



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

2021 has been a another challenging year for Essendon Keilor College, following on from 2020.

We always encourage students to get involved in as many activities as possible and even though this has been difficult we have been able to run a number of on-line activities this term. We started with the Music Soiree, followed by the College Art Show and our production of "The Addams Family". We finished the year with the Presentation Afternoon where students were presented with their awards. All events were live streamed and also made available for families to watch at their leisure. Live streaming events will continue next year so that more members of the College community can have access to our students work.

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, this year has been a difficult one. 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 a number of staff leaving and I wish them well in their future endeavours.

The challenge of COVID has brought us closer together as a school community and fills me with a sense of optimism about the future. We have all learnt a lot these past two years about what is important and we can build on that experience to continue to provide students of Essendon Keilor College with a great educational experience. Our School Review showed a strong partnership between Parents, Staff and Students and our new Strategic Plan will build on that experience to get the best performances out of our students.

I am looking forward to 2022, but will certainly enjoy the break and the associated festivities. Thank you again to everybody associated with Essendon Keilor College for your support in 2021. 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

7th March – Parent teacher Interviews

14th March – Labour Day public holiday

Term Dates 2022

Term 1 Mon 31st Jan – Fri 8th Apr

Term 2 Tue 26th Apr – Fri 24th Jun

Term 3 Mon 11th Jul – Fri 16th Sep

Term 4 Mon 3rd Oct – Tue 20th Dec



Essendon Campus Principal - Lisa Nugent

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

On behalf of the Essendon Campus, I want to say a big thank you to all our Students, Parents and Carers for your continued resilience and support throughout another challenging year. I know remote and flexible learning has not always been easy, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning. There was a smooth return to the Campus in Term 4 and we were able to do many of our events online. The links to our Music Soiree, Art Show, Valedictory, and Presentation Day are still open and will be available to download at a later date.

Thank you to each and every student for the contribution you made to the Essendon Campus this year, I hope the skill, strategies and knowledge you have developed over the year will equip you for the challenges ahead. I would like to acknowledge the teachers, support staff and community members, who have been passionate about all students and their progress and well-being this year. They have guided learning growth, organised events, celebrated achievements and provided support. I would especially like to acknowledge support provided by our wonderful General Office staff, Julie and Anna who work tirelessly to ensure everything runs smoothly, going above and beyond to support students, staff and parents. Special mention to Mr Mark McInerney who has provided never ending assistance and guidance to our staff and students based at the College. I will definitely miss his leadership and support, he has been an integral part of our College leadership team for many years. Many staff, students and families have experienced his never-ending friendship, guidance and care over many years. Mark will be the Assistant Principal at Saltwater College in 2022. I wish him every success in his future role.

In conclusion I wish, Connie Midiri, Elese Demarchi, Sumiyo Kamimura, Yoko Henderson, Genevieve Archibald and Mark McInerney who are moving on from the College, all the very best for their future and thank them for their collegiality and service to our community. Congratulations and thank you for many, many years of service to the College to Carol Carland, Linda Muldoon, Thecla Polizzi and George Cichy on their retirements. Best wishes to Diane Basile who will be taking long service leave in 2022.

As many of you already know, I will be moving to the Keilor Campus for 2022. Heather Hawkins, Melissa Traver and Anna Jackson will also be joining the Keilor Campus team. Their combined leadership, experience and wisdom will add to the strength of the Keilor Campus team. It has been an honour and a privilege to be the Principal at the Essendon Campus over the last 4 years. I have treasured the opportunity to support all staff and students through their journey and protect the prestigious Essendon High Heritage listed buildings. I look forward to catching up with many of you at future College events.

The end of the year is always a great opportunity to reflect on our achievements both individually and within our communities. Thinking about our values of respect, engage, aspire and learn, I ask everyone to take a moment to reflect on your year.

To all members of our College community, I wish a safe and happy break. Hoping all the very best things in life come your way in 2022 and beyond.

Lisa Nugent

Essendon Campus Principal



VCE Results

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have produced our best results for many years both in terms of their scores and entry into Courses. See list of the Dux in each subject at the end of newsletter.

Congratulations to Ming Quan (Mark) Pham our Year 12 Dux for 2021.

Term 4 Award Winners

Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Eleanor Fuller	Glenn Silverio	Jack Gomez

2022 Essendon Campus Captains

School Captains



Elley Chapman



Rose Eddy

Vice Captains



Angela Ayvaz



Astara Jackson



Jess Sutherland

International Captain



Akaya Sogabe

Sport Captain



Luis Viray

Performance Captains



Charlize Rodier



Essey Gebrekirstos

Valedictory and Year 12 final days

Congratulations and farewell to all of our 2021 Year 12 students. We were able to cram quite a few events into the start of Term 4 to celebrate the final weeks of classes and reminisce on their 6 Years of Secondary School. Our College Council President, Nicole Kotovski gave an inspirational speech about courage, determination and big dreams. Special thanks to our ex-student Guest speaker Eden Hynninen. Eden is now working as a reporter for the ABC and shared her memories and advice with our students at our Valedictory lunch. Click on link www.vividstream.live/ekc



Annual Art Show



We had a wonderful selection of pieces from students from Year 7 – 12 at our Annual Art Show.

Thank you to our Art staff involved – Silvana Vitale (Studio Arts), Genevieve Archibald (VCD), Olivia Zouev, Rob Tapson, Liz Morkous and special mention to our Arts Tech leader Silvana Vitale. Thank you to our amazing artists. Congratulations to Toprak Camdal who was awarded the annual acquisition prize. Link www.vividstream.live/ekc



We are very proud of Isabella Horvatovic and Sophia Lima for making the short list to display their art work in the Moonee Valley Fireworks exhibition at the Incinerator Gallery.



Addams Family

Thank you and congratulations the cast, crew and staff involved in the Addams Family Production. Everyone involved displayed great persistence and resilience to put the show on with very little onsite rehearsals. Special thanks to Jarrod McDonald, Di Basile, Natasha Anicic and Tony Pain for supporting the cast and crew over the last two years. Unfortunately, due to copyright restrictions we are unable to retain a recording of the show.



Congratulations to all our College Award winners and performers at our Presentation Day

See our presentation – click on link www.vividstream.live/ekc



Careers Update December 2021

Year 12 Information

Good luck to the 2021 Year 12 cohort. They have had a very challenging 2 years of VCE dealing with COVID restrictions and long periods of remote learning. They have shown a lot of resilience and we hope their future training and employment is not adversely affected by COVID. Some of our students are moving on to apprenticeships and employment, and others are looking to take a “gap year” and get some life experience before returning to study. The majority of Year 12 students are planning to head on to further study in 2022 at University or Tafe institutions. For those students, once they receive their Results & ATAR they will have until Dec 17th 12pm (International students) and Dec 20th 4pm (Domestic students) to make any final changes to their preferences. Mr Kingham will be available during the change of preference period to assist students.

Students and Parents can refer to the VTAC Media YouTube Channel for further info about understanding change of preference and how offers are made: www.youtube.com/user/vtacmedia

Key VTAC Dates for Domestic Students:

Key Date	What do I need to have done?
16 th December (7am)	Release of ATAR – check your results via the Results and ATAR Website / Phone App or via your VTAC account
20 th December (4pm)	*Close of Change of Preference – Make sure your preferences are set in correct order to maximise your chances of a January Round offer
14 th January (2pm)	January Round Offers Released – check your offer via your VTAC account. Offer will also be emailed. Follow instructions from institution to accept your offer
14 th January (4pm) up until 20 th January (4pm)	*Close of Change of Preference – Make sure your preferences are set in correct order to maximise your chances of a February Round offer
1 st February (2pm)	February Round Offers Released – check your offer via your VTAC account from 2pm. Offer will also be emailed. Follow instructions from institution to accept your offer

Key VTAC Dates for International Students:

Key Date	What do I need to have done?
16th December (7am)	Release of ATAR – check your results via the Results and ATAR Website / Phone App or via your VTAC account
17th December (12pm)	*Close of Change of Preference – Make sure your preferences are set in correct to maximise your chances of a December Round offer
21st December (10am)	December Round Offers Released – check your offer via your VTAC account. Offer will also be emailed. Follow instructions from institution to accept your offer
21st December (10am) up until 22nd December (4pm)	*Close of Change of Preference – Make sure your preferences are set in correct order to maximise your chances of a January Round 1 offer
7th January (2pm)	January Round 1 Offers Released – check your offer via your VTAC account from 2pm. Offer will also be emailed. Follow instructions from institution to accept your offer

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

Work Experience – Year 10 (June 14th – June 24th 2022)

The Year 10 Work Experience program is planned to go ahead as normal in 2022 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. Students can work in one workplace for 2 weeks, or work in two different workplaces for 1 week each.

Congratulations to those students who have already found their work experience placement. Students should check in regularly to the Year 10 Careers / Work Experience Google Classroom for Work Experience opportunities and a detailed list of previously used employers.



Year 9 Morrisby Careers Assessment

Career Education is being strongly encouraged to begin at an earlier age these days. Next year as well as all Year 9's completing a yearly Career Action Plan, they will be undertaking a thorough Careers Assessment called Morrisby during Term 2. This will involve a series of quizzes and questions that help establish a career profile of each student. At the start of Term 3 each student will have a one on one interview with a trained Career Consultant. This will help students have a much greater understanding about the careers they may be suited to and what subjects they should choose in future years.



Daniel Kingham
(Student Pathways Coordinator)



East Keilor Principal – Lisa Robinson

Another year where I would like to take this opportunity to thank the East Keilor campus community. Overwhelmingly the challenges that have presented have been faced with strength and resilience and we could not be any prouder of our students.

Even though we had numerous lock downs we were still able to deliver a comprehensive learning program and extracurricular opportunities. In fact, all Year levels attended camps, and we had both our swimming and athletics carnival early in the year.

We were also able to farewell our Year 9 students last week. It is always a wonderful evening when we celebrate the journey of our learners as they move to the Essendon campus.

On behalf of the Campus, I wish you all a safe break and I look forward to continuing to support your young people in 2022.

Lisa Robinson

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Campus Principal

Term 4 Award Winners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<u>SWPBS</u> Jenna Van Harmelen	<u>SWPBS</u> Tiffany Giang	<u>SWPBS</u> Trisha Tan
<u>GPA</u> Shaun Watkins	<u>GPA</u> Antoine Maitland	<u>GPA</u> Lenny Fishenden

Picnic and pool afternoon

The new East Keilor Leisure Centre was opened in November. After a very long period of remote learning the East Keilor students really enjoyed a sunny afternoon at the new facility which gave them a great opportunity to connect with each other in a relaxed environment.



Year 9 Graduation

Congratulations to the Year 9 students from the East Keilor Campus who completed their journey at the Junior Campus with a graduation evening. The student leaders arranged novelty awards for each student which proved lots of fun and a bit of a laugh! Catering from East Pantry was excellent and the students danced to DJ Lachlan's tunes, culminating in a conga line around the school.



The rest of the students at the Campus farewelled the Year 9s with a guard of honour and streamers and watched our annual Basketball Battle of Year 9s Vs Teachers in the gym. We wish them all the best as they begin their Senior School journey at the Essendon Campus.

Remembrance Day 11/11/2021

On Thursday the 11th of November at 11 am, silence fell across each State and Territory for one minute as Australia commemorated those who have died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Our East Keilor student leaders placed poppies in our garden bed and organised our students to leave class and join together to pause for a minute of silence to remember all of the men and women of the Australian Defence Force who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



Niddrie Campus Principal - Christine Cole

The staff and students have taken such pride in returning to onsite learning this term. The term has been jam-packed with classroom learning, hands-on activities, reading, sports competitions, music performances, cooking, garden creations in Horticulture, farewells and more recently stepping up into the 2022 school program. It has been fantastic to have students back into the routine of coming to school each day.

REAL Reward Winners

Each student received a \$5 voucher to spend at the canteen throughout the Term. Well done to you all!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Terrence Patsalis Zakaria Salih Keanu Te Nahu Veronika Srpanska Owen Showler	Lucy De Bono Keira O'Dwyer Jada Patterson Madison Spring-Brown	Amy Bektash Gracie Henderson Zane Omar

World's Greatest Shave for a Cure Fundraiser

All year the Student Leadership Team has been undertaking their fundraiser and they were finally able to carry out their hair colouring and head shaving this term.

Farewell Year 9s

On Thursday 2nd December we farewelled our current Year 9s in a ceremony that was certainly one to remember. Whilst the students enjoyed a dinner together, they were entertained by student performance, speeches and awards. We wish all the students all the best for their next three years at the senior campus.

Orientation Day – December 7th

We welcomed our 2022 Year 7 students to the Campus on Tuesday 7th December and the excitement and anticipation was obvious. The Transition team have worked very closely with the Primary Schools to develop a transition program to allow the new students to experience a taste of Secondary School in preparation for next year. Our future students are looking forward to next year and many positive comments were heard from smiling faces which was terrific to see.

Common Assessment Tasks – What are these?

This year all students have been completing Common Assessment Tasks (CATS) in each of their classes. Teachers have been consistently working together to plan, create, differentiate and moderate these tasks with an aim to not only improve student learning but to increase feedback to students on their learning. Please engage in conversation with your child about these tasks and be sure to log into Compass to read your child's end of semester report.

Student Leadership Team

An area the Campus prides itself in, is the development of students as leaders. We are committed to hearing the voices of our students and encourage student agency in learning. Nominations for the 2022 student leadership team is currently taking place and will be finalised in Term 1 of next year.

Looking forward to seeing all students back at the Campus in 2022.
Take care and enjoy your summer break.

Take care,
Christine Cole
Niddrie Campus Principal

World's Greatest Shave

Rescheduled, rescheduled, oh and rescheduled again! EKC Niddrie Crusaders had planned another amazing Worlds Greatest Shave event, one that would surpass the success of our 2019 event. Unfortunately, due to COVID- 19 restrictions, and the never-ending lockdowns the plans were cancelled and a scaled back



version of World Greatest Shave is to take place once we are back at the end of October. Despite the interruptions, this didn't stop our EKC Niddrie Crusaders from raising an impressive \$4,682 for the Leukaemia Foundation. surpassing the \$1000 goal as well as 2019's fundraising efforts. What a wonderful achievement!



Thank you to the efforts of our Student Leadership Team, Mrs. Tsiatsios, to the families and friends who donated and showed so much support, and most importantly thank you to those students and staff who volunteered to cut, style or colour their own hair for such a worthy cause. Let's hope the plans that we had to cancel can be realised in next year's efforts.

Amy Bektash
Year 9 level captain

Year 9 Graduation



Niddrie marked the Year 9's final day at our Campus with a farewell on Thursday the 2nd of December. Celebrations consisted of a sit down buffet dinner, student decided awards, students performed musical numbers and lots of dancing. It was not only a great



night but also an opportunity for staff to wish our Year 9's well and students to celebrate their time at the Junior Campus, before embarking on their adventure at the Senior Campus. We wish them every success.

Tuesday Mental Wellbeing Sessions and MMM's

An initiative launched by the Niddrie Student Leadership team this year was the organising and running of Tuesday Mental Health Activities in the Library. In 2020 during lockdown we ran an online program on Mondays at lunchtime to give our school community an opportunity to connect and check in. We started the Tuesday mental wellbeing activity sessions because since COVID 19 has presented and lockdowns have been occurring there has been an increase in teens experiencing mental health issues and the Student Leadership and I thought that we needed to be proactive in this area. This idea to get teens involved in some activities to calm their minds and relax themselves was enjoyed by many of our peers until lockdown happened. Instead of giving up we again adapted to the circumstances and relaunched the MMM's (Monday Mental Meets where every Monday we would open up a meet so that anyone (students and teachers) could join and just have a chat. No matter who joined, we always had a great time in this informal forum. In the end members of the community who attended always cheered up and didn't feel isolated. I know it was always a welcome event that gave me a more positive outlook which allowed me to enjoy the rest of the day. It felt great knowing that I had made a difference no matter how small.

Tuesday on campus mental wellbeing sessions and MMM's were a very rewarding experience to be involved in.

By Luca Stellato
School Captain

Around the campus





Respectful Behaviours within the School Community

School communities have demonstrated incredible resilience over the COVID-19 pandemic. As we return to onsite learning, it's important for everyone to be respectful and kind to each other. Learn more about the new Department of Education and Training policy - Respectful Behaviours within the School Community.

[Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Respectful-Behaviours-within-the-School-Community-Policy)

Message from Noone Uniform Shop

I hope you are well and looking forward to this year coming to a close. I just wanted to keep you in the loop with regard to a recent change to the government regulations for our retail stores. The Victorian government made a change last week to have retail shops for children's clothing reclassified as an essential retail store, which means that customers no longer need to be vaccinated to enter our stores. If you wish to share this information with your community, please feel free.

Please note that customers are still required to scan the QR code to enter the store, as with other essential retail services and where we are operating a campus shop on the school grounds we will continue to work with the relevant school's to ensure that we are also complying with the regulations required to have families on the school grounds.

Please let me know if you have any questions at all.

I hope you have a great Christmas and break and I look forward to seeing you in 2022!

Ryan Shaune

National Sales Manager



Year 12 Highest Study Score per subject 2021

SUBJECT	STUDENT
Biology	Keith Liew and Khoder Mourad
Business Management	Edward Nguyen
Chemistry	Nathan Le Yr 11 and Mark Pham
English	Isabella Horvatovic
EAL	Mark Pham
Food Studies	Hannah Truong
	Rebecca Zavarella
Health & Human Development	Caitlyn Tapungao Yr 11
Applied Analytics	Ciara De Simone
Japanese SL	Melanie Vuong
Vietnamese FL	Melanie Vuong
Legal Studies	Elley Chapman
Further Maths	Khoder Mourad
Specialist Maths	Andrew Cao
Maths Methods	Edward Nguyen
Music Performance	Brian Le
VET Music Sound Production	Charlize Rodier
Physical Education	Keona Tapungao
Physics	Edward Nguyen
Psychology	Khoder Mourad
Studio Arts	Isabella Horvatovic
VET Sport & Recreation	Rose Eddy Yr 11
Visual Communication & Design	Isabella Horvatovic
*Arabic	Omar Shaheen
*Italian	Alice Gjohilani