

Absence Hotline - 03 4241 8088

Issue 3 - Friday 22nd March, 2024

MARCH

Mon 25th Oberon Cross Country Colour Run - 12 - 3.
Mon 25th - Thurs 28th Yr 9 Morrisby Career Interviews
Tues 26th Yr 10 Health & Fitness - Gym Workout - BFT
Torquay - Period 5-6
Wed 27th Western Metropolitan Region Swimming - 9 am - 3 pm
Literature SAC - 1 - 3.30 pm
School Tour - 9.30 - 10.30 am
Thurs 28th General Assembly - 9 - 9.30 am - Gym
School Production Rehearsal - Periods 1-4
Frid 29th Good Friday Public Holiday
Frid 29th - Frid 12th April - Term Holidays
Sat 30th - Sun 28th April - German Exchange Trip

APRIL

Mon 15th Term 2 commences
Wed 17th School Tour - 9.30 - 10.30 am
Yr 9 Morrisby Career Interviews - 9 am - 3.25 pm
Thurs 18th Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews - 11.30 am - 7.30 pm.

Thurs 18th **No classes for students on this day**
students attend interviews with Parents/ Guardians

Frid 19th State Swimming - 8 am - 3 pm
School Tour - 9.30 - 10.30 am
Morrisby Career Interviews - 9 am - 3.25 pm
School Captains ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony

Mon 22nd State Diving - 9 am - 3 pm
Tues 23rd Combined Schools Rock Band Event hosted by the Piano Bar - 5 pm - 9 pm

Wed 24th Yr 10 Digital Systems - Geelong Tech School - Tinker Time - 9 am - 3 pm
Yr 10 VCD - Geelong Tech School - APP Design VCE Units 1 & 2 Drama - 'A/Lone' Theatre Performance Play Analysis viewing SAC

ANZAC Day Public Holiday - School Closed

Frid 26th ANZAC Day - General Assembly - 9 - 9.30 am
Yr 9 Life Changer Program - Periods 3 & 4

Mon 29th **Staff Professional Learning - Berry Street Training Day 3 - STUDENT FREE DAY**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Annual Report Summary

At the School Council on Wednesday 13th March we held the Oberon High School Annual General Meeting where office bearers for the 2024 school year were finalised. I am pleased to announce the following parents were elected to the following leadership positions:

- **President** – Kelli Dawber
- **Vice President** – Rosanne Guijt
- **Treasurer** – Lucy Fitzgerald

As I mentioned in the previous Newsletter it was pleasing to have a number of new parents elected to School Council. Welcome and congratulations to our new and returning representatives:

- Brooke Doherty
- Kit Kline
- Michelle Collard

At the Annual General Meeting I tabled the 2023 Annual Report which was approved for publication. Once this has been approved by the Department of Education it will be available on our school website for the school community to read. I will let you know when this occurs.

The Annual Report is completed by all schools each year to provide a summary of how each State Government School across Victoria performed against other schools taking into account their socio-economic demographics. The data set comparison is compiled by the Department of Education. This comparison is against a variety of data sets, reflecting both results from 2023 and also in some categories as an average over the previous 4 years. The comparison includes VCE results, teacher judgements of academic progress, student perceptions, staff perceptions, parent perceptions, student attendance, student pathways and student retention. Our Report indicates that we are rated in front of the State and similar schools in most categories.

In summary the school has performed very well not only in 2023 but also over the past four years in comparison to other State Government Secondary Schools and also to schools with similar socio-economic profiles as ours. As a school community we should be very proud of the education that is provided to the students that attend Oberon High. If there are school community members who wish to further discuss the Report or require further clarification, feel free to contact me at school.

NAPLAN Testing

The 2024 NAPLAN testing began on Wednesday 13th March and concluded on Monday 18th March.

As parents it is important to remember that NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.

An individual student NAPLAN Report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern.

Interim Reports

Parents will be able to access Interim Reports on the Xuno Portal at 4 pm on Thursday 28th March. If parents are having trouble accessing the Reports, you should contact the school.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

The school has scheduled Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences for week 1 of Term 2. These will be held on Thursday 18th April, with the school day changed to run from 11.30 am – 7.30 pm. Parents will be able to make booking appointments via Xuno from Thursday 28th March, 4 pm and students are expected to attend the appointments with their parents to discuss their academic progress.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT cont'd.....

Ron Thompson Scholarship

I am pleased to announce that Year 10 student Akira Parker has been awarded the Ron Thompson scholarship in 2024. Asher will receive financial support for the next three years to support her with her studies. Akira joins Year 12 student Cammy Brown and Year 11 student Asher Grant as current recipients of this scholarship.

Open Night

The school held our Open Night on Thursday 21st March, with a great attendance from prospective students and their families.

As a follow up to the night, we will be running tours for interested families every Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am beginning on Wednesday 27th March and then continuing until Wednesday 8th May. Information regarding these tours is available on the school website and will need to be booked through the online ticketing system.

Most of the questions that I answered on the night related to the school zone and the Department of Education 'Priority Placement Policy'.

Due to the expected high levels of student population growth in future years in Armstrong Creek the school has been instructed to manage enrolments. In order to do this we are following the Priority Placement Policy which has two criteria:

DET Priority Placement:

- *students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood school*
- *students with a sibling at the same permanent address who are attending the school at the same time*

School Uniform

A reminder to Parents that all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. There are a range of options available through our uniform supplier PSW in Geelong. If you haven't already done so can you ensure that all uniform is labelled with your family name, so that this can be returned if found at school.

Last day of Term

A reminder to Parents and students that the last day of Term 1 is Thursday 28th March. School will finish at 2.30 pm, school buses have been notified.

As this is the last Newsletter for Term 1, thank you to the school community for another great terms work. Enjoy the holiday break, stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term 2 which begins on Monday 15th April.

Tim McMahon

INTERIM REPORTS AND STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Term 1 Interim Reports

Term 1 Reports will be accessible **from Thursday 28th March at 4 pm**, via the Parent Portal:

<http://www.oberonhs.xuno.com.au>

If you need assistance to access the Parent Portal please send an email to the school email address oberon.hs@education.vic.gov.au and your password will be re-set and log on instructions will be emailed to you by an Office staff member.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on:

- **Thursday 18th April - 11.30 am - 7.30 pm**

Parent/Teacher Interviews can be booked **from 5 pm on Thursday 28th March**, via the Parent Portal, through the "Parent Interviews" tab seen on the left hand side of the Parent Portal. From there select the teacher and choose from one of the available time slots. Please note each time slot only goes for 10 minutes.

There are no classes for students on this day; the school day runs from 11.30 am - 7.30 pm and Students attend interviews at school with their Parents/Guardians at allotted times between these hours.

ICAS COMPETITIONS 2024

What is it?

Students from Years 7-12 can select to enter an online competition where they answer questions in test conditions. There are multiple subjects to choose from. Each test has an individual cost and allows the student to see their results against other schools and to reward and acknowledge high academic achievement. Tests will be held at school between 5th -30th August.

The competition questions are set in modern, real-world scenarios where school students are tested on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. There are 6 available competitions and subjects offered include literacy ([English](#), [Writing](#) and [Spelling Bee - Year 7 only](#)) and STEM ([Mathematics](#), [Science](#) and [Digital Technologies- Year 7 only](#)). ICAS recognises every participant with a certificate, and top achievers with a personalised medallion. Over the years the ICAS medal and certificates have held pride of place in the portfolios of millions of students.

"ICAS prepares our students for the future because it gives them an opportunity to challenge themselves beyond what they just cover in class and to tackle questions that have a competitive level of rigour and an international standard." [Learn more about ICAS Assessments](#)

What to do if interested?

Look at information available online and speak with parents/guardians. Tests can be purchased from the Parent portal on the ICAS page from now until 29th July.

Your school access code is: QSE211

Your parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

For more information or questions contact Ms Thiessen.

STUDENT YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Student leaders from across Years 9 to 11 attended the Student Youth Leadership Conference at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre on Wednesday 13th March. After what was quite an early start, students were keen and enthusiastic to take part in the day with 1400 other Secondary School students from across the State. They listened to a range of engaging speakers, completed a range of activities, and reflected on their experiences and aspirations for their own portfolios back at school. Students headed back, a little weary but full of energy and enthusiasm that I'm sure will result in some great ideas and initiatives for the students here at Oberon.

Mr Zerafa & Ms Gill



WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE



Every day 53 Australians are told they have blood cancer - next term you will have the chance to help through participating in the 'World's Greatest Shave.'

- On **Friday 3 May** students will be able to shave their heads to make a difference in the lives of those battling blood cancer.
- If you would like to shave your head to support the Leukaemia Foundation it is time to register and start fundraising!
- Please send a Teams message to Elizabeth Keucke to register before the end of Term 1.

A Glimpse into Technology at Oberon High School - Term 1, 2024

Enjoy these photos of students in Years 7-12 in Technology classes this Term.

Year 8 Food Technology



Year 9 Food Technology

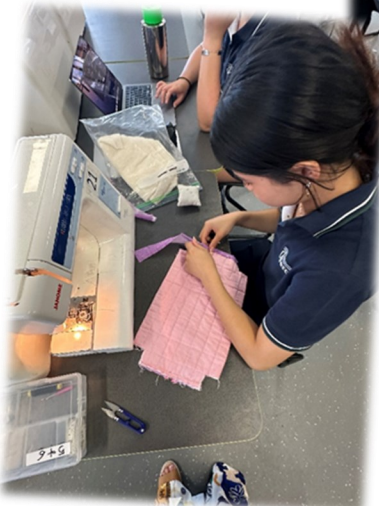


OBERON TECHNOLOGY - TERM 1 cont'd.....

Year 9 Food Technology



Year 10 Fibre



Oberon Diversity Cross Country

On Monday afternoon 25th March from Periods 4-6, all Oberon students will participate in the Cross-Country Colour Diversity Run. Students will walk/jog/run over 3km or 5km. Students can be out of uniform on this day and are asked to bring a gold coin donation. Parents are reminded to check Xuno and give permission for their child to participate in the colour run aspect of the day.

This is an important sporting carnival that not only looks at students competing in Cross Country events but also shines a light upon an issue of inclusiveness. On the day, there will be colour powder stations for students to run through. The colour powder symbolises the inclusiveness of all students no matter their race, gender, sexuality or disability. All measures have been taken to ensure that this event is safe for all students. The staff will do their best to throw the powder at the torso, however wind and other factors can cause the powder to protrude on the face. You may wish for your child to bring their own eye protection such as sunglasses or goggles. If the weather allows, there will also be water sprayed at students to enhance the carnival experience.

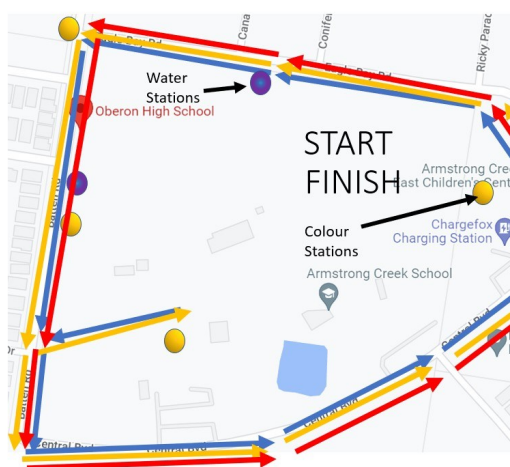


The colour powder used in the event is non-toxic, biodegradable and environmentally friendly consisting of 98% corn starch and 2% food colouring. It will likely washout of your child's clothing, however we recommend that your child wears a plain colour (in their House colour) shirt that you don't mind being coloured. Please note that a frequently asked questions document about the safety of the coloured powder that will be used at this event is attached as a PDF document with the Newsletter email. This document is also attached to the Xuno event on the Parent Portal.

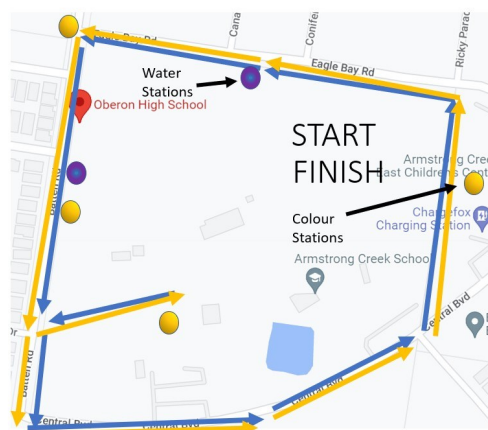
All Students are still able to participate in the event and not be sprayed with colour powder. If your child does not wish to part take in the colour powder of the event please decline the event.

Students are asked to bring a spare change of shirt and a towel if they are a bus traveller to help reduce the amount of colour powder contaminating the buses.

Looking forward to a great afternoon!



**Oberon
Cross
Country
Diversity
Dash 5km
Map**



**Oberon
Cross
Country
Diversity
Dash 3km
Map (all
girls and
12-15 Yrs
boys)**

OBERON HIGH SCHOOL MORNING TOURS

Following our recent Open Night, tours of Oberon High School will be held on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30 - 10.30 am to enable Parents/Guardians to view Oberon during school hours. The first morning tour will be held on Wednesday 27th March and the Wednesday and Friday tours will then recommence from the first week of Term 2 on Wednesday 17th April and conclude on Wednesday 8th May.

Bookings can be made via Try Booking. Please see information on the Oberon High School Website.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - Please mark in your diary

TERM 1

Week 9

Monday 25th March

School Cross Country Diversity Colour Run - Periods 4-6
Casual dress for gold coin donation.

Thursday 28th March

LAST DAY OF TERM ONE - 2.30 pm finish

Friday 29th March

Good Friday Public Holiday

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

School Holidays

TERM 2

Week 1

Monday 15th April - TERM 2 COMMENCES

Thursday 18th April

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences - 11.30 am - 7.30 pm. School day to run between 11.30 am and 7.30 pm. Students attend the Conferences with Parents/Guardians at allotted times. Bookings via Xuno from 28th March at 5 pm.

Week 2

Thursday 25th April

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 29th April

Year 9 Camp deposit due to be paid by this date.

Week 3

Monday 29th April

STAFF BERRY STREET TRAINING - STUDENT FREE DAY

Week 8

Thursday 6th June

Year 10 Immunisation - 9 am - 11 am - Information and consent will be provided by Barwon Health Immunisation.

Week 9

KINGS' BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

LANGUAGES CORNER

MONTHS	BULAN	Die Monate
January	Januari	Januar
February	Pebruari	Februar
March	Maret	März
April	April	April
May	Mei	Mai
June	Juni	Juni
July	Juli	Juli
August	Agustus	August
September	September	September
October	Oktober	Oktober
November	November	November
December	December	Dezember

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2024

The following days have been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council as **student free** for 2024:

- **Monday 29th April** - Staff - Berry Street Training Day
- **Friday 7th June** - Report Writing Day
- **Monday 29th July** - Staff - Berry Street Training Day
- **Thursday 29th August** - Staff Professional Practice Day
- **Friday 1st November** - Staff Professional Learning

Please mark these dates in your diary.

2024 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1 29th January - 28th March
(Good Friday - Friday 29th March)

Term 2 15th April - 28th June

Term 3 15th July - 20th September

Term 4 7th October - 20th December

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 1 Holidays

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April
Friday 29th March - Good Friday - holiday

Term 2 Holidays

Monday 1st July - Friday 12th July

Term 3 Holidays

Monday 23rd September - Friday 4th October



IMPORTANT NOTICE - OFFICE CLOSING TIME ON THE LAST DAY OF

Parents/Guardians please note that the Oberon High School Office will close at **3.30 pm** on the last day of Term 1 - Thursday 28th March.

STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder to all parents of the importance of phoning in absences early on the morning of your child's absence.

For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence line number 4241 8088 or enter it on Xuno.

Our SMS system will send a message out each day at 11 am to those parents whose child is absent from any class without notification.

LATE PASSES

If your child arrives late to school they must first report to the student end of the Office with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian or they can state that a parent has phoned the school or entered it in on Xuno.

EARLY LEAVE PASSES

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment please ensure that you either:

- send a signed note with them which we ask students to give to the office when they arrive at school. Office staff will then enter on the roll that the student will be leaving early on that day.
- enter it on Xuno
- phone the office in advance.
- email the school in advance

It is of great help to the office staff if students could please remember to report to the office at the arranged time of departure.

If you have an unexpected reason for your child to leave school early please phone the school on 5241 8000 as early as possible to allow plenty of time to locate your child in their timetabled class to have them at the office ready when you arrive. **A reminder that the school does not have a PA system for contacting students, so if parents phone or call in to school during Recess or lunch break to pick your child up and they don't know you are coming, it will be difficult to locate them until they are back in class.**

Thank you for your assistance.

WOMEN'S & GIRLS OPEN EVENT

**Saturday 23 March
10:00am - 2:00pm**

An invitation to all women and girls!

Explore and play in our world class facility, utilise the Trackman Golf Simulators, the Wellputt putting green and The Conditioning Centre which includes the revolutionary Springys equipment.

Meet new people, have some fun and take home some prizes and giveaways.

We look forward to seeing you there and don't forget to bring your friends!

Activities on the day include:

- How to hit a ball - with Brad Lamb founder and experienced Golf Professional
- Fitness with Martine Dennis, founder of Springys and qualified Exercise Physiologist
- Putting competition
- Light refreshments
- Prizes and giveaways

For more information call 5222 1418 or email hello@thegolfinstitute.com.au

24 Capital Drive, Grovedale VIC 3216

GET INTO GOLF.



SCAN TO REGISTER



COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday 23rd March 9AM- 3PM

Pre-Loved Clothing Sale

Everything \$5



Food Trucks, Raffle, Music and more!



All proceeds will support the FriendLine service providing phone calls for those experiencing loneliness.



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CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Information for Parents

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. The applicant must be one of the following on the first day of Term 1 (Monday 29th January 2024) or Term 2 (Monday 15th April 2024):

- **A parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card**
- **A temporary foster carer**
- **A student who is 16 years or older** and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card)

A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

More Information:

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/pages/csef.aspx>

How to Apply

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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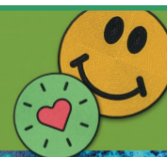
You can put that extra money towards educational expenses for yourself or your child/children. This includes school-related expenses, such as uniforms, books, laptops and excursions.

Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to saverplus.org.au for more information.

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au

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G'day Oberon High School,

Kathmandu **Waurm Ponds & Geelong** are pleased to invite you to an exclusive shopping program. We are offering a one-off Gear up discount on purchases across the entire range.

Promotion Information:

To be held at the Waurm Ponds & Geelong stores from: 26th – 29th of April 2024

During this event we will offer our guidance and expertise, from important information on correctly fitting backpacks, different sleeping bag options, choosing the correct footwear, to technical information on clothing and apparel.

This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about what is needed for your upcoming adventure to ensure you will be safe and comfortable.

How to take advantage of this offer:

Simply present this flyer at Kathmandu **Waurm Ponds & Geelong** on the above dates to gain access to your community discount. Terms & Conditions:

- Offer only valid at the Kathmandu **Waurm Ponds & Geelong** stores between 26th – 29th of April
- Purchases are strictly for **Oberon High School** members only.
- Discount offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or sale/clearance discount.
- The store manager may revoke or restrict this offer at their discretion.

Thanks 😊😊😊



Kathmandu Team





POTTERY STUDIO-EVENTS & GALLERY

School Holiday's Pottery & Craft Sessions

Tue 2nd April 10am-12pm Kids Pottery Class
Wed 3rd April 2pm- 4pm Kids Pottery Class
Fri 12th April 1pm-3pm Kids Pottery Class

Additional classes will be listed on these dates and other dates if these book out. Adults may book a spot for themselves to join in and make something as well. You can either stay or drop off.

\$55 per person for 2 hours. Includes clay, colours, glazes and 2 kiln firings.

To book visit the website <https://hazytales.com/events/events-calendar/>

These are a few of the other things we do at Hazy Tales Studio:
Bespoke Pottery Parties for Adults & Kids. Custom events. Hen parties.
Adult evening 'Clay & Cocktails by Candlelight'. Porcelain products & jewellery for sale.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Join us for heaps of fun with activities planned for most days over the Easter School holidays. Activities include the Comedy Festival, Bowling & Bounce.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Book in for the same program every week to build on your interests and pursue your goals. Programs include MasterChef, Sports Mad and Get Active.



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Different activities every weekend, choose the times and events that suit you from watching sports to visiting the zoo or get out and about with friends.



Programs run most days after school and on weekends. Use your NDIS CORE FUNDING to develop skills & confidence in the community, meet new friends and work on your goals in a small group with the right ratios to suit participants.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP

Contact our friendly team on 1300 561 802 or visit our website www.leisurenetworks.org

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TEEN ART & POTTERY CLASSES

Are you a teen looking for a creative outlet that also supports your mental health and social well-being? Look no further! Our teen art and pottery classes offer the perfect blend of artistic expression, self-discovery, and connection with others.

Why Art and Pottery? Art and pottery aren't just about creating beautiful pieces; they're about exploring your inner world, expressing emotions, and finding joy in the process. Engaging in art and pottery can be incredibly therapeutic, providing an outlet for stress, anxiety, and other mental health challenges that teens commonly face.

Our Teen classes run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings
6-7.45pm

We also run a Teen and Adult Pottery class on Thursday nights
6.30 - 8.30pm

We accept NDIS funding and can arrange payment plans



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info@artskool.com.au

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Our mission at Bellarine Performing Arts is to enrich the lives of young performers in a fun, safe and creative environment. Whether it's expanding abilities or building confidence, we are here to enhance our community by providing theatre arts education, dance, musical theatre, vocal training and performance opportunities.

For more information and enrolments visit our website at:

www.bellarineperformingarts.com.au



TERM 2 BEGINS
APRIL 21st

www.bellarineperformingarts.com.au

