



## 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: Displaying a sense of Fairness**



We ask that students are not on the school grounds before 8.40am each day as supervision is not provided

### DIARY DATES

#### **November**

5<sup>th</sup> Oaks day dress up  
6<sup>th</sup> Gateways – Nelson's  
9<sup>th</sup> Year 8 NCTTC Orientation day  
9<sup>th</sup> Unit 2 OES Gunbower Creek Exc  
10<sup>th</sup> VCE English Exam  
11<sup>th</sup> Gunbower Creek Exc  
11<sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting  
13<sup>th</sup> Pyramid Hill Transition Day  
16<sup>th</sup> Last Day Year 11  
18<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kick start Year 11  
27<sup>th</sup> Youth Day Celebrations

### **Principal's Report**

#### Remembrance Day Service

We will not be able to hold a service as we normally do due to restrictions on whole school assemblies. Drew Crilly has been working on something with his class to deliver to the rest of the school.

#### Exams

VCE Unit 3/4 students start exams next Tuesday with the English exam. The last exam is on Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, our VCE Unit 2 students start their exam period before going into the Kickstart programme on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November to ready themselves for Year 12.

#### Snakes

We all realise this time of year brings out the snakes. We have had sightings at the school so we are cautioning everyone to be on the

lookout for snakes and to report them but leave them alone, if seen.

#### XUNO

As we are now in Week 5 of this term, there will be reports on Xuno to be checked. If you are not able to see any feedback waiting, contact the classroom teachers.

#### Correction Day

The staff will be involved in a correction day on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. This will be a pupil free day.

#### Orientation Day at NCTTC

Next Monday, Year 8 students will go to Charlton to look over the Trade Training Centre. They will then make decisions about their trade subjects for 2021.

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal

## Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School	At School	At School	At School	At School

## Parents' Club Raffle Winners

The winners of the raffle that was to be held at the fete in March was drawn at the AGM on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

The winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Sienna Adams

Pioneers Settlement Family pass, Big 4 caravan park voucher and fuel voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Garry Zanker

Home Hardware gift card, Arnold family Butchers voucher and Boort IGA voucher

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Roxy Aldrich

Basketball, drink bottle, socks

Many thanks to all our sponsors who donated gifts for the raffle. Winners have been notified.

## Family Accounts

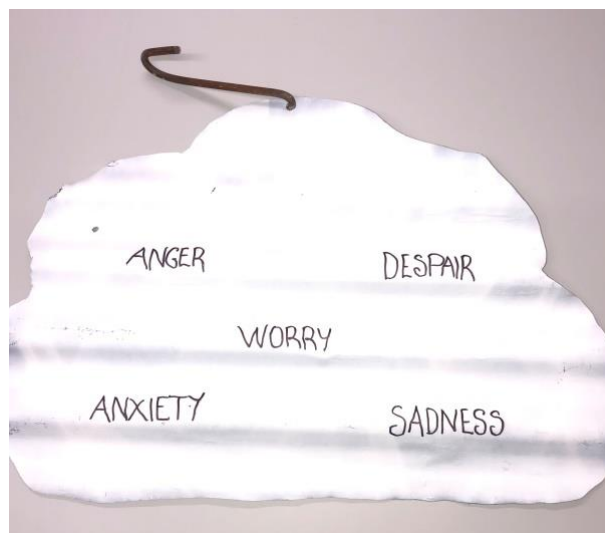
A reminder to families making payments into family accounts – could these please be finalised as soon as possible. If you have ordered a school magazine these need to be paid for **before** distribution.

## 2020 Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition

The Loddon Shire held its annual Healthy Minds Art Competition. 76 entries was received this year, and the quality of the work presented shows that there is exceptional talent within our Shire. This year's judges were very impressed with the way entrants produced their artwork to the theme of "Stop Stigma".

Boort District School needs to congratulate the competition's overall winner, which was Griffin Lanyon with his piece pictured below.

Boort has won the overall section four years in a row, which shows the talent of the young artists in town.



Head to [www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au](http://www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au) to the competition results and view all the winning artworks.

## Year 5's Interesting Melbourne Fact of the Week

**"On average, Melbourne imports 30 TONNES of coffee beans EVERY DAY, enough to make 3 million cups daily"**

**Miss Mac thinks she probably drinks that much per year.**

## **North Central LLEN**

Recently some students in our school (and other surrounding schools) participated in a survey as part of a youth led research project on 'How work works'. This project was a collaboration between the four Loddon Campaspe LLENs and was funded by the Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnership.

The report has been finalised, was launched, and formally received on behalf of Minister Jaclyn Symes by Danielle Green MP- Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> via a Zoom event.

The short, youth survey was an important part of the research.

The final report together with a great 1 minute video clip summarises some of the key findings relevant to young people in our area and can be found at <http://www.ncllen.org.au/youth-internships.html>

## **Library**

All laptops borrowed over the lockdown period need to be returned to school. Students in Year 6 and up will be receiving emails, if they have an overdue book. These books need to be returned the Library ASAP. We still have some outstanding that were borrowed prior to the lock down.



## **Unit 2 OES**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October the unit 2 OES students investigated a range of public land reserves and wetland environments. Students visited; Leaghur State Park, Lake Meran, Lake Murphy, Reedy Lake, Middle Lake, Lake Charm and Lake Tutchewop. The class gained an understanding of the purpose and importance of each wetland, the natural features, management strategies, flora and fauna and threats to the wetland environments. Some of the lakes visited are classified as Victorian listed RAMSAR wetlands, important for conserving wetland environments.



### **Outdoor Education practical skills**

The Year 9 Outdoor Education class displayed excellent leadership skills last week, working with the Year 6 class to demonstrate how to put up and take down the set of school tents. The Year 9's instructed the Year 6 students to teach them in a lead up to their camp to Swan Hill later this month. It was great to see a mix of students working together so positively.



# BOORT SHOW@BDS WOOL AND CEREAL JUDGING

The Gateways Class will be running a wool and cereal judging competition at school this year. We are asking students from farms or who have family on farms to enter their wool and cereal crops for judging. Collection of crops and wool will take place in the week of November 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. **There will be a table set out near the office to place these.** Please label with student / parent name and category for judging. Judging will be completed in the following week with prizes and ribbons awarded.

## WOOL

1. Fine Merino fleece
2. Medium Merino fleece
3. Strong Merino fleece
4. Best Lamb wool



## CEREALS

1. Sheaf of wheat in head – dry farming
2. Sheaf of wheat in head – irrigated farming
3. Sheaf of oats in head – dry farming
4. Sheaf of oats in head – irrigated farming
5. Sheaf of barley – dry farming
6. Sheaf of barley- irrigated farming
7. Best sheaf of canola

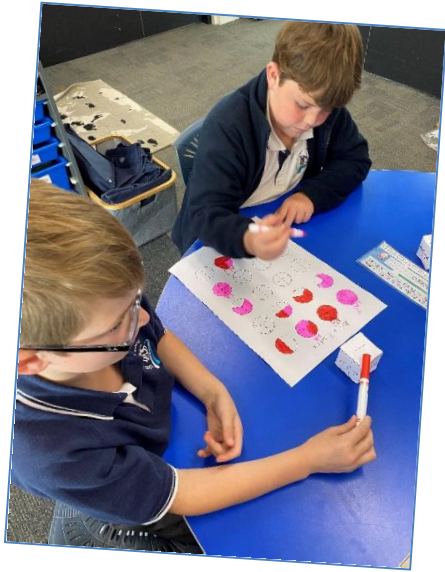
All state variety



Students will work with local farmers and people in the wool industry to develop their judging skills. Winners to be announced in the newsletter!!



# DECIMAL AND FRACTION FUN IN 2/3/4



# Technology Requirements 2021

**From 2021, the school will not be requiring iPad purchase and use for its Year 5-12 students.** While iPads are seen as a secondary device, we are asking that all Year 5-12 students have access to a Laptop computer. The school aims for a 1-1, student to laptop ratio. As part of this, all Year 5 to 12 students are required to supply their own laptop for use at school. This is referred to as the BYOD program (Bring Your Own Device). The Victorian Curriculum Digital Technologies curriculum delivery is also enhanced through student use of these devices. The school is unable to fund and supply quality technology for daily and ongoing student use.

This letter provides an early indication of Technology requirements at Boort District School.

In 2021, Boort District P-12 School will be using the following structure to ensure Technology provision for students in Years F-12:

**Foundation - Year 4** – Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and Foundation students will be asked to “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD), supplying an Apple iPad or iPad mini.

**Year 5 -12** – Years 5 to 12 students will be asked to “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD), supplying a Laptop. Students will also have class access to a bank of iPads in specific classes if required. An iPad should only be used as a secondary device.

Updating devices – students will be encouraged to update devices on a regular basis eg. when the warranty expires or perhaps 4/5 years of use.

Please note the information on the school website under BYOD, and the attached material, regarding purchasing options and recommended minimum specifications. A flowchart of requirements at each level is also included below. You have the option to select a Laptop package, based on cost and performance, and the information on the purchase of the iPads. There is also a finance option available through the ZipMoney finance company.

Microsoft Office is used throughout the school and all students are eligible to receive a free copy of Microsoft Office 365, as they will have an education based email account. There will be instructions on the school website and support will be available early in the 2021 school year to help students load this onto their computers if required.

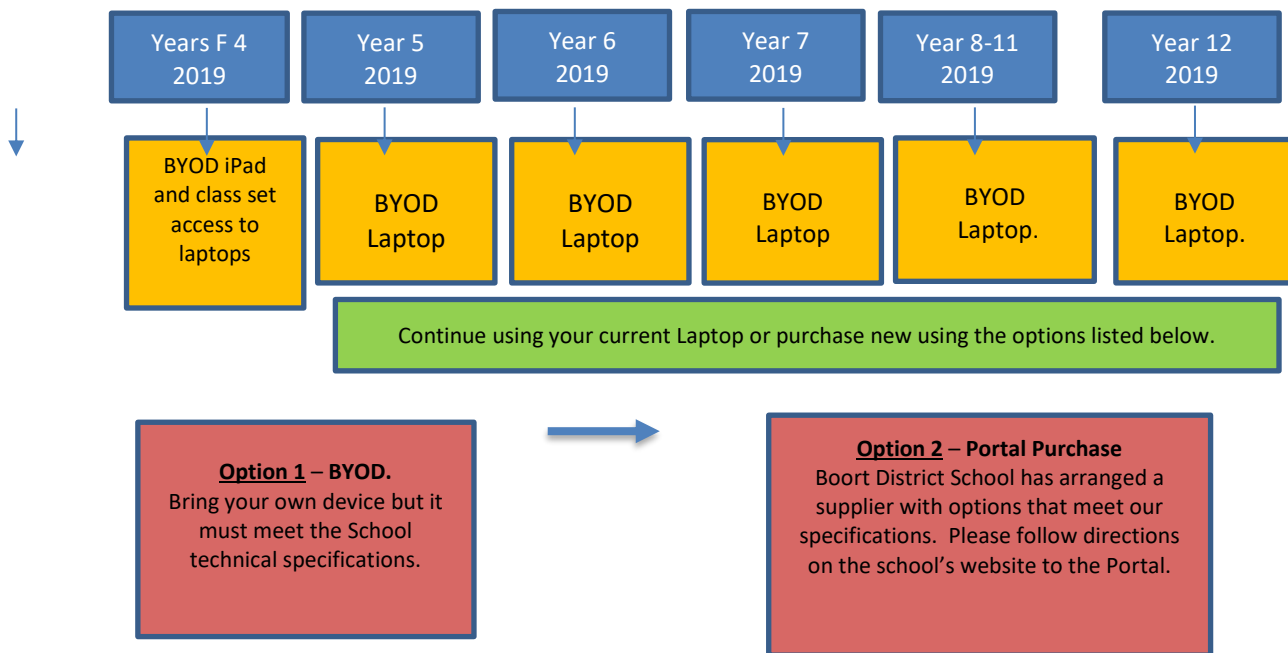
We remind parents / carers / students of the school’s Acceptable Use Policy, which needs to be completed and returned to the school in order to enable students to access the network and WiFi. The school’s Bullying and Harassment Policy, on the school website, also covers our response to Cyberbullying. The Acceptable Use Policy will be forwarded at a later date.

We understand that there may be situations that arise where provision of these devices is difficult. In these cases, we have a limited amount of machines to loan to students. An ICT levy payment will be required in these cases so that the technology can be serviced and updated. Please contact Merryn Rees to discuss further if required.

We urge parents / carers to have students organised for the beginning of the 2021 school year, with access to laptops required for Year 5-12 students.

Lee-Anne Sherwell  
Principal

# BOORT DISTRICT P-12 TECHNOLOGY STRUCTURE 2021



## Technology Structure 2021

**Foundation – Year 4:** Students will take part in the BYOD iPad program in 2021.

**Year 5:** Students will begin the BYOD Laptop program and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

**Year 6:** Students continue using their BYOD Laptop and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

**Year 7:** Students continue using their BYOD Laptop and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

**Year 8-11:** Students continue using their BYOD Laptop and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

**Year 12:** Students continue using their BYOD Laptop and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

## Purchase Options

### Edunet:

Link to Portal is available from the BYOD section on the school's website.

The Portal has a number of options that meet the school's specifications.  
Finance options are available.

**BYOD:** Bring Your Own Device to ensure that it meets the minimum technical specification.



**BDS Recommended Minimum Specifications**

In 2021, Boort District School students will be required to BYOD, providing devices with the minimum specifications outlined below.

**Recommended Minimum Specification**

Device Type	Windows Laptop	Mac Laptop	iPad
	(Year 5-12 use)	(Year 5-12 use)	(Year F-4 purchase)
Operating System	Windows 10	OS X 10.12 or higher	Latest iOS
CPU	Intel i3 (or equivalent) or better	Intel i3 or better	
Minimum Screen Size	11" or bigger	11" or bigger	iPad or iPad Mini
Storage/Hard Drive	64GB in size+ SSD for speed	128GB SSD	Recommended 32GB or larger
RAM	Minimum 4GB, 8GB recommended	Minimum 4GB, 8GB recommended	
Minimum Battery Life	6 hrs or more	6 hrs or more	6 hrs or more

## BDS Suggested Device Specifications

In 2021 all Boort District School students will be required to supply a BYOD for school. Below is the suggested specifications for devices.

Device Type	Windows Laptop (Year 5-12 use)	Mac Laptop (Year 5-12 use)	iPad (Year F-4 purchase)
<b>Operating System</b>	Windows 10	OSX 10.14 or higher	iOS 12 or higher
<b>CPU</b>	Intel i3 (or equivalent) or better	Intel i3 or better	
<b>Minimum Screen Size</b>	11" or bigger	11" or bigger	iPad or iPad Mini
<b>Storage/Hard Drive</b>	- 64 GB or larger in size. - SSD for speed	128GB SSD	Recommend 32GB or larger
<b>RAM</b>	Minimum 4GB, 8GB or greater	8GB or greater	
<b>Minimum Battery Life</b>	6 hrs or more	6 hrs or more	6 hrs or more
<b>Warranty</b>	Encourage 3yr	Encourage 3yr	Encourage 3yr
<b>Example Purchase Locations</b>	Harvey Norman JB HI FI Officeworks CentreCom BDS BYOD Portal – Edunet Manufactures Websites: Dell, Acer, HP, etc	<a href="http://www.apple.com.au">www.apple.com.au</a> BDS BYOD Portal – Edunet Officeworks JB HI FI Harvey Norman CentreCom	<a href="http://www.apple.com.au">www.apple.com.au</a> BDS BYOD Portal – Edunet Officeworks JB HI FI Harvey Norman CentreCom
<b>Software</b>	Google Chrome; Microsoft Office; Antivirus		
<b>Additional</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All students are eligible to download a free copy of Microsoft Office 365, as they have a 'school supplied' education based email address. See the schools website for guide or instructions</li> <li>- Students must ensure that their files are regularly backed up.</li> </ul>		

Boort District School wants students to have a good BYOD setup that will be reliable, supported and will last. As a school, we encourage the purchasing of devices that will have the physical capabilities (including warranty) to be usable and functional in both the home and classroom environment for many years. We understand that purchasing ICT equipment is not always an easy or cheap option/decision for students and their parents. Computing requirements, capabilities and their options can become complex and overwhelming which is not a situation we want our school community to be in.

We are providing a list of suggested specifications for both Notebooks and iPads that we hope will help to inform parents and students about what are key features to look for when choosing appropriate devices from any supplier. The suggested specs are aimed at devices which will last for a minimum of 3 years, but the unlimited number of computer combinations and individual usage can allow for lower spec machines to be more useful, compatible and, potentially, have a longer life.

For parents/families that wish to have an easier option when purchasing a device for their child, Boort District School has partnered with Edunet to provide a BYOD Portal that has a small selection of devices that the school knows will work in school/classroom

<https://boortp12.technologyportal.com.au/>

Access code is: Boort2021

Please access this to see the options that are available through Edunet.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### NOTICE OF AGM and General Meeting

**November 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm Venue TBA**

**Positions to be filled: President, Secretary &  
Treasurer**

With all positions available to be filled, please consider taking on a role to ensure the future survival of the club.

If anyone is interested in assisting with lessons or completing a Vic Swim course, please contact Karen Haw or email the swimming club.

**Please email [boortswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:boortswimmingclub@gmail.com) if attending. A Zoom meeting will be created if more than 10 people.**

**For further details: President, Karen Haw  
0437 017864**

## 2021 JUNIOR COACHING POSITIONS

**Boort Football Club are seeking Expressions of Interest for  
U13 and U16 Coaching Positions**

**To apply email [boortfc@y7mail.com](mailto:boortfc@y7mail.com)  
with your expression of interest by 5.00pm Monday 16th November**

**For more information contact  
President Kane Arnold  
0438 858 491**







**NDCH**

Northern District Community Health

NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!

#### Things to say to your child to build confidence and resilience

While we all show our children in many ways how much we love and value them, it can be so beneficial and lovely to tell them how we feel too! Here are some statements to say to your child to build confidence and resilience-no matter how old!

##### **It is ok to be different**

There is a lot of pressure to fit in but it is our differences that make us special. It can be hard during youth to be different though. Let your child know that you support them being themselves.

##### **I am so proud of you**

We may often think of how proud we are of our children or tell others but it is important that we make an effort to tell them this as well. It is often our acknowledgment that means the most to them.

##### **Your voice matters**

When your child has something to say, give them the time, space and support to say what they need to say. Showing that you value what they have to say now will help them come to you when they are older with opinions, ideas and concerns.

##### **I love you**

It seems so simple but you can never tell your child that you love them too much!

For more information see: <https://www.mamapsychologists.ca/>

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

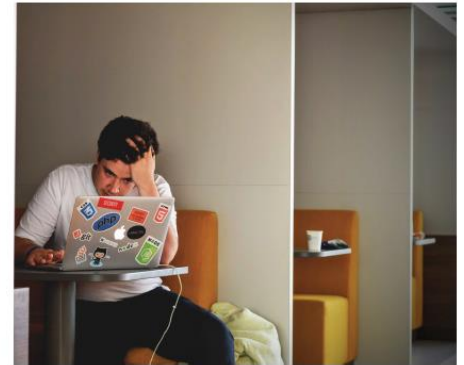


**CHEMISTRY, HEALTH AND  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT,  
MATHS METHODS AND  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION**  
**Mon, 2 November**  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

**ENGLISH AND ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE**  
**Fri, 6 November**  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

**REGISTER**  
<https://bit.ly/2HDPYEH>

## Online Tutoring SWOTVAC 2020



### What is RESN?

RESN is a not-for-profit who provides free, online tutoring for regional and rural students. They have a team of passionate VCE, HSC, QCE and IB graduates.

RESN is dedicated to the goal of providing access to high-quality tutoring for regional/rural Australians.

Their team of over 350 experienced volunteer tutors support Year 12 students with their studies and subject learning.

All tutors engaged through RESN have undergone Working with Children checks and have provided valuable support to rural Year 12 students for the past three years across both Victoria and New South Wales.

### Drop-in Tutoring Sessions

These consultation sessions are an opportunity for students to ask questions and receive live tutoring. Students are not required to attend the entire two hours, but are encouraged to drop in/out as suits.

The sessions will be held on a secure online platform and will be supervised by staff from the Country Education Partnership, with tutors provided by RESN.

Students should come prepared with questions or specific topics they would like clarity on.

**RESN**



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