

COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Term 4 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,



VCE/VM results:

Last week's release of VCAA results and ATARs saw some fantastic results from Yarra Hills Year 12 students across many areas.

I'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank all staff for their efforts over all the years of these students' schooling at Yarra Hills. Thank you.

I also congratulate our departing Year 12s and wish them all the successes they have earned through their efforts. Best of luck!



College Awards Night:

Our College Awards Night was held last Wednesday, at the Karralyka Centre in Ringwood. It was great to recognise and acknowledge the exceptional efforts of many of our students across all year levels. Students with multiple Endeavour and/or Achievement Awards were recognised, as well as specific Learning Area awards.

Prestigious Awards were given to a small number of students on behalf of various community and state/national supporters of the college, including awards from the Australian Defence Force, AMPOL, local and federal members of parliament, Community Banks, Rotary and Lions' Clubs and Country Womens' Association.

Well done to all who were recognised.

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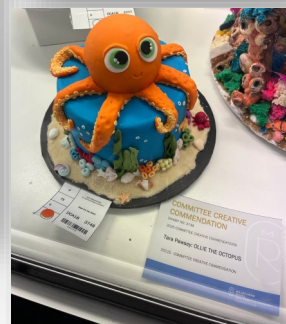
Royal Melbourne Show Cake Competition

Exciting news from the Royal Melbourne Show Art, Craft, and Cookery Competition!

Year 10 student Tara once again showcased her incredible creativity and talent, competing in five categories and bringing home an outstanding collection of awards:

- First Place in the Blue Biscuit Challenge (Years 7–12) for In the Deep Blue
 - First Place in Decorated Cake (Years 9 & 10) for Daisy Bug
 - Second Place in Decorated Cupcakes (Years 9 & 10) for Winnie and Friends
 - Third Place in Any Theme Goes (Open Section) for The Enchanted Toadstool
 - Committee Creative Commendations Award In Seas the Day (Open Section) for Ollie the Octopus
- Tara's dedication, artistry, and eye for detail continue to shine, with each design reflecting months of planning and passion

Congratulations, Tara, on your remarkable achievements at the 2025 Royal Melbourne Show!



Remembrance Day

Yarra Hills Secondary College were proud to represent our school community at the Mt Evelyn RSL Remembrance Day service.



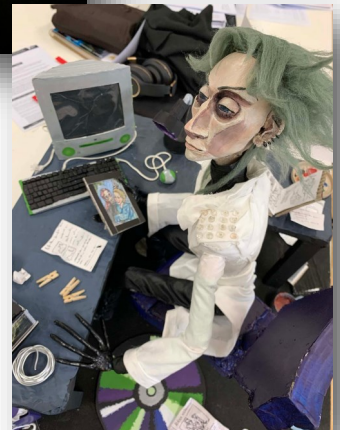
Year 12

October 21 marked the final day of classes for our Year 12 Class of 2025! The celebrations included altered uniforms, the Big Bucks auction, and their final assembly. Congratulations to all our wonderful VCE and VCE VM students.



Art Show

A fantastic community Art Show was held at Mount Evelyn campus on Friday night and Saturday 17 & 18 October. Even with the power outage in the suburb, families were able to use their phone torch and still enjoy the art work on display!



Car Show

Flushed with the success of our inaugural Car Show last year, our PFA began planning this year's Car Show in March. The work of this dedicated team paid off, with almost two hundred show cars, and many hundreds of visitors, converging on our Mooroolbark campus on Sunday, October 19. There were food trucks, slot cars, raffles and prizes, and the legendary PFA snags. And added this year were market stalls and live music. The weather was kind and the day was a success, raising both awareness of our campus location with our community, and funds for college projects. A huge thanks is due to the 'driver' organising the day, Sonja Pawsey.



METEC

Two fantastic days at METEC for the year 10 Drivers Ed elective students. Two weeks ago it was beautiful and sunny, whilst Tuesday was the complete opposite, with rain and hail, giving students the opportunity to drive in all conditions. It was great to see students ability and car control improve.



Year 7 Wellbeing Day

Wednesday 19 November saw our Year 7s from both campuses come together for a fun-filled day of connection and wellbeing!

From tug of war to tunnel ball, the energy was high — and a special visit from Project Rockit made the day even more inspiring with their engaging workshop.

The goal? To build wellbeing, boost engagement and strengthen the sense of connectedness for all our Year 7 students at YHSC. And they absolutely smashed it!



Rewards Point Winners Excursion

Each year, the students who earn the highest number of SWPBS Reward Points are celebrated with a special end-of-year excursion. This year's well-deserved adventure took our top point earners to a ten-pin bowling challenge!

The competition was fierce, with students battling it out for the highest scores. While there were a few wayward balls down the gutters, these were more than made up for by an impressive number of spares and strikes. Over on the staff lane, the rivalry was just as intense, with Ms Ritchie ultimately taking out the win.

The morning was topped off with a much-loved stop at McDonald's on the way back to school—always a highlight!



Congratulations to all the amazing students who earned their place on this fun and rewarding excursion. You should be proud of your effort and dedication throughout the year!



November

On Wednesday November 26 the SRC hosted our Movember event, raising awareness for men's health. The day started with an out-of-uniform day for a gold coin donation, followed by other activities including a 'Best Mo' and 'Pin the Mo on the Teacher' competitions, Kahoot Quiz, and Sausage Sizzle at lunchtime. Thank you to everyone who donated to such a great cause!



Youth Award

Congratulations to Eloise and Harper for winning the Yarra Ranges Council Youth Award for School or Community Improvement and for being runners up in the Arts, Music and Culture category.

Congratulations also to Tara, who received a Young Entrepreneur Honourable Mention for her work in creating her own business.



Year 8 Camp

Year 8 students attended a 4 day camp at Campaspe Downs Adventure Camp in the first week of December. Activities included rock climbing, which had everyone pushing their limits, the leap of faith, and orienteering keeping the adventure going! Students hit the water in two groups with kayaking and raft building, while the third group took on bush craft and conquered the giant swing! The evenings wrapped up with a fun round of trivia to test their brains after a big day of adventure.

We are proud of every student stepping out of their comfort zone during the camp.



College Awards Night

What an incredible night celebrating our students and their achievements!

With families, staff, special guests and community partners in attendance, we recognised excellence across all year levels — including Academic Excellence, Endeavour, Leadership, Music, Sport, VET and our major community-supported awards.

We also enjoyed a brilliant performance from our College Band and inspiring words from our 2026 College Captains Bawi and Mia, and guest speaker (and proud alumna) Liela Peterson.

A huge congratulations to all award recipients — your hard work, growth and commitment make us incredibly proud.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating the amazing young people of Yarra Hills Secondary College.



Twilight Carols

Our annual Twilight Carols community concert was held on Monday, December 1. The school band was joined by alumni, and supported by our Vocal Group, delivered an extensive, extravagant and highly enjoyable program of individual, choir and community singalong carols. Santa dropped by, surprising the children with lollies for everyone, and the Grinch came too. Initially a grumpy cynic, the carols won him over in the end!



Valedictory Dinner



The Valedictory Dinner for our 2025 Year 12 Graduating Class was held on November 28 at the Karralyka Centre. It was a celebratory affair, attended by students, families and staff. Our Head of Senior School, Ms Carolyn Hunyadi, emceed a warm, fitting and laughter-filled tribute to the graduates, that also heard from our College Principal, student leaders, alumni and performers.

We wish our graduates every success in their life's journey from here, and hope that our paths will continue to cross.

KEY DATES Term 1 2026

January			
Wednesday	28	Year 7, 11 & 12 Classes begin	ME & MB
		Ready to Learn Interviews - Years 8, 9 & 10	ME & MB
Thursday	29	Year 8, 9 & 10 Classes begin	ME & MB
February			
Tuesday	3	Year 7 Music Expo	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
		Year 7 Camp Information Session and Music Expo Night 6.30pm	ME & MB
Tuesday	10	Year 12 Big Day Out VCE & VM	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	11	Year 7 Making Connections Day	ME & MB
		Year 12 VCE Big Day In	MB
Mon-Wed	16-18	Year 7 Camp - Lady Northcote	ME & MB
Monday	16	Student Photo Day	ME & MB
Tuesday	17	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
		BRAVO Friends of Music meeting 6.00pm	ME & MB
Wednesday	18	Senior Sport	ME & MB
Friday	20	Year 7 & catch up photo day	ME & MB
Tuesday	24	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	25	Intermediate Sport	ME & MB
Thursday	26	Koorie Aspirations Program	ME & MB
		Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
March			
Monday	2	College Swimming Carnival	ME & MB
Tuesday	3	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Wednesday	4	Year 8 Sport	ME & MB
Thursday	5	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Monday	9	Labour Day Public Holiday	ME & MB
Tuesday	10	College Athletics Carnival	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	12	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Tuesday	17	BRAVO Friends of Music meeting 6.00pm	ME & MB
		Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	19	Intermediate Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Friday	20	Koorie Aspirations Program	ME & MB
		Yarra Division Swimming Carnival	ME & MB
Tuesday	24	Senior Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-4.30pm at MB	ME & MB
Thursday	26	Open Night - Mt Evelyn Campus	ME & MB
Monday	30	Junior Band Rehearsal - 11:40am	ME & MB
Tuesday	31	Open Night - Mooroolbark Campus	ME & MB
April			
Wednesday	1	Year 7 Sport	ME & MB
Thursday	3	Last Day Term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal	ME & MB




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OUR CROYDON STORE IS NOW CLOSED, AND NEW STORE OPENS **TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2025**

STORE ADDRESS:
122 MAIN ST,
CROYDON VIC 3136
(03) 9788 0346

TRADING HOURS:
TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 5PM
SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM
SUNDAY CLOSED







Are you or your child looking for a fun, family focused small sporting club to get involved in for 2026?

KILSYTH EAST NETBALL CLUB WANTS YOU!!

We are looking for new players and coaches in all of our age groups – from age 7 and up of all abilities are welcome!

Interested?

For more information:

email: kilsytheastnetballclub@gmail.com or connect with us on Facebook or Instagram!

We train on Thursday nights from 6.30pm and play Saturdays at Pinks Reserve in Kiltsyth
New season starting early 2026!