



BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE

Newsletter



YEAR 7 CAMP

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Meagan Cook

We have had another busy fortnight at Boronia K-12 College. This week was the first week that our Foundation (prep) students spent the full week at school. I am impressed with how well they are settling into their learning routines and I know they, and their teachers, will be incredibly tired on Friday!

There have been many activities going on, across the College, to support the learning of our students such as:

- Year 7 Camp
- Farm School (Year 9)
- KIOSC excursions
- School Sport including volleyball, cricket and tennis
- Assisting Boronia Heights Primary School with their Athletics Carnival
- Year 12 Physics students to Luna Park
- Be Active activities – Bushwalking, Ultimate Frisbee, Archery, In School Skill Development

Students in our 4 year old Kinder Program are currently exploring what makes them special and unique, they have learnt a lot about each other's special talents. This week, Mr Scammell and I visited to show off our special talents. Check out our Facebook page if you would like to know what they are!

<https://www.facebook.com/BoroniaK12College/>

Professional Practice Days

As part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017, each full time teacher is entitled to one day per term (four days per year), to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning programs.

At Boronia K-12 College teachers use these days to further develop their skills in the areas outlined in our Annual Implementation Plan/Strategic Plan. Our students directly benefit from this work, as we know the most important thing we can do to improve student outcomes is to develop and improve the skills of our teachers.

We know children sometimes find it challenging when their teacher is away from the classroom and with that in mind we have planned so that there is minimal impact on your child's program. Classroom teachers are required to leave appropriate work for students to continue with and we have a great team of Casual Relief Staff many of whom are known to our students.

Bayswater Youth Advisory Council

Following on from the successful youth forum last year with Minister for Youth, Gabrielle Williams, Jackson Taylor has decided to create a standing youth advisory council (YAC). So often Politicians neglect to adequately consult young people on important matters when making decisions – and this is something he is determined to change.

Youth Advisory Council members have the opportunity to:

- Meet with local Councillors, Ministers and not-for-profit CEOs about issues they have nominated as being of interest;
- Take a leadership role in developing their own community-based initiatives focused on key issues to young people;
- Participate in policy consultations on major government initiatives as well as developing their own policy suggestions.

Meagan Cook

Each secondary school is invited to nominate **two representatives aged 15 or older** to participate in the Council

- Nominations close on Wednesday 18 March.

If you are interested in being considered for this, please talk to **Mr K White**.

Meagan Cook

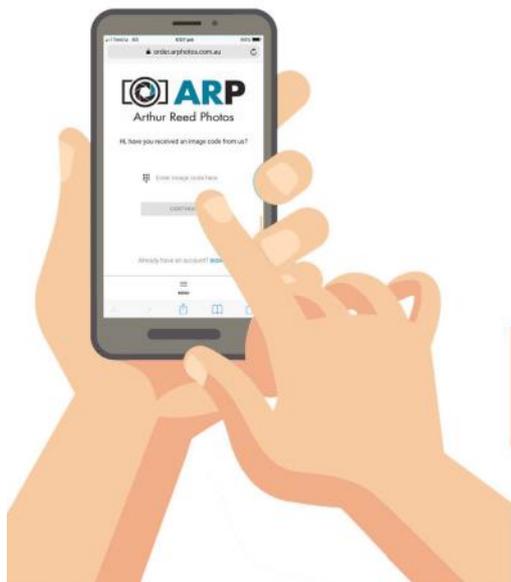
Principal



Year 7 Camp

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Important Information - School Photos 2020



School Photographs will be taken at

Boronia K-12 College

10 March, 2020

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive the individualised flyer for your child, follow the instructions to register your details online and receive SMS and email notifications when images can be viewed in the webshop (approx. 10 days after photography is completed).

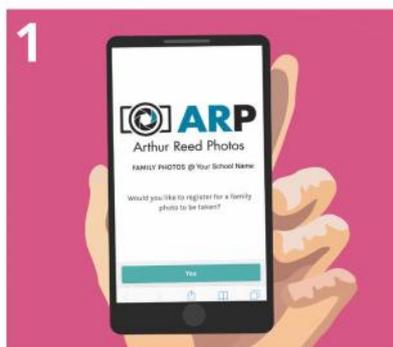
Registration is required each year to link your child's images for the current year with your contact details.

Sibling Portrait Photos

If you would like a sibling photograph taken, request one **BEFORE** photo day

3 easy steps ...

1. Grab your phone and go to arphotos.typeform.com/to/iLESdc



2. Enter the name and class of the eldest child to be in the photo



3. Enter the names of all other siblings to be included in the photo



IMPORTANT - Sibling Photo requests close at midday on the day before photo day

CAN'T GO ONLINE? - CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL FOR AN ORDER FORM

If you are not able to register online but would still like to order school photos, please contact your school and request an order form. **CASH orders can only be accepted up until photo day.**

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WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



**TUESDAY 17 MARCH
@KNOX ATHLETICS
TRACK**

*PERMISSION FORMS DUE
TUESDAY 10 MARCH*

Kathryn Middleton

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through Term 1 with holidays nearly upon us. The first five weeks have been action packed and I would like to begin my report by saying a number of "Thank You's". There has been a lot to celebrate.

Information Evenings

Thanks to all the parents, students and staff who have attended the Information Evenings held so far this year. It is a great opportunity to share stories, meet others in similar circumstances and reflect on our students' journey. The support of our parent community is always very much appreciated and the Sub-school teams and teachers enjoy the strong partnerships that are built through these gatherings.

New Education Department Policy -

No Student Phone Use

Our thanks also to families for their support with this new policy. Students have been excellent: phones are in lockers all day.

A reminder: If families need to contact a child urgently, please ring the school office on 9760 4900.

Donations of Clothing

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of members of our community who continue to donate uniform items that are no longer needed by their children. This clothing has been in great condition, freshly laundered and ready to be distributed to students and families that need a helping hand. Thank you for your on-going support. Families wishing to seek uniform assistance are asked to contact Ms. Kathryn Middleton or Nicole Costa on 9760 4900.

Calm classrooms with hard working staff and students

Whilst walking around the college with visitors recently,

they observed that our teachers and students seem to have a lovely rapport in the classroom. They noted that students were actively engaged in their learning with staff free to circulate around the classroom to provide one on one support. They observed our wonderful facilities and the magnificent learning opportunities afforded to our students.

Student Progress and Parents Contacting Staff

Staff at Boronia K-12 welcome parent contact and are more than happy to discuss student progress and help clarify any issues that may arise. We believe that a very important element in helping children do well at school is to set high expectations. Just as our students' belief in themselves can translate into either high or low performance, teacher and parent beliefs and behaviours can also affect how well a student performs at school. Educational research tells us that highly effective teachers are tenacious in their high expectations for all of their students – no matter what the circumstances. This also applies to parents.

Staff are in the process of completing interim reports, which focus on expectations pertaining to student work habits. Interim reports will be made available to parents of all students from Foundation – Year 12 via Compass on Tuesday, 10th March (from 3.30pm onwards).

Student/Parent/Staff Conferences are scheduled between 11.00am and 8.00pm on Wednesday, 18 March for all students in Years 7 -12. Bookings for this event will be available via Compass from 4.00pm on Tuesday 10 March. If any parents/guardians are unable to attend our Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, there are a number of options available to them if they wish to make contact with individual subject teachers. The on-line Compass system is an effective way to monitor student progress, completion of work and attendance at school. The portal can be used as

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an email link to contact subject teachers or members of the Administration at any time. If parents wish, they can contact staff by calling the school phone number. If the teacher is unavailable, a message can be left on their voicemail. All staff endeavour to respond to these messages in a timely manner. Parents are also able to request a face to face meeting with staff at any time. However, it is important to make an appointment in advance to ensure that the teacher is available.



Sports Carnivals

The School Swimming Carnival held on Thursday 13 February was one of the most successful held in recent years. The weather was warm and many students participated in a range of events and activities. It was very pleasing to see both staff and students dress up in their house colours and compete for points across the day. There was a strong spirit of friendly competition throughout the day with students providing support for their teammates. It was also great to have the support of students and families in and around the new rules in relation to no mobile phones, no external food deliveries and bus transport only to and from the venue.

A reminder that our Athletics Carnival will be held on

Tuesday 17 March and we are anticipating another fantastic Carnival. There will be a large variety of activities and events for students to represent their house in and once again, we wish to see lots of colour and crazy outfits.

Emergency Management Practice

All schools are required to practise their Emergency Management Plans at scheduled times across the school year. This includes evacuations onsite and offsite plus lockdowns during class time and Recess/Lunchtimes. We will be practising an onsite evacuation between now and the end of term. Real life evacuations are very rare and our staff will guide the students through the procedures in a calm and supportive manner.

Managing Student Laptops and Devices at Home

Many of our community members may have already read my articles on Student Laptop use in previous Newsletters. However, we believe it is important to reinforce the important role that parents and guardians can make at home in relation to the appropriate use of computers and cyber safety in general.

Parents do not need to have good computer skills to help their children make the best use of their laptops. Your Interest, support and encouragement is more important than any specific computer skills!

- Encourage the open use of the laptop - not be hidden away in a private space like a bedroom.
- Remind your child to charge the laptop overnight to ensure it is ready for school each day.
- Spend time with your child asking them to show you the places they use online. Make this a regular, ongoing conversation.

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- Discuss strategies your child could use if they are upset by content sent or posted online. Informing you about any such material (rather than just not responding and leaving the site straight away) should be the first step your child should take.
- Discuss time limits around appropriate laptop usage (see below).
- Set in place agreed levels of personal information your child can share online. It is vital that important private information such as their name, address and personal images are kept just that – private.
- Remind your child of the importance of keeping their password a secret. More often than not, accounts are hacked by someone known to the account holder using a password they have obtained from the account holder.
- Try not to use the removal of technology as punishment for online issues. International research shows the number one reason young people give for not reporting online issues, including cyber bullying, is because they believe they will lose access to their online technology and communities.
- Talk to the school if any issues arise.

Time Limits

The renowned child psychologist, Michael Carr-Gregg, is a strong supporter of balanced time. Limits on technology use are more about opening opportunities for physical activity or discussions within the family. Greater amounts of the use of technology may be justified in some circumstances depending on the learning being undertaken by the student. Rather than impose specific time limits, therefore, it is important to use these opportunities to remind students of the need to balance using technology with physical activities.

Michael Carr-Gregg suggests for every hour of technology use, children should engage in two hours of physical play. To support a positive approach to limiting late night use of technology, Mr Carr-Gregg suggests establishing a common location where all family devices (including mobile phones) are placed for charging overnight. This removes the temptation to have devices next to the bed overnight and encourages a routine that ensures devices are ready for the following day.

Safety Online

Children can use the internet for many reasons. These could include finding assistance with school assignments, learning skills, gaining knowledge, meeting new people who share similar interests and keeping in touch with friends. Nevertheless, there are many risks! Knowing how to use the internet safely is essential to having a positive online experience. For parents and their children, it is important to know how to apply these skills at home as well as at school. Children access the internet for entertainment, school assignments and to communicate. In doing so, they can also, often unknowingly, place themselves in risky situations. Not all internet users will experience problems.

However, ensuring our children understand and appreciate these risks and have the knowledge and awareness to be cyber safe is important when accessing the internet at home, at school and in public places.

The College advises that parents/guardians encourage on-going conversations about experiences encountered online, the use of apps and software being used and issues associated with social media. Please find below a list of useful resources for parents:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Assistant Principal's Report

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/educationresources/iparent/staying-safe/socialnetworking/is-there-an-age-limit-for-kids-onsocial-media>

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/screen_time_6-11_years.html

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/bullystoppers/growingupdigital.PPT>

Kathryn Middleton

Assistant Principal Secondary

YEAR 7 CAMP



I SPY KOALAS!

Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
9 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
10 March	School Photos
11 March	Year 8 Cricket Get Wild Tree Adventure Excursion
12 March	Crazy Sock / Hair Day
13 March	Senior Girls Tennis
16 March	Year 7 Immunisation
17 March	Whole School Athletics Carnival
18 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
19 March	Catch Up Photo Day

DATE	EVENT
24 March	College Open Night
25 March	Get Wild Surf Excursion Phillip Island
26 March	Senior and Intermediate Volleyball Easter Raffle
27 March	Last Day of Term 1
14 April	Student Free Day
15 April	First Day of Term 2

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Please go the above link for information on our

Privacy Policy. This can also be found on our website.

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Student of the Week

Week 5

Teachers were looking for students who are great 'communicators. These are students who express themselves confidently and creatively in many ways. They collaborate effectively and listen carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

The winners were: Cailey, Giota, Daniel, Lilly, Mia, Ray, Lachlan, Jordan, Jake and Allen.



Week 6

Teachers were looking for students who are 'risk takers.' These students approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. They are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

The winners were: Siena, Kyah, Aleesha, Ailish, William, Reyansh, Matthew, Curtis, Kobie and Ava.



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 Co-ordinator/ School Counsellor
- **James Latu**, Youth Worker
- **Deborah Ellis**, Adolescent Health Nurse (Monday and Thursdays)
- **Chloe Flint**, Chaplain (Wednesday and Friday's)

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 School's Program at School (TBA) .
- Yarra Valley Psychology at school on Wednesdays
- 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 School's Relief for families 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 begin the process of setting up supports for your child at school or in the community.



TERTIARY INFORMATION SERVICE
IMPORTANT EVENTS

2020



JANUARY

- SATURDAY 18
Collarts Open Day
- MONDAY 20
Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus
1:1 Consultations
- TUESDAY 21
Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus
1:1 Consultations
- WEDNESDAY 22
Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus
1:1 Consultations
- THURSDAY 23
Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus
1:1 Consultations
- Holmesglen Open Day
- FRIDAY 24
Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus
1:1 Consultations

FEBRUARY

- FRIDAY 14
Swinburne University CP Seminar
- WEDNESDAY 19
Deakin University
Career Practitioner Seminar
- TUESDAY 25
CQU Campus Forum
(Career Practitioner Seminar)

MARCH

- THURSDAY 12
Holmesglen Open Day
- FRIDAY 20
RMIT Career Adviser Seminar

APRIL

- FRIDAY 3
La Trobe University Experience Clever
(Melbourne Campus)
- FRIDAY 17
Victorian Careers Show
- SATURDAY 18
Victorian Careers Show
- TUESDAY 21
South East LLEN Careers Expo and
Try-A-Trade
- THURSDAY 23
Melbourne Polytechnic Careers
Practitioners Day
- FRIDAY 24
Victoria University Career Practitioners
Seminar, St Albans Campus
- THURSDAY 30
VCE and Careers Expo

MAY

- FRIDAY 1
VCE and Careers Expo
- SATURDAY 2
VCE and Careers Expo
- SUNDAY 3
VCE and Careers Expo
- THURSDAY 7
BKG Careers and Industry Expo
Holmesglen Open Day
La Trobe University Careers Conference
- FRIDAY 8
Collarts Career Practitioner Seminar
- WEDNESDAY 13
CSU Career Practitioner Seminar
(Wagga Wagga Campus)
- THURSDAY 14
CSU Career Practitioner Seminar
(Albury Wodonga Campus)
- FRIDAY 15
William Angliss
Career Practitioners Seminar
- SATURDAY 16
Collarts Open Day
- SUNDAY 17
RMIT Flight Training (Bendigo)
- MONDAY 25
Chisholm Open Night
- THURSDAY 28
ACU Melbourne Advisory Conference
- FRIDAY 29
Bendigo Kangaroo TAFE
Career Advisers Seminar

JUNE

- FRIDAY 5
Monash University Career Practitioner Seminar
- WEDNESDAY 10
University of Melbourne Career Practitioner Seminar
- THURSDAY 18
Holmesglen Open Day
- FRIDAY 19
Box Hill TAFE CP Seminar

JULY

- WEDNESDAY 8
La Trobe University Experience
Clever (Bendigo Campus)
- SUNDAY 26
Swinburne University Open Day
- TUESDAY 28
BBLLEN Job Skills Expo

AUGUST

- SATURDAY 1
Monash University (Peninsula Campus) Open Day
- SUNDAY 2
Monash University (Clayton and Caulfield
Campuses) Open Day
Deakin University (Geelong Warrn Ponds
and Waterfront Campuses) Open Day
La Trobe University Open Day
(Melbourne Campus)
RMIT Open Day (Bundoora Campus)
- TUESDAY 4
Chisholm Open Night
- THURSDAY 6
Holmesglen Open Day
- FRIDAY 7
La Trobe University Open Day
(Shepparton Campus)
- SUNDAY 9
ACU (Melbourne Campus) Open Day
Australian College of Applied Psychology
Deakin University (Warrnambool Campus) Open Day
The Gordon TAFE Open Day
RMIT Open Day (City and Brunswick Campuses)
CSU (Wagga Wagga Campus) Open Day
- WEDNESDAY 12
La Trobe University Open Day (Mildura Campus)
- THURSDAY 13
CQU (Melbourne Campus) Open Day
- SUNDAY 16
Federation University (Ballarat, Berwick and
Gippsland Campuses) Open Day
Monash University (Parkville Campus)
Open Day
University of Melbourne Open Day
La Trobe University Open Day
(Albury-Wodonga Campus)
Victoria University Open Day
CSU (Albury Wodonga Campus) Open Day
- SUNDAY 23
Deakin University Open Day
(Melbourne Burwood Campus)
La Trobe University Open Day (Bendigo Campus)
RMIT Flight Training (Bendigo)
- SATURDAY 29
Collarts Open Day
- SUNDAY 30
ACU (Ballarat Campus) Open Day
RMIT Flight Training (Point Cook)

SEPTEMBER

- THURSDAY 10
Holmesglen Open Day

OCTOBER

- Thursday 15
Holmesglen Open Day
- FRIDAY 23
Holmesglen Career Practitioner Seminar

NOVEMBER

- THURSDAY 26
Holmesglen Open Day

DECEMBER

- MONDAY 14
Chisholm Open Night



Any enquiries please email tisinformationsservices@gmail.com or visit tis.org.au



YARRA
Drama

Second-Hand Debutante Dress Sale



Dress Drop Off: Wednesday 25 March (before or after School)

Sale Day: Thursday 26 March 4.00pm-8.00pm

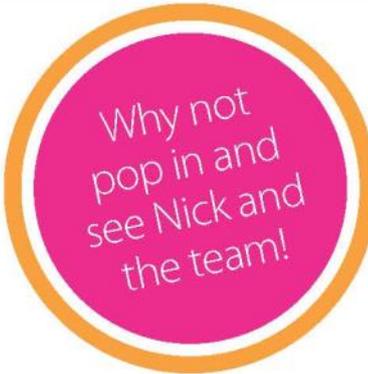
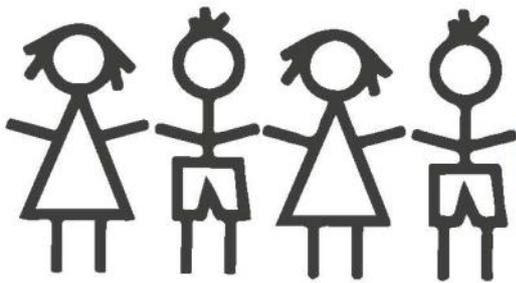
Dress Pick Up: Friday 27 March (before or after School)

Location: Brooke Nicholas Pavilion, Yarra Valley Grammar

Selling Conditions:

- All dresses must be pre-registered by Friday 6 March online - www.yvg.vic.edu.au/debutantesale
- Dress must be dry- cleaned
- Dress must be presented on a sturdy hanger with a dress cover
- We are happy to accept dresses of non-Yarra students
- \$75 will be taken from each sale for dresses from Yarra Deb Balls
- \$100 will be taken from each sale for dresses from non-Yarra Deb Balls

**If you have any queries please contact the Development Office on:
9262 7717
development@yvg.vic.edu.au**

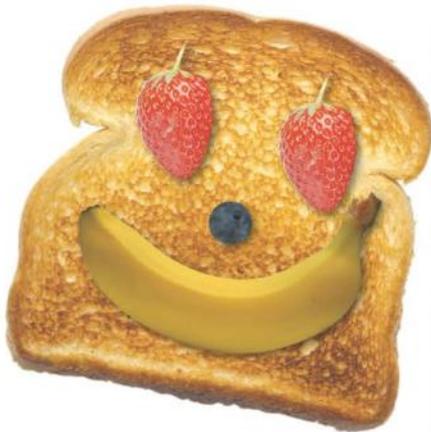


TRADING HOURS

Monday to Friday:
9:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday:
9:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday:
10:00am – 5:00pm



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