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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.

28th Y12 Look after your mates.

March

1st School Fete

1st Silver Assembly

1st Goldfields Y4-6 Swimming

6th School Photos

7th NCD Y7-12 Triathlon

11th Labour Day Holiday

12th LMR Swimming Swan Hill

12th-14th Otways Excursion

13th NAPLAN Testing.

22nd Silver Assembly

25th-29th Yr10/11 Work Experience

27th Yr 5/6 Redball Tennis

28th Whole School Assembly

28th Last Day Term 1.

Principal Report:

Community Engagement

Engaging within our community is important because collaborative partnerships with the wider school community can significantly improve students' health, wellbeing and engagement. When schools strengthen relationships with families and their local community, there is a positive impact on student outcomes and school improvement.

The positive relationship our school has with families, friends and the wider community will be on display this Friday when our Parents' Club holds our School Fete. Our School Fete is on Friday 1st March 3.45pm to 7.30pm. I look forward in seeing all of our families, students, staff and our community come together to support this event.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is conducted in Term 1 and NAPLAN testing will commence on Wednesday 13th March 2024. More information will be provided to students and families next week.

School Council

Becoming an active member of School Council is a rewarding experience. It ensures students and parents contribute to and have a clear understanding of the direction and strategic planning of our school.

If you would like to nominate and join our school council, please contact our office on 5455 2201.

Communication

To further strengthen our communication with families, our newsletter will now be distributed on a Friday.

Kind regards,

Todd Woodfine

Principal



Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder,
OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

Please contact Vikki in the office if you would like an application form.

Ad-Hoc travellers on Buses

Please note that the Durham Ox and Pyramid Hill connecting buses are at capacity in 2024.

Any requests for Ad-Hoc travel must be in to the office a **minimum of 3 days** before travel, to have time to see if there is a spare seat on a particular day.

There will only be a spare seat if the school has had notification of a current passenger being absent, so there is **no guarantee** that your child will be able to access the bus upon your request.

Adrian Grogan
Bus Coordinator

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on the morning of Wednesday 6th March, starting with Foundation students at 9.00am. Family photos will be taken after recess. Please collect an envelope from the office if you would like a family photo taken. All students should have received a photo envelope last week. Please contact the Home Group teacher if this has not occurred. All envelopes need to be returned to the office, even if not buying photos.
Tom Bleicher

Please remember to send to school with your child a packet of tissues and wipes for classroom use in the F-6 area.

PLANT & CAKE STALL

Thank you to everyone that has kindly donated plants and cakes to the stall on Friday at the Fete. Could all plants please be dropped off on Friday at the school (near the Art Room). All Cake stall donations, could they please be dropped off between 8.30am - 9am to the Home Economics room or 2.30pm - 3.30pm to the Art/Tech Building.
Any questions to Kelly Henderson.

SCHOOL FETE March 1st

Boort District School

School Fete

Friday, 1st March

3:45 - 7:30pm

So many FREE & FUN activities. Bring family & friends!!!

FREE:

- Laser tag
- Rock climbing
- Airbrush tattoos
- Face painting
- Safe archery
- Jumping castle

- Ice cream
- Donuts
- Pizzas
- Baked Potatoes
- BBQ
- Market stalls

- Arts & crafts
- KIT Van
- Boort Ambulance & CFA
- Auctions
- Raffles
- Spinning wheel
- Games & more!!!

WITH THANKS TO:

Meal Options

AT THE SCHOOL FETE

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
CASH OR EFTPOS PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Boort District School Friday 1st March 3:45-7:30pm

Updated Roster.

Fete Roster 2024

		3.45pm	4.30pm	5.15pm	6pm
Pizza Cook			Potter	Potter	Potter
Pizza Servers	1		N & H Lanyon	N & G Malone	S Herrington
	2			S & A Muller	F Lanyon
BBQ COOKS	1		F & R Cockerell	L & C Beattie	T Byrne
	2		G & G Zanker	B & K Arnold	K & C Hird
BBQ servers	1			M & C Scott	J & S Henderson
	2			F & M Hall	S & G Stringer
Drink/Food Sales	1	M Crilly	T Maher Toose	B & M Perryman	J & B Hosking
	2	K & B Haw	J & J Sutton	F & G Caine	V & B Moresi
Desserts	1	J Curtis	J Curtis	Tammy Perryman	Kathy Velleley
	2	S Pattinson	P Ficarra	T & A Bird	K Gooding

Cake Stall Drop Off

8.30-9am	2.30-3.30pm
Kelly Henderson	Sherryn O'Flaherty

Friday Morning

11am - 1pm	Varlea McClelland	YR 8/9 Home Eco	H Chambers	S McNally
Set Up 2pm	S McNally	K Nelson	P Ficarra	K Gooding

PICK UPS

Cool Room	K & B Henderson
Butchers	K & S Lanyon
Umbrellas	K & S Lanyon
IGA	V & G McClelland
Drinks	K & B Henderson

Auction 6pm C O'Flaherty K & T Nelson

Thank you for your support, please try and arrange a swap if the time doesn't suit you.

Any questions please contact Varlea 0409189591 or Kelly 0427280583

Reading Helpers in the F-6 Classroom

This Thursday 29th February at 2pm we will begin our parent/carers reading assistance in the classrooms. Please sign in at the office before you go to the Silver or Grey building. If you are interested in helping listen to children read please contact me at the school. A current copy of a Working with Children must be provided to the school office. If you cannot make your allotted time you will need to please make contact with your child's teacher. Thankyou Sarah Featherby

NAPLAN 2024

This year, NAPLAN assessments will begin on Wednesday March 13th. Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Writing will take place on Wednesday March 13th. Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Reading will take place on Thursday March 14th. Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Language Conventions will take place on Friday March 15th. Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Numeracy will take place on Friday March 15th (2 tests on the Friday)

Exemption forms are available for exceptional circumstances. Contact the School Office if you require an exemption for your child.

Alysha Wilson and Carol White

Homework Help



Open to all
7-11 students
Thursday
lunchtime in G5



Catch up on missed homework
or get a week ahead.

Presenting the first ever

BDS WRITERS FESTIVAL

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL, 2024

Featuring:

			
Author: Fleur Ferris	Author: Jack Henseleit	Illustrator: Chris Kennett	Author: Amy Doak

		
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Leading up to the festival there will be writing competitions to enter with winners announced on the day.

More information to come.

F-6 Swimming Sports

On Friday last week, students from Foundation to Year 6 participated in their annual swimming sports. It was a great day and students represented their house with excellent colour and enthusiasm.

The day started with the Year 4-6 Swimming Races with all students involved in swimming 25 or 50m of their chosen strokes. It was great to see so many students giving their best in a variety of strokes. Congratulations to Tyla H, Carrie B, Connor M, Victoria L and Tarlin T for winning their respective age groups this year for our race program. These students will be presented medallions at our next assembly.

By the end of the races, Maroochy had established a slight lead on both Wakooka and Gungaroo.

At midday, all F-6 students joined together for their activities program including relay events, floating mat races, cork scrambles and biggest splash contests. As always the enthusiasm and house cheering was on display and with some assistance from parents and staff in the water, all students had the opportunity to add vital points to their house tally. Well done to all students who got in and had a go despite the mildly cooler weather.

By the end of the day, Gungaroo had finished first, followed by Wakooka then Maroochy. These points will prove valuable in the overall results across the school, which will be announced at our next school assembly.

Congratulations to the Year 6 Sport Captains for winning the Team Spirit Award this year for their fantastic cheering and support across the day. Thank you to Staff, Parents and family members for your assistance on the day and to our School Captains Eliza and Eddie for your support and assistance in the morning.



Huff and Puff at Boort District School

Year F-2 have been very busy each morning completing Huff and Puff. Students jog or walk around the oval for approximately ten minutes.

"I like Huff and Puff because the wind goes past when I run." Tyler.

"I like running fast." Esther.

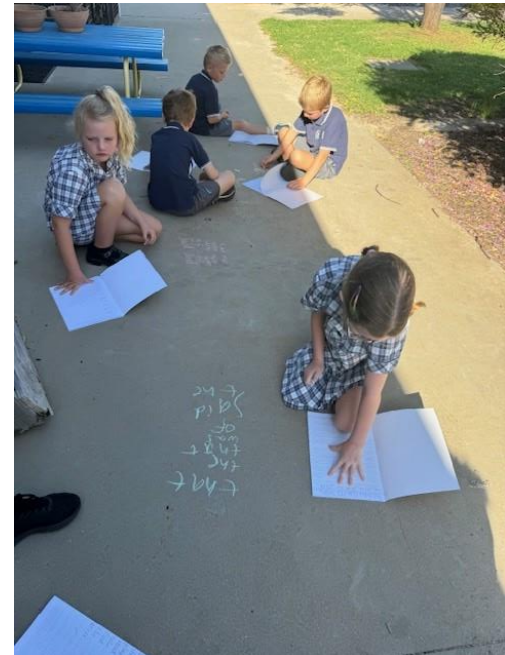
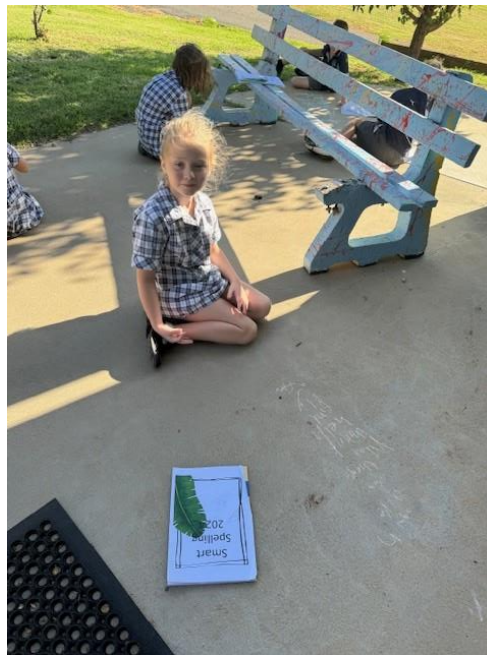
"It's really fun when we get to do a lot of laps around the oval." Casey.

"I like running." Kristie.



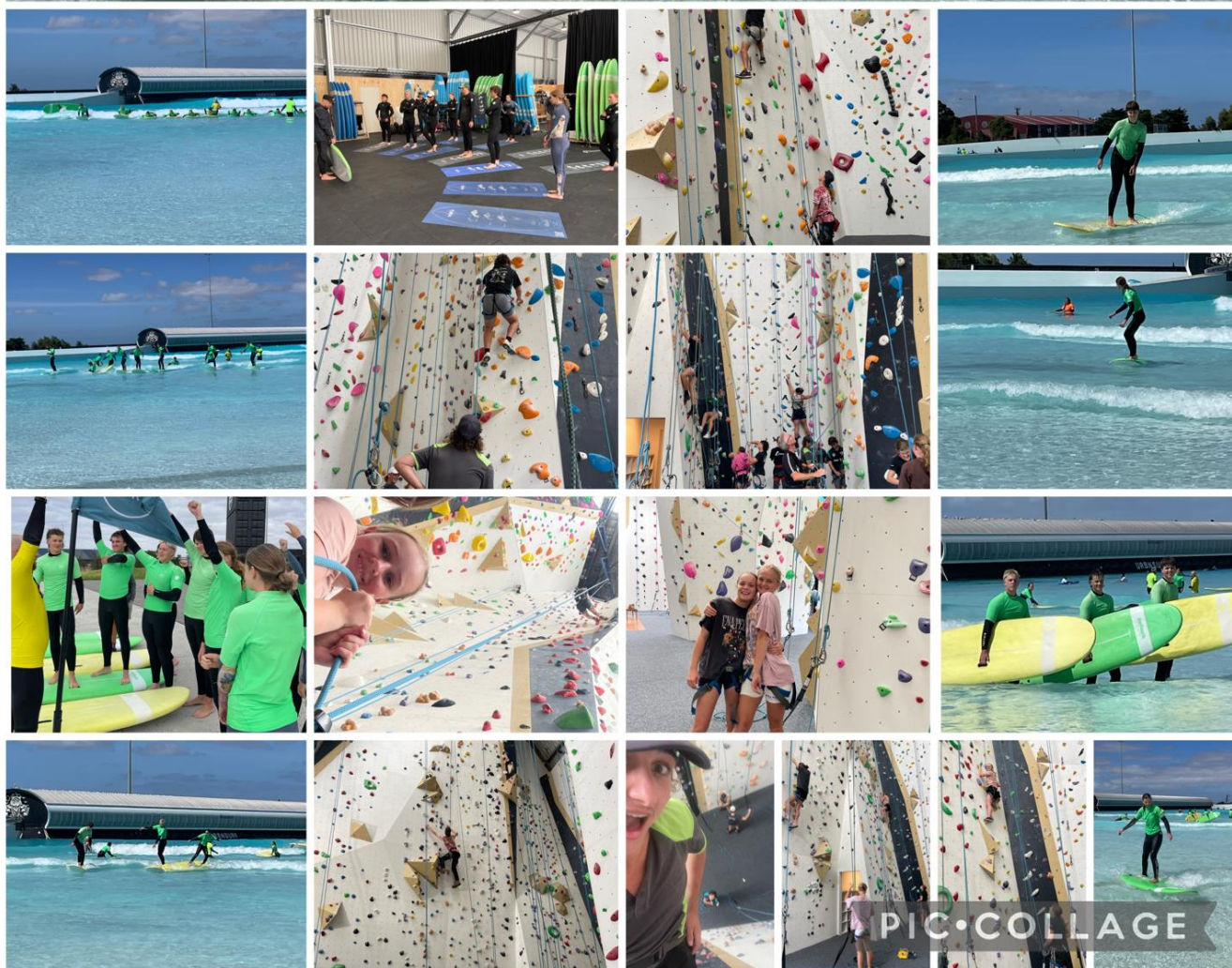
SMART SPELLING IN YEAR 1 & 2

Students in Year One and Two have begun the Smart Spelling program. On the first day we practiced our words with chalk outside.



Unit 1 Outdoor and Environmental Studies

On Monday, students participated in surfing and rock climbing in artificial environments. URBN Surf is a wave generating pool, where 10 waves come through in a set for all levels of surfers to ride. The consistency of the waves was a highlight to our students and the ease of walking back through the water to catch the next set was easier than the ongoing waves and pull of the natural environment. We visited Cliffhanger Climbing Centre in Altona which boast to have the highest rock climbing walls in the state. Students scoured the climbs challenging themselves to the different levels. We started at level 10 and some went all the way to level 25. Students will continue to investigate the comparisons in relationships with natural and artificial environments in class next week to consolidate the practical experiences. Thank you to Mr Grogan for assisting with the day trip.



SURF CAMP – Year 8 Outdoor Ed

On the 21st of February, the students from the Year 8 Outdoor Ed class ventured off to Torquay for their surf camp. The day started off with a long drive straight to our accommodation to set up camp. Our first surfing session was at Cosy Corner, where the waves were quite small and at times challenging to catch. The group was quite competent with everyone having a red-hot crack and spending some time vertically on their surf boards. Afterwards we had some afternoon tea and headed back to the caravan park to enjoy some relaxing time in the pool and the spa. On Day Two of the camp we had our surfing session changed to Anglesea in the hope of catching some better waves. The 6:45am wake up was well and truly worth it with the surfing conditions improving dramatically from the day before. All students impressed with their skills on the incline and keenness to be in the water. Afterwards students were given the opportunity to head to the surf shops and peruse around, as well as get some lunch from up the street. We filled in the early afternoon with sometime in the pool as well as spending some time swimming at the beach. By this stage it was extremely hot and the wind had picked up quite considerably. Unfortunately, this resulted in our Stand-Up Paddleboard session being cancelled in the afternoon. We were all disappointed but had had a solid day in the water doing activities to tire us out. We played some cricket along the shore of Anglesea river and headed back to the caravan park again for another relax in the spa before enjoying some of Torquay's finest, Bubba Pizza. A short night walk, topped off by an ice-cream and an early night was on the cards after a fun-filled exhausting day. Day three begun by an early wake up and a jog along the beach with a small group of students. Morale was high, enjoying some breakfast and packing up camp. Once we packed up we headed off to Geelong Adventure Park in what was much cooler conditions than the previous days. Students still had a great time here though partaking in a number of rides and activities. Afterwards we were back in the vehicles, with a short lunch break at Bacchus Marsh, and onwards to Boort.

Thanks to all families for providing some delicious homemade snacks which were shared amongst the group. Also thank you to Brooke Chamberlain for accompanying the group for the three days. Our students are to be congratulated on their behaviour across the three days, we trust they had a positive experience on what was a great camp.

Mr. Hatcher.



PARENTS CLUB EVENTS

TERM 1	SCHOOL FETE & BULB FUNDRAISER
TERM 2	BRIDGEWATER PIE & SLICE DRIVE (13TH JUNE)
TERM 3 & 4	FRUIT TREE & FRESH FRUIT FUNDRAISER! SHOWBAGS AT THE SHOW
MAY 10	MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA
AUGUST 30	FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

For more information contact: parentsclubbds@gmail.com

Interested in Agriculture or Veterinarian Studies?

Sign up for the NCLLEN Excursion to



Charles Sturt University

Explore Day
Wagga Wagga
March 19th 2024



Attend tours of the facilities, farm, accommodation & explore careers. Free lunch, live music and activities.



Depart Charlton on Monday 18th March 3.45pm
Accommodation provided in Wagga Wagga
Attend CSU Explore Day Tuesday 19th March
Return to Charlton Tuesday 19th March at 7pm
Funded by NCLLEN (meals not provided)
Limited to 40 Year 10 - 12 students
Parents welcome to attend



Register your interest by
Wednesday 28th February
<http://tinyurl.com/csuexplore>





Contact Susan Gould
for more information
0429927534

COMMUNITY NEWS



**BOORT - YANDO
CRICKET CLUB**

END OF SEASON BREAK UP AND
PRESENTATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13TH

Barbeque dinner from 5pm.
Please bring a salad to share

Bring your own chair
Drinks provided



Final cricket blast session at 4pm
"All in" fun cricket match from 5pm (Parents included)

Careers and Pathways

Year 10 Discovery Day



Friday 5th April (School Holidays)

Clayton campus

Have you been thinking about your future – what you should study, how to get the best study outcomes, and what's it like to be a Monash student?

Year 10 Discovery Day is for you!

Participate in our interactive faculty workshops and attend our information sessions that are designed to ignite your curiosity, fuel your aspirations and guide you through the next steps that lead to a bright future at Monash.

We even have custom-tailored sessions for your parents or guardians. We understand the importance they play in your education journey, and we want them to be as prepared as they can be to help you reach your academic goals.

To Register Visit:

www.monash.edu/discover/events/year-10-discovery-day

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY



WEHI is Australia's oldest Medical research institute. Under WEHI's Secondary School Work Experience Program, students will have a unique opportunity to learn about careers in medical research by participating in a five-day program of research activities with our scientific teams.

The program will give students direct experience working in medical research. As well as hands-on experience in the lab, the program also includes group workshops devoted to laboratory skills and safety, research ethics and science communication.

Up to 24 students will be selected for a five-day program:

17th – 21st June, or
16th – 20th September

The program will take place at the [WEHI Parkville campus](#) in Melbourne.

Applications Open Monday March 4th and close: 5pm Friday 15th March 2024

School students who are not able to apply for the Secondary School Work Experience Program may directly contact us about undertaking work experience at a mutually convenient time.

For further information visit:

www.wehi.edu.au/education/school-resources/work-experience

Quantum Victoria Discover Engineering Experience



Monday March 4th, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

The Virtual Experience showcase Engineers from different fields highlighting the importance and relevance of Engineering in our society.

Students engage with Engineers and learn about their area of Engineering and their projects through a live Virtual presentation including an interactive Q&A session.

To Register Visit:

www.quantumvictoria.vic.edu.au/events/discover-engineering-experience

ADF | Navy Careers Virtual Information Session



Thursday March 7th, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Consider a career like no other and work alongside likeminded, expertly trained personnel as a member of the Navy.

Speak with serving members about career opportunities at our virtual info session.

To Register Visit:

www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/



All Year 11 & 12 Students will start to 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.

Angela Poxon 
Careers and Pathways
Email: a.poxon@ncllen.org.au

Careers and Pathways

Career Pathways Program



Pam McConville, from the North Central LLEN, is Boro District School's Individual Career Pathways Coordinator. Pam is a qualified Career Development Practitioner who visits the College regularly each term for Career Development appointments with students in Years 9-12.

During these appointments, students discuss Subject selection, Personal Strengths, Abilities & Interests, Goal Setting, Career interests, Resumes, Work Experience opportunities, Post School study/work options etc.

Each student has a Career Pathways Plan that is updated after each appointment, and these reports are available to the Students & their Parents/Guardians.

www.ncllen.org.au/careers-748986.html



Attention: Year 12 Students



University of Melbourne Hansen Scholarship

Open: February 5, 2024

Close: April 3, 2024

Value: Up to \$108,000 AUD

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



Australian
National
University

ANU Tuckwell Scholarship Program

Open: March 7, 2024

Value: \$24,700 AUD per year

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

Charles Sturt | Explore Days



March 5th to March 26th, 2024

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12? Then Explore Day is your chance to check out what life at Charles Sturt University is like. Keen to check out where you'll be staying? Take a look at our accommodation and tour our campus, chat with students and get the lowdown from lecturers. There's even a free lunch and a swag bag of goodies.

Each of our Explore Day campuses will run different sessions on everything from arts to vet science, so there's lots for you to explore.

<https://study.csu.edu.au/why-charles-sturt/events/explore-day>



March 14th to March 16th, 2024

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo is open from March 14 to 16, 2024 at the Melbourne Showgrounds. The Expo will showcase over 130 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Visitor entry is free.

www.careeremploymentexpo.com.au/Victorian.html

Marine Biology Experience



April 22nd to April 28th, 2024

A practical learning experience on Maria Island for **year 11 and 12 students**. This predominately field-based unit consists of 5 days on picturesque Maria Island on the Tasmanian East Coast. The unit is open to 24 students and is designed to engage, challenge, excite and inspire you through a hands-on marine science program.

To help with the cost of getting to Tasmania, year 11 and 12 students currently living interstate will automatically go into the running to receive one of five fully funded packages.

Please note, applications close at 11.59pm on Monday, 26 February.

www.utas.edu.au/community-and-partners/schools/activities/sciences/maria-Island-marine-biology-experience

Pam McConville 

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