

Term 2, Week 3 Issue 07 - 2023

The Lakes South Morang College respectfully acknowledges that beneath the significant River Red Gums that feature across our school's landscape lay the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri-Willam people of the Kulin Nation.

PRINCIPAL WELCOME

BILL PANAS

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL



Welcome back for an exciting Term 2. The winter uniform will no doubt be needed quickly gauging by the cold weather that has embraced us over the last week. Parent/ Carers please take some time to review/prepare children for the following:

KEY CHECKLIST:

- 1. Winter Uniform;
- 2. Changes to timetable especially on the Secondary Campus;
- 3. Individual student learning goals;
- 4. Electronic devices, school materials and daily food/water;
- 5. Excursions, Sports (including a new Athletics Carnival on May 24) and Events scheduled for Term 2;
- 6. Any changes to student medical needs; and,
- 7. Any changes related to communications especially your mobile numbers and emails.

SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Contact us at the beginning of the term if there are issues that may compromise your child's performance at school. A reminder that if your child decides to bring their personal mobile phone to school that it must be switched off and stored in their locker. Under the Department of Education regulations, no school will take any responsibility for lost, damaged or inappropriate use of mobile phones. If a student uses their phone without prior consent from the college, then the phone will be checked in to the general office until it is collected by a parent/guardian. I thank you for your support in this matter.

I am looking forward to working with students, teachers, parents/carers and the School Councilors to make significant strides in learning and growth over the coming term. Our objective as a College is to work collaboratively, methodically, calmly, and with your support, to enable our students to enjoy school, to be challenged every day and to develop academically and emotionally as young people.

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- The VIA Learning Journey
- Reflections from students in Year 3 & 10
- Child Safety & Wellbeing Policy at The Lakes
- Sports Scoreboard
- Mother's Day Portrait & Poem Winners

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80 Jardier Terrace, South Morang 3752 (03) 9401 3919

Primary Campus

275 Gordons Road, South Morang 3752 (03) 9400 9000

PRINCIPAL REPORT

STAFFING

I am pleased to inform you that we have an almost full complement of teachers to meet our curriculum program. Christine AM is leaving us after two wonderful years to pursue teaching in another school. Christine has led our Health/PE faculty with a high degree of enthusiasm and her commitment to student needs has been exemplary. Our College community will miss Christine. Our only vacancies, which we hope to fill over the next week or two, is a Humanities and a Health/PE position which we will fill with an extended emergency teacher in the interim. The employment of teachers across the educational community nation-wide continues to be a major issue for departments and the state governments. Therefore, our workforce planning for next year will begin in earnest as early as this term so we can best prepare to meet our curriculum needs moving forward. I would also like to welcome both Joseph S and Patrick M (Secondary Campus) and Dylan J (Primary Campus) who will work as Teacher Aides to support students and programs. Elise S returns from family leave to resume duties in the general office (Secondary) and Amanda K returns after some long service leave (Primary). Welcome to all of our new and returning colleagues!

CURRICULUM DAY SUCCESS - MONDAY, APRIL 24

On the first day of Term 2, all staff participated in a Curriculum Day. The following key Learning Intentions were addressed to support our work towards realising our 2023 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP):

- Begin the learning journey of a P-12 College as a united group of staff.
- Use the positive climate for learning principles as the framework to address the importance of developing our four pillars: academic rigor, high expectations, school pride and community connections.
- Develop an understanding and build empathy amongst all staff to the various learning stages, cycles, transition points and expertise required to have learning success in a P-12 College.
- Provide a sample template of what a great P-12 College looks, feels and acts like using data informed evidence – official DE performance data & individual student and cohort data
- Build Teamwork through collegiate efficacy and a commitment to the philosophy of "learner agency".
- Begin our commitment to improve Numeracy across the College.

The College has contracted the expertise of Dr Jayne-Louise Collins from Ed Partnerships to lead the work on "learner agency". Her knowledge and direction will significantly shift thinking and prioritise our investment to individual learning plans and goalsetting strategies. We have also contracted Philip Whelan from Stride Education to lead the work on developing a high end and seamless P-12 College concept which has been identified as a point of need from last year's school review. Philip is renowned for his work on developing consistency of practice and developing a sustained culture of high expectation and communication through the various transitions in school life. Philip is supported by Performance Psychologist Anthony Klarica, who will support us by observing behaviours, analysing data and providing strategies to strengthen our whole College staffing profile, performance and structures.

We are very excited with their initial roll out and the difference the impact that the work will have on both student outcomes and College success.

FACILITIES

Over the holidays you may have noticed the work that has begun on the Secondary Campus along Gordons Road. This will be the site of the English Language School that is earmarked for completion so that classes can begin in semester two this year. There will be significant disruption in the immediate vicinity so please be careful in your travels. It is anticipated that the school will cater for approximately 80-150 new arrival students from Years P-12, and they will be supported by approximately 8-10 teachers and support staff. We hope to forge a professional relationship with the school to complement our work on inclusion and diversity, share professional learning opportunities and together with Merriang SDS, bed down our educational precinct in the Mill Park Lakes estate.

On the Secondary Campus, works have begun on re-carpeting the buildings and adding partitions in the pods. New lockers for students are estimated to arrive and be available for student use from the beginning of semester 2. And the landscapers will hopefully have cleared some land and created the seating and play areas which have been designated specifically for year 7 student use.

On the Primary Campus, landscaping to beautify the areas inside the new fence line has begun, mulch and sand has been topped up in the playgrounds/sand pits, gutters have been cleaned and rubbish has been cleared to make way for a clean start for term 2 and the winter months. The College has made a submission to the Victorian School Building Authority for two adjacent synthetic basketball courts to be laid on the Primary Campus. This will add another active play and learning space to the campus. It will complete the outdoor facilities and enable us to begin some works on refurbishing toilets and internal spaces.

The car parks have been re-marked with arrows clearly addressing entry and exits to both campuses. We want to present our students and our community with facilities that complement our learning environment and encourage us all to take care of our facilities and to value them.

Year 6-7 & VCE INFORMATION TRANSITION EVENINGS

Thank you to the families that attended important transition meetings last week on the Secondary Campus. The turn out from families was about 30% for Year 6-7 transition and 40% for VCE Information Evening. It is really important that families participate as learner agents in their children's education. Parent/Carer involvement makes a significant impact on learning and student achievement. Whilst it can be difficult to attend, please make every effort to support the educational development of your children and contact us if you would like any information pertaining to these key transitions through school life.

PARENT/CARER SURVEY ON COLLEGE EVENTS AVAILABILITY

We are keen to ascertain the best times for parent/carer interaction at the College. Our School Council President, Amanda F, is in the process of preparing a survey on this important communication. It would be extremely beneficial if you could provide timely feedback to assist our planning moving forward.

Have a lovely weekend.

Bill.

POLICY SPOTLIGHT



CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING

http://www.thelakes.edu.au/uploads/8/3/9/0/83901006/child_safety_and_wellbeing_policy_2022.pdf

The Lakes South Morang College is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families. We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students.

We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our College environments.

We promote positive relationships between students and adults and between students and their peers. These relationships are based on trust and respect.

We take proactive steps to identify and manage any risk of harm to students in our College environment. When child safety concerns are raised or identified, we treat these seriously and respond promptly and thoroughly.

Policies are available to all families via the Sentral Portal (under Resources) or via our website http://www.thelakes.edu.au/policies--reports.html

Child safety is a shared responsibility. Every person involved in our College has an important role in promoting child safety and wellbeing and promptly raising any issues or concerns about a child's safety.

The Lakes South Morang College is committed to communicating our child safety strategies to the College community through:

- ensuring that key child safety and wellbeing policies are available on our website including the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct, and the Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations (including Mandatory Reporting) Policy and Procedure
- displaying PROTECT posters around the College
- updates in our College newsletter
- ensuring that child safety is a regular agenda item at College leadership meetings, staff meetings and College council meetings.

THE LAKES COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

PRIMARY & SECONDARY CAMPUSES

Your feedback is valued.

Please use the following
link to provide our College
Council and Leadership
Team with feedback to help
make The Lakes a positive
learning community for all.



STUDENT PERSPECTIVE



YEAR 3 REFLECTION

ISAAC & ELISE YEAR 3 SRC

Hello everyone, our names are Elise and Isaac, and we are your Year 3 SRC students at The Lakes South Morang College. Term 1 and Term 2 have been really fun and exciting for us. We've had SRC meetings with students from Secondary and will be going to the Secondary campus next week to meet with them to talk about organising a special event for the end of the year. We are excited for Hooptime to start next week. We are also trying to organise an out of uniform day this term so we can raise more money for our school! Watch this space for more information to come!

YEAR 10 REFLECTION

ANHAD & AALIYAH YEAR 10 SRC

As we find ourselves at the midpoint of the academic year, we want to take a moment to reflect on our experiences so far and look forward to what's to come. As members of the Student Representative Council (SRC), we have been working hard to represent our peers and make a positive impact in our school community.

Looking forward, we are excited about upcoming events such as Work Experience and Athletics Day. Work Experience is an excellent opportunity for us to gain valuable real-world experience and explore different career paths. Athletics Day is always a fun and competitive event, and we are looking forward to cheering on our fellow students and participating in the various events.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS



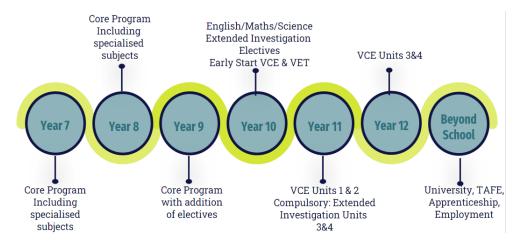
VERITAS, INNOVATE, ACCELERATE

THE VIA LEARNING JOURNEY

The Lakes South Morang College takes pride in our ability to provide high quality, relevant and engaging learning programs for each and every student. As part of this commitment in 2021 we established the VIA Program that begins on the Secondary Campus in Year 7. The VIA (Veritas; latin for truth, Innovate, Accelerate) program seeks to support students to become the leaders, thinkers and creators of the future. Research consistently suggests that the key skills required for successful employment in the future are care, computing, cognitive and communication skills (National Skills Commission 2021). With these skills in mind The Lakes designed the VIA program to extend students through:

- providing access to progressive, challenging, accelerated and tailored curriculum:
- addressing the individual academic needs of high-achieving learners with an explicit and continuous focus on the development of Creativity and Innovation;
- incorporating project-based, selfdirected learning programs that encourage the development of nextcentury learning skills and competencies;
- promoting and modelling the value of independent and collaborative approaches to learning; and
- access to partnership programs with external providers including the Victorian High Ability Program and Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Programs

This program allows students to access a range of core and specialised subjects within their Year 7-9 Learning Programs. From Year 10 students will be supported to achieve optimised ATAR scores with access to early entry VCE and VET subjects where applicable. Students also have the opportunity to undertake Extended Investigation Units 3 and 4 at Year 11. This subject is offered at many private schools across the state as a preparatory course for the rigours of University study. Additionally, it allows students to deeply investigate an area of interest, allowing them to combine the range of skills accumulated throughout



Students are reassessed yearly for entry into the program, undertaking a written application as well as additional ACER Testing

their time in the program. At VCE students benefit from the smaller class sizes offered at The Lakes, accessing a broad range of subjects across learning areas in combination with access to other subjects through Virtual Schools Victoria.

As always, with the student at the heart of our programs, we looked to a range of stakeholders for feedback on the program. They shared with us the following:

"In VIA we work as a team using our knowledge to build our ideas and imagination - making our teamwork and learning exceptional." VIA Student

"In the VIA program there are many opportunities, like having the ability to dive into the depths of topics, discuss topics as a class, express your ideas and yourself freely. This program really helps and encourages all of us." VIA Student

"The VIA program has enabled my child to engage in critical thinking and analysis." VIA Parent

"The class has created a culture that values learning, is supportive and challenging. Students have the opportunity to engage in a wide academic program that embeds the capabilities for maximum learning." VIA Teacher

We look forward to sharing information regarding the VIA program with our Grade 5/6 students during Term 2.

NAPLAN results attest to the success of the VIA program.

2021 VIA student results indicated:

- 100% of students were above National Standards for Reading and Spelling;
- 95% of students were above National Standards for Grammar and Punctuation; and
- 90% of students were above National Standards for Writing and Numeracy.

2022 VIA student results indicated:

- 100% of students were above National Standards for Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy; and
- 85% of students were above National Standards for Reading, Writing & Spelling.

PRIMARY CAMPUS AWARDS



LEARNER OF THE WEEK

85		
Prep A	Prep B	Prep C
Asha N	Zulfiqar R	Noah J
1A	1B	
Stella V	Martin R	
2A	2B	
Riyansh C	Elisa V	
3A	3B	
Avery E	Katelyn B	
4A	4B	
Tyler T	Isaac P	
5A	5B	5C
Dustin W	Hollie F	Blaine G
6A	6B	6C
Elliston T	Cade S	Jahmin S



LIFESTYLE AWARDS

	Sport	Art	STEM
Prep	Jiaan R	Maximus M	Tara E
Year 1	Crew K	Edward A	Rhyder T
Year 2	Olivia S	Rantej S	Landa S
Year 3	Keira F	Scarlett G	Axel T
Year 4	Anthem W	Anna W	Hudson U
Year 5	Asha D	Selena G	Lucas L
Year 6	Lachlan H	Millicent R	Harry S

NEXT ASSEMBLY DATES:

Week 4: Friday 19th May at 2.30pm

SPORTS SCOREBOARD



PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

This term selected students from Year 5 and 6 are taking part in the Bridge Inn South Weekly Interschool Sport Tournament in either netball (girls), AFL (boys) or handball.

TERM 2 FIXTURE:

Friday 5th May Round 1: HOME vs Al Siraat

Friday 12th May Round 2: HOME vs Edgars Creek

Friday 19th May Round 3: HOME vs Morang South

Friday 26th May Round 4: HOME vs SMCM

Friday 2nd June Round 5: BYE

Friday 9th June Round 6: HOME vs Marymede

Friday 16th June Round 7: HOME vs Epping Views

Friday 23rd June Round 8: Make up round (if needed)

ROUND 1:

Last Friday kicked off the weekly Friday morning 5/6 interschool sport competition. Sports included AFL, handball and netball. Well Done Everyone on a fabulous Round 1!

Handball Girls - 17:2 Win

Handball Boys - 21:5 Win

Netball A's - 20: 1 Win

Netball B's - 4:2 Win

AFL - 69: 19 Win

ROUND 2:

Handball Girls - 9:2 Win

Handball Boys - 13:5 Win

Netball A's - 16:1 Win

Netball B's - 4:3 Win

AFL - 25:19 Win

Please check out The Lakes South Morang College social media pages for weekly photos and updates!

SECONDARY SPORTS

Congratulations to our superstar Lakes athletes who competed in the District Cross Country competition.

We had huge success with 12 students moving through to the next round. A special congratulations to Brodie, Charlotte and Ryan for placing first, Ben in second and Lexie in third!







CELEBRATING OUR SPECIAL PEOPLE

This year Mill Park Village invited students from The Lakes South Morang College to submit artwork and poems that celebrate their female role models in the lead up to Mother's Day. The winning pieces will be shown in Mill Park Village in the coming weeks.

PORTRAIT WINNERS

Emily N - Prep B

Hiya D - 6C

Jana N - 6A

Milly R - 6C

Aleen J - 4B

Wren G - 3B

Thorn M - 7C

Macie W - 3A

POETRY WINNERS

Olivia S - 2B

Kiara T - 6A

Neha P - 6A

Siena C - 3B

Brian D - 3A

Stuart Q - 3A

Beatrice R-3A

Miriam M - 5A





















SOCIAL SCENE



The Lakes South Morang College

The Lakes South Morang College is a vibrant learning environment. We aim to empower all students to strive for excellence and ongoing growth. www.thelakes.edu.au







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WHAT'S ON @ THE LAKES

Breakfast Club on Both Campuses Every Tuesday & Thursday - 8.15am

(Except for the first week and last week of the term)

MAY:

Monday 15th Year 3/4 Hooptime Year 11/12 Netball Tuesday 16th **School Council Meeting** Wednesday 17th **Primary District Cross Country Whole School Athletics Carnival** Wednesday 24th Year 4 ScienceWorks Excursion Friday 26th **Year 12 Legal Studies Incursion** Wednesday 31st – Year 5/6 CYC Forest Edge Camp



JUNE:

Friday 2nd

Monday 5th	Whittlesea Youth Environment Summit
Wednesday 7th	Student Voice Forum
	Year 7 Netball
Monday 12th	Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 13th	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 13th - Friday 16th	Senior Exam Week
Thursday 15th	GAT
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd	Senior Exam Week
Wednesday 21st	Primary Parent/carer Teacher Interviews
Friday 23rd	Last Day of Term 2 (1.15pm dismissal)



Book Now for Primary Tours on

9404 9000

for individual 2023 School Tours

Book Now for Secondary Tours on

9401 3919

for individual 2023 School Tours



SAVE THE DATE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

Rescheduled: Wednesday 24th May

9.30am — 3.00pm

Meadowglen International Athletics Track 146/156 McDonalds Road, Epping 3076



More information to come

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you are aware that your child will not be attending school due to illness or other circumstances, please ensure that you contact either office to ensure our attendance records are accurate. Ways of communicating absences include:

- Placing a future Absence Request through the Parent SENTRAL Portal;
- Calling the office;
- Sending an SMS on 0427 226 537.

As required by the Department of Education, all schools must notify parents/carer informing that their child is absent. Please inform the office of absences before 10:00 am each morning.

STAY CONNECTED

The Sentral Parent Portal is the primary method for home-school communications at The Lakes.

We are excited to say that most families have access to the Parent Portal. The portal allows students and parents\carers to keep up to date with important information and communication. This includes student academic reports, parent-teacher interview bookings and permission for students to attend camps, sport and excursions.

The Student and Parent
Portal can be accessed at
school, from home and from
mobile devices.

If you are experiencing any issues with Sentral, please contact either office to assist you.



BELONGINGS, AMBULANCE & INSURANCE

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department of Education does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Parents and carers are reminded that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and carers of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

CURRICULUM CHARGES

We can see that many parents/carers have began to make financial contributions towards the 2023 Curriculum Contributions through QKR Payments. The College is most appreciative of the continued support and commitment shown by families through their contributions.

Your financial contributions are what enables our College to operate and deliver the best possible education and support for our students. With exciting upgrades happening throughout both campuses this year including new carpets, sporting facilities, fencing, lockers and upgrades of toilet facilities, it is important that we work together to provide the best facilities for our wonderful students.

Thank you for your support and partnering with us in 2023.



STAY UP TO DATE WITH COLLEGE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.





Scan the code to setup an account and select The Lakes South Morang College. Orders need to be in by 9am on the day.

Simplify your school life.

We have partnered with Flexischools, to make school lunches even easier.







Please call Karen on 9404 900 to discuss further, if you have a service or upcoming event you would like to promote through our Newsletter.



College - Early Years Campus

Sign in at the Office and you will be taken down to our library.



Fun and lively reading session with our Prep Teacher.

> Stories, bubbles, dancing and much more. Help prepare your child for school and have fun at the same time.

Dates:

Most suited to 3 and 4 year old children but younger siblings also welcome.

Tours available from our College Principal while

Scan this code to register your interest or call the office (03) 9404 9000





Monday 1st May (Week 2) Tuesday 16th May (Week 4) Tuesday 6th June (Week 7)



The Lakes South Morang College Primary Campus















Parents Building Solutions - Teens (6 week program)

Do you want a better connection with your teen?

Want to understand why teens behave the way they do?

Do you want to discuss and share ideas that work?

This 6 week parenting group helps you come up with solutions to common parenting challenges.

Young people are welcome to attend the drop in session while the parenting session is running.

DATE: Tuesday 2nd May -6th June

TIME: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

WHERE: Innovation Youth Centre,

1/20 Graduate Road, Bundoora

COST: This session is free of charge but

registration is essential.

Bookings and enquiries to ParentZone Northern: (03) 8641 8900 or email parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au











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24th July 2023



Certificate III in

School Based Education Support CHC30221

Embark on a flexible and rewarding career where you can make a meaningful impact on the lives of children with additional needs.

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Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC30221

Education Support is a flexible and rewarding career where you can work in the classroom to support students with additional needs.

Prace delivers an industry driven and dynamic learning experience to ensure you are job-ready with the skills employers are looking for. With the guidance of expert teachers in a friendly and supportive classroom, you will develop the skills to:

- Support students with additional needs
- · Support literacy and numeracy skills
- Contribute to planning educational programs
- Support the health, wellbeing and safety of students

You will participate in excursions, workshops and gain insights from industry guest speakers.

Graduates are in demand and work in a range of educational settings, including primary, secondary & special schools as well as areas of early childhood education. Graduates work as education assistants, teacher's aides and support workers.

Aged 18 years and over. Moderate computer, email and internet skills. Plus digital technology access. English LLN skills at an industry entry standard.

How to enrol

Call 9462 6077 to arrange a pre-enrolment interview.





Location

Prace - Merrilands Community Centre 35 Sturdee St. Reservoir

Dates and duration (TBC)

24 Jul - 4 Dec 2023 and 5 Feb - 29 April 2024 26 Sessions 2 Workshops 100-hour placement

Days and times

Mondays 9.15am - 3.15pm Classes will not run of school holidays.

Study Mode

Face-to-face in a classroom, self-directed offsite tasks and research, remote teacher support sessions, practical placement and industry/ assessment workshops

Gov. subsidised: Concession \$90 Full \$450 Non-subsidised \$5850 Special consideration may apply Plus \$10 Service & Amenties fee

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.





School Crossing Supervisor positions now available









We are always looking to build new or foster current connections within our community!

Please call Karen on 9404 900 to discuss further, if you have a service or upcoming event you would like to promote through our Newsletter.



To thrive, children need a safe and supportive environment at school, at home and in the broader community; no exceptions. At The Lakes South Morang College, we believe meeting the physical and emotional needs of our students is paramount in laying the foundations for a fulfilling future. We pledge to provide an environment that has zero tolerance to child abuse and will strive to work in partnership with our parents and community members to keep our students safe every day, in every way.

The Lakes South Morang College Child Safety Statement

PRIMARY CAMPUS: Telephone: 9404 9000 • 275 Gordons Road South Morang 3752