



Principal's Report

We are excited with the plans we have, as well as for the programs we're implementing for this year. We will continue our work with School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS), as well as relaunching Restorative Practices and implementing work and programs from The Resilience Project (TRP) throughout our new Home Group and Mentor periods. All of these are aimed at building relationships, support and capacity for all our young people. Our new 5 period day has so far been working smoothly, and as we get used to it, we hope it provides some flexibility and additional opportunity across the curriculum.



Our Local School Policies

As well as being guided by the [policies and procedures of the Department of Education](#), Yarra Hills Secondary College has a wide range of its own policies that are specific to our school. These can be found on our college's [website](#). Find these under [Our Documents > Policies](#).

Families are welcome at any time to query our policies and suggest additions and modifications. All of our policies are reviewed regularly. From time-to-time, community feedback is sought directly from families, through Compass posts/ emails and our newsletter, or through School Council, to review policy drafts.

Please contact woods.cameron@yarrahills.vic.edu.au for school policy queries, comment and feedback.

School Council

We wish to thank those members who have served on school council and are now completing their time with us. Thank you for your support, input and engagement with us and the school community.

For those now joining (or rejoining) us, we welcome you to our council and look forward to having you on 'the team'. It is greatly appreciated and a crucial point of contact for the school with the community and other stakeholders.

Departing Members:

- Craig Munns

New Members:

- Mr Paul Daw
- Mrs Linda James

Returning Member:

- Ms Christina Shaw

Years 8-10 Ready to Learn

Our Ready To Learn interviews are an established feature of our start-of-year program for our incoming Years 8, 9 and 10 families. On the first formal day of school, these students and their parents/guardians met with their homegroup teacher to review their goals, schedules and individual needs for the upcoming school year. This year, as they have for the past few years, were conducted on-line, between 1-8pm.

Year 7

On the first formal school day of the year, with years 8-10 students off-site as they engage with their own Ready To Learn program, year 7 students have the Junior School to themselves for their own special 'Day 1' program. It included meeting their teachers, being supported to follow their new timetable and move around the campus, and locker allocation.

Making Connections Day

Year 7 students from both campuses came together for this pre-camp day of team-building activities, run entirely by our Year 10 Peer Support students.



Music Try-Outs

Year 7 students rotated through the PAC/Music room at our respective campuses, where Intermediate and Senior band members introduced students to the array of instruments in our school bands, and let them have a try.



Camp information & Music Expo Evening

Staff cooked sausages to welcome families to this event, which was held on Tuesday, February 7. Year 7 families joined us in the Mooroolbark PAC for a camp briefing from Dave Audesho (Camp Coordinator), and a Music Expo and try-outs with Richard O'Toole and his team of staff and band students.



Year 12 Big Days Program

Year 12 students participated in 'Big Days' activities on February 13 & 14. The Big Day Out saw Year 12 students displaying excellent behaviour and bravery. Despite the strong winds, many still dared the 4th storey high ropes level and were incredibly supportive of each other, which was lovely to see. A few teachers were accidentally-on-purpose pushed into the water which, depending on your point of view, could also be considered lovely to see!

The Big Day In program took place the following day and was for Year 12 VCE students. It was targeted at the necessary and fundamental skills our Year 12 senior students will need to optimise their performance in 2024. Big Day In workshops focused on study skills, time and stress management, strategies for revision, course work requirements and tips for success.



Campus Assemblies

Assemblies were held at respective campuses on Friday, February 9, for student leadership badge presentations, and captains' addresses. Parents were invited to see their child's investiture and the Mooroolbark Campus welcomed back the 2023 VCE Dux, Regan Cummings, for a keynote.



Farm School

A new group of Mt Evelyn students began their semester-long involvement with the Farm School re-engagement program. In this, students undertake a Certificate in Conservation and Ecosystem Management. In their first session, they began with some getting-to-know-you activities before getting their hands dirty doing nursery work



Year 7 Camp

This year's year 7 camp had a new location – Lady Northcote Discovery Camp. The camp is about 15 minutes' drive out of Bacchus Marsh, within 2 hours of school, and is well set out with excellent facilities, activities and staff.

The camp was a great success even in the trying conditions. At the same time Victoria experienced temperatures in the high 30s with strong winds and a storm front that knocked out power to many elsewhere in the state. The many activities which amongst other things, included canoeing, archery and bike riding, kept the students well entertained and engaged.



Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival was held on Monday, February 26, at the Croydon Memorial Pool. A cool start turned into a sunny and not-too-hot day for the event. It continues to be a fun, competitive and social day for all who attend.



Grade 5 Exploration Days

The first Grade 5 Exploration Day has taken place, with the Mooroolbark campus hosting Gladesville Primary School. Further visits from various primary schools are to follow.

Primary School Visits

Year 7 Ambassadors, with chaperones, are visiting Primary Schools in the area to promote our College. The Ambassadors give a brief presentation then take questions, and it is lovely to see these new students flourish in their role.

Maths Information Evening

Families attended an information session, held at the Mooroolbark Campus on the evening of March 12, on the newly-introduced Mathspace and sQuizya learning platforms/resources.



celebrate mooroolbark festival



After a few years away, Yarra Hills returned to the Celebrate Mooroolbark festival with a stall. A feature of the was our flight simulator set-up. The stall was staffed by volunteers, including Steve Blackwell who was there from start to finish. The stall was well located and set-up, and was busy all day.

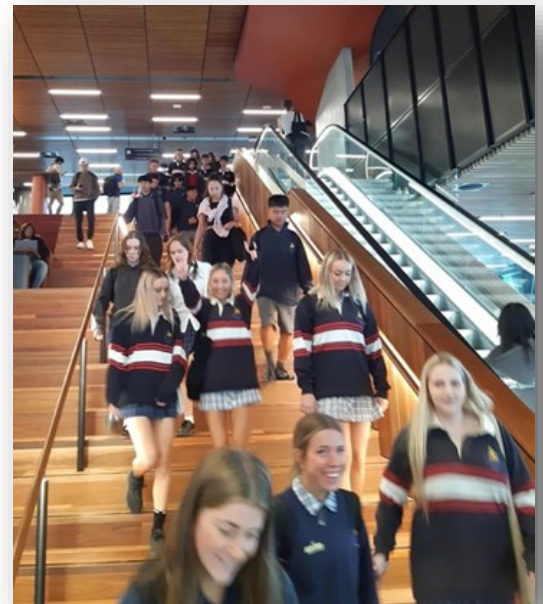
Year 12

The first SACs (School-Assessed Coursework) have occurred in most Unit 1 (Year 11) and Unit 3 (Year 12) subjects.

Year 12 students had a 'Uni explorations day' on March 7, visiting Victoria University's city campus, and Swinburne University.



One of our college captains, Luca Novaceanu, has been competing in the Lions Junior School Speaking competition. He has been very successful, winning through three rounds, and is now at the 'division' level. Well done Luca!



KEY DATES			
April			
Monday	15	First day Term 2	ME & MB
Tuesday	16	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
		BRAVO Friends and Music Meeting 6.00-7.00pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	17	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	18	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Tuesday	23	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	24	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 12pm-8pm	ME & MB
Thursday	25	ANZAC Day—Public Holiday	ME & MB
Friday	26	ANZAC Day Assembly 9.00am	ME & MB
Tuesday	30	Immunisation	ME & MB
May			
Wed-Fri	1-3	Music Camp—Portsea	ME & MB
Thursday	2	Koorie Project at Yarra Ranges Tech	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	3	VCE & Career Expo	ME & MB
Tuesday	7	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	8	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	9	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Tuesday	14	Koorie Project at Yarra Ranges Tech	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
		Bravo Friends of Music Meeting 6-7pm	ME & MB
		Music in the Round 7.30-9pm MB PAC	ME & MB
Wednesday	15	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	16	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Tuesday	21	METEC Driver Education—Session 1	MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	22	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	23	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Tuesday	28	METEC Driver Education—Session 2	MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	29	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	30	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
June			
Tuesday	4	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	5	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	6	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Monday	10	King's Birthday—Public Holiday	ME & MB
Tues-Fri	11-14	Yr 8 College Camp Campaspe	ME & MB
Tuesday	11	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	12	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	13	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	14	Year 10 Social	ME & MB
Mon-Fri	24-28	Yr 9 City Experience	ME & MB
		Yr 10 Work Experience	ME & MB
Tuesday	25	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	26	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	27	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	28	Last Day Term 2 2.30pm dismissal	ME & MB



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