

Principal's Report Friday, 14th February 2025

A big thanks to students who have been following school expectations this week, which have been about wearing your hat outside, and arriving to class on time and ready to learn. I have really appreciated seeing all students wearing their sunhats at break times and for sport classes; we are a SunSmart school, with the expectation that school uniform sunhats are worn outside during terms one and four.

The Planned Maintenance Project is progressing smoothly and on schedule, with roof works now mostly finished, and new aluminum windows about to be installed near the Canteen. Excavation to create improved drainage along the west wall of the Stadium will be the next focus area for the project, with exterior painting of remaining wooden windows, eaves and walkways to follow.

Please note **that our annual School Photo Day will be happening on Monday, 3rd March** with individual, family, class, student leadership, staff and whole-school photos being taken. It is really important that everyone is wearing correct summer uniform on this day and looking their best for these photos!

Leanne is always keen to have volunteers assisting her in the school canteen, to help with food preparation, filling lunch orders and serving food items to students at recess and lunchtime. Our canteen is always busy, and volunteering is a great way to get involved in the life of our school. Please let our front office staff know if this is something that you would be interested in volunteering to do as the term continues.



A reminder that our **2025 Investiture Ceremony for School Leaders** will be happening in the Stadium at 10am, on Wednesday March 5, with a Welcome to Country beforehand in the bus loop area. Our School Captains, House Captains, Bus Captains, School Council representatives and Student Voice leaders will be recognised at this event and will receive the leadership badges that note their role in the school. Parents, grandparents and family members are very welcome to attend our leadership assembly, which will finish with a morning tea for student leaders, family and staff in the Library at recess. Once again, it's very important that all students are dressed in their best school uniform on this day!

Please note that nominations for School Council positions open today, and that three parent, two staff and one student position are available for nomination. Being a member of school council gives you the opportunity to support great outcomes for students at our school, and to become involved in the key duties of a Council – overseeing school finances, working on school policies, being on sub-committees that take action around school operations, and developing plans for the future. Nomination forms for parent and student positions are attached to this week's newsletter and are also available via Compass or at the general office in paper form. There are two types of nomination forms available for each member category – a form which notes that you are nominating yourself, and a form that allows someone else to nominate you; please choose the appropriate form when making nominations! Nominations close on Friday 28th February 2025, and forms can be handed directly to office staff on or before this date, or can be emailed to https://www.hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au. An election for parent and student positions will be held if there are more nominations than positions available, with dates for this process noted below:

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A big thanks to our outgoing parent, DET and student councillors – Megan Rees, Kirsty Seabrook, Elise Dell, Joe Kingston, Trish Butters and Briar Merrett; each of these councillors has made an active and valuable contribution to our School Council over the past year, and this contribution has been greatly appreciated.

It has come to the attention of staff that students may be sharing an inappropriate audio clip involving members of our school community. I want to assure families that the health and safety of our students is our top priority, and we are taking this matter very seriously. Any form of humiliation or bullying involving our students is entirely unacceptable. This incident does not reflect the safe and supportive culture at our school or the behaviour of the majority of our students. I have investigated the audio clip involved, and consequences and supports are in place for those involved in line with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy. As a school, we model respect and promote positive attitudes and behaviours for all students; we also have policies and processes in place to address any incidents of disrespectful or offensive behaviour. If you have any questions about our school's behaviour policies and standards, please get in touch via the school's front office.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mr Ralph **Principal**



You're invited to ...

2025 Student Leadership Investiture Ceremony

9.40am, Wednesday 5 March

From our senior and junior school captains, grade 6 leaders, Student Voice class representatives and executive, house captains and bus captains and more, students have many opportunities to develop their leadership skills at our school.

Join us on Wednesday 5 March from 9.40am to celebrate our student leaders for 2025! We will meet in the bus loop, before moving into the stadium.

All families are welcome to attend!















2025 Community BBQ & Open Night

Tuesday March 25th

5 - 6.30pm - BBQ by the college tennis courts

6.30 - 8pm - Open Night in the college library

All families are invited to join us for a community BBQ from 5-6.30pm, with Year 5 & 6 families welcome to stay on for our Year 7 Open Night from 6.30-8pm.

Meat and drinks provided. Please bring a salad to share!

2025 House Captains





Congratulations to the following students who were elected as house captains for 2025! They are responsible for leading students in their house at our swimming sports and at athletics later in the term. Congratulations to you all!

Mitchell 💛 🧡 🧡

Mitchell Captains: Jamie & Tiffany Mitchell Vice Captains: Blake & Riley

Spring

Spring Captains: Will & Beky Spring Vice Captains: John, Zac & Loralie





In this edition of SchoolTV - SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL REPUTATION

Social media has become such an integral part of a teenager's life. However, many miss out on some critical social skills with most communicating whilst looking at a screen instead of another person! Statistics show that 60 per cent of 10-11 year olds are using at least one social media site, with the majority using age-restricted platforms. What kids do, post and say online is permanent and most are not mature enough to manage their own digital footprint. Friendships, relationships and even future job prospects are all put at risk.

Parents need to be aware of what picture their children are painting of themselves online. Unfortunately, many parents do not see the dangers inherent of these sites, as they form opinions based on their own experience. But predators are usually not interested in grooming adults. Over the years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of primary schoolers owning mobile phones, highlighting the importance to teach kids about the dangers of social media and the implications it can have.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn how to talk to their children about the inherent dangers of social media and how to educate their kids to be responsible users in the online world we live in.

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 **Social Media & Digital Reputation** edition of SchoolTV https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/newsletter/social-media-and-digital-reputation



Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 11th

The safety of your children and teenagers is important to us. Please also take the time to visit https://www.esafety.gov.au/

for free webinars and also more fabulous resources and advice around keeping kids safe whilst online.

5 tips for a safer internet



Create a kinder world

Practice respect, empathy, and kindness online.

Start the conversation

"So...how do you keep safe online?" ask your friends, family and community!





Be mindful

Balance your time online and be smart about the content you watch and share.

Speak up

Tell a trusted adult and report online abuse and harmful content.





Get support

There's a young people's section just for you. Visit eSafety.gov.au.

Together, let's make the internet a safer, more positive place.











rep, Grade



1&2 Art



Pictures made with food dye colouring and shaving cream.
Threading coloured pasta onto thread.
Making bubbles.
All of these activities help to develop fine motor skills.



















Grade 6 Swimming Group 2025





P-2 Week 3

We have had lots of fun learning to swim and survive in the water with our instructors from Jayson Lamb Splash Factory!





















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Library News



Sam has been very in the library this week covering lots of new books ready to be borrowed! She also organised a collection of books in English and languages from around the world from the Languages and Multicultural Education Resource Centre. Primary library classes loved looking at the Rainbow Fish in lots of different languages and students decorated their own fish that Salty has put up on display!



















We love reading!



Hawkesdale Hall Fleece Show

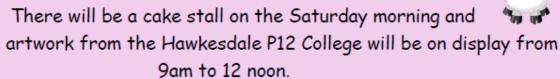
The Annual Fleece Show will be held on Saturday 22nd of March 2025.



If you have recently shorn your sheep and would like to donate a fleece to be judged on the day, please leave it at the hall or Post Office before judging on Friday 21st

March 2025.

We will once again be having a pet fleece section for the pet lambs.



All money raised goes to the upkeep of the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall.

Any queries please contact Cheryl on 55607272

We're proud to support our local communities

Each year, our AGL Macarthur Windfarm Community Fund awards grants to community-based initiatives, projects and events in and around Macarthur and Hawkesdale.

To see if you are eligible for one of our grants, download our guidelines or call us, then submit your application between 1 March 1 to 31 March, 2025.

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Drinks



\$0.50

\$2.50

Dixie Cups (gluten free) Frozen Yoghurt

Chips

over 25°C

\$1.40 \$1.40

Chips (28 gms) - Honey Soy or Sea Salt or Salt &

Snaps (28 gms) (gluten free)

Vinegar (gluten free)

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



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Canteen Menu - 2025

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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	ed \$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	\$3.00
riam & pickles (must be pre ordered) Vegie Burger with lettuce, tomato, beetroot,	00
cheese, mayo on a wholemeal roll	\$0.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap - with lettuce, tomato,	\$6.00
mayo and cheese	
Chicken Crackles and Wedges	\$4.00
Pastie slab - must be pre-ordered	\$4.50
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2025 School Council Parent Member Category Nomination Forms Hawkesdale P12 College



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An election for the three parent positions will be held if there are more nominations than positions available, with dates for this process noted below.

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Form 3: self-nomination form for parent member category

Name

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the Hawkesdale P12 College school council.

Residential Address:		
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Contact whoma (makile as landling):		
Contact phone (mobile or landline):		
Email:		
I am the parent/guardian of		
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.		
Statement	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
I am an employee of the Department of Education	3.177	2.7.79
I am an employee of the school council		
I am engaged in work at and for the school.		
am prepared to serve as a parent member of the above-named school co	ouncil. I hereby d	eclare that:
 I am not and have not been insolvent under administration within the lam of sound mind I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if common the lambda of the lamb		
indictable offence		,
 I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offer 	nders Registratio	n Act 2004
 I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my member of a school council. 	ability to perform	n the role of
Signature of Candidate		

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the department will be forwarded to the Department of Education by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on:

055607225 or hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

Form 4: nomination form for parent member category

I wish to nominate (name below)		
for an elected position as a parent member on the Hawkesdale P12 College school	ol council.	
Candidate's details		
Name		
Residential Address:		
Contact phone (mobile or landline):		
Email:		
Nominators details		
I am the parent/guardian of (name below)		
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.		
Statement The person I have nominated is:	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
an employee of the Department of Education.	2.1.79	2.7.79
an employee of the school council. is engaged in work at and for the school.		
Name of nominator		
Name of Hommator		
Signature of nominator		
Date:		
Candidate to complete I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a parent member of the a council. I hereby declare that:	above-name	ed school
I am not and have not been insolvent under administration within the last three I am of sound mind	e years	
 I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Vict indictable offence 	toria be, an	
 I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Regis I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to permember of a school council. 		
Signature of candidate		
Date:		

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2025 School Council School Employee Member Category Nomination Forms



Hawkesdale P12 College

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The nomination period will begin on Friday February 14, and must be received and receipted at the front office by 4pm on Friday February 28; nominations can be handed directly to office staff before this date, or can be emailed to hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au.

An election for the two school employee positions will be held if there are more nominations than positions available, with dates for this process noted below.

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Form 5: self-nomination form for school employee member category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a school employee member on the

Hawkesdale P12 College school council. Candidate's details Name Residential Address: Contact phone (mobile or landline): Email: Statement Yes No (Mark with an x) an x) I am an employee of the Department of Education I am an employee of the school council I am engaged in work at and for the school. I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a school employee member of the abovenamed school council. I hereby declare that: · I am not and have not been insolvent under administration within the last three years · I am of sound mind · I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004. · I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council. Signature of Candidate You will be notified when your nomination has been received. The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election

nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

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If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

Form 6: nomination form for school employee member category

I wish to nominate (name below)		
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for an elected position as a school employee member on the Ha	wkesdale P12 College school	councii.
Candidate's details		
Name		
Residential Address:		
Contact phone (mobile or landline):		
Email:		
Statement	Yes	No
	(Mark with an x)	(Mark with an x)
I am an employee of the Department of Education		
Statement	Yes	No
The person I have nominated is:	(Mark with an x)	(Mark with an x)
an employee of the Department of Education		
an employee of the school council		
engaged in work at and for the school		
Name of nominator		
Signature of nominator		
Signature of nonlinator		
Date:		
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Candidate to complete

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a school employee member of the abovenamed school council.

I hereby declare that:

- · I am not, and have never been, insolvent under administration within the last three years
- · I am of sound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- · I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of candidate		
Date:	A. C. S.	

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

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2025 School Council Student Member Category Nomination Forms Hawkesdale P12 College



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Form 7: self-nomination form for student member category

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Name		
Residential Address:		
Contact phone (mobile or landline):		
Email:		
Statement	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
I am enrolled in Year 7 or above at this school		
I have discussed standing for election to school council with my parents or guardians		
I have a sound understanding of the obligations and level of commitment required to participate on school council		
Candidate to complete		
am prepared to serve as a student member of the above-named school council	il. I hereby	
declare that:		
declare that: I am not and have not been insolvent under administration within the last thre I am of sound mind	ee years	
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Form 8: nomination form for student member category

I wish to nominate (name below)		
for an elected position as a student member on the Hawkesdale P12 College sch	ool council	
Candidate's details	001 000111011	
Name (name below)		
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Residential Address:		
Contact phone (mobile or landline):		
Email:		
Nominee Statement	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
I am currently enrolled in Year 7 or above at this school		
The person I have nominated is currently enrolled in Year 7 or above at this school		
Nominator's name		
Nominator's signature		
Candidate to complete	Yes (Mark with	No (Mark with
I am currently enrolled in Year 7 or above at this school	an x)	an x)
I have discussed standing for election to school council with my parents or guardians		
I have a sound understanding of the obligations and level of commitment required to participate on school council		
I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a school employee of the council. I hereby declare that:	e above-nar	ned schoo
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 I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Vicindictable offence 	toria be, an	
 I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration 	stration Act	2004.
 I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to p member of a school council. 	erform the r	ole of
Signature of Candidate		
Date:		

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate and to nominate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the department will be forwarded to the department by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on:

hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.