



**Essendon  
Keilor College**

**ESSENDON – EAST KEILOR – NIDDRIE**

# MID TERM 3 UPDATE

## Welcome to the Mid Term update!

As we reach the midpoint of Term 3, I want to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff, and families for their continued commitment to our school community. It has been a busy and rewarding term, marked by significant achievements, exciting opportunities, and important transitions.

One of the most important aspects of this time of year is the transition process. In particular, our Year 9 students are preparing to move from the Niddrie and East Keilor campuses to the Essendon Campus for Year 10 in 2026. This is a significant moment in their learning journey, and we are working closely with families to ensure students feel well supported and excited about the opportunities that await them in the senior years. Transition days, subject selections, and conversations with staff are all designed to make the process smooth and meaningful, setting our students up for success.

At Essendon, we are fortunate to have an environment that supports learning and growth. This year alone, we have had over \$1,000,000 invested to upgrade our buildings and enhance our school grounds as part of the planned maintenance program within the Victorian School Building Authority. These improvements make a real difference to the day-to-day experience of students and staff, and we are proud of the way our facilities now better reflect the high standards of teaching and learning happening within them.

This term has also seen a wonderful celebration of the arts with our school production of *Matilda the Musical*. The show was a resounding success, showcasing the talent, dedication, and teamwork of our students. Remarkably, half of the cast came from our Middle Years (Years 7 to 9), which is an outstanding achievement and a sign of the sense of confidence we want our students to have in their areas of passion. Congratulations to every student who took part, and to Polly Maudlin and Lauren Steel, whose leadership and effort helped bring the production to life.



For our Year 12 students, this is a critical period as they continue to focus on completing their VCE and VCE-VM studies. We are immensely proud of the way they are applying themselves, taking steps towards their goals, and showing resilience as they prepare for their final assessments and pathways beyond school.

As always, we maintain high expectations for all our students, and the middle of the term is a good time to reflect on learning routines. Being well prepared for each day, engaged in class, and striving to meet challenges with a positive attitude are habits that lead to success. I encourage parents and carers to take the opportunity at the end of this term as part of the Parent Teacher Interviews to check in with teachers. These conversations are an important part of the learning journey and ensure that we continue to work together to support every student to thrive.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our school community. Together, we are building a culture of high expectations, care, and opportunity for every student. Please ensure you take a moment to read about the wonderful achievements of our students outlined below.

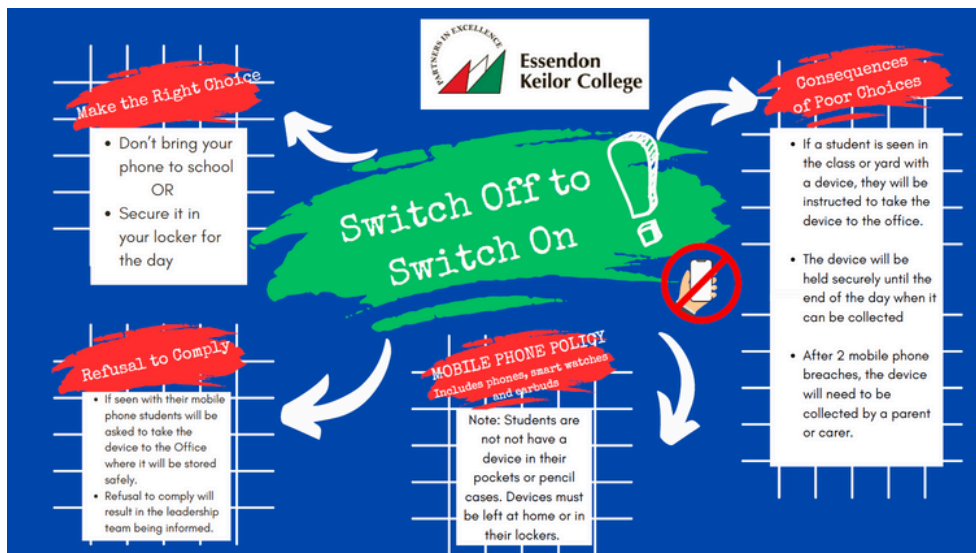
Adam Potter  
Principal

## ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

	Our Community	Wider Community
<b>BE RESPECTFUL</b>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use good manners</li> <li>• Follow staff instructions</li> <li>• Arrive to class prepared to learn</li> <li>• Work cooperatively with peers and staff</li> <li>• Use technology responsibly and safely at all times</li> </ul>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciate diversity and treat all others as equals</li> <li>• Represent the College with pride</li> <li>• Behave in a safe manner</li> <li>• Consider how our actions impact on others</li> <li>• Use technology responsibly and safely at all times</li> </ul>
<b>BE ENGAGED</b>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask questions and regularly act upon feedback</li> <li>• Make positive contributions</li> <li>• Bring digital devices charged everyday</li> <li>• Participate in school events</li> </ul>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are responsible for our actions</li> <li>• Engage in learning opportunities outside of school</li> <li>• Demonstrate EKC Values in accordance with College policies</li> </ul>
<b>BE ASPIRATIONAL</b>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put effort into every task and challenge ourselves</li> <li>• Strive for academic excellence</li> <li>• Set and evaluate learning goals</li> <li>• Attend all classes</li> </ul>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are considerate of the public</li> <li>• Travel to and from school with care</li> <li>• Aim to become accomplished citizens who contribute, live meaningfully and succeed</li> </ul>
<b>BE A LEARNER</b>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to others</li> <li>• Let others learn and teach</li> <li>• Use devices appropriately for learning</li> </ul>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage and support others</li> <li>• Maintain appropriate noise levels</li> <li>• Support our community</li> </ul>

### SWPBS

Our SWPBS framework is designed to both support the development of, and recognise when students display the positive behaviours in classes and around the yard and in the community. Parents will be notified when REAL rewards and positive acknowledgements are issued to students.



### MOBILE PHONE POLICY

The Education Department's policy on the use and storage of mobile phones for students during the school day is clear. We ask for family support with reinforcing this policy. The general offices are available for families to contact students and we ask that parents do not make or take calls/texts from students during the school day.

## ATTENDANCE AT ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE

If a student misses....	that equals...	which is....	and over 6 years of school that's....
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	24 weeks
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 2 years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	3.7 years

**Every Day Counts**

- At EKC, we understand that school participation maximises life opportunities for young people by providing them with education and support networks.
- 100% attendance in every class for every student
- If needed, our student engagement and wellbeing team will put supports in place with your family so we can work together to maximise your attendance

### ATTENDANCE

Essendon Keilor College values students attendance every day of the week. It allows for consistent learning and for development of positive relationships with their peers and teachers. Parents are asked to notify the general office or year level coordinator if your child is absent and provide medical certificates where applicable.

# ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING UPDATE

During term 3 the Student Engagement and Wellbeing team have arranged a variety of incursions for students at all year levels. Of particular note are those related to our Respectful Relationships curriculum, study and revision techniques and celebrating the National Day Against Bullying and Violence. More information will be in our end of term newsletter.



Following the deeply concerning and distressing media over the last few months relating to child sexual abuse, I have been reflecting on the importance of ensuring all members of our school community, including our parents and carers, are regularly reminded of the policies and processes we have at our school to protect the safety and wellbeing of the students in our care.

Information on our school's child safety policies and processes are available on our website: <https://www.ekc.vic.edu.au/about-us-our-school/policies>. If you have any questions or feedback on our child safety policies, I welcome you to contact myself, or the Campus Principal Lauren Gaylard or Sally Stevens.

Our Respectful Relationships program including Project Rockit and Elephant Ed provide platforms to educate our students of the importance of maintaining positive and healthy peer relationships, supporting student empowerment and help keep students safe.

I also take this opportunity to encourage you to familiarise yourself with the resources available on the website of the National Office for Child Safety. This site includes a range of useful and important resources for parents on child sexual abuse prevention, identification and response, including a toolkit on having preventative conversations with children and young people.

Adam Potter



# PRODUCTION 2025 – MATILDA JR

## BY HAYLEY BOWMAN – PRODUCTION CAPTAIN

For most of the first three terms of this year, students across all three campuses have been working incredibly hard to bring the amazing production of Matilda Jr. to life.

Right from the beginning of the year, when clues about the show started being revealed, you could feel the buzz of excitement growing across all campuses. When audition time came around, we had a good turnout - so many talented students showed interest, and the energy was electric.

From that moment on, rehearsals kicked off and continued 1-3 times a week, including sessions during holidays. As show week approached, everything began to come together - the singing, dancing, and acting all finally forming one cohesive and magical performance.

The first day of show week was all hands on deck, with our dedicated crew members up in the hall setting up the stage, props, and backstage areas. The next day was our tech run, where we ran through the entire show with sound, lighting, and microphones. It was a lot of fun, and it gave everyone the chance to get comfortable with the tech setup.

During show week, we performed six shows: three matinees and three evening performances. The daytime shows were for visiting primary schools and even some of our own Year 7 and 9 students. The night performances, though, hit a little harder - each show bringing us closer to the final curtain.

By Friday night's performance, emotions were running high. We had a significant number of Year 12s in the cast, and saying goodbye was not easy - they'll be dearly missed. At the same time, we were thrilled to welcome so many new cast members, especially from the junior campuses, and we hope they'll continue to be involved in future productions.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who made this production possible; the amazing cast and crew, our incredible Director Miss Maudlin, our brilliant Choreographer Katie, and the wonderful Producer Miss Steel.

We are so proud of what we created together. Bring on next year's show—we can't wait!





# YEAR 11 & 12 FORMAL

## BY MOHAMED ABDALLAH & MOHAMMAD ABDALLAH

The EKC formal for 2025 was an unforgettable night of elegance, laughter, and celebration at Melrose Reception on the 3rd of July. From the moment students arrived, it was clear the evening would be special – the girls dazzled in their gorgeous dresses and glamorous hair, while the boys looked sleek and confident in their stylish suits and ties.

We took the spotlight as the official MCs of the night. Our humour, energy and quick wit kept the crowd entertained and the event running smoothly. From hyping up the crowd to announcing awards. It was an honor to represent the cohort and help make the night memorable.



Once the music started, the dance floor came alive. Students showed off their best moves, cheering each other on and dancing like nobody was watching. From the classic Nutbush that had everyone up together, to Chris Brown's Forever had students breaking out their best moves. The fun never stopped. Whether it was slow sways or high-energy routines, the DJ kept the vibes perfect all night long.

More than anything, the formal was about making memories. From snapping endless photos in the photobooth (which worked so hard it eventually crashed) to sharing heartfelt laughs and dancing with friends, the night brought everyone closer together. It wasn't just an event – it was a celebration of friendship, joy, and unforgettable moments that EKC students will treasure for years to come.





# HONJO HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

On Sunday the 27th of July, a group of students and their teachers from Honjo High School in Saitama, Japan arrived in Melbourne to experience life in an Australian high school and explore the sights and experiences Victoria has to offer. From exploring the Melbourne CBD to experiencing the Penguin Parade on Phillip Island, students experienced many different sides of Australian culture in their week long experience.

Activities included an Indigenous Cultural session, classroom immersion, classic Australian meals, games, and dances, including an AFL session and learning the classic Nutbush dance! Students also got to interact with Australian wildlife in an interactive session at the Niddrie campus.

Overall, it was a fantastic experience for both the Honjo students and our Essendon Keilor College students, and we can't wait to welcome them back in the future and even join them at their school in Japan!





# SENIOR SNOW TRIP 2025

## BY LIANA SCORDIA & JASMYN GORGIOVSKI

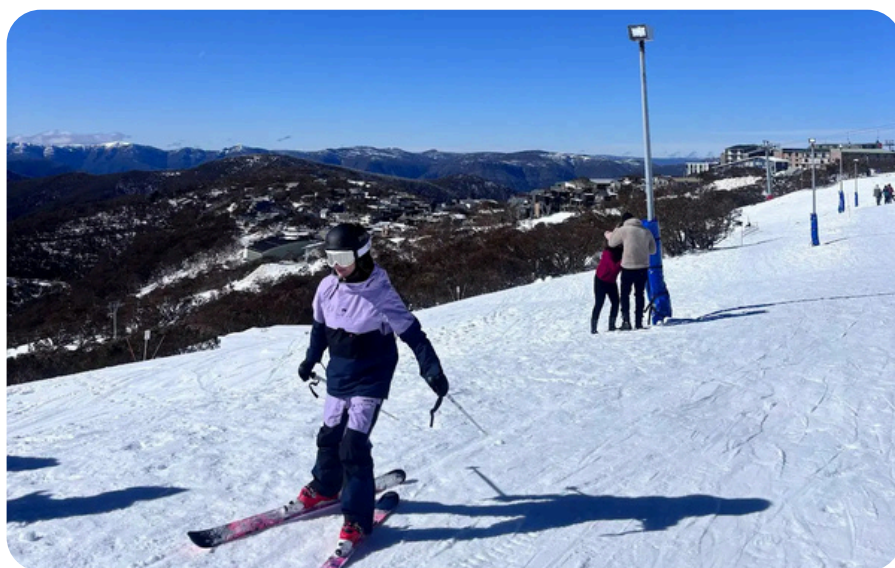
The 2025 Mt Buller Snow Camp was an unforgettable adventure! After a 4:30 AM start, we headed to the slopes for two action-packed days of skiing and snowboarding.

Recent snowfall and a beautiful sunny day made for perfect conditions, and for many of us, it was the first time experiencing fresh snow falling around us – an unforgettable moment!

For many, it was also their first time skiing or snowboarding, and while the first day brought plenty of falls, by day two most were gliding confidently down the runs. There were definitely plenty of laughs as we all fell down and struggled to get back up!

Off the slopes, we relaxed in the resort's warm pool and enjoyed some much-needed naps on the bus rides back down the mountain.

A huge thank you to Miss Gouvas for organising the trip, and to Miss Caddy and Miss Moore for making it such a memorable experience!





# SENIOR BOYS TABLE TENNIS

On Wednesday of Week 3, Term 3, Mr Clifton proudly took Essendon Keilor College's inaugural senior table tennis team to compete in the second round of the SSV Western Metro competition. The team of six travelled down the highway in the iconic Navy Blue bus to the Geelong Table Tennis Centre, ready to make their mark.

With only the top four seeded players taking to the tables in singles and doubles matches, our two emergencies, Mohammed Abdallah and Mathew Abed, were invaluable in scoring, umpiring, and supporting the team throughout the day.

Our opening match was against Keilor Downs, and while nerves in the big arena got the better of us early, we still managed to produce some highlights. Especially from Mohammed Abdallah, who secured both his singles and doubles matches in a 4-2 result.

Game two saw us face Southern Cross, and with the nerves gone, EKC came out firing. The boys put on a fantastic display, winning all four singles matches and sealing the deal with a doubles victory from our top seeds, Sam Craggs and Ale Yanez, finishing with a dominant 5-1 win and booking a spot in the finals.

In the semi-final, we came up against a powerhouse in North Geelong, who had dropped only one game in their previous matches. Our team rose to the challenge, Sam Craggs went toe-to-toe with last year's state finalist, and Ale Yanez battled brilliantly against a Year 7 prodigy in one of the matches of the day, narrowly losing in three thrilling sets. Kobi Glenister stepped up with a commanding straight-sets win, showing incredible composure under pressure.

While North Geelong ultimately proved too strong, EKC's debut in the competition was full of courage, teamwork, and skill. The boys represented the College with pride and showed that we are a force to be reckoned with in the future.





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Coordinators:  
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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROGRAM

**We're looking for Homestay Families  
for International Students**



Are you interested in hosting an international student in your home? We are currently seeking welcoming homestay families to provide a comfortable and supportive environment for students from around the world. As a homestay provider, you'll play an important role in helping students adjust to their new life while sharing your culture and community. It's a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in a student's experience abroad.

You will receive a tax-free payment per week to cover the cost of student's meals, accommodation, and access to amenities such as the internet. If you're interested in becoming a homestay family, please click on the link below or call us on 03 9319 1300 and our Homestay co-ordinator will be in contact to discuss further. We look forward to hearing from you!

[International Homestay Expression of Interest](#)

# SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE



Follow us on Instagram & Facebook for information and updates on our students, programs and activities, and don't forget to check our website for further information and details.



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## TERM 3 2025 KEY DATES

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	AFL Academy friendly match against Wallan
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Netball Academy friendly match against Wallan
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	School Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Moonee Valley District Athletics
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 9 Outdoor Ed Orienteering Excursion
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Senior Soiree
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 10 Media Science Gallery Excursion
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 7 STEM Science Gallery Excursion
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 9 Outdoor Ed Mountain Bike Riding Excursion
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	RUOK? Day
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Professional Practice Day - Student Free Day
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Parent Teacher Interviews - Student Free Day
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 12 Unit 4 English Trial Exam
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Last day of term 3



# Make your MARK



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# SCENTED SINGALONG










SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

2PM - 5PM | \$10 | AGES 12-25

PALACE CINEMA, MOONEE PONDS



**For young people aged 12 - 25 who live, work, study or hang out in Moonee Valley!**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>1 SEPTEMBER</b> <b>SCAVENGERS HUNT</b> <b>ALL MONTH</b> Movie tickets to be won! For 12 - 25 yr olds	2 	3	4 <b>PODCASTING WORKSHOP</b> 4:30pm - 6pm   Flemington For 12 - 18 yr olds	5 	6	7
8	9	10 <b>COMMUNITY GRANTS YOUTH WRITING WORKSHOP</b> 4:30pm - 6:30pm Moonee Ponds For 12 - 25 yr olds	11	12	13 <b>WICKED SCENTED SINGALONG</b> 2pm - 5pm   Moonee Ponds For 12 - 25 yr olds	14 
15 	16 <b>YOUNG VOICES, BIG STORIES WORKSHOP</b> 6:30pm - 7:30 pm Moonee Ponds For 14 - 17 yr olds	17 	18 <b>PRIDE PAINT 'N SNACK</b> 4:30pm - 6pm   Moonee Ponds For 12 - 18 yr olds	19	20 	21 <b>MEDIEVAL FANTASY FEST!</b> 12pm - 4pm   Flemington All ages
22 <b>ROSEHILL PARK OPENING</b> 10am - 12pm   Keilor East All ages	23 <b>INTRO TO COFFEE COURSE</b> 9:30am - 4pm   Niddrie For 15 - 25 yr olds	24 	25 <b>GAME OFF!</b> 1pm - 5pm   Avondale Heights For 12 - 25 yr olds	26 <b>GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	27 <b>AFL GRAND FINAL</b>	28
29 <b>COOKING WORKSHOP</b> 10:30am - 1pm   Flemington For 12 - 25 yr olds	30 <b>VR GAMING</b> 2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm Flemington For 12 - 25 yr olds	<b>1 OCTOBER</b> <b>MINDFUL WEAIVING FOR SWIFTIES</b> 1pm - 3pm   Moonee Ponds For 12 - 28 yr olds	2 	3	4 <b>VALLEY YOUTH STUDIOS SHOWCASE</b> 6pm - 8pm   Niddrie All ages	5 



**Bookings are essential as spots are limited. To sign up scan the QR code, call 9243 1225, or go to [mvcc.vic.gov.au/youth/youth-events](https://mvcc.vic.gov.au/youth/youth-events)**



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