



Newsletter

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Principal Report.

As we reach the midpoint of Term 2, it is pleasing to reflect on what has generally been a positive and productive start to the term. Across both campuses, students have continued to engage actively in their learning while embracing the wide range of opportunities available to them both within and beyond the classroom.

The first half of the term has been characterised by strong student participation, high levels of engagement and the continued commitment of staff, students and families to making the most of the opportunities available at Bellarine Secondary College.

A highlight of the term was our recent Student, Parent and Teacher Three-Way Conferences. These conferences provide an important opportunity for students, parents/carers and teachers to come together to celebrate learning achievements, discuss progress and identify strategies for continued growth. The conferences reinforce the importance of students taking ownership of their learning while strengthening the partnership between home and school. Thank you to the many families who attended either in-person or online and engaged so positively in these conversations. The strong attendance reflects the shared commitment of our community to supporting every student to achieve success in their learning.

Our students continue to benefit from a diverse range of learning and extra-curricular opportunities. The VET Music program again sees regular performances at the Esplanade Hotel in Queenscliff, showcasing their developing talents in a public performance setting. Opportunities such as these provide authentic learning experiences, allowing students to perform before a live audience, build confidence, develop professionalism and gain valuable industry experience. I congratulate all students involved and thank our Music staff for the considerable time and expertise they invest in supporting these opportunities.



The Performing Arts continue to flourish across the College with weekly rehearsals well underway for our 2026 school production, High School Musical. It has been wonderful to see students from across year levels working together as performers, musicians, backstage crew and production team members. School productions provide students with invaluable opportunities to develop confidence, teamwork, creativity and resilience while building strong connections across our College community. I thank our dedicated Performing Arts staff for their ongoing commitment to creating such rich experiences for students.

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**24 Hour
Absence Line
5251 9010**

All student absences must be reported to the College the day of absence.



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Peninsula Drive

Drysdale, 3222

Ocean Grove Campus

70 Shell Road

Ocean Grove

P 5251 9000

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Principal Report continued.

The breadth of opportunities available to students at Bellarine Secondary College has again been evident throughout the first half of the term. These opportunities complement classroom learning and play an important role in supporting student wellbeing, connectedness and personal growth.

Our students have also engaged in a range of enriching learning experiences beyond the classroom. Year 7 SEAL students recently visited the Geelong Tech School, providing an opportunity to engage with emerging technologies and innovative approaches to problem-solving. Students also participated in the SongMakers incursion, working alongside professional musicians and songwriters in a highly engaging and creative learning environment. These experiences expose students to new ideas, inspire curiosity and help students see the possibilities that exist beyond the classroom.



Over the first five weeks of the term, Bellarine Secondary College students have participated in a wide range of inter-school sporting competitions, representing the College with pride, enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship. These opportunities have seen students compete across a variety of team and individual sports, testing their skills against students from schools across the region. Beyond the competition itself, inter-school sport provides significant benefits for young people, supporting physical health and wellbeing, teamwork, resilience, leadership and school connectedness. It is always pleasing to see students challenge themselves, build new friendships and develop a strong sense of belonging while proudly representing our College in the wider community.





Principal Report continued.

Student leadership opportunities have also featured prominently this term. Several students recently participated in the Be Bold, Be Heard Forum, developing their understanding of leadership, advocacy and student voice. Other students represented the College at the Model United Nations Conference, where they demonstrated critical thinking, collaboration and public speaking skills while exploring complex global issues. These opportunities help students develop the confidence and capabilities required to make meaningful contributions within both their school and broader community.



Students and staff also recently marked IDAHOBIT Day through a whole-school mufti day and a range of activities designed to promote inclusion, respect and belonging. IDAHOBIT Day provides an important opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring Bellarine Secondary College is a place where every student feels safe, valued and respected for who they are. I thank our student leaders and staff who helped organise and support the day.

The College recently welcomed the Minister for Education, Ben Carroll, and the Member for Bellarine, Alison Marchant and the Department of Education Regional Director Chris Thompson to Bellarine Secondary College. Their visit provided an opportunity to showcase the outstanding work occurring across our College and to share the many ways in which our students and staff contribute positively to the Bellarine community. During the visit, students spoke confidently about their learning experiences, future aspirations and the opportunities available to them at the College. We were proud to highlight our commitment to student learning, wellbeing and engagement, as well as the many innovative programs that enrich the educational experience of our students. The visit was a valuable opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our school community and to advocate for the ongoing needs of our growing College, our students and our community.





Principal Report continued.

As we move into the second half of Term 2, I encourage students to continue to make the most of the opportunities available to them, to remain focused on their learning and to maintain strong attendance and engagement. The success of our College continues to be built on the collective efforts of our students, staff and families, and I thank our entire community for their ongoing support.

Mobile Phone expectations

As a reminder, the Victorian Government's Mobile Phones Policy requires that students switch off and securely store their mobile phones during the school day. At Bellarine Secondary College, this expectation applies across both campuses, with arrangements tailored to the age and stage of our students. At the Ocean Grove Campus (Years 7–8), mobile phones are collected each morning and securely stored for the duration of the school day. At the Drysdale Campus (Years 9–12), students are required to keep their mobile phones switched off and locked in their lockers from the beginning of the school day until dismissal. These arrangements support student learning, wellbeing and social connectedness by minimising distractions and encouraging positive engagement with peers and staff. We appreciate the ongoing support of parents and carers in reinforcing these expectations with students.

Wayne Johannesen

Principal



BSC Cross Country



June

June 5th	Year 11 Exams commence
June 8th	Kings birthday Public Holiday
June 12th	Year 10 Exams Commence
Thursday 25th	Last day of term 3:10pm
Friday 26th	Student free day— Year 12 English Trial Exam—Staff P/L

July

Monday 13th	Term 3 Commences
Tuesday 14th	Whole School NAIDOC Assembly Drysdale Campus
Wednesday 15th	MUFTI Day—NAIDOC
Friday 24th	Student Free Day — Staff P/L
Tuesday 28th	Year 12 Alpine Camp

August

Wednesday 5th	ECO 5 2026 Information Evening: 5:45pm –6:30pm: Yani-iny-ngitj Centre
Tuesday 11th	Year 12 Group Photo
Friday 14th –15th	High School Musical Production—Bellarine Arts Centre
Monday 17th	Year 8 and Year 9 Students Subject Selection Week. For 2027.
Thursday 20th	Year 11 Subject Selection for 2027

September

Thursday 3rd	3 Way Conferences—Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 10th	MUFTI DAY –RU Okay
Friday 18th	Last day of Term — 3:10pm

October

Monday 12th	Term 4 Commences
Wednesday 21st	Geelong Cup –Student Free Day
Friday 30th	World Teachers Day!

November

Monday 9th	Year 9 ECO 5 Camp
Wednesday 18th	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner: 1915

December

Tuesday 15th	Awards Night—Costa Hall
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WHY EDUCATION MATTERS:



Better job opportunities



Less poverty



Better health outcomes



Better relationships



Stronger communities

Bellarine Secondary College





Year 10 Semester One Exams 2026- Information for Parents, Carers and Students

Exam Attendance Information:

- All subjects have an exam with the exception of MYLNS Literacy, Ready Set Work and Farm My School.
- Last day of Year 10 Classes for Semester 1 is Thursday 11 June.
- Students with no exams on a particular day are not required to attend school.

Students at school but not in an exam will have access to Supervised Private Study – Location TBC.

- Students with no exam in the morning may arrive at school at Recess (for Periods 3-4 Exams) or Lunch (for Periods 5-6 Exams).
- Please note: students that have exams Periods 1-2 and Periods 5-6 on the same day must remain at school and go to Private Study in YPS-1 for Periods 3-4.
- Students may leave the school grounds once they have completed their exams for the day.
- Students arriving at Recess or Lunch must sign in at the General Office.
- Students leaving at Recess or Lunch must sign out at the General Office.

General Information:

- Students are required to be in full school uniform for all exams.
- Students are required to remain in exams until the end of the allocated time for that exam.
- Students should not communicate with other students on entering the exam room or during the exam.
- Students should raise their hand if they have a question or to go to the toilet.

Drink bottles and pencil cases must be clear plastic with no labels.

Students should line up outside the exam room, ready to go in, 5 mins before the scheduled starting time of the exam.

- Mobile phones, smart watches and internet connected devices are not permitted. If needed, students will have the option of storing their devices in a box at the front of the exam room.



Support and Communication

House Leaders are generally the first point of contact for parents and carers seeking support. Early communication allows us to work together to support student wellbeing, engagement and learning.

	Corio	Lonsdale	Nepean	Swan
Year 7 & 8	Caitlyn Carter	Jevon Nicholas	Tom Roberts	Ryan Shaw
Year 9 & 10	Bree Redden	Jenny McCarthy	Annie Oliver	Jacqui Slattery
Year 11 & 12	Merryn Chalmers	Suzanne Mack	Jess Armstrong	Omar Lewis

LIBRARY NEWS

eBooks & Audio Books are available!

Our school is committed to providing students with unique learning opportunities, which is why we offer access to ePlatform, a digital library for students that provides free access to eBooks and Audiobooks.

With ePlatform, your student has 24/7 access to eBooks and Audiobooks for free. This is a wonderful extension of our physical school library and allows titles to be checked out at home, over the weekend or during school breaks and they automatically return at the end of the loan period.

Students of all ages can benefit from ePlatform's reading and comprehension tools. A service like this can benefit struggling or reluctant readers, learning-challenged students, second-language learners, as well as gifted readers alike.

- Unique reader customisation with Settings Wizard, across all devices
- Introduce students to books above their reading level
- Help busy kids find time to read
- Professionally curated collection with age restrictions set by school staff
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How does it work? Ensure your reader has the ePlatform app, which can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store, Google Play Store or visit <https://bellarine.eplatform.co/>

Students can login using their @schools.vic.edu.au username and password. Please contact the library for any questions or assistance.

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BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS OPEN
YEAR 7, 2027

USE THE QR CODE
TO APPLY



Contact: steven.carlson@education.vic.gov.au



2026 School Production cast announcement

We are excited to announce the cast for our 2026 Bellarine Secondary College school production:



Shows: 14th and 15th August!

Troy – Keegan Sims

Sharpey – Roxy Cronwright

Taylor – Leteisha Robinson

Coach Bolton – Daniel Flemming

Jackie Scott – Daisy Sheather

Zeke – Darcy Darker

Moderator - Sophia Lockett

Kratnoff – Misha Wilson

James – Liz Cuzner

Cathy – Zayah Jennings

Gabriella – Nora Trujillo-Mendez

Ryan – Cori Hazell-Degenaro

Chad – Sadie Guilford

Ms Darbus – Lily McDonald

Kelsi – Macy Savage

Martha – Isla Fraser

Ms Teny – Emme McArdle

Jock/Drum Major – Izzy Greenwood

Susan – Isabella Robson

Cyndra – Sophia Hall

Maddy Sims (Dance Captain), Ruby Green, Milla Lappe, Mia Penhall, Anabelle Lockett, Victoria Cuzner, Riley Lunn, Oliver Keel, Riley Curtain, Ben Robinson, Harper Addison, Ace Dupe, Scarlett Taylor, Gabby Peterken, Alyssia Bilney, Angie Graham, Magenta Grace, Ruby Cripps, Sammi Rabl, Maya Ferrier, Daisy Lord, Emily Arnold, Kayla Milner, Lulu Donnelly, Oliver Renkin, Niamh Renkin, Annameekah Leorke

Congratulations to everyone!



G A W S
geelong animal welfare society
'because every life is precious'

SAMSON'S

5TH BIRTHDAY

PLEASE BRING A DONATION FOR GAW S ♡

Your donations help animals in need while they wait for their second chance at a forever home. ♡

 WE CAN ACCEPT ♡	 WE CANNOT ACCEPT ♡
 Towels & blankets (good condition)	 Pillows & cushions
 Dog & cat food	 Doonas & quilts
 Treats & enrichment toys	 Fitted sheets & pillowcases
 Scratching posts	 Electrical items
 Small cat beds & igloos	 Recycled meat trays
	 Kennels

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 **TOGETHER, WE CAN GIVE ANIMALS THE CARE, LOVE AND SECOND CHANCES THEY DESERVE.** ♡
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**BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE
YEAR 10 MUSIC CLASS**

PRESENTS



ORIGINALS MUSIC NIGHT

JUNE 1ST | 6.30PM - 7.30PM

AT

Bellarine Arts Centre
Peninsula Drive, Drysdale

Gold coin donation



National Reconciliation Week Family Art Workshops

First up, on Friday 22nd May 4.30-5.30pm we have [Together - A Creative Dance Lab for Young People](#)

'Together' is a site-responsive dance workshop for ages 12-18, exploring movement, collaboration and curiosity through the library's spaces. Inclusive, creative and open to all, no experience needed.

Emily Bowman is a contemporary dance artist, choreographer, performer, educator, and artist-researcher based in Djilang. She has taught and performed across Australia and internationally, and has taught at major institutions including VCA, Deakin, and Dancehouse. Emily holds degrees from WAAPA and Deakin, and is undertaking a PhD exploring contact improvisation within more-than-human contexts.

Karlia May Cook is a Djilang-based dancer and choreographer of Ma'ohi-Nor'k, Maori (Ngapuhi) and Pakeha descent. Her practice centres embodied listening and relationality to land and ancestry. A VCA Masters graduate, she has worked widely and presents her own choreographic works.

Bookings: [Together - A Creative Dance Lab for Young People - Geelong Regional Libraries](#)

Then on **Monday 1st June 4.00-5.00pm** we have [Reconciliation Week Family Art Workshop - with Jenna Oldaker](#)

Join us for a special workshop with Wadawurrung artist Jenna Oldaker from Murrup Art. Learn about Wadawurrung culture and decorate your own tote bag to take home! Bookings essential.

Children and young people are invited to bring a special grown-up, carer or elder to a Reconciliation Week art session with Wadawurrung Traditional Owner and Visual Artist Jenna Oldaker.

Jenna Oldaker is a Wadawurrung Traditional Owner and Aboriginal artist, based in Ballarat on Wadawurrung Country. An emerging artist in the field of visual arts, Jenna explores the sacred traditions of storytelling, culture and heritage through her brightly coloured and joyful artworks. Jenna creates works under the name 'Murrup Art' - 'Murrup' being the Wadawurrung word for spirit, which is fitting as Jenna's art comes from the sacred tradition of storytelling told by her ancestors and their spirits. Through her art, Jenna expresses her deep connection and love for her Aboriginal culture, Country, and heritage.

Every piece created by Jenna comes from her heart and strong connection to her family and mob. Her passion is to create each work with its own individual story and meaning, and also to educate others about Wadawurrung culture and Country. All artworks are named in Traditional Wadawurrung language, as a further means of helping facilitate shared learning of First Nations culture and heritage.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia every single day.

Bookings: [National Reconciliation Week Family Art Workshop - Geelong Regional Libraries](#)





Georgia & Lena from [Weenthunga Health Network](#) here.

We are excited to invite First Nations young women and gender diverse young people in years 10-12 from your school to nyarrn-gakgo mangkie's experience; Connecting Through Conversations July 17th , 2026.

In collaboration with RMIT's [Ngarara Willim Centre](#) we invite you to save the date and begin offering this experience to young people you're connected with.

nyarrn-gakgo mangkie Spaces and Connecting Through Conversations event are backed by the Department of Education, Education Liaison Officer grant [Strengthening Aboriginal Self-determination in Education](#).

We would appreciate if you could share this opportunity to your wider school networks and contacts.

Reflections from young people after the Connecting Through Conversations experience 2024

- *"I found all the yarns really interesting especially the from the midwife, it was really good hearing about health topics from First Nations Health professionals in a safe space"*


"It made me feel so grounded"

Reflection from Teachers after the Connecting Through Conversations experience 2024

"Fantastic day, we've had wonderful feedback from our girls, thank you for continuing to create such beautiful safe spaces for mob"

What's on offer?

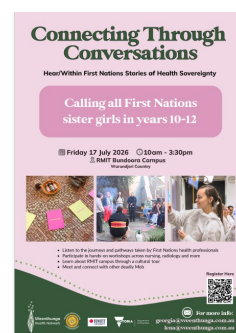
Connecting Through Conversations Experience 2026

 July 17th 10am-3.30pm

 Fully catered, lunch and afternoon tea

 RMIT University, Bundoora Campus

225-245 Plenty Road, Bundoora



- *Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony*
- *Get to know nyarrn-gakgo mangkie/Weenthunga and meet new mob*
- *Listen to stories and journeys taken by First Nations health professionals across nursing, public health, allied health and wellbeing spaces*
- *Hands on workshops at RMIT universities labs and facilities - including medical imagining/radiology & nursing labs*
- *Guided cultural walking tour of Wurundjeri Country*
- *Connect with other young women and gender diverse mob from across so-called Victoria in senior high school*

Custom nyarrn-gakgo mangkie merch and wellbeing gifts

Parking available onsite, train via Mernda line

if you need support with transport please get in touch with our team

 Young people register [here](#)

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NOURISH WORKSHOPS & TOURS



HEALTHY HOME HABITS

WITH MICHELLE BROWNSTEIN CLINICAL NUTRITIONIST

THURS 4 JUNE 5:30PM-7:30PM

BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE, DRYSDALE

Discover how food choices impact your family's mental and physical health in this immersive two-hour workshop. Begin with a farm tour connecting to where your food grows, then join Michelle to explore which nutrients support brain health, immunity, and resilience.

GROWING & COOKING ON COUNTRY

WITH NORNIE BERO & JAMES MCLENNAN

SATURDAY 20 JUNE, 10:00AM-1:00PM

BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE, DRYSDALE

Learn how to grow and cook with native Indigenous plants, guided by deep knowledge, lived experience and a connection to land that goes far beyond the plate. Be prepared to get your taste buds fired up!



TASTE OF THE FARM

WITH JAMES MCLENNAN FARM MY SCHOOL

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 10:00AM-1:00PM

BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE, DRYSDALE

Explore the farm, learn how seasonal produce is grown using regenerative practices, and harvest ingredients straight from the soil. Along the way, James will share insights into building a community-based food system that reconnects people to where their food comes from.



FROM SOIL TO SWEET

WITH DARREN PURCHASE & CATH CLARINGBOLD

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 5:30PM-7:30PM

BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE, DRYSDALE

Find out how fresh, seasonal produce from Farm My School Bellarine can be transformed into something truly indulgent – and still good for you. Work under the guidance of two renowned chefs.

WORKSHOPS LOCATED AT
BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE, DRYSDALE

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Imagine a school that can feed its community. A farm built within a school.

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Pride MONTH HOSTED BY GASP

JUNE 2	WELCOME TO PRIDE MONTH DROP IN 3:30PM - 5:30PM FOR AGES 12 - 25	JUNE 4	Q & A WITH GASP ALUMNI 3:30PM - 5PM FOR ALL AGES TICKETS REQUIRED
JUNE 9	PRIDE SHORT FILMS NIGHT 3:30PM - 5PM FOR AGES 12 - 25 TICKETS REQUIRED	JUNE 11	OPEN MIC NIGHT 4PM - 6PM FOR ALL AGES TICKETS REQUIRED
JUNE 13	GEELONG PRIDE EXPO 10:30AM - 12:30PM FOR ALL AGES GEELONG WEST TOWN HALL	JUNE 16	COLLAGE ART SHOWCASE 3:30PM - 5:30PM FOR ALL AGES
JUNE 18	GASP & QHUB PRIDE MONTH PARTY 3:30PM - 5:30PM FOR AGES 12 - 25	JUNE 24	GASP 30 YEAR CELEBRATION INVITE ONLY

TICKETS HERE - [HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/HOST/GASP](https://events.humanitix.com/host/gasp)

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17 GHERINGHAP STREET GEELONG

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 5272 5272
 YOUTHADMIN@GEELONGCITY.VIC.GOV.AU

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG



GEELONG PRIDE EXPO 2026

SATURDAY 13 JUNE
10:30am-12:30pm
GEELONG WEST TOWN HALL
153 Pakington Street, Geelong West

- Free entry
- Craft & activities
- Face painting
- Photo wall
- Entertainment
- Light refreshments
- Service providers
- Community groups

BUSH BLOOMS

walk 🌈 draw 🌈 create 🌈 connect

A day of creativity and connection for trans & gender diverse young people (up to 25 years) and their families (including chosen family). Young people under age 12 must attend with an adult.

Saturday 18 July 2026
10am to 4pm

At Wathaurong Booln Booln Cultural Centre, Geelong
On Wadawurrung Country

Register for your free ticket

Supported by the Victorian Government

FREE TICKETS:

www.humanityix.com

Pride FILM NIGHT

Films
The History of the Carabiner, Clover, MASKED, Still Me, Fourteen and Nine Months

TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE 2026

3:30-5PM
The Nest Youth Hub - 17 Gheringhap Street, Geelong

OPEN MIC FOR PRIDE

Looking for rainbow youth aged 12-25 to showcase their talent

EOI NOW OPEN

11th Of June
Nest Youth Hub
4pm-6pm
17 Gheringhap Street
Geelong

@GEEELONGYOUTH
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YOUTHADMIN@GEEELONGCITY.VIC.GOV.AU



Farm My School

Thank you to all those who have been buying the this year - we're thrilled with how they are being received!

We will be offering small and large boxes available for single purchase as you need, as well as a 10-week and 5-week subscriptions to keep you topped up on a weekly basis.

Prices are as follows:

Small Box | \$35 (inclusive of discount)

Large Box | \$50 (inclusive of discount)

Small Box 10-week Subscription | \$315 (inclusive of discount)

Small Box 5-week Subscription | \$205 (inclusive of discount)

Large Box 10-week Subscription | \$450 (inclusive of discount)

Large Box 5-week Subscription | \$315 (inclusive of discount)

Boxes will be available for pick up only from:

LardAss Butter on Wednesdays between 9am-4pm

Farm My School Shed at Bellarine Secondary College, Drysdale on Wednesdays between 8am-4pm

Bellarine Farmgate, Drysdale on Saturdays from 11am-2pm

Be sure to select your preferred pick-up location at checkout!

We have discount codes available for Bellarine Secondary College staff and families available for you to use, so make sure you don't forget to apply these at checkout! We kindly ask that you please keep these codes within the BSC community.

Discount codes below:

SMALLBOX - \$10 off small box

LARGEBOX - \$20 off large box

SMALLFIVE - \$40 off small five-week sub

LARGEFIVE- \$90 off large five-week sub

SMALLTEN - \$90 off small ten-week sub

LARGETEN - \$180 large ten-week sub

We thank you for your support and we look forward to providing you with an abundance of delicious, fresh, locally grown produce. Head to our [shop](#) on the Farm My School [website](#) for more information. Should you have any queries about veggie boxes please email hello@farmmyschool.com.

Warm Regards,

James McLennan

Chief Executive Officer | Co-Founder

e james@farmmyschool.com.au w www.farmmyschool.com



Student Wellbeing

All staff are in a position to provide emotional support for the young people of Bellarine Secondary College. There is a Student Wellbeing Team at each campus that can be a valuable first contact for information and assistance. Members of the Wellbeing team are available to both students and parents/guardians to discuss matters concerning a particular students' welfare, needs or problems. The team is accessible by making an appointment.

The Wellbeing Team is focussed on proactive education to support young people develop their skills related to resilience, personal safety, and positive coping related to their own wellbeing and mental health.

The work of the Wellbeing Team across the College includes:

- 1:1 Support in the form of counselling, resilience building, and referrals to community support services such as mental health services, family support and allied health services.
- 1:2 Leading school-based small group programs and coordinating external small group programs.
- 1:3 Coordinating national health promotion events such as Mental Health Week, IDAHOBIT Day, and RU OK? Day.

When students access a health or counselling service at school, they have the right to provide or withhold consent to their personal or health information, obtained from them, from being disclosed to any other person, including their parent/guardian.

An Individual acquires that right when they have sufficient maturity to understand the consequences of this disclosure. Unless a student has an intellectual disability or is particularly immature, it is likely that a secondary student has the capacity to make this choice.

Where disclosure or health information is necessary to lessen or prevent a serious imminent threat to the student's health or safety, consent by a student to do this disclosure of information is not required.

If a secondary student self-refers to a counselling service provided to students at school, the College does not have to disclose this to parents guardians. However consent from the student to share information with a parent/guardian or staff is always sought, when it is in the best interests of the student.

The College Wellbeing Team is as follows:

Student Wellbeing Team	School Nurse	Mental Health Practitioner
Nicole Wirth, Ocean Grove and Drysdale	Mel White, Ocean Grove and Drysdale Campus	Renae Schomacker Ocean Grove and Drysdale
Jan Bowes, Drysdale		
Kate Grinter, Drysdale		Samson – Wellbeing Dog
Kate Daley Ocean Grove		

LOCAL RESOURCES

The Wellbeing team may make referrals to local services or provide support for students and families to access valuable health and Wellbeing online.



STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR TEENS

Join Lael Stone for a practical and reassuring session on understanding adolescence and staying connected with your teen through the ups and downs.

This session explores the teenage brain, healthy boundaries and communication strategies that support strong relationships during this important stage.

Regional Parenting, along with Meli invite you to this FREE family forum.

This forum supports our ongoing commitment to strengthening family wellbeing, empowering parents, and building connected communities.



WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

7.00pm-8.30pm

VENUE

Norlane ARC
1/9 Cox Rd, Norlane

BOOKINGS

Scan the QR code
or visit



geelong.link/TeenConnection

This is a FREE event but
bookings are essential.

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REGIONAL PARENTING PROGRAMS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



[Parenting support services - City of Greater Geelong](#)

Full parenting calendar attached.



PARENTING YOUNG MINDS

— SUPPORTING THE ADULTS —
WHO SHAPE YOUNG ATHLETES

A workshop for parents and carers exploring how to support young people through sport, pressure and performance moments.

*Better environments.
Better outcomes
for young people.*



MONDAY
15 JUNE 2026



6:00PM



GEELONG WEST
TOWN HALL

153 Pakington Street,
Geelong West

PRACTICAL.
RELEVANT.
IMPACTFUL.



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After 12 years in Melbourne, Futbol First and East City are coming your way! We are an award winning, Football Victoria recognised, soccer and futsal development program. Join us for first our holiday academy in the Geelong area!

REGISTER NOW

- 2 full days of skill development for technical confidence and game understanding
- Talent ID for upcoming academy and futsal programs in your area
- Access to invite-only competitions

2-3 JULY, 9AM - 3PM, \$250, DEAKIN UNI - WAURN PONDS (SOCCER PITCH)

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FUTBAL FIRST

SCHOOL OF SOCCER AND FUTSAL

FROM AGES 6+




OUTDOOR **FUTSAL** **TOURNAMENTS**

Melbourne's leading soccer academy

We offer

- High intensity skills training
- Position specific training (NPL)
- 1 on 1 sessions
- Small group sessions
- Talent ID for tournaments
- Girls only programs
- Schools programs
- Club partnerships
- International tours

We are an award winning, family-run business where young players can develop their outdoor soccer and futsal skills in a fun, safe and professional environment. For over 10 years, we have provided football development that support players from beginner to advanced levels by connecting them with school, club and representative pathways.

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with the

U14G GRUBBERS



Is your 2012, 2013 or 2014 born daughter keen to play footy with the U14G OG Grubbers this season?

Please come for a kick on
Tuesdays and Thursdays
5:15-6:30pm at Memorial OG.
Game day is Sunday!

To register or for more info,
please contact Bee on
femalefootyogfnc@gmail.com



GAMES & CHALLENGES



BOARDGAME BUSTERS (8+)



Drop in after school for a mixture of classic boardgames and adventure tabletop games. Looking for a boredom buster? This is for you! Recommended for ages 8+

Thursday 4, 11, 18, 25 June
3:45 – 4:45pm
Ocean Grove Library

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All events are FREE unless otherwise specified.
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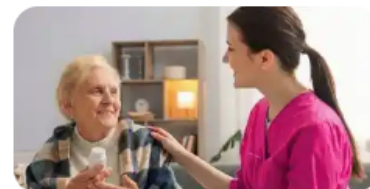
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