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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: Acting with Integrity and Honesty

DIARY DATES

February

3rd Foundation students begin
7th SSL Student camp begins
18th Yr 7-12 Swimming Sports
25th F -Yr 6 Swimming Sports
28th – 30th Yr 8 Surf Camp.

March

7th Interschool Swimming Sports
9th School Photos
10th Triathlon

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

As the new school year has just started, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all students, parents and families. There are several new families to join the school this year and we wish you a happy association with Boort District School. There are also quite a few new staff: Miss Alysha Wilson (Year 5), Miss Grace Gilbert (Year 2/3) and Mr Jacob Tingley (VCE Biology). We also welcome back our tutors – Mrs Kylie Cummins and Mrs Jenny Ritchie.

Thanks to all the staff who have come in over the holidays to get students details on the computers, do the timetable, to set up rooms, move furniture and to plan for classes. The extra effort is well appreciated.

Student start to the year

Our staggered start for students has worked well with the return of our senior students on Monday and our Year 5-10 students on Tuesday. The F-4 staff have been busy running the English Online interviews and talking to parents. We welcomed back our Year 1-4 students today. Foundation students will start tomorrow.

Xuno

All Xuno welcome emails have been sent to our new families. If you have not received one or if you need me to resend a Xuno welcome, please ring the Office and leave your details; I will get on to it as soon as I can.

We use Xuno as our main communication and reporting tool so I am very happy to meet with people and run through how to use the system. If you want to meet to do this, again, ring the Office and I will contact you to set up a time.

All teachers are available to be contacted through Xuno.

Free Education?

It is often stated that education is free and questions then are asked about why families pay for anything at school. The fact is that the 'free' part of education is the tuition or teaching of all students but not all the resources we use in class. Essential items are paid for by families and provide items for everyday use as well as maintenance for computers (lower Primary area), diaries, access to online programmes and consumable materials in all classes. Payment of these items supports us to provide everything a student needs in a classroom. Optional items like excursions, camps and music lessons are paid for separately as they do not form part of our essential items list. I hope that this will explain why education is 'free' but not really 'free'.

Lee-Anne Sherwell
Principal

Principal's Availability Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
At School				

Thankyou



My heartfelt thanks to the Boort District School community for many happy and rewarding years as a teacher. Enormous thanks to Tanya Maher-Toose and Madeleine Scott who recently took time out of their busy lives to bring a wonderful gift out to me (see lovely garden seat below). I have benefitted enormously from the opportunity to work with such amazing students and staff. Particular thanks to

Tom Bleicher, Sharon Pickering and Drew Crilly who I have worked closely with in the English and Humanities departments. I am fortunate that I have been able to move on to working on the farm and growing a garden that ensures we are mostly self-sufficient (although my routine still operates on bell-times!).

Susan Gould



2022 Subject Contributions

Just a reminder when completing this form, please put name at the top and also note that for the optional items listed being School Magazine \$20 and Cultural Performance \$20, if you wish for your child to purchase a magazine or attend the four Cultural Performance session for the year please include these in your calculations for each child.



A special thankyou to Rod and Gary for the garden upkeep over the school holiday. Gary even found a little spare time to do a little fishing. It was lovely to return to school to see the lawns and garden looking well maintained.

Covid Information Update

Here is a list of information about what we need to do to ensure we stay safe with Covid around. Use RAT kits provided for testing – twice per week, per student. These will be sent home from school, with students, as we receive them.



Continued COVIDSafe measures: the 3Vs



Vaccination

- staff required to be vaccinated or medically exempt
- more than 90% of children age 12 and over are now vaccinated
- roll-out of vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 through state vaccination hubs, pop-up school vaccination sites and in-reach grants



Ventilation

- delivery of 51,000 air purifiers to schools before day one of Term 1



Vital COVIDSafe steps

- physical distancing
- face masks
- regular hand hygiene
- testing

1. Parents/carers should complete the [RA Test portal](#) if a student tests positive to COVID-19 (via a PCR or rapid antigen test). Where a parent/carer informs the school by phone or written notification, the school should complete the [VicED COVID tool](#). Schools are no longer required to make an IRIS report for positive COVID cases. An [EduSafe Plus report](#) is only required if the school is impacted by COVID-19 related hospitalisation or death of a member of the school community. A user guide on how to complete this report is available on the 'Knowledge Base' in EduSafe plus.
2. Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.
3. Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

Attendance - All students are expected to attend onsite unless they are formally registered as being home-schooled. Parent preference is not an approved reason for students to be absent due to COVID-19.

Visitors – Parents and carers are welcome onsite to drop-off and pick up children. People working onsite must QR code check-in and be double vaccinated. If a meeting/appointment is taking place onsite, parents attending must QR code check-in and be double vaccinated.

Face masks must be worn whilst inside.

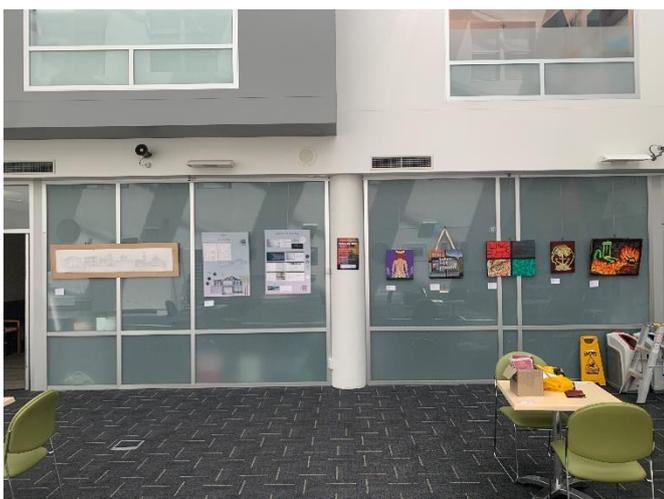


Community sporting groups are welcome to use the school facilities without collecting vaccination information



VCE Art Students in Exhibition:

Several students from Boort District School have their pieces on display in the exhibition “Generation Next” at the St. John of God Bendigo Art Space. This exhibition displays artworks of students who studied an art subject at VCE in the Bendigo and surrounding areas. Alec Velleley, Ella Cole, Macy Grogan and Acacia Vernon all had work in the show. Well done on your artwork being on display.



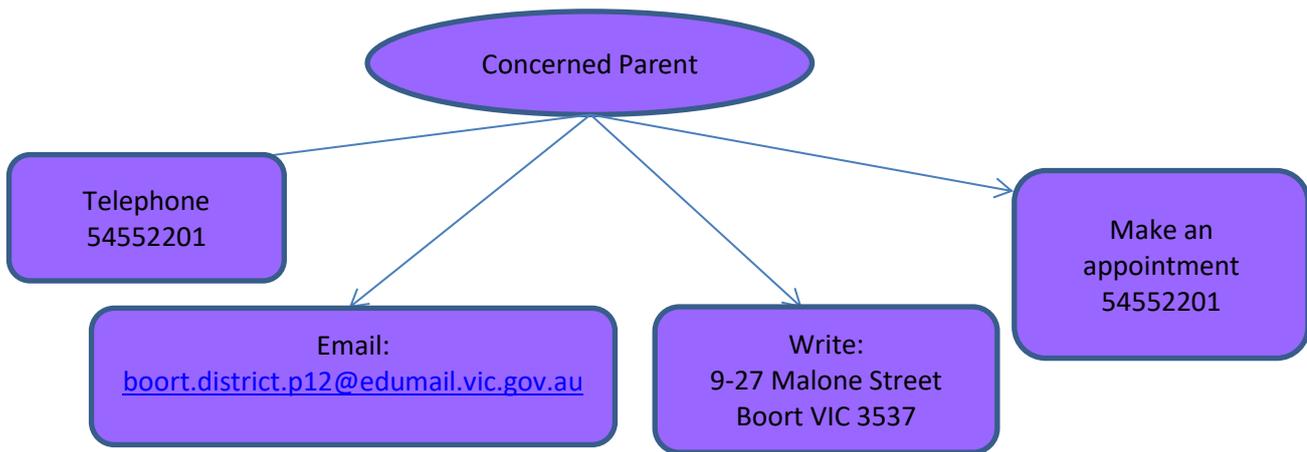
XUNO

Did you know that you can still contact staff directly via Xuno email? Check out the instructions below for how to do this. Our new website also has the email protocol policy if you are wondering about when to email or what to put into an email.

How to read and send messages to teachers

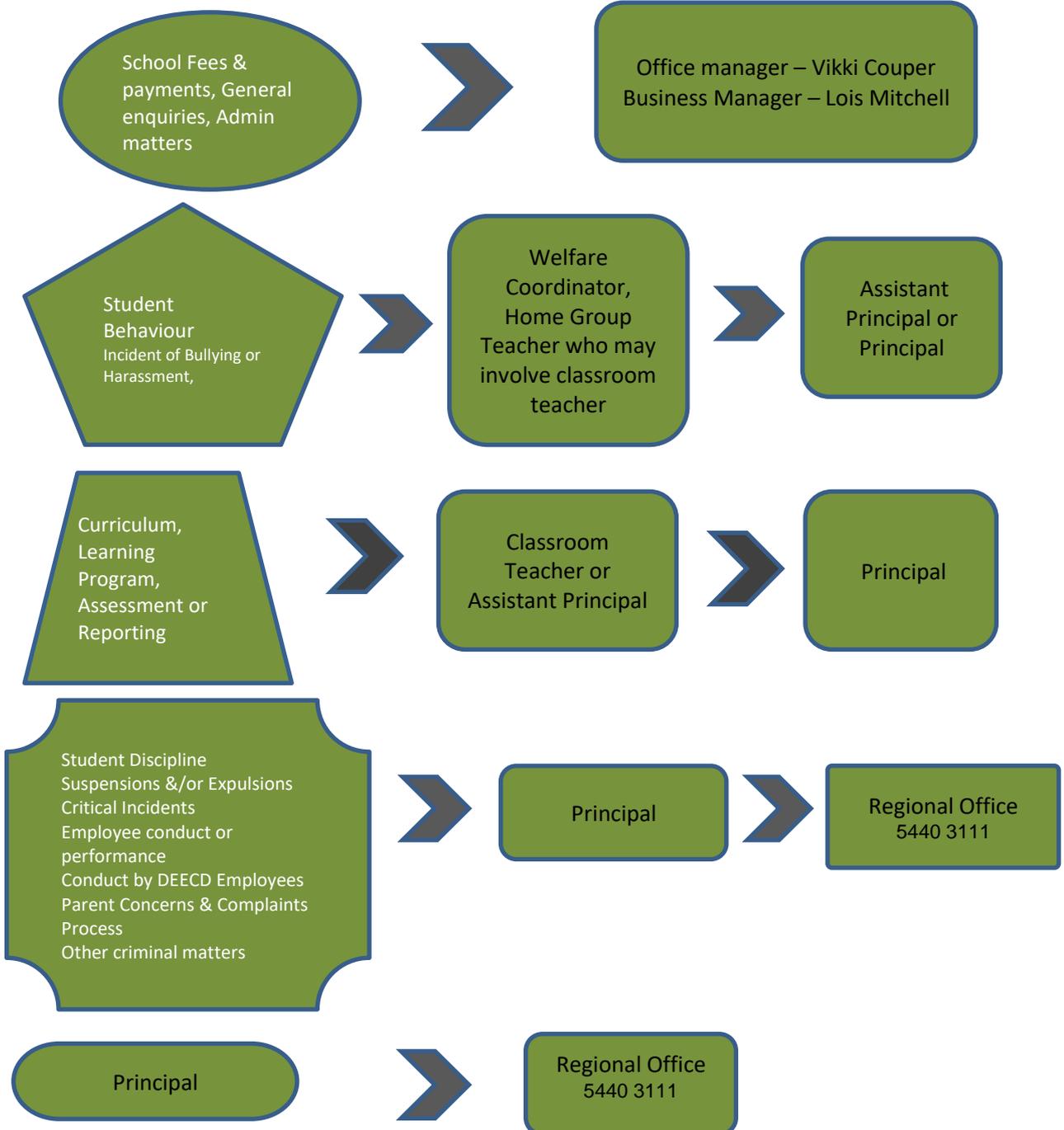
1. Click on the School menu and then click on the Messages item. If you're using a mobile device, you'll need to tap on the menu icon in the top right first, before you can tap on the School menu.
2. Your most recent conversation will load by default. All of your previous conversations are listed in the left pane and you can click on a name to view its contents or to continue the conversation. Your most recent conversations are shown at the top. If you're using a mobile device you can tap the down arrow in the top header bar, to view your list of previous conversations.
3. To start a new conversation, click on the plus icon in the left pane above your previous conversations, then choose a name from the list. On a mobile device you'll need to tap the down arrow in the top navigation bar, then click on the plus icon. Parents are able to send messages to all teachers and coordinators of their children, whereas students are only able to send messages to their current teachers and coordinators.
4. Type your message into the field at the bottom labelled New message.
5. You can also attach files by either dragging or dropping the file into the New message text area, or clicking the Attach button and selecting your file.
6. When you are ready to send the new message click on the Send button. Once a message has been sent you will not be able to stop it or delete a previously sent message.

Parent Concerns and Complaints Protocols



Issue

Who can help?



COMMUNITY NEWS

YOUthrive
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Missed connecting with your north central friends?

Would you like to meet new people and learn how to build your networks and access a whole lot of opportunities?

FREE EVENT!!
11th February

FREE EVENT!!
5.00 – 8.00pm

Reconnect, connect and have a ripper evening of barefoot lawn bowls and BBQ while listening to musician Elias Lanyon.

Fly Away
Elias Lanyon

Register your interest now
<https://bit.ly/RYN-Charlton>

KERANG COVID-19 VACCINATION SUPER CLINIC

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

February 1 - Kerang Memorial Hall

- Children's Vaccinations (aged 5-11)
- Booster Vaccinations

Bookings are essential and places are limited
Phone 5412 6004 for bookings

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THE RURAL NETWORK

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Invitation to a special Rural Youth Network event:
Connecting young rural and regional Victorians & building rural communities

Who: All young rural people over 16 who would like to build great networks and learn about opportunities, supports, resources and activities both online and in person.
All older rural people who want to support young people and help them build networks and their rural communities.

What: A **FREE FUN NIGHT** with BBQ, barefoot bowls, live entertainment by local talent Elias Lanyon. Find out how to join the Rural Youth Network and support its development.
(All activities, food and soft drink are free. Drinks at bar prices)

Where: Charlton Bowling Club, Gordon Park, Charlton

Time: 5 - 8pm, Friday 11th February

RSVP: 9th February. Register at <https://bit.ly/RYN-Charlton>

For more information contact Finn Poxon on 0488110199 or email info@youthrivevic.org.au

Covid safe guidelines will be observed, and guests are required to be double vaccinated

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