



# Boort District P - 12 School

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## VISION STATEMENT

**Our vision is to empower our students and staff to work together to become active and valued community members. We provide a safe and supportive learning environment, which fosters independent, resilient lifelong learners.**

**BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'**

**BDS Beliefs and Values: Pursuing Excellence in all Areas**



### DIARY DATES

#### **September**

1st Parent Teacher Interviews  
7<sup>th</sup> Subject selection WebEx  
13<sup>th</sup> Parents' Club Meeting.

### **Principal's Report**

#### Introducing our Mental Health Practitioner

At the end of last term, I announced the successful recruitment of a mental health practitioner for our school. Pauline started

here at the beginning of the Term and works on Fridays. She has added a small blurb about herself in this newsletter. Welcome to the staff, Pauline.

#### Subject Selection

The 8-10 subject selection process is underway. I encourage everyone to take up the WebEx counselling and information opportunity next Tuesday night, 7<sup>th</sup> September. It is a great way of keeping in touch with teachers and ensuring your selections are relevant to you.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher Interviews will start at 2pm today. Thanks to all parents and carers who have booked in for an interview. This is a great chance to talk about remote learning, ask about what is coming next and to meet staff you may not have seen before.

#### Welcome Back

We welcomed back Pam Adams from her long service leave last week. Pam travelled the far North coast for a few weeks and returned to lockdown! We sent out huge thanks to Kylie Cummins for her work with Pam's class while she was absent and mentioned that we would be seeing her again.



Lee-Anne Sherwell  
Principal

### **Principal's Availability over the Next Week**

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School				

## Whole School Assembly

There will be a whole school assembly on Friday after lunch at 2.00pm if we are back on site – outside the admin building like an ANZAC day setup. If we are still in lockdown, then it will be via WebEx at 1.50pm. We invite parents / carers to participate with their children. Athletic sports results will be one of the major items!

Meeting number: 577 275 011

Password: Boort

## Year 7-10 Subject Selection

Next Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, will be our Year 7-10 subject selection counselling session. This will be conducted via WebEx and run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. A specific session will run for students and parents / carers of current Year 7 students between 7.00pm and 7.30pm on WebEx meeting number: 577 275 011 Password: Boort This session will run through how the selection process works and where it may lead in coming years. Selections are due back to the school and can be dropped in to end of Grey building or emailed to me [thomas.bleicher@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:thomas.bleicher@education.vic.gov.au) by the end of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

All Year 7-10 students will receive individualised selection sheets based on previous units (subjects) completed, compulsory units, blocks where they can choose and VCE/VCAL/ VET choices already made. These will be emailed out to students and parents / carers later this week and there will also be hardcopies that can be picked up from the end of the Grey building. The Year 7-10 Handbook is available on the school website. Please use this to find out about unit content and the selection structure.

**Students are expected to have completed the following minimum number of units / subjects across Year 8-10. When selecting a course, ensure that you can reach these numbers of units by the end of Year 10. Follow recommendations provided on the selection sheet.**

Commerce	3 units
Geography and History	5 units in total across History and Geography, with a minimum of two from each
The Arts	4 units
Technology	3 units
Health and Physical Education	5 units, 2 units minimum in Physical Education, 1 unit minimum in Home Economics, 1 unit Health at Year 9 compulsory

Science, English and Mathematics units are completed each semester, with Languages compulsory Year 7 and Semester 1 Year 8. Music is offered to students through specific lesson tutorial, based on availability of tutors. Gateways and Publishing House are Integrated Studies units that cover a range of Victorian Curriculum areas.

Units studied at NCTTC will count as 1 Technology unit / subject, except for Visual Communication, Digital Photography and Multimedia, which will count as 1 Art unit / subject.

We ask that you make contact via email to arrange an interview time to discuss choices with Home Group teachers, classroom teachers and Key Learning Area co-ordinators. Webex, email and role description information will be provided to parents / carers. Please be prompt for your interview session – we are looking at 10 minute sessions.

Please contact me or Home Group teachers if you have any questions.

Tom Bleicher

### School Magazines.



If families would like a 2021 School Magazine and have not already ordered one at the beginning of the year (with fees and subject contributions), please put \$20 (cash/cheque) in an envelope and hand in to the office as soon as possible.

If you have placed an order, but have not paid for it can you please do so, so that your order is secured.

Jess Lee.

## Mental Health Practitioner - Pauline Ugle

**Thank you** for welcoming me to Boort District School as a member of the Wellbeing Team. I am a Social Worker and look forward to working alongside everyone to improve the overall wellbeing of the school community in a respectful and positive way.

### What does the Mental Health Practitioner do?

- 1:1 counselling (with guardian consent for Year 7-12 students)
- Small group sessions (with guardian consent for Year 7-12 students)
- Whole school community health and wellbeing promotion

### Where are you from?

My family relocated from Bendigo to Boort last December. We camped at the caravan park every school holidays and the lifestyle and environment here was really appreciated compared to living in the suburbs. So a decision was made to move to Boort.

### How many days do you work?

One day per week, this year I work Fridays during school term.

### Where do I get more information?

To find out more, please contact Merryn Rees on email at [merryn.rees@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:merryn.rees@education.vic.gov.au) or by phone 5455 2201.

### How do I get in contact with you?

Please send me an email and I will respond on Fridays.

Email address: [pauline.ugle@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:pauline.ugle@education.vic.gov.au)

Of course, you can always contact Merryn or Lee-Anne Sherwell at any time.

Thank you, Pauline Ugle, Mental Health Practitioner

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# KIDS HELPLINE

support young people aged 5 - 25.

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### What is Kids Helpline?

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

### How do I access the service?

- Call- 1800 55 1800
- Email: [counsellor@kidshelpline.com.au](mailto:counsellor@kidshelpline.com.au)
- Webchat: [apps.yourtown.com.au/apps/webcounselling/live/chat](https://apps.yourtown.com.au/apps/webcounselling/live/chat)



Want more information? [kidshelpline.com.au](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

# COVID-19 VACCINATION

## CLINICS

Check your eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination  
[covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility](https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility)  
1800 675 398

*Speak to your GP about any medical concerns*

- **Kerang COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics**  
Kerang District Health  
WD Thomas Activity Centre, Burgoyne St, Kerang  
By Appointment Only  
Call the KDH Vaccination line on 5450 8099
- **Bendigo Health**  
113-133 Mollison St, Bendigo  
[bendigohealth.org.au/registerforvaccine](https://bendigohealth.org.au/registerforvaccine)  
By Appointment Only  
1800 675 398
- **Cohuna COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic**  
NDCH, 33 King Edward Street, Cohuna  
By Appointment Only  
5451 0200
- **Kerang Medical Clinic**  
47 Victoria St, Kerang  
By Appointment Only  
5450 8060
- **Echuca Regional Health**  
Vivid Building, 238 High St, Echuca  
[erh.org.au/covid-19-vaccinations](https://erh.org.au/covid-19-vaccinations)  
Pfizer By Appointment Only. AstraZeneca walk in  
5485 5000
- **Terry White Chemmart**  
Kerang 28/32 Victoria St, Kerang  
Cohuna 63-67 King George St, Cohuna  
[terrywhitechemmart.com.au/health-services/covid-19-vaccination](https://terrywhitechemmart.com.au/health-services/covid-19-vaccination)  
By Appointment - limited walk in available
- **Boort District Medical Centre**  
2 Coutts St, Boort  
By Appointment Only  
5451 5220
- **Ochre Medical Centre Cohuna**  
111 King George St, Cohuna  
Pfizer & AstraZeneca By Appointment Only  
5456 2609
- **Swan Hill District Health**  
28 High St, Swan Hill  
[www.shdh.org.au](https://www.shdh.org.au)  
[hotdoc.com.au](https://hotdoc.com.au) - Swan Hill Respiratory Clinic  
By Appointment Only  
5033 9968
- **Mallee District Aboriginal Services**  
Kerang 9 Nolan St, Kerang  
Swan Hill 70 Nyah Rd, Swan Hill  
Mildura 120 Madden Ave, Mildura  
By Appointment Only  
1800 183 593

To view all clinics within the local area visit  
[www.murrayphn.org.au/vaccinationclinics/](https://www.murrayphn.org.au/vaccinationclinics/)



Information correct as of August 31 2021





## Year 12 Student Reminders



### YEAR 12 VTAC APPLICATIONS

Close 30<sup>th</sup> September

### YEAR 12 VTAC SEAS & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Close 8<sup>th</sup> October

(Note: Statements of Support are guaranteed a review if they are submitted by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September)

### EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

**Latrobe ASPIRE** – Close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September

**ACU Guarantee** – Close Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

**Charles Sturt Advantage** – Close Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Swinburne Early Entry** – Open Now

**RMIT Early Entry** – Close Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August

**Deakin Early Entry** – Close 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Federation Uni Early Entry** – Open Now

**RURAL CHANCES (TAFE/Apprenticeships)** – Open September 3<sup>rd</sup>

[www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/rural-chances/](http://www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/rural-chances/)

## JMC Academy | Melbourne Campus Open Day (Online)



**Saturday 4th September 2021, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Join us on Saturday 4th September for our Online Open Day and discover how you can build your creative future with JMC.

- Take a tour of our facilities across our two campuses
- Check out some of our serious gear
- Chat with current students and heads of departments
- Attend detailed course overview sessions
- Find out more about internship and study abroad opportunities
- See live performances, film + tv demos, and recording sessions in action
- Learn why JMC has been ranked #1 for student satisfaction amongst all private creative institutions in Australia

Find out more: <https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/news-and-events/events/melbourne-campus-open-day/>

## Monash | String Day 2021



**Sunday 5 September 2021, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

The Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music and Performance at Monash University invites high school and tertiary students to participate in a collaborative and immersive day of learning and music-making with top String players and teachers! Join Dr Anna McMichael, Head of Strings at Monash, and Monash String teachers for a fun day and take part in an open masterclass with special guest and MSO concertmaster, Dale Baritrop.

Find out more: <https://www.monash.edu/string-day-2021>

## Swinburne | Open Nights (Online)



**30th August 4:00 pm - 2nd September 6:00 pm**

Want to try us on for size before making up your mind? Makes perfect sense. Join us for a Swinburne Open Night online and in real-time – browse study areas, discover courses, chat with current students, and pick the brains of the academics you could be learning from next year.

Find out more: [www.swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/entry-into-university-from-vce/year-11-12-students/?siid=hero%257Ctim%257Cvar%257Chero%257C0785#open-nights](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/entry-into-university-from-vce/year-11-12-students/?siid=hero%257Ctim%257Cvar%257Chero%257C0785#open-nights)

## Deakin | Campus Tours



**Sat. 18th Sept 9:00am – Weds. 29th Sept 5:00pm**

Deakin University, Burwood, Geelong and Warrambbool Campuses. Build on the knowledge you'll receive at our Virtual Open Day and experience campus life for real by attending a 1-hour campus tour with your family these school holidays. You'll get a firsthand look at our facilities, guided by a current student, and have all your study questions answered. More than 8500 have already attended a Deakin Campus Tour, don't miss out on your opportunity to experience uni life.

Find out more: [www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/campus-tours](http://www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/campus-tours)



### UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Certificate IV Accounting and Bookkeeping (On-line)**  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August – 11:00am – 11:30am

**Certificate III Beauty Services and the Diploma of Beauty Therapy (On-line)**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August – 5:00pm – 5:30pm  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August – 5:00pm – 5:30pm

**Certificate III Individual Support (Ageing, Home & Community) (On-line)**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – 11:00am – 12:00pm

[www.eventbrite.com.au/o/bendigo-tafe-information-sessions-3346285028](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/bendigo-tafe-information-sessions-3346285028)

### RMIT Next Fest Week 4



**28th Aug 2021 – 4th Sept 2021 9:00am - 8:00pm**

[www.rmit.edu.au/events/2021/august/next-fest-week-4](http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/2021/august/next-fest-week-4)

Open Day is here! In week 4 of Next Fest, you can explore options for women in STEM, investigate global health challenges, consider the future of blockchain, and more. Get help with your selection tasks, hear from a panel of industry experts, prepare to study at RMIT, and more!

We will also offer a great range of information sessions - get all of your questions answered by our professional staff. Sessions include:

- Your Introduction to RMIT
- Parents Information session
- Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait students at university
- Moving to Melbourne for regional and interstate students
- Meet our Fine Art Alumni
- Meet our RMIT student clubs
- RMIT Race Club
- Dreams, Knits & Heartbreak documentary
- Choosing Your Program or Career

#### Final Next Fest live event – 30th August 2021

Join us for the final live event in our 2021 Next Fest calendar, then catch up on anything you missed On Demand!

- Explore a career in Cybersecurity | 6:00pm 30 August 2021

### ACCOMMODATION 2022



Have you considered your Accommodation options for 2022 yet? It's important to start researching and applying for on-campus or off-campus student accommodation now. Visit the websites of each University/TAFE check out their process of applying! Please note: Some Institutes will require a deposit.

### ACU's Support for Year 12 Students



ACU knows that completing Year 12, particularly during a global pandemic, can make an already new experience that little bit more intimidating. If you're feeling overwhelmed about the unknown, head to our webpage to discover all of the help and support we offer Year 12 students.

You can access information about:

- ACU Guarantee
- Adjustment factors and access schemes
- Campus tours
- Year 12 revision webinars
- Study at ACU webinar series
- Talk with Industry webinar series
- Change of preference

Access this information and more here:

[www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/support-for-year-12-students](http://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/support-for-year-12-students)

### Apprenticeships/Traineeships

Apprenticeships/traineeships can be found in a number of different ways. The main ways are through someone you know; via an advertisement on-line (Seek, Jora, Australian Job Search etc); via the local papers; or via an employment agency. Utilise the following websites to view their current advertised vacancies: MEGT, Skill invest, and CVGT.

[www.megt.com.au/job-board](http://www.megt.com.au/job-board)

[www.skillinvest.com.au/jobs/](http://www.skillinvest.com.au/jobs/)

[www.cvgt.com.au/](http://www.cvgt.com.au/)

[www.jobsearch.gov.au](http://www.jobsearch.gov.au)

Also consider undertaking a Pre-apprenticeship in 2021. Most TAFE institutes offer Pre-apprenticeships in a variety of trades. e.g., Federation Uni TAFE, Bendigo TAFE, Sunnatafe etc.

### StudyAssist

Study Assist Australia provides information for students about Australian Government help for tertiary study, including information about subsidised fees and government loans.

Visit: [www.studyassist.gov.au/](http://www.studyassist.gov.au/)

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY ACCESS & EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS



Australian Catholic University (ACU) do not use the VTAC system to handle their Access & Equity Scholarship applications, unlike the other Victorian Universities. Because ACU have campuses interstate they handle all their equity scholarship applications via the NSW UAC system. You simply have to enter your VTAC Number when applying. To apply for scholarships at ACU click on the following link: [www26.usc.edu.au/esapply/](http://www26.usc.edu.au/esapply/) (Click on **Start your application**).

### Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme



**Value: Up to \$15,000 AUD per year**  
**Open/Closing Dates: August 30, 2021 – October 11, 2021**

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme is designed to encourage and assist undergraduate students in health-related disciplines to complete their studies and join the health workforce. The scheme provides scholarships for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people studying an entry level health course.

[www.acn.edu.au/scholarships/indigenous-health-scholarships](http://www.acn.edu.au/scholarships/indigenous-health-scholarships)

### YOUNG CARER BURSARY



**Value: \$3,000 AUD**

**Open/Closing Dates: August 16, 2021 – Sept. 30, 2021**

The Young Carer Bursary Program supports young carers to continue with their education.

To apply you must be a young carer:

- aged 12 – 25 years old for the entire time you're receiving the bursary
- studying at high school level or beyond, up to and including your first undergraduate degree\*
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- not receiving another scholarship

\*Undergraduate degrees include: advanced diplomas, bachelor degrees, bachelor degree with honours and associate degrees.

<https://youngcarersnetwork.com.au/bursary/young-carer-bursary/>

### YOUTHRIVE RURAL CHANCES SCHOLARSHIPS



There are at least 10 Rural Chances scholarships valued at \$5000 on offer to assist young people to move away from their hometown or to assist with extensive travel required to complete TAFE (Certificate III or above, including Apprenticeships) training qualifications. Additionally, there are at least 10 smaller scholarships of up to \$2000 available for specific items to support training.

To meet the eligibility criteria applicants will need to:

- Be 16-24 years of age
- Hold a current Centrelink health care card, or can provide evidence of significant financial hardship
- Identify a TAFE qualification (Certificate III or above) they would like to enrol in or are enrolled in OR an apprenticeship they would like to undertake
- Be planning to train in a skill area where there are skills shortages in rural/regional Victoria
- Be willing to have a mentor supporting their learning
- Be willing to be accountable for the scholarship funds
- Be willing to participate in publicity/promotional material and research.

Applications for Rural Chances Scholarships open on September 3rd and close on October 18<sup>th</sup> 2021.

To apply Visit: [www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/rural-chances/](http://www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/rural-chances/)

### Spend your Gap Year with WWOOF



World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF) has been offering unique gap year experiences to people from all around Australia for 40 years. It's a great way to travel cheaply, learn about organic farming, gain some independence and a host of other skills. You'll do 6-8 hours a day of work, 5 days a week, and in return receive free meals and accommodation with a host family, meaning you don't need to break the bank to get hands-on experience. WWOOF offers plenty of support for you during your stay to make sure you have a safe and fun time. There are lots of different hosts to choose from, including:

- Vineyard operators
- Coffee producers
- Oyster and pearl farmers
- Cattle stations
- Butterfly farms
- And many more!

Find out more about WWOOF here: <https://wwooof.com.au/>

### TERTIARY ACCESS PAYMENT



**Australian Government**  
**Services Australia**

Financial help for outer regional or remote students to help with the cost of moving for tertiary study. The Tertiary Access Payment is a payment of \$5,000 paid in 2 instalments. It's to help eligible students with the cost of moving to study. This is for study after you've finished year 12. TAFE students can claim the payment via Services Australia (Centrelink). University Students can claim the payment directly through their university.

**To be eligible for the Tertiary Access Payment you need to meet some rules. These include:**

- moving from an outer regional or remote area for tertiary study (moving at least 90 minutes from home via public transport)
- starting tertiary study directly after finishing year 12 (with no gap year)
- Studying a Certificate IV or above

**More information is available on the Services Australia (Centrelink) website:**

[www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/tertiary-access-payment](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/tertiary-access-payment)

### HARVEST CASUALS



Looking for casual work this harvest?  
To Apply for the 2021/22 Harvest season,  
visit: [www.graincorp.com.au/harvest-casuals/](http://www.graincorp.com.au/harvest-casuals/)

### GrainFlow

Charlton, Birchip, Dimboola, Sea Lake  
To Apply for the 2021/22 Harvest season, visit  
<https://skilledworkforce.programmed.com.au/grainflow/>