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CRANBOURNE SECONDARY COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS



From the Principal

As we approach the halfway mark of the term, it has been wonderful to see our students settle into the school year with enthusiasm and commitment. I am honoured to lead the college this term and am grateful for our staff, students, and families' dedication to ensuring a positive and productive start to the year.

A Strong Start

The year began with all students engaging in the Empowering Learners program, designed to set them up for success. This program allowed students to build connections with their teachers, Year Level Leaders, and Student Services teams while reinforcing our college expectations. The participation and engagement of our students have been commendable, laying the foundation for a great year ahead.

A highlight of the term so far was the Year 7 Welcome Breakfast and Meet the Teacher Night. It was fantastic to connect with so many families, share insights about the year ahead, and strengthen the home-school partnership that is so vital for student success. Our Year 7 students have had a wonderful start to their secondary school journey, settling into their new routines and making new friendships. With their camp coming up soon, I encourage families to reach out to Engagement Curriculum teachers or the Year 7 Team if they have any questions.

Key Events and Reminders

We have a number of exciting events coming up:

• Swimming Carnival (March 3): This event is for all Year 7 students and those who have signed up for swimming events. We look forward to a day of competition and house spirit.

- Learning Conferences (March 11): This is a valuable opportunity for families to meet with teachers and discuss student progress. Bookings are now open.
- Athletics Carnival (April 3): This whole-school event encourages participation, teamwork, and house spirit.
- Curriculum Day (April 4): This will be a pupilfree day, allowing staff to engage in professional learning.

Supporting Student Success

Attendance remains a key focus, as every day at school is an opportunity for learning and growth. If your child will be absent, please inform the relevant Year Level Team so we can provide any necessary support. Additionally, I appreciate the cooperation of families in supporting our uniform expectations and mobile phone-free policy, which contribute to a positive learning environment.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and continuing to work together to support our students. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in making Cranbourne Secondary College a place where every student can thrive.

Warm regards, Catherine Gilchriest A/Principal



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End of Year 2024 Awards

Late last year we celebrated the Class of 2024 at the Valedictory Dinner. It was an amazing night at the Alencia Reception Centre in Dandenong where we celebrated the journey taken by all year 12 students over their time at the College. Many students were presented awards to recognise outstanding achievement in their Year 12 studies.

We congratulate and recognise the following students:

Dux of the College Jazib Khalid (VCE - 86.75) Stacey Kloet (VCE VM - 3.90 GPA) Valedictorian Denzel Batarina (VCE) Marcus Serdzeff (VCE VM) **Principals Award**

Mackenzie Dando











Jazib Khalid

Stacey Kloet

Denzel Batarina Marcus Serdzeff Mackenzie Dando

Subject Awards

A	Eman Haidari
Accounting	
	Farhad Hussaini
Applied Computing: Software Development	Winton Ong
Art Creative Practice	Skye Anand
Art Making & Exhibiting	Isabel Clifford
	Mariam Muhammad Ismail
Biology	Tayah Grech
Business Management	Caillan Power
Chemistry	Renisha Bist
	Ali Hakimi
	Sayari Qambari
VCE VET Engineering Studies	Addisyn Grech
English	Hadiya Ahmad
English as an Additional	Sopanha Lay
Language	
Food Studies	Mehdi Sikandari
Foundation Mathematics	Skye Anand
General Mathematics	Jazib Khalid
Geography	Claire Alphey
VSL Greek	Melanie Boubis
Health & Human Development	Tayah Grech
	Zainab Hussain
	Bily Kaing
VCE VET Health Services	Somaiya Ali
Legal Studies	Sayari Qambari

Mathematical Methods	Jazib Khalid
Media	Montaya Forsyth
VCE VET Music Performance	Oliver Gebar
	TK Upton
Physical Education	Denzel Batarina
Physics	Jazib Khalid
Product Design & Technologies	Addisyn Grech
Psychology	Afsana Khalilullahi
VSL Punjabi	Prabhjot Kaur
Sociology	Hayley Davis
Specialist Mathematics	Tinotenda Savieri
VCE VET Sport And Recreation	Malia De Thierry
Theatre Studies	Raine Finai
Visual Communication Design	Behishta
	Muhammad Ali
	Monroy Managuit
VCE VM Literacy	Dakota Spiteri
	Tanya Milinski
VCE VM Numeracy	Mikayla Burton
	Gemma Lord
Personal Development Skills	Stacey Kloet
Work Related Skills	Annabelle Julie
	Onome Jegede
	Julina Srin

Outstanding Awards

Awards Ceremony 2024

The College held its Year 7 to 11 Awards Assembly on Wednesday 11 December. This assembly was an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of students for their hard work throughout the year.

























We would like to thank the following generous sponsors who provide us with awards annually:

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George Massouris Assistant Principal

Year 7 Academic Awards - Academic Excellence

Atlanta Hartigan	Health & Physical Education (HPE)
Luke Kalsi	STEAM
Aknoor Kaur	English as an Additional Language (EAL)
Srutha Nekkanti	Technologies - IT
Amalea O'Connell	Science
Manya Patel	English
	Mathematics
	Humanities
	Performing Arts - Music
	Visual Arts - Art
Vandan Patel	Languages - German

Vandan Patel

Year 7 Academic Awards - Academic Growth

Joseph Bleby	Health & Physical Education (HPE)
Lukas Eldridge	Science
	Technologies - IT
Atlanta Hartigan	English
Max Leavasa	Performing Arts - Music
Raymond Ngov	Mathematics
Insha Rahman	English as an Additional Language (EAL)
Bonawin Sambo	Humanities
Connor Smith	STEAM
Ariana Tumangi	Visual Arts - Art
Terry Wu	Languages - German

Year 8 Academic Awards - Academic Excellence

Zander Armistead Science Bhuvi Chitlangya **Mathematics** Humanities Sonita Lay Visual Arts - Visual Communication Design **Technologies - Food** Languages - German Performing Arts -Drama Gurbaj Mansahia English as an Additional Language (EAL) Rida Mohammad Technologies - IT Lincoln Morfe Health & Physical Education (HPE) Janessa Solofuti Tiana Yith English

Year 8 Academic Awards - Academic Growth

Nazanin Akrami	Technologies
Abisa Bhandari	Visual Arts -
Aneel Dhillon	Languages -
Batool Hassani	English as ar
Riley Hills	Science
	Technologies
Anna Koulas	Performing A
Lincoln Morfe	English
Mackenzi Parker	Mathematics
Amelia Rahbar	Humanities

s - IT Visual Communication Design German n Additional Language (EAL) s - Food Arts -Drama Humanities Health & Physical Education (HPE)

Year 9 Academic Awards - Academic Excellence

Hudaib Ahmad Sannaa Alikhail Hania Batol Briley Dowse

Talia Warburton

Lydia Laeng

Eddie Lonski

Freddierick Minas Siena Ny Kylie Ong Elaha Rahimi Khatera Rahimi

Jasper Richardson Nabolyn Sambo Riva Taneja Poutekchan Tanv Jesse Tuitea Grace Whyte Sharni Williams

Technologies - Wood Humanities - Money, Money, Money Science - Forensic Science Visual Arts - Art **Technologies - Metal** English Performing Arts -Drama/Dance Mathematics Humanities - Consuming the World Technologies - IT Sport Education in PE Program Visual Arts - Media Science – Climate Connection **Technologies - Food** Humanities - Power, People and the Press STEAM Science - Mission 2050 Health - Live your best life English as an Additional Language (EAL) Performing Arts - Music Humanities - Australian History Visual Arts - Visual Communication Design HPE - Have you got game?

Year 9 Academic Awards - Academic Growth

Ali Allah Yari Jamie Ambruosi Hania Batol Eric De Salit Ava Dworak Renae Eastwood Nila Hossaini Soaib John Freddierick Minas Chaise Nanson-Tutton Rylan Reeves

Jazmine Savage

Visoth Srun Hibah Subuki Shihabdeen Wyat Sula Riva Taneja Rachele Tumatangi Seti Tumui Grace Whyte Lizzy Woolfe Azim Yawari

Technologies - Metal Technologies - Food Technologies - IT Sport Education in PE Program Science - Forensic Science Health - Live your best life Humanities - Consuming the World Visual Arts - Visual Communication Design Science – Mission 2050 Performing Arts -Drama/Dance HPE - Have you got game? Visual Arts - Media Humanities - Australian History Science - Climate Connection **Mathematics** STEAM Humanities - Money, Money, Money Humanities - Power, People and the Press Performing Arts - Music Technologies - Wood English Visual Arts - Art English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Year 10 Academic Awards - Academic Excellence

Yasmin Alya

Odah Mae Amandi Cody Anand Connor Blackmore Kaydan Charlwood

Seth Cooke Basita Dilani Georgia Garnham Sam Grewal Masooma Haideri Humanities - A Century of Change Visual Arts - Drawing Practice Performing Arts - Dance Science - Psychology VET Engineering (Cert II in Engineering) Humanities - Australian Society HPE - Human Movement and Performance Technologies - Metal HPE - Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle HPE - Outdoor and Environmental Education Mathematics - General Visual Arts - Visual Communication Design

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Seth Cooke Basita Dilani Georgia Garnham Sam Grewal Masooma Haideri Millad Hazaranejad Jasmine Heath Joshua Hewitson Fong Hsu

Danielle llejay

Farzad Ismaili Grace Jegede Jay Kishore Gabi Koch

Bowen Lu Willow Moore Claire Paktitis Atlas Porter Rebecca Rusec Bonaden Sambo Sukhmanpreet Singh Chloe Umali

Amar Yawari

Kyana Zammit

Humanities - A Century of Change **Visual Arts - Drawing Practice** Performing Arts - Dance Science - Psychology VET Engineering (Cert II in Engineering) Humanities - Australian Society HPE - Human Movement and Performance Technologies - Metal HPE - Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle HPE - Outdoor and Environmental Education Mathematics - General Visual Arts - Visual Communication Design VET Electrical (Cert II in Electrotechnology) Technologies - Food **Technologies - Wood** Mathematics - Specialist Technologies - IT Visual Arts - Painting Practice Technologies - Food - Global Cuisine English as an Additional Language (EAL) VET Building (Cert II Building & Construction) Performing Arts - Drama- Triple Threat Performing Arts - Music Visual Arts - Photography Science - Chemistry: Bond, Chemical Bond Performing Arts - Drama Acting Greats Science - Physics: Let's Get Physics-al VET IT (Cert III Information Technology) English HPE - Fit for Life Humanities - Australia in a Global Economy Science - Biology Visual Arts - Digital Art & Design Visual Arts - Media Science - Space and Earth Science STEAM Humanities - Saving Planet Earth

Science - Biology: Twisted DNA

Year 10 Academic Awards - Academic Growth

Djarryn Anderson Ebony Beacall

Josiah Busuttil Matthew Clark Cody Davies Jack Devlin Tianah Doolin

Aaron Dubier Mark Espie Goring Usman Faisal Jasmine Heath Fong Hsu Dylan Humble Hojatullah Ikhtiyari Danielle Ilejay

Shafiqa Islamzada Harry Keppel Gabi Koch Daniel Lei Brock Marsh Willow Moore Atlas Porter

Rhylee Ramage

Rebecca Rusec Xavier Senton Tanner Spalding Shania Villegas Domi Yudeasmara

Humanities - Australian Society Science - Physics: Let's Get Physics-al HPE - Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle English VET Cookery (Cert II Cookery) **Technologies - Metal** VET Music (Cert III Music Performance) Performing Arts – Music Visual Arts - Media Science - Chemistry: Bond, Chemical Bond HPE - Fit for Life Visual Arts - Photography Performing Arts - Dance HPE - Human Movement and Performance Performing Arts - Drama Acting Greats English as an Additional Language (EAL) Mathematics - General Humanities - A Century of Change **Technologies - Food** Science - Psychology VET Sport & Rec(Cert III) STEAM Visual Arts - Visual Communication Design Performing Arts - Drama- Triple Threat Visual Arts - Drawing Practice Technologies - Food - Global Cuisine Technologies - IT Science - Biology: Twisted DNA Visual Arts - Painting Practice Mathematics - Specialist Technologies - Wood Science - Space and Earth Science Visual Arts - Digital Art & Design HPE - Outdoor and Environmental Education

Year 11 Academic Awards - Academic Excellence

Shafi Ahmad Hamaun Alizadah Erin Aquino Zara Armistead Mina Bahrami Natalie Brown Harry Bui Hayley Davis Malia De Thierry **Rivansha Dutt** Selen Duyar Charlotte Greaves Farus Khalid Rojan Laurora Mia Lodge Pisirina Matagitau Alexandre Milon Tiana Potkonjak **Emily Radford** Mehdi Rahimi Amelie Schoemaker **Riah Stubbs** Riya Verma Lucy Vong Alex Yae Pun Yaemngam

Chemistrv **Technologies - Applied Computing** English Humanities - Sociology Humanities - Business Management Visual Arts - Media Humanities - Legal Studies VET Early Childhood (Cert III) **Bridging EAL** Science - Psychology HPE - Physical Education Humanities - Accounting Visual Arts - Art Creative Practice Numeracy HPE - Health and Human Development Personal Development Skills Visual Arts - Visual Communication Design **Technologies - Food Studies** VET Music (Cert III Music Performance) Literacy VET Cookery (Cert II Cookery) Work Related Skills Mathematics - General Mathematics - Methods Mathematics - Specialist **Technologies - Wood** VET Sport & Rec(Cert III) Science - Physics English as an Additional Language (EAL) VET Health(Cert III in Health Services) Mathematics - Foundation

Year 11 Academic Awards - Academic Growth

Naqia Ahmadi Iman Ali Hannah Alphey Dylan Anderson Ali Bahrami Salma Basir Matthew Cain Serenity Colvin Bahar Haidari Zakk Heurtau Zohal Joya Marie Juglall

Carson Kaka-Wells Cassie Kennedy Farus Khalid

Rojan Laurora Seb Lopaticki Kullin Ly Rori McRae Sahil Mohammadi Rain Ozdemir Kelvin Stewart Peteru Lara Piva-Hayward Maria Rezai Jodie Ross Marvellous Sabilika **Eknoor Singh** Hayden Smith **Riah Stubbs** Serahiane Tumui Liam Warner

Technologies - Wood Science - Psychology Science - Physics Personal Development Skills Science - Chemistry Mathematics - Specialist HPE - Physical Education Visual Arts - Media Humanities - Accounting VET Electrical (Cert II in Electrotechnology) English Mathematics - General Science - Biology Visual Arts - Visual Communication Design VET Health(Cert III in Health Services) Mathematics - Methods **Technologies - Applied Computing** VET IT (Cert III Information Technology) VET Engineering (Cert II in Engineering) HPE - Health and Human Development Humanities - Sociology Humanities - Business Management Mathematics - Foundation VET Building (Cert II Building & Construction) **Technologies - Food Studies** Humanities - Legal Studies Work Related Skills Bridging EAL English as an Additional Language (EAL) VET Early Childhood (Cert III) Visual Arts - Art Creative Practice Literacy Numeracv

Instrumental Music Award

Year 7 – Joseph Bleby - Drums Year 8 – Zakk Roschutz - Drums Year 9 – Briley Dowse - Guitar Year 10 – Nathan Ny - Piano Year 11 – Charlotte Greaves - Bass Year 12 - Oliver Gebar - Piano

Sports Award

Year 7 – Titchaing Bok Year 8 – Emily Raymer Year 9 – Renae Eastwood Year 10 – Bowen Lu Year 11 – Liam Warner

Lauren Butler Music Award

Lochlan Jennings

Athlete of the year Nathan Rogers

Basketball Academy Awards

Rumman Ferdous - Growth Award Titchaing Bok - Growth Award Elisha Clarke - Excellence Award Vandan Patel - Excellence Award Most Valuable Player - Atlanta Hartigan

Holt Student Leader Award - High Academic Achievement Mehdi Rahimi Holt Student Leader Award - Outstanding Leadership Shardae Boon The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar Award Basita Dilani and Masooma Haideri **ADF Future Innovators Award** Vaishnavi Negi and Addie Grech **ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership And Teamwork Awards** Chloe Umali and Eman Haidari Head Start School Based Apprentice of the Year Bjiana Tarossa **School Community Awards** Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyle - Zahra Marsh Community Spirit - Eman Haidari Academic Perseverance - Irfan Haider

2025 Student Representative Council (SRC)

SRC Leaders 2025

YEAR 12



ZOHAL JOYA **BRUNT HOUSE**



CHLOE UMALI Vice captain Brunt House

YEAR 10



ANDREI KAIBIGAN

YEAR 7



LINNYETTA IONA FAAOLOAGA



OLIVIA NORTH Health & PE



VISOTH SRUN



HANNAH SHOBY Sustainability



SHARDAE BOON **POOLE HOUSE**

YEAR 11

BELLA RUTOWICZ Vice captain Poole House

YEAR 9





VAISHNAVI NEGI



BIRRI BROWN Performing Arts



DANIELLE ILEJAY Visual Arts





AKNOOR KAUR Literacy



FARMAN MEHRI **DONNELLEY HOUSE**



BOWEN LU Vice captain Donnelley House

YEAR 8



AMALEA O'CONNELL

WELLBEING



OSCAR MOORE WILBERFORCE



BRIANNA

HANIA BATOL Numeracy













JOHNATHAN ROACH

JAY KISHORE

Vice captain Facey House









ONI-LORETTE BRIDGLAND

Student Leadership Takes Shape

The student leadership team for 2025 is officially in place! After a thorough application and interview process, we are proud to introduce our new Student Representative Council (SRC) team and dedicated Class Captains. These students will play a crucial role in shaping the school experience for their peers and ensuring student voices are heard.

Last week, our newly appointed leaders participated in a leadership development session led by Himal Pillay. This training focused on enhancing their leadership potential, fostering teamwork, and equipping them with the skills needed to make a meaningful impact within the school community.

Meanwhile, MultiPride has kicked off the year with enthusiasm, holding its first meetings to develop initiatives aimed at promoting social harmony and cultural inclusivity at the college. Their dedication to celebrating diversity and fostering unity will contribute to a welcoming and supportive school environment.

Student Voice and Agency continues to thrive under the leadership of Leading Teacher Sarah Carr, with the support of Assistant Principal George Massouris. The team has some exciting initiatives ahead, focusing on student-led school improvement projects that will enhance the overall learning and wellbeing experience for all.

Looking ahead, there are several key events on the horizon, including upcoming sports days, whole-school assemblies, and the much-anticipated Senior Dance. These events promise to bring the school community together, celebrate student achievements, and create lasting memories.

With such an inspiring group of student leaders in place, 2025 is shaping up to be a fantastic year of collaboration, empowerment, and school spirit!



The 2025 SRC are pretty pumped for the start of the school year!







George Massouris Assistant Principal

Academic Excellence Program

We were thrilled to welcome our newest Academic Excellence Program students as they embarked on an exciting year of challenge and growth. Students were introduced to the dedicated team that will support and guide them throughout 2025.

As part of their induction, they received their special Academic Excellence diary and began engaging in stimulating programs designed to extend and challenge their learning. We look forward to seeing their curiosity, skills, and passion for learning flourish in the year ahead!

Mila Milenkovich Assistant Principal



Smoking Ceremony

Uncle Mark Brown, Bunurong Elder and Senior Cultural Heritage Officer Welcomed us to his father's Country, the Country of the Bunurong people whose land stretches from the Werribee River to Wilson's Promontory and even to the Bass Straight Islands. He explained to us the significance of the Smoking Ceremony as both a way of welcoming people onto Country, using the specific foliage of the Manna Gum, Cherry Ballart and Silver and Black Wattle, but also its role in healing, utilising the components of the medicinal plants. Uncle Mark spoke strong and proud words and left us reflecting on the role we all have to play in Reconciliation as asked us to treat each other with respect and to look after the beautiful Bunurong Country we live, work, rest and play on.



Maths and Numeracy

In the Maths classrooms at Cranbourne Secondary College, our focus is on linking mathematical concepts to real-world applications. Our learning architecture is focused on engaging all students in classroom work by providing a range of learning opportunities, including collaborative work where students can learn from their peers and a more hands-onoriented curriculum with a focus on problem-solving.

SPARX Maths online homework

All Year 7-10 students at the college are required to complete a weekly online homework program for Maths titled SPARX. The program is designed to be done independently where students are provided with questions at an appropriate level that consolidates the learning already undertaken in class, with videos of worked examples provided to support them. Homework will not be set during CAT period or school holidays.

NAPLAN

Our Year 7 and Year 9 students will be completing their NAPLAN assessments this term beginning on the 12th of March. In the lead up students will be provided opportunities to familiarise themselves with the online nature of the assessment and the style of questions that will appear. The Maths team wants to remind students to use this as an opportunity to show us their ability, and we wish them the best of luck with the upcoming assessments.

Maths/Numeracy Support

At the college we aim to provide teaching that is challenging but achievable to all students regardless of their level. In Year 7-9 we have Numeracy Coaching classes set up providing small group classes where students identified as needing additional support are provided with instruction at an appropriate level. We also have a team of tutors available who are able to offer in class supports for selected students and free tutoring is also available to students at all year levels and abilities through our afterschool Study On program, hosted in the library afterschool Monday to Thursday.

If you have any questions regarding any of the abovementioned programs, please contact me on the college number or email directly at corey.oshea@education.vic. gov.au.

> *Corey O'Shea Leader of Mathematics and Numeracy*

Data Supports Student Learning

At Cranbourne Secondary College, we use a range of assessments to track student progress and ensure every student gets the support they need. Data helps us identify students who may need extra help, as well as those who are ready for more challenging work.

We collect data about our students in different ways:

It also helps teachers create groups in the classroom so they can teach in ways that suit different learning levels. At higher year levels, data also helps guide course selection to ensure students are in the right subjects for their skills and goals.

- **PAT Testing** All students complete Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT Tests) in Reading, Maths, and Reasoning at the end of each year. These are used to measure student progress against students of similar age across Australia.
- NAPLAN Students in Years 7 and 9 sit the national NAPLAN tests, which measure skills in literacy and numeracy.
- **Common Assessment Tasks (CATs)** At the end of each term, students in Years 7 to 10 complete CATs in all their subjects. These assessments help teachers understand student strengths and areas for improvement.
- School Assessed Coursework (SACs) / Exams / Practical Assessments Senior VCE and VCE VM students undertake assessments appropriate to the subjects they are studying.

By using this data, we can provide targeted support and ensure every student has the best chance to succeed.

You can ask your young person to share their Literatu profile with you – it contains the results of all the tests and assessments your young person has undertaken, in one place. It is updated after significant assessment events.

Science



Big Science Competition registrations open soon

The Big Science Competition is fast approaching. Students in Years 7-10 who love Science are encouraged to consider registering for the competition. Registration information will be shared on Compass later this week or early next week. Students must follow the school's registration process to be registered as part of our school cohort.

The competition details are as follows:

- 50 Minute online mixed format competition run during school hours
- Aligned with the Australian Curriculum for Years 7 10
- Students receive a certificate indicating their performance compared to the school and national averages
- High performing students could be selected for the Junior Science Olympiad Squad or Curious Minds – girls in STEM

Big Science Competition

VSL Language Study



Why enrol to study a language at the VSL?

You may speak other languages other than English at home and would like to learn to read and write in that language.

You may wish to learn a complete new language other than English.

If you are in years 7-10, you may like to continue learning a language of your interest all the way to VCE.

To prepare yourself in the language of your preference so that you can successfully complete a VCE language course and gain BONUS points.

If you want to enroll or access more information, please go to https://web.vsl.vic.edu.au/ If you have already decided to join the Victorian School of Language (VSL), look for a language course and location and enrol at https://web.vsl.vic.edu.au/language-finder/



Alumni Program

2024 was a fabulous year for the alumni program at Cranbourne Secondary College, involving 905 students in different alumni events. These alumni sessions allowed students to explore a range of careers and pathways by connecting with former students. A total of 42 alumni came back to participate in alumni sessions, including a Year 10 STEM panel, Year 12 Art class, Year 11 VCE-VM Financial Literacy and the Year 10 Speed Careers session.

We're planning another incredible year of alumni activities to continue to support current students, provide information about career opportunities and inspire students to aim high in their studies and strive for fulfilling careers. Some of our upcoming events include:

- A group of Year 11/12 students attending an industry insight event at Slater & Gordon Lawyers to learn about jobs in the legal sector, where one of the panellists is alum, Najd Hussein, Lawyer from the Class of 2012.
- On March 7, we are fortunate to have Anjali Thirumalavan, Class of 2012 coming to speak with us and celebrate International Women's Day.
- The Year 10 Speed Carers event is scheduled for May 29, featuring a diverse group of alumni from a broad range of careers. Students will learn about real jobs, by speaking to their alumni, who have gone before them at Cranbourne Secondary College.

Stay tuned to see some of the events and achievements from our alumni program in 2025!

Jenny Hammond Alumni Coordinator



Wellbeing News

Year 10 Connected, Resilient, Engaged (BlueLight CoRE Tier 2 Group Program)

A select group of Year 10 students have been proactively participating in the BlueLight CoRE program. Our first few sessions have been a great success! The students engaged enthusiastically, participating throughout the program and making the most of the experience.

Our most recent session of CoRE was a powerful and insightful gathering! We were honoured to have representatives from the Australian Federal Police (AFP), a dedicated paramedic, and the City of Casey Youth Services join us for an engaging discussion.

The session focused on community safety, emergency response, and the vital support available for young people. Attendees gained valuable knowledge on how these professionals contribute to our wellbeing and how we can work together to foster a safer, more connected community.

Later this term our students will attend an excursion to the United African Farm. The students will learn about the farm and its purpose, the food, and the planting. They will have hands on experience of helping in the garden and there will also be a music element; African drums, singing and music. I'm sure it will be an amazing day!

Victoria Police Crime Prevention Program

Earlier in the term, our Year 9 and Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend a presentation by Victoria Police on Crime Prevention. The students were attentive, actively engaged, and contributed thoughtfully to discussions.

The topics covered in the program included:

- Role of police
- Youth crime
- Theft
- Damage
- Assault
- Online crime and cyber safety
- Consequences of actions

We are extremely grateful to Victoria Police for coming onsite to present to our students and the feedback from the staff and students involved has been positive.

> *Melissa Bannister Wellbeing Team Leader*

Junior School News

The year has certainly started well across years 7-9 and we have seen students settle into their new classes and build relationships quickly with their teachers.

At Cranbourne Secondary, the start of each year sees all students undertake the Empowering Learners Program. This program serves two purposes:

- 1. Building connections between peers and staff
- 2. Re-teaching expected behaviours and school processes

The junior school benefits greatly from this program. Students have the chance to settle in with their new peers and after a significant break, bring their minds back to our school's processes and expectations. There is a balance of lessons mixed with fun activities throughout the program days.



As we move through Term One, a few reminders:

- Attendance: Our school expectation is that all students are at school every day. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school or make a note on the Compass attendance.
- Uniform: All students must be in full school uniform every day. If you need support with uniform items, please contact the school.
- Mobile phones and devices: Cranbourne Secondary College is a mobile device free school. Students are adhering to the policy well in 2025. If staff see a student with a mobile phone or wireless headphones, they will be confiscated. Please see our mobile phone policy on our website for further details.

We pride ourselves on our communication with our families. Please reach out to the year level teams if you have any questions about our school. Contact details are as follows:

Year 7 Leader Coordinators	Max Smith max.smith3@education.vic.gov.au Lisa Gauci lisa.gauci@education.vic.gov.au Wes Smith wes.smith@education.vic.gov.au
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Year 9 Leader Coordinators	Linda McGloin linda.mcgloin@education.vic.gov.au Sonja Burnham sonja.burnham@education.vic.gov.au Christina Brasacchio christina.brasacchio@education.vic.gov.au

Upcoming events:

Monday 3 March	House Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 4 March	Year 8 Summer Sport
Friday 7 March	Year 7 Summer Sport
Monday 10 March	LABOUR PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 11 March	Student Learner Conferences - NO CLASSES See Compass for more details & bookings
Wednesday 12 - Monday 24 March	NAPLAN
Wednesday 12 March	School Photos: Years 10 - 12
Thursday 13 March	School Photos: Years 7 -9
Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 March	Year 7 Camp
Thursday 3 April	Whole School Athletics
Friday 4 April	Last Day Term 1 Curriculum Day - NO SCHOOL

Congratulations to our Junior School SRC representatives:

Year 7: Addisyn Brown and Linyetta Iona Faaoloaga Year 8: Toni-Lorette Bridgland and Amalea O'Connell Year 9: Ali Navvabi and Hania Mubshaw

> Michelle Colette Assistant Principal Junior School

> > Ali

Year 7 News

Meleane

Congratulations to our Class Captains for 2025!



Lilee-al

We've had an exciting start to the year 2025 and introduction to secondary school.

Hannah

Torri

Highlighted by our welcome breakfast on the first day and events such as ProActivity running a team building challenge with our classes. We have several more events coming up to build into an inspiring 2025. We expect our Term 1 highlights to be our swimming and athletics carnivals and our Year 7 camp to Camp Adanac in Yarra Junction.

Travis

Katherine



Here are some firsthand recounts from students in 7D about their first couple of Weeks at Cranbourne Secondary College.

"My First impressions of Cranbourne Secondary College

I feel that Cranbourne Secondary College has a welcoming spirit. We have done many activities in the first few weeks such as a scavenger hunt. Because of the scavenger hunt, we got to understand the school. I have also made some nice connections with people. Overall I have had a great first few weeks." Gurkirat

My experience at Cranbourne Secondary College (so far)

When I first stepped foot in this school I felt very scared and nervous. I didn't have any friends here at all. But I saw a classmate that I thought was in a different class in my class so I felt relieved. I still didn't know if I would like my class or this school. After we got settled into class, I looked at the people in my classroom and recognised some people from last year and my primary school. The teacher had us do some activities on the first three days like a scavenger hunt around the school. After those days I got more used to the school.

"I started to like my class more and the school system became clearer to me. Although the subjects were harder, I still found it interesting and a bit fun at times. The first assembly was very interesting and fun to watch. I liked the group games in the assembly fun and also got to see how my class acted in sports/group activities." **By Isabelle**.





SECONDARY COLLEGE

YEAR 7 YARRA RANGES CAMP 2025

The Year 7 Camp provides students with the opportunity to mix socially with their new classmates and to participate in a range of outdoor educational activities.







The camp includes a range of different outdoor activities such as Flying Fish, Initiatives Course, Damper Making, Beach Volleyball and other exciting opportunities all run by qualified instructors and dedicated school staff. CSEF can be used for this camp! Contact the College Office on 5996 3544 for more information

COME ON! JOIN THE FUN : WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH - FRIDAY 28, MARCH 2025

Come join us on year 7 camp and make memories that will last a lifetime!

Max Smith Year 7 Year Level Leader

Year 8 News

Congratulations to our Class Captions for 2025!



8A Bonawin



8B Zahara





8C Max

8D Insha



8E Vandan

8F Denzel



8G Macey



8H Maddison

A Positive Start to the Year!

The Year 8 cohort at Cranbourne Secondary College has had an exciting and positive start to 2025. Students have returned full of energy, eager to engage in their classes, and happy to reconnect with friends in the yard.

What's Ahead for Year 8? This year, there's so much to look forward to, including:

- Year 8 Camp: Scheduled for Term 2, the camp will provide students with the opportunity to bond, build skills, and create lasting memories. We are heading to Philip Island Adventure Resort; forms and more information will be released later this term, so stay tuned!
- Career Pathways: This term, Year 8 students will begin exploring their career journeys. They'll look at pathways and steps to help them achieve their ultimate goals.

For parents/carers and students wanting to learn more about career options and planning, you can access helpful resources through the Career Tools Website available via Compass.

Here are some statements from our Year 8 Students on how their year has been so far:

Zachary Prinsloo:

"My experience in Year 8 has been way more exciting and fun than I thought. During school holidays I thought it was going to be gruelling or harder than year 7 but I have the best teachers and good friends. I also noticed that the school has made more positive changes, like more teachers walking around and I'm enjoying helping the Year 7's."

Toni-Lorette Bridgland:

"I really enjoy being at Cranbourne Secondary College because all the teachers are extremely nice. Being in the Music Program and Basketball Academy is a great experience and meeting new people while doing the things you love."

We're excited for the year ahead and thank our families for their ongoing support as we work together to make 2025 a successful and rewarding year for all Year 8 students.

Year 9 News

Congratulations to our newly elected Class Captains for 2025:













9F

(Sport)

9A Virai

9C Oliver (Sustainability) (Multipride)

Lincoln

Asma (Library)

9E Mekhna

Annalise

9G Kalani

It's been a super busy start to 2025 for our Year 9 students, with a newly updated space, electives, CONNECT and plenty of new faces in the teaching team.

Year 9 students engage with the CONNECT program every Monday, where they work with their peers in their homegroups and across the year level to CONNECT. We have begun our exploration of self and connection to culture. CONNECT days also see opportunities for presentations and incursions to occur which will teach our students valuable skills and lessons. To kick start this unit of work all students in Year 9 cast their handprints on the wall at the entrance of building A. Students have continued to celebrate and respect the space.



Students participated in day long programs, Mancave and the Workshop which focused on expectations, gender roles, resilience and identity. Based on the Rites of Passage framework, the workshops create safe spaces for participants to have real conversations with each other. They included group-building activities, interactive games and healthy discussions on mental health, relationships and consent. CONNECT staff and program facilitators were impressed with the students' focus, maturity and representation of our college.

Members of the Victorian Police worked with our students to educate them about crime prevention providing context and statistics to protect our students. How to interact with members of the Police force was discussed and modelled, and included being respectful, being able to engage in conversation and being able to take on advice provided. Students were taught the difference between various crimes and how they can impact their lives.

This week our students also interacted with Australian singer songwriter Scott Darlow who shared stories about his Indigenous culture, community and traditions.

It's important to recognize how recent history has shaped the Australia we know today, and Scott Darlow helped highlight that gap. By making the information relatable, he not only educated students but also urged them to reflect on the ongoing effects of history on the lives of many Indigenous people. The way Scott engaged with the audience made the subject more impactful, and I am sure it will inspire meaningful actions among the students, even down the line.



Next week our students will engage in Taster sessions for the Immersive subjects which run during term 2 and term 4. The Immersive subjects will run all day on a Monday and aim to bring students closer to their community, and culture whilst making connections to school and their peers. The skills they learn and develop in these subjects are transferable and will help them as they prepare to enter the workforce. Students will also choose their electives on this day.

We are excited about the possibilities that we have in working with our students and look forward to the year ahead.

Linda McGloin Year 9 Year Level Leader

Year 10 Update

At Year 10, students have settled in well to the electives and their year-long Maths and English subjects. This choice gives students a taste of their VCE subjects and it is fantastic that they have taken their choices seriously when choosing their current subjects. In the Year 10 team's Engagement Walks, we have seen analysis of GATTACA, understanding of indices (mostly), photography of the natural alphabet, the breaking down of the Periodic Table and the mastering of new recipes.

The Year 10 team have also put a big emphasis on attendance this year, as we are aware that we need to set a strong foundation for VCE, whatever that looks like. We need to form strong habits now; like being in class first and foremost or following along on Compass or Teams if we cannot physically be there. We have found that keeping up with work or contacting teachers when away reduces student anxiety upon return and also reduces the number of days away from school.

Attendance also plays a part in our Progress Reports, making up a quarter of each student's overall score. Our first Progress Report will be released on the 28th of February and will set an early benchmark for our students. This will be reviewed in our Monday STEP classes and be monitored throughout the year as we aim to make a gradual step up to VCE throughout Year 10, instead of an overwhelming leap at the end of the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Year 10 team or request a call back with the topic you wish to discuss.

> *Luke Barrett* Year 10 Year Level Leader



Library News

BIG Summer Read

To combat the 'summer slide' in literacy over the holidays, Public Libraries Victoria offered a Statewide reading program to children up to 18. Schools are partnering with public libraries in this important reading and literacy initiative.

All students were invited to read and record 10 books from 1st December 2024 to 31st January 2025.

Students were invited to collect a reading log sheet from our library and post it in the BIG Summer Read box, including a book review on one of their books, for a school prize of a \$50 Booktopia Gift Voucher!

All participants in the BIG Summer Read were rewarded with certificates, canteen vouchers, and other

Onome Jegede's Work Placement Celebration – End of Term 4 2024

Thank you Raf, Reggie, George Massouris, Kerrie-Ann, Julie, Mark and Jason for attending Onome Jegede's morning tea celebration last term.

Onome was super excited to receive her awards and gifts for her valuable contribution during her work placement at our college.

Library Lunchtime Clubs – Term 1

Our library lunchtime clubs have begun. Note, changes will be made when the library is renovated this year.

Senior Study Space (Mon/Wed): Year 11 & 12 students have access to LIBM for quiet private study

Book Club (Tuesday): Years 7 to 12 - CBCA Shadow Judging, creative responses to books, author book launches, and book chats.

Chess Club (Thursday): Years 7 to 12 - run by Ms Brassachio & Mr Taylor. Chess games and tournaments.

Writers Collective (Friday): Year 7 to 12 – run by Mr Greaves. Student-created college newspaper.

Study On (Monday to Thursday): will start after school soon.



treats.

This year, Bhuvi 9E, won the \$50 Booktopia gift voucher for reading 20 books from the 1st of December to 31st January! Her two book reviews were beautifully written with a positive message.



LIBRARY Clubs	
Monday - Senior Study Space Lunchtime LIBM	
Tuesday -Book Club Lunchtime LIBM	ľ
Wednesday - Senior Study Space Lunchtime LIBM	i
Thursday - Chess Club Lunchtime LIBM	
Friday – Writers Collective Lunchtime LIBM	
Study On - Monday to Thursday 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	ļ
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Barbara Cousens Library Manager

Library News

Historical Society Book Donations

Cranbourne Historical Society has kindly donated some wonderful resources for students and staff to explore our local history. It is also well worth visiting Fisherman's Cottage Museum at Tooradin on a Sunday (12pm to 4pm) to find out more about our past!

Library Lovers' Day – Friday 14 February

We celebrated Library Lovers' Day this year with the following events:

- 1. Share what you love about libraries on the heart templates to add to our display
- 2. Blind Date a Book (borrow a book in a paper bag)
- 3. Speed Book Dating on Friday 14 February at lunchtime

Book reviews on the blind dates were placed in a lucky draw for some romantic prizes.

We matched the students to their preferred speed book dates for the chance of a second date!

Some feedback students shared on the hearts for 'l love my Library because...":

- It is a quiet and calm place with friends and study
- Cuz I get to be me
- It lets me study after school! Love it.
- It's my happy place
- It gives me somewhere to feel safe and be me!
- It's so calm and cool
- It's a quiet place where I can just read
- The staff make me feel safe and valued!
- It has a large variety of books of different genres...









Bell Times

Period	Normal Day Time	2.30 Finish
Preparation Bell	8.50 am	8.50 am
Period 1	8.55 - 9.55 am	8.55 - 9.50 am
Period 2	9.55 - 10.55 am	9.50 - 10.45 am
RECESS	10.55 - 11.20 am	10.45 - 11.05 am
Period 3	11.20 - 12.20 pm	11.05 - 12.00 pm
Period 4	12.20 - 1.20 pm	12.00 - 12.55 pm
LUNCH (40 mins)	1.20 - 2.00 pm	12.55 - 1.35 pm
Period 5	2.00 - 3.00 pm	1.35 - 2.30 pm
End of day dismissal	3.00 pm	2.30 pm

Key dates

3 March	Swimming Carnival
8 March	International Women's Day
10 March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
11 March	Student Learner Conferences - See Compass for more details & bookings NO SCHEDULED CLASSES
12 - 24 March	NAPLAN
12 March	School Photos: Years 10 - 12
13 March	School Photos: Years 7 -9

13 March	College Open Evening 5.30 pm - 8 pm
20 March	School Photos: Catch up day
26 - 28 March	Year 7 Camp
1 April	'Show Up' 7.00 pm
3 April	Whole School Athletics
4 April	Last Day Term 1 Curriculum Day - NO SCHOOL
22 April	First Day Term 2
25 April	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

IT Office - Repairs

If students are having issues with their daybook devices, they are to visit the IT office during the following times:

- Before School
- Recess
- Lunch
- After School

Students should not be attending IT during class time.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep up to date with all the latest news and information on our social media sites







Attendance

Please make sure you are on time and in uniform each day. If for any reason you are late arriving to school, please ensure you check in at the office and receive a late pass.

Contacting the College

If parents have a concern about their child's learning or for any welfare matters, the school has processes and people in place to address your concerns. If you have any questions please contact the College and arrange to speak with the relevant Year Level Engagement Coordinator.

Office Hours

Telephone 5996 3544 Finance Office: 8.30 am – 3.45 pm Administration Office: 8.10 am – 4.00 pm Email: cranbourne.sc@education.vic.gov.au Student Absence: 5996 3544 and follow the prompts

Collecting your child

If you need to pick up your child, please provide a note or call the office ahead of time.

Payment of Voluntary Contributions

Payment of Voluntary Curriculum Contributions and Extra-Curricular items/activities can be made on the Compass Parent Portal. If you need any assistance with this, please contact the General Office.

If making payments in person, please use contactless card payments where possible. If paying by cash, please try to have the correct amount as we may not have change.

Health

Please advise the school of any health concerns you have for your child.

The start of the year is a perfect time to see your doctor to discuss your Asthma requirements and update your plan.

The Year 7 & Year 10 Vaccination dates will be advised as soon as they become available.

Please DO NOT send your child to school if they are unwell.

Students wishing to use the Doctors in Schools Service, which is in operation on a Monday during term time, need to contact the College wellbeing team or fill in the self referral on Compass.

Change of Details

Have you changed your address, email address, medical or phone numbers recently?

If so, it is vital that you provide updated details to the College.

Please collect a CHANGE OF DETAILS form from Reception or fill in the form on our website. Alternatively, email:

cranbourne.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

2025 Applications for CSEF are now open. If you are the holder of a Centrelink Health Care Card, are a refugee or have an Immicard, please contact the front office to collect an application form.

Personal Items

The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools, and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. Students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Students travelling on Public Transport

Primary and secondary school students aged 5 to 18 can travel on a Child myki.

If you're aged 17 and 18 you must carry proof of age ID (such as a passport, learner permit, driver licence, Proof of Age card, Key Pass), or proof of another concession entitlement (such as a Health Care Card, a PTV School Student ID or PTV Approved School Student ID).

School students can also purchase a half or full year student pass in their chosen area and must also carry a PTV Approved School Student ID card or PTV School Student ID card.

Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the <u>Schools' Privacy Policy.</u>

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our <u>website</u>. For more information about privacy, refer to: <u>Schools' Privacy</u> <u>Policy — information for parents</u>. This information is also available in ten community languages.

Before And After School Supervision Parent Notification

Student safety at Cranbourne Secondary College is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised from 8.30am each morning.

After school: School grounds are supervised each afternoon until 3.20pm

Students on school grounds outside these times will not be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice).

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy Parents/Guardians should contact the College. This policy includes Cranbourne Secondary College's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.

Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and ANZ will match it up to \$500.

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



18 years or older



A regular income (you or your partner)



Attend free online financial education workshops



yourself or

have a child

at school, or

starting next

year

Are studying

Current Health Care or **Pensioner** Concession Card

Saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

School Student Broadband Initiative

The School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) has been extended to offer eligible students and households free broadband internet at home until Friday 30 June 2028.

About the initiative

Led by the National Broadband Network (NBN), the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) is a Federal Government initiative offering free home internet to 30,000 eligible households with school-aged students.

Families and carers currently connected to the NBN network through SSBI will have their connection automatically extended with their participating internet provider until 30th June 2028.

For new families, the services commence from the time the service is activated with the internet provider. Note that other household members can use the internet services provided by the initiative.

When the program reaches the cap of 30,000 services connected, no further nominations will be accepted, and any unredeemed vouchers will become invalid.

If you have a voucher that has not been used, please be sure to activate your free service with a participating internet provider as soon as possible. After the free period, households will not be placed on a paid service without consent. The government will explore options for what happens to services beyond the end date in 2028.

Eligibility

To be eligible for SSBI, families must:

- have a child living at home who is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including Prep)
- not have an active NBN network internet service at home (excludes mobile internet services)
- live in a premises that can access the NBN network via a standard connection (NBN will confirm this)
- not have had an active NBN connection during the previous 14 days.

How to get started

To be assessed, contact NBN National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 or visit anglicarevic.org.au/studentinternet to request a call back.

Please note:

NBN will check your nominated home address for an active NBN connection.

You do not need to provide financial information. Translation and interpretation services are available. Some families might also be contacted via their school, with information about how to apply.

State Schools' Relief

State Schools' Relief are an amazing resource to help our students and their families.

They offer the following items:

- Uniform. shirts, trousers, shorts, PE shorts, shoes, socks, underwear, basic VET uniform (hi-vis shirts, work pants and work boots not the polo tops), hats, beanies, stationery and a voucher worth \$85 for a logoed (uniform shop) item such as a winter skirt, PE shirt, dress, jumpers and jackets. They only allow 1 voucher item at a time and max 3 per year for a student. For those needing multiple voucher items, we will endeavour to help families as needed and have a large selection of donated used Jackets, new grey (older style) woollen jumpers, dresses (older style) and PE shirts.
- State Schools' Relief also offers reading glasses for students who may need glasses and have not

had them before.

- Travel Passes monthly passes issued for travel on any PTV vehicle for the month.
- CAS calculators for VCE students are usually available during Term 1, depending on funding.

Please note that State Schools Relief are currently inundated with orders and are averaging a 4 week turnaround. They are hiring more personnel to get the orders out earlier, but this will affect turnaround on students receiving uniforms.

If you require any further information or need assistance with uniform or State Schools' Relief assistance please contact Sindi Fischer at the College (Tuesday and Thursday).



DISCOVER Cranbourne Secondary College OPEN EVENING Thursday 13 March 2025



Open classrooms from 5.30 pm Basketball Academy Information Session 5.30 pm Music Institute Cranbourne Information Session 5.45 pm Main Information session 6.00 pm Scavenger Hunt for a chance to win a \$500 school voucher

> Book Now www.cranbournesc.vic.edu.au

