



## Upcoming Dates

### MARCH

Mon 3rd  
Primary Div Swimming

Wed 6th  
PTSI

Fri 8th  
5/6 Volleyball

Mon 11th  
Student Free Day

Wed 13th-25th  
NAPLAN

Mon 18th  
School Photo's

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## From the Principal

### College Photos— \*\* Monday March 18th \*\*

This year's college photos will be held on Monday March 18th, with class and family photos being taken predominately before recess. All students are asked to attend in full school uniform on the day.

Photo's are to be ordered online this year via the following link—

<http://the-loft-studio-bendigo.myshopify.com/>

The preferred order closing date is Friday March 15th, with any orders after this date likely incurring a delayed delivery and potential \$10 fee for postage and handling.

Please note that families must complete an individual order for each of their children.

### Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Parent Teacher Student Interviews (PTSI's) will take place on Wednesday March 6th between 1:30pm and 5:30pm. The format for PTSI's will be as follows

- Face to face interviews on the day are preferred where possible.
- Online or phone interviews are available for those who require these.
- Back-to-back bookings are available in cases where students are taught a number of subjects by the same staff member.

Families are reminded to make contact with staff members via email or a phone call to the office whenever this is needed. Whilst the actual PTSI's are a wonderful opportunity to touch base with each other, we encourage families to make contact before and/or after these interviews if there is a need to.

PTSI bookings can currently be made on the Compass App. Please ensure that bookings are made by this coming Tuesday, as bookings will be closed by the end of the day.

### Upcoming School Review

The college will undertake a full school review in term 3 and we would love to have a wide range of feedback from staff, students and families help to inform this review. Throughout the next 2 terms, there will be a number of occasions provided for the receiving of feedback, starting with an opportunity for parents and carers to provide feedback at the upcoming PTSI's. I would really appreciate it if those providing feedback could do so openly and honestly.

### Stage 2 Building Works

Our stage 2 building works continue to progress beautifully, with services now going into the ground. This is exciting to see as this signals that the beginning of above-ground construction is not too far away! Families are most welcome to take a look at the construction zone when they come in for Parent Teacher Student Interviews on Wednesday.

### Naplan Later This Term

Students in years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will undertake Naplan tests later this term. As we get nearer to this testing period, students in these year levels will begin to discuss the testing period at home. Please ensure that you encourage your child/ren to do the best that they can do throughout the testing period. The individual best efforts of each child are all that we can ask for.

### College Uniform

It has been great to see so many students in full school uniform and the feedback regarding our new uniform items has been very positive. Almost all items of uniform are available from Noone in Bendigo, and families are also able to 'click and collect' items from their website. The college office also now has a number of new college hats (both wide-brim and legionnaires) for sale.

Steve Leed—College Principal

## Support in class

We are dedicated to providing strong literacy and numeracy support to our students again this year.

This comes in various forms, such as structured small group programs that last a term, dynamic small groups working on daily skills, and additional staff providing one-on-one assistance in the classroom.

Our focus is on helping struggling students improve, but we also push high-achieving students to reach even greater heights.

Thanks to continued funding from programs like the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) and Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy Support (MYLNS), we are able to offer this valuable assistance.

If you have any questions or want more information about the support available in your child's class, please reach out to their teacher.

## Assistant Principal's News



It's been a fantastic week for weather and has allowed us to finish off most of our swim related activities without a single day of unpleasant swim weather. Things have changed since I was a kid! It always seemed to be cold on swim days. Our 7-12 students competed in the interschool swim yesterday and the 4-6s round it all off on Monday in Bendigo.

We have had a bunch of hats arrive from Noone (our uniform supplier) and these are on sale in the office. Please purchase one of these if your child has not got a uniform hat or if they have lost their own. We will write student names inside the hats as they are purchased. All other uniform items are available at Noone's store in Bendigo.

School photo day has been shifted a few times and is now set for the 18th of March. They say there's only a few days between a good and bad haircut so

maybe book one in for the weekend of the 16th-17th of March, or maybe earlier if you don't trust your hairdresser.

Our building works are starting to move along and it's great to look out the window and see action most days, with heavy machinery and workers all over the place. Underground services have begun to be installed with plumbing going in to the trenches this week, so we won't be far away from a slab being poured and the building starting to creep out of the ground. That will be exciting.

We have had a few issues with behaviour of students on the buses this year. This week a number of students were warned about bus behaviour and were subsequently not welcome to travel on our bus system when they continued to flaunt basic rules. Please chat to your kids about this. The bus needs to be a pleasant place so that our

drivers can concentrate and get you children home safely. Most students can follow bus rules and I applaud them for that. Those that can't will lose the privilege so that others can be safe. Students must be seated in their assigned seats when the bus is moving. Yelling, swearing and other blatant misbehaviour won't be tolerated. Bus captains and senior bus travellers will be relied on when making decisions about which students are causing the problems. We make no apologies for keeping the buses safe.

Parent Teacher Student Interview booking arrangements have been posted to Compass. Wednesday the 6th of March we hope to see as many parents as possible. If you can't make it between 1 and 5:30 please arrange a phone call via the office. I hope to see you all then.

Mr Wilko



# Sub-School Updates

## Junior

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews are next week. This is a great chance to not only touch base with your child's classroom teacher, but to also touch base with some of the specialist classes like Science and Humanities. This is an opportunity to talk about how your child has started the year, and address anything you need to. Bookings can be made via Compass or phone call to the office. If you are unable to attend, please contact the teacher (or office) that you would like an interview with to arrange a different time. Phone appointments are also available upon request only.

### SRC

Students in Grade 4 are welcome to join SRC this year. On Friday, we will announce our SRC Representatives that will talk in our assemblies. This is based on voting that occurred last year. Thank you to the students for

being SO patient with this!

### GRADE 3 NAPLAN

Our Grade 3 students will be involved in NAPLAN testing this year. Students have been learning about what that means, and today we even logged into NAPLAN on our computers. Students have been so great and patient with learning how to navigate this program and even using their new laptops. If you have any queries about NAPLAN and what that means for your child, please contact Tamika.colville@education.vic.gov.au

This week we had our 3/4 class pose for a photo!



## Middle

Yesterday, we had several students representing the College at the Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Zali C, Lucy P, Travis S, Ruby C, and Sarah D, who are representing the Middle Years at the carnival.

Math Pathways Update: All students have now completed their first pathways test for 2024. Our Grade 5s and new students are currently completing diagnostic testing to determine students' current understanding of

the curriculum.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a 200%+ growth rate on their first test (mastered six or more modules). Penny B (467%), Jimmy A (267%), Caleb T (233%), Isaac F (200%), Lachlan F (200%), and Gracie N (200%).

Next week: Monday 3rd March—Primary Division Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 6th March—Parent-Teacher Interviews  
Friday 8th March—Year 7/8 Tennis and Volleyball

## Senior

### Parent Student Teacher Interviews PTISI

PTISI's are taking place this coming Wednesday 6th of March from 1:30pm-5:30pm. Bookings can be made on compass. If you need help with this please contact the College Office 5431 4444. The interviews will take place face to face at school. However, if you require a phone interview please let the College Office know.

### Y10 & Y11 Work Experience program

Angela has been working with students to set up work experience placements in the final week of Term 2 (June 24th to 28th). Y10 students typically work locally and Y11 students travel and stay (how exciting) in the city for the week. Angela will be at the College next Monday and Wednesday if you have any questions or need to chase up work experience forms.

### Y9&10 Outdoor Recreation elective

Information was provided on a compass news feed this week regarding Canoe Camp details, permission forms and more. If you would please like printed copies let me know.

### Y12: Looking After Your Mates

On Monday morning our students participated in a road safety program designed to help students with strategies to be safer drivers and passengers. Some of the take away messages were as follows; '*Stopping someone from driving drunk; legend*';

Discuss a safety plan, what will you do if a mate / friend tries to drive drunk?

Could you take their keys? Do you have the confidence to speak up?

No means no

Could you help them to make alternate arrangements to travel home safely? Eg taxi, responsible adult (maybe a parent/carer). Stay the night, but be careful driving the next day, make sure you are under the limit.



## AROUND ELP SPORTS

### Secondary Sandhurst Swimming

Today 12 students have travelled to the Bendigo Aquatic Centre to represent EL at the Sandhurst Secondary Swimming sports. Good luck to all students and we can't wait to hear how the day went!

### Primary Division Swimming Carnival

Selected students will attend the primary swimming carnival on March the 4th, consent and notes have been sent out and will need to be returned by tomorrow.

**If you plan on taking your own child please let the school know ASAP.**

### Friday March 8

Selected students in year 7 and 8 will travel to Bendigo to participate in the Sandhurst Volleyball and Tennis competition. Permission forms will be handed out tomorrow.

### Friday March 15

Selected students in year 9 and 10 will attend the Sandhurst Secondary Intermediate sports day to compete in Volleyball or tennis. Consent and payment can now be completed on Compass.

### School swimming

Students in year 7-10 finally finished their school swimming program today. By all reports student had a great day learning survival techniques.

## SRC NEWS

On Wednesday 11 year 7-12 students went to Boort to do an SRC training day. We learnt how to become better leaders by listening to our peers and by starting a notice board to share ideas. Thursday we had a meeting to discuss ideas we can work on year wide, rather than tackling them one at a time. If you or any of children have any ideas please share them with any member of the SRC team.

-Emily S

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Serpentine Rec Reserve

Thursday's 4:45pm starting 2nd May

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## Canteen

<b>Fri 1st</b>	Wendy Murphy Lisa Twigg	<b>2024 March</b>	
<b>Mon 4th</b>	Michaela Shrimpton	<b>Mon 11th</b>	Labour Day No School
<b>Tues 5th</b>	Sue Pickles	<b>Tues 12th</b>	Sue Pickles
<b>Wed 6th</b>	Jess Penny	<b>Wed 13th</b>	Kylie Addlem Kristie Noonan
<b>Thurs 7th</b>	Sue Pickles	<b>Thurs 14th</b>	Sue Pickles
<b>Fri 8th</b>	Deb Smith Bec Cullen	<b>Fri 15th</b>	Michelle Balic Shan Ralphs