



Friday February 31

Welcome back everyone to term one of 2025! It's been a busy couple of weeks preparing our school for the return of students and staff, with lots of mowing, garden trimming, carpet cleaning, gutter clearing and window cleaning happening around the school. The school planned maintenance program has progressed quickly over the summer, with roof cladding being replaced on the Stadium, the Design and Technology wing, and across parts of the main classroom wing; the next stage of the project will focus on replacing and painting wooden window frames around the school. We are always working hard to keep our school neat and well-maintained, and I'm grateful to our school cleaner (Marg) and our maintenance worker (Steve) for their efforts in preparing our school for the return of students.

A big welcome to new members of our teaching staff – to Mr. Prentice who will be teaching secondary maths and science classes, to Mr. Trussler who will be working as an artisan teacher with Shannon in the Hands on Learning program, and to Michelle Lehmann, a new member of our Education Support team. With teacher shortages still prevalent across Victoria, it is very satisfying to start the year with all primary and secondary classes covered and knowing that we have great teachers working with our students.

I would also like to welcome families who are new to our school in 2025, with students embarking on their first week at Hawkesdale College from Prep all the way through to Year 10. It is pleasing to note that student enrolment numbers are significantly larger this year than at the start of 2024, and that eight Prep students are starting their educational journey with us this year. It was great to see many families taking the opportunity to have a tea or coffee together before our welcome back to school assembly on Wednesday, and to meet school staff – a most positive start to the year.

Students new and returning have access to a wide range of inexpensive uniform items at our school, including our new, comfortable and everyday shorts and rugby tops. When you add Year 6 class hoodies and Year 12 rugby and polo tops to this mix, everyone in our school should be able to find items of uniform that both fit and suit them. Bronya is always happy to fit and sell uniform items from the Front Office, and to assist parents with ordering online items; please make contact on 55607225 if you would like to find out more about uniform items, or visit the Front Office to try on and purchase garments. Students have started off the year really well wearing correct uniform, and it is important that this continues as the year unfolds.

A big thanks to Ms White for organising our 2025 Year 12 rugby and polo tops; these were ready to go for the first day of term one, and feature a distinctive yellow, white and navy design. Our Year 12's are very proud of their new tops!

A big thanks also to the parents and staff members who volunteered to move mulch onto our indigenous and front of school gardens over the school holidays and earlier this week; there was a lot of mulch to shift in warm weather – well done for getting this done.





Please note that the date for the upcoming Year 5-12 House Swimming Sports has changed, and that this event will now be held on Friday February 14.

This is always a fun day of swimming, competition and house colours, and lunchtime swim training will begin at the Hawkesdale Pool on Monday of next week. The Mid West Complex interschool swimming carnival will be held at the

Mortlake Pool on Tuesday February 18 for students who progress on from our House swimming sports. There is not a lot of time between these two events, but Mr Kingston and Mr Webb will be working hard to have our interschool swim squad organised by Monday February 17; please be aware that permission notes for MWC swimmers will be handed to students on this day, and will be available online via Compass as well – it's vital that consent to attend the MWC carnival is given once these notes arrive home. Primary swimming classes with Jayson Lamb's Splash Factory will also begin on Monday of next week, and will run for two weeks. Learning to swim is an important exercise, recreation and survival skill, and I note that the weather next week is going to be warm – perfect for swimming.

Our school will be hosting a Blue Minds Youth Leadership workshop for Year 8 to 10 students during February. This session will focus on contemporary issues around climate change, providing strategies to manage anxiety and stress related to climate change concerns, as well as building understanding about the science and impact of climate change on everyday lives. This session is particularly relevant at this point in the year, with an array of natural disasters and severe weather events crowding the news cycle that students will have seen and heard about across the summer break. Survey research conducted by the Orygen Institute in 2023 notes that two-thirds of young Australians (67%) are reporting a negative impact on youth mental health caused by climate concerns. The discussion, activities and information covered by the Blue Minds Leadership presenters will complement the emotional regulation and environmental change strands of the Victorian Health, Science and Humanities curriculum, as well as exploring the actions that individuals and communities can take towards better environmental sustainability. A big thanks to the Moyne Shire for providing this valuable learning experience for our students.

At this time of the year, as enrolment information is being processed or updated, **it is important to note that our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the DET [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).** Please take the time to read our school's Collection Notice, which can be found on our school website by following the tabs: Our Schools → Policies → Privacy Collection Notice. The privacy and confidentiality of student and family information is paramount, and our school makes sure that information is only shared and used on a 'need to know' basis. Keeping student and family information up to date helps with safety and communication – please contact Amanda or Bronya via the Office straight away so that changes can be recorded on our electronic systems.

Have a great weekend, everyone ...

Mr. Ralph

Principal

SAVE THE DATES ~ 2025



Yr 5-12 Swimming Carnival
FRI 14th Feb 2025
at Hawkesdale Pool

Yr P-6 Athletics Carnival
19th March 2025
on the school oval



Yr 7-12 Athletics Carnival
21st March 2025
on the school oval

P-2 Week 1 - 2025



The P-2 class has had a great start to 2025. They had free play time to give them a chance to get to know each other and find friends with common interests. They have worked on lining up outside the classroom and walking together to the stadium for PE. They are learning how to pack their things away and where to find things in the classroom. Well done to everyone!

Wellbeing Space

Meet the Wellbeing Team



Tracy Crispe
Secondary
School Nurse



Felicity Lowery
School Chaplain



Cindy Jenkinson-Clarke
Mental Health Practitioner



John Ralph
Principal



Trish Butters
Acting Assistant
Principal



Carlee Dart
Mental health &
Wellbeing Leader

At our school, student wellbeing is at the heart of everything that we do. To speak to someone in wellbeing please get in touch with your young persons classroom teacher, their Year Level Coordinator or call to speak with Carlee Dart, Felicity Lowery or Tracy Crispe directly.



Welcome to SchoolTV

Did you know that we have implemented SchoolTV at our school to help support you with the challenges of modern day parenting relating to mental health and wellbeing? Please see the attached information explaining schoolTV and also valuable information on school transitions. Here is the link to our SchoolTV page for you to explore:

<https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/>



SchoolTV

In this edition of SchoolTV - SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

Whether it is starting school for the first time, moving up to a higher grade or embarking on a journey through secondary school, there is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means your children are growing up!

However, transitioning is an ongoing process. It can continue long after students have entered their new environment and may encounter difficulties at a number of different stages. These stressors may appear as anxiety and frustration and result in negative or disruptive behaviours. Such behaviours can become problematic making the transitioning process even more difficult for children and parents.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn practical strategies to assist your child during the transition process and reduce stress and anxiety levels.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the **School Transitions** edition of SchoolTV

<https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-transitions>



School Transitions

What's the best way to support your child during transitions at school?



schooltv.me™

Welcome back to school!

A big welcome and welcome back to all new and returning families!! It was fantastic to have students on site again and catch up after the summer break. We have had a fabulous week getting stuck into new classes and getting to know each other.

Parents sometimes need to contact the school to discuss how students are going, and this is always welcomed by teaching staff; it can be a bit confusing though, about who best to contact, and especially if you are new to our school and community. The following staff are key contacts for particular year levels, and should be the first point of contact for parent questions, concerns, or queries:



Year F-2 class:
Melissa Davey



Year 3-5 class:
Di Brown



Year 6 class:
Bec Whitehead



Year 7
Coordinator:
Jacob Gordon



Year 8
Coordinator:
Joe Kingston



Year 9
Coordinator:
Trish Butters



Year 10
Coordinator:
Tyna Lee



VCE
Coordinator:
Narelle White

It's really easy to get in contact via a Compass email; follow the 'Send email to ...' link beneath each student profile on your parent screen, choose or add a recipient from the staff list within this tab, and type a quick message to the staff member involved. Staff are regularly checking their emails, and a response will follow as quickly as possible, keeping in mind that teachers are preparing for and teaching classes throughout the day.



Welcome to the library!

Welcome to another year at school! We are very excited for another wonderful year in the Hawkesdale the library. For those who don't know me, I am Florence Roney and I teach secondary English and primary library. I also coordinate the library with the help of Education Support staff member, Sam Young and our library volunteer Lachlan 'Salty' Salt. Together, we organise the books and displays that are in the library space, as well as the different activities that students get to do in the library. We are excited to get stuck into it!

Our library is open at lunchtime each day from 1.10-1.40pm for students to play games, read and enjoy the space! There are regular lunchtime clubs that operate out of the library too. Additionally, primary students have a weekly library period. In this time, students are able to borrow books to take home!

There are so many benefits of children reading at home each day including developing their vocabularies, improving their reading performance and supporting good mental health. There is also a lot of evidence to support sharing reading experiences with your child each day, whether that be reading to them, listening to them read, or talking about what they are reading.

Please get in touch with your questions. I am here to support you help your child develop their love of reading!

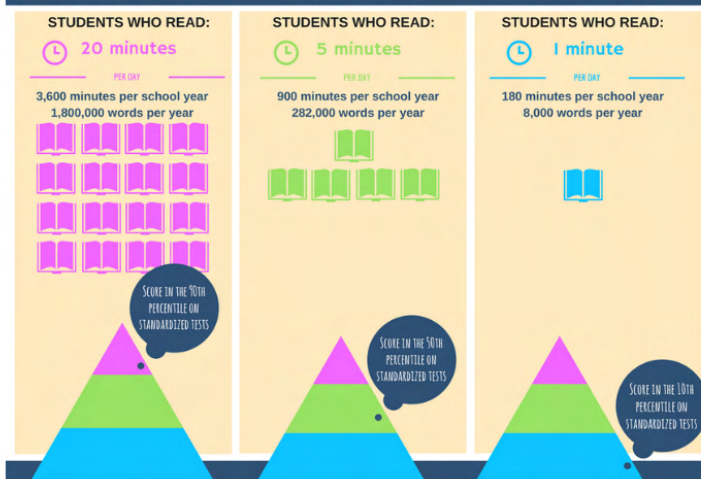
Ms Roney



The library is open each lunchtime from 1.10-1.40 for students to play games, read and enjoy the space! Please encourage your child to come and visit!

Students can borrow books to take home for up to two weeks!

Why read 20 minutes at home?



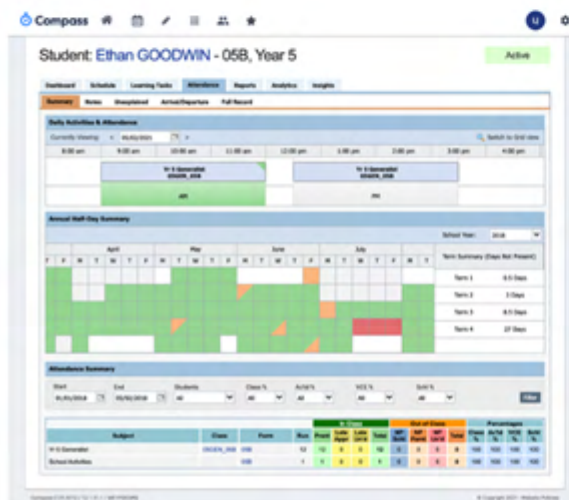
Reading for 20 min at home each day improves students' vocabulary, reading ability and promotes good mental health!

What can I do on Compass?

At our school, we use Compass as a school management solution that allows you as parents and carers to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Using Compass you are able to:

Add Attendance Notes

Email Staff



See learning progress*

***Secondary students only**

Student: **Edith (Edie) Allen - 05A, Year 5** Active

Dashboard | Schedule | **Learning Tasks** | Attendance | Reports | Analytics | Insights

Code	Learning Task	Status	Result
05GEN_05A	Creative Writing: My Talking Dog Class Task Report: No	Due date: 16/06/21 04:00 PM Submitted: Received Late	5.0
5 Yr 5 Ge...	Overall Result: Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check Subject-wide Task Report: Yes	Due date: 17/12/21 04:00 PM Submitted: Pending	-
5 Yr 5 Ge...	Multiplication Quiz Subject-wide Task Report: Yes	Due date: 17/12/21 04:00 PM Submitted: On Time	-
5 Yr 5 Ge...	Creative Writing: Once upon a time... Subject-wide Task Report: Yes	Due date: 15/07/21 03:00 PM Submitted: Overdue	-
5 Yr 5 Ge...	Home Creation Project Subject-wide Task Report: Yes	Due date: No due date Submitted: Pending	-

Give consent for excursions

Compass

Action Centre | Events | Volunteering | Payments

Upcoming events

- Michelle ALLEN** 2 events
- Melbourne Museum**
Thursday, December 10th 2020, 9:00 am
Thursday, February 18th 2021, 9:00 am
Awaiting consent and payment Due: 15/02/2021 \$23.00
- Royal Melbourne Zoo**
Tuesday, March 2nd 2021, 9:00 am
Tuesday, March 2nd 2021, 9:30 pm
Awaiting consent and payment Due: 26/02/2021 \$10.00
- Edie ALLEN** 2 events
- Summers Camp**
Wednesday, January 27th 2021, 10:00 am
Thursday, February 11th 2021, 3:25 pm
- School Fees - 2021**
Sunday, February 28th 2021, 9:00 am
Sunday, February 28th 2021, 9:30 pm

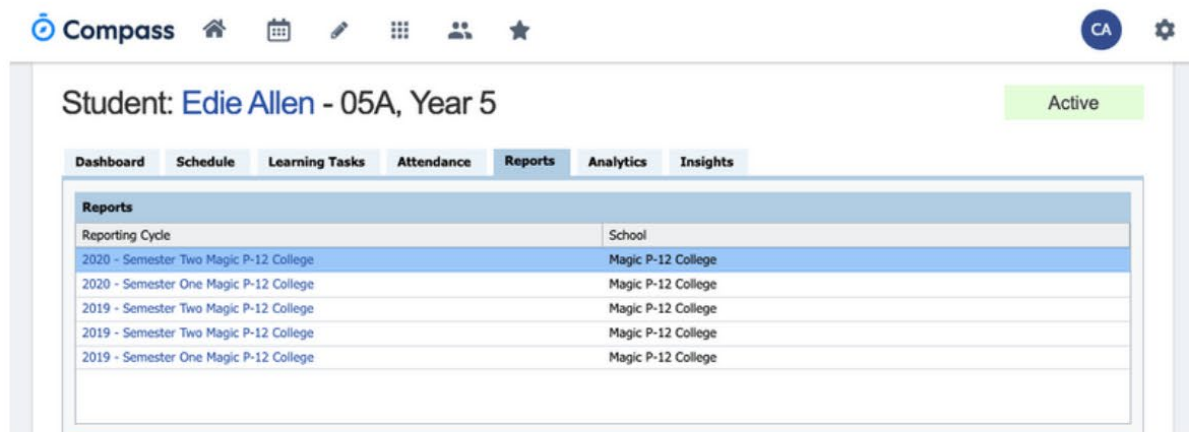
4 Consent and payment method

I give permission for Michelle ALLEN to attend this event, where the staff member in charge is unable to contact me, or where it is impracticable to contact me, I authorize the staff member in charge to consent to any medical or surgical attention deemed necessary by a medical practitioner, and I understand that this is an official school event and that Michelle ALLEN will adhere to the dress code, as outlined above, and behave in alignment with the school's code of conduct. I agree to meet any medical expenses and/or transport costs incurred in the event of sickness or injury. Further, I agree to meet any transport costs should my child be sent home as a result of misbehaviour or inappropriate conduct.

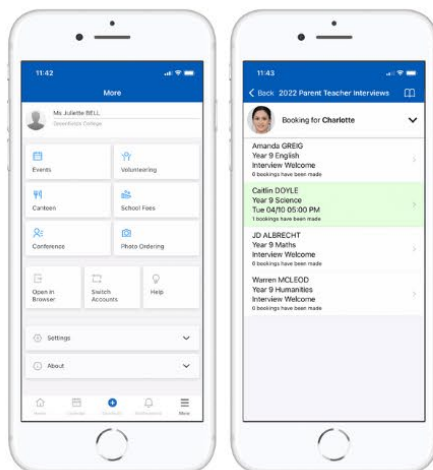
To provide consent, please type your name in full

Christopher Allen

Access student reports



Book parent teacher interviews



How do I access Compass?

1. Contact the office if you don't know your log in details
2. Download the Compass app onto your smartphone (search Compass school manager)
3. Access our school's Compass website:
<https://hawkesdalecol-vic.compass.education/>



More info

Introducing the Year 12 class of 2025!!

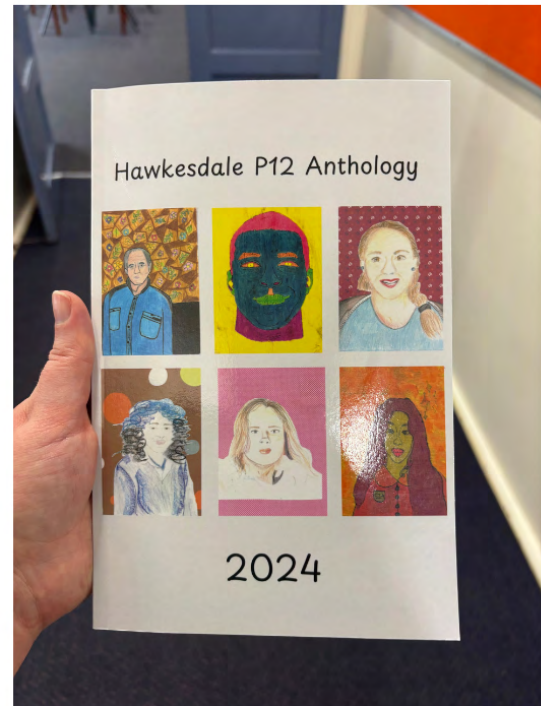


A big welcome back to school to our Year 12s!! We are very excited to share this important year of school with you all!

The 2024 Anthology has arrived!

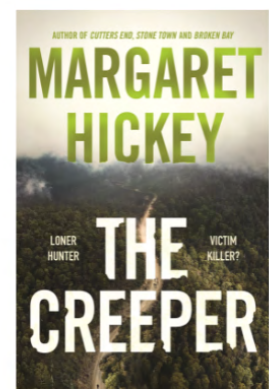
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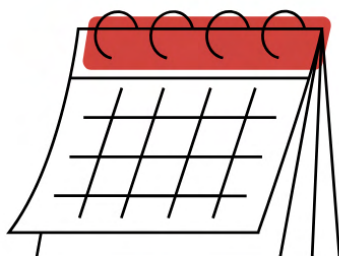
Book Club

The Hawkesdale Community Book Club will first meet for 2025 next Wednesday 5 Feb from 5-6pm in the college library for a cuppa and a chat about our summer reading. New members and kids are welcome! Scan the QR code to join the chat and find out more.



You're Invited to Join Community Connections

Community Connections is dedicated to making connections between our school, families and the broader Hawkesdale community. We are next meeting on Feb 12 to discuss ways we can work together to give families a voice and best serve our students and we would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents, guardians, friends of the college and members of our community to join us to help make our school the best it can be!



Who: All parents, friends and members of the community

What: Our first catch up for 2025!

Join us to share ideas with a cuppa and a biscuit

When: Tuesday 12 Feb 3.45-4.45pm

Where: The library



Mother's & Father's Day stalls



Hawkesdale community book club



Welcome back to school BBQs

If you would like to help build our school community in any way, big or small, please return the note below:

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Please circle one:

- I/we will be at the first catch up for **2025**
- I/we can't come in person but would like to join online via Zoom/Webex
- I/we can't come but would like to hear about future catch ups/opportunities to get involved



SchoolTV

Empower confidence.



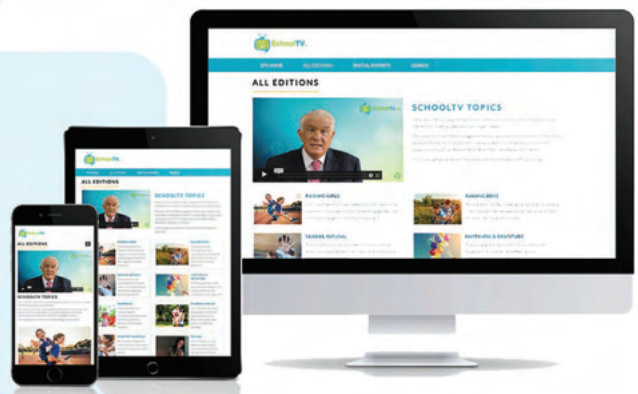
Because parenting doesn't come with instructions

Modern-day parenting can be challenging. Like never before, parents are seeking clear, fact-based solutions. SchoolTV delivers credible and current information from wellbeing experts via a unique digital platform. Browse through the resource library and find practical strategies on a variety of topics that address the challenges of raising happy, resilient young people in our ever-changing world.

A resource to support modern-day parenting

- A unique digital platform designed to support parents, caregivers and educators
- Watch video interviews with leading AU, NZ and international wellbeing specialists
- Browse the library of resources. Each topic is accompanied by factsheets, podcasts, books, articles, apps and videos
- Access to a series of mental health topics such as cybersafety, anxiety, screen time, positive parenting and many more
- Discover new topics every month and access an archive of past topics 24/7

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Hawkesdale Community Library Opening Hours



HAWKESDALE
P12 COLLEGE

Who: Members of the Hawkesdale community

What: Borrowing, access to the internet, technology help

When: Wednesday during the school term 3.30-5pm

Where: College Library. Enter the school via the front gate on Mitchell St and walk down the bus loop to the library - marked in yellow. As this is outside of school hours, a Working with Children Check is not required.



Book club meets approx. monthly during term time! Scan the QR code to join the chat and find out more.



Book Club

Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our class is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, I will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$3).


It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,

Samantha Young






The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!


Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?

LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!





GET UP TO

3 FREE BOOKS

ISSUE 1 IS NOW OPEN



Conditions apply, see Full Terms & Conditions on Book Club LOOP

SCHOLASTIC **BookClub**



HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE 2024 ANTHOLOGY

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Copies of the anthology can be ordered with the form below for \$12 a copy. Postage can be arranged for an additional \$6 if you cannot collect from the school.

Prep-2

- Sullivan
- Rhian
- Connor
- Piper
- Avah
- Zephee
- Carson
- Hunter
- Thea
- Mason
- Jakson
- Willow
- Lottie
- Lincoln
- Ollie
- Heidi
- Tess
- Max
- Lachlan
- Rykah

Grade 3/4

- Hartley
- Henry
- Gracelyn
- Rydah
- Blake
- Xavier
- Morgan

Grade 5/6

- Sean
- Damon
- Saith
- Audrey
- Amelia
- Phoebe
- Jack
- Rayce
- Xavier

- Zara
- Memphis
- Destinee
- Isaac
- Willem
- Pirra
- Phyllis
- Shelby
- Jaira
- Lilly
- Miah

Year 7

- Precious
- Zaila
- Katya
- Alex
- Charlie (art)
- Phoenix
- Jaxyn
- Frieda
- Sarah
- JP
- Dherk
- Zahlia
- Brodie
- Danika
- Tiori

Year 8

- Alexis
- Grace
- Liana
- Ben
- Darcy
- Sophie
- Bailey
- Addisyn (art)
- Tyler
- Samuel
- Spencer (art)

- Sam
- Cooper
- Indy
- Harrison

Year 9

- Eva
- Jasmine
- Indiana
- Sophie
- Saphy
- Matilda
- Keeley

Year 10

- Callum
- Kendra
- Macie
- Mackensie
- Briar
- Rachel

Year 11

- Bailey
- Zac
- Charlotte
- Aiden
- Xavier
- Cody

Year 12

- Indi
- Dekota
- Liana
- Marie

2024 ANTHOLOGY ORDER FORM

STUDENT/S NAME:

PARENT NAME:

I/We wish to order copies of the 2024 Anthology @ \$12.00 per copy.

*NB: Books will be distributed at school at the start of 2025. If you need the book 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 book to the total cost.*

ADDRESS:

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

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

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

(All credit card information will be destroyed after payment has been processed)

Card No.:

Expiry Date:

Name on Card:

Amount Paid:

Signature:

2025 CAREERS EXPO

Presented by the Neil Porter Legacy & Warrnambool and District Careers Teachers Association

9.30am - 3.10pm

Open to school groups

5.30pm - 7.00pm

Open to students, their families and the public

This is a free event.

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH

@ the Warrnambool Greyhound Racing Club's Wannon Function Centre

Discover new careers & pathways

Interactive activities & competitions
Win a iPhone and iPods!

Connect with local businesses

Arrange work experience opportunities

Comments from 2024 attendees:

I definitely recommend the careers expo. Everyone was so nice and welcoming to their stalls and it really showed me many different opportunities.

The expo gave me a much bigger look into what I want to do after school and I really appreciate the expo for helping me see new careers.

Supporters



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Drinks

Water – 600 ml	\$2.00
Nippy's Milk – 250 ml – Strawberry, Honeycomb, Chocolate, Coffee	\$2.40
Fresha Juice – 250 ml - Apple or Apple & Blackcurrant or Orange	\$2.40
Nappy's Milk – 375 ml – Strawberry, Honeycomb , Chocolate, Coffee, Banana	\$3.50
Fresha Juice – 500 ml - Apple & Blackcurrant or Orange	\$3.50
Frozen Yoghurt or Icy Poles – lunchtime only	
Lemonade Icy Poles (gluten free)	\$1.60
Zooper Dooper – Maximum of 2 – Temp must be over 25°C	\$0.50
Dixie Cups (gluten free)	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50
Chips	
Chips (28 gms) - Honey Soy or Sea Salt or Salt & Vinegar (gluten free)	\$1.40
Snaps (28 gms) (gluten free)	\$1.40

LUNCH TIME SPECIAL

Monday	Hot Dogs Baked Potatoes	\$3.00 \$6.00
Tuesday	Quiche Lorraine (with wedges & salad)	\$4.00 \$6.00
Wednesday	Homemade Pizza	\$3.00
Thursday	Enchiladas	\$6.00
Friday	Chicken Parma Burger	\$6.00

Canteen Menu - 2025

Recess and Lunch

Mini Chicken Wrap -	\$2.20
Chicken Mini Muffin Pizza	\$1.80
Ham, Cheese Mini Muffin Pizza	\$1.80
Ham, Cheese, Pineapple Mini Muffin Pizza	\$1.80
Egg and Bacon Muffin	\$3.00
Hash Browns	\$1.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender	\$1.80
Toastie	\$3.00
Party Pies / Sausage Rolls	\$1.80
Homemade Slices / Muffins / Banana Bread	\$1.80
Homemade Biscuits	\$1.20
Truffles	\$0.60
Banana bread - (gluten free) must be pre-ordered	\$1.80

Lunch Only

Angel Bay Light Beef Burgers with Salad	\$6.00
85gm Canteen Approved Chicken Burger with Salad	\$6.00
Salad Roll or Sandwich with or without Meat	\$6.00
Salad Tubs with or without Meat	\$6.00
Sandwiches - selected fillings eg: egg & lettuce / ham & pickles (must be pre ordered)	\$3.00
Veggie Burger with lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese, mayo on a wholemeal roll	\$6.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap - with lettuce, tomato, mayo and cheese	\$6.00
Chicken Crackles and Wedges	\$4.00
Pastie slab - must be pre-ordered	\$4.50
Meat Pie	