

STUDENT HANDBOOK



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The purpose of this booklet is to provide you with information about our College as part of the induction process. Our main goal is to work with you to ensure you have a happy and successful time with us by helping everyone to be aware of the aims of the College and the procedures that are in place to ensure efficient operations.

East Loddon P-12 College is a very successful and well established P-12 College of approximately 240 students. It serves the towns of Dingee, Mitiamo, Raywood, Serpentine and surrounding areas. The location of the College provides a spacious and healthy environment with nearly all students travelling to school by bus.

The College has a range of modern facilities which are shared with the community. This has established the College as a central hub within the district. The surrounding community is reliant on rural industries and has contracted due to the effects of rural demographics and prolonged drought. The College is uniquely positioned to provide support to families who may be isolated from a range of service providers. The community is also very supportive of the College with parents regularly involved in the curriculum and daily operations. Financial and in kind support is received from a range of groups and organisations.

The College has an experienced staff of teachers and school support officers who have come to know the students and their families well. The P-12 nature of the College allows students to move through their education in a caring and supportive environment. The small class sizes and co-operative relationships between teachers and students have resulted in consistently high standards of learning and achievement at all levels.

The College offers a broad curriculum with a strong focus on literacy and numeracy. Many extra curricular activities enhance the program including career planning, student exchanges, cultural, sporting and social events as well as Information and Communications Technology as a learning tool. Special funding opportunities ensure that students are supported to engage in all aspects of the program.

The College faces the challenges of maintaining and enhancing the curriculum that is offered in order to meet the needs of the rural student. The importance of the concepts of learning and education for all young people are promoted at all year levels. We continue to strive to create a variety of educational opportunities and to maximise the many benefits available to students through a seamless P-12 education.

HISTORY OF THE EAST LODDON COLLEGE

East Loddon Consolidated School opened on the 6th February 1951, with an enrolment of 127 pupils to Grade 8. The Head Teacher was Mr. J. Henry and he had a staff of 4 assistants.

It was officially opened in 1954 when the attendance reached 201 pupils to Form 3. In 1973 the school was divided into the East Loddon High School and the primary section remained the East Loddon Consolidated School. In 1975 it was envisaged that the school would become a 13-year school with an unbroken span of education from Year Prep to H.S.C. This was thought to be suited to the particular needs of the area. The school has operated as a P-12 school since February 1977. In December 1987 an agreement was reached between the School Council and the Ministry of Education recognising the school as a single-unit P-12 school with the secondary Principal as the P-12 Administrator. The College, with its P-12 structure became the model for other emerging P-12 campuses across the State and the DEECD now formally recognizes and values P-12 units as distinctive educational settings.

In 2003 the College began a rebuilding and refurbishing project and functional modernised classrooms replaced many of the original buildings.

COLLEGE VALUES

The College community collaborated as part of the School Strategic Planning process in 2011 and determined the following purpose, motto and values which will guide the operations and behaviours of people involved in the College community.

Purpose

Helping prepare students for their future

Motto

“Strive to succeed”

Values

Respect – for self, for others and our environment

Respect is the foundation of all communities. All members of the community must have a positive regard for themselves and the contributions they can make. In order to ensure that everyone is free and comfortable to make their contributions, respect must be shown to all other members of, and visitors to, our community. Our respect also extends to the resources, equipment and facilities at our disposal. These are an integral part of the community and should be used appropriately in a way that preserves their function and their availability for all, including future, members of the community. This value is common to other communities and societies in which students will become members.

Responsibility – for actions, to learn, to contribute

All members of the community must answer to others for their actions. In this way, teachers, students, support staff, parents and other stakeholders are interdependent entities. We have different roles to play and abide by varying codes of conduct and must respectfully accept and manage the consequences of our actions. Learning is the

core business of the College community and all members, staff and students, are part of the community based on their responsibility to learn and enhance their capacities academically, socially and physically. It is with these capacities, that we all have the responsibility to contribute to the success of the broader community and all of its members.

Resilience – optimism, confidence, persistence

Our ability to see positive outcomes in all situations and our willingness to commit our own abilities and skills over a sustained period give us the resilience we need to be successful learners and ultimately members of society. An optimistic view of our circumstances is vital to seeing how we can plan and move toward a desired future. The confidence that we have from the skills and knowledge we have acquired and applied successfully give us the ability to persist in situations where problems and obstacles may seem to be difficult to overcome.

Relationships – personal, interdependent, networks

The foundation of all communities is positive relationships which are mutually beneficial. Personal relationships between teachers, students, parents and support staff are fundamental to learning and the functioning of the College community. The roles played by each are interdependent and all are required to contribute to ensure that each student has the opportunity to make the most of all learning opportunities. To this end, our College community must look outward and form productive networks with other organisations to cultivate opportunities for students to pursue their individual goals.

School Strategic Plan

Our College has a strategic plan developed to guide its operations. *A copy of the College Strategic Plan is available at the College Office and is displayed in all rooms throughout the College.*

School Strategic Plan Goals

Student Learning

Goals

Improve learning outcomes in all domains including literacy and numeracy.

Student Engagement and Wellbeing

Goals

Improve student wellbeing and engagement with learning.

Student Pathways and Transitions

Improve transitions and pathways, particularly between sub-schools and for students moving into and out of the school.

School Strategic Plan Key Improvement Strategies

Student Learning

Improve processes of support and extension to enhance learning for all students.

Develop whole school approaches to teaching and learning.

Expand the knowledge of teaching practice for all teachers through targeted professional development.

Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Develop teaching strategies and support programs that empower and motivate students.

Student Pathways and Transitions

Document and implement formal transition programs for K-P, 4-5, 8-9, 12 to exit destinations and for students enrolling during the year

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE:

For 2012 the College will operate with the following Management Structure:

A. Administration:

Principal – Mr Brad Madden
Assistant Principal - Mr Scott Wilkinson
Business Manager – Mrs Sue Cail

B. Leading Teachers:

1. LT - Sub-school Leader Years P-4 - Peter Vernon
2. LT - Sub-school Leader Years 5-8 – Steve Leed
3. LT – Sub-school Leader Years 9 –12 – Sarah Byrne
4. LT – Student Wellbeing & Support Leader – Rosie Coleman

C. Positions with responsibility:

1. Domain Leaders – English – Peter Vernon (P-12) , Maths – Rachel Swinnerton(P-4), Paul Scholtes (5-12), Science – Andy Cameron, Humanities – Shane Rudkins LOTE – Annette Burgstett, Health & Physical Education – John Clyne, Technology Daryl Bunton, Arts – Pam Townsend.
2. Vocational Guidance Leader – MIPs, Careers, Work Experience, VET/VCAL – Sue Bradley
3. Information & Communications Technology Leader – Peter Judd
4. Sports Leader – John Clyne
5. Reports Leader – Jenny Cutting (VCE, Interim, Integration, Awards), Paul Scholtes (QuickVic)
6. SRC Leader – Gary Schultz
7. Form/class teachers – Rachel Swinnerton, Peter Vernon, Rosalie McCarthy, Eamon Smith, Sarah Windridge, Steve Leed, Anna Lindhe, Rebecca Johns, Rosie Coleman, Andy Cameron, Fiona Phelan, John Clyne, Shane Rudkins/Sarah Byrne.
8. Occupational Health & Safety Representative – Sue Cail

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:

All individuals are to be valued and treated with respect

It is the policy of this school community to aim to achieve a code of behaviour consistent with:

- the development of self-discipline.
- the principles of fairness and honesty.
- the respect for the rights of others.

It is therefore the responsibility of all staff, students and parents to encourage and develop student behaviour which reflects the principles listed above.

Students have a right to work in a secure environment where they feel free to develop their talents, interests and ambitions without intimidation.

Teachers have a right to expect that they will be able to teach in an atmosphere of order and co-operation, have access to assistance and support and be able to apply appropriate disciplinary procedures.

Parents have a right to expect that their children will be educated in a secure environment in which expectations of care, courtesy and respect for the rights of others will be encouraged, to be informed and feel free to seek information in relation to their child's learning progress and behaviour in both positive and negative contexts.

Parents have an obligation to support the school in its efforts to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment, and to respect the right of the school to impose the code of behaviour.

Principals and staff have an obligation to fairly, reasonably and consistently implement the Code of Conduct. In order to achieve a proper working atmosphere both Students and Teachers have responsibilities.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- * to respect the rights of other students, to be able to learn and feel safe and secure in the school environment.
- * to make full use of their opportunities.
- * to care for their property, the property of other students, shared school property, and the environment generally.
- * to conduct themselves according to the requirements of the school's code of behaviour.
- * to fulfil all expectations and requirements of those individuals or groups (staff, other students, parents) who are in charge of their learning or other activities.
- * to support and contribute to school activities generally.
- * to obey class rules and to accept the consequences of their actions when not doing so.

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

- * to provide a sound learning environment by creating
 - (i) a well-supervised and caring learning situation.
 - (ii) an effective and appropriate educational program.
- * to treat all students with respect and to be totally fair in their interaction and dealings with students.

- * to inform parents and the school administration when appropriate, of students' educational progress and behaviour.
- * to provide support and counselling when appropriate to fellow teachers and students in the endeavour to ensure that a positive school environment is maintained.
- * to negotiate class rules with clear consequences.

In order to ensure a supportive and productive learning environment, students will:

- attend school regularly in correct College uniform, be punctual to class, with their diary, all required equipment and be prepared to learn
- behave in an appropriate way that respects the rights and safety of all members of the College community
- show respect for the property of the College, other students and staff
- immediately follow directions from teachers and other staff involved in school activities
- use information and communications technology appropriately and only bring digital cameras, mobile phones, MP3 players or electronic games to school with specific authorisation and use according to directions
- not use or possess chewing gum, tobacco, alcohol or illicit drugs

In instances when students choose not to follow the above code, teachers will use classroom and yard management strategies that include moves within class, extra homework, lunchtime detentions, yard duty and, in some cases using a “three strikes” approach, removal from the class / yard. Parents will be notified when a student is removed from the class / yard.

Students removed from the class / yard three times during a term will face an after school detention and an interview with parents will be convened. In line with DEECD policy, further removal from the class / yard during that term will result in suspension for consistently behaving in a manner that interferes with the educational opportunities of other students.

At the discretion of the College leaders, intentional acts of serious misbehaviour will also result in suspension if students:

- behave in such a way to constitute a danger to the health of any College staff member or student including acts of violence, theft, threatening and abusive language or gestures
- cause damage or destruction to College or personal property
- possess, use or deliberately assist others to use tobacco, alcohol or illicit drugs
- fail to comply with any reasonable and clearly communicated instruction of a staff member
- engage in harassment of another person including the misuse of technology items to harass another person.

Students who move to this stage of the code of conduct will be able to negotiate their return to the College subject to making commitments regarding their future behaviour. Expulsion is a final step that would only be considered when all restorative processes have been exhausted.

CURRICULUM PROFILE P-12.

Senior School

	<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Humanities</u>	<u>Arts</u>	<u>Health and Physical Education</u>	<u>LOTE</u>	<u>Technology</u>
Yr. 12	English	Further Maths; Maths Methods; Spec. Maths	Chemistry Physics Biology Psychology	Accounting; History – Australian Business Management	Art; Studio Art	P.E.; Health & Human Development Sport & Rec	German	Vet IT Wood Food Technology
Yr. 11	English VCAL	General Maths; Maths Methods	Chemistry Physics Biology Psychology	Legal Stud;	Art;	P.E.; Health & Human Development Sport & Rec	German	Design & Tech; Information Technology Food Tech Vet Engines
Yr. 10	English	Maths	Science	History Geography Economics Civics & Citizenship	Art Visual Comm & Design	Sport Phys Ed Advance Outdoor Ed	German	InfoTech. Wood Food Graph Metal Textiles Electronic

These subjects form an Elective block with Year 9 students

Note: Year 10 students have some access to V.C.E. Units 1 & 2 Year 11 students have some access to V.C.E. Units 3 & 4. Subjects offered at Yrs 11 & 12 are determined by student interest and available staff.

VCAL and VET studies are available for students in Years 11 & 12 and to Year 10 students by special negotiation.

Yr. 9	English	Maths	Science	History Geography Economics Civics & Citizenship	Art Visual Comm & Design	Sport Phys Ed Advance Outdoor Ed	German	InfoTech. Wood Food Metal Textiles Electronic
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Middle School

	<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Humanities</u>	<u>LOTE</u>	<u>Health & P.E.</u>	<u>Arts</u>	<u>Technology</u>
Yr. 7/8. Level 5	English	Maths	Science	Humanities	German	Phys Ed Health Sport	Art Visual Communication & Design	Food Wood D&T Elect IT Textiles
Yrs. 5-6 Level 4	Listening; Speaking; Reading ; Writing.	Number; Space; Chance & Data; Measurement; Working Mathematically	Science knowledge and understanding Science at work	History; Geography; Economics	Listening; Speaking; Reading; Writing	Health of Individuals & Populations; Movement & Physical Activity	Vis.Arts; Music; Drama; Media; Dance.	Information; Materials; Systems Food Textiles D & T

Junior School

	<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Arts</u>	<u>LOTE</u>	<u>Health/PE</u>	<u>SOSE</u>	<u>Technology</u>
Yr. 3-4 Level 3	Listening; Speaking; Reading; Writing.	Number; Space; Chance & Data; Measurement; Working Mathematically	Science knowledge and understanding Science at work	Perform Arts; Visual Arts	Listening; Speaking; Reading; Writing	Health of Individuals & Populations; Movement & Physical Activity	Humanities	Information; Materials;
Yr. P-2 Level 1 & 2	Listening; Speaking; Reading; Writing.	Number; Space; Measurement & Data; Working Mathematically	Science	Perform Arts; Visual Arts	Listening; Speaking; Reading; Writing	Health of Individuals & Populations; Movement & Physical Activity	Humanities	Information; Materials;

Students will experience a balance of subjects each semester in a range of domains in addition to the core studies in literacy and numeracy.

CURRICULUM SUPPORT AND ENRICHMENT

Cultural and Artistic

- * Instrumental Music/School based Performance
- * Arts Council Performances
- * Keyboard Instruction

Sporting and Leisure

- Interhouse sports: Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country Run
- * Four House System: Laird (green), Long (Red), Shaw (Blue), Evans (Yellow).
- * Northern Zone & State Finals: For all qualifiers in all sports listed in the Interschool sports
- * Various clinics as available eg Cricket, Football, Aussie sports

Educational Enhancement

- * Advance
- * Year 10 Driver Education
- * Educational Support Small Groups
- * Reading Recovery
- * Loddon Shire Essay Competition
- * Fundraising Support - School Fete

Transition Program

- * Preschool to School

Leadership and Decision Making

- * Student Representative Council
- * Classroom Monitors
 - Sub- school Captains
 - School Captains

Careers and Work Experience

- * Careers Counselling

- * Year 11 & 12 Art/Graphics/Technology Exhibition
- * School Dramatic Performance
- * VRAP

- * Interschool sports - Affiliated with Bendigo DSCSC: Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country Run, Soccer, Netball, Softball, Football, Cricket, Tennis, Hockey, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Golf, Badminton, Table tennis
- * Lunchtime Activities/Competitions: Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Weight Training, Athletics Coaching, Team Training Sessions

- * Bendigo Art Gallery Enrichment Activity
- * UNSW Academic Competitions
- * East Loddon Shire Art Prize
- * German Trail

- * Year 6 to Year 7 * Year 4 to 5 *MIPs planning

- * House Captains & Vice Captains
- * Caltex Youth Award
- * Bus Captains/ Junior captains

- * Year 10 & 11 Work Experience

* Course Selection Interviews

* Guest Speakers

Religious Activities and Services

* Prep - Year 6 Religious Education

Social Service

* Fundraising for Legacy, SIDS,

* Royal Children's Hospital,* CAA,

Camps and Excursions

* Prep – P-4 excursion

* Yr 1 - P-4 excursion

* Year 3 & 4 - P-4 excursion

* Year 7 / 8 - Peer Support Camp

* Year 5 - 10 - Option of major camp

* Excursions as applicable to class programs

Pastoral Care and Counselling

* Prep - Year 12 Class Teachers

* Sub-school Leaders

* Principal and Assistant Principal

* Family Life Program

* Home Group Teachers

* Careers Expo

* MIPS/ Advocacy

* Religious Seminars

* Kids Leukaemia Foundation,

* World Vision

* Yr 2 P-4 excursion

* Year 5 & 6 - Urban or Rural Camp

* Year 9/10 - Advance/ Outdoor Ed camp

* Year 11 - Melbourne Work Experience

* Year 10 - Bendigo Work Experience

* Wellbeing Leader – Rosie Coleman

* Counsellor – Alan Paterson

* Chaplain – Sue Allen

* School Nurse – Denise Leed

* Bush Nurse – Viv Fazulla

CURRICULUM:

The College follows the guidelines presented in the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) for the design of course content and assessment across the Prep to Year 10 levels. Year 11 & 12 courses are based on the VCE requirements or the VCAL requirements. Both VCE and VCAL have prescribed assessment strategies which need to be taken into account. The College aims to provide a balanced and sequential program for students at all year levels and to ensure that student's individual needs are catered for. The intent is to ensure that students have the opportunity and prerequisites to apply for their chosen post-school pathway upon completion of their compulsory education.

There is a strong emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy as success in these subjects forms a sound basis for success in other areas. All students from Prep to Year 12 are involved in daily independent reading at the start of the day. Students are expected to read material that is of interest and at an appropriate level to extend their reading skills. Teachers will support and monitor this so that students are gaining maximal benefit from this time each day.

Class sizes are generally smaller than most schools allowing for individual attention. In many cases individual programs are created to cater for the special needs of students. All classes work with modern equipment and teaching aides which are constantly being updated. The library is well equipped and provides a pleasant working environment.

Staff are encouraged to develop their skills and knowledge by participating in professional development programs.

Parents are encouraged to come into classrooms as helpers and the college views school/home partnerships as extremely important.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

DEECD. issues a Student Resource Package (SRP) to the College to cover all areas of experience ranging from educational classroom supplies to maintenance and operational costs and salary awards. From the budget provided, the Resources Committee of College Council determines and distributes proportional funds to particular areas. Other funds raised locally from parent contributions, interest or investments, Canteen proceeds, School Council fundraising efforts are available to finance special projects e.g. Computers, Reading Schemes etc. The school administers Educational Maintenance Allowances (EMA) on behalf of parents to meet the cost of textbooks, stationery and class sets. Subject levies are charged and parents are requested to supplement the SRP money allocated to each faculty for the operation of programs in that area.

Business Manager

The Business Manager, Mrs Sue Cail, is located in the General Office and is available to discuss financial matters.

College Levies

As the College's Curriculum grant from DEECD is usually insufficient to cover the costs of all school materials and equipment it will be necessary to ask parents to pay subject levies. Domain Leaders are asked to prepare Program Budgets for their areas of responsibility. The Program Budgets outline the requisites for classes which are levied to parents. Teachers may apply for funds each year to enhance the curriculum that is delivered under the Curriculum Innovations process. This is jointly funded by Parents Association and the College.

Education Maintenance Allowance

An allowance of \$450 per annum for secondary students (to 16 years) and \$225 per annum for primary students is available for parents who hold either a:

- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card, Veteran Affairs card or qualify as a foster parent
- Health Care Card

The amount is split evenly between the parent and the school and paid in two instalments over the year. The parents' share is to be used to help with educational costs not met by the school such as uniform or excursions. The school's share is to be used on items such as textbooks, stationery, camps, elective and/or technology programs. It may also be used to pay for voluntary fees if parents provide appropriate authorisation.

Application forms for EMA are available from the College. Claims must be renewed each half-year and allowances are paid half yearly to the school by the Victorian Government.

Conveyance Allowance

Conveyance Allowance can be claimed P-12 (if students have to travel 4.8km or more to their bus stop to attend their nearest State school). The closing dates for these two allowances will be printed in the weekly College Newsletter. No late applications can be accepted as they are processed centrally for all families throughout the state.

Youth Allowance

A Youth Allowance provides income support to young people over the age of 16, including students, those looking for work and those with living with long term illness.

Income and Asset Tests apply to both parents where appropriate and to independent students and other young people over the age of 18 years. Young people under 16 years old who do

not have Year 12 or equivalent are required to be in full-time education or training, unless they are specifically exempted from this requirement.

The Youth Allowance creates real incentives to complete schooling or participation in training of other educational opportunities prior to looking for work.

COMMITTEES/GROUPS/MEETINGS:

School Council Structure

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month.

The Council has one Sub Committee:

Curriculum which consists of the school leadership team and all domain leaders as well as parent members from School Council.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Principal Brad Madden

3 DEECD members – Scott Wilkinson, Sarah Burn,

6 elected parents (non DEECD) Wendy Twigg, Richard Hicks, Rod Baker, Adrian Hocking, Sue Thomas, Dale Lewis (Chairperson)

Parents Club Representative - Co-opted members – Jo Guthrie

Minute Secretary – Sue Cail.

Parents' Association

- The Parents' Association has a business meeting at least once per term and also supports parent forums and other activities throughout the year. All parents are encouraged to participate. Parents Club executive: President – Jo Guthrie, Secretary – Mel Primrose, Treasurer – Kaye Leech, Canteen Manager – Amanda Fiedler, Uniform - Kim Piergrosse.

Parents staff the College canteen on a voluntary basis. Parents who are unable to help at the canteen may make a donation of \$30.00 which is used to pay the expenses of the parent who takes their place on the roster however, parents are encouraged to volunteer their services if possible. The more who are able to work the fewer the days of rostered duty. A paid staff member is employed three days per fortnight to ease the pressure on parents to volunteer. Sue Pickles is currently filling this role.

Student Meetings

Students serve on committees and working parties in response to special needs and events.

The Student Representative Council (S.R.C.)

The SRC consists of students from Years 4 - 12. At the beginning of each year, two representatives from Years 4 - 11 and four representatives from Year 12 are elected by their peers. Students attend regular meetings to discuss issues, suggest changes in the school, organise fundraisers for charities and promote school activities.

COLLEGE ACCOUNTABILITY:

East Loddon P - 12 College acknowledges its responsibility for accountability, and will measure, demonstrate and report on its performance and activities. The focus will be on student achievement and on meeting School Strategic Plan goals and targets with a view to College improvement. The following areas will be the basis of reports:

Student Performance

The reporting policy of this College aims to provide a clear indication of students progression in the 16 domains of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. A range of assessment tools will be used to help formulate the information contained or conveyed through the reports. Teachers are required to level students according to the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) or VCE, VET or VCAL guidelines published by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). The reports must identify student strengths and weaknesses and will include strategies for improvement. They will also give an indication of the level of students' effort and behaviour as well as levels achieved in a selection of the interdisciplinary skills and physical, social and personal learning domains (Communication, Interpersonal Development, Thinking, Personal Learning).

Detailed written reports are issued in Terms 2 & 4 with the opportunity for follow-up student, teacher and parental discussions. These reports contain information on educational content and students' achievement. Reports include the assessments on a graduated scale in relation to student's progress and achievement on VELS domains. Copies of the reports are maintained in individual student files to provide a cumulative record of each student's progress.

Interim reports are provided to parents at the end of Term 1 & 3, on request, or initiated by teachers when a student's progress is of concern.

Further opportunities to share relevant student information is provided through the forum of parent / teacher interviews. Provision is made for Parent / Teacher interviews in Terms 1 & 3. A written Interim Report, which is mailed home to parents, precedes these.

In the P-4 classes written reports are supplemented with Student Journals which contain student work samples from each of the Domains. Parents are invited to request information about their students at any time and, in instances where their request is outside the normal reporting schedule, the various relevant teachers may prepare an interim report.

A variety of assessment tools are utilised in determining student performances comparable to VELS progression points. Such assessment procedures may include assignments, projects, tests, exams, oral compositions, presentations, work samples and teacher observations of work habits.

The prime objective of assessment and reporting is to provide feedback to students about their work, indicate to parents the progress their child is making in accordance with the VELS levels and to assist teachers in reviewing their own teaching effectiveness, and their appropriateness of curriculum content provision.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENTS

Evaluation is an essential part of teaching. Evaluation involves not only measurement by means of tests, but also informal and intuitive judgements.

FUNCTIONS OF EVALUATION

- * To provide a basis for discussions about the learner.
- * To provide the teacher with understanding of students' prior knowledge
- * To help the teacher judge the effectiveness of his/her teaching.
- * To provide information for administrative discussions.
- * To provide information for the learner.
- * To provide information for parents.

KINDS OF EVALUATION

- * Teacher made tests.
- * Screen tests/standardised tests.
- * NAPLAN tests
- * Profiles and checklists.
- * Diagnostic tests.
- * Informal instruments.
- * Rubrics of performance

STUDENT JOURNALS

Each student in Junior School has a Journal while Middle School students are developing digital portfolios. Through the use of the journal or portfolio, parents and teachers have the opportunity to communicate with each other. Teachers are able to make parents more aware of the learning programs provided. Both will contain samples of work, outlines of units of work, teacher assessments, student's self-assessments, certificates of achievement and comments to parents. It is aimed that each child will take their books home for parent's perusal and comment on a 10-week basis i.e. at least once per term.

Students in Middle and Senior School purchase, through the booklist, a diary which is used as a communication tool between parents and teachers. This is seen once a week by staff and signed and it is expected that parents will sign the diary weekly.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Testing assesses students of Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 in English (Reading, Writing & Spelling) and Mathematics (Measurement, Number, Space and Chance and Data). Reports are issued to the parents via the VCAA. The reports indicate each student's achievement in English and Maths and they provide a written description for each assessment made. They identify the skills that are generally expected to be accomplished at the particular level of achievement. Parents are invited to discuss their child's results with staff. The reports should be viewed in the wider context of all assessment and reporting within the College.

CLASS SIZES

The principal will consult with staff regarding the class sizes and every attempt will be made to ensure that:

P-6 classes - minimum class sizes possible are organised on the basis of an average class size of 21. For Years 3 - 6 the minimum class size possible in the context of available facilities and staff is the aim.

Year 7 -12 - consideration is given to physical facilities, various teaching arrangements and structural options when planning to keep classes to the minimum size possible and generally organised on the basis of groups up to 25 students.

Practical classes - a working environment that is safe and without risks to health is to be maintained. Class sizes will be determined having regard to the nature of the activities, the nature of the equipment used, the maturity and competence of the students and the capabilities of the teacher to provide expert supervision.

Step Up Week

For a week at the end of Term 4, students are given the opportunity to work in their classes as they will run in the following year. This enables allotments to be resolved early in the year and for issues with the timetable, student transition and subject selection to be resolved before the start of the school year. During this week, teachers have the opportunity to select from a range of activities that could include:

- Introducing students to the outline of the course to be followed in the coming year
- Establishing rapport and building relationships with students
- Providing orientation to students in the routines and class management practices to be used
- Performing diagnostic testing
- Teaching and learning tasks that will provide the opportunity for teachers to learn more about the individuality of students
- Conducting learning style preference activities
- Completing a unit of work including homework and the opportunity for parent feedback

COLLEGE PERFORMANCE

Will be demonstrated and reported through:

- The weekly family newsletter.
- Principal reports to College Council and Parents Club meetings.
- The Annual Awards Assembly and Principals' report.
- College Council Annual report.
- Media releases.
- Annual Report.
- Triennial Review.

GENERAL STUDENT INFORMATION

ABSENCES: Students

Regular attendance is important as it helps school progress, social adjustment and the development of reliability.

Student absenteeism forms part of the Annual College Audit. Students are required to provide a written note from their parents explaining any absence. Class teachers and Sub-school Leaders must retain these notes.

Where students have prolonged periods of absence or frequent absenteeism, form/ class teachers and Sub-school Leaders need to follow up with parents to guard against truancy and to ensure that work is provided for home tuition. If it is known that a student will be absent for an extended period, parents are asked to discuss the matter with the College Administration. Where appropriate, work will be provided for the period absent. Parental

supervision of this work is advised. Students have a responsibility to catch up on work missed due to absences.

No student may leave the school grounds during the day without providing written parent permission. Students arriving late or dismissing early are required to report to the office. Their parents/guardians are required to sign the record book kept there. This record of presence is required for auditing purposes.

Contact will be made with families when students are absent without explanation. Support will be provided where necessary to ensure parents and guardians are able to ensure that students have access to a sequential educational program.

Regular attendance is a requirement of V.C.E. students. In cases of severe illness and hardship students can apply to the Principal for special consideration.

ACCESS - GROUNDS & BUILDINGS:

Students have access to most but not all areas at our College. Students are required to move around the school, inside and out, in such a manner as they ensure they do not do harm to themselves, others or the environment.

(a) Inside

- * Students are not to enter storerooms, staffrooms or classrooms without the permission of a teacher. Students given permission to be inside should be under teacher supervision at all times.
- * During lunchtimes the classrooms are out of bounds except when an exemption is announced due to extreme weather conditions.
- * Access to the Library at lunchtimes is via the Tiger Turf entrance.
- * Access to the Office is through the front office door.

(b) Outside

- * Students have access to most areas around the College except those areas shown on the map at the end of this booklet. ([Appendix 6: Map of Restricted Areas](#))
- * Only P-4 students are to use the playground equipment near the P-4 building..
- * P-4 students may use the Central Lawn for games. Year 5 and above may use it for eating lunch and sitting, but may be asked to play elsewhere.
- * All ovals are out of bounds before school although students have access to the tennis courts and the area adjacent to the Art Room.

Leaving the School grounds or moving in restricted areas

No student may leave the school grounds during the day without providing written parent permission. Students arriving late or dismissing early are required to report to the office. Their parents/guardians are required to sign the record book kept there. This record of presence is required for auditing purposes.

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds without the permission of the Assistant Principal or Principal. This includes movement in the restricted areas of the channel banks, the fenced area of the reservoir, or east of the school oval. They are not permitted to climb trees, on to school roofs, fences, or under buildings. They are not to be in classrooms without teacher permission. Any balls etc. going over fences or onto school roofs are to be notified to the Teacher on Yard Duty who will organise their retrieval.

Corridors

Students have access to the corridors most of the time. Students are to walk at all times, not play games and move quietly about the corridors.

Year 12 Room

Year 12 students have access to a room as a quiet study or work room. They have access to this room during recess, lunchtime and private study periods. They are responsible for maintaining the room in good condition and continued access to the room depends on their acceptance of this responsibility.

ACCIDENTS/ILLNESS

Sick children should not be sent to school. If students become ill at school, a parent or nominee will be contacted and asked to collect the student, as the school does not have the personnel to provide constant care and nursing for sick children.

Students who become ill or injured are to report to the office to Mrs Cail. If deemed necessary the Bush Nurse will be contacted for consultation.

Parents are asked to complete a Medical Information Sheet to outline any medical considerations for each of their children and to detail any medication that has been prescribed. ([Appendix 7](#)) Parents are urged to ensure that this information is updated whenever changes in a child's health status occur.

In the event of a serious accident or illness an ambulance will be called and parents notified via the information supplied on the Medical Information Sheet. It is essential that the College records have a current telephone number (including emergency contact person) as well as an address to contact in the event of an emergency. As the cost of an ambulance must be borne by parents, it is advisable to subscribe to the Ambulance Service.

Please consult [Appendix 8: Infectious Diseases](#) to determine the time a student must be excluded from school for various illnesses. It is in the interest of your child that adequate time is allowed for complete recovery.

ASTHMA and ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY:

Every student with either of these conditions needs to have a written Asthma or Anaphylaxis Management Plan filled out by their parents in consultation with their family doctor or paediatrician. The Asthma or Anaphylaxis Management Plan [Appendix 9 Asthma and Anaphylaxis Policy](#) outlines the usual medical treatment, procedures to take in the case of an acute attack, and the name, address and telephone number of the student's doctor and emergency contact. The Management Plan needs to be up-dated every twelve months or whenever the student's asthma medications change significantly. Parents need to note that if there is no signed form provided by parents for their child's asthma management, the standard asthma first aid treatment will be administered in the event of an asthma attack or breathing difficulty. The College also reserves the right to call an ambulance for any child they consider requires specialist treatment. As the cost of an ambulance must be borne by parents it is advisable to subscribe to the Ambulance Service. Parents should ensure that their children have ambulance cover if they do not have a Health Care card.

ASSEMBLIES:

P-4 Assemblies are held at 2:30pm each Friday. The purpose of these assemblies is to facilitate communication, reward and celebrate achievements, reinforce rules and promote leadership. P-12, 5-8, 9-12 and Home Group Assemblies are held on a rotating basis each Friday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:20pm. All students are to attend such assemblies.

A P-12 Assembly will be held as part of the rotating schedule of assemblies. Parents are encouraged and welcome to attend assemblies.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS:

It is of vital importance that attendance rolls are kept as an accurate record of students' attendance. Rolls should be marked first thing each morning and adjustments made during the day to cater for late arrivals or early departures.

It is the responsibility of Home Group Teachers are to mark rolls checking student attendance, collection of absence notes and reporting absences to the Student Records Officer, Jenny Cutting, to enter on the database. Home Group Teachers meet with their respective year levels at 8:55 each morning. The rolls are sent to Jenny Cutting in the office at the end of each day to allow for the entering of data onto the CASES 21 program. The College will make contact by phone or letter when there are unexplained absences. Music played on the PA system heralds the need to assemble for the checking of rolls and the distribution of messages for the day.

AWARDS:

A Presentation Assembly is held during the last week of the school year. Awards are presented to students for:

Achievement Awards Prep - 12	Shirley Bayliss Memorial Science Award.
Effort Awards Prep - Yr 11	Annual Minerals Education Award - Yr 10.
Twigg Scholarship - Boy, Girl Yr 6	Junior Science Award
Senior Art Award - Secondary student	Junior & Senior German Award.
Shire Scholarships - Yrs 7,8,9,10.	English Award
Calivil Pipe Band Scholarship - Yr 8	Jack Vinnicombe Citizenship Award
Technology Studies Serpentine CWA Award.	Dux of the College
College Sports Award	Level 5 Science Encouragement Award
SRC Award	P-4 Sub-school All Rounder
Caltex All-Rounder Award	Yr 5-8 Sub-school All Rounder
Rotary Club of Bendigo South - Bill Ashman Scholarship - Year 10	
Latrobe University – Infinity Award Yr 12	

Achievement and effort awards

At the end of each Semester, awards are made to students at each year level for their outstanding achievements and endeavours. Staff are required to nominate students for the subjects according to the criteria listed below. Certificates are prepared and distributed with mid year reports. At the end of the year, a Presentation Assembly is conducted, usually on the third last day of school. At this Assembly, two students from each class P-11 receive Effort Awards and two students from each class Prep-12 receive Achievement Awards. In addition, scholarships and Awards donated by various interest groups / individuals are presented. The Dux of the College is recognised with a special award and the exiting V.C.E. students are appropriately farewelled.

Effort and Achievement Award Criteria

In selecting Effort Award winners for subjects, the following criteria apply.

Effort Award

For the vast majority of the semester, effort award winners have

- Submitted tasks on time
- Followed class rules
- Contributed to the good order of the class
- Given themselves every opportunity to succeed.

In selecting Effort & Achievement Award winners for subjects, the following criteria apply.

Effort & Achievement Award

Achievement Award winners must be eligible to receive an Effort Award for your subject and

- Have achieved above the expected VELS level for this class or
- For VCE classes, have achieved at a level above what is expected (as described by the relevant VCE study design).

Merit Certificates and Awards

From time to time, special awards are presented to deserving students at the Sub-school Assemblies. These awards recognise classroom effort and achievement and are designed to encourage students to improve their learning outcomes. The awards may also recognise sporting achievements or participation.

BELL TIMES for Monday to Thursday.

Form Assembly	8:55 am
Period 1	9.12 am
Period 2	10.00 am
Morning Recess	10.48 - 11.08 a.m.
Period 3	11.08 am
Period 4	11.56 am
Lunch	12.44 - 1.44 p.m.
Period 5	1.44 pm
Period 6	2.32 pm
Afternoon Recess (P-4)	2.22 - 2.32 p.m.
End of Day	3.20 p.m.

BELL TIMES for Friday.

Form Assembly	8:55 am
Period 1	9.00 am
Period 2	9.50 am
Morning Recess	10.40 - 11.00 am
Period 3	11.00 am
Period 4	11.50 am
Lunch	12.40 - 1.30 pm
Period 5	1.30 pm
Period 6	2.15 pm
Afternoon Recess (P-4)	2.10 - 2.20 pm
Assembly	3:00 pm
End of Day	3:20 pm

Each bell at the end of the recess breaks and at the start of the day is preceded by a musical interlude which alerts students of need to begin to prepare for class.

BOOK CLUBS:

Once a month, Book Club order forms are given to the students in Prep - Yr 8. This is a service to students, not a school fund raising activity. Book Club provides an opportunity for students to purchase cheap, good quality books, suitable for their interests and reading abilities. Money and orders are to be placed with Mrs Drury in the Library by the due date and orders are distributed upon arrival.

BOOKLISTS:

Towards the second half of each year teachers are required to make decisions about the texts and materials necessary to run their classes for the following year.

College Council negotiates a contract with a suitable supplier giving consideration to the cost of the items and the efficiency and reliability of the service. The contracted company takes responsibility for the printing of booklists. College Council also approves the setting of various fees and levies. The subject levies set for each subject are determined by the College Council after due consideration of the recommendations made by staff.

Just prior to the commencement of the new school year, parents have the opportunity to collect their orders and are encouraged to have articles named and covered where appropriate in readiness for the first day of school.

The booklists prepared for each year level outline new books and materials as well as those, which, if in good order, may be, carried over for the following year. Subject levies and voluntary fees, along with other optional items are also listed. Staff are asked to make every endeavour to include only essential items on the booklists.

Parents are required to return their booklists to the College early in December. Payment can be made either when submitting the order or on the collection day which is determined for late January. Upon collection of their children's books and materials, parents are asked to check that all items ordered are included in their package and to make arrangements for payment. Orders may also be home delivered. To arrange for this to occur the relevant section on the Booklist should be completed.

Parents who choose to purchase their student's requisites through other avenues are strongly encouraged to ensure that the exact items as listed are purchased.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM:

During 1999 a free Breakfast Program was launched with the generous support of Sanitarium. This has now evolved and is supported by other sponsors and charitable organisations. Snack bars are made available to supplement the dietary needs of the students. It has become a practice to offer slices of toast and vegemite to the students on two mornings of each week. The bread is donated by Eaglehawk Hot Bake and is prepared by the School Nurse and Chaplain

BULLETINS/ NEWSLETTERS:

A weekly Newsletter is produced to keep parents informed of the activities of the College. Monitors from each class collect the Newsletters from the office at the end of the day each Thursday for the teacher in charge of the class to distribute. Students issued with a Newsletter are checked off on a list provided. Newsletters for absent students are named and returned to the office for distribution upon the student's return to school. Parents should check with their children for the Newsletter each week as there will frequently be information that requires attention. The newsletter is also able to be emailed upon parent request. The College

purchases daily copies of The Age and Herald Sun along with other periodicals. These papers are kept in the Library for staff and student use.

Community Newsletter

The East Loddon Community News is published each second Monday; each household receives a free copy. It receives limited subsidising finance and community contributions.

Articles for inclusion may be sent by the following deadlines to -

- Mitiamo Store 5.00 pm Sunday night
- Serpentine Store 10.00 am Monday morning
- Dingee Store 5.00 pm Sunday night
- East Loddon P - 12 College 12:00 noon Monday
- Raywood Store 5.00 pm Sunday night

BULLYING – NO BLAME BULLYING and NAMING IT

Components of No Blame Bullying and Naming It have been adapted to devise a whole school strategy. Staff and students have been familiarised with the process. Bullying may look like hitting, kicking, touching in an unwanted way, name calling and teasing. It can also be more subtle in the form of spreading rumours, making up stories about someone, leaving them out of activities, laughing at people, using negative body language or putting people down in the eyes of someone else etc. The feelings that are generated when someone is bullied include being sad, lonely, depressed, feeling that they are unworthy, feeling powerless, anxious or stressed. The response to bullying varies but may include fighting and arguing, withdrawing, getting sick, avoiding school, lack of concentration, loss of confidence. Responsibility is shared because there is no punishment. We can all play a role in ensuring it doesn't happen to us or to anyone else. We all have the responsibility to do what we can to eliminate bullying. Students who engage in violence or assault of any kind will be immediately dealt with by the Principal, Assistant Principal or Subschool Leaders.

The first step in the course of action is to Name It. This involves stating what is happening and how it makes you feel and indicating that you have had enough of unfair treatment. If the undesirable action continues, students should name it to a teacher who will take action. Teachers should only get involved when students have made an attempt to name the behaviour to the perpetrator themselves. This requirement helps students to grow from the bullying experience instead of being squashed by it. Students are encouraged to name on behalf of someone who is intimidated or provide support for them to take action themselves. If this is named to a teacher, it is not dobbing; it is helping someone out of a negative situation.

When something is named to you, even if you think it is a minor joke, you are expected to stop. If you don't mind something, don't name it. If someone names it, it matters. It is a personal judgement.

Regular reminders will be given to students about the processes to use. Form and class teachers will ensure that the steps are being followed and will monitor issues as they arise.

Follow up will occur when behaviours have been named and the perpetrator continues regardless. Home Group teachers, Student Wellbeing and Support Leader, Sub-school Leaders, Assistant Principal and Principal will deal with bullying that is not resolved through a process of restitution. The bully is required to nominate how they will make restitution for their behaviour. This may or may not be in the presence of the victim. There must be a genuine attempt for the perpetrator to take responsibility for their actions.

Repeats of behaviour at this level will involve meetings with parents of perpetrator and perhaps victim. Students who have issues of conflict resolution or anger management will receive counselling in conjunction with parents and teachers as requested and required.

BUSES AND RESPONSIBILITY:

Over 96% of pupils travel to school by bus from a distance of up to 42km.

Bus Captains and Vice Captains are appointed to each bus. The captains are generally selected from the senior students and preferably those who travel furthest. Their responsibilities include marking an attendance roll in the morning and placing this in the Office before school. They are also required to monitor behaviour and report any breaches to the Bus Coordinator. They are not to engage in disciplining students. Junior Captains are appointed to each bus to check off students as they board the bus each evening. They collect the adjusted bus rolls from the Office and may leave class five minutes before dismissal time to ensure that they are in readiness for the remainder of travellers to board.

(a) Bus Alterations: Pupils can only change buses if a note from their parents has been received at the office. The administrator will then adjust the bus roll and issue a bus pass which the student hands to the bus driver when boarding the bus.

DISPLAN - SCHOOL BUSES:

IN THE EVENT OF A HAZARDOUS SITUATION (BUSHFIRE ETC) OCCURRING BEFORE BUSES LEAVE SCHOOL-

1. EITHER - (a) Appropriate authority contacts College, or
(b) College contacts appropriate authority (e.g. C.F.A., Powercor., Shire Officer) re safety of bus routes.
2. Buses will be held until a clearance is given from the authority concerned. Proceed when route is secured or alternative route arranged and parents notified.
3. Bus Assemblies and late bus procedure to be put into operation if necessary.

IN THE EVENT OF A HAZARDOUS SITUATION OCCURRING WHILE BUSES ARE IN TRANSIT:

- Every attempt will be made to stop the bus (es) through telephone links.
- The bus driver to find a suitable refuge from possible harm, whilst waiting.
- Driver to remain in safe area until the route is declared free of hazard, or
- Confers with authority concerned as to a safe alternative route.

SAFE AREAS WHICH MAY BE USED IF PRACTICABLE –

CALIVIL	CALIVIL FOOTBALL RESERVE
BEARS LAGOON/SERPENTINE SOUTH	SERPENTINE FOOTBALL RESERVE
KAMAROOKA	DINGEE PUBLIC HALL
MITIAMO	DIVERT TO CALIVIL FOOTBALL RESERVE
RAYWOOD	RAYWOOD RECREATION RESERVE

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS:

Camps and excursions are an integral part of school life. Sub-school Leaders are responsible for overseeing the camps and excursion programs for their area of the college. A wide variety of activities are available and students are encouraged to participate; however students need to be able to display responsible behaviour at school in order to be considered for inclusion. Although the benefits to students are great, responsible and careful behaviour is necessary.

All normal school rules apply with uniform requirements determined by the organiser of the activity and the approval of the principal. All teacher instructions must be obeyed and any misbehaviour of any kind will not be tolerated.

On day excursions breaking rules will result in the following:

- a) restricted movement for the rest of the excursion
- b) further action on return to the school which may include review of further attendance on excursions or parent interview and suspension.

On extended excursions students and parents will sign a form which indicates they understand the rules and will abide by teacher action at all times.

Breaking the rules will result in:

- a) isolation/exclusion from activities
- b) parent contact
- c) in extreme cases the student will be sent home at the parent's expense.

The college has a Camps Policy and parents are alerted to the possibility of camps at the particular year levels at the beginning of the year. This allows parents the opportunity to budget for the proposed camps.

The Camps Policy suggests the following activities for specific year levels:

Prep – P-4 Excursion	Year 1 – P-4 Excursion
Year 2 – P-4 Excursion	Year 3/4 – Bike Ed/ Two Day Camp
Year 5/6 – Ballarat/Canberra Trip	Year 7/8 - Peer Support Program
Year 9 - 11 Option of major camp on alternate years	Year 10/11 - Work Experience
Year 9/10 VYDP/Outdoor Ed. expedition.	

Excursions, as applicable to class programs, will be conducted periodically throughout the year.

CANTEEN:

The following procedures apply to students' use of the canteen.

- (a) Students should not be at Canteen before beginning of recess or lunchtime.
- (b) P-4 lunch boxes should be collected at 12.40.
- (c) 5-12 students with lunch orders only should be served first. These students should line up against Canteen wall extending outside covered area if necessary towards Office. They are not to bunch up around the counter or jump the queue.
- (d) All students enter Canteen covered way near Office and exit near courtyard.
- (e) After lunch orders have been dealt with, general items may be sold.
- (f) No student is permitted behind the counter without teacher permission
- (g) Disruptive students will be removed from the canteen area.
- (h) Late orders are disruptive to the process and may meet with disappointment.
- (i) A teacher will remain on duty to supervise orderliness in the canteen during the lunchtime peak period.

Student Lunch Orders:

The Canteen menu and item prices are published in the School Newsletter at the beginning of each term. P-4 students order their lunches in class before 9.00 a.m. each day by placing their orders in the Lunch Bags provided. The lunch bags are sent to the front office before 9:30 am. Year 5-12 students order their lunches by writing their order on a lunch bag; inserting their money in the bag and placing it in the red tin lunch order box in the office before 9am. All orders are to be made before school starts. At the beginning of Lunchtime a monitor from P-4 classes will collect the Lunch Bags from the Canteen for the class teacher to distribute at the classroom. Year 5 - 12 students with pre-paid lunch orders have priority service to collect their lunch at the canteen servery.

COMPUTER ROOM ACCESS:

Students who wish to use the computers, other than during class time, must have their diary signed by their subject teacher. The computers are available for the completion of schoolwork only not for the playing of games or for surfing the Net. Students found breaching the terms of the contract may find their access rights withdrawn. Students in Years 6-11 now have access to their own computers through the College 1:1 Technology program and are expected to follow the agreed code of conduct at all times.

An ICT Levy is included on the booklist and an Internet contract has to be undertaken and signed off on enrolment.

COLLEGE COUNCIL:

The College Council provides an opportunity for parents and other members of the community to be involved in setting the educational policy of the school. The College Council comprises parents, the principal, staff and sometimes members of the community. The College Council can have between six and fifteen members. No particular qualifications or experience are necessary. All that is required is an enthusiasm to help improve the learning outcomes for all students. Elections are held from the beginning of the school year and must be completed by the end of March. All parents of students enrolled at the school are eligible to vote in the election. Members are elected for a two-year term with half the membership changing office at the end of each year.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

It is expected that at least three touring groups will perform at the college for Prep to Year 10 students each year. The cost is approximately \$4 per student per performance. A levy of \$16.00 is included on the booklists to cover these performances. If other performances are included parents will be advised of the activity and cost so that they can make the decision as to whether their child should attend. Students in Year 11 & 12 have a 'pay-as-you-go system' and will be notified each time of the costs involved.

DAMAGE TO SCHOOL PROPERTY BY PUPILS:

All damage by pupils must be reported to the Office. The Administration will decide whether such damage was accidental or avoidable. If the damage was avoidable the student/s responsible will be required to pay such costs as determined for repairs.

Minor building and furniture maintenance can be carried out by the Caretaker (Henry Lacey) if the damage is reported promptly. Malfunction of equipment should be reported to the Administration.

DETENTION/TIME OUT:

For misdemeanours of a more serious nature students may be placed on detention during lunchtimes. Sub-school Leaders or subject teachers supervise detention. During this time students report to the detention room and sit quietly or spend time catching up on work. Parents will be notified of all detentions by Sub School Leaders.

The College has a Time-out area designated for use by students who need to be withdrawn during class time. Students placed in Time-out are issued with sufficient work to keep them busy for the entire period of time-out.

DIARIES:

Students from Year 5 upwards are required to purchase a college diary. Students are to use their diaries to record homework requirements and due dates. They are also used to record dates of coming events and can be used to facilitate communication between home and

school. Class teachers, Form Teachers and Sub-school Leaders have a responsibility to monitor the use of the diaries and frequent checks will be conducted. The diaries assist the students to be well organised and encourage the development of sound work habits.

When a student has reason to be out of class during class time, the teacher in charge of the class should sign the diary stating the reason and recording the time the student left the classroom. If sent to another staff member, that staff member should sign the diary signifying that the destination was reached.

DRESS CODE / COLLEGE UNIFORM:

As part of its dress code, each school council is able to decide whether the school will have a uniform, what that uniform will be and whether it will be compulsory. To create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school, the college has adopted a dress code that has been endorsed by the College Council after consultation with the Parents Club and the school community.

All students Prep to Year 11 are expected to wear full school uniform. Year 12 students are not required to wear the college uniform. However, they are required to dress neatly in appropriate attire. Year 11 & 12 students have the option of purchasing a VCE Jacket. The dress code applies in school hours and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours. Please note, that shoes form part of the College Uniform. The Principal has the power to grant exemptions for special cases. Exceptions to this include issues of safety or issues relating to a student's representation in the community.

Consequences

The consequences which apply to students who choose to break the Code of Dress are outlined below; care will be taken to ensure that a student's studies are not adversely affected.

1. Students out of uniform and without a dated note from parents are to be sent to Sub-school Leaders or Administration.

2. The Principal will issue the student with a letter for their parents to read, sign and return (See, [Appendix 13 Dress Code](#))

3. In the event of a student continuing to be out of uniform a parent conference with the School Administration will be arranged.

- Ear studs or sleeper earrings may be worn unless required by a physical education or technology staff member to be removed or covered for safety reasons.
- Earrings that 'dangle' or hang from the ear may not be worn at any time.
- Rings, studs, bracelets or piercings on any other part of the visible body must not protrude from the body or in any way cause risk of injury to the wearer or any other person in the course of normal school activity. In line with requirements on earrings, small studs or sleepers only will be accepted by the College.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back in accordance with Health and Safety regulations.
- Other than clear nail polish, lip gloss and foundation, cosmetics / make up should not be worn at school.
- Necklaces (including religious necklaces) may only be worn inside clothing. Necklaces must not be worn outside clothing and must not be visible.
- Studded bracelets / gloves of any description must not be worn.
- Watches may be worn, but may be required to be removed for sport or physical education lessons, or whilst the student is involved in technology

classes. Watches that store information are not to be taken into examination rooms.

- Tattoos (including temporary transfers) are to remain covered at all times.
- Sunglasses may be worn during recess or lunch breaks, or may be worn on approved excursions but remain the responsibility of the student at all times.
- Jewellery that is continually worn in breach of this policy may be confiscated by staff.

Boys' Winter:

Black shoes/boots/plain black leather runner
Grey, black or plain white socks.
Bottle green windcheater with emblem - available from College office or
Polar Fleece Top – available from College office
Grey trousers - No Cargos, no Grey Track Pants.
P-4 students - Bottle Green tracksuit pants.
Polo Shirt Bottle Green and Gold shirt

Boys' Summer:

As above with option of:
Grey shorts – no cargo pockets

Girls' Winter:

Black shoes/boots (below ankle height, low heels)
White socks.
Bottle green windcheater with emblem - available from College office or
Polar Fleece Top – available from Parents Association
Bottle green tartan skirt - available from Parents Association
Black tights
Grey trousers – tailored - no cargos, no grey tracksuit pants
P-4 students – Bottle green tracksuit pants
Polo Shirt – Bottle green and Gold Shirt – available from Parent's Association

Girls' Summer :

East Loddon check school material dresses – available from Parents' Association
Black or dark brown leather sandals.
Grey tailored shorts worn with Bottle Green and Gold Shirt. NO basketball shorts.

Boys' & Girls' Sports Uniform:

Black tracksuit pants /shorts /skirt
East Loddon sports polo shirt
Bottle Green Windcheater with School Logo or College Polar Fleece
Runners, no black soles

Note: *Things are not to be worn. Only stud or sleeper earrings may be worn. In winter students may wear a bottle green scarf. Other coloured scarves are not to be worn.*

Hats

It is the policy of the College that students are required to wear hats during Terms 1 & 4 when engaged in outside curriculum-based programs, eg. Sport, Swimming and Physical Education. Students are required to wear hats on other occasions such as

recesses and lunchtimes at school or while on outside excursions. They are strongly encouraged to wear hats during Terms 2 & 3.

The College has provided for the purchase of hats through the booklists. Hats are to remain at school until the end of term when they should be taken home to be laundered by parents. The purchase and maintenance of hats is the responsibility of students and also parents.

Students without hats are restricted to shade areas during recess, lunchtimes and outdoor activities. Students who lose their hats will be required to pay for a replacement hat.

Protective Clothing

Students should have a coverall or Art smock (eg. an old large shirt) for Art classes in Prep to Year 4. Students in Years 5 - 8 are requested to wear a work apron for all practical classes. Students taking classes in the workshop area must wear covered shoes. It is essential for children wearing sandals in summer to bring a change of footwear on the days they have these classes.

The following items can be purchased at the College:

The Parents' Association manages the purchase and sale of uniform items. Parents should make contact with the Office to obtain information about prices and sizes available. Items available include:

College windcheater.

Winter Skirts

Summer Dresses.

College Back packs.

Bottle Green and Gold Shirts

East Loddon sports polo shirt – Black and White Polo Shirt

Polar Fleece Tops

School Iron – On Logos

Second-hand clothing

Year 12 students have the option of wearing uniform or casual clothes on a daily basis and, on certain days, all students have the option of attending school out of uniform. Any students who are out of uniform for the above reasons need to observe the following guidelines:

- Shoes must be fixed to the foot by laces, straps or buckles. Thongs are not acceptable. Enclosed shoes must be worn in practical classes eg: science, technology, PE etc.
- T shirts, dresses or polo shirts with sleeves are to be worn. Singlets, muscle shirts and shirts that expose cleavage or the midriff are not acceptable.
- Shorts, skirts, dresses and pants must be at least mid thigh length and worn on the waist without revealing underwear.
- A school hat is compulsory during Term 1 and 4. Baseball caps are not to be worn.
- Inappropriate language, images or gestures are not acceptable on any item of clothing

EARLY YEARS LEARNING:

The major focus for the P-4 early years of learning is to lay a strong foundation of knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary for further learning. There is a particularly strong emphasis on students achieving high standards in literacy and numeracy. At the same time students are encouraged to be confident, organised and excited about learning and life. They are encouraged to develop social skills as they learn to work with their peers to explore and pose questions about the world. They examine their feelings and ideas by using imagination and experimentation in creative ways. Thinking skills are introduced by encouraging curiosity and questioning and the explicit teaching of self-reflection. The classroom is a stimulating environment where the students feel challenged and supported. Every child starting school is assessed so that their teacher can tailor a program that best suits their individual needs. The progress of students is monitored carefully to ensure that they are able to accelerate in their learning. Students in Prep to Year four will be involved in daily literacy and numeracy programs. In addition, the Reading Recovery program will support children who, after one year of schooling, have not developed effective reading and writing skills. Learning activities integrate the Domains and help the students develop life skills including learning to interact with other children and adults.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION:

The College has a Displan which takes into account very prescriptive procedures for many types of emergency. Drills are practised several times each year to ensure both staff and students are familiar with the procedures. Staff are requested to make themselves thoroughly familiar with their particular duties at the beginning of the year and to apply the procedures rigorously in the practise drills.

An emergency evacuation is sounded by a repeated siren and verbal warning.

1. Fire Drill/Emergency Drill -

At various times, Evacuation Drills will be held. It is vital that these are carried out in a serious manner. Students must be kept under firm control, kept quiet and not permitted to regard drills as an unimportant activity. The safe evacuation of any school in an emergency is made much smoother and more efficient if Evacuation Drills have been correctly carried out.

2. Lock Down

The Principal, Assistant Principal or other designated staff member, within the responsibilities of the College's Emergency Management Plan will decide whether evacuation is required and whether it requires movement within the same building, to other buildings, outside or to a site well away from the college. Three areas of the college are designated for group assembling: Library, P-4 area, IT area. If necessary staff and students should move quickly and directly to the nearest centre.

In the case of the need for a Lock Down staff and student will be advised whether to –

- Remain indoors or move to one of the assembly areas
- Close doors and windows
- Turn off pilot lights, gas and electrical appliances if necessary

The Principal or representative is responsible for keeping emergency services and the Department's communications centre informed throughout the incident.

ENROLMENT:

Parents enrolling a child at Prep level are required to present an extract of birth notice to confirm the child's age as being 5 years on the 30th April of the starting year and fulfil their obligations with regard to the School Entry Immunisation Certificate. Under the Health Act all children are required to present an immunisation certificate when enrolling in primary school. The certificate states whether a child has been immunised against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles and mumps. Students transferring between schools must also present the immunisation certificate.

Any student who wishes to transfer to East Loddon P - 12 College from:

- a) any other school in the defined neighbourhood, or
- b) any school outside the neighbourhood

must obtain permission to enrol from the Principal. Once an application for enrolment has been completed the Office Manager will contact the previous school for a transfer.

Upon enrolment parents will be issued with an Enrolment Pack. This Pack will contain:

- Enrolment form (recently up-dated by DEECD)
- Student Handbook
- Application to Travel on the Bus form
- Internet Contract
- Asthma Management Plan
- Permission form for Headlice Check
- Medical Form
- Privacy Policy
- Media Consent Form

Information required for an enrolment includes:

- Evidence of child's date of birth
- Names and addresses of child's parents and/or guardians
- Parents' telephone numbers (home, work, mobile) and emails address
- Name of emergency contacts and their details
- Doctor and dentist's names and telephone numbers
- Immunisation certificate
- Health and wellbeing information about the child (for example, does the child have asthma, diabetes, allergies, poor eyesight, particular custody arrangements)
- Information about the languages the child speaks and hears.

The Media Consent Form allows parents to nominate the occasions on which they are happy to have their children's images, names or work samples available for publication beyond the school environment. The College has endeavoured to anticipate all such occasions that personal details of a student may be needed for disclosure in the course of school activities. There will however be occasions that are not covered by the consent form and will require additional consent from parents.

EXAMINATIONS:

Year 12 students are required to sit examinations as part of the VCE assessment. Year 10 & 11 students are given the opportunity to experience examination conditions as part of their assessment of units. Teachers ensure that the time allowed for an exam matches the content of the examination. Students will be given time to prepare for their exams and guidance in exam procedures. Students are to be encouraged to make themselves ready for the assessment by spending time at home reviewing notes and ensuring that they have all the tools necessary for the exam.

FIRST AID/ SICK BAY:

First Aid supplies are provided in the Sick Bay. Further supplies are in the P-4 area, Science, Woodwork, and Home Economics Rooms. A list of children with specific health problems is maintained in the Sick Bay. Staff with first aid qualifications – D.Leed, S. Cail, J.Clyne. Students requiring medical assistance /treatment must report to Mrs Cail in the first instance. Students are not to be in the Sick Bay without notification to Mrs Cail. Students placed in the Sick Bay will be checked periodically. If it is deemed necessary, parents will be called to collect their sick children. Any medication administered will be under the guidance of the Bush Nurse. Please note that Panadol and other medications will not be issued without the consent of the parents. A record of all students attended to is maintained.

FUND RAISING:

The college appoints a Fund Raising Coordinator who oversees the major fund raising activity for the college each year. The major fund raising events alternate between a Deb Ball and a College Fete. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate and contribute to the fund-raising activities. All monies raised are used to the benefit of the college and its students

HARASSMENT:

It is the Policy of the college to aim to achieve a code of behaviour wherein all students and staff can be valued and respected. The [Student Engagement Policy](#) aims to eliminate all forms of harassment, including bullying, from our college and to support people who have been harassed or bullied. All members of the College community have the right to work in a safe and caring environment free from all forms of bullying and harassment.

All staff are required to remain familiar with the principles of the Workplace Discrimination & Sexual Harassment and the legislative requirements. Professional training ensures that awareness and skills levels of staff are constantly updated.

Harassment in any form is not acceptable. All staff are expected to model and practice appropriate behaviour. As educators, they have a responsibility to provide teaching and learning environments that are free from harassment, and that encourage individuals to develop attitudes and skills that discourage, challenge and report harassment in all forms.

Any incidents of harassment, whether from parents, students or colleagues, should be reported immediately to the Principal. The Principal will employ strategic processes to resolve the issue. Any unresolved issues may be referred, either by the Principal or involved parties, to the appropriate authorities. Claims of harassment will be treated confidentially, documented and promptly and constructively addressed with rights and sensitivities of all individuals protected.

Harassment by students will attract consequences consistent with our **Student Code of Conduct**.

HEAD LICE POLICY:

Head lice are often associated with school children; however, head lice do not differentiate between schools, homes, business, hygiene or socio-economic status. It is a health concern which affects the whole community, therefore there needs to be a community approach to its management. The college will take an active role in creating awareness of the ways to control head lice. It will support parents by conducting regular screenings as required and notifying parents when their children need to have treatment. The Policy for Management of Infected Students states that:

- a) Parents or guardians are notified and requested to remove the student for treatment. The student can return to school after treatment. A nominated coordinator will check to ensure that the student is clear before the student can resume normal classroom activity to ensure other students are not infected.

- b) In the event that the parents or guardians cannot collect the student, the student will be segregated from the remainder of the student body, until the parent can collect them or the student returns home at the end of the school day.
- c) In the event that the parent has not given permission for a student's head to be checked, if lice are noticed by staff, the parents will be contacted and asked to come to school and inspect the student's hair with the staff member. If an infestation is noticed the child will be excluded from school until treatment has been carried out.
- d) Only under exceptional circumstances will school staff be involved with the treatment for infected students. This is the responsibility of the parents.
- e) The child cannot return to school without written confirmation from the parent/guardian that treatment has occurred.
- f) The parents have a responsibility for checking their children to ensure that they don't have head lice and, in the event of finding an infestation, notifying the school and carrying out appropriate treatment.

See [Appendix 15 Head Lice Consent Form](#)

HIRE/LOAN OF EQUIPMENT:

The College is supportive of links with the community and there may be occasions when equipment or facilities are able to be shared. However, commitments of the curriculum and other College Programs must take priority. Some College equipment is not available for loan/hire. It may be necessary for the College to request a refundable deposit from those wishing to hire/loan pieces of equipment. It is expected that the equipment will be treated with reasonable care, returned to the college promptly and at the agreed time, and that any costs for damage are met by the borrowers.

[See Appendix 14 : Agreement for the HIRE/LOAN of PORTABLE COLLEGE EQUIPMENT](#)

HOMEWORK POLICY:

It is government and College Council policy and an expectation of the College that all students schedule home study into their weekly program. It is important that a Student Study Plan be developed to include the many and varied commitments of the student. The complete *Homework Policy and Guidelines* is attached in [Appendix 17 Homework and Policy and Guidelines](#)

ILLNESSES:

If students become ill at school, a parent or nominee will be contacted and asked to collect the student. Students may be placed in the Sick Bay while waiting for collection, but only after being sent to Mrs Cail in the Office first.

Parents are alerted to the time students are excluded from school for various illnesses. It is in the best interests of the student that adequate time is allowed for a complete recovery.

Medication may be issued by Mrs Cail on the advice of Bush Nursing Sister. Mrs Cail keeps a record of medications distributed.

Medical Problems/Concerns

All medications to be administered while a student is at school must be handed in to the Office. The College should be notified of any asthma, physical defects in sight, hearing etc., so that adequate safeguards may be taken to protect the health of the student. Advice on temporary disabilities is also appreciated. Parents must ensure the college is kept up to date with any medical history or requirements for their children. It is vitally important that a second and third point of contact is provided in the instance of a parent not being able to be contacted.

IMMUNISATION:

When children are being enrolled in a primary school, parents need to take their child's immunisation certificate with them. The certificate shows whether a child has been immunised against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough and haemophilus influenza type B. Primary students transferring between schools are also required to present immunisation certificates. Children who are not immunised can still attend school. However, if an outbreak of an infectious disease occurs at the school they will be sent home until the danger has passed. Local councils can provide immunisation certificates.

INDEPENDENT READING TIME:

As part of the College's commitment to literacy development, all students and staff are involved in independent reading on four mornings per week. Students may choose their reading materials provided it is extended text which does not include newspapers or magazines. Staff supervise and conference with students about their reading, as well as modelling good reading behaviour. The library has many books and students must choose their material prior to reading time, not during it. All teachers will be allocated to a class for the year, one to be the form/class teacher and the other, the reading buddy.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC:

The College has on staff an Instrumental Music Teacher for 2 days each week. Through this program, students are offered individual or small group tuition in a choice from several instruments including Guitar, Brass, Percussion and some Woodwind. Students wishing to undertake this commitment should apply to Mr Norm Gray for inclusion in the program. Arrangements can be made through Mr Gray for the hiring of instruments and payment of fees. Mr Gray endeavours to timetable students for instruction so that they do not miss the same classes each week. Students have a responsibility to catch up on missed class work.

Piano Lessons:

Individual piano lessons during school time are offered on a fee-paying basis by a private tutor. Classes are operated 2 days a week. Students are released from class to attend their lessons. Their lessons are scheduled to ensure they do not miss the same classes each week. Contact the College office for information on current arrangements.

INTEGRATION PROGRAM

The College actively supports the Integration of students with Disabilities and Impairments and their participation in all aspects of College life.

A Student Support Group will be established for each Integration student. The Support Group's membership includes the Principal, Integration Teacher, Parents, Aides and where necessary, other teachers. The student may also be asked to attend. Meetings are held on the basis of at least one per term. Relevant staff may be asked to complete an interim report on the student prior to the meeting. At these meetings goals are set and progress toward the fulfilment of goals is reviewed.

Additional support from the Student and Wellbeing Support Leader/Integration Aide may be available to students who meet qualifying criteria set by DEECD. Discussions need to occur with the Student Support and Wellbeing Teacher, Integration Aides and parents to determine appropriate programs for integration students. In many cases the regular program will need to be modified. Teaching staff are responsible for designing the modified programs and for managing all student behaviour. Where a modified program is implemented, the report format will need to be adjusted accordingly .

INTERNET ACCESS:

The College provides the facilities for access to the Internet. This facility enables staff and students to obtain the latest research and information on any topic. The Email capacity enables contact with people all over the world. A levy included on the booklists subsidises the costs involved in maintaining hardware while DEECD funds the cost of access to appropriate educational sites that are nominated by teachers and cached by the ICT Leader. Prior written parental or guardian consent to an agreed code of conduct is required for students to access the Internet. Network administrators may review student files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are acting responsibly. Students enter into an agreement in writing to comply with the rules as set out. A breach of this agreement will be met with sanctions that may include exclusion from the network.

LATE SUBMISSION OF WORK:

Students have responsibility to submit all work requirements punctually. Where students know they will be unable to hand in work by the due date they need to discuss the matter with their class teacher before that date. Students are also asked to provide a courtesy note from their parents explaining why they are unable to submit the work on time. Students may be given an extension to complete all outstanding work. Work submitted by the extended date is assessed in the normal way. Work not submitted by the extended date is not assessed or given a Graded N and a possible parent conference is convened.

- **For specific VCE policy details refer to the VCE Handbook.**

LEADERSHIP- STUDENTS:

The College has introduced leadership positions for students to develop their confidence and skills in the areas of decision-making, consultation, running meetings and events, and public speaking. Students are taught to be active citizens in their communities by being involved in programs within their local community. Students are also encouraged to be involved in the Student Representative Council. They have the opportunity to be elected to positions of Sports House Captains, Bus Captains and Sub-School Captains. The buddy system in the P-4 area assigns an older student to a younger student and has two main benefits. The older student learns to take on responsibility, while the younger student knows they have another person at school to whom they can turn for assistance.

LEAVING THE CLASSROOM/COLLEGE:

Students should not leave their room during class. If a student does have the necessity to leave the class they must carry their diary in which the class teacher has recorded the time and written the reason for being out of class. If the student has to report to another teacher whilst out of the classroom that teacher must also sign the diary to signify that the student has reached their destination.

Senior students' access to lockers is restricted to recess times. They should always take sufficient materials to class for the following two periods

EXITING THE COLLEGE

When a student leaves the College, they must complete an Exit Form. This form ensures that all relevant people have been notified. Checks by the Librarian, Bursar and Subschool Leader assist in ensuring any borrowed goods have been returned and any outstanding financial commitments have been met. The form also requests a forwarding address for home or school. As part of the accountability process for the College, parents/guardians are asked to complete a satisfaction survey. Information from the survey assists in the future planning and direction of the College.

LIBRARY:

The East Loddon College Library provides a service for all children from Prep to Year 12. The library provides standard reference and non-fiction books organised in Dewey System and Fiction Books. A teachers' reference library is in the Library.

There is also a collection of periodicals, daily newspapers, a vertical file of current affairs arranged in alphabetical order, audio visual hardware and software, and Computer access for Reference. The college is connected to the Internet.

Hours

The library is open unless the sign on the window indicates otherwise. The library will be locked when it is not staffed or open for borrowing. The library is open to students at lunchtime from 1:15 to 1:35 for reading, borrowing or private study. The library code of conduct must be observed at all times.

Students who are sent to the library must have a note in their diary to explain the purpose of their visit so that library staff may be of assistance. Up to 6 students may be sent without a teacher after prior consultation with library staff. Students in Years 11 & 12 have access to the Resource Centre during class time for private study.

Teachers setting assignments or research questions must check with library staff first to ensure the availability of suitable resources.

Borrowing

Staff (up to 40 items) and VCE (10 items) may have yearly borrowing. Bulk loans of books are available for assignments in all years as well as books for library corners in all junior years. Other resource materials have a borrowing limit of two weeks. Exceptions are sets of materials. VCE students have a 3-month limit.

Book Limits:

Preps = 1 Book	Any overdue item will stop a student's borrowing rights until that item is returned or renewed.
Years 1 & 2 = 2 Books	
Years 3-10 = 3 Books	
VCE - 10 Books	

Lost Library books will be invoiced and the account be sent home for parents to pay the cost of the lost item.

All students are expected to observe the Library Code of Conduct.

LIBRARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Come in to:

- * borrow/ return books
- * library classes
- * ask for information or assistance to find information
- * study privately
- * read silently
- * use the photocopier
- * use the Internet
- * study distance education
- * literacy classes
- * use CD- Rom
- * integration classes

Respect the rights of others by:

- * entering through the IN door and behaving in a quiet, sensible and courteous manner
- * treating Resource Centre equipment with care and not touching the borrowing desk computer
- * not bringing food, drinks chewing gum, hats or school bags into the library
- * making sure any resources you borrow are checked out by library staff
- * returning any borrowed item by the due date
 - * replacing or paying for lost or damaged books
 - * sitting on seats at work tables – not between shelving and not moving library furniture
 - * staying with your class group – so as not to disturb other user groups

Consequences

Positive - if you follow the above you will...

- * experience success
- * have access to a wide range of resources
- * enable others to be successful library users

Negative - if you ignore the above you may be...

- * given a warning
- * asked to change seats
- * asked to return to classroom
- * asked to report to class teacher/Sub-school Leader
- * given lunchtime library duties – shelf tidying
- * have borrowing rights suspended

All resources bought by staff and DOMAINS with College money is to be accessioned and catalogued by the Library.

LOCKERS:

Each student in Year 5 and above are allocated a locker for the storage of personal possessions. Lockers must be kept clean, tidy and undamaged. Students may purchase combination locks from the College to secure their property.

At the end of each year, the student is required to empty and clean their locker leaving it in an acceptable condition. Purposeful damage may incur a fee to cover the cost of repairs and locker privilege may be withdrawn. School lockers remain the property of the College. Lockers may be searched by staff without notice. Sub-school Leaders are responsible for distributing the lockers and overseeing their use.

Some locker facilities are available for students in Years 5 and 6. Similar conditions for their use and up-keep apply. The class teacher/s are responsible for their distribution.

LOST PROPERTY:

Lost property is to be handed to the Office. If property remains uncollected for a period of time, it is parcelled and sent to charity or placed on stalls at College functions for resale. Parents are welcome to check with the Office for lost items at any time.

Students who have lost property must accept responsibility for locating their property. Teachers will assist in tracking down named belongings.

MAGAZINE:

The magazine 'Oasis' is produced annually. The magazine attempts to be representative of school events for the year. Such things as sporting and social activities, student's work and excursions and camps reports make up the bulk of the magazine. Staff are requested to take responsibility for ensuring that reports of specific events and school activities are recorded during the year as they occur. Students may submit work at any time through their class or English teachers.

In addition, the magazine allows for the Principal, College Council and Parents Club to reflect on the past year.

Parents pay a fee which is included on the booklist.

MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS (M.I.P.s)

It is a requirement of DEECD that schools assist students to strategically plan for their future by developing a map of their individual pathways. Students in Years 10, 11, and 12 will be required to consult with an advocate who will assist them to draw up their plan and to review the plan periodically each year. The plan will identify skills and abilities as well as interests and proposed career options. Records will be maintained of subjects studied and extra curricular practices. Students will be tracked for at least 6 months after leaving the College.

MEDICATION:

Students who require to be medicated during school hours must hand in their medications to the College Office. At the time the medication is to be administered they should report to Mrs Cail who will distribute the correct dosage.

ADHD students who require medicating during school hours must ensure that they have sufficient stores of their medication (clearly labelled and in its original container) available for distribution. Such medication will be kept in a locked compartment and only distributed by authorised staff. Records of the distributions will be maintained.

MIDDLE YEARS:

The middle years of education (Years 5-8) are an important stage in a child's schooling. It is a time when students grow more independent and take on more responsibility for their own learning; yet a time when students require a good deal of support. The teaching programs need to be meaningful and authentic, because students learn best when they feel as though what they are learning is relevant to their lives. They need to remain challenged and engaged. Particular emphasis is placed on Numeracy and Literacy to ensure that the foundations laid in the Early Years are built upon and expanded. Literacy and Numeracy skills need to be a genuine part of each area of learning; each DOMAIN must take responsibility for including the teaching of Maths and English within its components of study.

MOVEMENT AROUND THE COLLEGE:

Students are required to move around the school, inside and outside, in such a manner as to ensure they do not do harm to themselves or others or the environment.

They must also respect the rights of others by at all times moving quietly between classes and within the corridors.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM:

The Multi Purpose Room (Room 16) is available for a variety of activities e.g. meetings, assemblies, physical ed., debates, showing of films, night classes, school performances, etc.

Textiles and Music classes and the P-4 assemblies are timetabled in the multipurpose room. These classes will have priority over occasional bookings however, at times, flexible arrangements can be made. Please check the timetable to see if the room is free before arranging for its use.

PARENT PARTNER PROGRAM:

Parent involvement strengthens the partnership between home and school, and provides greater individual assistance. Parents are invited to come to the College and participate in many areas of their child's' education. Parents help out in reading stories, cooking, maths, listening to reading, craft and a variety of other activities. At the start of the College year, parents are asked to volunteer days and times that suit best and areas they feel comfortable working in. This has been a successful program in our College, with benefits for everyone - child, parent and teachers. Research demonstrates that children do better at school when they have the active support of their parents and when the home and school work in partnership.

PERSONAL HYGIENE:

Hygiene is especially important when large numbers of people live and work together. It is important that your child knows to wash his/her hands after visiting the toilet and knows that toilets should be used appropriately leaving the area tidy for other people's use. Good food handling practices should be observed and parents should ensure that they pack their children's lunches with coolers and food items that do not deteriorate quickly. Students

should use the bins to dispose of their rubbish and will be required to do their share of duty to keep the grounds and rooms clean and free from refuse.

Sneakers should be worn for Physical Education and sport activities only. Sneakers, when worn daily, can become odorous and offensive. Solid shoes are required when working in the woodwork/metal work, home economics and VYDP – Advance classes. Thongs and scuffs are not to be worn as they leave the feet exposed to danger and are not part of the uniform.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORT:

It is a requirement by DEECD that all students P-10 have a balanced program in the eight Domains (English, Maths, Science, Technology, The Arts Languages Other than English, Studies of Society and the Environment, Health and Physical Education.). Our college offers a comprehensive program in Physical Education and Sport. The students have the opportunity to engage in a range of activities at school, district, zone, state and national levels while promoting the development of a healthy lifestyle. As well as improving fitness, participation in sport and physical education at all levels develops in young people a sense of fair play, self-confidence, and an ability to work with others as part of a team.

It is expected that all students will participate in all Physical Education activities unless a note is provided by parents. Any long-term exclusion should be accompanied by a Doctor's certificate. Alternatively, exemption may be requested from the Regional Manager.

Physical Education is an integral part of our school curriculum with each class participating in several sessions per week. To participate fully it is important that students wear sneakers and suitable clothing for these lessons. (Sport shoes only, are allowed to be worn in the Gymnasium). Hats are required for outside activities. Students who repeatedly come to class unprepared for activity will be referred to the P.E. Leader or SubschooL Leader and appropriate action will be taken to enlist student and parent support.

Swimming

The Swimming program is held in Term 1 with classes conducted at the Mitiamo pool. Students are bussed to the pool.

The Primary swimming program is held over weeks 2 with the exclusion of Wednesdays and culminating with the School Sports on the Friday of the second week. The Primary Swimming Program is synonymous with and extensive to the Learn to Swim program conducted over the holiday period. Parent assistance is crucial to the operation of the program. Students who pay a membership to the Mitiamo pool are admitted without further payment for each session. All students are required to pay a levy to meet the cost of running the buses. Non-members also pay an admittance fee. (The cost of the buses has been generously subsidised by the East Loddon Lions Club). The levy at Primary level is indicated on the Booklists.

The Secondary Swimming Program is conducted early in the year and includes the Secondary Swimming Sports. Swimmers from the carnival may qualify to represent the college in Inter-School competitions. The swimming levy has been included on the booklists.

Throughout the year, students are involved in a range of sports instruction, carnivals and competitions which run in conjunction with the Health and PE Program within the College. A blanket Permission Form will be issued to parents/guardians at the beginning of each year. This form enables parents/guardians to give permission for students to participate in all College sporting events and includes agreement to meet the cost involved. Parents should inform the College of any illness or injury at the time of the events. Parents still retain the right to sign an individual form for each event.

PRIVACY ACT:

With the introduction of the new Privacy Laws it is essential that protocols be observed with regard to the collection, use, storage, access and retention of information about students and staff. Protecting the personal and health information of staff and students is a serious responsibility. The school applies the Privacy Principles which seek to minimize risk of misuse of information.

The four major principles applied are:

Collection:- collect only the information needed

Information:- inform the person why the information is needed and how it will be used

Disclosure:- disclose only as necessary for the purpose of the service.

Security:- secure information against unauthorised use/disclosure.

The college has a clear set of protocols with regard to the use of student images.

The Policy is:

- To notify parents and students of the current practices when using student images.
- Allow for separate consent for sensitive use of student images i.e. for publication on a website or in the press.

Below is a set of protocols to guide staff in relation to the use of student photographs/images.

- School Newsletter – student images and achievements listed, photographs of students who are identified
- School Magazine – photographs of students individual/ group and examples of work
- Intranet – photographs/samples of work, student can be named. A protected site
- School Website – group photographs – group identified, not individual students
- Local/Press - individual student story can only be published with/without a photograph if parent permission is given. Unless a story focuses on an individual only group photographs will be used, students will only be identified by first name
- Video Performance – where this is an in-class performance and the recording will not involve transmission, the consent of the individuals appearing in the video should be obtained.

If the performance is being recorded and transmitted both child and parent consent is required. Eg. College production, Deb Ball.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:

Harmful substances such as tobacco, drugs and alcohol are prohibited and will be confiscated. Any student bringing or using these substances will face heavy consequences. Items which may be harmful to others such as pocket knives, matches etc. are also prohibited. The College grounds and buildings are designated non- smoking areas.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Religious Education in government schools is authorised by the Education Act 1958. Classes are taught by accredited instructors using an agreed curriculum approved by the Council for Christian Education in Schools. Students in Prep have one period of instruction each week, although the extent of the service depends upon the availability of instructors. Participation in the program is not compulsory and parents can decide whether their child will participate. A small charge is made on the Booklist to cover the cost of materials used in Religious Education Classes.

Students not involved in the program will be provided with supervised work.

RESTRICTED ACCESS:

Quite a number of students have restricted access that nominates custody or access to one parent only. Other parents or guardians are not to have access without the consent of the custodian parent. Whenever students are to be collected from school the parent or guardian should be directed to the office in the first instance. The students are then signed out and a check can be made to ensure custody restrictions are not violated. Parent should ensure that the Office Administration is kept up-to-date with custody arrangements.

SCHOOL NURSE:

The College has an appointed School Nurse, Denise Leed, employed under the auspices of the Secondary School Nursing Program. The major role of the School Nurse is to promote healthy lifestyles for the students and to increase their awareness in making decisions which will improve or maintain good health. The School Nurse acts as a resource to staff and may be involved in the conduct of classes or seminars aimed at achieving the goals of the program. The School Nurse attends two days per week and works in cooperation with other personnel involved with student wellbeing.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL:

The Council draws representatives from Years 4-12 and meets regularly during lunchtimes. The SRC reports to College Council on its activities and ideas. The SRC allows students a voice to improve learning conditions for students at the school. The SRC purchase equipment to supplement amenities and services for the benefit of all students. They also make donations to support charities and conduct social activities to engage students in the life of the college.

STUDENT WELLBEING:

The College is provided with funds to employ a student wellbeing and support leader. This is a valuable resource as the person works closely with students, guiding them through problems or difficulties they may have and working as part of the Wellbeing Team including the Chaplain, Social Worker and School Nurse. The student wellbeing and support leader may deal with issues such as absenteeism, bullying, drug use or depression and works with the principal and other staff to develop and maintain a safe and supportive school environment. The student wellbeing and support leader may seek to involve parents where appropriate and will set up a contact network within the wider community. A Wellbeing Room allows a private area for students to contact wellbeing personnel. Parents wishing to speak with the student wellbeing and support leader should contact the school to make an appointment.

Regional Support Personnel is also available on a limited basis.

A list of useful contacts is made available to Secondary students by means of a posting on the students' notice boards. The list is as follows....

Where To Go For Assistance.

financial worries?	*student wellbeing coordinator *business manager
feeling down? about school? friends? home?	*student wellbeing coordinator *Sub-school Leader *teacher you feel comfortable with *student counsellor available on request
finding a unit difficult?	*class teacher *coordinator

unsure about course?	*teacher
	*careers teacher
need help with study techniques? Homework problems?	*class teacher
	*teacher
	*careers teacher
	*Sub-school Leader
"consideration of disadvantage?"	
	*Sub-school Leader
	*Principal
careers? tertiary courses?	*Careers teacher
	*Sub-school Leader
work experience?	*Careers teacher
leaving school? need an exit form?	
	*Sub-school Leader
	*Assistant Principal
feeling sick?	*front office
lost property? valuables? lost clothing? books?	
	*general office
	*Library
changed address?	*general office
ID card/ travel concessions?	*general office

Support Services. Need someone to talk to? Things not going well at school, at home or with your friends ? Are you unhappy? Talk to someone; your SubschooL Leader, the student wellbeing and support leader, Chaplain, school social worker or a teacher you relate to. If you do not want to talk to anyone at school, then Denise can arrange for you to see someone outside of school or call one of the relevant help lines listed below. Don't just worry, talk to someone!

Alcohol and Drugs - BRADS. Bendigo Regional Alcohol and Drug Service Counselling and general information about

Drugs and Alcohol. 54300500
Kids Help Line(freecall) 1800 551800

Legal Services.

Legal Aid Commission. Lifeline / Youthline
54411155 54131114

Health Services.

Eaglehawk Community Health Centre. 54344300

Sexual Assault

Centre against Sexual Assault. 54410430

Family and Personal Services

Action Pregnancy Problem Centa Care
Centre 54415795 54439577

Grow - mutual support group St Lukes Family Care
54434788 54 401100

Bush Nursing Service
54368309 / 0428 507 409

Emergency Accommodation

Salvation Army 03 -5 437498 Bendigo Urban Emergency
Accommodation Resource 03 54423875

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students who have been assessed as eligible may receive additional financial support from the government to provide further support to meet the student's individual needs. Students must meet the relevant criteria set by the World Health Organisation. The Program for Students with Disabilities: Handbook is a guide for curriculum and procedural development. Where funding is provided, Integration Aides will be employed to support the students in the classroom. As far as is practical the Aide is matched to the student and is guided by a teacher in charge of Integration Coordination. The Aide is encouraged to use initiative in assisting the class or subject teacher to develop modified programs, which will enable the student to be integrated into the class programs. Regular parent meetings are important in the support of the student and will be coordinated by the teacher in charge of Integration.

SUNSMART POLICY:

Health authorities have recognised the link between exposure to the sun and skin cancer. All students are required to purchase a hat that is part of the college uniform and that must be worn at recess, lunchtimes and physical education or sport times. Some excursions or outdoor activities may also require the wearing of hats. The students are required to take responsibility for their hat including ensuring that it is laundered at least at the end of each term. The wearing of hats is compulsory for Terms 1 & 4 and strongly recommended for Terms 2 & 3.

Hats are only part of the fight against skin cancer – sunscreen is an important part of skin protection as well. Parents are encouraged to provide and teach their children to apply sunscreen at appropriate times during the summer months when skin exposure can be a problem. Students must be taught to take responsibility and initiative in protecting themselves.

TELEPHONE/MOBILE PHONES:

Students are discouraged from having access to the phone except in the case of important or emergency matters. In those instances they should seek permission from the Principal or Administration staff. The individuals concerned must meet costs of all calls. Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones at school unless given specific direction to do so by a teacher. Any phones being used inappropriately at school will be confiscated for collection by parents. If students have a specific need to have their mobile at school on a particular day they should hand it in to the office for safe keeping and collect it at the end of the day.

TRANSPORT:

Students have access to buses to transport them to and from school each day. Access to buses is a privilege and not a right. Safe codes of conduct are expected to be upheld at all times.

Students who gain their licence to drive may do so but must park outside the College grounds. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to transport other students in private cars in connection with any school program or function whether held during normal school hours or at other times. This rule also applies to the transporting of siblings. Parents should provide a written notification to the Principal when the intention is for their licensed child to drive themselves to school.

VALUABLES:

Students are discouraged from bringing items of value to school. If they elect to bring valuables along they must assume direct responsibility for them at all times. The college will not be held responsible for any damage or loss that might occur. In the case where it is necessary to bring valuable items to school they may be left at the General Office where they can be stored until the end of the day.

VCAL:

Some students enjoy hands-on learning activities and the chance to obtain practical industry-related experience in areas such as automotive, information technology, electronics and multimedia. The college caters for these students by offering the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) – a high quality option for Year 11 and 12 students who want a flexible study program that suits their particular learning needs, interests and goals. VCAL students are more likely to be interested in doing a TAFE course, starting an apprenticeship or traineeship, or getting a job in a specific industry when they leave school rather than go to a university. The VCAL provides students with a recognised, credible and useful qualification. The VCAL has four compulsory strands that give students practical work-related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that stand them in good stead for both work and life. A Coordinator is appointed to oversee the provision of the subjects required by the students and the management of the assessment and recording of students' achievements. Staff are to receive appropriate professional development training to increase their skills and awareness of the requirements of the program.

VCE:

Students in Years 11 and 12 have the opportunity to complete their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The VCE is recognised around the world and is a valuable pathway to university study, TAFE and the world of work. It is also possible to do a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship within the VCE. The college decides what VCE studies and VCE VET studies it will offer depending on the availability of staff and the preferences of students. Typically the college offers a broad range of subjects so that students can tailor a VCE program to match their interests and career aspirations. Because the range of subjects is so broad, parents and students are encouraged to refer to the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) for guidance. The college appoints a VCE Coordinator and holds information sessions for students and parents to provide specific advice and to help students to plan their study so that they have the right number and combination of units to make up a VCE program.

VET in the VCE:

Students in Years 11 and 12 can choose to complete a VCE VET (vocational educational and training) program as part of their VCE. The college offers VET Engineering as an option. Undertaking a VCE VET program means that students receive a nationally recognised training qualification as well as their VCE. They undertake training in a specific job area, for instance hospitality, agriculture, information technology or engineering. VCE VET program provides students with pathways to university, TAFE, further training and the work place.

WEATHER:

On days when the weather is too adverse (or too hot, wet or cold) for students to be outside during recess or lunchtime breaks provision will be made for them to have access to classrooms or corridors. On these occasions the Daily Organiser will make an announcement over the P.A. system and an alternative arrangement will be set into process for supervision.

WORK EXPERIENCE / CAREER GUIDANCE:

The College has a Careers Information Centre and a teacher is designated as Careers/Vocational Guidance Teacher. Students are encouraged to use the resources of the Careers Centre and seek guidance from the teacher in charge as well as other teachers. There is a work experience program for Years 10 and 11 organised by the teacher in charge. Also visiting speakers are arranged from time to time along with mock interview programs and other related transition experience.

It is a requirement of DEECD that schools assist students to strategically plan for their future by developing a map of their individual pathways. In partnership with the North Central LLEN, a Managed Individual Pathways (MIPS) consultant is employed to provide all Year 10-12 students with career guidance and support. Students in Years 10, 11, and 12 will be required to consult with an advocate who will assist them to draw up their plan and to review the plan periodically each year. The plan will identify skills and abilities as well as interest and proposed career options. Records will be maintained of subjects studied and extra curricular practices. Students will be tracked for at least 6 months after leaving the College.

The Work Experience Program at East Loddon P - 12 is conducted in Years 10 and 11. Year 10 undertake one week living and working in Bendigo. Year 11 participate in Work Experience in Melbourne. The aims of Work Experience are numerous and varied -

- it provides students with work and observational experience in occupational areas in which they are interested.
- it provides students with the opportunity to assess their abilities in relation to occupational skills.
- it allows the students to experience the responsibilities of the work place.
- it should increase students' awareness of the role that education plays in equipping them for a changing occupational scene.
- it allows students to more realistically assess their anticipated future employment.
- it enables students to observe and interact with different social communities. It is therefore seen as an activity that greatly extends the potential experience that students may gain during their College life.

YEAR 12 ROOM:

Year 12 students have the use of the V.C.E. Room. They are responsible for maintaining it in a clean and user-friendly workspace. They enter into an agreement at the beginning of the year to guarantee their responsible use of this facility. Any breach of this agreement may see access denied and/or a fee applied for any damaged equipment or furniture.