



Principal's Newsletter Report Friday, 7th March

On Wednesday of this week a range of primary and secondary students were awarded badges of leadership at our annual Investiture Assembly to recognise their 2025 roles as School Captains, House Captains, Bus Captains, School Council representatives, Student Voice and Year 6 leaders. Our senior School Captains spoke very well about the responsibility of leadership and the positive influence that good leadership can have on the lives of others. We welcomed several significant guests to our Investiture Assembly: Kobi Chatfield, a Year 10 young and emerging Gunditjmara leader from Warrnambool College, lead our Welcome to Country prior to the assembly with great meaning, while Hamish Wortley returned to our school after graduating from VCE in 2020 as our guest speaker, and spoke about his journey through agricultural study, gap year contracting and world travel over the past few years. It was a great pleasure to listen to Hamish reflecting on the opportunities that our school provides for students, and to hear how his time as a student at our school helped to shape his life goals and pathways after secondary school. Families, students and staff enjoyed morning tea in the library after the assembly, which was a great chance to catch up and chat, and to sample Leanne's excellent catering!

Congratulations to Jaira, who was awarded a School Sports Victoria medallion at the Investiture Assembly for her excellent sporting and academic achievements across 2024. This was great recognition for Jaira, who is student that gives everything a go, and who consistently works hard whether she is learning in a classroom or competing on a sports field. Well Done!



After several quiet weeks on the Planned Maintenance Project front, works will recommence next week, with new aluminium windows being fitted to the Staffroom and ICT office spaces, a drainage system being installed along the length of the Stadium wall, repainting of weathered eaves and rooflines, and landscaping works around the Stadium perimeter. There will be many contractors on our school site next week, and there will be some disruption to student use of the tennis court area when excavation and concreting equipment arrives on site.

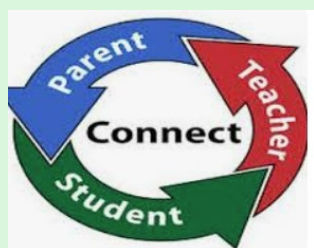
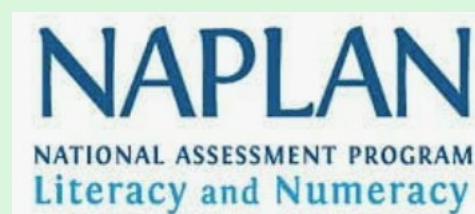


Students in Years 10 attended a Careers Expo in Warrnambool on Tuesday, organised by the Neil Porter Legacy - a not-for-profit careers foundation dedicated to exposing local students to a variety of careers throughout their schooling. The Expo featured a huge range of industry displays and presentations sourced from all over SW Victoria, and highlighted the variety of apprenticeships, traineeships, employment and training opportunities that exist in our corner of the state. Students were given plenty to think and talk about at the Expo, and these experiences will help to guide work experience preferences later in the year. Thanks to Mr. Gordon for arranging this excellent activity for our students.

A reminder that NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will begin on Wednesday of next week, and will continue on into the following week.

NAPLAN results allow teachers and families to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy learning over time and allow schools to celebrate achievement and to plan for future improvement. It is worth remembering, of course, that NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of our school assessment and reporting process and are not

designed to replace the regular and ongoing assessments that are made in-class by teachers about student performance.



A reminder also that Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be held at school on Thursday, 3rd April between 11am and 7pm in order to have conversations about student achievement, effort and behaviour as noted on Semester 1 interim reports, which will be available on Compass prior to the interview day. These interviews are a vital part of the learning partnership between parents, students, and teachers; they provide feedback about how

students are progressing in their learning at this early stage of the 2025 school year and are a great chance to discuss ways in which this learning can be improved upon or extended as the year continues. We certainly encourage as many families as possible to take part in these interviews, and for students to add their voices to the conversation also. More information about booking interviews will be sent home next week.

Nominations for School Council positions closed on Friday of last week, and I am pleased to announce that Charlotte Rees will fill the single student-member position, and that Elise Dell and Megan Rees will fill two of the vacant parent-member positions. Three nominations have been received for the two vacant DET member positions, and an election will take place in the coming week. DET member nominees are Patricia Butters, Imogen Cakebread and Steve Stewart; only DET employed staff will be able to take part in this election.

A big thanks once again to our outgoing councillors - Kirsty Seabrook, Joe Kingston and Briar Merrett; each of these councillors have made an active and valuable contribution to our School Council over the past two years, and this contribution has been greatly appreciated.

Please note that the following pupil free days have been approved by School Council for terms one and two of this year. Life is busy, and I am always conscious of providing plenty of notice for activities that could involve day care and work roster arrangements; please add these dates to your calendars or electronic organisers:

Parent-Teacher-Student Interview Day	Term 1: Thursday April 03
Respectful Relationship PD Day	Term 2: Tuesday June 10; in combination with the King's Birthday public holiday on Monday June 09, this will create a 4-day long weekend for families
Semester One Report Writing Day	Term 2: Monday June 23; this will create a 3-day long weekend for families, a fortnight prior to the term two school holidays.

Please note also that the May Races Public Holiday will be happening in Term 2 on Thursday, May 01. SWTAFE classes will be cancelled on this day.



The timing of year level camps is well underway for 2025; please note the following dates for camps that will involve your children, and the camps where an optional rest day will occur on the day after students return home:

Year 1-2 Sleepover at school	Term 4: November
Year 3-4 Sovereign Hill camp	Term 4: November 13-14
Year 5-6 Warrnambool camp	Term 4: November 24-26 (Nov 27 will be an optional rest day for students, and a time in lieu day for attending staff)
Year 7 Roses Gap camp	Term 2: May 26-28 (May 29 will be an optional rest day for students, and a time in lieu day for attending staff)
Year 8 Apollo Bay camp	Term 4: November 03-06 (Nov 07 will be an optional rest day for students, and a time in lieu day for attending staff)
Year 9 Rubicon camp	Term 3: July 28-August 01
Year 10 Melbourne Metro camp	Term 3: July 27-30 (July 31 will be an optional rest day for students, and a time in lieu day for attending staff if required)
Year 11 Work Experience camp	Term 3: July 27-August 01

Further information about camps will be released to year level families as they approach, including costings and required clothing and equipment. Please keep in mind also that many families qualify for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), and that this fund can be used to cover camps costs in addition to the 2025 Family Saver Bonus. Please contact our Financial Manager (Amanda) at school if you would like to discuss the CSEF further, or to our Business Manager (Sandra) if you would like to set up a payment plan for camp costs.

Enjoy the long weekend everyone ...

Mr Ralph,

Principal.



HAWKESDALE
P12 COLLEGE

2025 Open Night & Community BBQ

Tuesday
March 25th

5 - 6.30pm - BBQ by the college
tennis courts

6.30 - 8pm - Open Night in the
college library

All current and prospective 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!

Our school offers...

- ✓ Small class sizes, allowing students to experience individual attention.
- ✓ An inclusive and caring learning community in which student wellbeing is a priority and your child is known and valued as an individual.
- ✓ A full range of subject choices for VCE, VM (Vocational Major) and VPC (Victorian Pathways Certificate) allowing pathways into university, TAFE training, apprenticeships and employment.
- ✓ Targeted numeracy & literacy support through tutoring and Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy support programs and a wide range of wellbeing and learning support programs
- ✓ Authentic opportunities for student leadership and voice.
- ✓ An emphasis on active learning in a wide range of programs, including Physical Education and Sport, Art, Product Design Technology and Visual Communications, Food Studies, ADVANCE outdoor education, the Hawkesdale Volunteerism Program, Hands on Learning and a biannual school production.
- ✓ An extensive camps program that fosters teamwork, confidence and resilience.

Further information can be obtained by either contacting the school on 03 5560 7225, or by emailing to hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au



Respect

Responsibility



Resilience

Student Leadership Investiture Ceremony 2025

A big well done and congratulations to all of our student leaders who were recognised today at our annual leadership investiture ceremony. It was wonderful to have Kobi Chatfield present the Welcome to Country and to welcome former School Captain, Hamish Wortley, back to school to speak to students about his accomplishments after school.

Our senior school captains gave wonderful speeches on what leadership means to them and the student leaders, families and staff enjoyed a delicious morning tea catered by Leanne. A fabulous morning! Dare to achieve!



School Captains



Student Representatives on School Council



Grade 6 Leaders



Bus captains



Bus captain



Bus captains



Student Voice



Mitchell House Captains



Spring House Captains



School Sports Medallion Winner



Welcome to Country with Kobi Chatfield



Former School Captain Hamish Wortley





Our Guest Speaker: Hamish Wortley



I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Hawkesdale P-12 College from year 7 through to year 12 in 2020. Small class sizes allowed me to engage in important relationships with my teachers and peers as I progressed through high school. I always took any opportunity to be involved in great sporting and extracurricular activities on offer at the school.

Since my completion of high school, I worked for two years across the agricultural industry across dairy and beef production, as well as contracting operations in New Zealand and New South Wales. After two years of experience working, I enrolled and have since completed a Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness) at Marcus Oldham College in Geelong.

Lunchtime Activities



Well done to the Grade 6 leaders who have been setting up the hot shot tennis nets each day for students to play at recess and lunch. Oli and Destiny loved playing with captains Zoe and Destinee!



It was on for young and old last Friday, with a staff vs. Year 12 ping pong tournament that saw the staff maintain their winning streak. It does help when you have a former Australian champion on your team! Well done to Mrs Butters and Mr Webb. A great way to end the week!





Grade 1 and 2 ***paint*** ***printing***

Students used a variety of stencils to make a print.





Lunar New Year

2025 Year of the Snake

**Students used their fine motor skills to
cut and place dots to create their own
moving patterned snakes.**



HOTSHOTS TENNIS



Students in Grade 5 and 6 competed in round robin singles and doubles games of tennis last Thursday 27th Feb against our Moyne Schools in Warrnambool at the Lawn Tennis Complex.





Hotshots Tennis

Yesterday, we had a tennis competition. It was a hot sunny day and we were driving to Warrnambool. The year 6 girls were going to verse the Port Fairy kids first. We aren't allowed to volley or do the traditional way of serving. Instead, we had to drop the ball and hit it since the court was too small.

Once the round was over, the ref would ask for the points. My single lost by one point, Pirra's single won, and I'm not sure about the others. Overall, I won 2 doubles and 1 single, and lost 2 singles and 1 double.

The Hawkesdale girls came 2nd place in the grand finals, and the Hawkesdale boys came 9th place. After all the games were finished, we were allowed to have a freeplay with our classmates or the other schools. But at the end of the day, Hotshots tennis was fun and a great experience even when you are still learning!

By Phyllis

Yr 6 Moyne Sports Captain





This week we had the great fortune of receiving a whole range of Hotshots Tennis equipment, donated by the Broadwater Tennis Club who no longer needed it. We would like to sincerely thank the club, and especially Leonnie Dyson, who was able to get the much needed equipment to the school via Shannon Drysdale. Thanks so much to both of these legends!

15 tennis racquets
Storage bag on wheels
4 bags of tennis balls
4 nets
and a bag of drop down lines



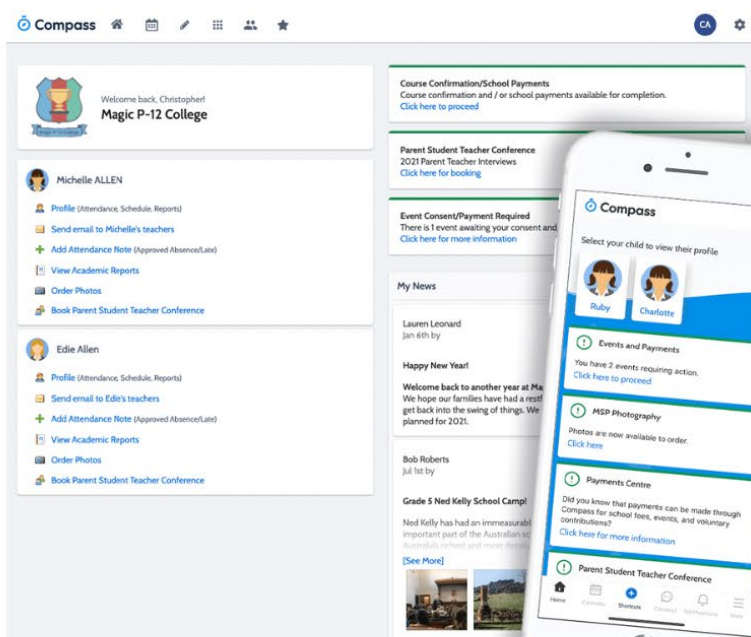
Communication Update

Families may notice that our weekly newsletter distribution and the promotion of school events is happening a little differently this term, in response to parent feedback and concerns around articles and the rolling calendar advertising where students are going to be on future days.

Electronic newsletters and events promotion will be posted only to Compass from this point on, and not to our publicly accessible website, Facebook and Instagram pages; the distribution of hardcopy newsletters in the wider community will also diminish.

We are always looking at ways to enhance student safety, with a new school Social Media policy currently being developed in response to parent feedback – this will be communicated to families once it has passed through School Council.

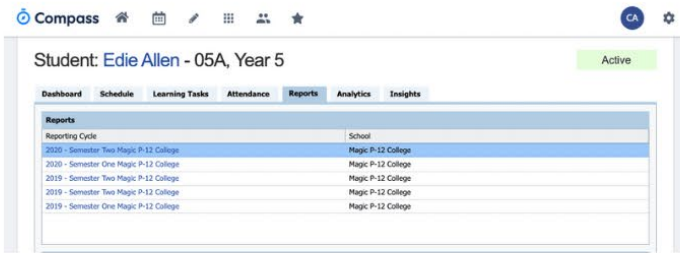
Watch a short video explaining how Compass can be used to access information about your child and upcoming events by scanning the QR code below or going to: <https://www.compass.education/compass-features/compass-for-parents/>



Watch a short
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Compass here

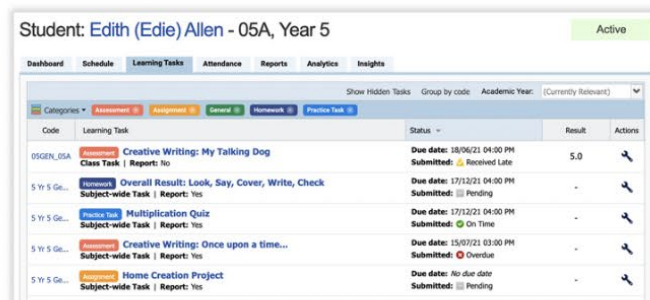


Access student reports



See learning progress*

*Secondary students only



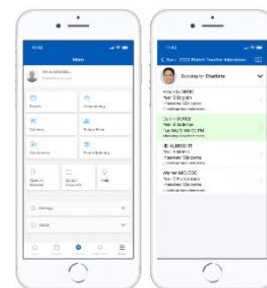
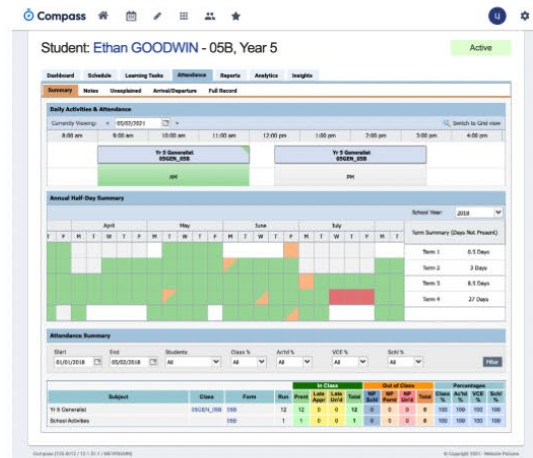
Book parent teacher interviews



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/>

Add attendance notes



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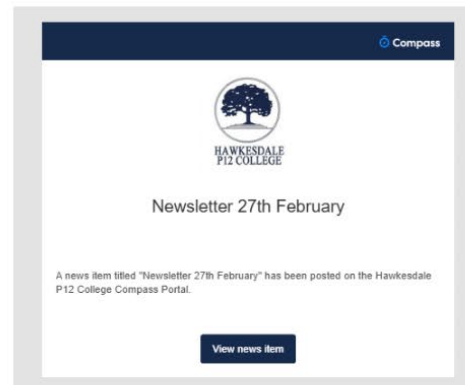


More info

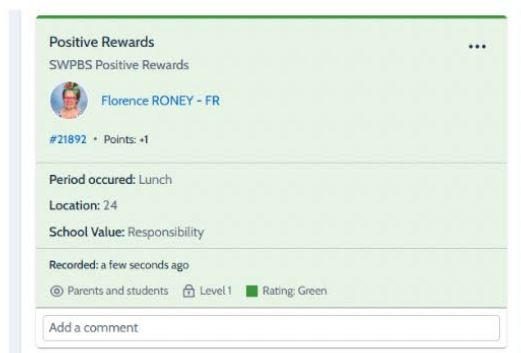
What can I do on Compass?

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:

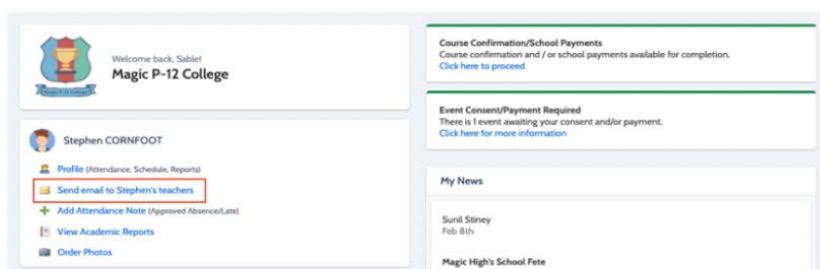
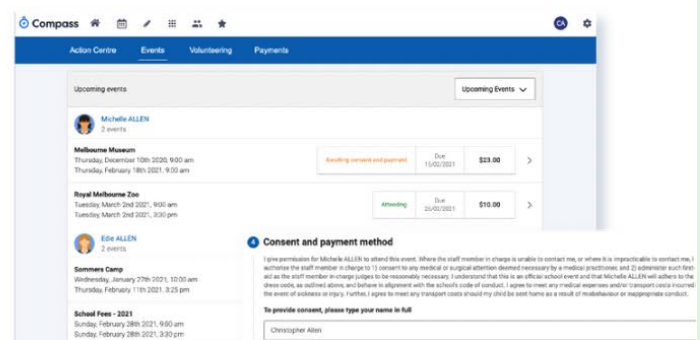
See the school newsletter with upcoming events calendar



See positive feedback about your child's behaviour



Give consent for excursions



Email staff

The Man Cave Parent Keynote Presentation

What: The Man Cave is Australia's leading preventative mental health charity for teenage boys and their communities. Their highly trained facilitators will be at school to offer insights into the world of our young men and the challenges they're facing.

When: Tuesday 18th March @ 7pm

Who: Parents, carers and guardians of all students (not only boys)

Where: Hawkesdale P12 College, Library

The Man Cave Parent Keynote presentation is an interactive session designed to provide practical insights and tools to the parents of young men. The Man Cave receive copious requests from parents asking for guidance on supporting their sons, so have put this presentation together to meet that need.

The session will be a blend of presentation, group discussion and Q&A, aiming to normalise parenting challenges that many are experiencing and offering actionable take aways.



You can expect to hear about:

- How rigid masculinity impacts the **mental health** of boys
- **Insights** into the world of young men and the challenges they're facing
- **Practical tools** and mindsets for engaging boys at home

You will be offered **resources** that you can access at home, in your own time.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided.



"I came into the day thinking it would be another boring workshop that doesn't teach me anything. I was so wrong. The facilitators shared their story and really listened when we shared ours. It taught me that it is not weak to express your feelings as a man, and in fact, people will respect you for it. The Man Cave should be mandatory in all schools."
— Year 10 Boy



Our boys were involved in student workshops in **2023** and **2024** with The Man Cave and the feedback from them was overwhelmingly positive.

This year, The Man Cave will be delivering two further sessions to boys in years 8, 9 and 10 on 19th March and 7th May.

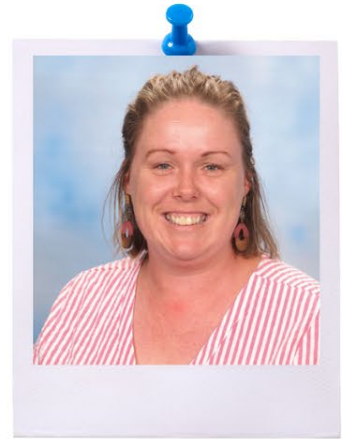
This parent keynote session will reflect the messages delivered to the boys in these sessions.

Empowering boys to become great men

the man cave

MEET MRS DART

Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader



What is wellbeing?

Your wellbeing is your ability to cope with stress and emotions in daily life. Good wellbeing means you have the skills to participate in every day life such as work, relationships and study. Looking after our wellbeing is as important as keeping our body healthy. When we're feeling emotionally healthy we can be fully present with our family, friends and community. Wellbeing sits on a continuum and changes throughout life.

What will Mrs Dart do?



- **Build staff capacity** about Mental health and Wellbeing through professional learning and support.
- Plan and implement a **whole school approach to wellbeing**.
- Support the creation of **clear care pathways** to support our students.
- Support teachers to implement **evidence based strategies** and **wellbeing supports** in the classroom and yard.
- Build an understanding of **mental health literacy across the school community** including parents, students and staff.
- Work closely with the **wellbeing team and leadership team** to best meet the needs of our school community.
- **Support** classroom teachers and Year Level coordinators with **students wellbeing**.

Library News



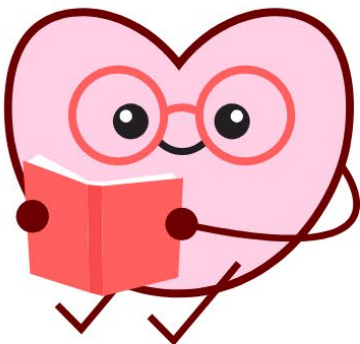
We love the train set!



**Borrowing
helpers!**



New displays!



New books!

**HAWKESDALE
P12 COLLEGE**
2024 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
 CONTACT US
 At the office. 55607225

We are now taking orders for the **2024** School Magazine.

Please fill in the form below or phone the College 55607225

The Magazine is due to arrive very early 2025

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HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE - SCHOOL MAGAZINE - 2024

STUDENT/S NAME:

PARENT NAME:

I/We wish to order copies of the 2024 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 ☐ EFTPOS ☐ CREDIT CARD (see below)

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

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Careers News

Hawkesdale P12 College
<https://hawkesdalep12careers.com.au/>



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VicLLEN Portal assisting in work experience and structured workplace learning (SWL)

<https://www.vicllens.org.au/>

Here's what has happened in the last fortnight and what's to come!

Welcome to our fortnightly Careers Newsletter. My name is Jacob Gordon, the Careers and Pathways Adviser at Hawkesdale P12 College.

A Welcome to This Space

Every two weeks I get an opportunity to discuss all the things happening in our Careers space at Hawkesdale. While this is a short snippet, there is plenty more out there and I am always available to catch up with. You can book a meeting with me on our Careers Website - www.hawkesdalep12careers.com.au

What's Happened?

Bees will buzz more in the Summer and it seems that way for Career Practitioners too! January/February months are some of the busiest times of year, where we prepare our students for the year ahead - sorting dates for Career Action Plans, Morrisby profiling and interviews times, opt-in and out for SWL, WE and SBATs (more to come later!), TAFE courses and pathway interviews for our Year 12 cohort. This is what has been happening so far, but there has been more, with visitations to work places and the Careers Expo ran by the Neil Porter Legacy (NPL). The NPL are a not-for-profit organisation that work with schools in the region to help students learn more about pathways into a range of professions from trades to self-employment businesses and everything in between. They are a great link for our students and on the 4th of March, our students headed to the Careers Expo, building

connections with staff from a range of networks. These included TAFEs, universities, lawyers, electricians, builders, veterinary clinics, early-childhood centres, ADF providers and Department run facilities. All our students were well behaved, asked questions about their future pathways and developed an understanding of what they could do in their next steps.

What's Next?

On the 19th of March our Year 11 and Year 12 students have an excursion. This will be to Deakin University, for the Tertiary Information Session (TIS). These events explore universities from across the state and beyond, TAFE training organisations and more. Students will have an information session, then be taken around to information booths, learning more about what universities have to offer, ATAR requirements and entry schemes to assist in their next steps. It is a great day out and the cafe will be open to purchase a quick snack on the day. All students will be returning to school in time for session 4 and lunch.

SBAT vs SWL vs WE

With all things in education, it seems there is an acronym for it. I have included this last little bit of information and what it all means:

WE = Work Experience

SWL = Structured Workplace Learning

SBAT = School Based Apprenticeship

If there is something you wish to do or know more about, please come and talk to me anytime. You can book an appointment with me through our Careers Website linked above.

Dare to Achieve!
Mr Gordon

Upcoming Events

March 19th -
Warrnambool TIS

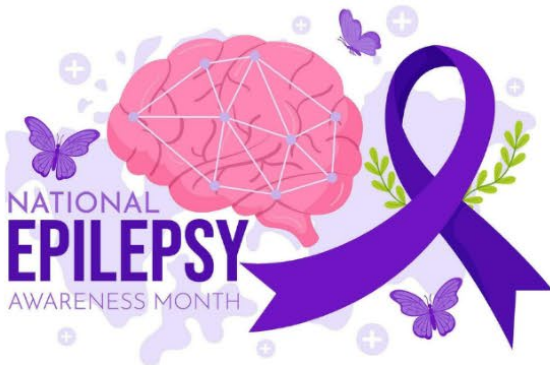
April 3rd - PTS
Interviews

April 4th - Term 1
Ends

April 28th - 30th
Melbourne
Education Camp

UPCOMING EVENTS

Made by Student Voice



What's Epilepsy?

Epilepsy is a long-term brain condition where a person has repeated seizures.

How can we help?

We are hosting a fundraiser and will give all the donations to the Epilepsy Foundation. We will wear purple as purple represents Epilepsy Awareness.

MARCH 26

Gold coin donation to
dress up in purple!



**WEAR
PURPLE**

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A FREE WEBINAR Digital media literacy & safety

Supporting Primary
& Secondary students

This webinar is Part I of a two-part
series. In this session, topics include:

- New Social Media Regulations
- Cyberbullying
- Exposure to Hate Speech
- Online Safety and Fraud



Online, Wednesday

19 March, 2025

7.00 pm

FEATURING



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg



Susan McLean



Don't miss out!
FREE event.
Scan to register.

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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.



There will be a cake stall on the Saturday morning and artwork from the Hawkesdale P12 College will be on display from 9am to 12 noon.

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

Any queries please contact Cheryl on 55607272

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
Nippy'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
Vegie 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	\$4.50