



Portland Secondary College Newsletter

TERM 3 WEEK 5

10th August 2026

Highlights

- **Principal's Report**
- **Library News**
- **Senior School Formal**
- **Year 8 Camp**
- **Year 9 Explorer Day**
- **Tertiary Tour**
- **Community Connections**
- **School Calendar**
- **School Uniform**
- **Community News**

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Wednesday 12th August**
 - Year 9/10 Boys Basketball – Ballarat
 - 2026 Indonesia Trip Compulsory Final Family Meeting 5:30pm – 6:30pm (GLC)
- **Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th August**
 - 2027 Year 11 Interviews
- **Wednesday 19th August**
 - Year 7 – 12 Netball Championships
- **Friday 21st August**
 - Year 7 Indonesian Independence Day Celebration
- **Monday 24th – Friday 28th August**
 - Book Week
- **Friday 28th August**
 - Book Week Dress Up Day
 - Wear It Purple Day (\$2 donation for those in purple)



Portland Secondary College is a Child Safe School

Jo Kindred, Principal



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 3 is well underway and, as usual, there have been many opportunities for students to get involved in a whole range of activities and sports as well as completing work in their lessons. Since the last newsletter was released our Year 8 students have returned from a very successful camp in Adelaide where they spent four action packed days, visiting museums, playing mini golf, participating in tree climbing adventures, and shopping amongst other things. Despite having to navigate some fairly ordinary weather, the campers returned to Portland happy and tired.

Our Year 9 students participated in Explorer Day at South West TAFE in Portland where they had the opportunity to try a vocational subject out for the day. Choices included participating in Health and Community Services, Early Childhood Education, Electrotechnology and Engineering. Once they had explored the TAFE course, students were given the opportunity to go and visit a related industry to see what related jobs look like in the workforce. It's a great way for students to start exploring options in careers they may be interested in pursuing.

It's been a busy week for our Seniors. Over the past fortnight both Year 11 and year 12 students have hosted a 'global' birthday party to celebrate the birthdays of everyone in the year level and students have also enjoyed attending Portland Secondary College's Inaugural Formal. This was a chance to get all glammed up and enjoy a dance at the Yacht Club. This week, our seniors will celebrate 'Christmas in August' so I look forward to seeing some great festive outfits.

Speaking of costumes, it is time to start getting ready for Book Week. Book Week will be celebrated in the last week of August with Book Dress Up day to be held on Friday the 28th of August. Students will be able to come in casual clothes that day – either dressed as a specific book character or in purple as we are also showing our support for LGBTQIA Youth. Dressing in casual on the day, preferably in purple, will cost students \$2.00 as a fundraiser to support these students in our College.

Pathways interviews were also held this week with students currently in Year 9 and 10. Students and families to discuss their subject selections for next year. Subject handbooks were also released on Compass. After the pathways interviews, all students were asked to select their subjects for 2027. Students wanting to move from year 10 to Vocational Major in Year 11 will be required to attend an additional interview and undergo a selection process as places in this program are limited. We will now move to making our selections of which subjects will run in 2027 and allocating student to their preferred choices.

The College was forced to start the term down one teacher but I am very pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing the employment of an experienced Maths and Science Teacher. **Mr Michael Tolliday** has joined the PSC team as has **Mr Dave Storer** who has joined the Disability Inclusion Team and will also assist with our Hands On Learning Program.

Kids Under Cover administers the DFFH Student Scholarship Program, which helps students and families with the costs associated with education. The Student Scholarship Program is designed to assist young people living in public or community housing, or those at risk of homelessness, by providing the support they need to stay engaged in education and achieve their full potential. The Program is for young people studying Year 11 or Year 12, or the TAFE equivalent, in the 2027 academic year. Scholarships are valued at \$1,100 and can be used to cover educational expenses including, but not limited to, uniforms, textbooks, public transport, computers and laptops. Applications for scholarships for the 2027 academic year are open as of Monday 13 July 2026 and close on Friday 21 August 2026. To view the eligibility criteria, program details, and apply, please visit the Kids Under Cover website.

Finally, it is nearly the time to run our annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education for 2026. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17th of August to Friday 18th of September 2026**. All families are invited to participate in the survey. The survey will be conducted online, only takes **20 minutes to complete**, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

As an incentive for parents to complete the survey, PSC will provide students with a \$5.00 canteen voucher for each completed survey. Parents are asked to take a screen shot of the 'finished screen' when they have finished the survey and email that to Joanne.Kindred@education.vic.gov.au indicating their child's name. Ms Kindred will then give your child a \$5.00 voucher for the Canteen.

We really do value your feedback so please take the time to complete the survey when it opens Log on information for the survey will be available on Compass from Monday 17th of August.

Respect

Success

Resilience

Creativity



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Considering secondary school options for 2027?

Discover what Portland Secondary College has to offer by joining one of our guided tours, hosted by members of our Leadership Team.

If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled tours, please contact
03 5523 1344 or email
Jodie.Hollis@education.vic.gov.au to arrange
an alternative time.



We look forward to welcoming you to PSC.

School Tours

departing from our General Office

Tuesday 11th August @ 9:15am

Wednesday 12th August @ 3:40pm

Thursday 20th August @ 3:40pm

Phone Number:
03 5523 1344

Website:
www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au

Email:
portland.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Facebook:
portlandseccollege

Instagram:
portland_secondary_college

ENQUIRE NOW

Portland Secondary College

144 Must Street, Portland
Phone: 03 5523 1344
Email:
portland.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Heywood & District Secondary College

23 Gorrie Street, Heywood
Phone: 03 5527 1067
Email:
heywood.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Bayview College

119 Bentinck Street, Portland
Phone: 03 5523 1042
Email:
school.contact@bayview.vic.edu.au



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Bayview College

Thinking about secondary school for next year?
Before sending your child out of town, take the
time to visit your local schools. You might be
surprised by the programs, opportunities, and
support available right on your doorstep. Strong
schools start with strong community
connections — check them out and see what's
possible locally.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM



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UNIFORM POLICY

 Uniform Reminder for Students and Parents/Carers ||

A friendly reminder to students and parents/carers that Portland Secondary College has a uniform policy that all students are expected to follow. This policy can be found on the College website or in your child's student planner.

- ✓ **Students attending PSC are expected to wear the full College uniform at all times.**
- ✗ **Hoodies and tracksuit pants are not part of the College uniform and should not be worn to school.**

If students require extra warmth, they may wear a white, black or navy long-sleeved top underneath their College T-shirt.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure their child attends school in the correct uniform each day. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated and assists staff by reducing the amount of uniform monitoring and follow-up required.

Uniform items can be purchased from Squidlydids, located on Percy Street, Portland. A full list of approved uniform items is available on their website:

<https://www.squidlydids.com.au/.../portland-secondary.../>

If you require assistance with purchasing uniform items, please contact our general office.

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining the high standards and positive presentation of Portland Secondary College.



PORTLAND SECONDARY
COLLEGE PRESENTS:

MISSION IMPROBABLE

Save The Date...

THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER

*A comedy parody inspired by Mission:
Impossible and James Bond*



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



SEEKING SPONSORS FOR PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our annual Presentation Night celebrates the achievements and success of our students. We are seeking support from local businesses, organisations and community members through sponsorship, donations, or contributions towards awards and prizes.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact

Shannon Thomas on 03 5523 1344 or email

Shannon.Thomas@education.vic.gov.au



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It's not ok to be away

When you are away...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling, that's ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Attendance matters! All day everyday!

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Does it matter if your student misses a day here and there?

Does it make a difference if they "just take a day off"?

YES, IT DOES!

Attendance matters at PSC – YOUR student's attendance matters!

Every day your child misses' school is a day of missed learning.

One missed day a week equates to 40 days a year of missed learning.

Please make sure your child attends school every day.

We have attendance officers for each Year level who will make calls home regarding student absences.

If your child does need to be absent from school, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make contact with the school to provide the reason for the absence. This can be done by calling our general office 5523 1344 or via your parental Compass app.



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REMINDER... MOBILE PHONE BAN



A reminder that the Victorian Government and Department of Education have banned mobile phones at all government schools. Students may bring phones due to travel needs, but they must be stored in locked lockers for the entire day. Phones are not to be in pockets, bags, or pencil cases. If a phone is seen or detected, it will be collected in line with government regulations.

This rule also applies when arriving and leaving—please wait until you are off school grounds before using your phone.

Any collected phone will be secured at the General Office, and parents will be contacted to pick it up. Failure to hand over a phone when asked will result in suspension from the year level manager.

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2026 TERM 3 CALENDAR

AUGUST

Wednesday 12th -Friday 14th - 2027 Year 11 VM Interviews

Wednesday 12th - 2026 Indonesia Trip Compulsory Family Meeting @ 5:30pm

Thursday 13th - Year 9 & 10 Boys Basketball - Ballarat

Wednesday 19th - Year 7 - 12 Netball Championships

Friday 21st - Year 12 TAFE Tour Community Project

- Year 7 Indonesian Independence Day Celebration

Monday 24th - Friday 28th - Book Week

Tuesday 25th - Music Festival (*for required students only*)

Wednesday 26th - Music Festival (*for required students only*)

Friday 28th - Book Week Dress Up Day

- Wear It Purple Day (*supporting LGBTQIA+ Youth*)

Monday 31st - PSC School Production Rehearsal Day (*for required students only*)

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st - Year 7 & 8 Basketball

Tuesday 8th - Table Tennis/Badminton

Wednesday 9th - Legacy Public Speaking State Final - Ballarat

Calendar was last updated on 08/08/2026.

Please monitor Compass, Newsletters & Social Media
regularly for updates.



The Food Hub

2026 Menu

BREAKFAST 8.30-8.55AM

Tea or Coffee	\$2.00
Hot Milo	\$2.00
Toasted Cheese Sandwich	\$3.00
Toasted Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$3.50
Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$4.00
Toasted Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$4.50

SANDWICHES & ROLLS

<i>Available in White & Multigrain</i>	<i>Sandwiches</i>	<i>Rolls</i>
Vegemite	\$2.00	\$2.50
Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.00	\$3.00
Cheese	\$3.00	\$3.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50	\$4.00
Cheese, Beetroot & Salad	\$4.50	\$5.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00	\$4.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50	\$5.00
Ham & Salad	\$6.00	\$6.50
Ham, Cheese & Salad	\$6.50	\$7.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$4.00	\$4.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.00	\$5.50
Chicken & Salad	\$5.50	\$6.00
Chicken, Cheese & Salad	\$6.00	\$6.50
Salad & Beetroot	\$4.00	\$4.50

No charge for Mayo, Sweet Chilli Sauce other Sandwich combinations available upon request.

WRAPS

	<i>Half Wrap</i>	<i>Full Wrap</i>
Ham, Cheese & Salad	\$4.00	\$8.00
Chicken, Cheese & Salad	\$4.00	\$8.00
Falafel, Cheese & Salad	\$4.00	\$8.00
Egg, Cheese & Salad	\$4.00	\$8.00
Veggie Burger, Cheese & Salad	\$4.00	\$8.00

No charge for Mayo, Sweet Chilli Sauce .

SALADS

	<i>Small</i>	<i>Large</i>
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$3.50	N/A
Garden Salad Bowl w/ Cheese	\$5.00	\$8.00
Garden Salad Bowl w/ Egg	\$5.00	\$8.00
Garden Salad Bowl w/ Chicken	\$5.00	\$8.00

No charge for Sauce .

HOT FOOD

Burger Buns & Rolls available in White & Multigrain

Flame Grilled Chicken Burger No Cheese	\$5.00
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger with Cheese	\$5.50
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger with Cheese & Salad	\$7.50
Flame Grilled Beef Burger with Sauce, No Cheese	\$5.00
Flame Grilled Beef Burger with Cheese & Sauce	\$5.50
Flame Grilled Beef Burger w/Cheese, Sauce & Salad	\$7.50
Veggie Burger with Cheese	\$5.00
Veggie Burger with Cheese & Salad	\$7.00
Hot Cheese Roll	\$3.50
Hot Ham & Cheese Roll	\$4.50
Hot Chicken & Mayonnaise Roll	\$5.50
Premium Beef Pie	\$5.00
Plain Sausage Roll	\$4.30
Cheese & Bacon Sausage Roll	\$4.30
Hot Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$4.50
Noodles	\$2.70
Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$5.50

DRINKS

Cool Ridge 600ml	\$2.00
Cool Ridge 750ml	\$3.50
Focus Flavoured Water 600ml	\$3.00
Gatorade Active Water (No Sugar) 600ml	\$4.50
Juice Bombs	\$2.50
Fresha Fruit Juices 500ml	\$4.00
Emma & Toms Juices	\$4.50
Up 'n' Go Flavoured Milks 250ml	\$2.50
Oak Iced Milk 200ml	\$2.20
Oak Flavoured Milks 600ml	\$4.50
Ice Break Iced Coffee 500ml	\$4.50
Cans 375mls (No Sugar)	\$3.00
Bottles 600mls (No Sugar)	\$4.50
Iced Honeycomb Nippy's	\$3.70
Chill Iced Teas Assorted	\$3.50

SNACKS

Assorted Fruit – Banana, Apple, Mandarin	From \$0.70 to \$1.00
Peaches	\$1.50
Yoghurt Frogs	\$0.20
Jatz Crackers	\$0.50
Hummus	\$1.50
Cheese	\$0.50
Custard Scrolls	\$3.00
Muesli Bar	\$1.00
Sultanas	\$0.80
Jam or Lemon Biscuits	\$0.50
Assorted Muffins – Blueberry or Chocolate Chip	\$3.40
Banana Bread	\$3.50
Cheesymite Scroll or Cheese & Bacon Scroll	\$3.00
Bread Roll	\$1.50
Eclipse Mints	\$3.70
Monster Cookies	\$3.00
Slices from Clarks & Chitticks – Assorted	Small \$2.20 Large \$4.40
Our Hub Slices – Assorted	Small \$1.50 Large \$3.00
Large Packet Chips	\$3.00
Small Packet Chips	\$2.00
Chocolate Brownie	\$3.40
Snapstix	\$1.20
Frozen Yoghurt (Bulla)	\$3.00



We have a "Daily Specials Board" displaying additional Hot Food Options not listed on this menu, they are specific to that day and change Seasonally.

Prices may be subject to change.



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PSC STUDENTS: YOUR SAFETY IS #1...

- ⬆️ Students must cross the road at designated crossings where available
- ⬆️ Students need to practice the “Stop, Look, Listen, Think” rule, no matter what age they are
- ⬆️ Students must stick to footpaths when possible
- ⬆️ Students should minimize distractions, such as using mobile phones and headphones while crossing the road
- ⬆️ Students must walk their bikes and scooters across the road and must not ride in and out of the traffic
- ⬆️ Students must not walk in and around the bus loop area
- ⬆️ Students must not run/walk in amongst moving traffic. You must cross the road at a safe place when the road is clear of traffic
- ⬆️ Students must not run/walk/ride through the staff car park



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STUDENT SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

- ⬆️ Drivers must be alert, watching for school zone signs, traffic signals and potential hazards such as student movement and opening car doors
- ⬆️ Drivers must obey the 40km speed limit in school zones that are in effect between 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm weekdays during Victorian school terms
- ⬆️ Drivers must avoid distractions, such as using mobile phones
- ⬆️ Drivers must park in designated areas and avoid parking on driveways, footpaths and grass areas
- ⬆️ Drivers must be aware of school busses pulling out into traffic and students getting on and off busses
- ⬆️ Drivers must use designated drop off and pick up areas
- ⬆️ Drivers are not permitted to park in the staff car park and are only to park in the visitors car spaces if attending the General Office

PRINCIPALS DAY

Friday 7 August 2026 – Principals' Day

Today, we recognise the exceptional work of our three principals, Ms Kindred, Ms Mitchell and Mr Payne. Their leadership and dedication to their staff, students and the entire PSC community do not go unnoticed.

Thank you all, and enjoy your treats!



Kirsten Mitchell, Assistant Principal



2027 YEAR 9, 10 & 11 PATHWAYS

SAVE THE DATES

Parents/Guardians and students, please note the following important dates regarding subject pathways for 2027.

It is important that students and families attend interviews and information sessions to stay informed and make well-considered subject choices.

With our Pathway Information Night now complete, attention now turns to the next step in the subject selection process.

 Wednesday 12 August – Friday 14 August – Year 11 (2027) VM Interviews. Interview times will be communicated via Compass after subject selections. Students and a parent/guardian are welcome to attend.

 Monday 7 September – Students receive their 2027 subject choices via student email. Any changes or clashes must be addressed during that week in consultation with parents/guardians.

 Friday 18 September – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Years 7–12, 2026). Interviews can be made via Compass.

Questions can be directed to:

Assistant Principal Ms Kirsten Mitchell – Kirsten.Mitchell@education.vic.gov.au

Assistant Principal Mr Colin Payne – Colin.Payne@education.vic.gov.au

 General Office: (03) 5523 1344

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Sue Taylor, Year 11 & 12 Level Leader

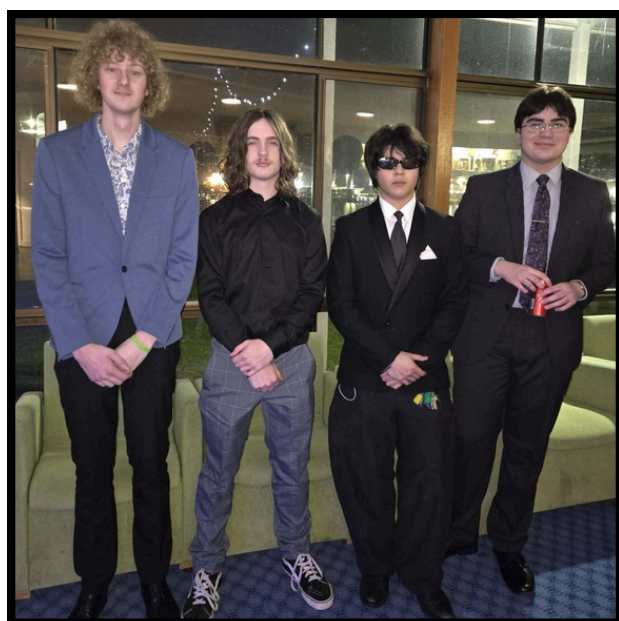


SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL

Year 11 and 12 students held their inaugural Senior School Formal on Friday night at the Portland Angling Club.

A wonderful night enjoyed by staff and students who attended.

Thank you to all who worked behind the scenes to prepare for an amazing night of fun.











YEAR 8 CAMP – ADELAIDE

Last week, Year 8 students braved an 8-hour trip and some torrential rain as they headed towards Adelaide for camp. After a long bus trip, students arrived at Glenelg Beach to play arcade games at The Beach House, with both students and teachers becoming quite competitive over the games and dodgem cars.

On our second day, students visited the South Australian Museum, where they saw a giant squid, a variety of animals (stuffed and digital), and artefacts from Indigenous cultures across Australia and the Pacific Islands. Students then headed to MOD. (the Museum of Discovery), where the exhibits focused on ever-changing ideas and their expansion. This included fully immersive, interactive displays that explored how these ideas may influence the future and the next century.

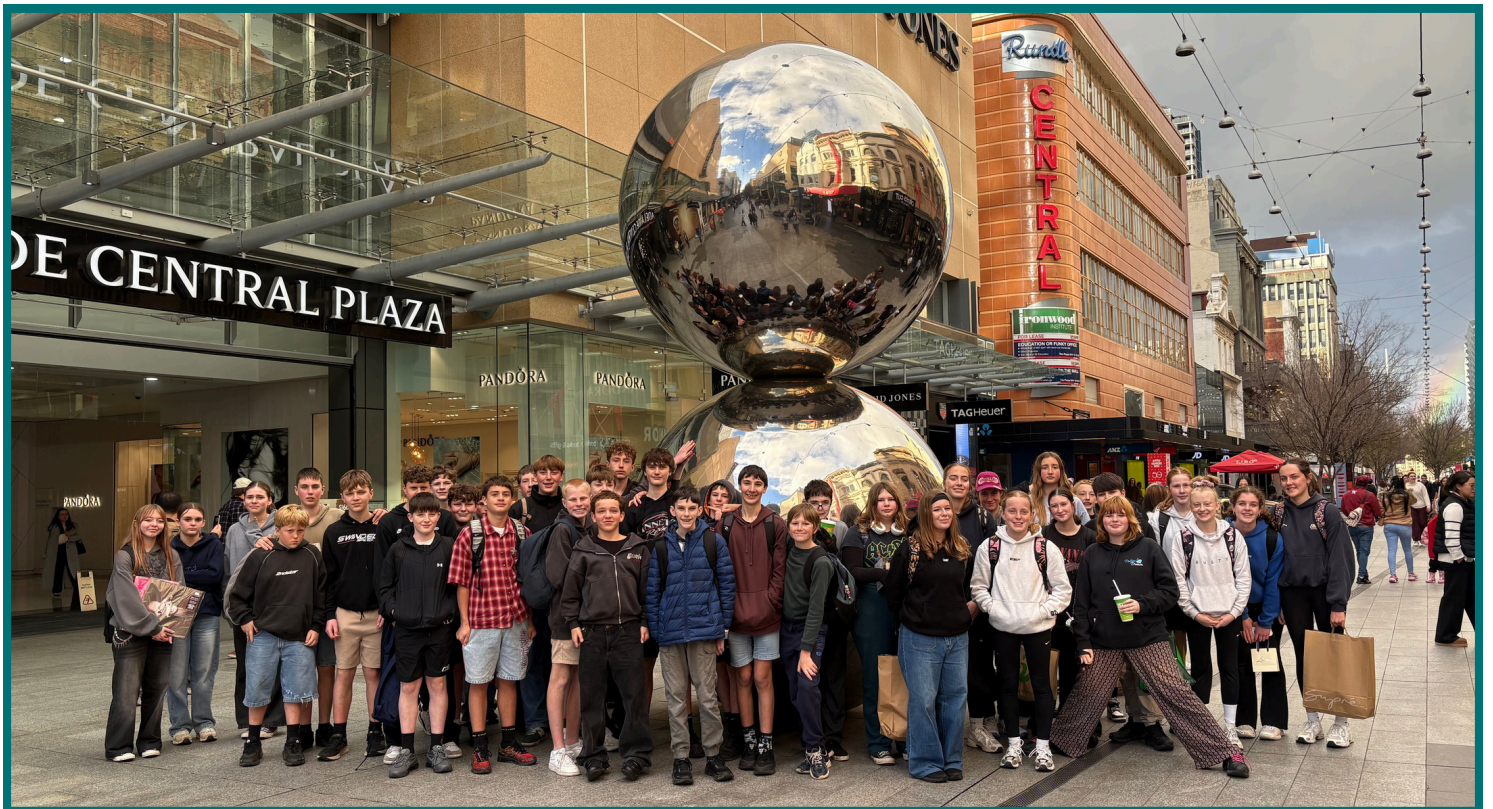
For dinner, it was off to Holey Moley, where students again flexed their competitive skills, this time through mini golf! Some very strict rules were enforced, and points were counted meticulously before everyone enjoyed a dinner of pizza.

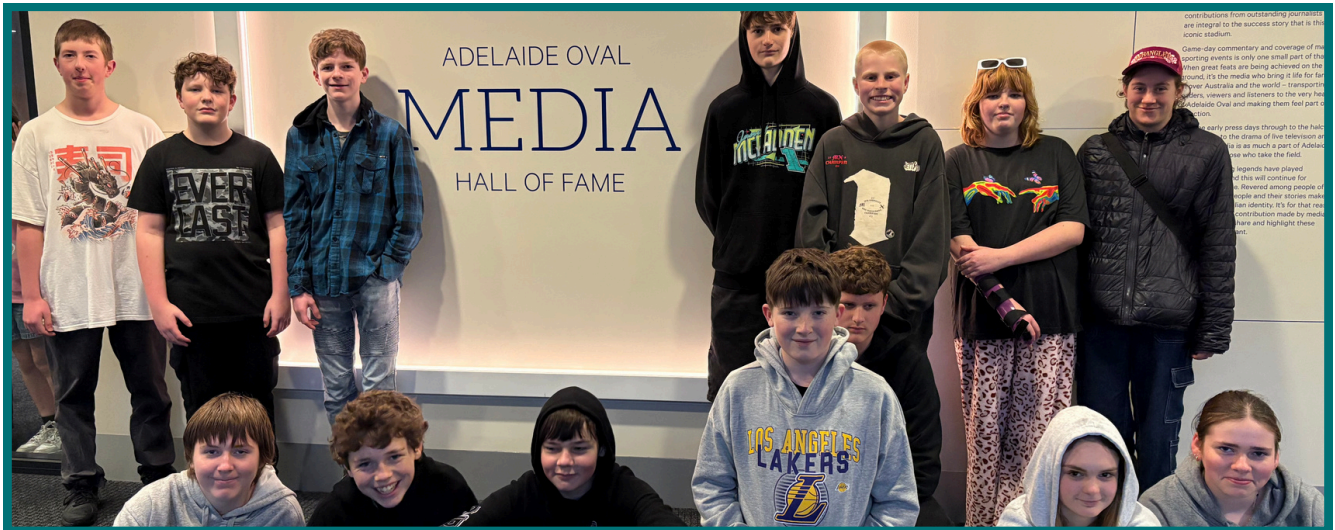
The highlight for many students was Day 3: TreeClimb Adventures, where students got to climb through the trees, swing on zip lines, and push themselves out of their comfort zones, all before heading to Rundle Mall for the second half of the day. Students spent a large portion of the afternoon shopping and accessing stores they do not get to visit in Portland, mainly shops they would otherwise only buy from online.

Students then cleaned their cabins, got ready for the trip home, and filed back onto the bus for a tired journey home, with a stop at the Penola Bakery along the way.

Year 8 students were resilient, respectful, and represented PSC exceptionally well throughout the camp. Their willingness to give everything a go and consistently show the best versions of themselves was fantastic to see.

A big thank you to Mr Payne for driving the minibus; Miss Gonen, Mr Cumming, Miss Arthur, and Mrs Harrison for their work with their mentor groups; and to Paul and Gene for their assistance and support of all students across the four days.





Sue Taylor, Year 11 & 12 Level Leader



HAPPY BIRTHDAY YEAR 11 & 12's!

Our Year 11 and 12 students recently held a birthday party to celebrate all of their birthdays!

For our Year 12 students, this will be their last birthday as a secondary school student!



YEAR 9 EXPLORER DAY

Our Year 9 students recently spent the day at **South West TAFE** in Portland, where they had the opportunity to choose and participate in a Vocational Education and Training (VET) activity. Options included: Health and Community Services, Early Childhood Education, Electrotechnology and Engineering.

Later in the day, they also took part in an industry tour, providing valuable insight into a range of career pathways and workplace environments.

Days like this give students the opportunity to explore and learn about possible future career pathways, helping them make informed decisions about their education, training, and future goals.



Andrew Prentice, VCE VM Teacher



YEAR 11 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of Year 11 PDS Unit 2 – Connecting with Community, our VCE VM students will be welcoming guest speakers every week from now until the end of term.

Year 11 student **Kaidan Saunders-Smith** invited local business owner **Mitch Riddell** to speak to his class as part of his studies to discuss the importance of community connections.

Mitch, who owns **Portland Boxing & Fitness**, spoke about growing up in Portland, his background, and the experiences that led him to the industry he is involved in today.

Well done to Kaidan for interviewing Mitch and organising his visit to the College.

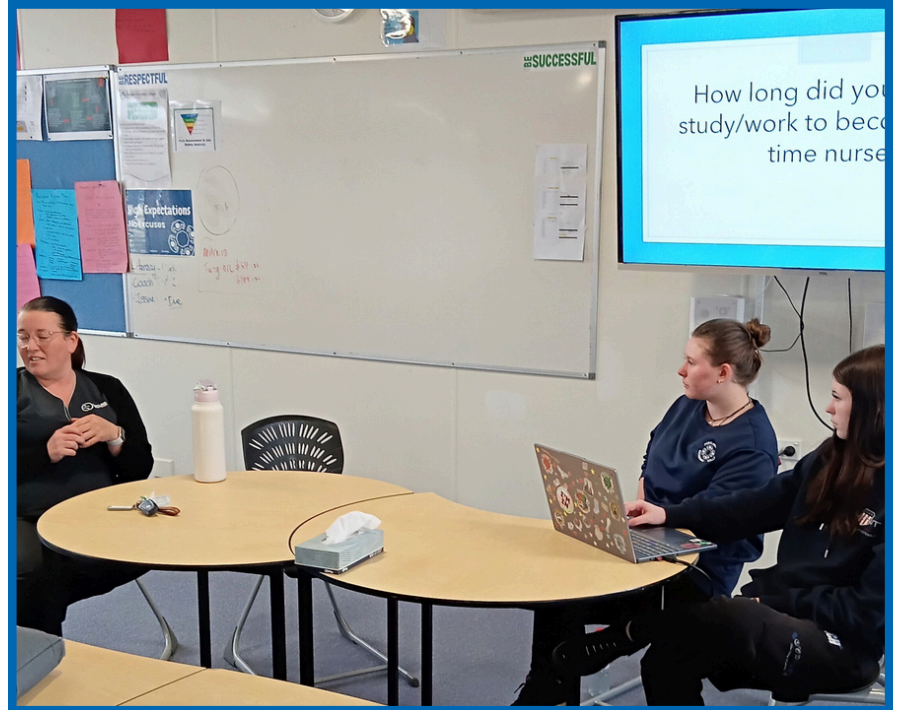
Thank you to Mitch for generously giving up his time to connect with and inspire our students.



Portland District Health Education Manager **Casey Eichler** delivered an informative session to VCE VM Personal Development Skills students, focusing on career opportunities, local employment pathways, and the value of community service.

Casey explained how modern job descriptions reflect key workplace expectations, including the teamwork and communication skills that are vital in the health sector.

Well done to **Carol Giacomini** and **Jayde Kelly** for organising this valuable opportunity and inviting Casey to share her knowledge, experience, and wisdom with the class!



Adrian Porter, Year 9 Level Leader



YEAR 9 PARTY READY

This week, our Year 9 students participated in the Party Ready Program, delivered by St John Ambulance Victoria. The program is designed to equip young people with practical life-saving skills, including first aid, CPR, and strategies for responding safely and responsibly to high-risk situations that may arise in social settings.

Students engaged in a range of hands-on learning experiences that helped build their confidence, strengthen their decision-making skills, and develop their ability to assist others in an emergency. Discussions also explored the effects of drugs commonly encountered in social settings, alcohol content in different drinks, blood alcohol concentration (BAC), and how to recognise and respond appropriately to high-risk situations.

In addition, students learned positive ways to support friends and peers experiencing mental health challenges, while gaining an understanding of the impact that drugs and alcohol can have on decision-making and personal safety. The program provided valuable knowledge and practical skills that students can carry with them throughout their lives.



Suzanne Patterson, Careers



SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP OR TRAINEESHIP – INFORMATION NIGHTS

Headstart are running 2 local information sessions in Warrnambool that are designed to support students and families who may be considering commencing a School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

HEAD START

What is a Head Start School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship? Parent Session

Discover more about what a Head Start SBAT can offer your student in secondary school

Two sessions available:
In-person - 12 August 2026
Online- 19 August 2026

Register via QR or link in description

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Parent Session

Join us for an information session

Discover more about what a Head Start SBAT
can offer to your student in senior school

In-person session

Warrnambool College

6pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 12th August 2026

Online session

6pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 19th August 2026

All schools welcome

**Scan the QR Code to register
your attendance**



Janelle Collins, Teacher Librarian



Library News

Don't forget that Reading happens every day after lunch, so make sure you take along something to read at this time – lots of variety is available!



BOOK WEEK
DRESS UP DAY
FRIDAY 28TH
AUGUST

Book Week is at the end of the month and dress up day is on Friday 28th August. We're looking forward to seeing lots of students and staff dressed up as book characters showing off their costumes at recess in the J Wing. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed.

A reminder to everyone that the Library web app (under the star menu on Compass) gives access to a number of useful resources 24/7. Click the 'log in via SSO' button, then use your @schools email address and password if prompted. Most students should have been given these early this term, but Year 7 students will receive theirs during their Library & Information Skills sessions.

Once in the Library web app you can see any books you have on loan, you can reserve books and also access the World Book online, Echo online and the PSC eBook and audiobook library. If you would like help with any of these, just pop into the library for assistance. If any parents have not yet given their Year 7 permission to access this, please do so.

We regularly add new titles to the collection, and happily accept requests – just see Ms Collins or send an email if there is a book or magazine you would like to see made available to the school community. Some recent additions include Australian fishing magazines, to add to the many books purchased in the last year for our keen fishers.

One title that many students have been eagerly awaiting is Heartstopper 6, which was released during the holidays, and due to keen interest, more copies will be available next week. If you miss out, you can still reserve a copy, you will be notified when one becomes available.

Happy reading 😊

Reading For Pleasure

"Books are a uniquely portable magic." – Stephen King
 "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." – Frederick Douglass
 "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller

Reading for pleasure is important both for educational purposes as well as personal development.

The National Literacy Trust cites overwhelming evidence that literacy has a significant relationship with a person's happiness and success.

A deep engagement with storytelling and great literature link directly to emotional development in primary children, according to The Rose Review, 2008 Independent Review of the Primary School Curriculum.

Other benefits to reading for pleasure include: text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life, increased general knowledge.

Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status.

The academic benefits of a strong leisure reading habit are not confined to improved reading ability. Leisure reading makes students more articulate, develops higher order reasoning, and promotes critical thinking, says the National Endowment for the Arts in "To read or not to read", 2007.

There's more!

Reading can help children improve their vocabulary. The more words they read, the more they will know. By improving their vocabulary, they will also improve their writing!

Reading can help them to improve their confidence when speaking! By expanding their vocabulary and seeing how different people express themselves, they will also become more articulate!

Reading will help improve their understanding as they often take on the role of the main protagonist - it can also expose them to a range of viewpoints, reactions and feelings.

As reading will expose them to new things it will help develop their interests! They might suddenly find themselves interested in Japanese culture from reading Naruto, or into science from reading Frankenstein!

Being a reader helps children to improve their imagination! Something which will help them to avoid boredom, to be a creative person and to have a life full of fun and adventure!

What Can You Do To Support Reading For Pleasure??

Build a home library! Children who have books of their own enjoy reading more and read more frequently.

Literacy-targeted rewards, such as books or book vouchers have been found to be more effective in developing reading motivation than rewards that are unrelated to the activity.

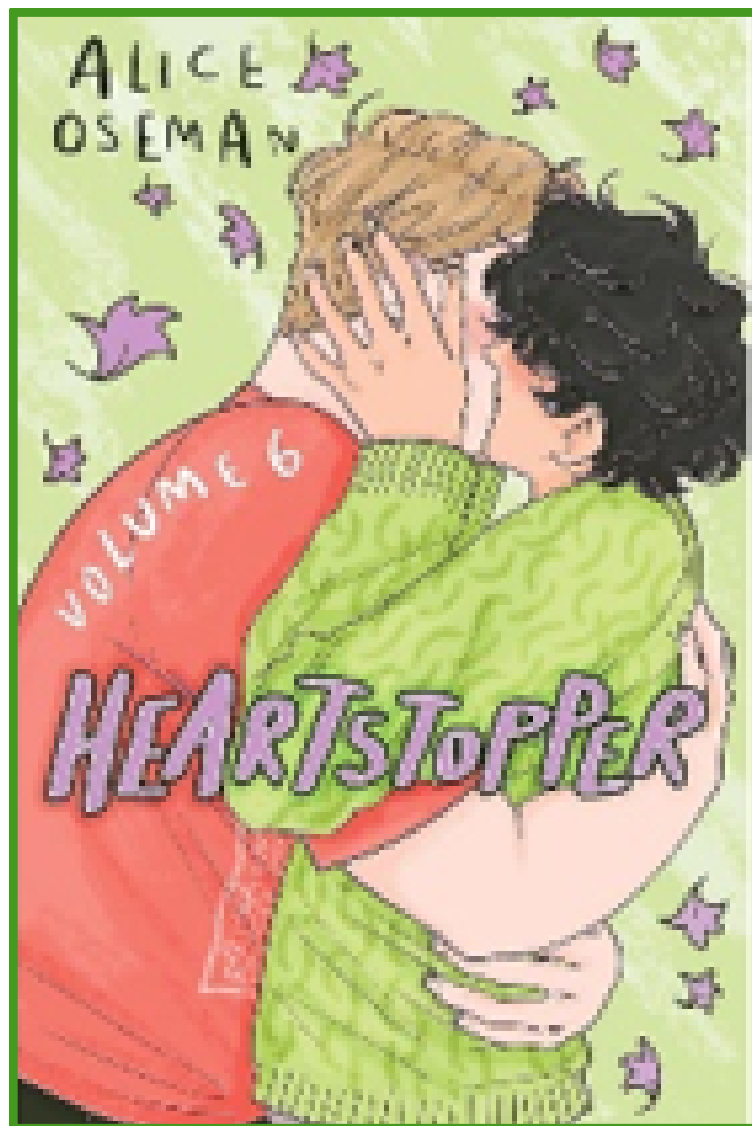
Give children choice! Allow them to choose what they read and how they read!

Role model! Students' relationships with reading can be influenced by the relationship teachers and parents have with books. Be seen reading!

Supporting a child's love for reading is one of the best things you can do for them. By giving them this gift you support both their educational and emotional needs. To find out more visit your local library or follow the links below.

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NEW RELEASE
 ALERT!
Heartstopper

Donna Chapman – Numeracy Support
Elley Foster – Literacy Support



HOMework CLUB



Portland Secondary College
Creating the opportunities

HOMework CLUB

TERM 3

Every Wednesday - Mrs Donna Chapman
& Mrs Elley Foster

Every Thursday - Mrs Donna Chapman

Time: 3:40pm - 4:30pm

Location: The HUB

Students are reminded to bring work
to complete or a reading book

Students need a pre-arranged way home
as the office will be shut (no phone use)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Respect

Success

Resilience

Creativity

Andrew Prentice, Co-Coach



YEAR 7 – 10 SOCCER

District Soccer Success at Pedrina Park!

On Friday, 17th July, PSC students travelled to Pedrina Park in Hamilton for the district Years 7–10 Boys and Girls Soccer tournament. Competing against schools from across the region, our teams demonstrated outstanding skill and determination on the pitch.

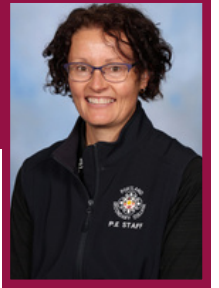
Our Year 7–8 squad delivered a fantastic performance to earn themselves a well-deserved spot in the next round. Meanwhile, the Year 9–10 team finished the day completely undefeated, driven by starring efforts from **Declan Botica** and **Zayne Medina**.

Congratulations to all players for representing Portland Secondary College so proudly, and best of luck in the next round!

Unfortunately for our junior squad, the next stage of the competition, which they had progressed to and was scheduled to take place today, was cancelled yesterday due to a lack of team numbers.



Rebecca Gould, PE Teacher



YEAR 9 PE

As part of their studies in Term 3, our Year 9 PE students have been participating in lawn bowls.

A big thank you to the **Portland Memorial Bowling Club** for hosting us and providing valuable advice, techniques, and tips to help our students develop their skills.



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WARRNAMBOOL COASTER

ART SHOW 2026 OPENING PARTY!



PRIZES DONATED BY -

The F Project | One Day Studios | Library Cafe |
Henna Street Picture Framers | Blarney Books |
Warrnambool City Youth | Collins Booksellers |
WEEDS | Day Kitty | Shi Ra Ya Sushi |
My Crafternoons | Emma Stenhouse |
Hotel Warrnambool |
and many more AMAZING
local businesses.

SATURDAY
22ND AUG
2PM-8PM
@ THE
F PROJECT
224 TIMOR ST. WARRNAMBOOL



COASTER ART SALES
(CASH ONLY / NO HOLDS)
MUST BE PAID ON THE
DAY OF PURCHASE

ART WORKS CAN BE
PICKED UP FROM
THE 16TH SEPT
@ THE F PROJECT

EVENT SOUND TRACKED BY ØD - SWIM

Young Creative Musicians & DJ's
launching their new 'Submerged 26'
Compilation of South-West Electronic
Sounds live in the F Project Laneway.



— LOCAL SCHOOLS —

ART EXHIBITION

All local schools are joining together to showcase
a spectacular community exhibition of student artworks.

OVER 260 2D & 3D ARTWORKS ON DISPLAY

EXHIBITION DATES & TIMES

THURSDAY	11TH SEPT:	1:00PM – 4:00PM
FRIDAY	12TH SEPT:	9:00AM – 4:00PM
SATURDAY	13TH SEPT:	10:00AM – 3:00PM
SUNDAY	14TH SEPT:	10:00AM – 3:00PM
MONDAY	15TH SEPT:	9:00AM – 1:00PM

📍 **VENUE: PORTLAND DRILL HALL**



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Parents, students, and community members are invited to come along
and celebrate the creativity and talent of our young artists.

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MONDAY NIGHT NETBALL!

FUN, FRIENDS & NETBALL!



REGISTER AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL!

AGES: **NETSET GO 5-10** | **JUNIORS 9-13** | **INTERS 12-17**

NETSET GO

FOUNDATION SKILLS & FUN FOR OUR YOUNGEST PLAYERS!

4.30PM
VNA ONLY

JUNIORS

BUILD SKILLS, MAKE FRIENDS & PLAY TOGETHER!

5.30PM
VNA + \$80

INTERS

TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL & COMPETE WITH PRIDE!

TO BE CONFIRMED
VNA + \$80



REGISTER ON NETBALL CONNECT



MORE INFO ON FACEBOOK!



NETSET GO STARTS 5TH OCTOBER



JUNIORS & INTERS START 7TH SEPTEMBER



11 ROUNDS + FINALS



FINALS ON 14TH DECEMBER

BE PART OF PORTLAND'S NETBALL COMMUNITY - REGISTER BY SEP 5!



Woolworths

NET SET GO!

LET'S PLAY!

LEARN. LAUGH. LOVE NETBALL!

NetSetGo is all about building skills, confidence and having fun! Perfect for kids who love to run, play and make new friends.

AGES 5-10

NET - BEGINNERS & GO - EVERYONE ELSE!



LEARN THE BASICS THROUGH FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES



BUILD CONFIDENCE, TEAMWORK & COORDINATION



MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE A BLAST



SUPPORTIVE COACHES & POSITIVE VIBES



PAY VNA ONLY INCLUDES FREE T-SHIRT & BALL



STARTS 5TH OCT
COME & TRY 7TH SEP



10 WEEKS
4.30PM



SEE FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO!

BE PART OF PORTLAND'S NETBALL COMMUNITY!

The Michael Schmaedicke Scholarship

Helping young people from single-parent households to succeed in tertiary education.

Scholarships Available

Up to \$30,000 to help young people from single-parent households succeed in tertiary education.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Education can change a life.

For some young people, the decision to continue into tertiary education isn't about ambition.

It's about affordability.

Course fees, textbooks, technology, transport, housing and everyday living costs can place higher education out of reach, particularly for young people from single-parent households who often face additional financial and practical barriers to pursuing further study.

The Michael Schmaedicke Scholarship has been established through a generous bequest from the late Mr Michael Schmaedicke to help remove those barriers.

The scholarship provides **financial support of up to \$30,000** over a maximum of three years, alongside mentoring and ongoing support from Youth Off The Streets, helping young people focus on building a positive future through education.

What does the scholarship include?

- Up to \$30,000 over three years towards tuition and course fees, plus approved educational and essential living costs that support the recipient's tertiary education goals.
- Optional mentoring support with professionals from a range of industries.
- Ongoing guidance and check-ins from the Youth Off The Streets Scholarships team throughout the recipient's scholarship journey.

Who can apply?

Applicants must:

- be 21 years of age or under at the time of application
- come from a single-parent household
- have a defined tertiary education goal
- demonstrate potential to benefit from the scholarship and achieve their educational goals

Applicants don't need to be enrolled in a tertiary course when they apply for the scholarship. However, they need to show clear intent to pursue higher education and have a realistic pathway planned to get there.

KEY DATES

Applications open: 30 July 2026

Applications close: 31 August 2026

Successful applicants will be notified following assessment by the selection committee.

A scholarship with a specific purpose

The Michael Schmaedicke Scholarship is independent from Youth Off The Streets' National Scholarship Program, with different eligibility criteria and separate funding through a dedicated one-off bequest from the estate of Michael Schmaedicke.

The scholarship has been dedicated specifically to young people from single-parent households pursuing tertiary education.

Know someone who should apply?

If you work with, teach, mentor or support a young person who may be eligible, we encourage you to share this opportunity.

Nominations must be made by the young person themselves; however, assistance in completing the nomination is encouraged and is your opportunity to help a young person follow their dreams.