



Essendon Keilor College

Term 4 Newsletter

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College Principal – David Adamson

Our Vision: To develop accomplished citizens who contribute, live meaningfully and succeed

While not quite back to normal, 2022 has been a much better year than the previous two years. Term 4 has had a number of highlights, the main one being "Nourish" the college art show. There were a large number of pieces, and the quality of the work was outstanding. We finished the year with our Presentation Evening where we recognised the outstanding achievement of our students in a range of areas, Academic Achievement, Sport, Visual and Performing Arts and Leadership and Community Service.

At this time of the year, I always thank the Principal Team, teachers, and Education Support staff on all three campuses for their focus on teaching and learning and the work they do to get the most out of their students. They have risen to the occasion and with the support of families the educational program has been maintained and students have continued to learn.

There are also a number of staff leaving and I wish them well in their future endeavours and thank them for their work at Essendon Keilor College.

There will be a number of new staff next year and I know they will bring new ideas to build on the work we have done this year.

I am looking forward to 2023, but will certainly enjoy the break and the associated festivities. Thank you again to everybody associated with Essendon Keilor College for your support in 2022. Enjoy the times with your families over the next few weeks. Be safe and see you all next year.

David Adamson

Principal



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Dates for your diary

30th January – First day of Term 1

Essendon Campus Update

Term 4 is always an intense term at the Senior Campus with end of year exams for all year levels. With coursework completed by week one the Year 12 cohort moved swiftly into exam revision study sessions with their subject teachers before beginning their exams with the English Exam in week 4. All eligible students sat the English exam which set to tone for the proceeding weeks of final exams. A highlight for our Year 12s was their dress up days culminating in an emotional and well-deserved Guard of Honour on their final day. The Valedictory Evening was a chance to celebrate the end of their secondary school journey and many students were rewarded for their academic commitments as detailed below:

SUBJECT	STUDENT	SUBJECT	STUDENT
Biology	Nathan Le	Music	Charlize Rodier
Business Management	Alice Gjohilani	PE	Caitlyn Tapungau
Chemistry	Alicia Inguanti	Physics	James Ngo
EAL	James Ngo	Sociology	Holly Morcomb
English	Jess Sutherland	Psychology	Alice Gjohilani
Further Maths	Rose Eddy	Specialist Maths	Nathan Le
Food Technology	Angela Ayvaz	VET Music	Essey Gebrekirstos
HHD	Alicia Baks-Marino	VET Sport & Rec	Stephen Borraccino
History Revolutions	Elley Chapman	VCAL - Literacy	Pasquale Russo
Japanese	Khormeh Bonar	VCAL - Numeracy	Astara Jackson
Legal Studies	Hamza Dahir	VCAL – PDS	Damian De Simone
Math Methods	Khoi Pham	Studio Arts	Sophia Lima
		Vietnamese First Language	Jane Chau



Lisa Robinson

Essendon Campus Principal



Sally Stevens

Acting Assistant Principal

Additionally, the following students were recognised for their contributions to the college:

- Elley Chapman – **Captains Award** (consistent, valuable, and innovative contribution to student leadership at Essendon Keilor College from Year 7 through to Year 12)
- Rose Eddy - **Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award.** (Awarded by the Australian Defence Force and recognises a young person who has an ability to collaborate with others, bring people together and show positive leadership skills and attributes)
- Alicia Inguanti - **Future Innovators Award** (Awarded by the Australian Defence Force to someone who has shown interest and aptitude in Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics)

The Year 11 students completed their exams and then stepped into their Year 12 Step Up classes. All students received their Year 12 Jacket's, and our Student Leadership team were appointed after an application and interview process:

School Captains Amelia Wright Asraa Mohamed Andreas Vassilopoulos Luke Barnard	Vice Captains Sam Lovett-Pawsey Isabella Tantotero	Learning & Study Leaders Kade Munro Erica Zanti	Music, Performance & Production Captains Kyra Aurisch Ellie Fuller Mary Bonnett
Sports Captains Mua Tavo Jack Talia	International Student Leaders Quang Nguyen Fiona Nguyen	Activities & SWPBS Leaders Abbas Moughniye Raef Mohamednur Gedy Gebremedhin Taaha Shervani	

The Art Tech Show was a fantastic showcase of talent across the college. The opening night saw a huge turnout to celebrate the successes of our Art students with awards being presented to:

Khormeh Bonar

Montana Brayshaw

Youhanna Tadros

It was then our Year 10s turn to Step Up into their VCE classes. Whilst the camp needed to be postponed we had a variety of activities interspersed with their new classes including guest speakers from PPEP, Love You, Love Me & VET Champions. A highlight was our afternoon doing the Amazing Race and Colour Run as a great way to conclude their year.

Finally, we welcomed our new year 10s to the senior campus after they finished their junior schooling at the East Keilor and Niddrie campuses. They had the opportunity to experience life at Essendon and get a taste of their Year 10 classes.

We wish all of our students and families a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing everyone back on campus in 2023.





Essendon Keilor College

Top Achieving Students for 2022



Nhat Minh Ngo
Dux of Year 12
ATAR 94.35



Thanh Nhan Le



Alice Gjohilani



Khormeh Bonar



Elley Chapman



Alicia Inguanti

Valedictory Evening

On October 20th the Essendon Keilor College community including staff, parents and students attended the 2022 valedictory evening in the Essendon Arts Centre at the senior campus.

The evening celebrated the achievements of the 2022 class both academically and achievements within the College community with former students Eli Duxson, Jordi Blitz-Brisbane and Imogen Wolfe attending to speak about their journey in year 12 and provide advice for the current class of year 12 students as they prepared for their end of year exams.

Our year 12 captains Elley Chapman and Rose Eddy spoke on behalf of the cohort about their year as well as the various learning opportunities and College activities the year 12 VCAL and VCE students participated in throughout the year.

At the end of the event, the College community had an opportunity to meet and reflect on the year.

We thank everyone who took the time to attend the evening and helped celebrate a successful end to 13 years of education.

Special thanks to the Russo family for the decorative balloons used at the event.

We wish all year 12 students the best as they prepare for 2023.



Year 10 to 11 Step Up

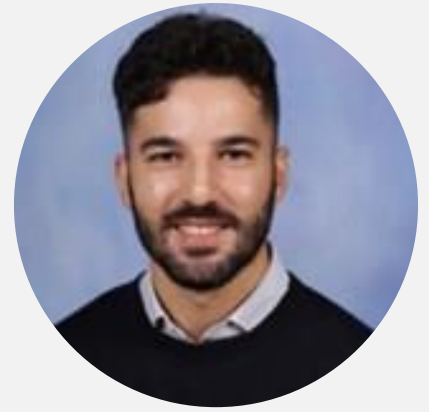
The Great Race

The Great Race visited our college and hosted 'Survivor', which is an event facilitated by professional actors with a background in youth arts and entertainment to ensure an engaging experience for students. The group was split into smaller "tribes" for the duration of the activity as they battled it out for ultimate supremacy. Each tribe faced a collection of challenges that were designed to encourage critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, resilience, and communication.

Teams had to identify the individual strengths within their tribe and work together to accrue the most points throughout the game. From constructing contraptions, operating giant slingshots, solving cryptic puzzles, to creative challenges, it was a hands-on activity with something for everyone. Activities included elements of strategic gameplay that forced teams to make decisions, form alliances, and discuss the concept of risk vs. reward.



After an awesome day of unique and interactive challenges, the hosts announced the team with the most points, awarded them with their medals and the best prize of all: bragging rights! This was a fantastic day for all students, and a great send-off into year 11.



Alex Michaels

2022 Year 10 Coordinator &
2023 Year 11 Coordinator



Love Me Love You

Love Me Love You is a not-for-profit organisation providing interactive and engaging programs that challenge the views and stigmas surrounding mental health. Lance spoke openly with students about the harsh realities of dealing with or supporting someone with mental health issues and discussed strategies our students could implement to support themselves and the people around them. Lance's message was powerful, personal, and reflective, showing students that vulnerability and communication are important tools in addressing issues and making progress.

VET Champions

Essendon Keilor College was visited by Jake and Christine, who gave a talk to students on their pathway experience within their industry. [Jake](#) is an electrician who was awarded Apprentice of the Year in 2019 by both Holmesglen and the prestigious Victorian Training Awards. Jake is a really enthusiastic and motivated speaker who enjoys encouraging and coaching young people to success. [Christine](#) is an accomplished peri-operative nurse at the Epworth who studied VET Community Services during secondary school which strengthened her passion for caring and advocating for people. Christine is a passionate, enthusiastic, and popular speaker for secondary school students. Overall, the talk was beneficial for students as it demonstrated how pathway goals can be achieved through a variety of options.



College Art Show – Transcript of the Opening Speech

Good evening everyone!

My name is Jess, and I am one of this year's year 12 art students.

Surrounding you tonight is a representation of the talent of EKC Students across many year levels. But it isn't just talent that these students possess, the art you see around you is the result of hard work, and most importantly, passion.

The work exhibited over the next few days are not just rough sketches done in a typical boring class, it is the final product of hours and hours of experiments with materials, folio planning, re-doing work over and over again until it is perfect, and a whole lot of problem solving and creativity.

As a year 12 student, I have witnessed my peers grow and flourish as artists, developing their own unique styles and techniques, along with producing complex concepts and designs that all stemmed from rough mind maps scribbled out over the 2021 summer holidays. Each and every year 12 artist created a folio of concepts and trials, with months of meticulous planning and designs. What you see today is the pride and joy of these students, it is work that we have pushed ourselves at every stage to produce, and quite successfully at that.

Congratulations artists, enjoy showing off the amazing pieces you've created, you deserve it.

Thank you.



Jessica Sutherland

Year 12 Art Student



Careers Update

Good luck to the 2022 Year 12 cohort who are now moving on to the next phase of their lives. It has been a pleasure dealing with these students and it is great to see the plans they have put in place in relation to further University or Tafe study, apprenticeships, and employment. We wish them all the best.

Key VTAC Dates

For those students who applied for tertiary courses via VTAC, it is important they are aware of the key dates listed below. It's important to remember that students only get one offer per round, and that they should always accept the offer they receive, as it doesn't discount them from getting a higher preference offer in later offer rounds.

Domestic Students

Key Date	What do I need to have done?
21 st December	DECEMBER Round Offers Released – check your offer via your VTAC account. Offer will also be emailed. Follow instructions from institution to accept your offer
21 st Dec to 22 nd Dec	Change of Preference – If you plan to make any changes to your preferences, make sure this is done by Dec 22 nd 4pm to maximise your chances of a January Round offer
13 th January	JANUARY Round Offers Released – check your offer via your VTAC account. Offer will also be emailed. Follow instructions from institution to accept your offer
13 th January up until 19 th January	Change of Preference – If you plan to make any changes to your preferences, make sure this is done by Jan 19 th 4pm to maximise your chances of a February Round offer
1 st February 8 th February 14 th February	FEBRUARY Round Offers Released – check your offer via your VTAC account. Offer will also be emailed. Follow instructions from institution to accept your offer You can change preferences in between each February offer round



Daniel Kingham

Careers Coordinator



International Students

Key Date	What do I need to have done?
21 st December	DECEMBER Round Offers Released – check your offer via your VTAC account. Offer will also be emailed. Follow instructions from institution to accept your offer
21 st Dec to 22 nd December	Change of Preference – If you plan to make any changes to your preferences, make sure this is done by Dec 22 nd 4pm to maximise your chances of a January Round offer
6 th January 12 th January 17 th January 20 th January 30 th January	JANUARY Offers Released – check your offer via your VTAC account. Offer will also be emailed. Follow instructions from institution to accept your offer You can change preferences in between each January offer round

For a full list of key dates, students / parents can refer to: <https://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html>

Students and Parents can refer to this video from VTAC Media YouTube channel to understand how to access course offers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QPBnbe6Ffw>

Work Experience 2023 – Year 10

The **Year 10 Work Experience** program is scheduled to occur during the last two weeks of Term 2. We strongly encourage students to try to get a placement secured before the end of the year, or alternatively use the summer break to find a placement. Congratulations to those students who have already found one. Students should check the Year 10 Careers / Work Experience Google Classroom for the EKC Employer database and links to other employers. The EKC employer database has over 360 employers that students may consider contacting regarding a placement. Once students have found an employer willing to take them on, they simply need to fill out the WERF (Work Experience Request Form) and email to Daniel Kingham Daniel.kingham@education.vic.gov.au. The form can be found on compass and google classroom.



How do I find a Work Experience Employer??



1. Start as Early as Possible!!!

2. Give plenty of thought (brainstorm) where you would like to work

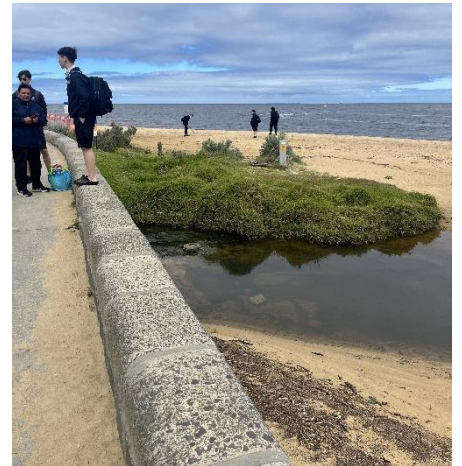
3. Use your local network – friends / family / clubs etc...

4. Google search:
Look locally but don't be afraid to travel

5. Access the EKC Employer database on Google Classroom

6. Once these avenues have been exhausted, ask for help. Mr Kingham and Michele can help you but only if you have tried yourself first

Brighton Beach Year 10 Practical Geography Excursion



East Keilor Campus Update

It has been a busy and exciting final term at the East Keilor Campus, despite an unusually wet spring; with lots of activities in class and out. It has been fantastic to watch all the students consolidate their learning throughout 2022 and we have been really impressed by the high-quality learning and growth shown by all Keilor students. The progress that has been made in our first full year of face – to – face teaching and learning has been exceptional, and we are looking forward to welcoming our new cohort of year 7s in 2023 and seeing our current students “step up” into their new year levels.

We wish all year 9 students the best of luck as they transition into life at the senior campus. Remember to manage your deadlines, bring all your resources to every class, and ask for help if you need it. We thank you for your contribution and for bringing your energy to our campus every day and hope that you all stop by and visit occasionally.

It wouldn't be the Keilor Campus without a whole host of extracurricular activities. We would like to acknowledge the student leadership team and thank Natasha Anicic for her hard work in organising the student leadership program this year. Some of the activities that have taken place this term include the Halloween dress up day with fancy dress competitions and performances that saw many entertaining, creative and... “interesting” costumes that raised funds for the Royal Children's Hospital.



Melissa Travers

Acting Assistant Principal



Ms Anicic and the student leaders have also organised the SWPBS Real Rewards shop, providing opportunities for students to trade in their hard-earned real rewards. Cross year level basketball tournaments have been another popular activity run entirely by the Student leadership team and Mr Carroll. The gym was packed each time with players and supporters.

Along with Australia and many other countries around the world, the East Keilor Campus acknowledged the sacrifices made by defence personnel and animals throughout the world on Remembrance Day, November 11th. Staff and students listened to a reading and the ode and observed a reflective minute's silence. On behalf of the Keilor Campus, I wish you all a safe holiday and I look forward to 2023.

East Keilor Student Leadership

In Term 4 Student Leadership Group organised a few different events.

In week 4 we ran a Halloween Dress up Casual Clothes Day, with the gold coin donation. We collected and donated \$155 to the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation.

On the 11th of November we paid our respects to those who served and sacrificed in all wars and conflicts.



We also had our very popular SWPBS shop open twice during the term where students could use their SWPBS Real Awards to exchange them for the items in the shop.

Our Sport captains ran a Basketball Tournament in Week 8; the best player, Nick Lacey, won 4 tickets to a Melbourne United NBL game.



Avondale Primary Jump Rope for Heart Day

A few selected Year 9 students were chosen to help at Avondale Primary school with their Jump Rope for Heart Day. Students at the school raised money for the Heart Foundation by doing a variety of skipping activities. We rotated through all year levels Prep-6 and played many different skipping activities with them from helicopter to partner and group skipping.



Kate Lewis-Hamilton

Year 9A Student

Year 8 Golf

Year 8 students were fortunate enough to have some sessions at Keilor Golf Club with PGA pro Scott Wearne. He put students through their paces on the driving range and the chipping green, helping to improve their golf swings and skills.



Year 9 Self Defence

In PE this term we did four sessions of self-defence. We learnt how to block, punch, and of course defend ourselves. We were placed in different types of situations and scenarios like home break-ins and what to do if someone is following you or making you uncomfortable on public transport. We all learned lots of important new skills and had fun doing it.



Kynan Brown

Year 9 Student



Niddrie Principal – Adam Potter

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students and their families who have attended the Niddrie Campus this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed this semester, and I am looking forward to 2023 already with excitement, as we continue to support our students with their learning journey in a positive and respectful learning environment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 9 students who will graduate from the Niddrie campus and transition to the Essendon campus. It is one of the exciting aspects of a multi campus school where students get the opportunity to attend a different learning environment for the later years of schooling.

We have some exciting programs beginning at the school within the middle years in 2023.

High Achievers Program: In 2023 we will be introducing a High Achievers Program at Year 7. All students who have been successful in their application to commence in the program will be extended in their learning in core subjects. This is an exciting opportunity for our students, and we will continue to offer the program in the coming years.

Accelerated Football Program: In 2023 we will continue with an accelerated football program within the middle years to complement the football program at the Essendon campus. Next year this will be open to students in Years 7 to 9 at the Niddrie and Keilor campuses. Ryan Allan (who is a new staff member to EKC) will be overseeing the program and has extensive experience in playing at VFL and metropolitan level, as well as coaching within schools and at community level.



Adam Potter

Niddrie Campus Principal

Accelerated Basketball Program: In 2023 we will begin an accelerated basketball program within the middle years. We have had some initial discussions with Keilor Thunder's Director of Coaching and will be looking to have one or two of their coaches involved in the program.

Both of the above sports programs will be open to all students as a way of supporting their commitment in either sport with the outside of school participation requirements. We will have further details about the structure of both programs at the beginning of the 2023 school year.

I want to also thank all members of the school community for your efforts throughout this term. We have continued with the theme of building meaningful connections and at our most recent celebration assembly, we took the opportunity to again acknowledge students with a number of student awards.

The theme this term has been linked to connectedness and a positive mindset. Recently our students completed their end of semester exams, and I was very impressed in the approach and efforts of our students. We have had a continued focus on our positive behaviour expectations of Be Respectful, Be Engaged, Be Aspirational and Be a Learner. It is important we continue to encourage our students to connect with their learning, but to also connect with those areas of interest outside the classroom.

We take pride in the achievements of all students in a range of different curriculum areas. The Grade Point Average (GPA) results have been very good across the board. We have worked to acknowledge our students who are consistently putting a high level of effort into their learning.

Real Reward Winners – Term 4

Congratulations to our REAL reward winners for this term who all received a \$5 canteen voucher.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Yara Fouad	Jessica Prior	Mohammed Abdallah Ma
Tammy Ellis	Terrence Patsalis	Ali Najjar
Anton Lo Bello	Jett Shillabeer	Kamil Fayyaz
Christy Sigalas-Heffernan	Mia Tearikiuri	Aydin Conn
Vincent Acciaccaferi	Montana Anderson	Dannies Yeap
Kade Caplin	Brooklyn Brown	Tahlia Torre
Vincent Acciaccaferi		Isabelle Brayshaw
Chase Robinson		

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, parents/carers, and staff all the very best for the upcoming Christmas period and do hope everyone has a well-deserved break.

I continue to encourage our students to be the best version of themselves and do those things that make them happy.

Enjoy the break, take care and we look forward to seeing you at the beginning of the 2023 school year.

Adam Potter

Campus Principal

Niddrie Campus

Niddrie Student Leadership

Term 4 was a hive of activity as the Niddrie Campus Student leadership team planned, organised, and ran several events and fundraisers.



The student leaders respectfully hosted a Remembrance Day Ceremony marking the significant historical events that shaped us as a society and honoured those who sacrificed themselves to protect the freedoms that we now enjoy. Student leaders delivered a number of readings and speeches some of which included the significance of the wearing of the poppy, in Flanders Fields and accounts of fallen soldiers. The ceremony concluded with the laying of a wreath under the flags and observing a minute's silence after reading the Ode and playing the last post.



Students also participated in McHappy Day by raising just under \$400 for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. The Student Leadership team organised a Ronald McDonald House Day where students attended school in casual dress for a gold coin donation and ordered McDonald's meals. There were a staggering 101 orders placed as well as a number of McHappy Day socks ordered. One of the McDonalds that helped the day run smoothly and successfully was Keilor Park Maccas that gave us 20% off our order (the discount total going towards our donation) as well as individually packaged and labelled each meal.



Finally, the Year 9 Graduation from the Niddrie Campus took place just before our year 9's commenced the Step-Up Program at the Senior Campus. Students and staff enjoyed a sit-down dinner, a presentation, student social awards and dancing. It was a great way to farewell the students and mark their time at the Niddrie Campus and we wish them all the best.





Melbourne Museum & Old Melbourne Gaol Excursion

On the 6th of October 2022, both Niddrie and East Keilor year 7 classes went on an excursion for their novel study, Runner. Runner is a book about Melbourne and a boy called Charlie Feehan who falls into the path of notorious gangster Squizzy Taylor and this story takes place at the time when the Spanish Influenza pandemic ravaged the world that we stand on today, but that was back in 1919.

The year 7s departed for their journey at 8:30 am SHARP and many complained about having to rise at such an early hour. On the way, the East Keilor bus stopped to pick up a class from Niddrie and continued on the road. The bus had many students, each one making the journey more pleasant by telling jokes and card games like snap and the Pokémon trading card game. Many students thought that our arrival would be delayed due to the fact they left at the early hour of 8:30, a time where peak hour traffic is waiting, but the tables turned in their favour and traffic was flowing like water down a stream.

The bus arrived at the designated point early and the year 7s from Keilor walked a lap of the gardens of the museum and many complained about sore feet and groaned that they needed to fill in booklets about the museum's old Melbourne exhibits. Most students struggled to get info until one of the students went into the cottages and called out to the others that there were plaques with information on the walls. Shortly after what needed to be recorded was put down, the students had 10 minutes to roam the exhibit and find out anything else they needed to know and put that down as well.

Around 11:43 am, the students began the journey to the Old Melbourne Gaol [and no, that is not a spelling error] ON FOOT. When they arrived at the front gates, they sat down to enjoy some well-earned lunch. Many ate



Jacob Scarfo

Year 7A Student



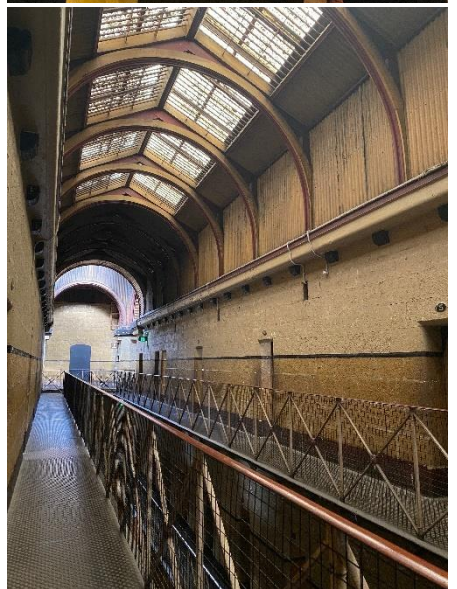
sweet and savoury snacks, whilst others that had no food due to losing and/or already eating it got some food from others who were willing to share and some who simply brought too much food [no complaints there] would supply everyone else with extra or backup food.

The Gaol had been the place of Mr Ned Kelly's death and burial. When they decommissioned the gaol, they dug up the graves and found Ned's bones. How did they know they were his? Simple. The dents in the bones from the 28 bullets shot at his arms and legs... and a DNA test. But here's the thing, some prankster thought it would be a funny joke to steal his skull and it is still missing to this day.

The women's cell block was torn down and then reconverted to a part of the university and the old cemetery, converted to a basketball court. Later during a tour, they saw the remaining cell blocks and how a noose worked: they put the prisoner's neck in the loop, pulled the lever and the trapdoor unlatches, leaving the victim hanging on by a thread. LITERALLY. And if their weight didn't snap their neck, they would suffocate and die.

Students were then put in a holding cell for 10 minutes so they could see what it looked like to be imprisoned and isolated. They then got 10 minutes to roam and see different aspects of jail life. And after a walk back to the arranged meeting point, they had another 45 minutes to use, so they went to see the fossils of dinosaurs and socialise. After a nice visit to the ancient beasts, they had to depart back to the beginning of their journey. But first drop off the Niddrie students where they got picked up, and the East Keilor students enjoyed a nice ride home to school asking different questions and playing more card games. Students normally trudged out of school on days like this taking their time to talk to friends, but that day was different. And I speak for everyone when I say "OW MY FEET" or "CAN WE HAVE A BREAK YET"?





Year 9 Humanities Excursion

On the 3rd of November the Year 9's met teachers/ES staff at Essendon station before travelling into the city together. Half of the cohort then made their way to the Shrine of Remembrance where students were given a tour by volunteers at the Shrine. During these tours they were able to try on helmets and gloves while also looking at various other artefacts from WW1. The students were able to ask various questions and were spoken to about the history of the Shrine of Remembrance. Being so close to Remembrance Day, the Year 9's were also able to see what goes on behind the scenes prior to this annual event. Students had been studying WW1 in Humanities, so this tour really cemented all of the information they had been focusing on.

After attending the shrine, we made our way into the city where after having lunch we walked to the Old Melbourne Gaol for the afternoon. During this time students were able to spend time in the cells, learning about the justice system in Victoria and the history of the Old Goal.

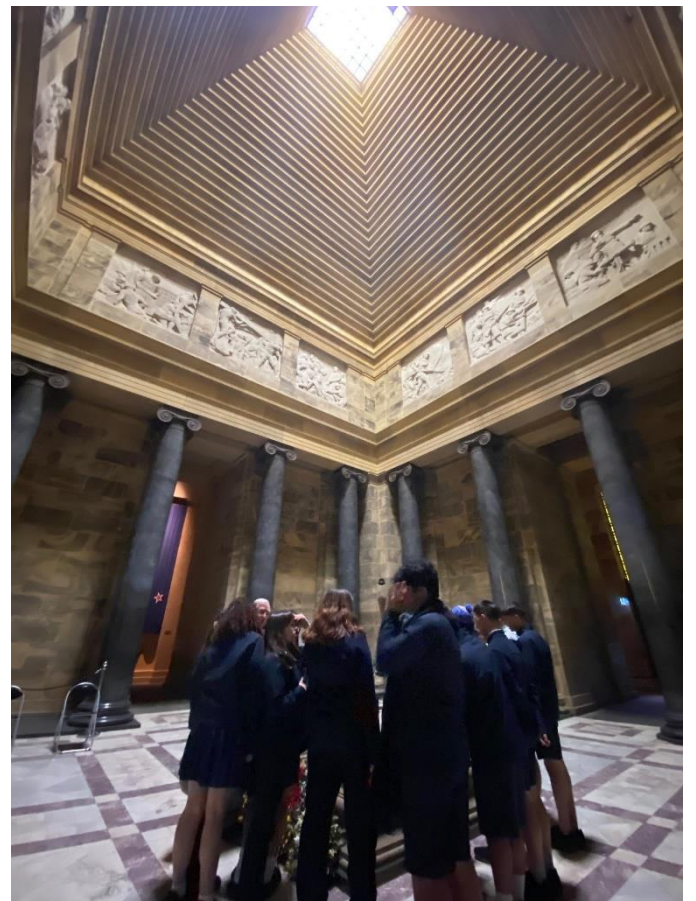
The students were fantastic representatives of EKC throughout the day and the excursion was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all of their hard work throughout Term 4.



Katie Simkin

Humanities Teacher





Year 9 Camp at Anglesea Valley Lodge

Earlier this term, the Year 9 students from both the East Keilor and Niddrie Campus came together to enjoy new experiences and a range of fun and challenging activities at Anglesea Valley Lodge. We were lucky enough to score some amazing sunny weather, amongst the dismal spring weather that we have endured this year.



Students participated in a number of team building and initiative activities, as well as surfing and Live Wire Park. After a bit of practice and lots of persistence, students were successful in catching numerous waves, with many talented students standing on their boards. At Live Wire Park, students challenged their fear of heights as they navigated through a number of high rope obstacles and flying foxes.



Jo Drago

Niddrie Campus Coordinator



A new experience for most was the Camp Out. Students were forced to move out of their comfort zones and set up camp in remote bushland. Students worked together to set up tents and prepare meals. A hike to and from the campsite also proved to be a big effort for most.



After an activity packed 3 days, students all reported having a wonderful time. They were supportive and encouraging towards each other, and further developed their resilience, and built upon their leadership and teamwork skills.





Year 9 Camp Report

From the 7th to the 9th of November, the Year 9s went to camp in Anglesea Valley Lodge. We completed many activities on the first day. We played adventure sports, which helped us work together and use teamwork with our groups. We also played trivia which was great fun. The next day we went on a day trip to Lorne where we did a surfing session and went to the Lorne Live Wire Park, where we completed a set of high ropes obstacle courses. For one of the nights, we hiked as a group out to a private camp site, pitched tents, and worked together to cook on the fire. Overall, it was a great camp, with beautiful weather.



Chloe Gordon

Year 9 Student





Junior Concert

The 2022 Junior Concert was filled with amazing performances by Essendon Keilor College Students (Niddrie and Keilor). The music program, staff and school principals have been wonderful in giving us an opportunity to express ourselves and show friends and family how much we have learnt by including ourselves in the music program.



Max Ivankovic

Year 9 Music Student





Interschool Basketball

Wow, Term 3 was definitely 'Basketball Term' and 2022 was the year of 'Second' for us as a School Basketball Program. Our best performing team was the Year 8 Boys team, who came Runners up at Western Zone Finals to Maribyrnong College.

We had great results at all age groups, which is testament to the motivation and commitment demonstrated by all the students. We have been running training and shooting sessions at lunchtime since the second half of Term 2. Some students are to be commended for their commitment to training sessions, even when not picked in the team!! This level of effort from everyone involved has enabled the success we have achieved with such a small school community; compared to some of the schools we compete with. Another consideration is being a multi campus school, sometimes the team only meet on the day of the tournament, when Keilor and Niddrie campus students come together and play as a TEAM.

As coach, I have attempted to develop our teams to play a strong and intense style of defence, from which a running and fast type of offence follows. The players have attacked the ball and the basket and have improved in their performance and finishing off. I am very proud of the players and the way they have represented the College and themselves in this program. We are definitely building a strong basketball culture that other schools are watching. I would also like to thank two students who stepped up and coached teams for me, Mua Tavo, and Devon Logan. They showed great leadership and responsibility in their roles, and I know that they are great role models for the younger players.

I would also like to thank all the parents that took time out of their days to come and watch and support our teams. Another mention needs to be made to the handful of students who volunteered to help score on the day. They were so organised and focussed on their tasks, that even the referees commented that it made their job easier on the day.



Natalie Sheridan

Junior Sports Teacher



Year 7 Girls – 2nd

Alina Rehmtulla
 Piper Belot
 Ruby Heidrich
 Jaida Henham
 Hailey Lawton
 Nikki Perouzeh
 Scarlett Callegari
 Arielle Craggs
 Nikolina Papandreou

YEAR 7 BOYS – 3rd

Malachi Haerewa Kaa
 Leigh Marks
 Levi Bugeja
 Lawson Johnson-Schollick
 Angus Rodier
 Max Lanciano
 Noah Nasalio
 Zac Jackson
 Wissam Idris Mohammed

YEAR 8 GIRLS – 2nd

Yasmine Sumner
 Stevi Miller
 Marley Hesketh
 Emmalene Phair
 Kendra Kyle
 Jaimi Hammill
 Ellie Robinson
 Ava Wright
 Hannah Wright
 Grace Tavo
 Rosie Johnson-Schollick

**YEAR 8 BOYS – FIRST!! And
2nd at Western Zone Finals**

Nash Mihailovic
 Keanu Te Nahu
 Jude Omar
 Devon Logan
 Charlie Bruni
 Ahmad Abdallah
 Jesse Barbaro
 Liva Papalii
 Sebastian Weissbacher

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS (10) –
2nd and Victorian College
Championships**

Lenny Fishenden
 Austyn Bawden
 Mitch Parton
 Paul Tavo
 Jake Bruni
 Zane Omar
 Noah Interlandi
 Hussien El Achkar
 Oliver Galloway
 Aiden Zivkovic
 Zechariah Ngametua

INTERMEDIATE BOYS (9)

Noah Atiyeh
 Sam Wood
 Nathan Lowden
 Mohammed Abdallah
 Patrick Papalii
 Cody Kotoski
 Tom Keogh
 Thomas Sutherland
 Jordan Rein



Languages at East Keilor & Niddrie

On 2 November, students of all year levels were given an opportunity to learn basic Taiko (Japanese drum). In this interactive workshop, students learnt the importance of teamwork and respect. Students learnt how to hold the 'bachi' (drumsticks) and how to play the Taiko correctly. By the end of the incursion, the students managed to play a song together and had an opportunity to play the different drums around the room.

This term, Italian students have been lucky to have a language assistant in all their classes (Elisa). Towards the end of the term, Italian students in year 7 and 8 were treated to an Italian cooking lesson with Elisa and Ms Villanti where they made pizza!



At the end of the term, Year 7 Japanese students at the Niddrie Campus also had their chance in the kitchen to make miso soup. Students learnt how to use chopsticks then made the soup from scratch. After cooking, students were able to try red bean mochi. Both the miso soup and mochi were a chance to try different flavours and textures, which was a great experience for all.







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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
9	10	11 VIRTUAL REALITY GAMING Avondale Heights Library 2pm - 4pm FREE 	12 YOUNG CARER'S PROGRAM Woodlands Park House 10am - 4pm \$10 SNAZZY CREATORS' SOCIETY Sam Merrifield Library 4:30pm - 6pm FREE 	13	14	15
16 NGV TAKE HOME ACTIVITY PACKS Collect at your library For 12-18 year olds FREE 	17	18 THE OP SHOP HOP Meet at Sam Merrifield Library 1pm - 4pm FREE 	19 GAME OFF! Avondale Heights Library 1pm - 5pm FREE 	20 FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF MOVIE SCREENING WITH PIZZA + POPCORN Sam Merrifield Library 12pm FREE 	21 DISCO SPLASH Queens Park Pool 1pm - 6pm FREE 	22 LAST DAY TO SEE FIREWORKS + BRIGHT SPARKS EXHIBITIONS Incinerator Gallery FREE 
23 SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP Kellaway Community Hall, Moonee Ponds 10am - 12pm FREE 	24 CLAY WORKSHOP Valley Youth Space, Niddrie 2pm - 4pm FREE 	25 TIE DYE WORKSHOP Valley Youth Space, Niddrie 2pm - 4pm FREE 	26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27	28	29  SIGN UP FOR ACTIVITIES HERE! 

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