

ESC Newsletter

TO DEVELOP ASPIRANT, RESILIENT LEARNERS WHO ARE EMPOWERED GLOBAL CITIZENS

ATTENDANCE - EVERYDAY COUNTS

Regular school attendance is vital to maintain a high level of student achievement and engagement, support the development of positive relationships and develop independence and responsibility. All absences must be reported to the office via the Compass App or by phoning the Attendance Line on (03) 4433 8282.

An important part of your day will be your Teacher Advisory Time which starts at the beginning of the school day. Here, the roll will be marked and then time will be allocated to discussing issues with your Teacher Advisor and undertaking circle time to develop skills that will assist you at school and at home.

Our attendance officer will be calling all families with students that have unexplained absences. Please record your students absence on Compass or by calling the Absence Line on (03) 4433 8282.



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	=	Which is...	Which over 13 years of schooling is
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	Nearly 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

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EXPECTATIONS &
ACHIEVEMENTS**

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RICHELLE HOLLIS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Teacher Interviews

As we approach the end of another busy term, we are preparing for Parent Teacher Interviews, which will take place on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th of September. These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to discuss their child's learning, progress and achievements, while also strengthening the important partnership between home and school. Bookings will be made via Compass, with parents and carers to be notified when bookings go live. I encourage all families to take advantage of this important opportunity to connect with their child's teachers.

Course Counselling Interviews

I would also like to thank our Year 8, 9 and 10 students and their families who attended Course Counselling Interviews last week. These conversations are an important part of supporting students as they consider their future pathways and make informed decisions about their learning. It was wonderful to see families actively involved in these discussions and working alongside our staff to help students plan for the opportunities ahead.

NAPLAN

We are incredibly proud to celebrate our school's strongest results in four years across numeracy, reading and writing. These results are a wonderful reflection of the positive attitudes, commitment and willingness to learn that our students are demonstrating in their classrooms every day.

While these results provide an important snapshot of student achievement, they also represent something much bigger—the learning that has taken place consistently over an extended period across all classrooms and the wider curriculum. The progress reflected in these results is the result of students engaging positively with their learning, working through challenges and developing their skills over time. It is also reflective of the high-quality teaching and learning that all students have access to at Eaglehawk Secondary College in all areas of teaching and learning. Aligning with our mission statement, each staff member continues to work incredibly hard to ensure that every student has a caring environment, that supports their learning, so that they can achieve their best.

We would like to congratulate all of our students and staff on this outstanding achievement. These results are a testament to the commitment, persistence and collective effort demonstrated across our school community. We look forward to continuing to build on this success and supporting every student to achieve their best across the curriculum.

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Year 10 Work Experience

In the final week of Term 3, from 14th September to 18th September, our Year 10 students will be participating in Work Experience. This is a valuable opportunity for students to step outside the classroom and gain firsthand experience in the workforce. Work Experience allows students to explore new career pathways, develop valuable workplace skills and gain a greater understanding of the opportunities available to them as they begin to consider their future pathways.

College Values

Eaglehawk Secondary College's values of Community, Opportunity, Relationships and Expectations & Achievement are at the CORE of the work we do. Each term we will be focusing on one of our values, and this term we have focused heavily on the CORE value of Relationships. We believe positive relationships are the foundation of a supportive and successful school community. By showing respect, kindness, empathy, and inclusion, students strengthen their connections with peers, staff, and the wider community. Throughout the term, we encourage all students to build meaningful relationships, work collaboratively, and contribute to a positive learning environment where everyone feels valued and supported.

Student accident insurance and ambulance cover

Please note that insurance against injuries or loss of any kind by students is not part of the responsibility of the school or Department of Education. It is possible to purchase this from a variety of commercial providers. Similarly, ambulance cover is not automatic. Families with a Health Care Card will be covered but others will need to be ambulance members to cover the costs of an ambulance call if necessary. Staff will make every effort to contact parents in the event of a serious illness or injury but an ambulance will be called if a student is in a dangerous situation. We hope that this will not be necessary but need to ensure that our duty of care is carried out. To assist with this, please ensure that all medical and personal details are up to date.

Personal Property

Eaglehawk Secondary College understands that staff and/or students may sometimes like to bring items of personal property to school. The Department of Education does not have insurance for personal property of staff, students and visitors. Eaglehawk Secondary College does not take responsibility for items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during school activities. Damage to personal property brought to school is the responsibility of the owner of that property. Eaglehawk Secondary College encourages staff and students not to bring items of value to school, or to obtain appropriate insurance for such items.

If students bring items of value to school, they will be confiscated and stored securely at the General Office until the end of the day, when the items may be collected by the student and/or parent.

Mental Health Practitioner

We welcome our new Mental Health Practitioner (MHP), Sarah Bysouth. Sarah commenced in term 3 and will be working in our school 5 days a week. Sarah is a Social Worker with 20 years of experience working across areas such as mental health, family violence, health promotion and homelessness. Sarah has spent the last 8 years working in mental health and wellbeing roles within secondary schools and early childhood settings. Sarah will be supporting the mental health and wellbeing needs of our students and helping teachers to identify and respond to student's mental health and wellbeing concerns.

Students and their parents/carers who would like to discuss suitability to engage with the MHP service can contact Sarah. Please note, informed consent documentation is required before MHP service commencement.

For more information on the Mental Health Practitioners initiative see the department's [website](#).

Important school dates

There are a number of important events that happen throughout the term and affect the entire school or just some year levels. It is important that families are aware of these so that planning can be done to ensure that students attend 100% of the required school days and have the opportunity to maximise the benefits available from their education. Please check the IMPORTANT DATES further in this newsletter.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE: 4433 4455

Please phone through your student absences to this 24 hour phone line.

Child safety and wellbeing at Eaglehawk Secondary College: Information for families and the school community

Eaglehawk Secondary College is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: <https://www.eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au/page/9/Public-Documents-&-Policies>

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the Caroline Roy on 5446 8099 or at eaglehawk.sc@education.vic.gov.au

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Principal:	Richelle Hollis
Assistant Principal:	Jacob Smythe
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Wellbeing & Disability Inclusion Leader:	Caroline Roy
Acting Walker Community Leader:	Sarah Coyle
Lester Community Leader:	Louise Phillips
Dowding Community Leader:	Damien Tricarico
Grieve Community Leader:	Demy Pye
Youth Workers:	Daniel Smith, Hayley Conway & Carly Horsfall
Mental Health Practitioner:	Sarah Bysouth
School Nurse:	Aaron Wales
HR Manager:	Michelle Swiney
Business Manager:	Phoebe Gerring
Finance Officer:	Brianna Aldridge
Reception:	Jodie Hitchens
Communications:	Paige Currie
ICT Technicians:	Maia Misson & Matt Atkins
School Council President:	Rebekah Perryman

School Council meetings Term 3:

Week 8 - Monday 31st August

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

July 13th - Term 3 Commences (Student Free Day)

July 14th - Classes Commence

July 14th - 17th - Year 10 Ski Camp

July 24th - National Pj Day and Self Care Day

July 31st - Careers Expo

August 13th - Years 8, 9 & 10 Course Counselling

August 13th - Year 7 Careers Cup

August 28th - Book Week Dress up Day

August 28th - Wear It Purple

September 10th - R U OK? Day

September 14th - 16th - Year 9 Phillip Island Camp

September 14th - 18th - Work Experience

September 17th - Parent Teacher Interviews

September 18th - Parent Teacher Interviews

September 18th - Term 3 Concludes (Student Free Day)

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ترم 2

آوریل تا 26 ژوئن 2026

دوشنبه 20 آوریل

بازگشت به مدرسه

آوریل 24

مراسم ANZAC

آوریل 24

(فقط برای دانش آموزانی که ثبت نام می کنند) Cross Country مسابقه دو

مه 18

(Athletics) کارناوال مسابقات دو و میدانی

ژوئن 12

روز آزمون، روز تعطیل برای دانش آموزان

ژوئن 26

آخرین روز ترم

ترم 3

ژوئیه تا 18 سپتامبر 2026

دوشنبه 13 ژوئیه

روز تعطیل برای دانش آموزان

اوت 13

برای دانش آموزان کلاس 7 Careers Cup مشاوره دوره تحصیلی سال 2027 و

سپتامبر 2

روز تعطیل برای دانش آموزان

سپتامبر 17

مصاحبه های اولیا و مربیان 4 تا 7 بعد از ظهر

سپتامبر 18

مصاحبه های اولیا و مربیان 9 صبح تا 12 ظهر

ترم 4

اکتبر تا 18 دسامبر 2026

نوامبر 13

روز جشن کلاس 10

و 17 نوامبر 16

امتحانات کلاس 10 (انگلیسی، ریاضی، علوم، علوم انسانی)

نوامبر 18

مراسم فارغ التحصیلی کلاس 10

نوامبر 27

روز آزمون

نوامبر 30

برای 2 هفته آغاز می شود Step-Up برنامه

دسامبر 10

برای دانش آموزان کلاس 7 سال 2027 در سراسر ایالت، دانش آموزان سطوح دیگر تعطیل هستند (Orientation Day) روز آشنایی

دسامبر 14

مراسم اهدای جوایز

دسامبر 18

روز تعطیل برای دانش آموزان

Học kỳ 2

Từ ngày 20 tháng 4 đến ngày 26 tháng 6 năm 2026

Thứ Hai, ngày 20 tháng 4

Học sinh đi học trở lại

Ngày 24 tháng 4

Dịch vụ Ngày lễ ANZAC

Ngày 24 tháng 4

Chạy việt dã (chỉ dành cho học sinh đã đăng ký)

Ngày 18 tháng 5

Lễ hội thể thao

Ngày 12 tháng 6

Ngày kiểm tra (Ngày học sinh nghỉ học)

Ngày 26 tháng 6

Ngày cuối cùng học kỳ

Học kỳ 3

Từ ngày 13 tháng 7 đến ngày 18 tháng 9 năm 2026

Thứ Hai, ngày 13 tháng 7

Ngày học sinh nghỉ học

Ngày 13 tháng 8

Tư vấn Hướng nghiệp năm 2027 & Cúp Hướng nghiệp Học sinh Lớp 7

Ngày 2 tháng 9

Ngày học sinh nghỉ học

Ngày 17 tháng 9

Buổi họp Phụ huynh - Giáo viên từ 4 giờ chiều đến 7 giờ tối.

Ngày 18 tháng 9

Buổi họp Phụ huynh - Giáo viên từ 9 giờ sáng đến 12 giờ trưa.

Học kỳ 4

Từ ngày 5 tháng 10 đến ngày 18 tháng 12 năm 2026

Ngày 13 tháng 11

Ngày hội kỷ niệm Lớp 10

Ngày 16 & 17 tháng 11

Các kỳ thi Lớp 10 (Tiếng Anh, Toán, Khoa học, Nhân văn)

Ngày 18 tháng 11

Lễ tốt nghiệp Lớp 10

Ngày 27 tháng 11

Ngày đánh giá

Ngày 30 tháng 11

Chương trình Step-Up kéo dài 2 tuần

Ngày 10 tháng 12

Ngày giới thiệu Cơ sở Toàn Tiểu bang dành cho học sinh Lớp 7 năm 2027. (Ngày nghỉ học đối với các học sinh khác)

Ngày 14 tháng 12

Lễ trao giải

Ngày 18 tháng 12

Ngày học sinh nghỉ học

Privacy Reminder

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photography, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use learning programs safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using their computers for school related work, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Bushfire Preparation

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in the Northern Countryfire district.

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Compass and Text Message.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and prioritised maintenance works to assist in preparing for the threat of fire.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website and social media or talking to your child's teacher.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Parking & Safety Around School

Parking Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school to request that we share the following important information with our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles near our school poses a significant safety risk to children, pedestrians, and other road users. Parents are reminded to follow all parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children to help ensure a safe environment for everyone.

Motorists must:

- Not stop in "No Stopping" areas, even briefly, regardless of whether the engine is running.
- Not park next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, over driveways, too close to school crossings, or double park.
- Observe time-restricted parking zones, such as 2-minute pick-up/drop-off areas, which are in place to maintain traffic flow and safety near schools.
- Not perform U-turns over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

Regarding children's crossings, the law requires drivers to approach at a speed that allows them to stop safely if needed. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure compliance with Road Safety Road Rules.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.



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HEAD START



School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs)

Head Start Program

Head Start is a program that supports students in years 10-12 to participate in a school-based apprenticeship and traineeship (SBAT) program to develop skills, capabilities and confidence that employers in growth industries need.

SBAT students receive paid on-the-job training that contributes to their VCE, VCE Vocational Major or VPC and leads to a qualification.



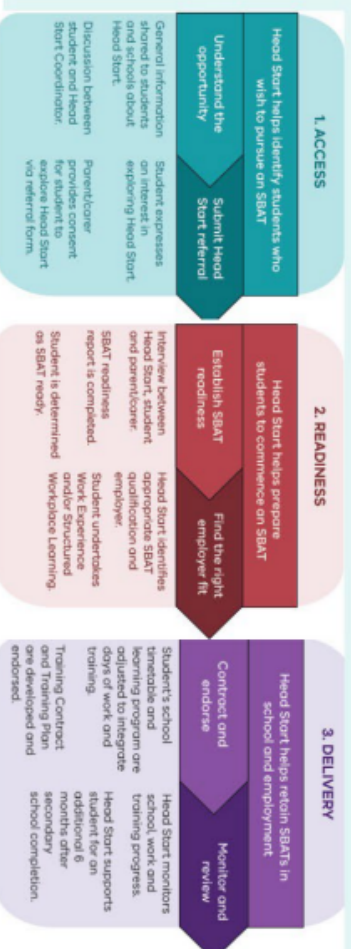
Head Start supports students to:

- 1 find a pathway that's right for them
- 2 find the right employer
- 3 access nationally recognised training that also contributes to their VCE or VCE VM or VPC
- 4 earn a wage while completing their secondary school certificate
- 5 transition into full-time employment or continue an apprenticeship or traineeship after finishing school



About Apprentice / Trainee

Apprenticeships and traineeships are pathways that combine paid employment with on-the-job training and formal study. Successful apprentices and trainees gain a nationally recognised qualification, plus valuable real-world experience.

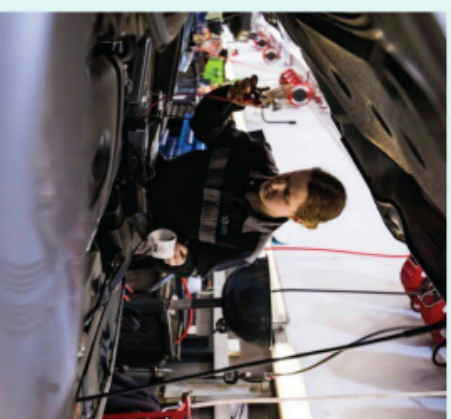


Overview of SBATs

School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs) are apprenticeships or traineeships that students start at school, helping them get a head start on their career.

SBATs combine:

- paid part-time employment
- vocational training
- regular school attendance



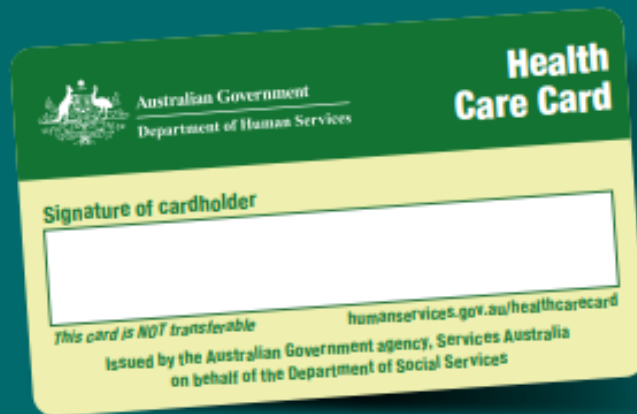
Head Start Staff

Head Start staff are based in Victorian government schools to support students to undertake an SBAT and support employers to maintain safe and supportive workplaces

Find out more on the Head Start website: vic.gov.au/headstart or contact your local hub for more information

headstart.lm@education.vic.gov.au





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- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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