

COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

As we reach the end of another busy term, an eleven week one in fact, we can reflect on the wide range of activities and experiences that our students have been able to engage in.

We have had Music Camp, a large number of sporting competitions, events and celebrations involving the Yarra Ranges Tech School, multiple excursions locally, regionally and in the city. We most recently have all of our Year 9 students in the city on our City Experience week, whilst our Year 10s undertake a week of Work Experience. We've also had university and tertiary study immersion days, Driver's Education, bushwalking at Murrundindi and a visit to Old Melbourne Gaol. Phew!

Amongst this we have had a number of recognition and celebration days, such as IDAHOBIT Day, Multicultural day and the most recent MND Challenge Day.

We started the term with Parent/Student/Teacher conferences, to provide feedback on each student's progress and guidance on how this could be improved during the term and semester. Our recent exams, followed by comprehensive semester-based assessments at all levels, has provided crucial information for our mid-year Reports, which will be released at the end of term.

I once again thank all members of the community for their efforts, persistence and engagement and I wish all a happy, safe and healthy term break!

Kind regards,

Darren Trippett
College Principal



Open Night

Families enjoyed Open Nights at both campuses in March and April. Displays were set up throughout the buildings and grounds, with students supporting teachers and staff. The college band and ensembles performed on either side of a parent presentation in the respective Performing Arts Centres. There were marquees at the entrances where families were greeted and show bags and a scavenger hunt were organised for children. Both campuses were well attended on both nights.



ANZAC Day

Both campuses held ANZAC services on April 24. At Mooroolbark, John Baade, the President of the Croydon RSL, was guest of honour and gave a keynote address, and Meg Benger from the Croydon Brass Band joined us as bugler for The Last Post/Reveille. The Mooroolbark Campus Principal, Cam Woods, also gave a keynote, which focused on the shared history of the Allies and Burma, as we have been joined for two decades by enrolments from the Burmese and Chin communities at Mooroolbark Campus.

On ANZAC Day, the Mt Evelyn ANZAC dawn service was attended by 300 residents. Year 10 Student leaders Chelsea Doubaras, Luca Lombardi and Cooper Kneebone proudly represented the College and presented a wreath during the ceremony. It was also great to see so many staff attend in their Yarra Hills attire.

College Captain, Sydney Rennison, represented our College by laying a wreath at the Croydon dawn service, and College Captain, Nick Hensen, did the same at the Mooroolbark midday service.



Year 10 Social

The Year 10 Social was a night to remember. From the packed dance floor to the great conversations and laughter, it was an evening full of fun, friendship and fantastic memories.

A big congratulations to all those who took home awards – well deserved! And thank you to everyone who helped make the night such a success. We're already looking forward to the next one!



Music Camp

The annual Music Camp was again held at the Portsea Camp over 3 days in May. 50 students and 6 staff attended, for a program of rehearsals and leisure. The weather was lovely and enabled students to enjoy a break from rehearsing on the many outdoor activities. These included the flying fox, outdoor games, the big swing, making damper and a visit to the beach.



IDAHOBIT Day

The theme for IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia) 2025 was "The Power of Communities". This theme emphasizes the strength and resilience found within LGBTQIA+ communities and their allies, highlighting the importance of collective solidarity in the face of discrimination and hate. It was so great to see our students add a touch of "rainbow" to their uniform on Monday 12th May!



Inter-School Sports and Excursions

The College has participated in many activities this term, including:

- Year 7 boys' & girls' Volleyball
- Yarra cross country
- Year 7 boys' & girls' Tennis
- University Experience Day – Year 12
- Yarra Ranges Tech School – Year 7s Best Buys excursion, and Year 12 Vocational Major excursions
- Koorie program
- Law courts visit – Years 10 and 11
- Top Arts – Year 11–12 students in Art, VCD, Systems Engineering



MND Ice Challenge

On Monday June 23, both campuses got behind a great cause with our Dunk Tank Fundraiser for MND Day! Students lined up to dunk our brave staff and captains – all in the name of raising awareness and funds for Motor Neurone Disease research. A huge thanks to everyone who got dunked and everyone who donated. What an incredible day of fun and support!

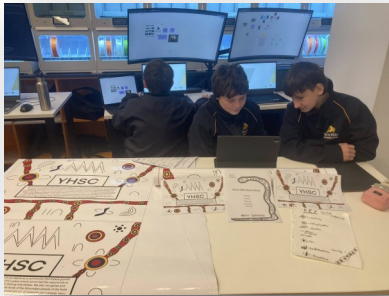


Multicultural Day

We celebrated in fine style our annual Multicultural Day which was held on Monday, May 26. Students came in cultural dress, and there were cultural performances from students. The canteen had a 'foods of the world' menu, featuring dishes from Vietnam, China, India, Mexico, Japan and Australia. Our student leaders lead a Stamp out Racism pledge, which students signed on to.



Koorie Student Program



Our indigenous students completed their Koorie Student Program on June 12 with a showcase of their work, at Yarra Ranges Tech School. Attended by school leaders from secondary colleges throughout the Lilydale and Yarra Ranges, and representatives from the indigenous community and the Department of Education, the showcase was the culmination of a 5-day program across the semester. Our students shone in their emcee roles, and in presenting their products and design journey with attendees.

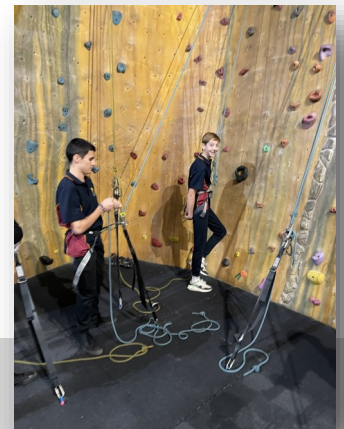
Morrisby Testing

Our Year 9 students have completed Morrisby testing this term. We engage Morrisby testing to help our students understand their strengths and potential, and to guide them towards careers, subjects and future educational choices that could be a good fit. It involves students completing assessments, receiving a report and having an interview to go through it. It is useful particularly for conversations in Year 10 when students and families consider their senior pathway. At the conclusion of the interview stage, students and families receive a detailed report that includes: aptitudes, interests and attitudes, work style, organisational role, workplace, personality, learning style, the journey ahead, and career suggestions.

OE Rock Climbing



Year 10 Outdoor Education students took on the indoor rock climbing wall on May 29! Through each climb, they explored the balance between competence, real risk, and perceived risk — building confidence, resilience, and teamwork one hold at a time.



Farm School

This semester, students from Mt Evelyn Campus attended the Farm School in Woori Yallock. Students will attain Certificate 1 in Conservation and Ecosystem Management when the requirements are completed. Students are enjoying many varied activities which include excursions to Kilcunda and Phillip Island, Acre Rock, Lysterfield Lake, Mt Donna Buang, Redwood Forest and Warburton Rail Trail for a bike ride, to name a few.



Alumni Musicians

Our instrumental Music Director, Richard O'Toole, is celebrating his 25th year at Pembroke/Yarra Hills this year and putting a call out to any music students from the last 25 years who would like to come along and play in this year's College Concert.

The concert is on Monday 15 September, 7:30pm at Karralyka Theatre in Ringwood with just one rehearsal at the Mooroolbark Campus during the Music Marathon on Thursday 29 August, 7pm.

If you are interested and happy to join in and play with this year's Senior Band, please register by emailing Richard at the following address: richard.otoole@education.vic.gov.au

Drivers Education



On May 20 Year 10 Drivers Ed students visited METEC Driver Training, as the practical component of their classes. Students were able to spend time behind the wheel, improving their car control and understanding of road rules. For some of them, it was their first time driving! Safer Drivers = Safer Roads. A great (and safe) day was had by all!

Year 7 Best Buys

Our Year 7s completed the Best Buys program at Yarra Ranges Tech School on May 20 — and what a ride! They ran their own urban farms, cooked up 3-course meals in teams, and coded delivery bots to bring their food to “customers.” From farming to food delivery, they tackled it all hands-on. An amazing day full of creativity, problem-solving, and real-world learning!

Legal Studies & Law and You

Year 11 Legal studies students and Year 10 Law and You students combined to explore crime and punishment at the Old Melbourne Gaol, The Police Watch House and the Old Magistrate's Court. A fantastic day spent exploring, listening to historical facts, participating in mock trials as well as being locked up and placed in custody for an array of offences. Despite freezing conditions, it was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our previous and current legal system, as well as the court and police procedures.



KEY DATES

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July			
Monday	21	CURRICULUM DAY - Student Free	ME & MB
Tuesday	22	First student day Term 3	ME & MB
		Year 11 Maroondah Mini Golf	MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm 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	Senior Basketball, Table Tennis & Hockey	ME & MB
Sunday	27	School Production Sunday Rehearsal	ME & MB
Tuesday	29	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	30	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	31	Year 10 Transition Day	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
August			
Friday	1	Year 11 Formal	ME & MB
Monday	4	Senior School Information Night	ME & MB
Tuesday	5	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	6	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	7	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	8	Year 10 Course Counselling	ME & MB
		Eastern Zone Inter Boys & Girls Badminton	ME & MB
Monday	11	Intermediate Basketball, Table Tennis & Hockey	ME & MB
Tuesday	12	Yarra Hills Day	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	13	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	14	Year 9 World of Work Excursion	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	15	RSPCA - PAWS Excursion	MB
Tuesday	19	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	20	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wed-Fri	20-22	COLLEGE PRODUCTION - Legally Blonde Jr., the Musical	
Thursday	21	Year 7 Basketball, Table Tennis & Hockey	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Tuesday	26	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	27	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	28	International Friendship Day	ME & MB
Thurs - Fri	28-29	MUSIC MARATHON	ME & MB

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September			
Tuesday	2	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	3	Year 8 Basketball, Table Tennis, Hockey	ME & MB
		Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	4	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Tuesday	9	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	10	Junior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	11	R U OK Day/Year 9 Wellbeing Day	ME & MB
		Yarra Division Athletics	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Monday	15	COLLEGE CONCERT - Karralyka Theatre 7.30pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	16	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.20-4.30pm 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
Friday	19	Last day Term 3 - Early dismissal 2.30pm	ME & MB

**YHSC PRODUCTION
COMING SOON –
AUGUST 20, 21, 22**

Stay tuned for ticket information!

**LEGALLY
BLONDE**
The Musical 

*Music and Lyrics by
Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin*

*Book by
Heather Hach*