

2023

Newsletter

Term 1



College Principal's Report

We have had a very productive and pleasant start to the school year on both campuses and across all year levels. There has been a distinctly positive 'vibe' amongst staff and students and, following on from the uncertainties of the past two years, there's been a noticeable stability and sense of calm and order at the college. Once again we have 'hit the ground running' in many areas, with a significant transition program coordinated across both campuses to support the incoming Year 7 cohorts to get used to each other, secondary schooling in general and to meet those on the other campus. The highly successful 'Making Connections Day' activities are a prime example of the programs in place. At the other end of the school we have had a huge VCE/VM (Vocational Major) program running over the first weeks of school on both campuses. VM is the rebranded VCAL, and these students will undertake studies onsite, TAFE training offsite and also significant work placements (School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships – SBATs) as an ongoing part of their senior studies. We have also had the VCE/VM Big Day Out and the VCE Big Day In events for Year 12s. What a start!

Another event I'm really proud to have participated in was the first of our 2023 'Yarning Circles' with our indigenous students. This event was held onsite at the Mooroolbark Campus, and included representing representatives from DET North Eastern Victorian Regional office, as well as Outer Eastern Koori support officers. This year we have appointed a Marrung lead staff member – Marieke Ballagh, who will support and facilitate this program which is a key part of our Yarra Valley and Lilydale District 'Collaborative Indigenous Strategy'. Our local area is in many ways leading the state in this type of initiative.

After a break during last year, the Doctors in Secondary School service at Yarra Hills is again available to students. Doctors are onsite at our Mooroolbark campus on Wednesdays. Bookings can be made through the Wellbeing bookings on Moodle (Students > Bookings for Wellbeing).

We have reviewed and updated the following important policies (links connect to them on our webpage):

- Student Wellbeing & Engagement
- Bullying Prevention
- Child Safety

Our School Council, our Student Representative Council, and our staff have been consulted in this review.

Schools have been asked to review these (and other) policies to ensure they align to the state government's new Child Safe Standards of 2022. Herein, these three policies will be reviewed every 2 years.

Any queries or comments on these policies are welcome, to woods.cameron@yarrahills.vic.edu.au



Campus assemblies

Across both campuses the 'Welcome back' assemblies commenced in Week 1 with student acknowledgements a key focus. Student leaders for 2023 were presented with their badges, and at both campuses students were greeted with a speech from our new College Captains who channeled our school values and the importance of supporting one

another through the school year. At Mooroolbark, the Dux of 2022, Jerry Edgell, returned to address students, and spoke about how he had found ways to be a successful student.



Year 7 transition to secondary school program:

Making Connections day – our Year 10 Peer Support leaders were simply outstanding in bringing Year 7s from both campuses together for a day of team building and camp preparation.



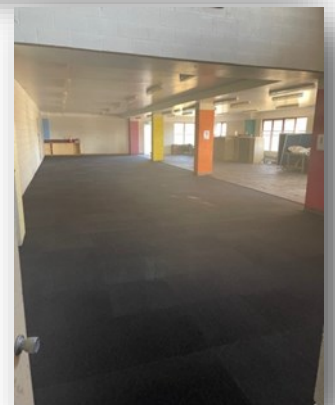
Music try-outs – senior music students helped all Year 7 students try any and all instruments on offer

Year 7 Camp Information, and Music Expo evening – families interested in camp information, and finalising their child's involvement in the music program, came to an evening session in February. The PFA volunteers supported this with a sausage sizzle.



Fitness Hub at Mt Evelyn campus

The area under the Mt Evelyn gym was significantly renovated over the break, in preparation for the addition of fitness equipment.





Year 12 'Big Days'

Year 12 students had their Big Day Out on Tuesday, February 14, at the Melbourne Cable Park. A very fun day was had by all. The Big Day In was the next day, with guest speakers and workshops to prepare students for their last, important year of high school.



Magenta Fire Safety training

All of our Year 11 VCE Vocational Major students completed a week-long fire safety course, delivered by Magenta Safety. This helps students meet requisite learning outcomes for this course.

Mt Evelyn – Amazing Changes!

The planned 'decals' (vinyl wraps) were installed in two precinct locations at the Mt Evelyn campus during the annual break. They are located in E-block and J-Block – the ground floor where our Science labs are.



After the design development and finalisation they look wonderful. Funding for this has come from a few sources: a grant from the Mt Evelyn Bendigo Bank community bank; funding through the Collaborative Indigenous Strategy, and school funding.



Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 students had a wonderful 3 day/2 night stay at Waratah Bay. Supporting these students we had 11 staff who dedicated their time to running activities, beach walks and team building activities.



Youth Leadership Conference

Student leaders, including College Captains and Junior School Captains, attended the Melbourne Secondary Youth Leadership Conference, at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, on February 27. They attended keynotes and workshops, such as 'Self Leadership - the first step to leading your school is leading yourself', and 'Leadership & Communication Styles'.



Year 8 Languages- Food Tasting

On Thursday March 16 at the Mount Evelyn campus & Friday 17 at the Mooroolbark campus, Year 8 Language students were given the opportunity to taste a range of different Italian & German foods. Prosciutto, sundried tomatoes, Lebkuchen and Italian olives were just some of the foods on our tasting platters.

Students had lots of fun trying new foods and tastes. The idea of Prosciutto (similar to ham) with Melone (cantaloupe) together seemed to go over everyone's head at first. The salty taste of the prosciutto reacted with the sweetness of the cantaloupe and some students ended up really liking the flavour combo! Enjoying the differences the Italian and German cultures have to offer in their traditions and foods was embraced by all, as students used a variety of ingredients to create yummy snacks with bread and oil.



Sports Report

Welcome to our Term 1 Sports Newsletter and to all our Year 7 students. It has been an extremely busy term with Year 7's going on camp then straight into School Swimming Carnival interlaced with Interschool Sports followed closely by our School Athletics Carnival.

Having said that we have had many successes and lots of fun along the way.

Swimming

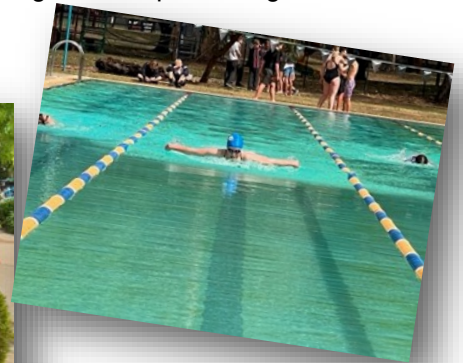
There was a large number of participants in the swimming events. Morgan Jarvis broke an under 19 swimming record by 42 seconds—a sensational effort! Other events included pool volleyball, and staff vs students races.

The winners for the Swimming Sports - **GREEN HOUSE**

Our swimming team representing Yarra Hills at the Eastern Zone Swimming performed very well with many 1st, 2nd and 3rd results giving Yarra Hills one of its highest placing. Morgan Jarvis will be going on to representing our Eastern Region in butterfly and breaststroke.

School Swimming Team

Charlotte Goad
Jarvis Morgan
Ben Lombardi
Christian Lombardi
James Lombardi
Luca Lombardi
Ben MCGrath
Maria Novaceanu



Athletics

There were a large number of participants in various races, which also included the hugely popular wheelchair race. A new Under 16 boys high jump record was also recorded on the day.

The winning house for the Athletics was - **RED HOUSE**

This term Yarra Hills Secondary College was well represented in Senior, Intermediate and Junior sports. These teams compete in the Yarra Group Interschool sports competitions. The winning teams progress to represent our school in the Eastern Zone Competition.



The school was represented in the following term 1 sports: Cricket, Tennis and Volleyball, with our Year 7s experiencing their first Interschool Sports competition.

I want to congratulate all participants on their fantastic results. To have so many teams finish in the top two of their pools amongst schools that have sporting academies as part of their school program is a fantastic effort. Special mention to our Senior Boys Tennis who progressed through to Eastern Zone along with our Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team who played off in the final of the Eastern Zone who were narrowly beaten by a Sports Academy school 2 – 1.

I would also like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to coach and manage these teams - your assistance is much appreciated. Our team of PE staff for their help and assistance not only with team sports but also with the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals - it is much appreciated.

Term 1 Results

First Place:

Senior Boys Tennis *
Intermediate Boys Volleyball*

* **Made Eastern Zone**

Second Place:

Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball
Intermediate Girls Volleyball
Year 8 Girls Volleyball
Year 8/7 Boys Cricket
Year 7 Girls Volleyball
Year 7 Boys Volleyball

Well done to all our participants, please note that all Term 2 sporting sign-up sheets are on the notice boards. Many of the sports are filling up quickly! Students are encouraged to sign up early to participate to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing all of you on the sporting field.

Term 2 sports are as follows:

Senior

Table tennis, Basketball, Netball, Soccer, AFL, Badminton, Boys Netball and Girls AFL

Intermediate

AFL, Soccer, Netball, Badminton, Girls AFL and Boys Netball

Junior Sports (7 and 8)

AFL, Soccer, Netball, Badminton, Girls AFL and Boys Netball



Junior Volleyball Teams



Intermediate Volleyball Teams





Past VCE Students Present to Current year 12s

Past YHSC graduates Tayla Mitchell (2021), Shaun O'Rourke (2018), Liela Peterson (2017) and Ben Callaghan (2019) came back to visit the 2023 Year 12s at the start of the year during their ASPIRE session, to talk all things high school and life after schooling, providing insight into what lies ahead for our students in the next few months and years as they strive after their own dreams.

Farm School begins

A select group of intermediate students have been involved in 'Farm School' at Woori Yallock. Earlier this term students visited the Graceburn Creek in Healesville to take part in the maintenance of a site that was revegetated by previous Farm School students. Students removed weeds and old tree guards, and tidied up with the brush cutters. This contributes to their unit Support Ecosystem Restoration and Work Safely.

Their hard work was rewarded with a free morning tea, which was generously donated by the local RSL.



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KEY DATES

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April			
Monday	24	Curriculum Day—Pupil Free	ME & MB
Tuesday	25	ANZAC Day—Public Holiday	ME & MB
Wednesday	26	Term 2 classes commence	ME & MB
		Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	27	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
May			
Wed-Fri	3-5	Music Camp—Portsea	ME & MB
Tuesday	9	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	10	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	11	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences	ME & MB
Tuesday	16	Music in the Round 7.30pm	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	17	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	18	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	23	BRAVO Friends of Music Evening 6pm at MB	
Wednesday	24	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	25	VCE Drama Excursion—'Moth'	MB
		Yr 10 METEC Driver Training	MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	30	Music in the Round 7.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	31	VCE Drama Excursion—The World According to Dinosaurs	MB
		Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
June			
Thursday	1	Yr 10 METEC Driver Training	MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Mon—Thurs	5—8	VCE Unit 1 Exams	MB
Mon & Tues	5 & 6	Yr 10 Exams	ME & MB
Tuesday	6	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3:15pm—4.30pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	7	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Thursday	8	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.30pm	ME & MB
Friday	9	Report Writing Day - Pupil Free	ME & MB
		Year 10 Social	ME & MB
Monday	12	King's Birthday Public Holiday	ME & MB
Tues - Fri	13-16	Year 8 Camp - Campaspe	ME & MB
Mon - Fri	19 - 23	Yr 10 Work Experience	ME & MB
		Yr 9 City Experience	ME & MB
Friday	23	End of Term 2 - 2.30pm dismissal	ME & MB