



Principal Newsletter Report Friday 28TH November 2026

There have been some great camps and excursions happening for our students over the past fortnight. Our Year 3-4 students stayed at the Sovereign Hill Lodge last week and enjoyed taking part in gold panning and a mine tour during their two-day camp.

Our Year 5-6 students had a wonderful time on their three days at the Warra Gnan Coastal Camp in Warrnambool this week, and were able to take part in surfing lessons, kayaking and lots of beach activities along Lady Bay.

Our Year 1-2 students slept over at the school last night for the annual Sleepover Camp, and there have been some reports about the volume of student and staff snoring during the night; the F-2 students also enjoyed their pre-sleepover excursion to the Cobden Trains on Thursday, despite the rain.



The Year 8 \$20 Boss class travelled to Warrnambool Kmart this week, purchasing gifts for the annual Wishing Tree in Gateway Plaza using the proceeds of their recent entrepreneurial stalls - a most generous and timely use of these profits, providing support for children in need in our district. It has been a busy week and a bit - and a huge thanks to staff for their organisation of these events!

A reminder that our annual Awards Assembly will be happening on Monday 15TH December in the College Stadium, beginning at 2pm. Our assembly will be led by our School Captains and our staff Leadership team, and there will be a range of awards to present that will reflect achievement in displaying school values, academic excellence, citizenship and vocational effort. Parents and extended family are very welcome to attend this assembly in the Stadium, and to join staff and students for a whole-school sausage sizzle starting at 1pm near the Hands On Learning Shed. Please note that buses will leave the school at 3:30pm on this day.

Schools received the unfortunate news this week that the Belfast Aquatics pool is currently closed due to issues with mould removal, and that the upcoming Try-athlon event for participating Year 3-9 students has been cancelled - without the opportunity in this ever-shortening year to reschedule the event to a later date. So, school as usual for our Try-athlon students next Tuesday 2nd December.



Lunchtime on-road training using our set of school mountain bikes in preparation for the upcoming **Great Hawkesdale Bike Ride** continues, with students building their cycling stamina and knowledge of road rules. The GHBR this year will use the vehicle-free surface of the Port Fairy to Warrnambool Rail Trail, and as always there will be overnight camping and lots of fun for the riders involved. A rest day is available for students who take part in the ride on Friday, December 12, with classes still happening at school for all other students on this day.

I really enjoyed seeing the **Great Victorian Bike Ride** pass through our district earlier in the week, and Mr Jarrad has reminded me about the great value that our own local GHBR provides; for less than the cost of one day of the Great Victorian Bike Ride, students at Hawkesdale can involve themselves in four days of cycling adventure. What an opportunity!

The 2026 CSEF application form is included in the newsletter for eligible families, and it is important that this is completed and returned to school so that financial support for camps and excursions can once again be accessed next year. Please return these forms to Bronya at the Office this term once completed.

Primary and secondary Picnic Day activities will be happening on Tuesday 16th December, with primary students heading to Woodford for some outside play at Jubilee Park, and then to Warrnambool for a movie at the Capitol Cinema (Years F-5) and some ten-pin bowling (Year 6). Secondary students will take part in the annual hike along the beach from Killarney to Port Fairy for some beach cricket and supervised swimming between the flags at East Beach. Permissions and information about both days are on Compass, and it is great to see that many consents to attend have already been given; please provide permission to attend these days if you have not done so already.

Several pupil-free days are occurring in the last week of this term. Students are not required at school on Wednesday 17th December and Thursday 18th December; these days will be used as time in lieu catch-up days or staff planning days for 2026.

And ... thinking ahead to the start of the 2026 school year, please note that all staff will return to school for a planning and preparation day on Tuesday January 27, and that all students will return to school on Wednesday 29th January. Office staff will be available for uniform sales at school on Friday 23rd January from 10am to 2pm, more information about this uniform day will follow.

Finally, a reminder again to families that from 1st January 2026 children and young people aged under 18 can travel free on all Victorian public transport services - this includes trams, trains, buses and coach services across the state. A new tap-on/tap-off Youth MYKI card has been developed to allow for this free travel, and more information will be available as to how these cards can be accessed later in the term. Regional travellers will need to show their cards on services that do not feature MYKI readers. Reduced Vline ticketing costs have been a great saving for our metro-based camps and excursions, and this latest travel initiative from the Victorian government will continue to assist our families financially with statewide travel.

Have a great weekend, everyone.

**Mr Ralph
Principal**

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE
School Name
School Ref ID

Parent/carer details

Surname				
First Name				
Address				
Town/Suburb				
State and Postcode				
Contact Number				

 Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

 - - - **OR**
 Foster Parent* **OR** **Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**** **OR** **Special Consideration**

*Foster Parents must provide a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example Mackillop Family Services) or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) is required as evidence.

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____/____/2026

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card.
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card). For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on [Mature Minors and Decision Making](#).
- A parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means tested card but are not considered a mature minor.

Applications must be submitted to the school by the end of Term 2.

Where the parent or carer is seeking eligibility based on an eligible financially means-tested card, eligibility will be determined when the relevant concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of Term 1 or Term 2.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school.

CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists and should be made through the application form. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Eligible means tested cards

The full list of eligible concession and health care cards is available on the [Services Australia](#) website.

Eligibility date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Policy | education.vic.gov.au](#)).

Payment amounts

CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by parent/carer

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example Mackillop Family Services) or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) is required as evidence. If you are claiming a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). Your data is securely managed and only shared with third parties when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding correction to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csef@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the departments privacy policy, please visit: [Schools' privacy policy | education.vic.gov.au](#)

COMPARISON

The Great Victorian Bike Ride costs \$170.00 PER DAY.

The Great Hawkesdale Bike Ride costs \$140.00 for 4 days (with better food!!!).

For less than the cost of ONE day of the Great Vic Bike Ride, Hawkesdale kids get FOUR days of adventure.



THE GREAT HAWKESDALE BIKE RIDE -Join UP

To Parents and 7,8,9 students

This weekend is decision time if you might be involved in the end of year Great Hawkesdale Bike Ride. Monday 8th to 11th December.

For \$140 students are provided with everything they will need for this ride around our district - on the Warrnambool to Port Fairy Rail Trail - and other bike paths.

Food and camping in Warrnambool and Port Fairy, and bikes are all covered within the cost, along with lifts to and from Koroit at the start and finish of the ride.

Students can bring their own bikes if they wish.

If you want your child to be involved, please enlist them. Your child can get a permission slip to participate in the practice rides from the College office. We begin our lunchtime practice rides seriously this coming week - until we leave, on the 8th of December.

**Heaton Jarrad
Organiser**

Grade 3/4 Camp

Sovereign Hill





Sovereign Hill

WARRNAMBOOL
COASTAL CAMP

WARRA GNAN



Students and staff spent 3 mostly sunny days amongst a range of outdoor settings.















Return your library books for a chance to win!

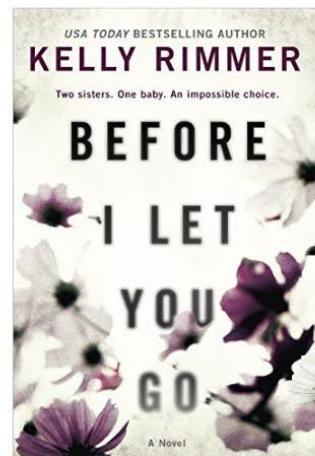
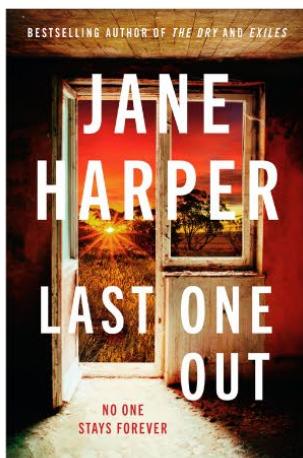
It's the time of year when we start stock take in the library. Please have a thorough look in lockers, classrooms and at home!!

For every library book you return you will receive a raffle ticket to go in the draw to receive a Christmas themed prize!



Hawkesdale Community Book Club!!

REMINDER



Our last book club for the year will be held on Thursday Dec 4, 6.30pm for dinner @ Izzy's, Koroit. RSVP to Florence Roney in the library.

Library News



We've been getting festive in the library this week! We know it's only November, but with students finishing up on December 16 we have to get our celebrating in early!!

There are fairy lights festooning the foyer, hallway and even into the library office so that it feels like we are in Santa's workshop! Big thanks to Salty and Josh for their efforts!!



Students have enjoyed writing letters to Santa to be posted in our very own direct to the North Pole letter box!



You're invited to...

Community BBQ and Presentation Assembly

Monday 15 Dec

1 pm - Community BBQ by the college tennis courts

2pm - Presentation Assembly in the college stadium

Don't forget to wear full school uniform!

3.30pm - Buses depart

Join us to celebrate the achievements and milestones of our students throughout the year!



Year 6-to-7 Transition Days

Monday & Tuesday
October 27 & 28

Monday & Tuesday
December 8 & 9



For more information please contact the school

Transition Coordinator: Patricia Butters
patricia.butters@education.vic.gov.au

Year 7 Level Coordinator: Tyna Lee
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End of Year Dates

Fri 28 Nov:

Final official day of school for Years 10 and 11 students.



Monday 15 Dec:

Community BBQ - 1pm
Presentation Assembly - 2pm
Buses Depart - 3.30pm



Tues 16 Dec:

Final official day of school for P-9 students with the annual Primary and Secondary Picnic Day
School day finishes at 3.30pm



Wed 17 - Thurs 18 Dec:

Student free days for staff curriculum planning and to support the acquittal of time in lieu hours generated by camps in this semester.



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Welcome SUMMER

Hawkesdale Swimming Pool

2025/26 season opens

Saturday 13th December

Open Times

School Days 4:00-6:00pm

Weekends 1:00-6:00pm

School Holidays 1:00-6:00pm

Closed on Christmas Day

HAWKESDALE SWIMMING POOL 2025/26 SEASON

Daily Admission

Adult (16+ yrs) \$6.00

Concession/Under 16 \$4.00

Child (0-4 yrs) \$3.00

Family (2 adults + children) \$18.00

General Memberships

Family \$108

Family concession \$67

Adult \$67

Concession/Student \$46

Rostered Memberships

Family \$85

Adult \$55

* Pool will only open if the Hamilton forecast is 22C or above

HAWKESDALE wind farm

Hawkesdale Community Benefit Fund (HCBF) Committee

CLOSING DATE EXTENDED

Would you like to apply to be a member of this committee?

Application form available on the web site at

https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/sustainability/community/#calls_for_applications.

Applications close December 18 2025.

Contact for more information:

0428 867 646

hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au



SANTA SESSIONS			PHOTO PACKS
Monday 8th 12pm - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B)	Tuesday 9th 12pm - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L) SENSITIVE	Thursday 11th 11am - 2pm (L) 2:30pm - 5pm (B)	Snowy Pack \$20
Friday 12th 12pm - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L)	Saturday 13th 11am - 2pm (L) PETS 4pm - 6:30pm (B)	Sunday 14th 11am - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L)	6x8 (1)
Monday 15th 11am - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B)	Tuesday 16th 11am - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B) PETS	Thursday 18th 11am - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L)	Nutcracker Pack \$30
Friday 19th 11am - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B) PETS	Saturday 20th 11am - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L)	Sunday 21st 11am - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B)	4x6 (2) 5x7 (2)
Monday 22nd 11am - 2pm (B) 4pm - 7pm (L)	Tuesday 23rd 11am - 2pm (L) 4pm - 7pm (B)	Key: Barn (B) Lounge (L)	Jolly Pack \$40
			4x6 (2) 5x7 (2) 6x8 (2)
			Festive Pack \$50
			4x6 (2) 5x7 (2) 6x8 (2) 8x10 (1)



For bookings:

 Contact our page and send us a message

 Give us a call on 0415 272 755

Pop in store at 133A Commercial Rd Koroit

NO ALTERATIONS TO PACKS AVAILABLE

Uniform Purchasing Day Friday 23rd January 2026

The uniform shop will be open from 10am until 2pm on Friday 23rd January.

This will be the ideal day to come and purchase any new uniform your child will require for 2026.

UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2026 – items available at the College uniform shop					
NAME: _____					
		Year:	Date:		
			Sizes	Quantity	Total \$
School Sport Top	Sizes 8 to XXL		36.00		
Backpack with Logo	Large		\$64.00		
Backpack with Logo	Medium		\$50.00		
Summer Dress	8 - 18		\$66.00		
Summer Dress	20 - 28		\$66.00		
Skirt – Polyester	8 – 30		\$65.00		
Skirt – Wool – Sale	Limited Sizes		\$110.00		
Rugby Tops	4 to 2XL		65.00		
Jacket- Softshell	4 to 2XL		66.00		
Polo Top – Short Sleeve	4 – 16		\$37.00		
Polo Top – Short Sleeve	18 – 22		\$40.00		
Polo Top – Short Sleeve	XL, 2XL, 3XL		\$40.00		
Polo Top – Long Sleeve	6 – 16		\$38.00		
Polo Top – Long Sleeve	18 – 22 (Small, Medium, Large)		\$32.00		
Shorts microfibre (with school logo)	8 -14		\$20.00		
Shorts microfibre (adult) (with school logo)	Small – XXXL		\$20.00		
Shorts (without school logo)	All sizes		15.00		
Socks – Long (White or Navy)	All sizes		\$5.00		
Hats (Bucket Style)	Small, Medium, Large		\$15.00		
Scarf			\$7.00		
Beanie			\$20.00		
					\$
Credit Card Number:		Expiry Date			
Cardholder's Name		Cardholders Signature			
		\$			

UNIFORM 2026

School uniform is an important symbol of pride and belonging and is one of many measures that effectively connect students to their school and community. Student safety is vitally important, and with this in mind, students are required to wear school uniform so that they can be easily identified as members of our school while at school and taking part in off-site activities. Students are required to comply with OH&S expectations while at school, and thus it is mandatory that all students wear polishable leather lace-up shoes for the protection of their feet. Our school has a specified uniform policy that has been ratified by school council. All students are expected to be in full uniform, and to keep their uniform neat and tidy while at school. Please mark all clothing with names so that lost items can be returned.

Boys and Girls Uniform

Polo Top*:	College polo top – long and short sleeve
Rugby Top*:	Navy blue with white collar and College logo. Year prep to 12.
Jacket*:	Navy soft shell jacket with college logo.
Hat*:	Navy blue bucket with college logo.
Beanie*:	Navy blue knit with blue & white pom-pom and college logo.
Track Pants:	Navy blue (P-6 only).
Shoes:	Black (leather) polishable boots or lace-up shoes (no T-Bars).
Sports Top*:	College PE sport top.
Sports Shorts*:	Navy blue microfibre short with logo.

Boy's Uniform

Trousers:	Grey – (Purchase at a department store).
Shorts*:	Navy blue microfibre with or without logo.
Socks:	Navy blue.

Girl's Uniform

Winter Skirt*:	Navy poly-cotton pleated tartan skirt.
Summer Dress*:	Year 7 -12 available from the uniform shop
Shorts*:	P-6 - blue and white gingham dress - available on-line from Directwear Navy blue microfibre short with logo
Socks:	Navy blue (winter uniform) or white (summer uniform)
Tights/Leggings:	Navy blue - only to be worn with winter skirt

*Denotes only available from school uniform shop

Hats: Our school Sun Smart policy requires all students and staff to wear a hat at all times when outdoors during the summer months, i.e. terms 1 and 4. All F-12 students must wear the designated school hat design, which each new student is provided with when they start at our school. Additional hats can be purchased from the office if they become misplaced. If students are without a hat, they will be required to spend their recess and lunchtime under shelter, and if their class is outside for an activity and they are without a hat they will not be able to participate in that activity.

Sportswear: Students are expected to wear appropriate swimwear when involved in swimming activities, and to wear the designated school sports uniform when taking part in Physical Education and Sport sessions. Our school has a range of Hawkesdale team sports tops for interschool sporting events, and these will be provided for students to use at these competitions.

School uniform items are often under review and thus may change slightly from the garments noted above. The School Council Uniform subcommittee works with students and families to put in place uniform items that are practical, comfortable, affordable and durable.

HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE 2025 YEARBOOK

A great historical record of the year. Relive and reminisce about the camps, excursions, the study, and the good times with your friends. Limited copies available. Contact the office for further information.



Photos of friends and good times, memories to keep.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



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At the office. 55607225



We are now taking orders for the **2025** School Magazine.
Please fill in the form below or phone the College 55607225
The Magazine is due to arrive very early 2026

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HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE - SCHOOL MAGAZINE - 2025

STUDENT/S NAME:

PARENT NAME:

I/We wish to order copies of the 2025 School Magazine @ **\$36.00** per copy. If you need the magazine to be mailed to you please write the address below or email the college on hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au with your address and add \$6.00 postage per magazine to the total cost.

ADDRESS:

Payment methods available: CASH DIRECT DEPOSIT EFPTOS CREDIT CARD (see below)

I/We have included payment (please tick payment method) of \$.....

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