



# 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: Thinking Creatively and Independently**



### DIARY DATES

#### **February**

22<sup>nd</sup> Elevate Study Skills

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Yr 8 Surf Trip

24<sup>th</sup> Yr F-6 House Swimming Sports

24<sup>th</sup> Yr 12 You Thrive.

#### **March**

3<sup>rd</sup> BBQ Lunch & activities for all

8<sup>th</sup> School Photos

9<sup>th</sup> NCD Triathlon

10<sup>th</sup> Whole School Assembly

13<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday.

28<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Interviews

### **Principal's Report**

#### School council Elections

At the meeting of School council last week the timeline for the election process was discussed. Please see below for the timeline of events. All families were sent an email with the school council election nominations forms and some information about school council, last Friday.

I would like to thank our outgoing members for their time and service and also remind them that they are able to re-nominate.

Those members whose terms finish are: Tanya Maher-Toose, Brett Hosking and Doug Perryman - Parent

Courtney McOrist and Sharon Pickering – Staff

The timeline is attached. We will have four parent positions and two staff positions – 3 x two year positions for parents, 1 x 1 year position for parents, 2 x 2 year positions for staff based on current School council membership.

*A nomination form is attached and we welcome all parents and carers to consider taking on this job. If you wish to nominate for the one year position, please make that clear on the nomination form.*

#### Swimming Sports

The F-6 Swimming Sports will be held this Friday. We look forward to a wonderful day with some lovely warm weather. Parents and family members are welcome to attend. Thanks to April Hatcher and Chris Hatcher for their organisation.

The Interschool Years 7-12 swimming sports were held in St Arnaud on Monday. Thanks to Hayden Rowley and Brooke Chamberlain for organising participation in these events and to Adrian Grogan and Chris Hatcher for helping with the organisation.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Forward notice – P/T Interviews will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. No classes will run on this day but students are expected to attend interviews. More information will be provided closer to the date regarding making bookings through Xuno. We are going ahead with organising face-to-face interviews and we hope to see many parents/carers and students on the day.**

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

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School	At School – F-6 Swimming Sports	At School	At School	At School

## Timeline for School Council Elections – 2023

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMELINE	
Event	Date
1. Notice of election and call for nominations	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023
2. Closing date for nominations	4pm Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2023
3. Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2023
4. Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2023
5. Close of ballot	4pm, Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
6. Vote Count	4.30pm, Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
7. Declaration of poll	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
8. Special Council Meeting to co-opt Community Members (Principal presides)	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
9. First Council meeting to elect office bearers (Principal presides)	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023

School Council election process must be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

Schedule 7 announcing School Council membership must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### **F-6 SWIMMING SPORTS**

A reminder that the F-6 Swimming Sports will be this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. All students will need to ensure they have bathers, rashies, towel, sun hats, drink bottle, sunscreen and lunch for the day.

Students are to arrive at school dressed in house colours and will be transported via bus to the swimming pool. Events for Year 4-6 students will commence at 9:15am and F-3 students at 11:30am. The day will finish at 3:15pm with bus travellers being picked up at the pool and returning to the school to commence bus runs. All other students will be dismissed from the swimming pool.

### **Homework Help**

Homework Help will be running again in 2023! Ms Pickering and Liz will be available from 1.05pm, in G5, on Tuesdays, to supervise those who would like some extra help, or those who have been requested to attend by their teachers. Students are welcome to bring their lunch.

Ms Pickering and Liz

Parents, carers and friends

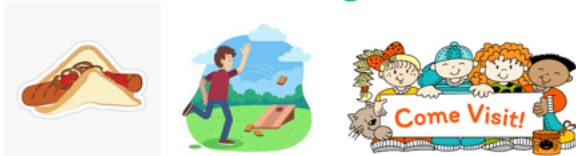
# Join us for a BBQ lunch and some activities

When – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Where – Boort District School

Time – 1pm to 1.50pm

Free sausage sizzle for all, games and activities, walk through the yard and buildings



## School Photos 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,  
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, starting a bit after 9.00am, with the F/1 class. All students are to be in full school uniform. All students received photo envelopes yesterday or today to take home. These must be returned to the school office regardless of whether you purchase photos, preferably prior to the week of the photos. Payments can be completed online or cash in the envelope.  
Family photos can be arranged. Please pick up a family photo envelope from the office and return this to the school.  
Please email me if you have any questions.  
Tom Bleicher

## Boort District P-12 School – PARENTS' CLUB BULB FUNDRAISER

Want a splash of colour in your garden this Spring time? The Parents' Club are running a Bulb Fundraiser; there are a lot of different varieties available, you can view the catalogue and order ONLINE by using the following link:  
[www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/BOORTSCHOOL](http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/BOORTSCHOOL)

Your orders will be posted directly to you!!

Orders close ONLINE 6<sup>th</sup> April  
(but some bulbs may sell quick).

PLEASE share with ALL FAMILY & FRIENDS that love gardening!

PARENTS' CLUB EVENTS

TERM 1  
TERM 2  
TERM 3 & 4  
MAY  
SEPT

Bulb Fundraiser

Bridgewater Bakehouse  
Pie & Slice Drive

Fruit Tree & Fresh Fruit  
Fundraiser! Showbags at the  
Show

12  
Mother's Day  
Morning Tea

1  
Father's Day  
Breakfast

For more information contact  
[parentsclubbds@gmail.com](mailto:parentsclubbds@gmail.com)

## Tissues and Wipes in F-6 Classrooms

A reminder to provide a box of tissues and a packet of wipes for each child in the Primary area. Could these please be given to classroom teachers by the end of next week.

Thankyou  
F-6 Staff





# Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Boort District P-12 School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the General Office at the school or downloaded from your email and must be lodged **by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**March 2023.**

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

<b>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY</b>	<b>TERM OF OFFICE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 (two year term)	3
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 (one year term)	1
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 (two year term)	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot will be held. It will open with distribution of ballot papers on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 and the ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

**All signed nomination forms are to be returned to the Boort District P-12 School General Office by 4pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

Lee-Anne Sherwell  
Principal



**North Central District Swimming – St Arnaud**

The North Central District Swimming sports were held on Monday. It was perfect swimming conditions in St Arnaud, and we were lucky to have a shady spot to sit. There were some very good results attained on the day and our students should be very proud of their achievements and competitiveness. The support and camaraderie from the side of the pool was positive to see. Thank you to our school captains for organising students in readiness to be marshalled and the support they offered from the edge of the pool. It was also great to see parents in attendance to support our students. It was a fun day to socialize with friends from the cluster and enjoy some competitive spirit. Thank you to the staff who attended on the day and special thanks to those who assisted with the many officiating roles required; starter, event marshal, judge of stroke and relay change over judge throughout the day.

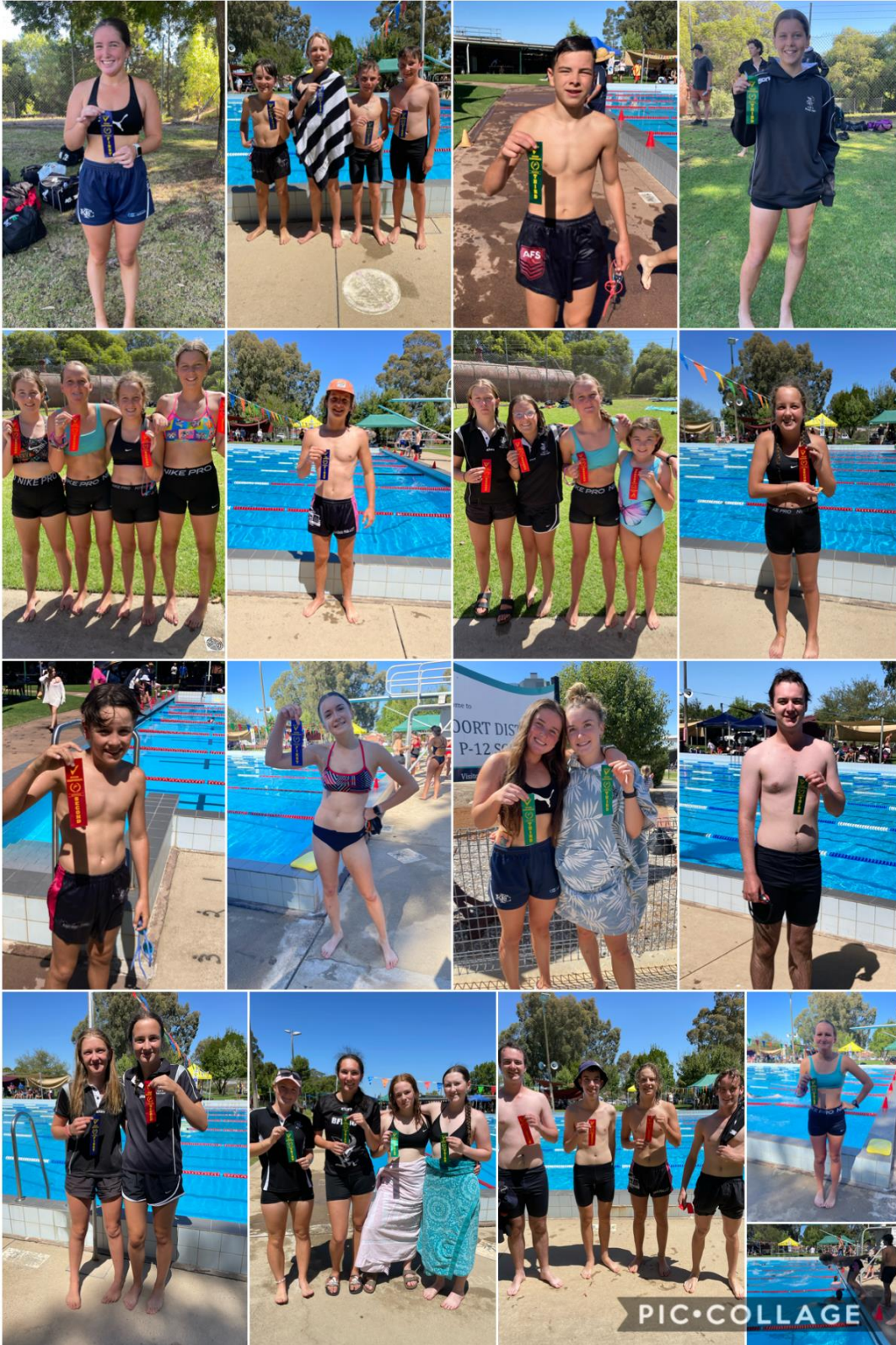
Tia L: breaststroke, Jett H: backstroke and the 13 years male relay team won their events and will now represent the school at the Loddon Mallee Region swimming in Swan Hill on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**The overall results for the day were:**

Wycheproof 1<sup>st</sup>

St Arnaud 2<sup>nd</sup>

Boort 3<sup>rd</sup>





### Swimming at Swan Hill

Last Friday night a team of 6 girls swam for Boort at the All Schools Swimming Championships in Swan Hill. Maddy, Tia, Phoebe, Emma, Eliana, and Bella all won ribbons with Phoebe and Bella picking up 1<sup>st</sup> place medals for the freestyle and breaststroke. With the night finishing early and having to swim with ducks, we hope Boort can send more swimmers next year. It is a very casual event and a lot of fun.

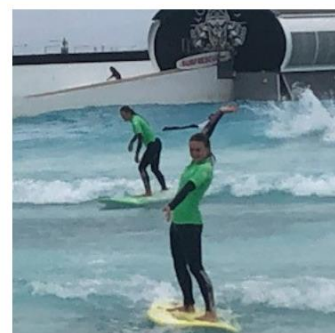


### OE1 ARTIFICIAL ENVIRONMENTS EXCURSION

On Monday last week, students from Unit 1 Outdoor and Environmental Studies travelled down to Melbourne to discover the worlds of surf parks and climbing gyms. On one of the very few cold days this summer, students got up in the early hours of the morning to travel down, with the first activity being URBN Surf in Tullamarine. Despite the overcast conditions and brisk wind, students had a great time developing their surfing skills on the artificially made waves and relished in the consistent waves coming through.

After catching plenty of waves at URBN Surf we recovered on the drive across to Cliffhanger Climbing Gym in Altona to take on the longest artificial rock climbing route in the southern hemisphere. After some initial lessons on how to safely belay each other and clip into ropes, students explored the copious amounts of climbs on offer in the comfort of being out of the weather. It was great to see students encouraging each other and helping each other through climbs even when energy levels started to decline.

A big thank you to Tom Bleicher for assisting with the driving on the day and taking many of the photos below.  
Hayden Rowley







### **SRC Badge Presentation**

On Friday at our whole school assembly, our SRC Representatives were presented with their badges. Grace H and Sam B, our Year 12 representatives, will lead the SRC this year. We look forward to a productive and fun year with this great bunch of students!

Sharon Pickering and Grace Gilbert  
SRC Coordinators





### School Based Apprenticeships 2023

At whole school assembly last week, I interviewed our four school based apprentices. Tom P, Year 12, is currently employed by Nelson Farms and works predominantly with Tyler Nelson. This is his second year. Charlotte A, Year 12, is employed on the home farm and is also in her second year. Both of these students attend TAFE blocks at Longerenong. Our two new students completing Headstart School Based Apprenticeships this year are both in Year 11, Jett H and Brady W. Jett is also working in the Agriculture area with Matt and Joe Kane, while Brady is with Streader Constructions in the building area. Both of these students were previously hosted in work placements. Students spoke of the training provided and the skills that they were able to use in their workplaces. The Headstart program follows the student apprenticeships while in school and even when they leave school. We thank all employers for their commitment to our young people.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year 1/2	Hunter N	For awesome Smart Spelling work.
	Hayley M	For a wonderful start to BDS.
	Nadia K	For amazing reading and comprehension.
	Mae M	For her beautiful manners.
	Isabel C	For working hard in Numeracy.
Year 3	Elke H	For her amazing answers and win – “Speedy Words”
Year 4/5	Xavier B	For working hard to recall all the different facts about a cheetah
	Pearl M	For having a terrific start at BDS. You are already a fantastic leader in our class.
	Giacomo R	For having such a wonderful start at BDS. Great work Giacomo
Year 6	Indiana G	For all her help in recording the design for our Year 6 shirt.
	Henry H	For blowing Mrs White’s socks off with his fantastic sentences.
	Jason W	For his creative drawings.



# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE 5B: NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to nominate ..... for an elected position as a parent member on the  
..... school council.

## CANDIDATE'S DETAILS

Name .....

Residential address .....

Contact phone (mobile or landline) .....

Email .....

I am the parent/guardian of ..... who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of ..... who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator .....

Signature of Nominator ..... Date ..... / ..... / .....

## CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate ..... Date ..... / ..... / .....

## You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate and to nominate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on .....

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

## SCHEDULE 5A: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

..... school council.

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email

I am the parent/guardian of ..... who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate ..... Date ..... / ..... / .....

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# APPENDIX A: SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

### WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

For all schools with a year 7 and above cohort, there is a fourth category of membership.

- A mandated elected Student category.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post or email following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to school council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Boort Hockey Club is seeking expressions of interest for Season 2023

We are a family friendly club who welcome new and returning players. We are seeking expressions of interest in ALL grades of hockey.

- Minkey (Foundation to Year 4)
- Under 12's (born 2011-2013)
- Under 15's (born 2008-2010)
- Women
- Men

If you would like to play hockey this season please register your interest by clicking on [Season 2023 Expression of Interest - Boort Hockey Club - revolutioniseSPORT](#), and fill in details as a guest, below the login. We would appreciate expressions by **Wednesday February 15th**. Further information regarding registrations and purchasing Boort Hockey Club uniforms, will be sent our shortly. We look forward to a great season on and off the field.

Any queries, please contact President - Chelsea Challis-Broad 0408 251 528

Secretary – Kelly Henderson 0427 280 583 [boorthockey@gmail.com](mailto:boorthockey@gmail.com)

**TEEN GYM @ BRIC BOORT**

**TUESDAY**  
21st Feb - 4th April

for 7 weeks at  
4PM - 5PM

WITH SHERRY O'FLAHERTY  
119 - 121 Godfrey Street, Boort

**YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12 WORK OUT FREE**

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

**BOOK HERE**

PAPERWORK & PARENTAL CONSENT TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE FIRST SESSION. TO BE SENT OUT VIA EMAIL OR COLLECTED FROM BRIC.

Proudly supported by:  
NOCH, FUTURE HEALTHY, VicHealth

**WE WANT YOU!**

ARE YOU 15 AND OVER?  
JOIN OUR TEAM AT BOORT DISTRICT HEALTH!

LOOKING FOR PART TIME/ CASUAL WORK OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?  
WE HAVE VACANCIES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- SUPPORT SERVICES - DOMESTIC & FOOD SERVICES
- ALLIED HEALTH

PLEASE CONTACT DONNA DOYLE, CEO  
VIA EMAIL: [DONNA.DOYLE@BDH.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:DONNA.DOYLE@BDH.VIC.GOV.AU)

MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS & FUN @ NOLENS PARK  
LICENCED EVENT - NO BYO

**Twilight Color Run**

March 12

@ LITTLE LAKE BOORT

4pm registration @ 4:30pm start  
White T-shirt Recommended!!

ADULT \$20 & CHILD \$15 (ages 3-16)  
or pre-register online to secure your colour run kit (limited numbers) & DISCOUNTED PRICES!!

[www.trybooking.com/CCEZM](http://www.trybooking.com/CCEZM)

**FREE TRAINING**

**YACVic Youth Participation 101 Training**

PLUS DINNER PROVIDED

Wed 29th March 2023  
5.00PM - 8.00PM  
NDCH Kerang  
24 FITROY ST, KERANG

This training is for anyone that works with young people. Including teachers, sports coaches, activity providers, and volunteers.

Register now:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CFVQJ>

**What will you get out of the training?**

- Discuss the fundamental benefits of youth engagement
- Provide support to embed the voice of young people within your physical activities
- Support to create empowering environments that enable children and young people to feel safe, welcome and confident to be active
- The chance to share good stories, and workshop any challenges you may currently be facing

FUTURE HEALTHY, VicHealth, YACVic Youth Affairs Council Victoria, NOCH

**Community Dinner**  
WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER  
DR ROB GORDON

THIS EVENT IS SOMETHING YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS. SINCE ASH WEDNESDAY, DR ROB GORDON HAS BEEN WORKING EXTENSIVELY IN THE FIELD OF DISASTER RECOVERY. HE HAS WORKED WITH PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES AFTER FLOODS, CYCLONES, FIRES AND OTHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA, PROVIDING SUPPORT AND INSIGHT INTO THE DIFFERENT WAYS WE MAY FIND OURSELVES THINKING AND FEELING AS WE NAVIGATE OUR POST-FLOOD RECOVERY.

PLUS PRESENTATIONS FROM  
SALLY CUNNINGHAM, NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER HEALTH  
AND RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

Friday 3 March, 2023 - Boort Park  
5.30 for 6pm start

THIS IS A FREE EVENT. REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL. FOR MORE DETAILS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR GET IN TOUCH.  
JOSIE MCKINNON, COMMUNITY RECOVERY OFFICER, LODDON SHIRE COUNCIL. 0474 911 783



## Careers and Pathways



**The Science Experience is a fun 1, 3 or 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students.**

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

The program takes place in over thirty-five universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. More than 84,000 students have taken this rare opportunity, up to date.

**Upcoming Program:**  
**Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre, Queenscliff – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April (School Holidays)**

Immerse yourself in marine and freshwater science in one day.

- Sharks, plankton, crabs, sea horses and seaweed.
- Freshwater beasts both big (Murray Cod) and small (mini beasts).
- Law enforcement in the aquatic world.

*A combination of presentations by scientists, hands on practicals and watery activities will lead to a fulfilling program that will allow you to explore the many possibilities for future studies and careers in aquatic science and beyond.*

**For further information including other locations and dates please visit:**

[www.scienceexperience.com.au/about-the-program](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/about-the-program)



Regional Education Support Network (RESN) is a not-for-profit student network that offers rural and regional students free VCE educational support, such as tutoring, mentoring, and access to study resources. We currently provide 1,400 students in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria with our full suite of academic support services. Specifically, we answer students' questions online; hold virtual, live, tutoring sessions; provide study resources and practice questions; and deliver live seminars at schools to raise students' aspirations – all for free!

For further information visit:

[www.resn.org.au](http://www.resn.org.au)



**FreeSchool is a not-for-profit organisation that exists to help all children be their best.**

FreeSchool is a fantastic revision student resource for Maths, English, Science & Humanities subjects from Years 7 - 12.

The video lessons cover a wide variety of subject areas, with the lessons taught by some of Australia's Best Teachers.

**Students can:**

- Find teachers in FreeSchool that resonate with them and really help them learn
- Watch videos at their own pace, and as many times as they like
- Explore new subjects and areas of interest

Visit:

<https://freeschool.org.au/>

## Work Experience at AIE



The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) runs a Work Experience Program for students in years 10 to 12 throughout the year. Students can undertake work experience at their campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, and Adelaide.

The Work Experience Program encompasses a range of activities including 3D animation, programming, QA testing and much more.

**For further information visit:**

<https://aie.edu.au/student-information/work-experience/>



## Career bullseyes

You can now start exploring different career pathways by selecting a subject/learning area you enjoy.

Visit:

<https://myfuture.edu.au/bullseyes>

Angela Poxon   
Careers and Pathways  
Email: [a\\_poxon@nclen.org.au](mailto:a_poxon@nclen.org.au)

## CAREER RESEARCH

### NOT SURE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU FINISH SCHOOL?



RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH! There are so many resources around for you to research and explore a wide range of different careers, courses and other opportunities. It's important for you to utilise the resources available in order to make the right decisions for you!

#### Some great ways to research are:

- **Career Websites:** e.g.,  
*My Future:* [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) – Career bullseyes  
*Good Careers Guide:*  
[www.goodcareersguide.com.au](http://www.goodcareersguide.com.au)  
*Your Career:* [www.yourcareer.gov.au/](http://www.yourcareer.gov.au/)  
*Labour Market Insights:*  
<https://labourmarketinsights.gov.au/>
- **Webinars/Online information sessions**
- **Course Websites:** e.g.,  
*VTAC:* [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)  
*Course Seeker:* [www.courseseeker.edu.au](http://www.courseseeker.edu.au)  
*Victorian Skills Gateway (TAFE) -*  
<https://www.skills.vic.gov.au/s/>
- **Institute Websites**
- **Open Days and Experience Days**
- **Work experience/Casual job**
- **Volunteer Work**
- **Talk to people who already work in an industry you are interested in e.g., Health care, Trades, Education.**

## STUDY SKILLS



Regional Education Support Network (RESN) is a not-for-profit student network that offers rural and regional students free VCE educational support, such as tutoring, mentoring, and access to study resources. We currently provide 1,400 students in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria with our full suite of academic support services. Specifically, we answer students' questions online; hold virtual, live, tutoring sessions; provide study resources and practice questions; and deliver live seminars at schools to raise students' aspirations – all for free! [www.resn.org.au](http://www.resn.org.au)



Our new and exciting app gamifies education and makes VCE revision fun! Compete with your friends and earn rewards while revising wherever you are. From the first day of term 2 right through to the last day of term 3 approximately 150 questions will be sent directly to your device on a weekly basis. Each question has been prepared by our team to correspond with where you should be at in the current study design for that particular subject.  
[www.accesseducation.com.au/promo/browse?pro](http://www.accesseducation.com.au/promo/browse?pro)



FreeSchool is a fantastic revision student resource for Maths, English, Science & Humanities subjects from Years 7 - 12. The video lessons cover a wide variety of subject areas, with the lessons taught by some of Australia's Best Teachers.

#### Students can:

- Find teachers in FreeSchool that resonate with them and really help them learn
- Watch videos at their own pace, and as many times as they like
- Explore new subjects and areas of interest

<https://freeschool.org.au/>



## SCHOLARSHIPS

### University of Melbourne | Hansen Scholarship Information Evening



February 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 (Online)

Applications for the Hansen Scholarship Program, the University's most generous undergraduate scholarship are open now. This scholarship recognises Year 12 students from across Australia who have demonstrated outstanding academic success, a resilience to adversity and a commitment to helping others within their community. To help you learn more about the program, we're inviting you to our upcoming online information session, in which we'll cover:

- The program's eligibility and selection criteria
- Timelines and the application process
- Tips and advice on submitting a competitive application
- Benefits of the program, including financial support, tailored personal development, industry connections and free accommodation at Little Hall residence.

**To Register Visit:**

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/events/hansen-scholarship-program-information-evening>

**Open Now, Close March 20th, 2023**

**Value: Up to \$108,000 AUD**

**To find out more visit:**

<https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/hansen-scholarship>

### 2024 ANU Tuckwell Scholarship Program



The Tuckwell Scholarship Program is like no other undergraduate scholarship program in Australia. Every year, we offer 25 talented school-leavers the opportunity to fulfil their potential by actively participating in the very best that ANU has to offer. Scholars are selected on the basis of intellect, character, leadership and their commitment to Australia.

**Open: March 1, 2023**

**Closes: April 3, 2023**

**Value: \$24,700 AUD per year**

**To find out more visit:**

<https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>

## BELL SHAKESPEARE SCHOLARSHIP

**BELL SHAKESPEARE**

Interested in a career as a performer and attend school in a regional area? Audition for the John Bell Scholarship. A life-changing opportunity for budding performers, three students will spend one incredible week training with Bell Shakespeare at our HQ in Sydney.

Winners will undertake acting masterclasses with Bell Shakespeare artists, observe rehearsals, receive specialist training, see live theatre, and more.

**Open: February 1, 2023**

**Closes: April 7, 2023**

**Value: Training and mentoring opportunity**

**To find out more visit:**

[www.bellshakespeare.com.au/john-bell-scholarship](http://www.bellshakespeare.com.au/john-bell-scholarship)

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### UN Youth | Victorian State Conference 2023



March 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

UN Youth Victoria's annual State Conference brings together over 150 delegates from across the state for a weekend of leadership, diplomacy and advocacy. Join us from March 3rd to 5th to take part in the global conversation about international law and its influence in the 21st century. This flagship event presents an opportunity for you to develop your skills in public speaking, negotiation and critical thinking alongside an incredible group of like-minded students.

**To find out more:**

<https://unyouth.org.au/event/victorian-state-conference-2023/>

## GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITIES

### THE ADF GAP YEAR



Get an exciting 12-month taste of life in the Navy, Army or Air Force, and enjoy full job training, meaningful work, and memorable experiences – plus much more after completing Year 12.

**For further information visit:**

[www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year?page=1&perPage=21&query=](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year?page=1&perPage=21&query=)

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## Careers and Pathways

### Work Experience with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra



#### What does work experience at MSO involve?

Placements are run in a group format, with a strong focus on arts administration. During their time with the MSO, students will have the opportunity to meet with musicians and staff, mix with MSO's industry-leading artistic planning team, observe orchestral rehearsals and explore Melbourne's arts precinct. We welcome applications by all students attending Secondary School in Australia aged 15 years+ as of the placement date. The MSO can accept up to 30 students per placement and will hold two placements which run for three days:

**27-29 June 2023**

**5-7 September 2023**

**Applications are now open.**

**For further information visit:**

[www.mso.com.au/careers/work-experience](http://www.mso.com.au/careers/work-experience)

### Work Experience Parliament of Victoria



Whether you're interested in politics, planting trees, law-making or baking, your work experience placement at the Parliament of Victoria will be an experience you'll remember. This is a unique opportunity to undertake a one-week placement in either a Parliamentary Sitting or Parliamentary Services program.

[Parliamentary Sitting placements](#) provide the opportunity to see the law-making process up close. Students will go behind the scenes with the staff who directly support Parliament sittings, to get a deeper understanding of our democratic processes.

[Parliamentary Services placements](#) offer a variety of opportunities that can be matched with a broad range of student interests and career goals. Students will have the option to work with staff in one of the many professional service areas that support the day-to-day business of Parliament.

For further information visit:

[www.parliament.vic.gov.au/education/work-experience](http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/education/work-experience)

### CAREERS & PATHWAYS NEWSLETTER 2023

All Year 11 & 12 Students receive a weekly emailed edition of the North Central LLEN Careers Newsletter.

The Careers Newsletter includes information on upcoming Career events, University & TAFE Webinars, Open Day information, Apprenticeships, Scholarships, Gap Year opportunities, VTAC information + more.

If any Parents/guardians would like to be added to the email distribution list, please email:

[a.poxon@ncllen.org.au](mailto:a.poxon@ncllen.org.au)

### VICTORIA POLICE JOBS



Victoria Police are the primary law enforcement agency in Victoria. There are different areas that you may be interested in pursuing:

- Police Officer
- Protective Services Officer
- Police Custody Officer
- Victorian Public Servant

To view the different roles, careers and recruitment processes visit:

[www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=victoria+police+recruitment](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=victoria+police+recruitment)

### FIERCE GIRLS PODCASTS



From athletes to aviators, scientists to spies. From the deep blue sea to the dark, black skies. Australia is full of girls who dare to do things differently. Adventurous girls. Girls with guts and spirit. You know what they are? They're FIERCE!

And these are their stories. Join the amazing Daphne Hilton (Ceeney), Valerie Taylor, Nora Heysen, Mirka Moya, Yukultji Napangati, Marion Mahony Griffin, Queenie McKenzie plus more as they tell the inspiring tales of some of Australia's most extraordinary women.

Visit:

[www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/fierce-girls/](http://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/fierce-girls/)

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