



**Essendon
Keilor College**

ESSENDON – EAST KEILOR – NIDDRIE

MID TERM UPDATE

Welcome to the mid term update!

We would like to take this opportunity to once again welcome all students and their families to the 2025 school year. This update aims to introduce families to some of our key expectations while also highlighting the programs and initiatives now underway at the college.

This year, we welcomed several new staff members, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce and extend a warm welcome to them.



Carmela Aldridge
International Student
Coordinator



Sarah Bartlett
English/History



Daniel Hennequin
Media/VCD/
English



Lachlan Hogan
ES support/
AFL football



Ruby Johnson
English/
Psychology



Matilda Monagle
Business/
English/Humanities

Not Pictured:

Chris Amon:
Science/Maths



Danielle Mozjerin
Food Tech
Assistant



Marnie Nelson
ES Support



Tenielle Talbot
Maths Learning
Specialist



Will Sloss
English/
Business



Alicia Zurawiecki
English



Jane Geerling
English/EAL



Aidan Lloyd
Chemistry/
Physics/Maths

In 2025 we continue to have a theme centred around building positive connections and providing our students with the opportunity to be the best version of themselves each and every day. We are pleased with the strong start our students have made to the academic year and will continue to challenge them with high expectations in a supportive and positive learning environment.

Our teachers and support staff are dedicated to building positive connections with their students while striving to meet each student's individual needs. One of the key advantages of our multi-campus setting is the ability to know our students well, both as individuals and as learners within our community.

In this update, we outline key expectations for our students as valued members of our school community. We ask for the support of parents and carers in reinforcing our expectations around attendance and alignment with our school-wide expectations: 'Be Respectful, Be Engaged, Be Aspirational, and Be a Learner.'

We also highlight the many wonderful extracurricular opportunities available to our students, along with some key upcoming events.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue upgrading facilities at our Essendon campus, with a \$2.1 million commitment to a planned maintenance program. This, along with our ongoing investment in facilities and resources across the school, plays a crucial role in creating a positive learning environment and supporting student success.

Recently, we upgraded the gym changerooms at the Essendon campus and invested in a new Year 12 Study Centre. This space is accessible to Year 12 students before school, during study periods, and after school. Designed to support focused learning, the study centre provides a conducive environment for study, allowing students to extend their learning in a supportive setting.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. We appreciate your ongoing support of your child's learning journey and your continued commitment to our school community.

Kind regards,

Adam Potter
Principal



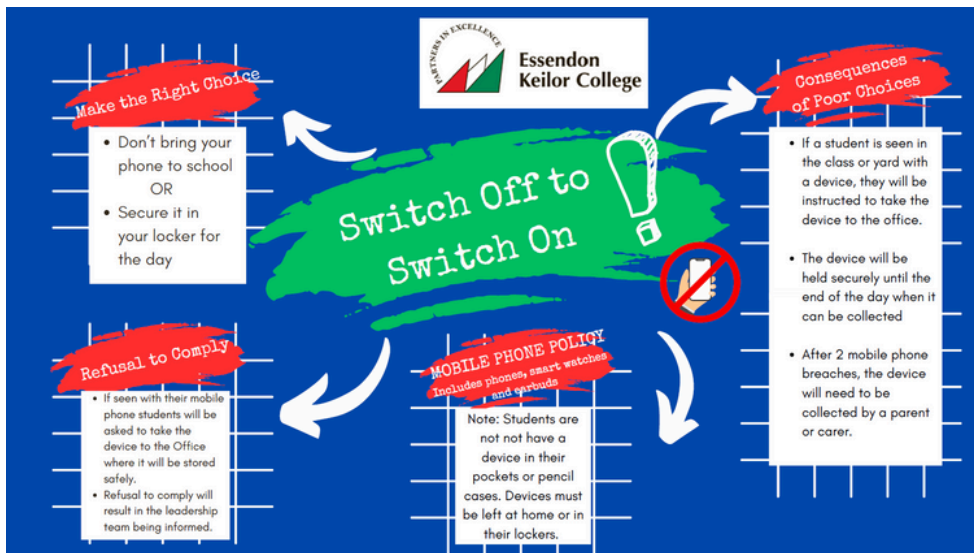
Class of 2025

ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

	Our Community	Wider Community
BE RESPECTFUL	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use good manners Follow staff instructions Arrive to class prepared to learn Work cooperatively with peers and staff Use technology responsibly and safely at all times 	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciate diversity and treat all others as equals Represent the College with pride Behave in a safe manner Consider how our actions impact on others Use technology responsibly and safely at all times
BE ENGAGED	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask questions and regularly act upon feedback Make positive contributions Bring digital devices charged everyday Participate in school events 	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are responsible for our actions Engage in learning opportunities outside of school Demonstrate EKC Values in accordance with College policies
BE ASPIRATIONAL	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put effort into every task and challenge ourselves Strive for academic excellence Set and evaluate learning goals Attend all classes 	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are considerate of the public Travel to and from school with care Aim to become accomplished citizens who contribute, live meaningfully and succeed
BE A LEARNER	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to others Let others learn and teach Use devices appropriately for learning 	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage and support others Maintain appropriate noise levels Support our community

SWPBS

Our SWPBS framework is designed to both support the development of, and recognise when students display the positive behaviours in classes and around the yard and in the community. Parents will be notified when REAL rewards and positive acknowledgements are issued to students.



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

The Education Department's policy on the use and storage of mobile phones for students during the school day is clear. We ask for family support with reinforcing this policy. The general offices are available for families to contact students and we ask that parents do not make or take calls/texts from students during the school day.

ATTENDANCE AT ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE

If a student misses....	that equals...	which is....	and over 6 years of school that's....
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	24 weeks
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 2 years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	3.7 years

Every Day Counts

- At EKC, we understand that school participation maximises life opportunities for young people by providing them with education and support networks.
- 100% attendance in every class for every student
- If needed, our student engagement and wellbeing team will put supports in place with your family so we can work together to maximise your attendance

ATTENDANCE

Essendon Keilor College values students attendance every day of the week. It allows for consistent learning and for development of positive relationships with their peers and teachers. Parents are asked to notify the general office or year level coordinator if your child is absent and provide medical certificates where applicable.

WELCOME TO OUR YEAR 7'S

Our Year 7 students have had a fantastic start to secondary school! There has been lots of happy faces and new friendships being made. Thank you to our Year 7 FG teachers for all your support throughout these first few weeks.



NAPLAN INFO & UPDATES

NAPLAN testing is occurring from **Wednesday 12th March through to Monday 17th March** for all Year 7 & 9 students.

This is an important opportunity for us to gain an insight into our students level of learning against the rest of the country. To best support your child, we encourage all of our Year 7 & 9 parents to get informed about the adaptive nature of the testing by [NAPLAN Public Demonstration Site](#) and stay abreast on key school based information via Compass

NAPLAN TESTING TIMELINE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 - 3	Exposure to NAPLAN questions during lesson warm up activities in English & Maths Technical set up on students devices				
Week 4 & 5	Students undertake formal practice testing during class time				
Week 6	Final technical checks				
Week 7			NAPLAN Writing	NAPLAN Reading	NAPLAN Conventions of Language
Week 8	NAPLAN Numeracy				

YEAR 12 STUDY CAMP

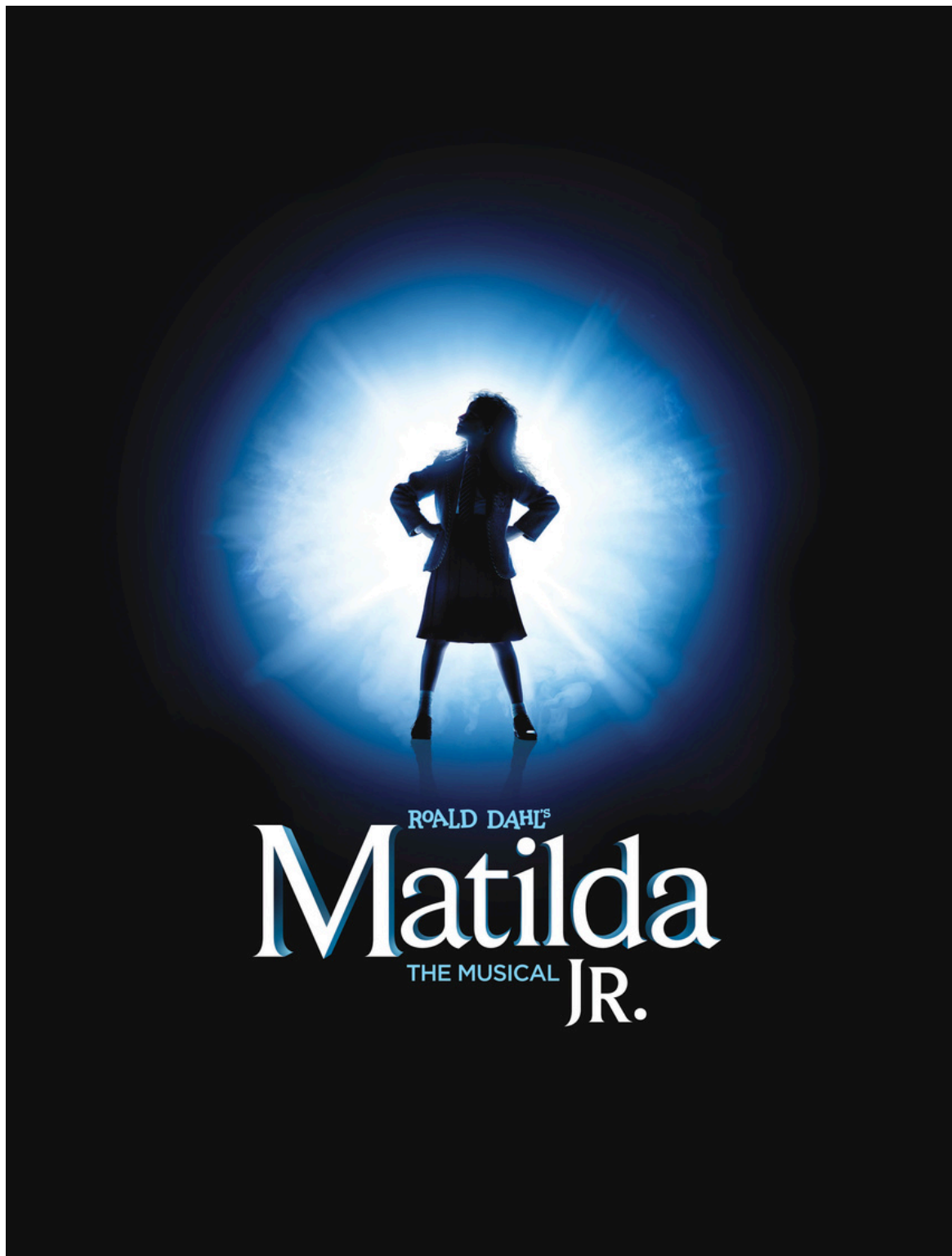
The Year 12 Class of 2025 had a fantastic time on their Year 12 Study Camp at University of Melbourne. They engaged in a variety of learning and recreational activities. More information to come in our end of term newsletter!



PRODUCTION UPDATE

Auditions have now been completed and we're excited to announce Year 8 student, Evelyn Conway, will be taking centre stage this year as the lead in our school production Matilda Jr. Leading opposite Evelyn will be Year 12 students Skye Blitz-Brisbane as Ms Honey and Sam Glenn as the Trunchbull.

Our production will be running from Wednesday 13th through to Friday 15th August. Keep an eye on our school social media pages for when tickets will be released



AFL ACADEMY

Calder Cannons

2025 Squad

Essendon Keilor College congratulates our 4 AFL program students on being selected in squads for Calder Cannons Coates League 2025 teams.

Hunter Holland - Under 16 boys
Gabriel Tangata - Under 18 boys
Ahmad Abdullah - Under 16 boys
Hollie Capuano - Under 16 girls



Congratulations to 2024 year 12 student Sonny Nardella who was awarded a \$20,000 scholarship to study Dual Diploma of Business and Diploma of Leadership and Management at the Essendon Football Club's Essendon Education Academy. We wish Sonny all the best with his studies and future!



PREMIER LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Training has begun for selection into our Premier League squad. Students have been working hard on the field and ensuring their GPA allows for their selection. We'd love to see as much support as possible at our Practice Matches:

Senior Girls: Tuesday 1st April, 4:15 @ PEGS

Senior Boys: Thursday 3rd April, 4:15 @ PEGS



NEW AFLW COACH



Essendon Keilor College is proud to announce Stephanie Wales as our new coach for our AFLW program for this year. Ensuring we provide our students with quality coaching and role models to aspire to, are key components of our sporting academy programs. Our AFLW program includes girls from Years 7 to 11 who train weekly together at our Essendon campus.

BASKETBALL ACADEMY

At the end of 2024, we signed off an on MOU community partnership with Keilor Basketball Association, supporting pathways and opportunities for our basketball academy students. As part of that partnership it has been fantastic to have KBA player Nic Bannon joining our academy coach Mike Spears at our Wednesday and Thursday morning academy training sessions.

Our academy players are training hard for their first competition experience in the coming weeks at the qualifying rounds of the Basketball Victoria 3x3 Cup





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For more information:
Year 10-12 AFL Program -
Ben Clifton
Year 7 - 9 AFL Program -
Ryan Allan



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HIGH ACHIEVERS
Program

www.ekc.vic.edu.au

For more information:
Susan Deprost
Cory Duker



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BASKETBALL
Academy

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For more information:
Sport Adademies
Coordinators:
Will Mollross & Jonathon
Cram

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROGRAM

**We're looking for Homestay Families
for International Students**



Are you interested in hosting an international student in your home? We are currently seeking welcoming homestay families to provide a comfortable and supportive environment for students from around the world. As a homestay provider, you'll play an important role in helping students adjust to their new life while sharing your culture and community. It's a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in a students experience abroad.

You will receive a tax-free payment per week to cover the cost of student's meals, accommodation, and access to amenities such as the internet. If you're interested in becoming a homestay family, please click on the link below and our Homestay co-ordinator will be in contact to discuss further. We look forward to hearing from you! Alternative, contact 9319-1300.

[International Homestay Expression of Interest](#)

EKC CAREERS EXPO

CAREERS EXPO 2025

ESSENDON
CAMPUS HALL



Monday
3rd March 2025



Start At:
09:30 am

YEAR 12: Period 2 & Mentor
YEAR 11: Period 3
YEAR 10: Period 4
Selected Year 9 students

- AIE (Academy of Interactive Entertainment)
- ACU (Australian Catholic University)
- Carlton College of Sport
- Defence Forces
- Essendon FC Education Academy (RMIT)
- Explore Careers
- Future Force Traineeships
- Headstart School Based Apprenticeships
- Kangan Institute
- La Trobe University
- Melbourne Polytechnic
- Maribyrnong and Moonee Valley Local Learning & Employment Network
- Monash University
- RMIT (ex-EKC Students)
- Swinburne University
- The University of Melbourne
- VU (Victoria University) / VU Polytechnic
- William Angliss Institute



VTAC Courses 2024

<i>Health Sciences (Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Health Information Management)</i>
<i>Sport (Sport Science, Exercise Science, Sport Coaching)</i>
<i>Psychology / Criminology (Various streams)</i>
<i>Business/Commerce</i>
<i>Education</i>
<i>Design/Media</i>
<i>Aviation (Pilot training, Cabin Crew)</i>
<i>Social Work/Youth Work</i>
<i>Sciences</i>
<i>Engineering</i>

Congratulations to our Class of 2024 - 87% of students received first or second round VTAC tertiary offers! Their destinations are detailed above.



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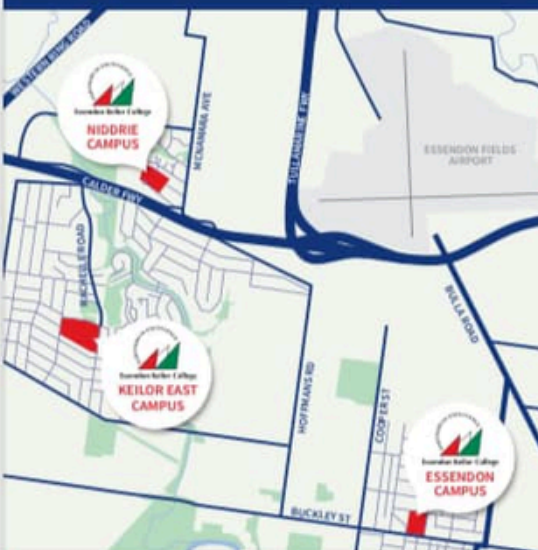
OPEN 2025 NIGHT

Come hear about:

- High Achievers Program
- Sporting Academies
- The advantages of multi campus education

Monday
28th April 6pm

Niddrie Campus 19 Peters Street, Airport West



Weekly School Tours

Please contact the appropriate campus to book in a tour.

NIDDRIE Campus
(Years 7-9)
19 Peters Street,
Airport West VIC 3042
P 9375 8400

ESSENDON Campus
(Years 10-12)
286 Buckley Street,
Essendon VIC 3040
P 9319 1300

EAST KEILOR Campus
(Years 7-9)
82 Quinn Grove,
East Keilor VIC 3033
P 8331 0109

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SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE



@ESSENDONKEILORCOLLEGE

Follow us on Instagram & Facebook for information and updates on our students, programs and activities, and don't forget to check our website for further information and details.



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WELLBEING INCURSIONS



Our Engagement and Wellbeing incursions have kicked off for the year with a Year 7 Project Rokit session and both Year 10s and 11s participating in Elephant Ed sessions linked to Rights, Responsibilities and Respectful Relationships - Inclusivity and Privilege. Across the rest of the term our year 8s and 9s will also have sessions delivered by Elephant Ed related to consent and social media.

BREAKFAST CLUB 2025

Our Breakfast Club program has kicked off for 2025! Ask your Year Level Coordinator or Student Wellbeing Coordinator for dates and times at each campus!



TERM 1 2025 KEY DATES

Monday 3rd March	EKC Careers Expo - Essendon Campus
Wednesday 12th March - Monday 17th March	NAPLAN - Years 7-9
Monday 18th March	Year 9 Elephant Ed Incursion - Consent
Wednesday 19th March - Friday 21st March	Year 7 Camp
Thursday 20th March	VCE Study Series Session 3pm - 4.30pm Essendon
Friday 21st March	Harmony Day
Monday 24th March	Whole School Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 25th March	Year 9 Try a Trade Day
Thursday 27th March	Melbourne Secondary Youth Leadership Conference Year 9 STEM Science Gallery excursion
Monday 31st March	Year 10-12 Parent Teacher Interviews (Essendon)
Wednesday 2nd April	Year 7-9 Parent Teacher Interviews (Niddrie)
Thursday 3rd April	Year 7 STEM Incursion
Friday 4th April	End of Term 1 - early 2.30pm finish
Monday 7th April - Tuesday 8th April	Production Dance Intensive (Essendon)