



Hilltop News

DIMBOOLA MEMORIAL SECONDARY COLLEGE

Term 1, Week 2, 9th February 2024



Dimboola Memorial Secondary College would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Wimmera Mallee area: The Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk peoples, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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A message from our Principal

Great start to the year

It has been pleasing to see our students starting the school year on a positive note. Students are aware of their new routines and have been focussed on their learning. Thank you to all families for their support in ensuring that their child is wearing the correct school uniform and that they are arriving punctually for the day.

School photos were held on Monday morning, which proved to be a very windy photo shoot! Thank you to everyone for returning the forms on time.

Year 7 Parent BBQ

On Monday evening, we welcomed several new and many existing parents to our school to enjoy a relaxed barbeque meal. Perfect weather conditions allowed everyone to meet with staff and the students' families. Thank you to Deb King, our Canteen Manager, for organising the food for this function.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy

<https://dmsc.vic.edu.au/documents/policies/Photographing-Filming-Recording-Students-Policy.pdf>

describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

Upcoming Events and Dates

- 13th February - DMSC Swimming Sports
- 16th February - English Revision Day
- 21st – 23rd Feb - Year 7 & 8 Camps
- 26th February - Little Desert Swimming
- Elevate Study Skills (Senior Students)
- 26th – 29th Feb - Dental Van Visit
- 1st March - The Circus Challenge Show - Years 7-9
- 13th – 15th Feb - NAPLAN Year 7 and Year 9

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| Principal | Sally Klinge |
| President | Rhianna Paech |
| Vice President | Lynley Robinson |
| Secretary | } Charlotte Pyers (DET) |
| Treasurer | |
| DET Rep | Jess Fell |
| Parent Reps | Yolande Hutson, Alastair Griffiths, Brett Schultz |
| Student Reps | Rian Pyers, Ethan Angel-Hands |
| Community Reps | Charles Rees (RSL), Neil Zippel |

RESPECT HONESTY EXCELLENCE CARE FREEDOM

DMSC IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

A message from our Principal continues...

Welcome to our pre-service teacher

Alice Fleming, a pre-service teacher from Flinders University in SA, is with us for three weeks. She will be working with students in English and Visual Arts classes. We are fortunate to have visiting teachers in our school who always share ideas and knowledge with our staff.

Hats

The wearing of hats when outdoors is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. Students are reminded to leave their hats at school overnight, as we have run out of spare hats, due to students leaving their hats at home. Thank you for your support with this. If your child has lost their hat, new ones are available from the office for \$12.



Student lunches

A reminder that students should not be bringing two-minute noodles to school for lunch. The boiling water required for these is an OHS issue. Please note that the canteen is not available for students to heat up leftovers. We have a good range of hot food at our canteen, at very reasonable prices and encourage families to utilise this facility. Use Qkr for easy online ordering before 8.40am, or lunches can still be ordered through the front office using cash.

Swimming Sports next Tuesday

Our annual House Swimming Sports take place next Tuesday 13th February at our local Dimboola Pool. The weather forecast is favourable and our VM students have planned some great activities to engage all students and parents, if they wish to join in. Prizes will be on offer for the best tutu in house colours of blue for Hindmarsh or red for Wimmera, so I encourage both spectators and students to get behind this and come dressed to the nines to cheer on the students in both the formal and novelty events!

Sally Klinge

Principal



The poster features a central dark blue rectangle with white text. The background is a collage of blue-toned images of swimmers in a pool. Two large red circles are overlaid on the poster, one on the left and one on the bottom left.

Wimmera

Hindmarsh

Sponge race
Bomb comp
Tube races
Sinkers challenges

SAVE THE DATE

**DMSC
SWIMMING
CARNIVAL**

TUESDAY 13TH OF
FEBRUARY

COME AND WATCH ALL THE FUN!

Freestyle,
Breaststroke
Backstroke
Butterfly &
relays

Mobile phone use in schools



A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobiles phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Further information

Exceptions: For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency, or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available here:

<https://dmsc.vic.edu.au/documents/policies/Mobile-Phones-Student-Use.pdf>

Parent support: The [Mobile phones in schools webpage](#) provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.

Sally Klinge

Principal

Reminder



There will be no lunch orders for DMSC students on Tuesday 13th February due to the House Swimming Sports.

A BBQ lunch will be available at the pool to purchase lunch.

DPS students can still order lunches through Qkr.

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DOES YOUR CHILD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BE MOTIVATED TO COMPLETE HOMEWORK?

DO THEY REGULARLY HAVE OVERDUE WORK?

This is an opportunity for all students to complete classwork and homework under the supervision of a teacher.

Students are recommended to attend to help them keep up to date with work and to gain extra help with their assessment tasks.

If you have any questions, please ring the office or speak to Mrs Charlotte Pyers.

Encourage them to come to S.M.A.R.T sessions.

*Tuesdays
and
Wednesdays*

Library

3.20 - 4.30

Snacks provided

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LUNCH TIME

Canteen
Lunch Menu
Cut off time
8.40am

Just a reminder about the cut off times each day to order via Qkr!



Canteen
Recess Menu
Cut off time
8.40am

Orders can be placed days ahead of time.

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House Captains 2024

Students were asked to vote at the beginning of the week for their house captains for 2024. These students will take on the role of assisting on the swimming and athletics carnivals, running activities throughout the year alongside the SVL and the mentors program. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent their sporting houses:

Hindmarsh

Captains: Liam Campbell & Alyssa Petschel

Vice captains: Marcel Badua & Sally Sellens

Wimmera

Captains: Archer Laverty & Isabella Clugston

Vice captains: Seamus Clarke & Zatika McDonald



Congratulations 2024 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Liam Campbell

Alyssa Petschel

Isy Clugston

Archer Laverty



HINDMARSH

WIMMERA



Sally Sellens

Marcel Badua

Seamus Clarke

Zatika McDonald

Swimming Sports

BBQ

✦ *Lunch* ✦



**Tuesday
13th
February
2024**

■ Sausages: \$2.00
■ Hamburgers: \$3.00
■ Softdrink/Water: \$2.50
■ Zooper Dooper: \$0.50

■ Food,
■ drink &
■ games

BASKETBALL

SHOOT OUT COMP



GRAND PRIZE

Prizes

Free entry

TUESDAY

13th

FEBRUARY

2024



POSSIBLE CAREERS

Victoria Police Careers Information Session

Victoria Police is hosting a Careers Information Session for members of the community who are interested in a career with Victoria Police.

Come along and learn more about the recruitment process, training at the Police Academy, general duties policing, career pathways, specialty units and more.

Date: Thursday 15 February 2024

Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Venue: Victoria Police Centre, 311 Spencer Street Docklands

To find out more, and to reserve a ticket, visit [Victoria Police Careers Information Session](#)



HMAS Cerberus Open Day 2024

This is an exciting opportunity for students to learn more about what life is like in the Australian Defence Force.

Attendees will meet and hear from current serving Navy personnel in leadership, trade, communications, IT and intelligence roles.

The event will be free to attend.

Date: Sunday 3 March 2024

Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm

Venue: HMAS Cerberus, Main Entrance, Sheean Avenue, Cerberus VIC 3920

Register at [HMAS Cerberus Open Day 2024](#)



Pathology – a Pathway into the Healthcare Industry

Holmesglen offers the [Certificate III in Pathology Collection](#) as a five-month course, and it is perfect for students looking to enter the health industry. Graduates go on to be a pathology collector, specimen collector or pathology team leader.

Students can also choose to go on to further studies in [laboratory techniques studies](#), [nursing](#) or [allied health](#) courses.

CAREER NEWS



General information



Upcoming events:

- Victorian Careers and Employment Expo (14 to 16 March 2024)
- Year 10-12 Careers check-ins with Miss Kuhnell (Term 1)



Tax File Number (TFN)

Any student will need a tax file number if they start work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university without a Tax File Number, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early.

Visit [Apply for a TFN | Australian Taxation Office](#)

Australia University Rankings 2024

| Rank | University |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | University of Melbourne |
| 2 | Monash University |
| 3 | The University of Sydney |
| 4 | Australian National University |
| 5 | The University of Queensland |
| 6 | UNSW Sydney |
| 7 | University of Adelaide |
| 8 | The University of Western Australia |
| 9 | University of Technology Sydney |
| 10 | Macquarie University |

| Rank | University |
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| 11 | Queensland University of Technology |
| 12 | Curtin University |
| 13 | University of Newcastle |
| 14 | Swinburne University of Technology |
| 15 | University of Wollongong |
| 16 | Deakin University |
| 17 | Griffith University |
| 18 | La Trobe University |
| 19 | RMIT University |
| 20 | University of Tasmania |

Visit [World University Rankings 2024 | Times Higher Education \(THE\)](#) to find out more.

Register Now for March 2024
Victoria's BIGGEST Careers & Jobs Expo

The Victorian

careers & EMPLOYMENT expo

TERTIARY ▶ SKILLS ▶ TRAINING ▶ JOBS

MARCH 14 to 16, 2024

MELBOURNE SHOWGROUND

(Free Entry & Free on site bus parking)

Register Now - It's FREE

The Careers & Employment Expo will provide your Students, Teachers and Career Councillors a unique experience where they can talk with both educators and employers about career pathways.

The 2024 Expo will showcase over 130 Educators & Employers

TAFEs • Unis • VET Education • RTOs
Employers • Graduate Opportunities
• Apprenticeships & Traineeships
Future Jobs • Subject Selection
plus Free Seminars, Career Advice
& Try'a Skill Interactive Zones



To register your school, head to
www.careeremploymentexpo.com.au/PreRegistration.html **or scan**

If you have any questions, please contact Jo or Kylie at
Kym Jones Exhibitions E: schools@kjex.com.au or P: 08 8297 1688



event details at **careeremploymentexpo.com.au**



Term 1 Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

*Join us and Elevate Education for FREE
60-minute webinars designed to help you
support your child's studies at home.*

<https://go.elevateeducation.com/auschoolwebinars>

In Term 1 we'll cover:

- 1. How to Get (And Keep) Your Child Motivated**
- 14th February @6:30
- 2. How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time**
- 28th February @6:30
- 3. How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)**
- 13th March @6:30
- 4. How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**
- 27th March @6:30



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

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

Student details

| Child's surname | Child's first name | Student ID | Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) | Year level |
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I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that

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

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

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

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

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-excursions-fund/csef/eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-excursions-fund/csef/payment-amounts)

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

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veteran Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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

Dimboola Memorial Secondary College Centenary



Saturday 25th May 2024

Program

1:30 - 3:30PM School tours and afternoon tea in Memorial Building
3:30 - 4.00PM RSL Commemorative Service at the front of the Memorial Building
6:00-10:00PM Dinner in the DMSC Assembly Hall



Registration via

**<https://buytickets.at/dimboolamemoralsecondarycollege/1079075>
or scan the QR CODE**

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF EDUCATION

ASSESSMENT

Term 1, Week 3
12th - 16th February



| Year | Work | Due date/s |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Year 7 | | |
| English | Afghanistan Webquest | Wednesday 14th Feb |
| Maths | Squizya 1.1 | Monday 12th Feb |
| Science | Laboratory Safety Poster | Friday 16th Feb |
| Humanities | Mapping activity | Monday 12th Feb |
| Health and PE | Water safety word scramble worksheet | Wednesday 14th Feb |
| German | Blooket and Duolingo activities | ongoing |
| STEAM | Bathroom and Kitchen Design | 16th of Feb |
| Year 8D | | |
| English | <i>The Outsiders</i> WBQ2 | Monday 26th Feb |
| Maths | Squizya 1.2 | Monday 12th Feb |
| Science | Laboratory Safety Poster | Monday 12th Feb |
| Humanities | Week 2 Booklet | Monday 12th Feb |
| Health and PE | Humour Booklet | ongoing |
| German | Blooket and Duolingo activities | ongoing |
| Year 9D | | |
| English | Spelling tests Narrative story #1 | each Friday Monday 12th Feb |
| Maths | Squizya 1.2 | Monday 12th Feb |
| Science | Laboratory Safety Poster | Monday 12th Feb |
| Humanities | Famous Inventors Task | Friday 16th Feb |
| Health and PE | Mental Health - Statistics | 15th of Feb |
| German | Sport presentation | 15th Feb |
| Year 8 and 9 Electives | | |
| Media | Media Language and Analysis | 23rd of Feb |
| Baker's Shop | DoFoodSafely | Wednesday 14th Feb |
| Textiles | Upcycling Challenge worksheet | Friday 16th Feb |
| Year 10D | | |
| English | <u>Deadly Unna?</u> WBQ2 settings | Monday 12th Feb |
| Maths | Perimeter and Circumference Consolidation | Monday 12th Feb |
| Science | Self -designed taste experiment | Monday 19th Feb |
| Humanities | Causes of WWII presentation | Friday 16th Feb |
| Health and PE | Contemporary Issues Assignment | Overdue |
| Work Ready | Understanding Careers booklet | Thurs 15th Feb |

| Senior Subjects | Assessment | Due date/s | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Business Man Unit 1 | Chapter Summary 1DEF Edrolo Chapter 1DEF | Monday 12th Feb | |
| Biology Unit 1 | Edrolo Video 2C Edrolo Questions 2B Organelles Summary Table | Monday 12th Feb | |
| Biology Unit 3 | Edrolo Video 2B & 2F Edrolo Questions 2A A3 Nucleic Acids and Proteins Summary Ten Minute Terrors - macromolecules | Wednesday 14th Feb | |
| English Unit 1 | All <i>Ransom</i> workbook questions | Tuesday 13th Feb | |
| English Unit 3 | <i>Sunset Boulevard</i> WBQ2 | Monday 12th Feb | |
| Food Studies 1 | Chapter 3 Booklet Cupcakes Practical write up | Thursday 15th Feb | |
| Food Studies 3 | Chapter 4 Booklet Questions 1-9 | Thursday 15th Feb | |
| General Math Unit 1 | Chapter 1f*-1g* Questions | Monday 12th February | |
| General Math Unit 3 | Textbook questions 2A-D Chapter 2 Assignment | Monday 12th Feb Friday 16th Feb | |
| Health HD Unit 1 | Edrolo 2A Chapter 2 homework booklet | Wednesday 14th | |
| Health HD Unit 3 | Edrolo 1C chapter 1C homework booklet | Monday 12th | |
| History Unit 1 | Week 2 Homework Tasks | Friday 16th Feb | |
| Legal Unit 1 | Edrolo videos 1B & 1C Week 2 Booklet | Monday 12th Feb | |
| Legal Unit 3 | Edrolo videos 2A & 2B Week 2 Questions Chapter (4 pg. 72-92) notes | Monday 12th Feb | |
| Maths Methods Unit 3 | Edrolo assignment (ch1) Edrolo chapter 4 videos/questions | Thursday 15th Feb | |
| Media Unit 1 | Construction of Representations Activities SAT - (Part A) Research and Development | 15th of Feb | |
| Media Unit 3 | Media codes - Acting and Mise en Scene Activities SAT - Preproduction | 15th of Feb | |
| PE Unit 1 | Chapter 10 Homework Booklet | Tuesday 20th Feb | |
| PE Unit 3 | Must do: | Should do: | Wednesday 14th Feb |
| | Study clix 1b & 1f Edrolo x 2 Peak Performance chapter 2 | Edrolo (biomech part 2) Read chapter 2 of text | |
| Physics Unit 3 | Must Do: | Should Do: | Wednesday 16th Feb |
| | -Term1Week3 10 minute Terror -Chapter 1c and 1d Questions. -Continue A3 Forces and Motion Summary | -Edrolo Videos 1e, 1f -Add formula and examples to Cheat Sheet | |
| 11 Literacy | 3 things I need to know - Topic 1, 2 and 3 | Monday 19th Feb | |
| 12 Literacy | 3 things I need to know - Topic 1, 2 and 3 | Monday 19th Feb | |
| 11 WRS | Team meeting - plans and preparation Workplace Conditions research task | Friday 16th Feb Friday 23rd Feb | |
| 12 WRS | Team meeting - plans and preparation Workplace Conditions research task | Friday 16th Feb Friday 23rd Feb | |



2024 Fire Season

School procedures for the bushfire season

The new Fire Danger Ratings



Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a **Catastrophic fire danger rating (FDR) day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.**

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR. Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days' notice of a potential **Catastrophic** FDR day closure by letter and SMS message. A **Catastrophic** FDR day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the **Catastrophic** FDR day, we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast **Catastrophic** FDR day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a **Catastrophic** FDR fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these **Catastrophic** FDR days, families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days, children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.** For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when **Catastrophic** FDR days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the **Catastrophic** FDR day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, and re-prioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and by checking our website. <http://www.dmsc.vic.edu.au/> or Facebook page and reading sms messages from the school.

If you have any further concerns, please contact either Sally Klinge (Principal) or Charlotte Pyers (Assistant Principal) at the college. 5389 1460

- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website.
– see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic))
- Vic Emergency app



APPLICATIONS EXTENDED FOR YOUTH COUNCIL

Are you between 12-25 years old? Do you want to improve your community? Are you keen to grow your leadership skills and to meet new people? Want to plan events for young people to enjoy?

THERE ARE TWO VACANCIES TO FILL. APPLY TO JOIN THE HINDMARSH SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL TODAY!

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If you have any questions, call us on **03 5391 4444** or email youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au



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It's important to us that our Youth Council is inclusive. If you have any questions about inclusivity or accessibility, we'd love to chat to you! Reach out using the contact details above.

