



Essendon Keilor College

# Term 1 Newsletter

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## College Principal - David Adamson



**Our Vision: To develop accomplished citizens who contribute, live meaningfully and succeed**

Welcome to our first College Newsletter of 2022.

As always we welcome a number of new and returning staff to the College.

Naomi West – Keilor – English/Humanities, Learning Specialist

Fiona Reeve – Essendon/Niddrie – Art

Lauren Steel – Essendon – English

Jonathan Cram – Niddrie – PE

Katie Simkin – Niddrie – English/Humanities

Dania Margerison – Niddrie/Keilor – Japanese

Rachel Odewahn – Essendon – Health/Humanities

Domenica Caridi – Italian Language Assistant

Pintuben Patel – Essendon – Laboratory Technician

Daveen Valentine – Essendon – Homestay Co-ordinator

Polly Maudlin – Niddrie – Humanities/Performing Arts

Khoa Le – Keilor – Science

Susan Deprost – Keilor – English

Claire Fitzpatrick – Essendon – Food technology

Alexandria Gouvas – Essendon – Health

Blair Harbrow – Niddrie/Keilor – Food

Elisabetta Celata – Niddrie/Keilor – Italian

Melanie Pearce – Essendon – Administrative trainee

Craig Lawler – all campuses – Gardener

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Essendon 9319 1300

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Niddrie 9375 8405

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### Dates for your diary

**25<sup>th</sup> April** – ANZAC Day public holiday

**13<sup>th</sup> June** – Queen's Birthday public holiday

17<sup>th</sup> June – Report writing day – pupil free day

### Term Dates 2022

**Term 2** Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jun

**Term 3** Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Jul – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sep

**Term 4** Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Our new College Council has been formed with a good representation of parents from all three campuses.

**President:** Nicole Kotoski

**Vice President:** Kristy Stevens

**Treasurer:** Lisa Grant

**Parent Representatives:** Kristine O'Keefe, Catherine Craggs, Kristy Stevens, Margaret Robottom

**Student Representatives:** Rauf Mohamednur, Ellie Fuller, Monia Sidahmed

**Staff Representatives:** Melissa Hamilton, Melissa Travers, Jonathan Cram, Elisabetta Celata, Lisa Nugent

There are two vacant positions for parent representatives. Please contact your Campus Principal if you are interested in becoming a member of College Council.

We have been able to run a number of very successful activities this term including the swimming and athletic sports and Year 7 and 8 Camps. Camps are incredibly important to get students into a different environment where they are challenged and get to know the peers and teachers in a different environment. They also allows for students from the two junior campuses to get to know each other before they head to the Essendon Campus in Year 10. There will be a number of further camps and activities as the year progresses. A number will be at no cost thanks to the government providing the funds to cover expenses.

While we haven't had lockdowns this year there still has been an impact from COVID with a number of staff and student absences, I would like to thank the whole school community for their support and co-operation this term in what has been a really good start to the year.

David Adamson

Principal



## Essendon Campus Principal - Lisa Robinson

Thank you to the Essendon campus community for the warm welcome all the Year 10 students and new staff to the campus received at the start of the year. It has been an incredibly successful term, with a range of learning experiences and opportunities availed to all our students.

It has been pleasing to see the opportunities for school sport teams to compete this year and subjects able to take their classes out on excursions and field trips. Whilst we know that COVID has impacted a number of us, it has been pleasing to get to the end of the term with it having minimal disruption.

This year we have also relaunched our satisfactory completion policy in all subjects. It has been rewarding to see the way in which all students are embracing their learning and using the resources available during the school day and after school to make sure they achieve the best results possible.

Our Year 12 VCAL and VCE students are also very committed to their studies. We have run a number of after school assessment and practice exam sessions with outstanding attendance. Likewise the VCAL program has made a strong commitment to the VET and SBAT programs.

As we move towards term 2, we can look forward to Year 10 and VCAL work experience, Year 10- 12 exams, camps at all year levels and the continued rehearsals of Charlie and the Chocolate factory. It will be busy for all, so I hope you all have a restful term break and I look forward to seeing you back on April 26th.



Essendon Keilor College

Essendon Campus

### Staff - 2022

Row 4: Scott Bennett Nick Hatzilazaridis Matthew Szwczuk Emidio Forti Drew Harrison Daniel Kingham Lyle Wenholz Laura Slater  
 Row 3: Jarrod McDonald Jing Wang Spiros Economou Clare Fitzpatrick Leonie Mc Kernan Sally Stevens Genevieve Archibald Julie Clements Rachelle Odewahn Lillian Wilson  
 Row 2: Lauren Steel Emma Tabone Adriene Ward Melissa Hamilton Michelina Szentmiklossy Kaye Coutts Alexander Michaels Alexandria Gouvas Anna Maria De Amicis  
 Front Row: Hung Nguyen Rita Cascun Domenica Caridi Helena Hong Lisa Robinson David Adamson Jacqueline Beal Pintuben Patel Chiu Kwan Tong Nancy Moriarty  
 Absent: Sara Anicic Julia Bianchin Micaela Dowd Michele Hamilton Giuseppe Marra Anthony Pain Fiona Reeve Suzanne Rose Daveen Valentine Carmen Vincini Silvana Vitale

College Principal: David Adamson  
 Campus Principal: Lisa Robinson

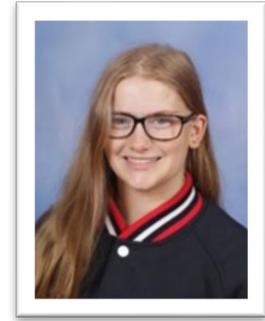
Arthur Reed Photos

**2022 Essendon Campus Captains**

**School Captains**



*Elley Chapman*



*Rose Eddy*

**Vice Captains**



*Angela Ayvaz*



*Astara Jackson*



*Jess Sutherland*

**International Student Captain**



*Ayaka Sogabe*

**Sports Captains**



*Tyron Tan*



*Luis Viray*

**Performance Captains**



*Essey Gebrekirstos*



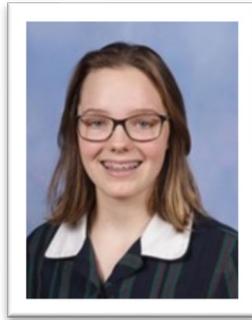
*Charlize Rodier*

**Year Level Leaders**

**Year 11**



*Kyra Aurisch*



*Ellie Fuller*



*Raef  
Mohamednur*



*Monia Sidahmed*



*Amelia Wright*

**Year 10**



*Chanel Mai*

*Shania Ragland*



**Term 1 SWPB winners**

Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Amy Bektash Declan Gidman Lachlan Pringle Charlotte Kennedy	Abdullahi Ibrahim Cassandra Sesto Kasey Stephenson Jack Talia	Hamza Dahir Charlize Rodier Jess Sutherland Essey Gebrekirstos

## Term 1 reflections – Essendon campus

While Term 1 has been a long term, it has certainly been rewarding for students to be back on campus, maximising the learning opportunities and extra-curricular events that have been on offer.

### Interschool sport

We have had many students representing the college in interschool sports including Senior Volleyball and Senior Basketball. Our football team trains every Friday at lunchtime with lots of support from students watching. Several of our students also represented the college in swimming sports – congratulations to Jess and Luis on their fantastic results.



### Athletics Day

Our college athletics day brought out the best in the senior students with many records broken, some that have been very long standing. A highlight of every Athletics Carnival is the Year 12 dress up – this year their themes included 'The Kardashians', 'Mario Brothers', 'Super Villains', 'The Three Musketeers' and 'Alice in Wonderland'. Our VET Sport and Recreation students did a brilliant job of assisting with the setup of the day, as did our music students in their performances which drew crowds of students from all campuses.



## **Pathways opportunities**

Our annual Careers Expo day was another highlight of Term 1 for the senior students. With exhibitors from Monash University, Melbourne University, Swinburne University, RMIT University, Latrobe University, Victoria Police, Australian Defence Force, Carlton Football Club Academy, Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australian Catholic University & Victoria University, students in year 10, 11 and 12 all had the opportunity to speak with key personnel about future pathway options.



Year 11 and 12 students were also invited on an excursion to RMIT & ACU where they were able to listen to speakers from the universities and tour the grounds and facilities on offer.



## **Art Therapy**

Selected students have also had the opportunity to undertake weekly Art Therapy sessions with an external provider who works with them on all manner of topics and uses a variety of art mediums. Students can choose drawing, painting, clay modelling for their work.



## **Lunchtime Activities**

Our music students have performed in the Quad and near the Basketball Court as part of the performance component of their studies. The campus comes alive with the music which creates a great lunchtime atmosphere. The 'Teachers Vs Students' Soccer Match was a source of entertainment for onlookers during our Harmony Day Celebrations.

## **Social & Emotional Wellbeing**

The Huddle (North Melbourne Football Club) work closely with the college on several different programs. This term the Year 10 PE students were fortunate enough to participate in the True North program, aimed at developing skills around values, identity, grit & emotional intelligence. Later in the year we are fortunate enough to have them return for their Voice Your Voice Program.

Our campus has focussed on 2 SWPBS Goals this term: Ask Questions & Regularly Act Upon Feedback and Put Effort Into Every Task & Challenge Ourselves. While some work was done around these goal in our Mentoring sessions, these goals ran through our classrooms and campus throughout the term. Students earned Real Rewards and had the opportunity to win Canteen Vouchers. Next term, our focus goals will be Encourage & Support Others, Strive for Academic Excellence & Attend All Classes.

## Year 12 Jackets

And finally, a very proud (and long awaited) moment for our Year 12 students being presented with their Year 12 Jackets!



We are all looking forward to a jam-packed Term 2 which will include Year 12 students undertaking Elevate Study Skills sessions, Yr 11 & 12 camp, Year 10 Work Experience, Year 10 Pat Cronin Foundation session, more music performances and a host of interschool sport opportunities. We wish the students a restful break.

Sally Stevens

## Harmony Day



On March 23rd, the students at the Essendon Campus participated in Harmony Day. Harmony Day provided an excellent opportunity for our students to express and celebrate their own cultural backgrounds and share this with their peers. We were fortunate to have Alex and MJ from the Moonee Valley City Council set up creative activities for the students to e library. The students were enthusiastic about participating and it was a great opportunity for them to learn more about their peers and the wide cultural diversity we have at the campus.



## **RMIT and ACU exploration day**

Students in Year 11 who were interested in learning more about courses and facilities at RMIT and ACU in the City, had a tour of both campuses and heard about their courses for 2024. Getting some early exposure to education beyond EKC is so important and we were glad that so many of our learners took up the opportunity.





## **Essendon Campus Careers EXPO**

Our yearly Careers EXPO was a successful day with a large variety of institutions coming in to speak to our students. This included major Universities, Tafe institutions and other organisations such as the Police, the Defence Forces and Apprenticeship / Traineeship service providers. Students were able to have valuable discussions with these institutions and we hope that these discussions have allowed our students to begin making informed decisions about their futures.

## **Upcoming Excursions**

Over the course of this semester, students will have had the opportunity to attend a number of on site University visits to help them choose their preferred destination. This includes:

- Year 12 RMIT and Melbourne Uni (Term 2)
- Year 12 Latrobe Uni (Term 2)
- Year 12 Australian Academy of Interactive Entertainment (Term 1)
- Year 11 RMIT and ACU (Term 1)
- Year 10 Victoria University (Term 2)

## **Year 10 Work Experience**

After a few COVID affected years, we are looking forward to a hopefully uninterrupted work experience program this year. This year employers have been more willing to take on students, and as a result, students from EKC have been able to secure some really interesting work experience placements. Some examples of this include Melbourne University Biosciences, Australia Zoo and Monash University research.

Some students are yet to organise a placement and we encourage these students to use the school holidays to find a suitable employer. Each students' local network of family, friends and connections is often the easiest way to find a work experience placement however, there are a range of work experience resources in the Year 10 Careers Google Classroom (classwork section) that will also be of assistance.

## **Junior Campus Careers – Year 9 Morrisby Assessment and Interview**

The Morrisby Careers assessment is designed to give students a detailed analysis of their suitability for various Careers and also what subjects they should consider choosing in future years. During the second half of Term 2, Year 9 students from both Keilor and Niddrie will be undertaking their Morrisby testing. They will receive a one on one interview with a trained Careers Counsellor at the start of Term 3 to discuss their results and provide further advice for the future. Student feedback from this program has generally been very positive and we hope this is helpful to all Year 9 students.



**Daniel Kingham**  
**(Student Pathways Coordinator)**

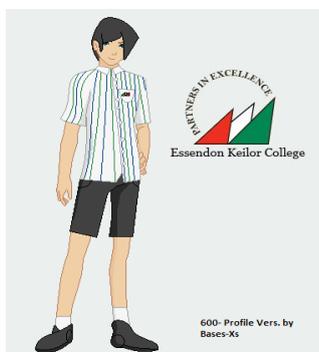
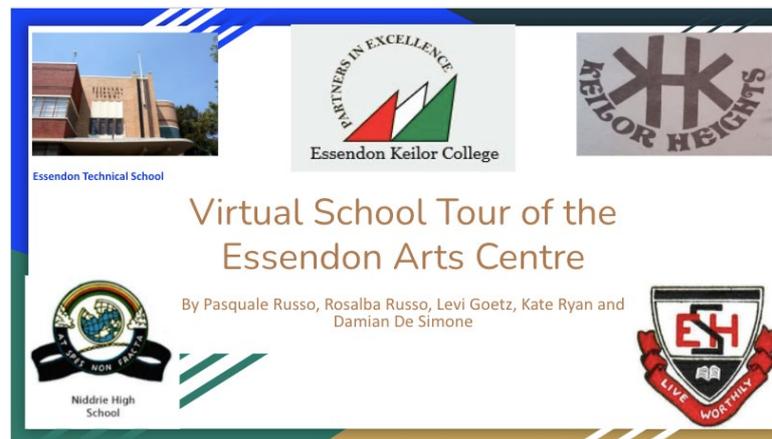
## Senior VCAL PDS - Virtual School Tour Project

For our Term 1 project in Senior VCAL, we all worked in small groups to make a virtual tour of different parts of the Essendon Campus.

We had to then work as a team to link them all together to create one whole school virtual tour.

### Group 1

Kate (K.R): Our team members were Pasquale (P.R.), Roselba (R.R), Damian (D.D) and Levi (L.G). We made a virtual tour of the Performance Hall, which was formally called the Essendon Arts Centre.



**P.R:** For what I did in my group; I was the cameraman for most of the videos, did my own tour of the lower level of the performance hall and created the student character in the school's uniform using a base from DeviantArt.



**L.G:** One of my group's challenging problems was the editing of the videos but luckily I was up to the challenge and it took a bit but I edited it to the point of high quality.



**R.R:** I made a video of stage and backstage with safety and flashbacks. I enjoyed making the videos. I also showed the props cupboard. It has props from previous performances including a pink teddy bear backpack and a pastel unicorn slap band.



**DD:** I was interviewing Mr McDonald about the stage and how they go about setting up for concerts and other performances. I was also the camera operator for Essey's interview, and both of the tours



## **Group 2**

What we did in our group was to organise who would be responsible for what roles like the camera man and the slides for the presentation. Our group did the quadrangle and the surrounding areas, and showed the school's history in the office.



## **Group 3**

We created a powerpoint presentation about the gymnasium, basketball courts and rooms involving Health and Human development, Physical Education and VET Fitness and Recreation. I spoke upon the after school curriculum activities that take place and information about the Football Program and runs at the senior campus to grab the audience's attention. I found that I have educated myself a lot more on the further career pathways these subjects and programs are able to take you and the huge impacts and opportunity you receive, including enormous growth and development in many students allowing them to become a leader and team player. I found that it was difficult to organise trying to work around many people during this task though it was completed. - Charleice

# FREE Year 10 Step-Up Camp



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

**Places Limited! Secure your spot via Compass asap!**

*Anglesea Valley Lodge is located 30 minutes from Geelong and only 90 minutes from Melbourne. It is close to some of Victoria's best beaches.*



## INCLUDES:

- All meals
- Accommodation
- Bus transport
- Activities
- Campfire Night
- Music Night



- Surfing
- Canoeing
- Flying Fox
- Giant Swing
- Low Ropes
- Archery
- Mountain bike riding

# FREE Year 11 & 12 Students

# CAMP

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

**Places Limited! Secure your spot via Compass asap!**

*Camp Rumbug is located in the majestic hills of South Gippsland, two hours from Melbourne's CBD and set in 200 acres of glorious temperate rainforest overlooking Wilsons Promontory National Park.*



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- Archery
- Canoeing
- Flying Fox
- Giant Swing
- Low Ropes
- Raft Building



## East Keilor Principal – Lisa Nugent

We have had a wonderful start to the school year at the Keilor Campus. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me and my team. It has been great getting to know students and families. Congratulations to all students who have started the year well, with a strong dedication to learning growth and a commitment to supporting all students and staff at the Keilor Campus.

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to acknowledge the support and guidance provided by our Leadership staff, Ms Heather Hawkins, Ms Melissa Travers, Ms Naomi West and Mr Luke Carroll who have worked tirelessly to set students up for success. I also need to commend our hard-working Teachers and Education Support staff who work tirelessly to advise and assist students throughout the day. Special welcome to our new staff members – Naomi West, Khoa Le, Susan Deprost, Dania Margerison and Elisabetta Celata

Our student leaders at the Campus have been inspiring in their efforts so far this year, with the support of Ms Natasha Anicic. See below their reports and photos of our extra-curricular activities.

### Term 1 Award winners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<p><b><u>GPA</u></b> Ephrata Berhane Arielle Craggs</p> <p><b><u>GPA Improvement</u></b> Tyler Weinreich Jamie Kho</p> <p><b><u>REAL Rewards</u></b> Arielle Craggs Mia Oakley</p> <p><b><u>100% Attendance</u></b> Arielle Craggs Ellie Lu Jayden Tanu-Saputra</p>	<p><b><u>GPA</u></b> Julian Perrone Jasmyn Gorgiovski</p> <p><b><u>GPA Improvement</u></b> Jaymee Darrington Daniel Vaccaro</p> <p><b><u>REAL Rewards</u></b> Gabriel Tangata Noah Williams</p> <p><b><u>100% Attendance</u></b> Yusra Addo Bailey Janson</p>	<p><b><u>GPA</u></b> Ria Yang Emika Liu</p> <p><b><u>GPA Improvement</u></b> Georgia Williams Akiara Hay</p> <p><b><u>REAL Rewards</u></b> Lara Alaussi</p> <p><b><u>100% Attendance</u></b> Tiffany Giang Tijana Bobinac Sam Craggs Kobi Glennister Chloe Gordon</p>

# Keilor Campus - Student Leadership positions 2022

## School Captains



*Chloe Gordon*



*Tiffany Giang*

## Year Level Leaders



*Ria Yang*  
Year 9



*Samuel Craggs*  
Year 9



*Julian Perrone*  
Year 8



*Jaymee Darrington*  
Year 8



*Jamie Koh*  
Year 7



*Ephrata Berhane*  
Year 7

## STEM Captain



*Jordena Harris*

## Performance Captain



*Martin Eddy*

## Music Captain



*Max Ivankovic*

## House Sports Captains



*Kate Lewis-Hamilton*  
Blue



*Darya Karimi – Pakdaman*  
Red



*Kendra Kyle*  
White



*Ryan Withers*  
Green

## **Fundraising team**

Darya Karimi Pakdaman –	Fundraiser Team Leader
Mathew Abed	Fundraiser Team member
Nikolina Papandreou	Fundraiser Team member
Heidi Brown	Fundraiser Team member
Diana Silva	Fundraiser Team member
Chloe Dorl	Fundraiser Team member
Arielle Craggs	Fundraiser Team member
Khadija Mohamed	Fundraiser Team member

## **Keilor Captains Report**

Most of you already know us, but we're the school captains, Tiffany Giang and Chloe Gordon. During this term, our school has planned many amazing events that we've luckily had the chance to experience.

On February the 16th we had the Swimming carnival. It was amazing to see everyone enjoying the carnival by participating in swimming events and different activities throughout the day. It was also great to see students participating at the photobooth and posing for photos with their friends and wearing props. We congratulate those who participated in the swimming events and we hope that the day was memorable for everyone.

Then, on the 21st of March we had Harmony Day. We were all really excited to see everyone celebrating diversity by dressing up in traditional clothing and casual clothes with a splash of orange and there were also many great musical performances throughout lunchtime.

Lastly, on the 23rd of March there was the College Athletics Day. A lot of students participated in different sports and white house



ended up winning at the end of day. Some students even had the chance to perform music in front of, and with, all campuses. Congratulations to everyone who tried their best in all of the different events, and thank you for setting a great example for other students to participate as well. Not only that, there were also many other great opportunities for students including STEM excursions for year 9 STEM students and the GRIP Leadership Conference for school leaders.

Finally, we'd like to thank you for reading our message and hope you enjoy the holidays. Remember to practice self-care and have some you time over the holidays, before we return back to school on the 26th of April.

## Harmony Day



Thank you to the Leadership students who organised the Casual Clothes, lunch and activities. Thank you to Ms Anicic, Micaela and Nurse Julie for their support.



Our Music students collaborated with the Essendon Campus Music students with a master class session on Harmony Day.



## **Sport Captain Report - Swimming and Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to our swimmers who represented the College at the Network Swimming Carnival and at the WMR finals in Geelong on the 31st March.

**50m Breaststroke** - Ryan W - 1<sup>st</sup>

**50m Freestyle** - Chloe G - 1<sup>st</sup>, Ryan W - 2<sup>nd</sup>

**50m Backstroke** - Ryan W - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chloe G - 3<sup>rd</sup>

The College Athletics Day was a great success, great weather, lots of students participating in either the Athletics events or the musical entertainment.

## **STEM Report**



At the STEM Excursion, both of the junior campuses got to experience the Emu Sky exhibition as well as learning about sustainability and how to make biodegradable plastics. We learnt how to create a type of biodegradable plastic which uses agar seaweed and bicarbonate of soda. This process was made using all sustainable products, such as biodegradable cups and reusable moulds, and we all had an amazing time. It also supports the industry that farms the seaweed, which is a workforce of predominantly women. This excursion also gave us a chance to learn about the hidden lives of early indigenous people, as well as how sustainable their agricultural and hunting practices were. Overall, we all had a great time at the Science Gallery!

Jordena Harris Year 9

## **Year 8 camp**

Year 8 Camp for 2022 was to Phillip Island Adventure Resort. The weather forecast was perfect and after meeting at school on Wednesday morning, we set off with excitement on the bus. After what felt like forever, we stopped at San Remo for lunch before checking in to the camp and getting some time to explore the campsite and our cabins.

We spent the afternoon doing our first activity rotations, we were the first group that got to go down and do our surfing session at Smith's Beach. After getting fitted out for our wetsuits and learning about ocean safety and how to recognise a rip in the beach, we got our surfboards and headed down for our lesson. Some found it easy to stand up on the boards while others just enjoyed staying nice and cool in the water.

After dinner, we enjoyed a games night where we played 'minute to win it' games in our activity groups which was good fun. Despite being really tired, lots of us tried our hardest to stay awake as long as we could in our cabins! Day two was filled with more activities including canoeing, high ropes course, giant swing and flying fox. They were all great fun and it was great to get to spend some time with students from the Niddrie campus. Surfing was definitely our favourite activity because the instructors were really cool and helped us stand up.

After dinner the buses picked us up to go to the penguin parade. We all sat in the viewing areas waiting to see the penguins arrive. As the sun came down, slowly but surely, the penguins came in small groups and made their way to shore. After dark we got to spend some time walking and watching the penguins moving through the reserve. After that, some of us bought some penguin souvenirs to take home with us. Everyone was definitely more tired than the first night so we all went to sleep nice and early.

After breakfast on the last morning, we had some free time and then packed up and headed off, stopping at 'The Nobbies', a coastal site which has a great boardwalk and awesome views of Bass Strait. We arrived back at school and said our goodbyes to each other after what was an awesome 3 days of adventures, spent with friends.

Kendra Kyle and Jenna Van Harmelen



In early March, the Year 8 students spent 3 days at Phillip Island. The camp site was comfortable and plenty of activities were on offer. Students participated in the high ropes, flying fox, kayaking, and surfing. A variety of fun and challenging activities in such a delightful setting. The highlight was the penguin parade and the beautiful weather. Thank you to the students for making the Year 8 camp a memorable experience with their eager participation, and accompanying teachers: Mr Luke Carroll and Ms Jasmine Caluzzi.

Susan Deprost 8A teacher

### **Year 7 camp - Camp Wilkin Anglesea.**



Our trip to Year 7 Camp started with great weather and an enjoyable bus ride. There was very little traffic and we arrived at Camp Wilkin very quickly. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet students from the Niddrie Campus and share stories and information. Some students were a little worried as it was their first time going away without their parents. There were lots of challenges, being away from family, being independent and trying activities that were out of our comfort zone. It was great to have a break from school work and keeping up with homework. We enjoyed High ropes, the Flying Fox, and the Rock wall, which was a bit tricky. Surfing was fantastic, but I

drank some salt water, the surf school staff were nice and kept us all safe. Bike riding very hard as it was a new experience for some. Overall the activities helped to make us strong and it was great to be outside to experience nature. The food was nice, especially breakfast, however the pasta was not as good as my

grandmother's home-made pasta. I found it hard to go to sleep both nights, but enjoyed year 7 camp, it was a great experience.

By Ellie Year 7A



## College production

It has been an exciting start to 2022 for the Performing Arts Program at Essendon Keilor College with performances taking place on a regular basis and rehearsals for the College Production well underway.

Students from all three campuses are excited to be back in the Essendon Arts Centre preparing for our performances on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Information regarding tickets for the three-night shows will be available very soon!

After a difficult two years with restrictions and remote learning the Production team, cast and EKC Performing Arts Program are very excited for a year full of rehearsals and performances.

Jarrod McDonald

College Director of Music

Production Team Leader & MD of the College Production "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory"

## ANZAC DAY

A number of the items on display in the Keilor library for ANZAC Day are on loan from Commissionaire George Zagon, National President of the Corps of Commissionaires Association, Australia. George is a Vietnam Veteran.

The Corps of Commissionaires Association is an ex-services Association of men and women who have served Australia.

The Corps looks after the welfare of its members and their families as well as supporting and sponsoring programmes relevant to the Veteran Community such as the Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop Foundation for research into veterans' mental health and other issues.





## **GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

This term, the leadership teams from each respective EKC campus had the chance to participate in the GRIP leadership conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The conference and workshops focused on raising the standards of leadership. We got more insight into

many aspects of leadership along with how to improve on things like fundraising, public speaking, working efficiently as a team and bringing new ideas for your team. Not only was it educational, we were also able to have fun while applying the skills that we've learnt throughout the day. Overall, the experience was great and we'd love to participate again in the future!

By Tiffany 9A



## **NAPLAN – Term 2, Week 3 for Year 7 and 9 students**

NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards.

The tests provide an important contribution to monitoring and evaluating the performance of schools and school systems in these fundamental capabilities. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education approaches are working, the areas to be prioritised for improvement, and those schools requiring support in the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy.

The results can assist teachers by providing additional information to support their professional judgement about students' levels of literacy and numeracy attainment and progress.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Each teacher will have the best insight into their students' educational progress. Parents/carers can use NAPLAN reports, along with other school assessment reports, to discuss their child's strengths and areas for improvement with their teacher.

News feeds are regularly posted on Compass.

The address to access school's Compass portal is <https://ekc-vic.compass.education/>

(The Compass application is also available for iPhone and Android devices through your usual app store.)

Contact the Keilor General Office if you need to provide or change your personal details and phone the absence line if your student will be away from school for any part of the day.

A reminder for students who require medication, e.g. EpiPen's and Ventolin. Students who require lifesaving medication should have an EpiPen or Ventolin with them at all times, including a copy of the Action Plan. Most reactions occur outside the home or at school. Food allergy reactions often occur in restaurants. Please contact the Keilor Campus Office if you have any questions or need to update your current plan or medication.

Keilor Campus Contact Details Phone: 8331 0109 Absence line: 8331 0108

Email: [essendon.keilor.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:essendon.keilor.co@education.vic.gov.au)

Website: [www.ekc.vic.edu.au](http://www.ekc.vic.edu.au)

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## **Niddrie Campus Principal - Christine Cole**

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It has been a fantastic start to the year at the Niddrie campus and I am so proud of the perseverance and resilience of the students and staff for completing their first full term of learning, on-site at school, in two years. Well done!

Our year 7 students continue to settle into secondary school nicely. Learning a new timetable structure, new teachers and peers, and taking on the challenge of their first Common Assessment Tasks (CATs). Thank you to all families who attend our online Year 7 Welcome Night to learn a little more about the College and to meet the staff.

The campus has been a hub of enthusiasm and excitement for learning. What I enjoy most about being a principal is having the opportunity to see the students in their classes, engaged in their learning, striving for success.

### **Harmony Day March 21st**

On Monday 21st March we celebrated Harmony Day at the campus. Our Student Leadership Team held a “fashions on the field” event at recess, with the colour orange being the theme, as it is the colour associated with Harmony Day. The sausage sizzle and cultural food at lunch was a huge success along with the Staff vs Students netball game at lunch.

Many of our Year 9 You be the Boss! students also set up and ran their successful \$20 Boss projects on Harmony Day. In this entrepreneurial elective class, students are given \$20 each to plan, set up and carry out a business. Student businesses included: Drinks station, Brownie Bar, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and Icy Poles for sale. Looking forward to seeing what the students plan for their Term 2 Market Day.

### **Sporting Achievements**

Amazing effort by our students across the College who participated in our Swimming and Athletics Carnivals this term. And, congratulations to those students who competed in the district and state competitions. In particular, congratulations to Tom Sutherland for his award-winning swimming at State School Championships held in March. An outstanding effort!

### **Year 7 & 8 Camps**

The Year 7 camp to Camp Wilkin, Anglesea and Year 8 camp to Phillip Island were both three days of jam-packed activities; surfing, bike riding, high ropes and team building games; just to name a few. These camps were a great opportunity for our students from both junior campuses to be together and form positive relationships with one another.

### **2023 Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition**

This term we commenced our school tours and held our annual Open Day on Thursday 31st March. I am very pleased to be able to showcase the school facilities and learning program we offer at the Campus and across the College. Members of the Student Leaders Team demonstrated their exceptional leadership skills acting as ‘tour guides’ and were able to answer all those important questions about the nature and culture of the school.

### **Homework Club**

A reminder to all families that Homework Club runs every Wednesday and Thursday afterschool until 4pm in the Library. Students are encouraged to attend to review and revise their classwork and seek some help from teachers.

Looking forward to Term 2 and seeing the students take part in all the learning opportunities we have to offer.

Christine Cole  
Niddrie Campus Principal

### **New staff members to the College:**

Katie Simkin - English/Humanities

Polly Maudlin - Arts/Humanities

Jonathan Cram - HAPE/Science

Elisabetta Celata - Italian

Dania Margerison - Japanese

Fiona Reeve - Arts

### **New staff members to the Campus:**

Demi Dereli - English

Laura Carland - HAPE/Maths

Natalie Sheridan - Science/Sport

Marisa Traglia - Education Support

Blair Harbrow - Food Tech/Sport

### **Campus Student Management Team**

Campus Coordinator: Joanne Drago

Year 7 Coordinator: Tony Adamson

Year 8 Coordinator: Joanne Drago

Year 9 Coordinator: Tammie Kantharidis

- Please contact the relevant year level coordinator if you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning progress, attendance or wellbeing.

## **Real Reward Winners**

Each student received a \$5 voucher to spend at the canteen throughout the term. Well done to you all!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Jaida Henham	Muneh Muhamed	Ameer Fouad
Thai Ngo	Monjid Sidahmed	Keira O'Dwyer
Taylah Berger	Eleanor Pye	Sopoaga Semisi
Ruby Heidrich	Mia Saggus	Olivia Jackson
Patrick Ieria	Liana Scordia	Stevie Windebank
Lily Clinnick	Veronika Srpanska	Massimo Raudino
Kade Capelin	Brooklyn Brown-Polidoro	Mohamed Abdallah Ma
Lawson Johnson-Schollick	Grace Tavo	James Worrall
Yara Fouad	Hayley Bowman	Cody Kotoski
	Terrence Patsalis	

## **Student Leadership**

An area the campus prides itself in, is the development of students as leaders. We are committed to hearing the voices of our students and encourage student agency in learning. I would like to introduce our Student Leadership Team for 2022:

### **Student Leadership positions 2022**

#### **School Captains**



*Keira O'Dwyer*



*Xavier Dunmore*

**Year Level Leaders**



*Lucy De Bono  
Year 9*



*Akira Marzovilla-Siclari  
Year 9*



*Ella-Rose Johnson -Schollick  
Year 8*



*Veronika Srpcanska  
Year 8*



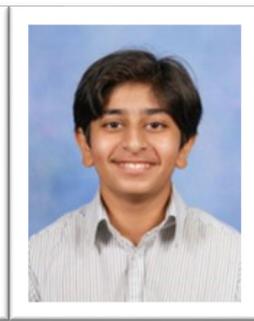
*Taylah Berger  
Year 7*



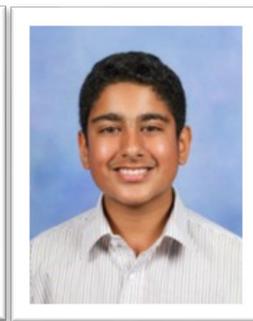
*Lily Clinnick  
Year 7*



*Joshua Duran-Umar  
Year 7*



*Abdullah Salman  
Year 7*



*Mir Hyder Khan  
Year 7*



*Llewellyn King  
Year 7*

**STEM Captain**



*Monjid Sidahmed*

**Performance Captain**



*Karl Bebbington*

**Music Captain**



*Mia Saggus*

## House Sports Captains



*Declan Major  
Blue*



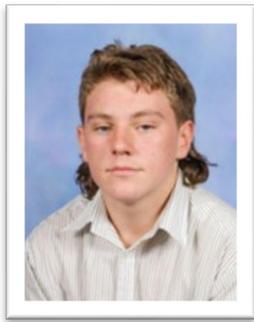
*Maddison Spring-Brown  
Blue*



*Sopoaga Semisi  
Red*



*Talia Torre  
Red*



*Devon Logan  
White*



*Hannah Wright  
White*



*Lanah Mosca  
Green*

## SWPBS Leaders



*Stevie Windebank*



*Montana Anderson*

## General Members

Roberto De Giacomi

Millie Nardella

Chelsea O'Dwyer

Liana Scordia

Shazariah Taumateine

Lily Broadbent

Hayley Bowman

## GRIP Leadership conference

Earlier this term, the EKC leadership teams from Niddrie, East Keilor and Essendon had the opportunity to go and be a part of the GRIP Leadership conference alongside other schools from all around Victoria. The conference presented us with fresh ideas that could be applied to develop cohesive school communities and constructive ideas on how to improve how our leadership team's function as an effective agency of student voice. I am proud to say that we have already started to implement some of these. At the conference, we all had the opportunity to attend various workshops highlighting relevant leadership skills and participate in games and activities that will not only make us effective leaders but improve how we work with others in a leadership setting. The Niddrie leadership team is looking forward to working hard as a strong effective team to represent our school community in the best possible way. The 2022 GRIP Leadership conference was a worthwhile exercise and we are grateful for the ideas and inspiration we acquired there.



***Keira O'Dwyer***

***Niddrie Campus School Captain***

## Harmony Day

On the 21st of March, the Niddrie Campus celebrated Harmony Day. We had many fun activities planned for this event. We began the celebrations at recess with a Harmony Day Fashion Show which showcased the students who went all out, either wearing orange the official colour of Harmony Day or cultural wear, as they strutted down the catwalk. It was a colourful day of fashion and activities. The sports leaders also organised a teachers versus students netball game and it was great to see the participation from both sides as many were eager to join in. The students were separated



into two groups with Group 1 losing against the teachers and Group 2 winning the match. Lunch was a sausage sizzle fundraiser hosted by the student's leadership group complimented by other treats such as brownies, cookies and soft drinks. Cultural desserts were also provided by student leaders, free of charge. Likewise, 'You Be The Boss' students also had the opportunity to sell food/drink as part of the program.

***Shazariah Taumateine***

## Year 7 Camp

The year 7 students from the Niddrie and East Keilor campuses were extremely lucky to be able to attend an Orientation camp at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea from the 9th of March to the 11th of March, 2021 despite Covid restrictions. The camp is an essential part of the transition process as students get the opportunity to meet the teachers in an informal environment, bond with their peers and make new friends by the end of three exciting days. It's pretty safe to say that this goal was thoroughly accomplished throughout camp.



Most activities at the camp encouraged the students to try challenging activities and set challenge levels for themselves. All the students demonstrated effort and confidently participated in activities such as Mountain bike riding, Flying fox, Climbing wall and a range of Initiatives and team building activities.

To end the first night at camp, students played some entertaining team games in the dining hall to promote team building before retiring for a good first night's sleep. The second night was spent walking to the Anglesea lookout which put a lot of people's legs to sleep to again provide a nice rest. The last day was spent entirely on the beach. Some students opted to play beach cricket whereas others just relaxed on the shore.

During their free time, the students demonstrated that they had a variety of very impressive skill sets whether it be in basketball, gaga ball or even tennis. They also had some good fun on the trampolines but sometimes just relaxed.



The highlight of the camp was the surfing lessons with professional wave crew who taught students how to surf safely using wetsuits and surfboards and everyone had fun. Many people surprised themselves by exceeding their own expectations and surfed much better than expected. Everyone also put in a great attitude and instead of giving up after failing the first few times, they persisted and had a go and eventually figured out how to surf.



Students demonstrated respectful behaviour acting maturely and accordingly at the camp. They learnt new skills and made friends. Throughout the camp, all students displayed our school-wide positive behaviour towards the teachers, the students and the staff.

Overall, the students had an amazing time and I'm sure they would love to go again.

**Hyder Khan**

**Niddrie campus 7T class Representative.**

## Year 8 Camp

The year 8 camp at Phillip Island during the first week of March was fantastic. We all had a great three days.

We had the opportunity to participate in a whole lot of activities. Canoeing was an activity where you had to trust your partner to cooperate with you so as not to tip your canoe. Although my partner and I flipped our canoe it was a really fun experience. We also had an opportunity to do activities that required confidence and bravery such as high ropes courses, the giant swing and flying fox. These activities had you up in the air laughing but were also a little scary. The surfing session was really fun. The instructors were professional and did a great job teaching us how to ride waves. At first we all found it entertaining watching everyone wipe out but every single one of us got up and tried again and it was good to see our peers persist and succeed. One night we had a games night where we played "minute to win it" We competed in our activity groups and did a bunch of fun challenges like keeping a balloon in the air or threading pasta pieces on a spaghetti using only your mouth. Even though we were given the opportunity to participate in all these fun activities we were also lucky enough to go to the Penguin Parade. Watching the baby penguins make their way up the beach was definitely a highlight of the camp.



The camp was a lot of fun.

Hayley Bowman



# Around the campus

