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## COMMUNITY NEWS



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# From The Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Students,

Welcome to the final term of 2023. I hope it has been a smooth start for you all and I would like to thank you for your support in making it a successful start here at the College.

## Farewell to the graduating class of 2023

There is always a mix of emotions from students and staff at this time of the year as our Year 12 students reach the end of their time with us. We recently farewelled our Year 12 students during a whole school assembly. There was a mix of excitement, celebration and recognition of their achievements as well as some sadness as they move from the familiarity of schooling into the variety of pathways ahead. Students also participated in a Year 12 celebration day at Gumbuya World where they enjoyed some warm weather and fun with friends and staff. I am looking forward to celebrating with students and parents at the Valedictory dinner in December.

For students undertaking Year 12 examinations, I hope that you are able to meet your goals and that you are rewarded for the effort that you have demonstrated throughout Year 12.

For all Year 12 students, I would like to wish you all the best for the future.

## Farewell Michelle Lynch and welcome Michelle Colette

As many parents and students are aware, Michelle Lynch will be leaving the College in the coming weeks to take up a position at Sandringham College. I would like to thank Michelle for the energy, dedication and enthusiasm she has demonstrated in her role as Year 7 to 9 Assistant Principal. In a short time at the College, she has built many positive relationships with all members of the school community.

Michelle Colette has recently begun at the College as the Year 7 to 9 Assistant Principal and brings with her a wealth of experience in educational leadership. I look forward to the excellent work that she will bring to our year 7 to 9 students.

## School events

There have been some excellent student events that have occurred since our last newsletter. Some personal highlights have included:

**Senior Arts exhibition** - the standard of the work from students was exceptional. It was especially great to see Visual Arts exhibited along with Design and Technology pieces as well as Media productions, Dance and music

performances. The staff across our Arts areas have done excellent work with many of these students in building their skills and confidence as artists over multiple years. The exhibition was a credit to them as well as the students. Congratulations to all students who participated and many thanks to the parents and family members for your support of this work.

## **Literacy and the Premiers Reaching Challenge (PRC) events**

– It was wonderful to celebrate both of these events with our students and to also share the PRC assembly with many proud parents. Our students in Years 7 to 10 are to be commended for demonstrating their love of reading as part of the challenge. The PRC event featured student speakers, presentations and an afternoon tea.

**Polyhood and the 4C's performance at Bunjil place** – 4C's is an event that has been grown and developed in the outer southeast of Melbourne over many years. It stands for 'Cultivating Creative Cultures with Communities' Our students across a variety of year levels and cultural backgrounds worked tirelessly to prepare performances to share with both the local and broader school community. During 4C's at Bunjil place our students finished the show with an outstanding performance that was a fitting end to three nights of performances and cultural celebration.

## Awards and recognition

**Division and state athletics** – Congratulations to our students who recently competed at these events. Please see the article in this newsletter for student names and individual achievements. Our students are also to be commended on representing themselves at the College in a respectful and responsible way.

**Training Awards** – A huge congratulations to Joachim Lopez-Valoa who was awarded the Victorian School Based Apprentice / Trainee (SBAT) student of the year. As you may have seen through previous newsletters and Facebook posts, Joachim is undertaking an SBAT as part of the College Head Start program. In this program, he is supported to successfully manage his VCE studies with training and work placement in the field of Marine Engineering at Kangan Institute and Mercury Marine respectively. He is now in contention for the National SBAT Student of the Year. Congratulations to Joachim, the Head Start team and his teachers for supporting his success.

**Victorian Education Excellence Awards** - Congratulations to our Student Wellbeing Team (SWT) who have been nominated for a state-wide award in the category of 'Outstanding Education Support team. The SWT are

an essential part of our school program and work incredibly hard to support wellbeing education, awareness and strategies for students. The diversity of approaches and programs implemented by the SWT is excellent.

**Lyrebird Awards** - Once again our staff and students have been nominated for multiple awards for the College production. The nominations include Outstanding Acting Partnership, Highly Commended Performer, Best Cameo Performer, Best Costume as well as a further two awards that recognise the uniqueness of the play and the theatrical styles and set design used to communicate the story. The teamwork and partnerships that are developed between staff and students as part of the production is something that is well and truly worth recognising and celebrating.

### Uniform

Thanks to all parents, carers and families for their support of our processes and expectations regarding student school uniform. There continues to be a noticeable improvement in our students arriving for school in full school uniform ready to learn. I would like to remind everyone again that if families are experiencing any barriers or challenges regarding uniform, they are encouraged to contact the school so we can provide support.

New uniform items have been developed and will be available via our supplier before the end of 2023. This process has been a lengthy one and has included multiple opportunities for student and parent input. This process has been a valuable one for the College resulting in a general 'upgrade' of materials while still remaining faithful to the College colours and existing uniform. The integration of new and existing uniform will occur over an extended duration to ensure students and families are not disadvantaged by this change. The students we have met with have been pleased with the final outcome. The final designs of the new items will be shared via Compass and the college website very soon.

Many thanks again for your ongoing support of the College and our students in Term 4 and I am looking forward to a successful remainder of the year.

David Caughey  
College Principal



## Key Dates

Fri Nov 3	Student Free Day
Mon Nov 6	No scheduled classes
Tues Nov 7	Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Wed Nov 8 - Tue Nov 14	Year 11 VCE exams Year 11 VCE VM Skills Plus
Thu 9 Nov	College Council 5 pm - 6pm
Wed 15 & Thur 16	Year 11 retreat
Mon 20 Nov	Year 11 Readiness week

Fr 24 Nov	Final year 11 classes
Mon 27 Nov	Year 10 Readiness week
Fri 1 Dec	Final year 10 classes
Mon 11 Dec	VCE results released
Wed 20 Dec	Last day 2023

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# State School Spectacular

Congratulations to our team of Mass Dance and Mass Choir students who performed at John Cain Arena on Saturday, September 9 as part of the 2023 Victorian State School's Spectacular.

The process began in February this year when we announced that our school would be performing in this year's show. Students expressed their interest, auditioned and completed the applications in order to join the team. Throughout the year we have attended several HUB rehearsals where we have rehearsed the songs and dances with other schools before joining all schools at John Cain Arena.

On Thursday the 7th of September we met at Cranbourne train station at 7:20am and made our way into the city together. Once there we were able to see for the first time the enormity of the event and the mammoth number of students and schools involved. We were fortunate enough to have teams representing our college in the Mass Dance and the Mass Choir. Their experiences were both wonderful – but very different. The Mass Choir were on show the entire length of the performance unable to hide from the audience or cameras for a well-deserved break, whilst the Mass Dancers emerged from underneath the arena for our 8 dance routines, before exiting again.

On Friday we met for an even bigger day at 6:30am and made our way into the city together. Once there we took our places in the stands, donned our costumes and made our way into our caterpillars ready to rehearse the second act of the show. In the afternoon we ran the entire show ahead of the matinee and evening performance on Saturday.

Not even the weather could hold us back from having an amazing time and putting on a spectacular show for the audience. The students performed sensationally well for the live audiences and also for the cameras. After months of rehearsals, our Mass Choir and Mass

Dancers demonstrated how hard work, perseverance, focus, commitment and enthusiasm can pay off.

Thousands of steps were made, many snacks were had, friendships grew, and laughs were had. On behalf of Kat Mizzi (Mass Choir), and myself (Mass Dance), we would like to thank all of the students involved and their families for being a part of the teams and for jumping in with both feet to be a part of this huge event. We would like to thank Angus Landy (Mass Choir) and Hayley Robinson (Mass Dance), for dedicating their time to support our students throughout this event.

Our students represented our college incredibly well. We are so incredibly proud of all of you. Thank you for following our instructions, for being responsible, for arriving on time, for communicating effectively and politely with your families, for being grateful, for learning your lines and your moves, for being enthusiastic, for being lifelong learners, for taking risks and most of all for being the kind, friendly and respectful people that you are. Superstars – all of you!

The Victorian State School's Spectacular will be televised later in the year.

Congratulations again to our teams for the VSSS.

**MASS CHOIR** – Rebekah Spencer, Christine Kelly, Sarah Pregara, Kasey Stiles-Harkin, Rylan Reeves and Nyandit Malual.

**MASS DANCE** – Caitlyn Chittock, Shardae Boon, Renisha Bist, Marie Juglall, Tahna Minty, Willow Moore, Jasmine Heath, Bella Rutowicz, Sharni Williams and Cjay Perkins.

*Ms McGloin  
Arts & Technology Leader of Learning*

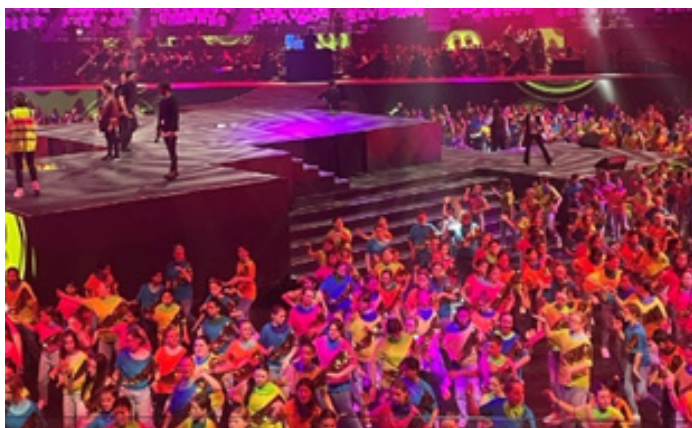
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## Product Design Wood



In their collaborative unit, students in Product Design Wood have produced a range of unique furniture pieces on display at the Senior Arts Festival. Student designs all follow different skill sets, and it is up to them to collaborate throughout the design, research, concept, and creation of these projects.

*Mr Spence  
Learning Area Coordinator Wood/Metal*





## Class of 2023 Whole School Assembly

Graduation day celebrations ended with a whole school assembly. This was an opportunity for the College to come together to farewell Year 12. It was a memorable occasion for our Year 12 students and a perfect send off. The assembly ended with a whole school guard of honour for Year 12. It was a special way to farewell the Class of 2023 – the entire College was clapping and cheering them on as they walked out of the stadium. As many of them approach their final exams, we keep them in our thoughts and offer our best wishes. We're thrilled to follow them as they embark on their next adventure! Look out world!

*Mr Massouris  
Assistant Principal*



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## Class of 2023 Alumni address

Elijah Jones, College Captain for the Class of 2021, spoke at our whole school assembly to farewell our Year 12 students on their final day of secondary school. Elijah spoke about how he is working as a tutor at the college while studying a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Arts, alongside a Bachelor of Education, at Monash University. He spoke about his recent travels, experiencing different cultures and making amazing friendships along the way.

Elijah recalled his last day at Cranbourne Secondary College two years earlier, the turmoil of emotions, the excitement to finish high school, his determination to do well in exams, ambitions to go to university and to travel to as many countries as possible. He also spoke about his apprehension for the future and self-doubt. "Optimism for the future comes a fair share of fear. I was self-critical with thoughts like what if my perfect life plan doesn't pan out the way I want." He reminded students that these fears are normal and that their life ahead is what they make of it, saying, "Now is your chance to take on the world and find and pursue your passion. Always remember that opportunities to achieve greatness are within your grasp."

We are so proud of Elijah and his achievements, and we thank him for sharing his experiences with the Year 12 cohort and for inspiring them as they begin their post-high school journey.

*Jenny Hammond  
Alumni Program Coordinator*



## Year 12 Food Studies

### Year 12 Food Studies Students Explored Sustainable Practices at Caldermeade Farm

As the academic year approached its conclusion, our enthusiastic VCE Food Studies students had the privilege of embarking on an educational journey to Caldermeade Farm. This outing provided them with valuable insights into environmentally sustainable milking and land management systems, with a particular focus on how these practices relate to the world of food production. The farm tour was designed to give our Food Studies students a first-hand understanding of the interconnectedness between food production and sustainability.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the exploration of the farm's rotary milking facilities. Our students had the opportunity to observe Caldermeade Farm's innovative and sustainable milking system in action. They witnessed the integration of modern technology and responsible practices aimed at minimising waste, reducing environmental impact, and ensuring the welfare of the farm's animals.

For our Food Studies students, this experience was

particularly significant as it allowed them to witness the journey of milk production from the farm to the table. They gained a profound understanding of the importance of sustainable practices in food production and how they directly impact the quality of the products we consume.



*Ms Carr  
Student Leadership, Agency & Voice Leader of Learning*

# Basketball Academy 2024



Cranbourne Secondary College conducted its first-ever tryouts for the Cranbourne Secondary College Basketball Academy in 2024. The tryouts were overseen by High Performance Coach Nick Mihai, with assistance from the Cranbourne Secondary College Basketball Academy staff. The event was highly successful, with 17 student-athletes being offered a place in the academy.

For those interested, there are still openings available for the 2024 academy intake. [Please visit the college website if you would like to find out more information.](#)

## Features of the academy for 2024 include:

- Individual strength and conditioning programs created in partnership with Casey Basketball, Coach Mihai, Deakin University and Local Elite Athlete Gyms
- Excursions to elite training facilities such as Hoop City
- Access to state-of-the-art fitness and basketball facilities at Cranbourne Secondary College
- State-of-the-art fitness testing and injury management
- Tailored academic program for each student including extra training sessions at Cranbourne Secondary College
- Leadership camps and excursions
- Tournaments every term
- Personal Cranbourne Secondary College kits

*Mr Clements*

*Basketball Academy Coordinator  
Health & PE Leader of Learning*



*High Performance Coach Nick Mihai putting student athletes through some drills and skills*

## Brain Teaser!

Can you figure out our Maths Brain Teaser for the month?

Be the first person to email the correct response to [Cranbourne.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Cranbourne.sc@education.vic.gov.au) with the title: Maths Brain Teaser and receive a \$10 Canteen Voucher. Winners will be announced on the Compass News Feed.

**There is something strange about this addition square. Can you work out what the missing number is?**

+	3	8	11
3	6	11	2
8	11	4	7
11	2	7	



# 2023 PBS Behaviour Expectations and Matrix

This year we have reviewed and published a new PBS Behaviour Matrix. All students will have recently received a paper copy of the new matrix during a year level assembly. The matrix outlines how students can demonstrate our respectful, responsible, learning and community behaviour expectations. If you would like to view and download a copy of our new PBS behaviour matrix you can do so [using this link from our college website](#). Discussing our behaviour expectations with your child/ren helps us all to support students to consistently demonstrate our behaviour expectations. If you have any suggestions or feedback about our matrix, you can contact Karie Hullin by phoning the college or via email: [karie.hullin@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:karie.hullin@education.vic.gov.au)

## PBS Bowling Excursion

On the first day of Term 4, a group of 17 students went bowling. These students exchanged 150 of their positive behaviour credits to go on the bowling excursion. Students enjoyed bowling with students from other classes and year levels.

We plan to run another PBS bowling excursion later in the year. The date is yet to be determined. Keep an eye out for information about this on Compass.



## PBS X-Change Valedictory Dinner

### Tickets and Year 12 Jackets

The 4 students who have attained the most PBS credits in Year 11 and Year 12 will be announced. The Year 12 students will receive a Valedictory Dinner ticket. The Year 11 students will receive a Year 12 Jacket. If students have already purchased a ticket or a jacket they will be reimbursed. Stay tuned for the announcements at an upcoming assembly!

## How do students earn PBS credits/house points?

Earlier this year the SRC worked collaboratively to develop additional ways for students to earn PBS credits which are also house points. See the below table which summarises how students can earn PBS credits/house points. If your child has additional feedback or suggestions encourage them to raise this with an SRC member.

Ways to earn credits/house points	Number of <u>credit/house</u> points	Example
Demonstrate a behaviour from our PBS matrix	1 credit/house point	Arrive on time Participate in learning activities Ask for help when needed
Participate in a college/house event (Internal events)	10 credits/house points	Athletics, Swimming, Colour Explosion, Show Up, Science Week Competition.... more to come!
Place in a house/college event	First place: 25 credits/house points Second place: 15 credits/house points Third place: 10 credits/house points	Determined by judges or event rules
Assembly award	5 credits/house points	100% Attendance, Highest GPA, GPA Growth, PBS Award, Value Award
College Representation (External events, selected students, Camps/excursions excluded)	10 credits/house points	Leadership summit, Sport, State Schools Spectacular, Model UN... more to come!

Ms Hullin  
School-wide Positive Behaviour Support Leading Teacher

# Junior School News

## Year 7

### Cranbourne Botanical Gardens

The Year 7 Humanities classes went to the Cranbourne Royal Botanical Gardens. The students enjoyed ponding and finding shrimp and other local organisms that live in the bodies of water. The students also got to see the bones of local fauna such as koalas, possums, kangaroos and more. Overall, the Year 7s loved being out in nature and exploring all their local area has to offer whilst engaging in our Humanities curriculum!



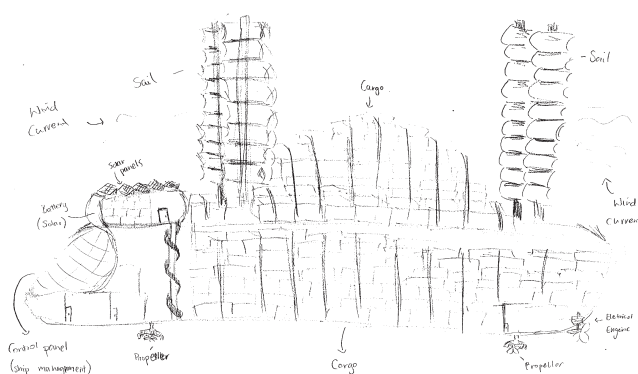
### Year 7 Science Week Competition Winners

Students had to create an innovative project or other scientific create in an open-ended competition. The submissions were judged by science faculty staff and students. Below are our Science Week winners

*Ms Gunn*  
Year 7 Year Level Leader



1. Arifa Ali Khan and Alice Chinn 7B – Utopia glasses



2. Sonita Lay and Bhuvu Chitlangya 7E  
Cargo ship innovation.



3. Khody Alison 7B – Ninja (Bearded Dragon)  
Conservation

## Year 8

### Cranbourne Botanical Gardens

The year 8 students went out in their classes to the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens to learn more about the Southern Nose Bandicoot to support their learning in Humanities classes.

The excursion involved two parts; Exploring the Gardens and completing a workshop on native animals and how to protect and preserve our native Fauna and Flora.





*Year 8 students at  
Cranbourne Botanic Gardens*

### PBS Credits

Across the course of term 3 the year 8 cohort has had 7161 credits issued.

Being closer to the later stages of the year, the students are really starting to reap the rewards of demonstrating the expected behaviours over the year so far with 57 students X-Changing their credits for desired items in year 8 this term alone. The PBS X-change is open at lunchtime in W10 on Tuesday for years 7 & 8 and Thursday for years 9 - 12.

*Mr Smith  
Year 8 Year Level Leader*

### Year 9

The Year 9 cohort has been taking part in Immersive electives which has seen them engaging in activities out in the community. Students were able to interact with members of the community respectfully and responsibly to further our learning community. They will have another immersive elective next term.

### Immersive Electives

The students have taken part in some amazing incursions and excursions as part of their immersive electives. They have built shelters, completed their First Aid certificate, received their food handlers certificate, visited the Institute of Sport, played soccer with Melbourne City, visited Parliament House, met an author and an illustrator, visited the local radio station and are creating a mural.





## Year 9

### Celebration Day

The Year 9 cohort had their celebration day. It was a great day where students and their Connect teachers were able to engage in some exciting activities. The morning activities included a flower crown workshop, making Kokedamas, yoga and meditation, karaoke, board games, art therapy, Nintendo Switch, boxing and canine

comprehension. After recess, the whole cohort danced up a storm at our silent disco. A big hit was the photo booth and doing the Nutbush. The students enjoyed some pizza and homemade cupcakes for lunch. Our last activity was trivia in our Connect classes with 9E, A and H taking home the prizes for getting the most correct answers. We all had a great day!

*Ms Dickson  
Year 9 Year Level Leader*



### Shrine Excursion

As part of their Australian History curriculum, year 9 students visited the Shrine Memorial to find out how an entire generation of Australians had their lives shaped forever by their participation in the First World War.

#### Student reflections:

*"I liked learning about the experiences and mindsets of the Australian Soldiers. I learnt that we should remember the deaths and sacrifices of the past and prevent mistakes in the future".*

*"The most interesting thing about*

*visiting The Shrine was seeing Liz placing the poppy and giving a minute of silence. You can see the emotion on her face, I found it really cool how she was proud to be a part of her family and what they did."*





## Battle of the Bands

South East Victorian Region held a Battle of the Bands in our Cranbourne Community Theatre. Cranbourne Secondary students performed in 3 bands along with 29 other bands (over 180 students!) from schools across our region.

The second band to perform for the day was the Cranbourne Junior Band (Nayandit Malual, Evan Goodman, Calen McCreath, Luca Nuzzaco, Eddie Lonski, Zakk Roschutz & Gaeb Ambos) who played Zach's Song (School of Rock) and Flowers (Miley Cyrus). Some of the students have only been playing for a few months and did a brilliant job; a testament to the amazing work Katarina Mizzi has done with all our band students. Nayandit did stellar work, covering all the vocal duties in the absence of her usual bandmates Neivannah Lalaloa & Amelia Rahbar.

Around noon the Cranbourne Senior Band (Kasey Stiles-Harkin, Alex Brewer, Sarah Pregara, Asha Payton, TK Upton & Kayden Simmons) took to the stage to do tight and stylish versions of Baby One More Time (Britney Spears) and The Man Who Sold the World (David Bowie), each song arranged by Kat and the students.

Later in the day, our third college band, AFU (Hunter Wallace, TK, Alex, Kayden & Kirk) played their original song, Unspoken, and Crying Lightning (Arctic Monkeys). As with all our bands' performances, they were passionate and professional, receiving thunderous applause throughout the set.

The Cranbourne Secondary College students played a huge part in fostering an amazingly supportive atmosphere among all performers on a day that all participants will remember fondly. It's been many years since this type of event has been held in this region, and the atmosphere was more buoyant than any we've seen in the past.

32 bands. Over 180 students. More than 20 teaching staff from across the region. An experience that may well have kicked off some future careers in the music industry.



*Ms McGloin  
Arts & Technology Learning Specialist*

### Chess answers

Solution to chess puzzle:

1. Bxb5+ Rxb5 2. Qc7+ Kd5 3. Qc4+ Kxe5 4. Qd4 checkmate

## Division Athletics

The Cranbourne Secondary College Athletics Team had a very successful day representing the College at the divisional athletics day. The College placed second overall out of 8 schools.

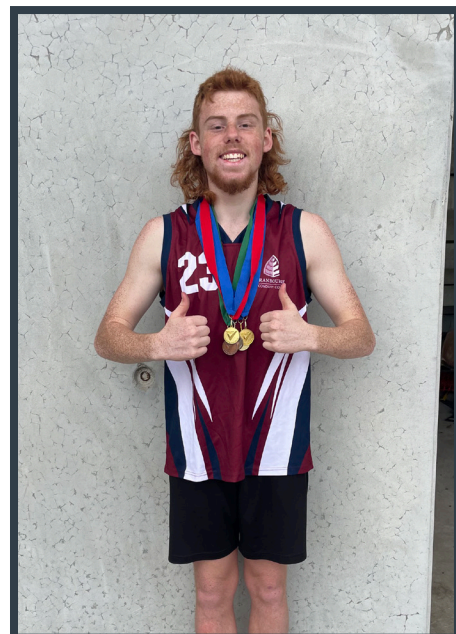
The students below will represent the College in the next stage.

Student name	Age Group	Event
Messiah Kur	12-13 Boys	90m Hurdles
Kaden Morgan	16 Boys	1500m
TJ Caruana	18 -20 Boys	1500m
Kade Clancy	16 Boys	200m Javelin
Brodie Whittaker	15 Boys	Discus
Junior Se'e	18 - 20 Boys	High Jump
Angel Faifili	18 - 20 Girls	High Jump Javelin Shot Put
Reanna Kennedy	14 Girls	Long Jump
Elsie Irwing	16 Girls	Long Jump
Mackenzie Dando	17 Girls	Long Jump
Steven Panga	12-13 Boys	Triple Jump
Felix Tua	18 - 20 Boys	Triple Jump
Charlotte Dean	18 - 20 Girls	Triple Jump
Macaslyn Tuitama	16 Boys	Shot Put
Oscar Irwing	17 Boys	800m

Congratulations to Angel who broke two records.

- 18-20 Girls shot put – Old: 8.59m      New: 9.35m
- 18-20 Girls high jump – Old: 1.31m      New: 1.45m

*Ms Miller  
Sports Coordinator*





## School Based Apprentice of the Year

Cranbourne Secondary College Head Start student Joachim Lopez-Valoa took out the School Based Apprentice of the Year category at the 2023 Victorian Training Awards live gala. This state level award ceremony celebrates the outstanding achievements of individuals, employers and training providers in Victoria's TAFE and training sector. Joachim had previously been recognised by Kangan Institute winning the 2022 School-based Apprentice of the Year.

Joachim is working for Mercury Marine and undertaking an apprenticeship in Certificate III - Marine Mechanical Technology. In November he will travel to Hobart for the Australian Training Awards gala event.

Congratulations Joachim on your journey!



## Work Experience



Work experience done right!

Oscar impressed his supervisor so much during Year 10 Work Experience week this year that his employer offered him a School Based Apprenticeship after just one week in the workplace.

Oscar has some clear goals on what his pathway looks like and is already undertaking a VCE subject in preparation for that. His final goal is to be an architect who can also build what he designs, his initial thoughts were to complete his apprenticeship and defer university however, discussions with his employer have him thinking he can continue his apprenticeship part-time working it around his university commitments. We are looking forward to seeing where Oscar's journey takes him.

Congratulations Oscar on commencing your apprenticeship in carpentry.

## Head Start

Cranbourne Secondary College year 11 student, Bjiana and her school-based traineeship peers joined Jacinta Allan to check out the Suburban Rail Loop. All the girls are completing a 2-year traineeship while completing their secondary studies with the support of Head Start staff.

If this is something that you are interested in. Please pop into the Head Start office (W building) to discuss opportunities that might be right for you.



*Ms Fox & Ms Nikolaou  
Head Start*

# STEAM



This year, we are proud to have two STEAM ambassadors at Casey Tech School; Vaishnavi Negi and Oscar Moore from year 9 STEAM class.

Both students are heavily involved with STEAM projects at Casey Tech School outside school hours, where they use new innovative equipment and forms of modern technology. Recently, they were involved and prepared for a STEAM festival that Casey Tech School held for primary school students ranging from grades 4 to 6.

## *Oscar presenting to primary students at STEAMFEST*

This is Vaishnavi's statement about her experience at Casey Tech School and especially preparing for the STEAM festival:

*"As a student not knowing anything about STEAM to being a Student Ambassador, I saw a lot of things and STEAMFEST was one of the most memorable events in my whole life where I was proud of grade- 4, 5 and 6 students for learning new things from different metal chemicals to change the colour of fire or flying drones or learning about green screens. Also, great thanks to my team, as we taught them 'How to trick their body' and even make them talk to 'ALEX' our 65 year old robot, which some of the kids liked but as he's old and dying, they were even scared of him. It was the best experience of my life where I overcame my fear of crowds and I would like to thank Ms Amvrosiadis for giving me the opportunity like this and I enjoyed it very much".*

The year 9 and 10 STEAM classes attended the sustainability housing program at Casey Tech.

It was a successful event where students discovered ways of using new technology to build sustainable houses which are energy efficient. Our students were well behaved and showed initiative in their building designs



The 7E STEAM class embarked on a creative endeavour, crafting and refining innovative milkshake recipes with the goal of minimising food wastage. This engaging project aimed to explore strategies to conserve resources and curb the unnecessary disposal of food. The students of 7E STEAM exhibited exemplary teamwork and proficiency in the kitchen. From conceptualising unique milkshake recipes to meticulous testing, they not only showcased their culinary prowess but also fostered a collaborative environment by sharing constructive feedback with their peers. Demonstrating a strong sense of responsibility, the students diligently cleaned up, leaving the kitchen spotless—a testament to their commitment to sustainability and efficient resource utilization.

On behalf of the STEAM team, I extend heartfelt gratitude to Jen Rice, Tony Stops, Kiah Johnson and Kirsty Roberts for their invaluable contribution in bringing

the STEAM milkshake activity to fruition. Your support has played a pivotal role in turning our vision into reality, and we sincerely appreciate your commitment to fostering innovation and educational initiatives within our community.



*Ms Amvrosiadis  
STEAM Coordinator*



# Library News

## CBCA Book Week – Read Grow Inspire

Our library celebrated Book Week with the following events: CBCA Shadow Judging, an online author visit, House event book reviews, an award-winning Picture Book Storytime, Australian School Library Day, and promoting our inclusive environment through supporting Wear it Purple Day.

## CBCA Shadow Judging

Our book club participated in CBCA's (Children's Book Council of Australia) shadow judging of the Older Readers category again this year. This is a great opportunity for young voices across Australia to be heard. Most of our creative responses were discussion-based over a hot chocolate and a cookie or two. Ama Khalid 11B and particularly Onome Jegede 11J, submitted some outstanding book reviews on behalf of our school. We voted *The Greatest Thing* by Sarah Winnifred Searle as our favourite book for the Older Readers category.

in 2024, we plan to judge the Picture Book category due to its suitability to all reading abilities, ages, time constraints, and creative responses!

## Leanne Yong Zoom Visit

Our book club members and aspiring writers thoroughly enjoyed their 'Q & A' session with the inspiring Asian-Australian author, Leanne Yong, leading up to Book Week. Leanne shared how she struggled to read and write at school until she found her connection to a story. She encouraged the students to find what they love in a story whether it be a Manga, Dystopia, or writing their personal narrative. They were told to never give up on their dreams.



## Book Week Tree

Students and staff were invited to collect a leaf in their House colour and to write the name of the book, the author and how it inspired them. Students received ten House points for each leaf review they completed.

A great way to celebrate CBCA's 2023 Book Week theme – 'Read Grow Inspire'!



## Book Club High Tea Reading of *My Strange Shrinking Parents* by Zeno Sworder

Our book club members and other interested students attended a reading of this year's winning Picture Book of the Year, *My Strange Shrinking Parents*, written and illustrated by Zeno Sworder during Book Week.

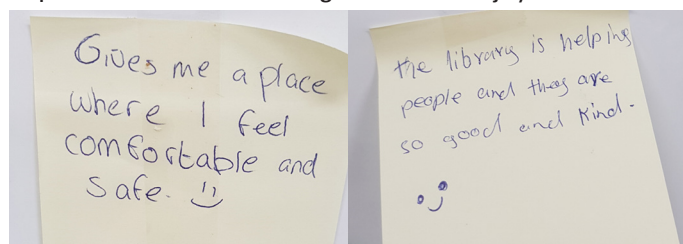
This is a beautiful story of a boy's parents traveling to a foreign country to improve their son's life. They appear to shrink in the eyes of their child but ultimately reveal themselves as giants when it comes to their love and sacrifices.

We concluded with a group discussion and a high tea (cakes, bickies, and tea/hot chocolate) to celebrate the themes in this award-winning book.

## Australian School Library Day

Our library promoted and celebrated Australian School Library Day in the middle of Book Week.

The purpose of Australian School Library Day is to celebrate and highlight the wonderful variety of things that school library staff do - especially those things that may normally be 'hidden' from view but are so essential to the far-reaching web of impact that the school library has in a school. By raising awareness of the benefits of a well-resourced and suitably staffed school library we hope to ensure that future generations enjoy them as well.



Our school community was invited to share how our library and library staff have helped them by adding their responses to sticky notes on our information board and a survey was created to gather further feedback. Students who participated in the survey were placed in a lucky draw for a \$10 canteen voucher and a fiction book of their own choice to keep.

Our survey revealed that our students valued the following attributes of our library and service:

- It's a warm and cosy place
- It's a safe place
- Friendly library staff
- Books

Jack Alphey 8E was super excited to receive his lucky draw prize for the Australian School Library Day survey.

Jack chose *Paws, Friends Are What Happen When You're Making Other Plans* by Kate Foster. It is about an autistic boy struggling to make friends at school. His only friend is his pet dog, Kevin, who he enters into a PAWS Dog Show in an attempt to win friends over.

### Wear it Purple Day

Our library offers a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for the entire school community.



*Mrs Cousens  
Library Manager*

## International Literacy Day

On Wednesday, October 4 our college celebrated International Literacy Day (internationally observed on September 8th), which aims to promote the importance of universal literacy as a strategy to build a more sustainable and peaceful world. The day, celebrated around the world since 1967, reminds us that Literacy is a matter of dignity for a person; in fact, it is considered a human right.

To celebrate the occasion, three of our top performing Year 12 English and EAL students presented persuasive speeches to all Year 7s and 8s in the theatre. Year 12 EAL student, Fatima, spoke about increasing the funding for refugee intake programs. Next, Year 12 English student, Logan, spoke about banning TikTok. Finally, English student, Alma, spoke about embracing ChatGPT in education. The students did a sensational job and we hope that our Year 7s and 8s were inspired.



*Ms Grant  
Year 12 English Teacher  
Leader of Learning – Literacy Across the Curriculum*



# Chess News

Four members from our weekly Chess Club attended their first (the school's first) Chess Tournament, held at Mordialloc College. On the day, the team travelled a total of 4 hours via 4 trains and walking to get there and back.

Year 10s Lucas, Ian, Ashton and Year 11 Brody were 4 out of 110 competitors who played on the day, where the Cranbourne Secondary College Team came equal 17th with 8.5 points out of 20 teams, from 12 different schools. Throughout the day, our four students had a few losses, some wins, some draws and one nail-biting game that one member almost won, but their clock ran out. All competitors were able to learn new skills, meet new like-

minded peers and show great sportsmanship throughout the entire day. Mr. Taylor, Elijah and I are immensely proud of their commitment to chess throughout the year and during the day of the tournament. This tournament is only the beginning of our future endeavours to play and represent Cranbourne Secondary College at competition level.

Chess Club happens every Tuesday at lunch in LIBM – all are welcome, whether you are a rook(ie) to being a King/Queen of the chess board. Any questions, please see/contact Mr. Taylor or Ms. Brasacchio for more information.



## CHESS PUZZLE

Recognising checkmate patterns is an important skill in chess. In the Dovetail checkmate (Diagram 1), the white queen checkmates the opposing king on the nearest square on the diagonal (the c6 square). Using this checkmate pattern, can you solve the chess puzzle (Diagram 2)? It is White to move and checkmate in four.

Solutions are somewhere in this newsletter.

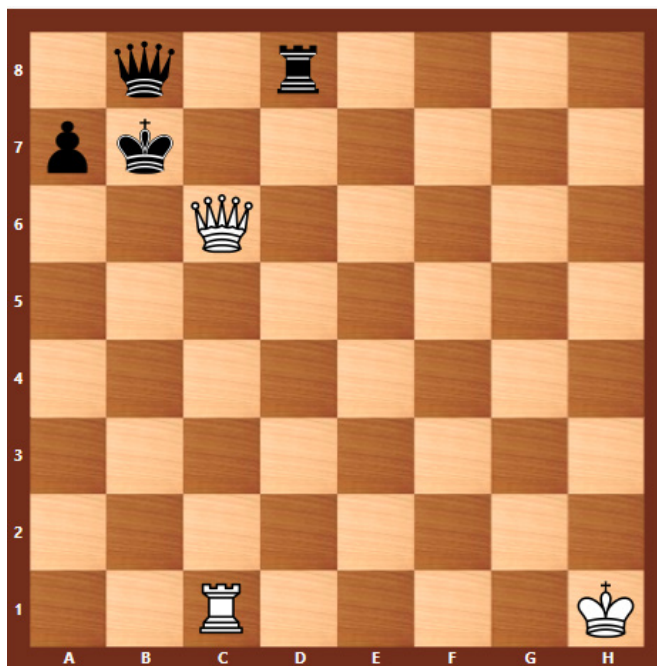


Diagram 1



Diagram 2

*Ms Brasacchio  
Chess Coordinator*



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Applications are invited from eligible students who require assistance with educational costs in 2024.

**Applications close Monday 29 January.**

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Would you like to try competitive swimming?

Join us and bring a friend, see what we do!



**Training in two locations:  
Dandenong and Berwick**



Bring bathers, a towel, and goggles.



**For any questions, about training, sessions and when  
you can join us, please contact our President Amy:  
0427 733 326**

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# Program Guide

Term 4, 2023 | 2 Oct – 20 Dec



## ABOUT SMRC



### SMRC is a for-purpose

community- based agency providing services to migrants and refugees living in the southern region of Melbourne, including the local government areas of the City of Greater Dandenong, City of Casey, Shire of Cardinia and surrounding suburbs.

### Southern Migrant & Refugee Centre

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## CITIZENSHIP CLASSES



### Citizenship Classes

**Term 4 starts:** Wednesday 4 October.

Becoming an Australian citizen means migrants and refugees make an ongoing commitment to Australia and our shared values.

Therefore, we aim to cover the four parts of testable sections in the book within 12 weeks.

**Participants learn about the following:**

- General information about eligibility, important required documents, and how to apply for citizenship.
- Part 1 – Australia and its people
- Part 2 – Australia's democratic beliefs, rights, and liberties

- Part 3 – Government and the Law in Australia
- Part 4 – Australian Values.

Participants will be prepared for the citizenship tests by practicing and revisions in the class.

**Day:** Wednesdays 12 - 2 p.m. during the school term.

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**Cost:** Free

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## LEARN AND GROW



### Sister's Circle

**Term 4 starts:** Friday 6 October.

Social group /digital literacy class designed to promote social inclusion of women who have been in Australia for less than five years. The classes focus on empowering women through improving their digital skills, financial literacy, knowledge of support services. The clients will have access to laptops to practice what they are taught in the class.

**Ten information sessions to assist women in finding support services.**

1. Introduction to the programs and services available for women.
2. Rights and responsibilities in Australia.

3. Financial counselling and accessing services.
4. Finding employment – Referral to SMRC (Employment Xchange).
5. Police and Emergency response services.
6. Understanding and identifying family violence.
7. Contacting supporting services in an emergency and seeking help.

**Day:** Friday 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. during the school term, SMRC Level 1.

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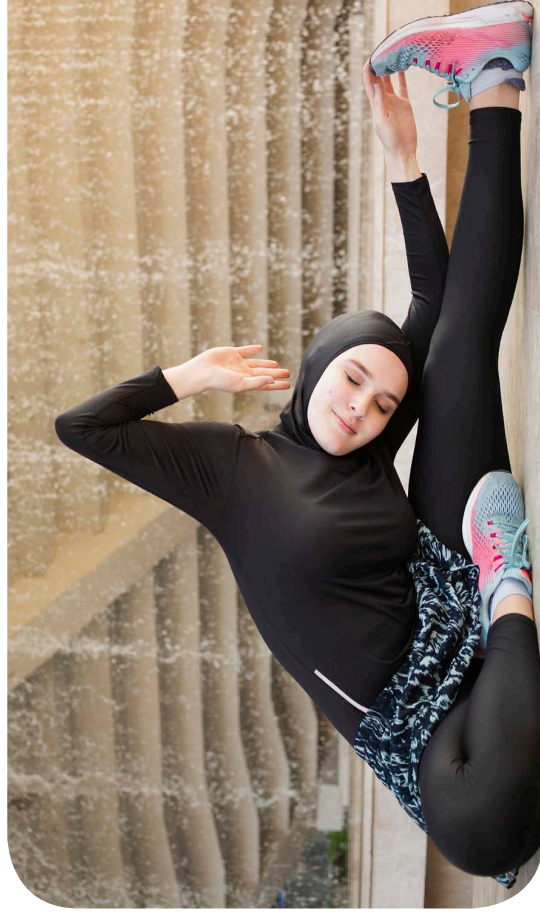
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## THE LEARNING SPACE



## WOMEN'S EXERCISES CLASSES



### Learn to Sew

**Term 4 starts:** Wednesday 4 October  
Structured and self-paced class where students bring their own material and learn different basic sewing techniques taught by our teachers. Sewing machines and some basic material is provided and childcare is provided. Socialise and share your talents with peers!

**Day:** Wednesday 12 – 2 p.m.  
during school term, SMRC Level 1.

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**ph:** 9767 1900

**Cost:** Free

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### English for Driving

**Term 4 starts:** Monday 9 October  
Want to pass the Drivers License test the first time? Suitable for learner drivers who want to improve their confidence and knowledge of road rules and road signs in English. Basic English required.

**Day:** Monday 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
during school term, SMRC Level 1.

**Contact:** Fahima Haidari:

**e:** [fahimah@smrc.org.au](mailto:fahimah@smrc.org.au) or  
**ph:** 9767 1900

**Cost:** Per term: \$20 per course, \$5 additional courses.

**Classes must be pre-booked** – when the class is full we will keep a waiting list.

### Women's Yoga

**Dates:** Monday 18 September – 11 December.

Join us for yoga and friendship at our free Yoga classes for women, held weekly during school term.

Refreshments are provided after class.

Yoga supports stress management, mental health, mindfulness, healthy eating, weight loss and quality sleep.

Most women who practice yoga will say that it enables them to experience a sense of wholeness, presence and peace.

It also helps them gain flexibility, improve balance, tone muscles.

**Day:** Monday 10 – 11 a.m.  
SMRC Level 1.

**Contact:** Rebecca Abernethy:

**e:** [rebecca@smrc.org.au](mailto:rebecca@smrc.org.au) or

**ph:** 9767 1900

**Cost:** Free

This program is supported and funded by the Victoria Government / Families, Fairness and Housing.

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## FREE MEN'S GROUP



### Chay Khana Men's Group

#### Every Friday

Join our free men's group, Chay Khana, the first of its kind in Melbourne. A place for Afghan men to connect, relax and enjoy the company of others.

The SMRC Chay Khana (Tea House) is a social wellbeing program for Dari and Persian speaking men and their families that provides a comfortable and culturally appropriate space to make new connections, share food, enjoy music and access support.

Chay Khana provides a safe space for Afghan men to speak about issues and challenges they are experiencing, while encouraging them to use relevant support networks to enhance their quality of life.

**Day:** Every Friday, 3 – 6 p.m.  
SMRC Level 1.

**Contact:** Mirwais Janbaz:  
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**ph:** 9767 1900

**Cost:** Free

This program is delivered in partnership with SEMPHN and Better Place Australia.



## YOUTH PROGRAM



### Homework Club

**Term 4 starts:** Monday 4 October.

Homework Club is a free tutoring program which assist students with all their study related needs. This program will help students from migrant and refugee backgrounds, aged between 12 to 25 years and living in Australia for less than 5 years. The program is running in person and online.

**Days:** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 3.30 – 5.45 p.m. during school term, SMRC Level 1.

**Contact:** Anwar Afzali:

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Samira Faryadi:

**e:** [samiraf@smrc.org.au](mailto:samiraf@smrc.org.au) or

**ph:** 0458 090 958 **Cost:** Free

### Youth Career Support

**Term 4 starts:** Tuesday 3 October.

Online or face to face one-on-one sessions available. Groups and school sessions can also be arranged.

Offering:

- Resume, cover letter and job search lessons
- Course, job or program application support
- Career exploration and goal setting sessions
- Practice interviews and more.

**Day:** Face to face bookings, Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. or online by appointment.

**Contact:** Crystal Naismith:

**e:** [crystaln@smrc.org.au](mailto:crystaln@smrc.org.au) or

**ph:** 0407 880 209

**Cost:** Free

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## ACFE – PRE-ACCREDITED WEEKLY CLASSES



### Youth Advisory Group

**Term 4 starts:** Wednesday 24 October.  
Youth Advisory Group is a part of our youth program which assist the students with their leadership skills, public speaking, self-confidence and boosting their knowledge regarding different developmental programs. This program is running once a month online and in person. Youth Advisory meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month.

### School Holiday Activities

Social, and fun activities for students during school holidays. Students have the opportunity to make new friends and network with other local agencies.

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Samira Faryadi:  
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**ph:** 0458 090 958  
**Cost:** Free

### Read and Write English

**Term 4 starts:** Tuesday 3 October.  
Basic English classes, 10-week course. Practice reading and writing English with the support of our teacher and volunteers.

**Days:** Tuesday 9.30 a.m. – 12 p.m. during school term, SMRC Level 1.  
**Contact:** Najma Ahmadi:  
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**ph:** 9767 1900  
**Cost:** Per term: \$20 per course, \$5 additional courses.

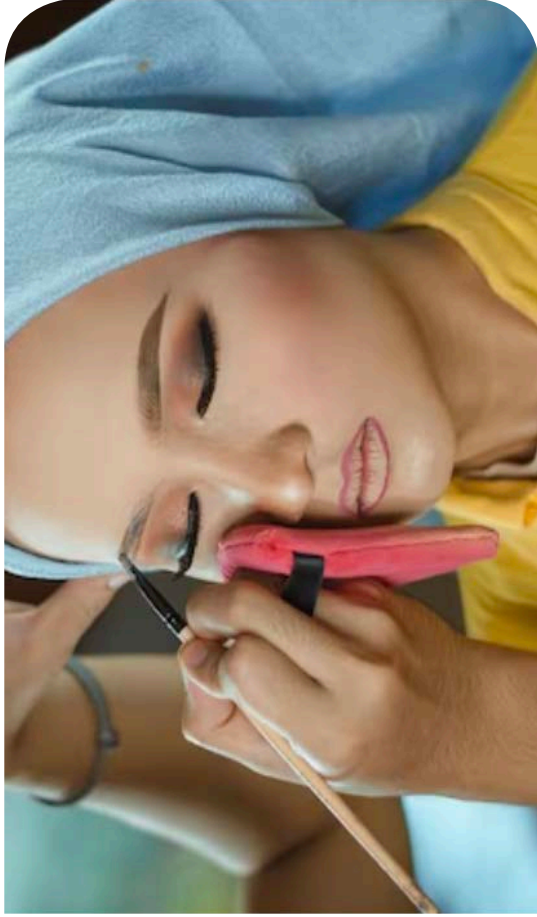
**Eligibility:** Australian permanent resident and citizens.  
**Register your interest** - all classes are limited to 20 students.  
**Certificate of Participation:** with 80% + attendance.

### Conversational English

**Term 4 Starts:** Wednesday 4 October.  
Basic English classes 10-week course on conversational English. Practice speaking English for everyday socialising and connecting with the wider community. Our teacher and volunteers will help you along the way.

**Days:** Wednesday 9.30 a.m. – 12 p.m. during school term, SMRC Level 1.  
**Contact:** Najma Ahmadi:  
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**ph:** 9767 1900  
**Cost:** Per term: \$20 per course, \$5 additional courses.





## Makeup, Hair and Beauty

**Term 4 Starts:** Tuesday 3 October.

Training will include:

- Introduction to skin care: skin damage protection, factors that affect the skin.
- Introduction to hair management: hair care and styling.
- Introduction to makeup: skin preparation, allergy testing and makeup techniques for various situations: every-day, evenings and party.

**Days:** Tuesday 12 – 2:30 p.m. during school term, SMRC Level 1.

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**Cost:** Per term: \$20 per course, \$5 additional courses.

**Register your interest** - all classes are limited to 20 students.

**Certificate of Participation:** with 80% + attendance.



## Workshop format:

Online via Zoom

9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. x 6 sessions

**When:** Tuesday 24 and

Wednesday 25 October;

Tuesday 31 October and

Wednesday 1 November;

Tuesday 7 and

Wednesday 8 November.

## Certificate of Participation:

with 80% + attendance.

**Contact:** Najma Ahmadi:

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**ph:** 9767 1900

**Cost:** Per term: \$20 per course,

\$5 additional courses.

## Introduction to Bicultural Work

Do you speak English well and one or more other languages? Are you interested in employment as a Bicultural Worker?

This in-depth training includes:

- Exploring and defining bicultural work
- Understanding the theories behind bicultural work
- The ethics and principles of bicultural work
- How to engage with and advocate for community
- Essential soft skills for bicultural work

On successful completion of this class you may apply to be a Casual Bicultural Worker with SMRC.

## EMPLOYMENT XCHANGE



### Looking for job and career support?

Support for newly arrived clients include:

- helping you find work.
- improve your resume and cover letter.
- guide you toward recognising your overseas qualifications.
- help you decide what courses lead you to the job you want.

**Days:** Bookings available for Monday to Wednesday.

**Contact:** Marina Savron:

**e:** [marinas@smrc.org.au](mailto:marinas@smrc.org.au) or

**ph:** 9767 1900

**Cost:** Free

### English for White Card

**Term 4 starts:** Monday 9 October.

Do you want to work in the construction industry? You must have a White Card. This course is an introduction to the industry and will explain all the requirements and industry terminology needed to help you pass the White Card Course the first time.

Minimum Level 2 English required.

**Days:** Monday 4 - 6:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Marina Savron:

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**ph:** 9767 1900

**Cost:** Per term: \$20 per course, \$5 additional courses

