

ESC Newsletter

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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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RICHELLE HOLLIS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Richelle Hollis

Welcome back to Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4! It's hard to believe we're already in the final stretch of the year. This term is always a busy and exciting one, particularly for our Year 10 students and their families. They have several significant milestones ahead, including Celebration Day, final exams and, of course, their Graduation Ceremony. These are such important events that mark the end of their time at Eaglehawk Secondary College and the beginning of new opportunities. We encourage all students and parents/carers to regularly check Compass to stay updated with key dates, announcements, and expectations throughout the term.

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to attend Parent Teacher Interviews last term. Your continued support and engagement play a vital role in your child's learning and success. We encourage families to continue using Compass to monitor learning progress, assessment results, and achievements.

During Parent Teacher Interviews, families were also invited to complete the Parent Opinion Survey. To thank families for their feedback, all participants went into a draw to win one of five \$100 vouchers to our local Eaglehawk IGA. Congratulations to the Riordan, Priest, McHale, Potter, and Lawal families, who were the lucky winners! Your input helps us continue to improve and strengthen our school community.

Offsite Evacuation Drill

As we move into the warmer months, and with bushfire season approaching, our school recently conducted an offsite evacuation drill. This was completed smoothly and calmly, and we were pleased to see how well both staff and students followed procedures. These drills are an essential part of keeping our school community prepared and safe in the event of an emergency.

Compliance Review

In the coming weeks, Eaglehawk Secondary College will also be undergoing a Compliance Review. This is part of our four-year strategic planning cycle, which ensures that our school continues to meet Department of Education standards and provide the best possible educational environment for our students. All Bendigo secondary schools participate in this process, and it provides a valuable opportunity for reflection and growth.

Term 4 is always full of activity, achievement, and celebration. I thank all staff, students, and families for your ongoing support and wish everyone a positive and productive term ahead.

Principal's Report

RICHELLE HOLLIS

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 focus on one of our values, and this term we have focused heavily on the CORE value of Expectations & Achievement. This value is all about taking pride in the work we complete, striving for excellence, and demonstrating the high expectations we hold for ourselves, our peers, and our school community. Throughout the term, students have been encouraged to set personal learning goals, work towards achieving them, and celebrate their successes both inside and outside the classroom. Learning Community and year level assemblies have provided opportunities to recognise student effort, progress, and achievement, reinforcing the importance of meeting expectations and taking ownership of learning. Events such as exams, assessments, and student showcases also highlight the importance of persistence and achievement across all areas of school life. While Expectations & Achievement has been our focus this term, the work we do in this space will continue to be embedded in our daily practice, as we look ahead to next term's focus on our next CORE value.

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

Our school is excited to be part of the Mental Health Practitioners (MHP) initiative. Our school MHP will support the mental health and wellbeing needs of our students. They will also help our teachers to identify and respond to student's mental health and wellbeing concerns. Our MHP is ADAM JOHNSON, they will be working in our school for 5 days a week. Adam is a Occupational Therapist with 14 years of experience working in Occupational Therapy and 12 years in mental health specific roles. Adam takes a holistic approach and utilises principles of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

Students and their parents/carers who would like to discuss their suitability to engage with the MHP service can contact Melinda Ellis (Assistant Principal). Please note, referral and informed consent documentation is required before MHP service commencement For more information on the Mental Health Practitioners initiative see the department's [website](#).

Doctors In Secondary Schools

A reminder to families that we have a doctor on site once a week for students to make appointments. Dr Jo Dennis is our school doctor and practices each Wednesday here at the college. Students and parents can book an appointment with Dr Jo on 5446 8099 or see Andra Taylor in the General Office. Please note there are limited number of appointments available each week, so if you are not able to attend due to not being at school on that particular day, please contact the school, so that a student on the wait list can take the appointment instead. Appointments can only be made for students and they are all bulk billed. For further information, please refer to: [Microsoft Word - Consent and confidentiality - School information sheet \(Revised - May 2017\) \(education.vic.gov.au\)](#)

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.

CONTACTING EAGLEHAWK SECONDARY COLLEGE

Principal:	Richelle Hollis
Assistant Principal:	Melinda Ellis
Assistant Principal:	Tom Hart
Acting Assistant Principal:	Jacob Smythe
Wellbeing & Disability Inclusion Leader:	Caroline Roy
Walker Community Leader:	Darcy Richards
Lester Community Leader:	Louise Phillips
Dowding Community Leader:	Damien Tricarico
Grieve Community Leader:	Demy Pye
Social Worker:	Sophie Thomson
Youth Workers:	Daniel Smith & Hayley Conway
Mental Health Practitioner:	Adam Johnson
Chaplain:	Cara Barnes
School Nurse:	Rebekah Rigby
Business Manager:	Phoebe Gerring
Finance Officer:	Brianna Aldridge
Reception:	Jodie Hitchens
Attendance:	Andra Taylor
HR Manager:	Bryony Pretty
Communications:	Paige Currie
ICT Technicians:	Maia Misson & Matt Atkins
School Council President:	Rebekah Perryman

School Council meetings:

Monday 20th October

Monday 24th November

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

October 6 - Term 4 Commences

October 21 - Grade 6 Scavenger Hunt

October 22 - School Captain Applications Open

October 23 - Grade 6 Scavenger Hunt

October 29 - Bendigo Cup - Public Holiday

October 31 - Out of Uniform Day: Halloween

November 3 - School Captain Interviews

November 5-7 - Year 8 Camp

November 10-13 - Year 10 and Y Classes Exams

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 14 - Year 10 Celebration Day

November 17-18 - Year 10 Exams at BSSC

November 18 - Year 10 Graduation

November 19 - Year 7 Information Night

November 19-21 - Ready to Learn Interviews for Year 10's at BSSC

November 24-27 - Year 9 Exams

November 24 - BSSC Step Up Commences

November 28 - Student Free day - Assessment Day

December 1 - ESC Step Up Commences

December 5 - BSSC Step Up Concludes

December 8-12 - Koorie Camp

December 9 - Year 7 Orientation Day | Student Free Day

December 12 - ESC Step Up Concludes

December 15 - Awards Night

December 15 - Activities Week | Lester

December 16 - Activities Week | Dowding (Pool Day)

December 17 - Activities Week | Grieve

December 18 - Activities Week | Walker

December 19 - Student Free Day

December 19 - Term 4 Concludes

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.

Welcome Back Assembly

Welcome Back for Term 4!

This week, Eaglehawk Secondary College warmly welcomed students and staff back for the start of Term 4. The term kicked off with a whole-school assembly held in the gym, where everyone gathered to reconnect and prepare for another exciting and productive term ahead.

During the assembly, students were informed of the key dates and important events coming up this term — particularly for our Year 10 students as they approach the end of their time at ESC.

The focus for Term 4 is on our CORE Values of Expectations and Achievements. This focus encourages all students to uphold the expectations of the school and wider community, take pride in their learning, and strive for excellence in everything they do. By following our CORE Values, students are reminded to finish the year strong and celebrate their achievements along the way.

We're looking forward to a fantastic Term 4 filled with growth, success, and school spirit!



Bike Riding

Year 9 Outdoor & Recreation – Bike Ed

As part of the Year 9 Outdoor and Recreation program, students have been taking part in Bike Ed. This week, they jumped straight into their lessons down on the Walker Courts, focusing on bike safety and preparation. Students practiced important safety checks, ensured they were wearing the correct PPE, and learned the importance of properly fitted helmets. It was great to see everyone engaged and building confidence as they developed their cycling skills!



Girls Cricket

Sandhurst Sports Cricket

On Wednesday the 8th, two teams from Eaglehawk Secondary College represented the school in the Sandhurst Sports Cricket competition. For many students, it was their first time playing cricket — and they had an absolute blast! It was fantastic to see our students giving their best effort, supporting one another, and proudly representing ESC. Well done to all involved on a great day of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun!



Evacuation Drill

Off-Site Evacuation Drill

On Thursday afternoon, Eaglehawk Secondary College conducted an off-site evacuation drill to ensure that all students and staff are prepared in the event of an emergency.

The drill ran smoothly, with students and staff responding promptly and calmly to the evacuation signal. Everyone worked together efficiently to gather at the designated off-site meeting point, demonstrating great cooperation and awareness of our safety procedures.

All students and staff were accounted for during the drill, highlighting the importance of practicing these processes regularly. We thank everyone for their cooperation and for taking part seriously to help keep our school community safe and prepared.



Breakfast Club Program

Eaglehawk Secondary College School Breakfast Clubs Program has expanded!

Dear Parents and Guardians, Eaglehawk Secondary College has accepted an invitation by Foodbank Victoria to participate in Cooking Classes, as part of the expanding School Breakfast Clubs Program, and we are currently recruiting families to join in!

This free program is funded by the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training, and will support families to learn new skills in the kitchen and beyond.

The Cooking Classes are focused on bringing families together in the school environment to learn healthy eating habits. The program aims to provide a hands-on experience, where families will cook and enjoy a meal together, and be provided with a hamper, stocked with fresh and staple ingredients to take home.

Sessions will run one afternoon per week 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm, for four weeks during a school term, and be delivered by a trained Foodbank Victoria Facilitator. The program will be offered on Wednesdays 19th and 26th of November and Wednesdays 3rd and 10th of December, for up to 10 families.

Please contact the General Office on 03 5446 8099, to find out how to register for this fantastic program!

Wear it Forward

With the end of the school year approaching, many students are preparing for the

Year 10 Graduation and Formal,

or may be preparing for job interviews.

We've collected a range of formal and semi-formal clothing, much of it barely worn.

Interested students can browse the collection in the PAC during recess on Wednesday, 15th October.

Any questions can be directed to Ms. Brown in Walker

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Attendance Challenge 2025

Burra Bucks to be won!

Five full consecutive days of attendance, you will receive 5 Burra Bucks

If your TA has the highest percentage of attendance for a week, every student in your TA will receive one Burra Buck each!

In the last week of each term, the TA with the highest percentage of attendance will have a celebration to reward you for your efforts.

Check in on your friends – ask them why they're not coming to school – remind them what they are missing out on – see how you can help them to turn their attendance around – speak to your TA to see how we can help – everyday matters!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela





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Doctors in Secondary Schools Eaglehawk Secondary College

Dr Johanna Dennis & Registered Nurse, Michelle Pascoe
Physical Health : Mental Health : Sexual Health

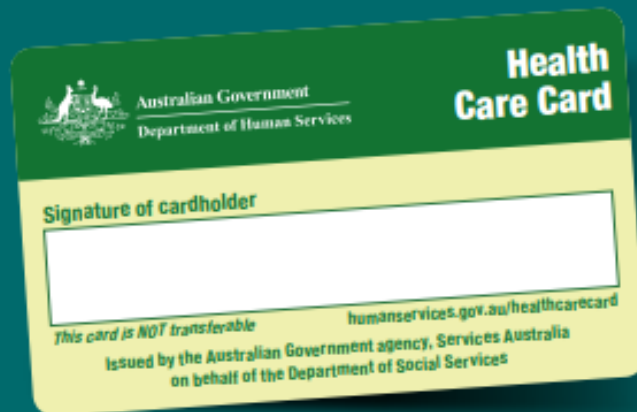
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To make an appointment, please see Andra in the General Office





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To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ 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)
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