

# COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

## Term 1 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Once again a huge thank you, and congratulations, on what has been an incredibly busy, productive, engaging and exciting term. I hope our new families have enjoyed joining our school community and being part of the vibrant environment we have at Yarra Hills.

In previous newsletters we've spoken of the many events, excursions, camps and sporting activities that have been held. We also completed two highly successful and very popular Campus Open Nights over the past two weeks, where we were able to proudly showcase and demonstrate the wonderful things we do, and the wonderful staff we have.

Now it is time for us all to take a breath and spend some time with family and friends over the term break and coming Easter holiday period. We look forward to rejoining you all, refreshed and enthusiastic at the start of Term Two, on Tuesday 22 April!



### 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](mailto:woods.cameron@yarrahills.vic.edu.au) for school policy queries, comment and feedback.

## Return to School

**Year 7 first day:** All planned enrolments attended, and looked great in their new Yarra Hills uniform. Many parents walked their children in to school, and used the new Legacy Wall at Mooroolbark Campus as a 'day 1 of high school' photo booth.

**Years 11–12 start:** The annual Big Days program has again been a highlight, and we're hoping that the camaraderie shown on the Year 12's Big Day Out at Melbourne Cable Park will set the tone for the year.

**Years 8, 9 & 10 Ready To Learn:** Day 1 of school for years 8, 9 and 10 were their Ready To Learn meetings. Students with their families met with their homegroup teacher, on campus or online, to discuss expectation and goals for their new learning level.



## Farm School

Starting from week 2, we are so happy to continue our partnership with Farm School. Each Friday for the semester sees 10 of our Year 9 students from the Mt Evelyn Campus completing nationally recognised qualifications in Conservation and Land Management.





## Year 7 program

The Family BBQ and information evening had a fantastic turn out. It was a family BBQ, followed by a Camp Information session, and Music Program try-out and sign up.



**Making Connections Day** is a day where Year 7s from both campuses come together for a day of activities, led by our Year 10 Peer Support leaders, to get to know each other ahead of the Year 7 camp. The peer Support students have been training for this since last year, and did themselves proud!



**Year 7 Camp** was again a triumph this year. The weather was good, the kids were great, and a special mention to our Support and Inclusion staff who ensured it was a fantastic experience for every student.





## Campus Assemblies

Start-of-year Campus assemblies were held in the first week of Term 1. Student leaders were presented with their leadership badges and had an opportunity to address students with their plans and ideas. At the Mooroolbark assembly, 2024 VCE Dux, Husain Effendi, delivered the keynote address. A morning tea for parents and student leaders with the Campus Principal followed the assembly.



## Chin Language and Culture sessions



We are collaborating with Pembroke Primary School, who have a significant Hakka Chin student cohort too, to hold four Chin language and culture forums during Term 1. Our Multi-cultural Education Aide, Irene, leads these sessions. Session 1 was held last Wednesday at Pembroke Primary School, with about a dozen staff from each school attending respectively.

## Foods Room Renovation - Mt Evelyn Campus

The renovation is complete, and what a change! The room is now looking bright and fresh.





# GENERAL NEWS

## Swimming carnival

Our Swimming Carnival was held on Monday March 3, at the Croydon Memorial Swimming Pool, and we had a lovely sunny day for the event. It is a great day, and one the students look forward to – and not just for the swimming. There are many fun events and activities, such as volleyball in the kiddies' pool, and 9-square-in-the-air, and perhaps the most looked-forward-to aspect is dressing up in house colours (and novelty costumes).

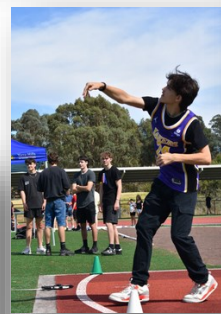
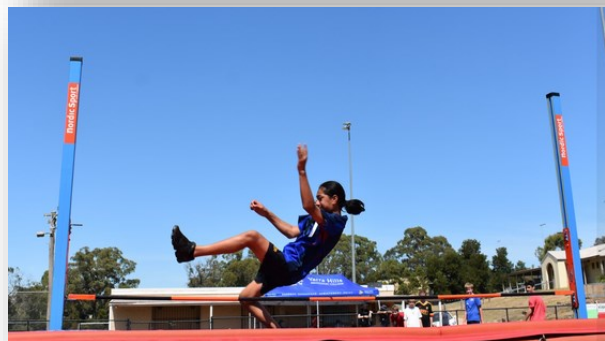
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# Athletics carnival

Just a week on from the Swimming Carnival, the Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday, March 11, at Morrison Reserve in Mt Evelyn. A similarly fun and engaging day full of competition, novelty races and other activities. Like the Swimming Carnival, students enjoy dressing up in house colours and in novelty costumes, and enjoy being helpers and officials if not competing themselves.





## Pat Cronin - Stop the coward punch presentation



The Mt Evelyn students completed a session on how to remove yourself from anti-social behaviours. The outcomes of a Coward Punch included in this thought-provoking interactive presentation were students hearing real and relatable stories about social violence, exploring anger and aggression, choices and consequences and strategies to refuse conflict. Students heard Pat's story to illustrate the worst possible outcome of social violence, to help students make wise choices.

## Brekky Club

It's back with a bang! Pancakes and toasties are flying out the door at both campuses. Thank you to the Wellbeing Team, lead by Heather Reynolds, and our student leaders for making these mornings extra special!



## Cambridge Road access way

We've cooperated with our neighbours at St Johns' Rise Retirement Home to have the walking track to our Cambridge Road gate used as an access laneway for their construction works. The walkway has been separated into a path for students, and an access lane for construction-related vehicles (such as tip trucks), using large barriers topped with fencing. Vehicles will use the access lane intermittently from 7am-2.30pm for the next few months. When vehicles are using the lane, there will be traffic management staff supervising at both ends of the lane (from near our campus entrance, to the entry onto Cambridge Road). This arrangement shouldn't impact student access at all, nor student pick-up, but may cause some traffic congestion up until 8am



# KEY DATES

<b>April</b>			
Tuesday	22	First day Term 2	ME & MB
		Yr 9 Discovering The Outdoors	MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	23	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	24	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	25	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday	ME & MB
Tuesday	29	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 12pm-8pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	30	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
<b>May</b>			
Thursday	1	Koorie Project at Yarra Ranges Tech	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	2	Yr 12 Systems & VCD - Top Designs	MB
		Open Morning	MB
Monday	5	Yr 12 VCE VM - Yarra Ranges Tech	ME & MB
Tuesday	6	Inter Boys Soccer	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wed - Fri	7 - 9	Music Camp	ME & MB
Monday	12	IDAHOBIT Day	ME & MB
Tuesday	13	Yr 7 Yarra Ranges Tech - Best Buys	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	14	Yr 7 Yarra Ranges Tech - Best Buys	ME & MB
		Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	15	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Monday	19	Multicultural Day	ME & MB
		Yr 12 Systems & VCD - Top Designs	ME & MB
Tuesday	20	Koorie Project at Yarra Ranges Tech	ME & MB
		Music in the Round 7pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	21	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	22	Yr 7 & 10 Immunisation	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	23	Yr 10 Wellbeing Day	ME & MB
Tuesday	27	METEC Driver Education 8.45am	MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	28	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	29	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
<b>June</b>			
Monday	2	VM Expo	ME
Tuesday	3	Koorie Project at Yarra Ranges Tech	ME & MB
		METEC Driver Education	MB
		VM Expo	MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB



KEY DATES			
June		Cont.	
Wednesday	4	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	5	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Monday	9	King's Birthday—Public Holiday	ME & MB
Tuesday	10	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	11	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	12	Koorie Project at Yarra Ranges Tech	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Tuesday	17	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	18	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	19	Yr 10 Social 6.30pm	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	20	Correction Day - No classes	ME & MB
Tuesday	24	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	25	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	26	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Mon-Fri	30/6 - 4/7	Yr 9 City Experience	ME & MB
		Yr 10 Work Experience	ME & MB
July			
Tuesday	1	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	2	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	3	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	4	Last Day Term 2 2.30pm dismissal	ME & MB

## Ringwood Family Relationship Centre



### Webinar Event

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 12:30pm**

Want to learn about what the EACH Ringwood Family Relationship Centre can offer your clients?

At this webinar you will:

- Learn about what services the Ringwood Family Relationship Centre can offer
- Find out how your clients can access our services
- Get practical information about the process for each program

### Event Date

Date: Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 Time: 12:30-2:00pm

Location: Via Teams registration

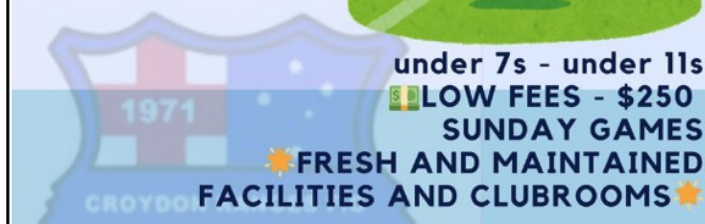
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