



Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

Upcoming Dates August

15th

Yr 7 Ecolinc AARK Excursion

15-19th

Yr 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Camp

19th

GAT Preparation Meeting

24th

P-12 School Athletics

25th

9/10 Basketball and Table Tennis Tournaments

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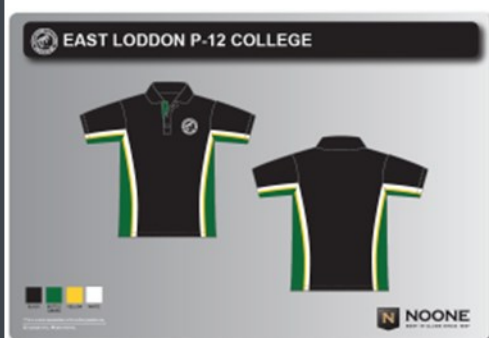


From the Principal

New Polo Shirts Approved At College Council

College Council met last night and approved a new college polo shirt for students to wear in the future. The process of selecting a polo shirt has been in the works for more than 12 months with our Parents Association putting in a great deal of time and effort along the way. A huge thankyou is extended to all who filled in our brief SurveyMonkey on Tuesday night or Wednesday. The feedback sourced from parents/carers, students and staff helped to inform the final decision for college council.

After receiving preferences from 134 parents and carers, and a further 205 preferences from current college students, the decision has been made to go with Option2, which is featured below -



The college's parent association will now have some shirts made up so that we can proceed to the next stage of implementation. There will be a period of changeover between the existing polo's and the new polo's, which will be communicated to families in due course.

Vaping Is Not On At School

Mr Wilkinson and I have had a number of discussions with students who have been identified as 'vapers'

and we will continue to address anyone who is suspected of being involved. Vaping or smoking of any kind is not acceptable in a school setting and we will continue to try and drive it out. There will be some new signage installed at the college tomorrow, which is there to remind students and the wider college community that smoking and/or vaping on or near college grounds is against the law. We want this behaviour to stop and will continue to monitor it for as long as this takes.

As mentioned again last week, any feedback, suspicions or information re vaping at school should be directed to myself or Mr Wilkinson.

Program of Student Feedback

Staff will begin to feed back to students next week, with the data from our recent 'Relationships' survey being distributed and discussed during classtime.

Monday's Visitor's

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting with the new architectural team from Tectura on Monday. Many representatives from the organisation spent the entire day at the college, speaking with a range of staff and students and getting a feel for the college. The team from Tectura will now go ahead with further initial planning for the upcoming building works program, before again meeting with us at the college.

Staff Portraits (See Photo Above)

Mrs Heaslip and her year 5/6 art class surprised all staff this week when they presented us with portraits that they had been painting secretly in class. The finished products looked AMAZING and there was such a great feel around the place as a result of this tremendous gesture! Thankyou so much for your time and efforts year 5/6!!!

Steve Leed—College Principal

Literacy & Numeracy

What a fantastic SOLAR curriculum Day!

Some of our junior staff did a whole day PD on 'Alien Talk' which is a fun framework for explicitly teaching grammar and the construction of simple sentences (I already thought grammar was fun!). SOLAR tells us that strengthening students understanding of grammar will improve their writing and also their reading comprehension and fluency.

All other staff worked with Dr Pam Snow to review some teaching practices. Explicit teaching which means we clearly tell the kids what we want them to know and show them how to do it (I do, we do, you do). Cognitive load theory which means we break things up into its smaller parts. Retrieval practice which means we ask students to remember things that we have taught in previous lessons.

These practices all help the idea that learning is not a spectator sport and all students need to be engaged at all times.

In the afternoon, teachers worked in small groups to apply the theory to their practice. At the end of the day Pam commented on how willing and enthusiastic our staff always are to improve their practice.

Sub-School Updates

AROUND ELP SPORTS

Junior

Science Week

Next week is Science Week with students celebrating all things science. Our P-4 students are looking forward to working with some of our VCE science students to observe and participate in some exciting experiments.

Book Week

The following week is Book Week! Keep an eye out for more information about the fun activities we have planned.

Athletics Preparation

At East Loddon, students compete for house points in one of four houses; **Laird (Green)**, **Shaw (Blue)**, **Evans (Yellow)**, and **Long (Red)**. Over the past three weeks our P-4 students have been building team spirit during their Friday afternoon sport classes in preparation for the upcoming whole-college Athletics Carnival, which will be held at the college on Wednesday the 24th of August. An invite is extended to all who would like to come along and support their children. We would love to see you there!

Middle

Monday will see all Year 7s visit Ecolink for science to investigate Classification and Food Webs. During the program, students will advocate for the important role their species plays within its ecosystem. They will participate in the 'Birds of Prey', 'Pond Life', or 'Endangered Animals Amazing Race' workshop. All Year 5/6 students will head to Cave Hill Creek Camp from Monday-Friday. I hope all students are excited about the activities for the week. Thank you to all staff attending these events.

Students across Years 5-8 are focussing on data and statistics in maths during Term 3. Students will be collecting and analysing data over the next few weeks to compare different variables. Students will use their analysis of data to answer the questions they posed. Thank you to all Year 5/6 students for their beautiful staff portraits. Students have done an amazing job portraying each staff member— The artworks were very impressive. Thank you to Mrs Heaslip for assisting students to create these artworks.

Senior

La Trobe Uni guest speaker: Earlier this week Y10 students had the opportunity to hear from Rani about university pathways, options at La Trobe Uni, pre-requisites and looking ahead the Aspire program. Pictured is Charlize, Rani, Ava and Isaac after winning prizes in the La Trobe Uni quiz. Congratulations for being so attentive.

Bendigo TAFE guest speaker: postponed until period 5 August 22nd. This presentation is for Year 10 students and any Year 11 students that are interested.

Trade Training Centre guest speaker: Barry visited the College yesterday to discuss VET options for students at Charlton in 2023. If students or parents/guardians have any questions please let me know. There is also helpful information online at <http://ncttc.charlton.vic.edu.au/>

VCE Units 3 & 4 revision lectures booked: We are really fortunate to again receive funding for our VCE Units 3 & 4 students and staff to have the opportunity to attend revision lectures for FREE!!! Once again the State Gov has provided schools with funding to cover the cost of revision lectures.

THANK YOU:

To parents and students that attended the information session after school on Friday regarding the subject selections for 2023. If you have any questions please let me know, thanks.



Senior School Information Session



Canteen

2022 August	
Fri 12th	Miranda Smith Wendy Murphy
Mon 15th	Belinda Clymo
Tues 16th	Kylie Addlem
Wed 17th	Mel Primrose
Thurs 18th	Mel Primrose
Fri 19th	Michelle Balic Beck Brown
Mon 22nd	Kia Hooke Michaela Shrimpton
Tues 23rd	Mel Primrose
Wed 24th	Nicky Lawry Prue Milgate
Thurs 25th	Mel Primrose
Fri 26th	Cheryl Green Shan Ralphs