

NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2023

Principal's Report

On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank the parents who accepted our invitation and took the opportunity to meet with our teachers on Monday and Tuesday afternoons to discuss their child and the 2023 school year ahead. Research consistently indicates that the partnership between school and home enhances the learning and wellbeing of our children. Thus, our teachers appreciate parents informing them and sharing information that may have an impact upon our students' learning, as well as the opportunity to meet parents to begin the learning relationship with each family.

The first of our year level camps is coming up later this term. Our year 5 students will be heading off to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat for their annual camp on March 27th. This camp provides our children with wonderful learning experiences through the multitude of exhibitions and activities depicting key events in our nation's history. Students will have the opportunity to participate in activities and see skills and trades that were commonly used throughout the gold rush era. Important information, including student medical forms have been distributed. These need to be completed and returned to home group teachers no later than Monday, February 27th.

One of the ways that some students can be supported to participate in these invaluable learning experiences is through the Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund (CSEF). This funding is provided to support eligible families to cover the costs or part of the expenses of excursions and incursions, camps and sporting events and activities. If a parent holds a valid concession card, Department of Veteran Affairs card or is a foster parent, they may be eligible for CSEF. The funds will be paid to our school and can be used towards expenses of authorised events. Each primary child would be allocated \$125. Application forms are available from our school office or may be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Once again in 2023, our school newsletter each fortnight we will be showcasing the achievements and reflections of our PLPS students as they grow and develop through our learning programs and events. Each fortnight will feature a particular year level cohort with illustrations of students' work, student reflections or photos and captions of what the children have achieved and enjoyed. The first showcase, in our newsletter last week, was our Prep cohort of students. It was lovely to see the excitement and smiles of our Prep students enjoying their first week at school. Our Prep children have had a positive start to the year and are settling well into the routines and structures associated with attending school, as well as their learning program.

A reminder that our Prep students will be attending school each day of the week, starting as of Monday, February 27th.

In this week's newsletter, our Year 6 students are showcasing their learning and programs.

This year our students in years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in March. This is a change from previous years, when the assessments have

been conducted in May. The students will complete the assessments online, except for a paper test for year 3 writing. Our students will participate in tests in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The assessments will begin on Wednesday, March 15th and conclude by Friday, March 24th.

The tests in these various disciplines provides parents with an understanding of how individual students are performing in these areas at the time of testing.

Pamphlets detailing further information for parents, including links to the public demonstration site, will be distributed to our year 3 and year 5 families today via Compass. If you have any questions about your child's participation in the assessments, please contact the school.

NAPLAN testing is just one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting program and this NAPLAN data complements assessment that is conducted on an ongoing basis by our teaching staff in the learning spaces.

Individual student reports will be returned to the school later in 2023 which are then distributed to parents and students.

Today our students in years 5 and 6 participated in an incursion, 'Safe on Social'. The incursion promotes student wellbeing through cyber safety education. Some of the topics include; using social media with awareness, online stranger danger, how to manage group chats, respectful online relationships and consent and many more areas of interest.

We are also hosting a Family Information session for parents and carers from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. This session will be hosted in the Year 6 learning space in the Northern Learning Cluster building and is an open invitation to all interested parents.

With the warmer weather upon us, can I urge all parents to support our school by ensuring that their children have a sunhat with them at school, particularly during first term when the UV element is at its highest. We strongly encourage all children to develop this important life skill but require the support of parents to provide the sunhats. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.

The care and safety of all of our students and members of the PLPS community is of utmost importance. This care is required and applies to our parent drivers when dropping off and collecting students at peak traffic periods before and after school. Can I please ask all drivers to adhere to road and parking rules in order to keep everyone safe. Please keep in mind, the staff car park is not a drop off or pick up zone immediately before or after school.

A reminder that nominations for our 2022 School Council will close on Wednesday, March 1st. Please contact the school if you require a nomination form.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 10th February - Friday 24th March: Summer Interschool Sports

Monday 27th March - Thursday 30th March: Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

IMPORTANT MESSAGE Sharing of food

Sharing of food items is NOT permitted at PLPS, due to reasons associated with health, safety and family beliefs and choice. Food cannot be distributed to other students: this includes food items to celebrate birthdays. Non-food items can be shared for birthdays, if so desired.

When food items are being used within the teaching and learning programs at school, communications will be posted on Compass to parents and carers outlining the food items being used. Parents will have the option to discuss implications for their child or opt out of these activities.



Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in Term 1.

It is strongly recommended that all students have their hats on when they play at recess and lunch time out in the yard.

Please remember to label your hats too!



ICY POLE FRIDAY

We will be selling lemonade icy poles at lunch time on Fridays during term 1

Icy poles are \$1.40 each and can be purchased from the Canteen.

Learning in Year Six

In our Learning Community, we have had a positive start to our year as leaders of our school. We have been developing our Year Six Community to ensure we have a successful year.

In Maths this term, we have started learning about two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes and their properties. For example, how many vertices or angles and which type. It also includes faces and sides. Adding on we have also peeked into learning how to improve our automatic recall. We do 'Beat the Clock' where we had to answer 100 questions in 100 seconds using the same skill, automatic recall. We also are going learning how and where to locate coordinates on a Cartesian plane. It takes precise measurements to locate coordinates on a map. - Pravean and Namish



In writing we have been focusing on adjectives, punctuation and grammar. We have been revising adjectives and we have learned some of the describing words that indigenous people use to describe their land and animals. For example, jarrah noongar (tree) was dancing in the wind beautifully. Some of punctuation we have revised includes full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks. We designed a lesson for Year One students using their writing to help show our understanding of punctuation and how it is used. Indi and Georgia



In Science, we are learning about the states of matter and change. This unit is called 'To change or not to change'. There are 5 states of matter. They are called Bose- Einstein condensate, solid, liquid, gas and Plasma. Bose-einstein condensate is the first state of matter and has very low amounts of energy leaving not much space for the molecules to move around. Solid is the second state of matter and has slightly more energy than the Bose-einstein condensate meaning the molecules are tightly packed but vibrate on the spot. Liquid is the third state of matter and has more energy than a solid and the molecules move around each other as there is more energy leaving them with more space to move around each other. Gas is the fourth state of matter and has more energy than a liquid. Plasma is the last state of matter and has high amounts of energy meaning they are barely together. To help us learn about the different states of matter, we have been observing experiments to observe changes in different materials. Ashnoor and Alizay



Learning in Year Six



In Reading, we have been focusing on the book *Refugee* and building our schema on how people become refugees. We have been looking at what is going on in Syria where we've seen videos of children explaining their story of what happened. We have learnt that Syria is landlocked now, and a lot of people have fled to Turkey and living in tents. We have also learned about Cuba, where it is and about the former leader Fidel Castro. In the book *Refugee* by Alan Gratz we have been following three characters: Isabel, Josef and Mamoud'. We are looking forward to finding out more about Refugees and what happens to the characters as we go on, Sarah and Nyalat

In History, we have been learning about refugees and asylum seekers. We have looked and push and pull factors that lead to migration and immigration. People may leave a country due to war, better opportunities, religious beliefs or even for health care. We learned an asylum seeker is a person who seeks for safety after something forces them to flee their home country. They usually go to camps while they are waiting to get accepted to another country safely. Refugees have gone through the same things but have already been accepted into a country. Clayton and Matthew



In Geography, the Year Sixes are learning about Australian landscapes. We are also making a map of Australia. So far, the Year Sixes have finished the major and capital cities, state lines, landmarks and we are just about to finish the terrain for their maps. We have also been learning about the different parts of a map like the key and compass. Once we have finished they will be moving on to the other continents, like Africa, the Americas and Europe. Nicholas



Attention Parents/ Guardians

Please be aware of the parking restrictions on both Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit.

The Cardinia Council enforces the parking restrictions and regularly monitors the parking zones and areas around the school.



Staff Carpark

Our school carpark is for staff parking between 8.30am and 3.45pm on school days by order of the School Council.

During these times parents are not permitted to park in the school carpark.

The carpark is not permitted for use for dropping off and picking up students or for leaving your car unattended while collecting your children.

This is to ensure the safety of all students in the school.

Thank you

LATE ARRIVALS

Every student arriving after the 9am bell must come to the school office to collect a Late Pass to take to their teacher.

If students do not collect a late pass, parents Will receive a text message at 11:30am advising of their child's absence.



Cardinia Playground Upgrades

Last year the Parks and Planning Department from Cardinia Council visited Pakenham Lakeside Primary School and gave students the opportunity to participate and have their say in what they would like to see included in the selected playground renewal program.

Thank you to all students who participated and gave their feedback in this activity.

The Cardina Council are pleased to advise that the chosen playground designs have been awarded for Parman Avenue Reserve, Creekwood Park and The Parkway in Pakenham.

The concept plans can be viewed at <https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/playground-renewals-2023> which show the proposed landscaping layout and surrounds.

Parking Around the School

Street parking is available along Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit.

Please be courteous to our surrounding residents, when parking, dropping or collecting students from school - **obey parking signs, do not park in or over driveways.**

We ask that you leave enough time to drop off and pick up children in a safe and legal manner.

If you park near the school please follow the parking restriction signs. These are designed to improve safety for everyone, especially our children.

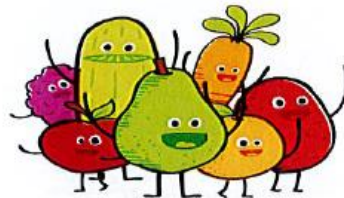


Nude Food Fridays



PLPS began their weekly 'Nude Food Fridays' in week 1 of this term.

What is Nude Food? Nude food is food without excess packaging such as extra plastic bags, paper bags, wrappings or cling wrap. The purpose of "Nude Food Fridays" is to promote a healthier environment in the school yard. Having a healthier environment means less rubbish around the schools and it also displays PRIDE in our environment and the importance of keeping it clean and safe!



The benefits of packaging "Nude Food" also includes:

Improve Your Child's Nutrition:

Creating waste free snacks and lunches reduces the consumption of packaged, processed foods and increases the intake of fresh, whole foods. Compared to fresh foods, pre-packaged food often contains more kilojoules, fat, salt and sugar. Avoiding those quick, pre-packaged snacks reduces waste and ensures better nutrition for your child.



Reduce Landfill:

Australia is the second highest producer of waste per person in the western world! School lunches are contributing to this, with the average lunch-toting child generating around 30kg of litter a year. You can do your bit to reduce this by packing a school lunch without including any unnecessary packaging, yoghurt suckers, small tubs, zip-lock bags, paper bags or cling wrap. By reducing the amount of excess packaging this will reduce the amount of waste that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill.

Nude Food Fridays



Save Money:

Avoiding pre-packaged foods and buying foods in bulk can save time and money. Even better, a home-made carrot and apple muffin/frittata/muesli slice will have a much greater nutrient value AND you can control the amount of sugar used, avoiding preservatives and additives completely. By making your own lunchbox goodies, you can then purchase the raw ingredients in bulk too – instead of buying a 6 pack of yoghurts, purchase a large tub and make up individual, leak proof containers for lunch. For more information go to: <https://www.nudefoodday.com.au>

Examples of Nude Food

Nude Food includes a wide array of options, as long as there is no extra packaging. This could include:

- A sandwich in a reusable container
- A sectioned lunch box with snacks in compartments
- Yoghurt in a reusable container
- Muesli bars and snack in reusable containers and wraps
- Fruit and berries in a reusable container



BABY MASSAGE CLASS

For parents, step-parents, grandparents, and carers of children aged 0-12 months.
Join us for a free 6-week program to share and experience a different way of connecting with your child

Noticing and understanding your baby's cues

Creating a stronger bond with your baby

Using massage and other communications to comfort, soothe and settle your baby

Growing your skills and resources for more confident parenting

DAY: Fridays 17/2, 24/2, 10/3, 17/3, 24/3, and 31/3

TIME: 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

WHEN: 17 February - 31 March

WHERE: 75 Army Road, Pakenham

COST: FREE



INQUIRIES:
Vanessa Hammond 0429 454 693
vanessa.hammond@anglicarevic.org.au
Register via the QR or email Vanessa





Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts for 2023 are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

It is important that funding made available in 2023 supports students to participate in school trips, camps and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you are new to our school this year or if you would like to apply for the first time, please complete an application form and return it to our school office as soon as possible. **Applications for the CSEF program for 2023 close on 23rd June 2023.**

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page - <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/resources>.

Check with our school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerrie Kingston-Gains', written in a cursive style.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School

5504

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent under a temporary care order* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold [Card](#))**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes No

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I ~~authorise~~ the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation ~~eServices~~ to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also ~~authorise~~ the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You ~~are able to~~ request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

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

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards OR be a temporary foster parent, and:
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

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 the above.

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

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30th January 2023) or term two (24th April 2023).

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: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

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

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. **The CSEF program for 2023 closes on the 23rd June 2023.**



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VICTORIA



BECOME A JOEY SCOUT WITH LAKESIDE PAKENHAM SCOUT GROUP

We are looking for enthusiastic
5-7 year olds ready for lots of fun to become Joey Scouts!
Challenge yourself, get into the great outdoors and make lots
of new friends!

Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30pm
Henry Family Children's Centre

Contact us today for a free 'Come and Try' night!
Please email LPSG.Membershipenquiries@gmail.com



Joey
Scouts



Cub
Scouts



Scouts

Other sections also accepting new members:
Cub Scouts (8-11yrs): Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm
Scouts (11-15yrs): Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

<https://www.facebook.com/LakesideScoutGroup>





U9 & U11 PLAYERS NEEDED

FOR THE 2023 NETBALL SEASON

FOR SATURDAY & WEDNESDAY COMPS

TRAINING MONDAYS | 5:30PM - 6:30PM
CORALYNN RECREATION RESERVE

AGE | 7 - 11 YEAR OLDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL:

NETBALLCLUB.CORALYNN@GMAIL.COM



NEW IN 2023

NOVICE NETBALL

8 WEEK NETBALL CLINIC *for Beginners*
MONDAYS | 5:30PM - 6:30PM
CORALYNN RECREATION RESERVE

AGE | 7 - 11 YEAR OLDS COST | \$85.00

CLINIC COMMENCES MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL:

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**Officer & Surrounds - T1
All Girls Auskick Centre**

**Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve
Sundays February 26th - March 26th
9am - 10am**



For more details, contact lachlan.modica@afl.com.au



Edenbrook
SECONDARY COLLEGE

2024 YEAR 7 SCHOOL TOURS NOW OPEN

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**

School Tour bookings are now open for students wishing to enrol in Year 7 2024 at Edenbrook Secondary College, for families residing permanently within our zone.

These tours will be conducted by a member of the College leadership team and will provide an opportunity to see our school.

To check eligibility for enrolment at Edenbrook, please go to <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>

**TOURS WILL RUN FORTNIGHTLY ON TUESDAYS
PROMPTLY AT 9:00AM.**

133 Henry Road, Pakenham 3810

P: 03 5943 9200 E: edenbrook.sc@education.vic.gov.au

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL VIA COMPASSTIX

[HTTPS://COMPASSTIX.COM/E/Z8QA9MHLCK](https://COMPASSTIX.COM/E/Z8QA9MHLCK)

We warmly invite you to our...

GRADE 5 & 6 OPEN NIGHT

THURSDAY 23RD MARCH 2023

5 PM - 6:30 PM

Our College aims to provide a quality education for all students :

- Friendly and Caring Environment
- Supportive Learning Communities with Modern Learning Facilities
- Extensive Sports, Music, Creative, and Performing Arts Programs
- EduNet's BYOD - Bring Your Own Device Program
- Compass Education School Management System

Alternatively, you can book a tour held each Wednesday at 11 AM for interested families that are unable to attend

For all enquires and to book a tour please contact Administration

03 5997 1444

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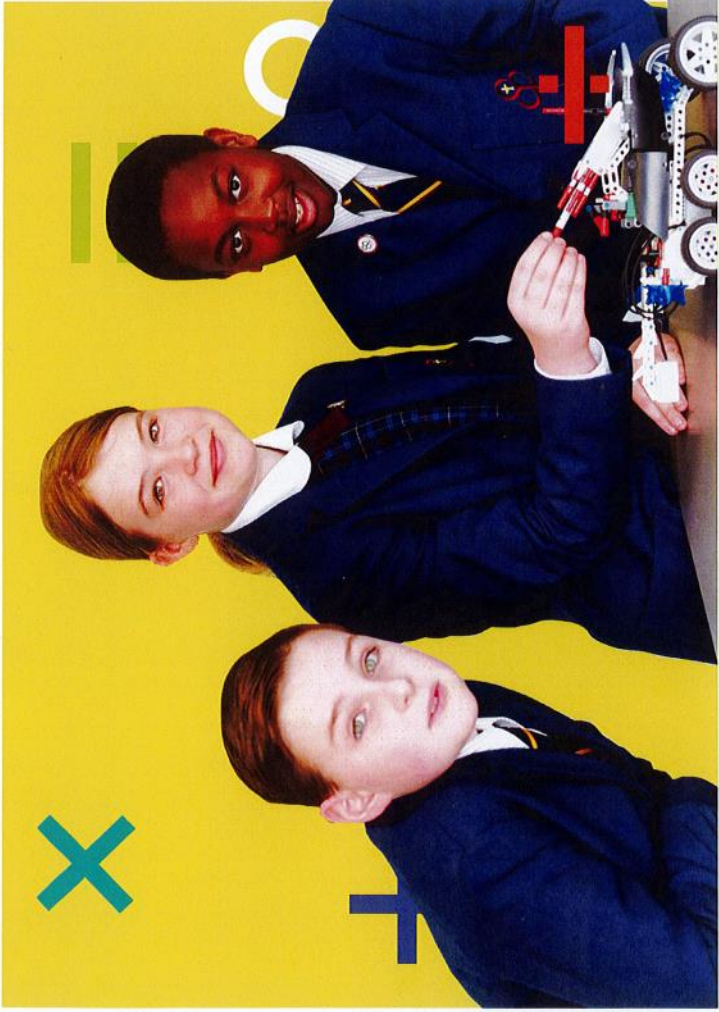
Learn more information about:

- Transition from Grade 6 to Year 7
- Our Learning Communities and Facilities
- Excellence Program - S.E.A.L.
 - School Bus Program
- Inclusive Education Program
- Extra-curricular Activities
- College Experiences



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SECONDARY COLLEGE





Year 7 Scholarships

Current Year 6 students who excel are encouraged to apply for our Academic Scholarships and an extended range of Personal Excellence Scholarships.

Whether you love Sport, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, STEM, Business/Entrepreneurship, Leadership/Community Service or Environmental Awareness, consider joining Gippsland's leading school to pursue your potential.

Visit stpaulsags.vic.edu.au or contact us on 5623 5833 for more information.

Applications close Friday 24 February 2023

Time for Secondary?

Choosing a secondary school that will best suit your child is one of the most important decisions you can make.

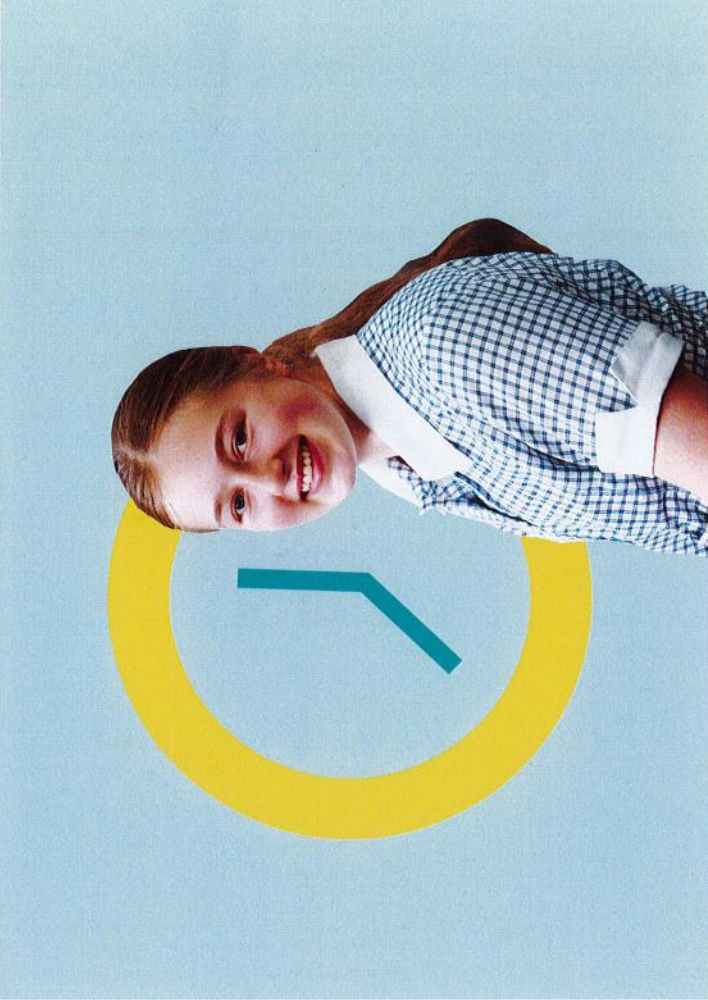
At St Paul's, we understand that each and every student has their own educational journey. Caring teachers provide tailored extension and support within our academic program, while our breadth of co-curricular activities challenge all students to pursue their potential beyond the classroom.

Year 7 2024 Information Evening

Wednesday, 8 March 2023, Warragul Campus

Tours from 6pm, Presentation 7pm

Register now at stpaulsags.vic.edu.au





Lakeside
COLLEGE



"Explore a smaller Prep to 12 school community where your child is cared for, known and supported".

Lakeside College is a smaller P-12 open enrolment Christian school in the Lutheran tradition, located in Pakenham.



Happenings

Read more at
www.lakeside.vic.edu.au



2024 Enrolment Interviews open in March



Student led tours



Sibling discounts



OPEN DAY

18th
March

10am - 2pm

- Meet our dedicated staff
- Experience our caring environment
- Learn about our curriculum
- Music Performances
- Food Technology tastings
- Science demonstrations & much more

P: 5941 7544

E: enrolments@lakeside.vic.edu.au

W: www.lakeside.vic.edu.au

2 Portobello Rd, Pakenham VIC 3810

Principal Tours
Tuesday 9am
Thursday 5pm