staff re-engaged with “Our Learning Culture

Our Learning Culture

The Learning Culture at Boronia K -12 College has been developed to create a safe and secure environment for all students to learn in.

On the whole we commend our students for their behaviour and attitude towards being positive members of our community and we know that when expectations are clearly communicated, and explicit teaching occurs for students, the incidence of non-compliance is minimal and limited to very few individuals.

“Our Learning Culture” is made up of four equally important components:

Our College Values

- Community
- Achievement
- Respect
- Life Long learning

Our shared expectations

- Being on time
- Being safe and respectful
- Being ready to learn
- Being an active and attentive learner

A staged response (planned escalation of consequences) that is implemented fairly and consistently by classroom teachers and Sub-School Leaders.

Restorative Practices, the tools that frame conversations and conflict resolution.

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At Boronia K-12 College, it is the responsibility of every classroom teacher to establish and maintain a positive working environment that allows all students to focus on their core business of learning.

They do this by:

- Planning/Preparing a curriculum that is engaging and challenging for all students
- Knowing their students as learners and young people
- Using best practice frameworks when developing the teaching and learning program
- Catering for the diversity of learners in every classroom
- Establishing Classroom "Norms"
- Unpacking our shared expectations with classes
- Utilising cueing in strategies to assist students maintain their focus

- Using warnings to provide students with an opportunity to self-manage and regulate behaviours
- Implementing formal outcomes in the instances when students have been unable to maintain focus - such as conferencing with students to better understand problem behaviour and establishing a plan for their next lesson
- Referring persistent misbehaviour to a Sub School Leader for assistance.

This year our Assistant Principals will continue in their focused roles within our College:

- Kathryn Middleton - Secondary
- Matt Scammell - Primary and ELC
- Adrienne Tanner - Wellbeing

Under their leadership I look forward to continuing to see our community thrive throughout 2019.

Meagan Cook



New Year 7 Students

Kathryn Middleton

As usual, the holiday period has passed by very quickly and we have now started another new school year. I hope that all of our families have had a very happy Christmas break and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful weather and time together. It has been wonderful hearing and sharing holiday stories with students over the past week or so. It is also terrific to see the children returned happy, refreshed and ready for lots of learning!

All Year 7 students received their immunisation cards earlier this week.

The staggered start to the academic year provided our new Year 7 students an opportunity to settle into their classrooms, organise lockers and generally have a good look around the school before the entire BK-12 community came together.

The new school year is an opportunity to relaunch and clarify some of the basic school rules and whilst we are happy with the manner in which students conduct themselves and adhere to the school values, I would like to reiterate just a few points that will help each student's day run smoothly.

Punctuality

All students should arrive at school by 8:45am to give themselves enough time to be organised for a 9:00am start. Being on time is one of our whole skill expectations and when not adhered to, has a negative impact on the good order of our school. Please assist us to ensure everyone is punctual each and every day, as well as to every lesson.

Uniform

Students are reminded they are required to be in full school uniform when attending school, which includes plain black shoes and plain white socks for the secondary students. We believe there are plenty of uniform clothing options to meet the requirements of all our students. Students wearing the full BK-12 uniform demonstrate a deep connectedness to our school and that they are proud to be a part of the wider BK-12 community. Families needing uniform assistance are asked to contact our Wellbeing team. In the secondary school in particular, we continue to welcome donations of second hand uniforms.

Lockers, valuables and mobile phones.

We would like to remind parents and students that it is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have a padlock to secure their locker. It is important that students who bring laptops to school keep their devices very secure.

The same applies to students who choose to bring mobile phones to school: these must be kept in lockers and not on the individual student's person. The intention behind a rigorous mobile phone policy is to produce positive and supportive learning environments, which have minimal disruptions to student learning. If parents have an urgent need to contact their child over the course of the day, they can leave a message at the school office.

Unwell Student Reminder

Please remind your child to ask their teacher if they can visit the Sick Bay if they are feeling very unwell during school time and may need to go home. Students are not to contact parents directly; rather, they should report to the General Office and our first aid staff will contact parents/guardians and ensure that the correct protocols are followed.

Year 7 Immunisation

In accordance with the National Immunisation Program, all Year 7 students will be offered the following vaccinations in 2019:

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Boostrix)
Two doses of Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV)

All Year 7 students received their immunisation cards earlier this week. Parents should read, complete and return Part A of the card to the College by Friday, Monday 11th February regardless of whether their child is receiving the vaccination or not. If your child did not receive an Immunisation card consent booklet, one can be obtained from the General Office. The first Immunisation date is Thursday, 7th March.

The City of Knox Council may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Please contact the school by email (boronia.k12@edumail.vic.gov.au) or in writing by Wednesday, February 13th, if you do not want your contact details given to Knox Council.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, please go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au.

Kathryn Middleton

Assistant Principal Secondary

Matthew Scammell

Welcome Back!

There is nothing quite like the first day of a school year: fresh faces, clean uniforms and the hum of voices in the school yard sharing holiday stories. Whether you're a student or teacher, you are somewhat upset the Summer Holidays have come to an end but excited and curious about your new class and thinking about the wonderful things that the new year will bring.

After significant changes in locations last year, it was fantastic for students and staff to come back to familiar faces and learning areas. This certainly supported classes becoming settled and focused extremely quickly. Having our Foundation students have their own start day also meant we were able to best support all students have a great start to the year.

Getting to Know You Conferences

It is tradition to make 'resolutions' on New Year's Eve, in order to improve ourselves in the coming year. This is also true for the beginning of a school year. For staff and students, it is a time to think about where we want to focus our energy, what we would like to achieve by the end of the year and how we are going to get there. We all know many resolutions can fall over within days of the new year starting and in many instances, this can be attributed to the absence of a plan. It's wonderful to dream big, but in order to turn these dreams into reality we need a plan and a deadline!

Setting goals and having a plan plays a fundamental role in helping students reach their full potential. In these early weeks of Term One, we encourage you to discuss your child's aspirations with them and together develop goals and a plan to get there. 'Getting to Know You' conferences, scheduled in Weeks Two and Three, are also a fantastic opportunity to discuss goals and how we can all support each student to reach their full potential.

Interviews can be booked through the Compass Parent Portal. If you are having issues accessing or navigating Compass, please contact the office.

We hope to see everyone at our first Junior Assembly of the year on Monday afternoon, at 2.30pm in the PAC.

I wish everyone great success in 2019.

Matthew Scammell

Assistant Principal Primary



Adrienne Tanner

Welcome back from the Wellbeing Team and we are looking forward to the year ahead. A special welcome to our new families and we look forward to learning about your child and providing support for your family if needed.

The Wellbeing Team of Adrienne Tanner and Nicole Costa will be supported by a number specialist roles this year:

- **Deborah Ellis** joins our Secondary Nursing program
- **Jodie Daff** continues to support our Primary Nursing program
- **Briony Karakoussis** is our SSSO Speech Therapist
- **Simone McCallum** and **Mel Golby** work in our GP's in school program
- **Kathleen Yardley** joins us from Yarra Valley Psychology
- **Zoe Upton** has been appointed our KESO (Koorie Education Support Officer) and will be working out of Boronia K-12.
- **James Latu** joins the team as a Youth worker.

James has been employed as a Youth Worker to work mainly with our boys in the upper primary and secondary levels. James brings boundless enthusiasm and positivity to the role and we are confident that he will develop strong connections with our students. James will be working at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Deborah Ellis brings real expertise around building resilience in girls, building strength around bereavement and loss of significant family members in the home and drug and alcohol education. Throughout the year she will be delivering these programs within specific cohorts or groups of students.



Zoe Upton will be based at Boronia K-12 on Wednesdays and Fridays. Zoe is a proud Palawa woman from Tasmania. She will deliver the CUST training for the teaching staff, and provide a safe space for our Aboriginal families. Zoe is also available to attend the SSG meeting to develop the Koorie Education Learning Plan.

Currently Primary and Secondary staff are organising SSG's and Individual Education for our PSD, Out of Home Care and Koorie students and other students identified as performing 12 months above or below the expected levels.

The Aims of the Student Support Group SSG are to:

- ensure that those with the most knowledge of, and responsibility for the student, work together to establish shared goals for the student's educational future
- plan reasonable adjustments for the student to access the curriculum
- provide educational planning that is ongoing throughout the student's life
- monitor the progress of the student.

From the SSG an Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be developed.

The IEP should:

- outline a meaningful educational program
- be age appropriate, holistic in its approach, flexible and future orientated
- consider key long-term and short-term goals that will lead to achievement
- clearly consider individual and shared responsibilities
- contain a record of important decisions, actions, student behaviour and progress.

If you have any questions of the Wellbeing Team please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to work with the Boronia K-12 community.

Adrienne Tanner

Assisitant Principal Wellbeing

Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
12 February	Primary Meet & Greet interviews
14 February	Whole School Swimming Carnival
18 February	School Dental Visit
19 February	Year 7 Information Evening
21 February	Senior School Information Night Parents Club AGM— 9.30am Conference Room
22 February	Primary District Swimming
25 February	Year 11/12 Interschool Volleyball
26 February	Student Free Day
6 March	Primary Division Swimming
6 March	Unit 1 & 3 Studio Art Local Exhibitions Excursion Junior School Information Evening
8 March	Crazy Hair Day
11 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
12 March	Year 9/10 Interschool Volleyball
19 March	Whole School Athletics Carnival
20 March	Year7 Interschool Sport
23 March	Unit 1 & 3 Studio Art City Exhibitions Excursion

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19 March	Athletics Carnival
21 March	Parent / Teacher Interviews
28 March	School Photos
2 April	Year 9 Camp Departs
3 April	Primary District Athletics
5 April	Last Day of Term 1 Year 9 Camp Returns
23 April	First Day of Term 2
24 April	Primary District Cross Country
25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
8 May	Year 7 camp Departs
9 May	Mothers Day Stall
10 May	Year 7 Camp Returns
10 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
28 June	Last Day Term 2
15 July	First Day Term 3
11-12 September	Art Show
17 September	Footy Colours Day
20 September	Last Day Term 3
7 October	First Day of Term 4

What's happening

Foundation 2019

Foundation Students

Starting school for the first time can be a daunting experience but our Foundation students showed great courage and enthusiasm as they spent their first days making new friends, getting to know the school environment and beginning their learning journey in the classroom. We look forward to watching these smiling faces grow and make many new discoveries over the coming year.



Year 7 Students

Warm Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new Year 7 students! We are all so excited to have you with us at Boronia K-12 College, and are looking forward to getting to know you.

Coming into high school from primary school can be a scary experience for students and parents alike. At Boronia K-12 we strive to make this experience as seamless as possible. We understand how important it is for our Year 7s to feel connected to the school community. A sense of belonging is vital to each student's sense of self and ultimately for them in 'Achieving Excellence' across all academic pursuits.

To ensure that our Year 7s gained this experience on their first day at Boronia K-12 College, they were greeted by the Director of Middle School, Ms Krystal Jackson and their Homegroup Teachers at the beginning of the day for a Year Level Assembly followed by an extended Homeroom. During this time, student planners and timetables were distributed and students had the opportunity to ask questions regarding any concerns they were having. Homegroup Teachers unpacked the College Learning Culture in more detail and began to establish their classroom norms and expectations. Upon completion of the extended Homeroom, students were met by the subject teacher and escorted to their classroom for Period 2. Year 7 teachers will continue to assist students to navigate their timetables and find their way to and from classes until all students are comfortable and familiar with the school grounds.

Student lockers were distributed within the first few days to our Year 7s as we understand what an important rite of passage it is for every high school student to have their own locker. It was a joy to see the smile on students' faces when they succeeded in opening their combination lock for the first time and to hear the words 'YES I opened it!'

Laptops have now been distributed and I'm sure the students are excited to begin using these in their classes as an essential learning tool. The students will receive invaluable instruction around using their devices in Digital Technology classes. Technology is utilised by teachers for the purpose of developing 21st century learners through the provision of engaging and enriched learning experiences. *continued....*



What's happening

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Our Year 7 Welcome and Information Evening is scheduled for Tuesday 19 February. The evening will commence at 5:30 pm in the E building with an information session for parents, followed by a BBQ where parents will have the opportunity to get to know the College teaching staff better. We will also be running an optional Compass Information Session for families in the E building from 7:15 pm.

Over the next few weeks the Year 7s will be given information on the extra-curricular programs that are available for them to take part in at Boronia K-12 College, including their Individual Education Plan (IEP).

The Year 7s will now be embarking on their school camp to Rawson Village early in Term 2 due to the camp site being utilised by the CFA and emergency services contending with the Victorian bushfires until early March. We have been extremely lucky to secure the new dates of Wednesday May 8 – Friday May 10. It has been an exciting start to the year and I am looking forward to working with all of you and watching our students flourish in the Boronia K-12 College community.

Juanita Blair
Transition Coordinator



What's happening

School Photos



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PHOTOS



THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2019

Wellbeing

Who is the Wellbeing team and what do we do?

The Wellbeing team consists of

- **Adrienne Tanner**, Assistant Principal of Wellbeing and Inclusion
- **Nicole Costa**, Student Wellbeing Coordinator
- **James Latu**, Youth Worker (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

As a team we have been working on making wellbeing services much more accessible and creating a wellbeing culture that is inclusive and supportive.

What type of issues can Wellbeing help your child with?

Anxiety

Struggles with social relationships

Emotional regulation (e.g. anger)

Engagement with education (e.g. difficulty getting your child motivated to come to school)

Family concerns (e.g. family breakdown)

What if my child has the following issues?

- Depression
- Severe anxiety
- Anger management issues
- Bereavement
- Drug and alcohol concerns

If you hold any of the above concerns, the Wellbeing team are here to support you and your child get the appropriate assistance by linking you in with external agencies.

Here is a quick reminder of the services and supports the wellbeing team can offer:

- Counselling (short term)
- Doctors in Secondary Schools Program at school on Monday (starting back February 18)
- Yarra Valley Psychology at school on Tuesday mornings and all day Wednesday
- Student Support Services Officers (Educational Psychologist, Speech Therapist and Social Worker)

- Support for students that may be disengaged or at risk of disengagement from education
- Support for families with students with disabilities
- Supporting our Koori students
- Breakfast Club each morning 8:20am – 8:50am in the Performing Arts Centre
- State Schools' Relief for families eligible to receive uniform assistance
- Wellbeing based programs that support our students with issues such as self-esteem, friendship issues and emotional regulation
- Working actively with our students to workshop ideas and plans around bullying and mental health concerns

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's wellbeing?

It is best to raise the issue with your child's classroom or homeroom teacher and they will pass this information onto sub school leaders for a member of the Wellbeing team to set up a time to meet and create a plan to best support your child.

Important Upcoming Dates

School Dental Visit

Phase 1: Monday 18 February – Thursday 21 February

Phase 2: Wednesday 27 March – Thursday 28 March

Notices need to have been returned by February 8 to the main office.

National Day of Action against Bullying

Friday March 15

The goal of this day is to take action and empower young people to be part of the solution when addressing bullying in their school community. It provides an opportunity to focus on bullying and the big changes we can make to create safer communities for everyone.

Let's take a stand together!



SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS

WHERE: Performing Arts Building

WHEN: Monday to Friday (8:20am - 8:50am)



A Victorian Government initiative in partnership with Foodbank Victoria

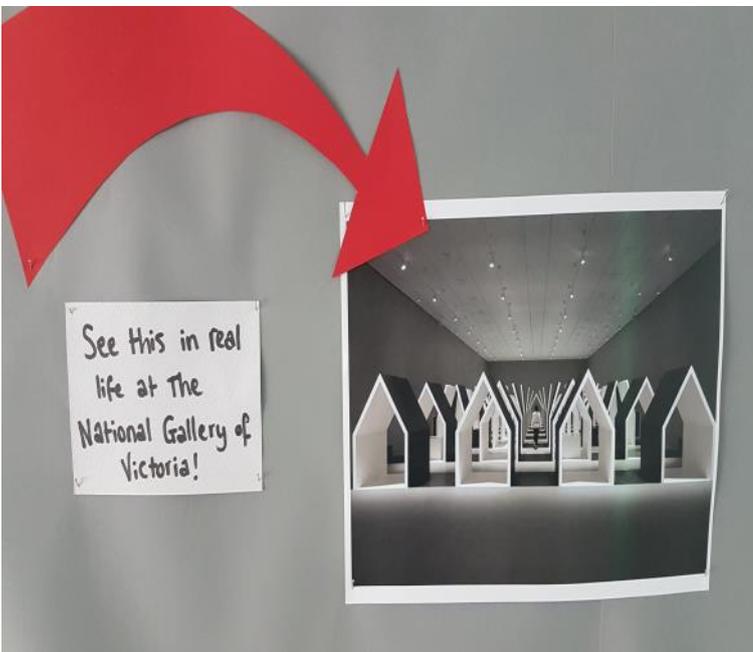
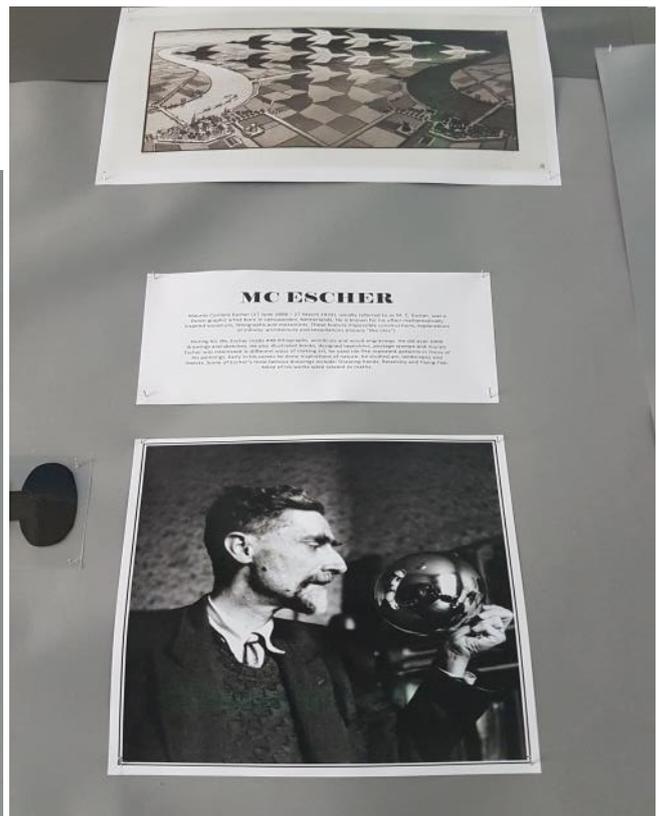
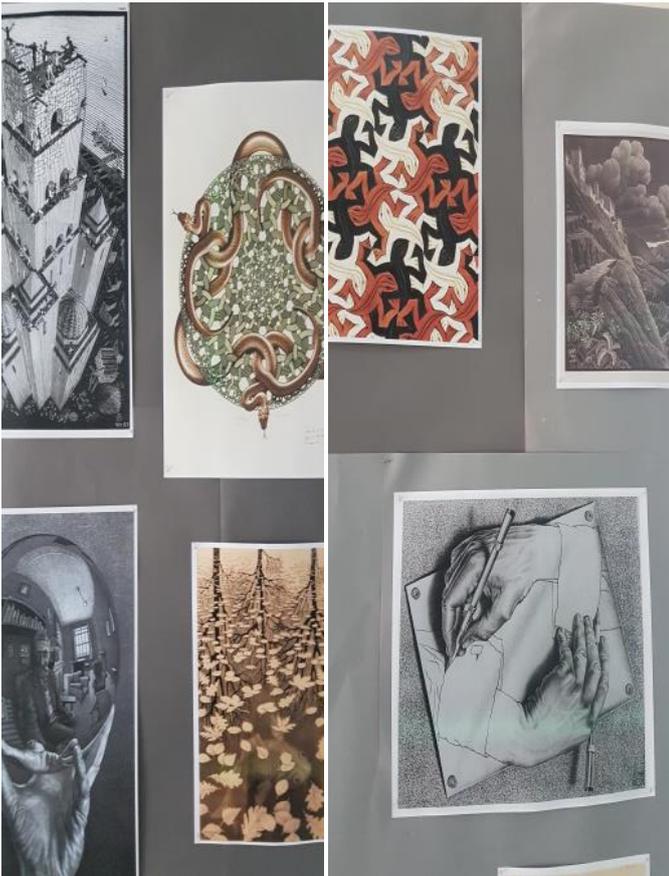
SECONDARY ART

Our Artist of the Month is MC Escher!

Art Club will have activities on at Monday lunchtime.

There is also a Competition for Artwork inspired by him due by the end of February.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH MC ESCHER



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TAKE A STAND
TOGETHER

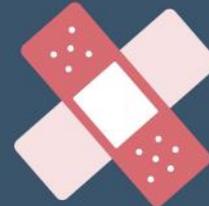
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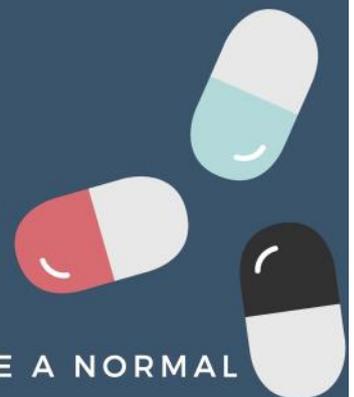
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FEELING SICK OR UNWELL?
HAVE A MEDICAL QUESTION?

CHECK OUT THE

DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM



THE DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM OPERATES LIKE A NORMAL GP CLINIC AND OFFERS THE SAME ASSISTANCE WITH PHYSICAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER HEALTH RELATED ISSUES

OPEN MONDAYS 9-3PM

GP IN FROM 11-3PM

LOCATED NEXT TO THE LOWER BASKETBALL COURT AND THE MAIN BUILDING.

DROP INTO SEE MISS COSTA OR MRS TANNER IN THE WELLBEING OFFICE OR EMAIL COSTA.NICOLE.N2@EDUMAIL.VIC.GOV.AU FOR ASSISTANCE WITH APPOINTMENTS