

Principal Report
Friday 6TH November 2026

A range of data has become available to our school this term and it is worth celebrating the achievements highlighted. Our 2026 School Performance Report provides a snapshot of how our school has performed across learning and wellbeing domains this year, and I am happy to report improvement in most areas. It is pleasing to observe high levels of achievement for our Year 5 and 7 students around strong and exceeding NAPLAN results in numeracy, high levels of VCE and VCE VM certificate completions, a high level of endorsement for student transition and pathways experiences between Years 10 and 12 and a high level of positive endorsement for the emotional regulation and awareness of our Year 4-6 students. Year 7 NAPLAN results in reading have significantly improved this year, as has reading growth data between Year 5 and Year 7. Attendance rates are still a cause for concern, and particularly for our secondary students; it's important to remember that every day counts, and that days away from school add up significantly in terms of learning opportunities missed.

Another area of school life to celebrate is the success of our students in exhibiting their art and design work at the recent Warrnambool Show. Over 80 pieces of student work were exhibited from the skill areas of pottery, woodwork, horticultural displays, photography, general craft and art, and with pieces ranging from candelabra and vegetable sculptures to portraiture and woodworking. The creativity of every student who entered a piece was on display, and many students were rewarded with first, second and third ribbons as well as encouragement awards and special mentions - there were lots of excited students who took their ribbons and awards home yesterday! A particular mention must go to Hunter in Year 4 and Carson in Year 3, who achieved second and third placings respectively in the open-age knitted beanie section and whose work was exhibited alongside some very experienced knitters many decades older than they are. Well done everyone! A big thanks to Michelle and Sam for their work in transporting, setting up, and photographing student displays, and to all of our art and design teachers for their great work in encouraging the pieces that were on display at the show. Many of these student art and design pieces will be on display at the Port Fairy Show this weekend – please take the time to check these out if you are planning to attend the show on Saturday.

Addisyn in Year 7 represented our school in horse eventing at the Warrnambool Show, and it was great to see our College saddlecloth and uniform on display once again in equestrian competition. Well done Addisyn!





It has been a busy fortnight of coastal camps at our school, with the Year 9 to 10 ADVANCE Camp tackling the Great Ocean Walk between Marengo and Blanket Bay last week, and our Year 8 students enjoying several days of surfing, snorkelling and fishing while on the Apollo Bay year level camp this week. Both camps have been a great experience for the students involved and as always, I would thank our teaching staff for their care and organisation of our students while they are away from school and home.



The new Victorian Government Schools Agreement came into effect in late October and there are several changes to school conditions that will occur in 2027 as a result**. The new Agreement will feature an additional pupil free day in each of terms one, two, three and four next year and ongoing**; these will be used by staff to plan and prepare for their subjects and student learning adjustments. Additional pupil-free days will be approved by School Council this year and will then be communicated to families – as always, I'm very conscious of the juggling of time that's required for families in terms of work, kindergarten and home care arrangements, and these dates will become known to families as quickly as possible.

Book list packs are currently being prepared to send home for families in preparation for the 2027 school year and will feature two revised Department of Education policies that will come into effect next year. The current statewide Mobile Phone policy is being expanded to include all Catholic and independent schools in Victoria; in addition to mobile phones being kept in secure storage, smart glasses and personal audio devices such as headphones and earbuds must also be securely stored during school hours. Wearable devices such as smartwatches are still allowed at school next year but must have notifications, cellular connections and recording functions turned off during the school day.

Exemptions to these new policy expectations may be granted under certain conditions and at Principal discretion. The revised Photographing, Filming and Recording policy will feature additional levels of parent consent for student images to be displayed within the school, within password-protected online spaces such as Compass, and within the wider public community via our website and social media platforms. More information about both policies will be shared with families later in the year.

Booklist packs will also include information about our 2027 bring-your-own-device program for secondary students. Cost of living considerations are very much part of our BYOD program planning, and there are a range of suggested devices that cost less than the policy-required amount of $980.

The year is winding up quickly for our senior school students, with many of our Year 12 students approaching the last of their written exams at the Lutheran Hall. Our Year 10 and 11 students will begin subject exams on Wednesday November 18 and will take part in Step-Up Week subject activities beginning on Monday November 23. The final day for Year 11 students will be Friday November 27. Our Year 10 students will be taking part in a second round of work experience placements in the week beginning Monday, November 30, with Friday December 4 being their last day of school for 2027. **All Year 12, 11, and 10 students are invited (and expected) to attend our final Awards Assembly on Monday, December 14.**

Finally, some advance notice to families about our final day of classes for primary and secondary students and Awards Assembly, which will be happening on Monday, December 14. We will be holding a school community barbecue for lunch followed by an afternoon Awards Assembly, with students heading home at 3:20pm on their usual bus routes. A flyer advertising the activities for our final day of school will be sent home to families shortly.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mr Ralph
Principal
Hawkesdale P12 College



MOYNE CRICKET

30th October 2026

PORT FAIRY GRADE 5/6










KOOKABURRA
















HAWKESDALE
P12 COLLEGE

2027 Senior School Captains



Congratulations to our **2027** School Captain Ben and Vice Captain, Harrison! They will start leading our Year **5**-**11** Monday morning assemblies from next week and there will be a formal handover from the **2026** school captains at the Presentation Assembly later in the term. Well done to all students who put themselves forward for this important role. Dare to Achieve!



Library News



We have been having lots of fun in the library recently!!

There has been lots of fun with arts and crafts. For Halloween, P/1 students made monster masks and enjoyed dancing to some spooky tunes.

The kinders enjoyed listening to Salty read aloud in their weekly library visit before borrowing books to take back to kinder too!













Celebrating our Indigenous Garden and EcoLink Multipurpose Track

On Monday 26 October, we celebrated the official opening of the Indigenous Garden and EcoLink Multipurpose Track, the culmination of many years of work by many people across our school. The celebrations included an official welcome, a ribbon cutting, a walk around the track and a screening of the documentary made by local filmmaker Colleen Hughson with select students, followed by a delicious morning tea catered by Leanne.



The Garden

The Indigenous Garden began in 2024, led by Mr Gordon and the Karrang Thookay (Gumtree Children) Indigenous students, with the support of our Hands on Learning (HOL) team and Grade 5/6 students. It includes many wonderful native plants and beautiful totem poles, designed by Karrang Thookay members and painted by our Year 7 First Nations student, Destinee, in conjunction with Indigenous artist Sherry Johnstone.



At the heart of the garden is our Yarning Circle. Yarning circles have been used by First Nations communities for thousands of years as places to tell stories, share information and knowledge, protect beliefs and culture, and find ways to solve problems. Our Yarning Circle is a place for students to come together, feel connected to nature and connect with each other.



The Track

Planning for the multipurpose track also began in **2024** and was spearheaded by Mrs Quinlan, who successfully applied for a **$30,000** grant from Active Schools to fund the project, which was supported by a working group and school council. The track follows the contours of our school boundary and meanders between our beautiful stands of native trees, making it a wonderful space to walk, jog or ride a bike.



Growing Together

In **2026**, we joined forces with Anthea and Chon from Green Print Projects, in partnership with GPG Naturgy Group and Moyne Shire. Over six weeks in Term **3**, they worked with students and staff to revegetate the track and gardens. Together we planted over **450** trees and shrubs, introduced **29** new species and created new habitat for local wildlife.



Each phase of the track was named by students and labelled with hand-crafted signs they designed and made. Specific plants were chosen for each section for different purposes. For example, the Spark Stopper section was planted with species chosen to help in bushfire conditions.

Working with HOL staff Mark and Shannon, our HOL students created nesting boxes and insect homes to put up in trees around the track and built a lovely wooden bench that sits in Spark Stopper. Destinee and Sheree also worked together to create a map of the different parts of the track, drawn from an Indigenous perspective.



Learning on Country

Throughout the project, students learned about the importance of caring for Country and about the native plants being planted around the track to soften its edges and create ecosystems where native animals and insects can thrive.

Primary students enjoyed learning how native plants can be used in baking, and tried some delicious lemon myrtle cake. They also made insect homes and birds' nests, and even made bush-flavoured ice creams. Secondary students learned how to test soil to make sure the plants will grow, and got hands-on with practical skills, working together to create a healthier, more biodiverse place for everyone to enjoy.

To capture all of this wonderful work, select students in Years 8–10 worked with Colleen, learning interview techniques, camera angles and shots. Together they created a documentary that tells the story of this phase of the project, which you can watch on our school Facebook page.

This has been a significant project for our school, creating valuable opportunities for students to connect with the environment, learn about Indigenous perspectives and care for our local landscape. We want to thank everyone involved in the creation of this wonderful space for all their hard work in bringing the project to life.












Dare to Achieve










Engage routines




SOIL PH TEST KIT
THIS TEST IS BASED ON RESEARCH BY CSIRO
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN & PETS
Manutec
GARDEN CARE
SOIL pH
TEST KIT
for up to 100 Soil Tests
Neutral
• SIMPLE & EASY TO USE
• ACCURATE & INSTANT RESULTS
• FOR TESTING SOILS & POTTING MIXES
Net Contents
Solution: 90ml
Powder: 40g
Refer to Safety Directions








Learning Intention
Success Criteria




HANDS ON LEARNING





HAWKESDALE COLLEGE
STUDENTS INVITE YOU

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



NOV 11

2026

LEST WE FORGET

TO A COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION
AT THE HAWKESDALE MEMORIAL

GATHERING FROM 10.30
FOR A 10.45 START

ONE MINUTE SILENCE WILL BE OBSERVED AT 11.00

School Wide Positive Behaviour Expectations

Congratulations to the following students who have recieved nominations for being Respectful or Resilient in week 3 & 4:

Precious, Ropati, Alex, Sarah, Frieda, Dherk, Addisyn, Xavier, Meesaa, Tiori, Ruben, Will, Keeley, Isaac, Jaira, Joel

Over the last two weeks there have been many green compass notifications sent home for students demonstrating our school values. Congratulations to all these students!



Next week the focus will be:

RESPECT

We respect our selves, staff and peers at Hawkesdale College





SCHOOL TV

FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

IN THIS EDITION OF SCHOOLTV - WHY ROUTINES MATTER FOR PRESCHOOLERS

For preschoolers, the world can sometimes feel busy, unpredictable and overwhelming. As young children learn new skills, manage emotions and navigate growing independence, consistent routines provide a sense of safety, stability and comfort. Everyday patterns around sleep, meals, play and transitions help children understand what to expect and build confidence in managing their day.

Routines are not about creating rigid schedules or striving for perfection. They are about providing children with predictable experiences that support emotional wellbeing, healthy habits and family connection. Simple routines and meaningful rituals can help children feel more secure, develop independence and create a strong foundation for learning and growth.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:
https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-eyws-why-routines-matter-preschoolers-au





SCHOOL TV

FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

IN THIS EDITION OF SCHOOLTV - DISORDERED EATING

Changes in eating habits are a normal part of growing up, but sometimes they can signal something more concerning. Disordered eating can develop gradually, often beginning with behaviours such as skipping meals, avoiding certain foods or becoming increasingly focused on healthy eating, exercise or body image. When these behaviours become restrictive or distressing, they can affect a young person's physical and emotional wellbeing.

Recognising the warning signs can be challenging, particularly as disordered eating can affect children of any age, gender or body size.

This Special Report provides practical guidance to help you recognise concerning behaviours, encourage positive relationships with food and body image, and understand when to seek professional support.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

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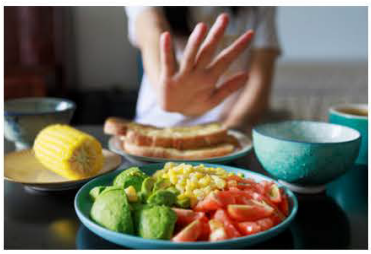
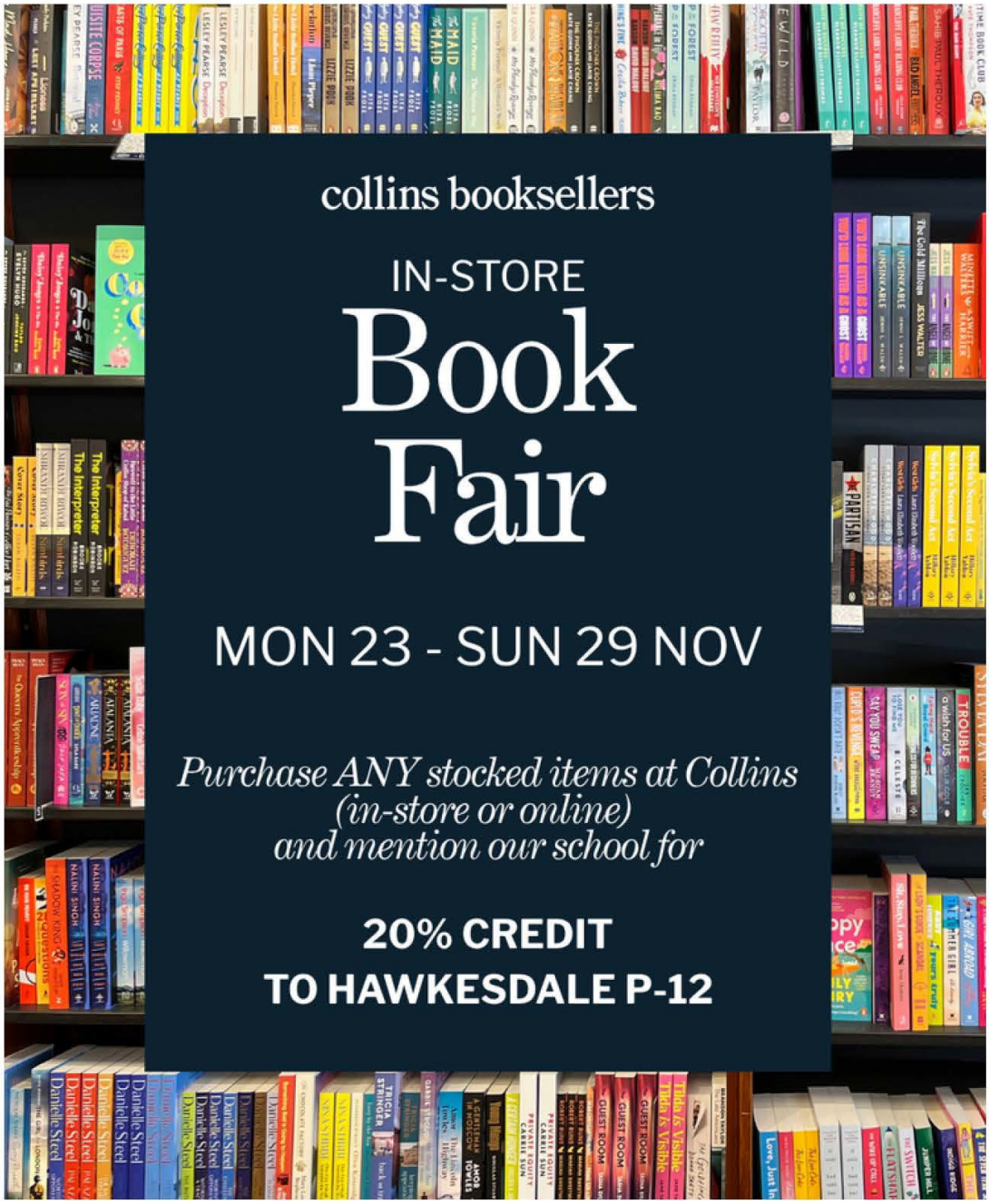




INSTORE BOOK FAIR

This year we are having an "instore" Book Fair at Collins Book store Warrnambool for the full week of 23-29th Nov mention Hawkesdale P12 College with your purchase our school will receive 20% credit.

Take note: LATE NIGHT SHOPPING FRIDAY 28TH NOV OPEN TIL 8PM.



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WELCOME TO SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD



The Hawkesdale P-12 College uniform range is now available online at:

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Select Hawkesdale P-12 College from the "FIND MY SCHOOL" list of schools.

Place your order.

Choose weekly delivery to school or home/private address.

State School Relief Vouchers

Orders using State School Relief Vouchers will need to be placed by phone. Please call our Customer Service line. You will need to provide details of your required items/sizes and have your voucher details ready.
Free Call: 1800 815 557

SHIPPING OPTIONS

School Delivery - Free
Weekly during school terms.
Orders received by Tuesday will be despatched on Wednesday

Please allow 4 - 5 days for delivery after despatch of your order.

Postage to private address
$12.50 per order.

An order confirmation email will be sent once your order is processed.

Contact Us:
onlineorders@spartanss.com.au

Customer Service

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HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE

Canteen Menu – 2026

Mini Chicken Wrap -	$2.50
Chicken Mini Muffin Pizza	$2.00
Ham, Cheese Mini Muffin Pizza	$2.00
Ham, Cheese, Pineapple Mini Muffin Pizza	$2.00
Egg and Bacon Muffin	$3.50
Hash Browns	$1.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender	$2.00
Toastie	$3.50
Party Pies / Sausage Rolls	$2.00
Homemade Slices / Muffins / Banana Bread	$2.00
Homemade Biscuits	$1.50
Truffles	$0.80
Banana bread - (gluten free) must be pre-ordered	$2.00
Brunch Pies	$3.50
Angel Bay Light Beef Burgers with Salad - must be pre ordered	$6.50
85gm Canteen Approved Chicken Burger with Salad- must be pre ordered	$6.50
Salad Roll or Sandwich with or without Meat	$6.50
Salad Tubs with or without Meat	$6.50
Sandwiches - selected fillings eg: egg & lettuce / ham & pickles (must be pre ordered)	$3.50
Vegie Burger with lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese, mayo on a wholemeal roll	$6.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap - with lettuce, tomato, mayo and cheese – must be pre ordered	$6.50
Dino Nuggets & Wedges	$4.50
Meat Pie	$5.00
(gluten free) Party pies	$3.50
(gluten free) Sausage rolls	$4.00
(gluten free) Pie	$8.00

While canteen staff will take all reasonable precautions to prevent the cross-contact of gluten free and gluten containing food products, it is important to be aware that we cannot guarantee that any item prepared and served from our canteen is going to be completely free of allergens.

Drinks

Water – 600 ml	$2.00
Nippy's Milk – 250 ml – Strawberry, Honeycomb, Chocolate, Coffee	$2.50
Fresha Juice – 250 ml - Apple or Apple & Blackcurrant or Orange	$2.50
Nippy's Milk – 375 ml – Strawberry, Honeycomb, Chocolate, Coffee, Banana	$3.70
Fresha Juice – 500 ml - Apple & Blackcurrant or Orange	$3.70

Frozen Yoghurt or Icy Poles – break 2 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 g) - Honey Soy or Sea Salt or Salt & Vinegar (gluten free)	$1.50
Snaps (28 g) (gluten free)	$1.50