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Mon 29th Staff Professional Learning - Berry Street Training Day 3 - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
Tues 30th Yr 10 VCE - App Design Excursion Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm

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Wed 1st Yr 8 Digital Systems Excursion - Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm
Yr 10 Outdoor Ed - Barwon River Canoeing Excursions - 2 separate groups:
- Periods 1 & 2
- Periods 5 & 6
Frid 3rd Barwon Athletics - Landy Field - 9 am - 3 pm
Yr 8 Digital Systems Excursion - Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm
Mon 6th Yr 8 Digital Systems Excursion - Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm

Tues 7th Yr 10 VCD App Design Excursion - Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm
Tues 7th Yr 9 VCD Laser Make Excursion - Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm
Wed 8th Yr 7 Enhancement (7A & 7B) Bush Walk - Point Addis to Bells Beach Return Loop - 9 am - 3.15 pm
Thurs 9th Senior Boys & Girls Football - 9 am - 3 pm
Yr 7 Tech School Visit - 7B, 7D, 7F & 7H - 9 am - 3 pm
Frid 10th Year 7 Tech School Visit - 7A, 7C, 7E & 7G
Tues 14th Intermediate Boys & Girls Football - 9 am - 3 pm
Yr 9 VCD Laser Make Excursion - Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm
Thurs 16th Yr 8 Enhancement Students - Social Innovators Program - Armstrong Creek Hub - 9 am - 3 pm
Yr 10 Students - Life Changer Mentor Training - Oberon Gym - 9 am - 10.40

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this is the first Newsletter of Term 2, I would like to welcome all of the school community including any new students back to school.

It was great to see so many of the school community in attendance at our student/parent/teacher conferences last week to discuss the academic progress of the students. If parents were unable to attend and are still seeking some feedback, I encourage you to contact the teachers directly.

After nearly two years as Acting Principal at Belmont High School, Mr Josh Baker was appointed as the Substantive Principal of Belmont, beginning this role from the start of Term 2. Congratulations to Josh on this appointment, it is well deserved. On behalf of the Oberon High School community I would like to thank Josh for the 8 years that he was Assistant Principal at Oberon High School and the contribution he made to the school during this time.

Staffing Changes

We have a number of staff changes for Term 2. I would like to welcome:

- Madison Dillon who will be teaching Mathematics/Science/Humanities
- Michael Lucas who will be supporting our Rock Band program
- Nicole McNaughton is joining us in the student wellbeing team
- Brad Clough has been appointed as Acting Assistant Principal for Term 2, replacing Priscilla Begg who has begun Family Leave.

VSSSA State Swimming

Congratulations to Isla Hassett who qualified to represent the school at the State Swimming Championships on Friday 19th April. Isla competed in the 18-20 Year Girls 50m Butterfly finishing 7th as the only student under the age of 18 in the event. A wonderful achievement Isla.

School Tours

We will continue to run our school tours for prospective students and their parents on Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am.

The parents who have been part of the tours so far have provided positive endorsement of the learning environment at the school.

Whole Staff Professional Learning Day

Staff will be undertaking a professional learning day on Monday 29th April. This student free day will be focused on our third day of professional learning of the Berry Street Education Model training.

School Shelters

The school has been approved by the Victorian School Building Authority to begin the process of designing and eventually installing some outside shelter for our students around some of the buildings. We will be working through this process over the upcoming Term. I will keep the school community updated in regards to this work.

Air-Conditioning Retrofit

It has been confirmed that the school will be retrofitted with reverse cycle air-conditioning (heating and cooling) in four of our six buildings; with these works beginning during the July school holidays and to be completed by the end of the January school holidays. All of the work will take place during the school holidays to minimise impact on the day to day operations of the school.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. With the weather starting to be a lot colder in the morning it is important that students have an appropriate Oberon High School top to wear to keep them warm. 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.

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

Student Attitude to School Surveys

In the upcoming weeks the school will be conducting the annual 'Attitudes to School Survey' with students from Years 7 to 12 students which is overseen by the Department of Education Training (DET). The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

This year the 'Attitudes to School survey' will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 6th May to Friday 14th June.

Tim McMahon

STUDENT FREE DAY

The following day has been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council as student free for 2024:

➔ **Monday 29th April** ←

Staff Professional Learning Day - Berry Street

Please note that on this day there will be limited staff available to assist with enquiries in the General Office due to all the staff taking part in the Professional Learning



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2024

It's been a busy start to the year in student leadership and student voice. In term one, classes and year levels voted for their student leaders. The Oberon Student Representative Council is a key part of increasing student voice and agency, while giving students more of a say in how the school operates. The aims of the SRC are:

- To encourage student participation in areas of school activity and decision-making.
- Giving students a way of having input around matters affecting the school.
- To bring the school together as a community.
- To widen the range of activities and services for the students.
- To represent the students on relevant school committees
- To work with staff and enhance student voice and agency across the school.
- To promote diversity, inclusion, and advocate for all students across the school

Lots of nominations were received. The successful candidates for the 2024 SRC are as follows:

SRC Junior Representatives

Year 7: Hughie Hamilton & Kelly Hose
Year 8: Charlie Mathieson & Hope Schlotz
Year 9: Ruby Clarke & Jaslyn Fernyhough

SRC Executive

Year 10: Milla Arklay & Bart Gujit (Joint Secretary)
Year 11: Jayden Adcock (Vice President)
Christian Arnott (Treasurer)
Year 12: Alannah Fitzgerald (President)
Willow Thyer

Congratulations to all of the successful candidates.

SRC: Breakfast Club Launch

It has been a busy Term for the SRC, who have been working diligently to re-establish a breakfast club here at Oberon. Our SRC President, Alannah Fitzgerald and the executive team drafted a letter to some local businesses who have kindly donated food that will be made available to students at the start of their school day. We are greatly appreciative of Woolworths (Armstrong Creek and Torquay), as well as Bakers Delight (Armstrong Creek) for their foundational support of this great initiative.

Our launch date is Wednesday, 1st May at 8.30. At this stage, it will be running on one day per week with the view to possibly expanding this further.

We, as a school, passionately believe that a healthy breakfast is essential for our students' academic success and overall wellbeing. If you are a local business, or individual, and would be able to provide any type of support that will allow us to expand and improve the program, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me through the school email oberon.hs@education.vic.gov.au with the subject 'Breakfast Club', or call me at the school on 4241 4000. Your contribution would play a vital role in helping us provide healthy breakfast options to our students and ensuring that every student has an opportunity to start their day off right.

Mr Tony Zerafa
Leading Teacher: Student Voice and Agency

WRITERS' GROUP TITANIC EXHIBITION

Last Term, Writers' Group went on their first expedition of 2024 to the Titanic Exhibition. After negotiating a crowded tram thanks to the Grand Prix and Garden Show, the group arrived at Melbourne Museum.

Upon entering, students were assigned a Titanic ticket with the name of an original Titanic passenger whose journey they could follow through the exhibition. Students marvelled at the many belongings that had been salvaged from the wreck over three kilometres below the surface including clothes, jewellery and luggage. There were also many recreated rooms for students to walk through including a first-class cabin and the grand staircase. There was even a section of the ill-fated ship's hull that students could touch as well as some icy cold sea water.

After viewing the exhibition, students then settled in to have lunch at Carlton Gardens and write a creative piece inspired by one of the objects they had seen at the exhibition.

If you are a keen writer and would like to be a part of Writers' Group, you're welcome to attend our meetings which are held every second Thursday lunchtime in D13.



STORYFEST NOVELLA COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Isabelle Knowles** whose fantastic novella, 'Surviving Wonderland', was runner up in the national Storyfest Novella Competition. To take part in the award ceremony, Isabelle was flown up to the Gold Coast where she participated in writing workshops with the other shortlisted authors.

Producing such a sustained piece of writing and being shortlisted alongside senior students is an amazing achievement – well done to Isabelle!

To read Isabelle's entry follow this link: <https://www.storyfest.com.au/novella-writing-competition>



VCE ART CREATIVE PRACTICE EXCURSION

At the end of last Term, the year 11 and 12 Art classes took the train up to Melbourne to view the Top Arts exhibition at the NGV Australia. We were able to view last year's students finished art pieces, with my favourite artwork being a colourful mixed media sculpture made by Maya Donaldson entitled "*Tummy Beast and the Rotten Apple*" as it had many different textural elements that draw your eye. We had a short break and returned to the NGV to view the students' portfolios; this was my favourite part as I got some insight into what makes an amazing portfolio. We had another short lunch break and then headed to the NGV international to view the Triennial exhibit. It was a huge event, so we tried to see as much as possible, and from what we did see it was [absolutely incredible!](#) There were robots that create their own art, an animated version of the Garden of Eden, and a beautiful display of Indonesian puppets. I would recommend the Triennial exhibition to anyone as it has something for everyone to enjoy! We then headed home and reflected on the photos taken and artworks we viewed. It was an amazing experience, and I learned a lot about the top students' portfolios, this will really help going into Year 12 next year as I can implement some of the [techniques](#) and tips that I have seen.

Thanks to Ms. Broadbent and Ms. Mitchell for organising this and joining us on the day.

***Written by Harris Harris
(Year 11 Art student and Year 10 Arts
Leader)***



OBERON HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS

The annual House Athletics Carnival was a resounding success, brimming with student participation, unwavering effort, and vibrant House spirit. Athletes from all Houses showcased their talents and determination across various Track and Field events, igniting the atmosphere with enthusiasm and camaraderie. Each participant, regardless of skill level, demonstrated commendable dedication and sportsmanship, contributing to the success of the carnival. From the cheers echoing through the stands to the competitive fever on the track, the event exemplified the essence of unity and teamwork within the school community. As students cheered on their peers and rallied behind their respective Houses, the carnival not only celebrated athletic achievement but also fostered a sense of belonging and pride. It was a testament to the collective spirit and resilience of our students, making this year's Athletics Carnival an unforgettable celebration of sportsmanship, effort, and House pride. Congratulations to Lipson House for clinching the top spot with 1819 points, followed closely by Greeves House in second place with 1625 points. Thomson House secured third place with 1490 points, while Cameron House displayed admirable sportsmanship to earn fourth place with 1409 points.

The students below should also be congratulated for tremendous individual achievement on the day earning them Age Group Champion honours:

- 12-13 Years Female: Angel Mounsey, Male: Harry Smith
- 14 Years Female: Tahlia Feldman, Male: Henry Cox
- 15 Years Female: Jayda Donegan-Brasier, Male: Billie-Jack Thomson
- 16 Years Female: Sophie Gilbert, Boy: Cooper Hocking
- 17 Years Female: Matilda Sutherland, Male: Jayden Adcock
- 18-20 Years Female: Harper Bolton, Boy: Tom Cockram

Josh King



OBERON HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS cont'd.....



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LANGUAGES NEWS

Welcome to Anne Rieckhoff – DE German Language Assistant

Anne started work at Oberon HS last week. She will be at Oberon for 2 days each week until the end of the year and will be assisting with the German program. We wish her all the best for her time in Australia and especially her time at Oberon HS.

Postcard from Germany

23 students together with Frau Ray and Mr Filipovski have been in Germany for the past 3 weeks. After a long flight, we arrived in Marburg on Easter Saturday. Students spent 2 wonderful weeks of Spring holidays with their host families. Some even went to different countries and cities such as Denmark, Italy, Austria and Prague. The weather was incredibly warm.

Frau Ray caught up with our 2020 German Language Assistant, Max, and spent 2 days showing Max around Marburg.

This week school started and students have been attending 2 schools near Marburg – Gesamtschule Ebsdorfergrund, GSE and the Georg Buechner school, GBS. The weather has become rather cold but it's OK for school! Students have been helping out in English classes and have been going to lessons with their host partners. We have had several excursions with the students – a Marburg city tour and a trip to Frankfurt to visit the German Soccer Headquarters. We were invited by one of the German soccer coaches, Matthias, who ran the 2-day soccer camp for our students last year. This weekend we will travel as a group to Frankfurt, then next week we go to Berlin for 3 days.

Unfortunately we have to travel back to Geelong in just over one week. More news and photos in the next Newsletter!



In Marburg



Max in Marburg



Host Sisters



Up at the Castle



Press Conference at DFB

LANGUAGES NEWS cont'd.....



City Tour - Marburg



At the Marketplace Marburg



At the DFB Headquarters in Frankfurt with Matthias



At the DFB Headquarters - Frankfurt

German Assistant

Willkommen Anne!

This last week we have been very fortunate to welcome Anne Rieckhoff from Hannover, Germany to start with us as our German Language Assistant for 2024. Anne is with us until the 20th December, and will be assisting all German classes on Mondays and Tuesdays. She spends two other days at North Geelong Secondary College as well.

Anne is an English and Drama teacher in Germany, and is in Australia as part of the Language Assistants Program, designed to give students in other countries a genuine German speaker to practise with. Students get to know more about the German culture as well from a German. For Anne, she is able to improve her English skills in an English-speaking country, and gain her own cultural experience abroad.

In her short time here so far Anne has tried Vegemite (among other Aussie foods), seen kangaroos hopping in fields around Geelong, walked a beach or two and heard the cockatoos as they fly overhead. She is looking forward to exploring our region, particularly the beaches and mountains, and more of Australia during school holidays. Anne summed up her experience to-date as 'overwhelming but exciting'.

Anne, Herzlich Willkommen (a warm welcome to you!). We are so lucky to have you with us!



CAREERS NEWS

Exciting Work Experience Programs

Year 10 students, Emily Rose Holmes, Samantha Joran, Lucy Richardson and Lilliana Campbell, have just started their World of Work Health and Community Services program which is organised through GRLEN. A wonderful opportunity to explore pathways in Health as well as visit key institutions across Geelong.

3 of our Year 12 students have been successful in gaining work placement with Victoria Police in the September holidays. Bridey Rookes, Charlotte Spark and Matilda Richardson will be based in Torquay observing and enquiring about the many facets of policing.

On Wednesday our Year 9s enrolled into the Geelong Tertiary Futures Program through The Gordon and Skilling The Bay. In week 9 and 10 students will undertake a day of Workskills at Oberon followed by 3 full days at The Gordon undertaking 5 practical workshops.

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 Wednesday and Friday tours will continue until Wednesday 8th May.

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

YEAR 10 IMMUNISATION

Immunisations for Year 10 students will be held at School on **Thursday 6th June, 2024**. The session will be run by Barwon Health Immunisation staff. The scheduled Vaccine being administered to Year 10 students on this day is:

- **NIMENRIX** (Meningococcal ACWY)

In the coming weeks, permission forms will be sent electronically to all Year 10 Parents/Guardians by Barwon Health Immunisation. For those who prefer, hard copy permission forms will also shortly be available from the Oberon High School Office upon request.

Parents/Guardians are asked to return completed permission forms even if you have ticked no and do not wish for your student to receive the vaccination at school on Thursday 6th June.

How effective is the vaccine?

The meningococcal vaccine is a safe and effective way to help protect young people from meningococcal disease.

A single dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine is very effective in providing protection against these four types of meningococcal disease.

How safe is the vaccine?

The meningococcal vaccine is safe. Meningococcal ACWY vaccination programs have been in place for adolescents in the UK since 2015 and in the US since 2005.

As with all vaccines, some people may have a reaction. These are usually mild and can include:

- ✓ soreness, swelling or redness at the injection site
- ✓ headaches, fatigue and fever
- ✓ nausea and decreased appetite.

Serious side effects from the vaccine are extremely rare. If you are worried about your child's reaction seek medical advice.

Adolescent meningococcal ACWY vaccine

health.gov.au/immunisation

You can learn more about the safety of meningococcal vaccines at the Therapeutic Goods Administration website tga.gov.au

health.gov.au/immunisation

Australian Government
Department of Health

National Immunisation Program
A joint Australian, State and Territory Government Initiative

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS/ GUARDIANS - UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURE BARWON HEADS

Please find below, details and link to map of an upcoming road closure in Barwon Heads commencing Monday 29th April until Friday 10th May.

The following school buses will use the detour as shown on the map - see link below:

- S5 – Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads to Oberon HS – am and pm.
- S7 – Barwon Heads to Grovedale and Oberon HS - am
- N14 – Grovedale College and Belmont HS to Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove - pm
- S26 – Barwon Heads to Oberon HS – am and pm

Should you require any further information, or have any queries please contact McHarrys Buslines on 52 232 111.

[Geelong Road Barwon Heads closure 29/4/24](#)



YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES 2024

- General Achievement Test (GAT)**
Tuesday 18th June 2024 - 9 am - 3 pm
- Unit 3 & 4 Performance and Languages Oral Examinations**
Monday 7th October - Sunday 3rd November, 2024
- Last day of Year 12 Classes**
Monday 21st October
- Year 12 Celebration Day**
Tuesday 22nd October
- Unit 3 & 4 Written Examinations**
Tuesday 29th October - Wednesday 20th November, 2024
- Year 12 Valedictory Dinner**
Wednesday 27th November - 6 pm - 11 pm
Further details to be advised
- Year 12 Results Released**
Thursday 12th December



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - Please mark in your diary

TERM 2

Week 3

Monday 29th April

STAFF BERRY STREET TRAINING - STUDENT FREE DAY

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

Week 8

Thursday 6th June

Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation - 9 am - 11 am - Information and online consent system for Parents/Guardians will be provided by Barwon Health Immunisation.

Week 9

Monday 10th June

KINGS' BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Week 11

Friday 28th June

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Term 2 Holidays - Monday 1st July - Friday 12th July.

TERM 3

Term 3 commences on Monday 15th July

Week 1

Thursday 18th July

VCE Information Night - 5 pm - 7 pm



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 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



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.

GEELONG 20 YOUTH 24 AWARDS



The Geelong Youth Awards aim to recognise and celebrate young people and volunteers who have made and/or are currently making significant contributions in the areas of leadership, innovation, cultural awareness, community work, sport, arts, music and youth development.

NOMINATE NOW

Do you know a young person who has been making a difference in our community? Nominate now at geelong.link/YouthAwards, call the City's Youth Development Unit on 5272 6120 or DM us on socials @geelongyouth

Nominations close 12 May 2024



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AWARD CATEGORIES

The Geelong Youth Awards aim to recognise and celebrate young people and volunteers who have made and/or are currently making significant contributions in the areas of leadership, innovation, cultural awareness, community work, sport, arts, music and youth development.

The awards are open to young people aged between 12 and 25 years who live, work, learn or play in the City of Greater Geelong.

ACTIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This category recognises a young person whose involvement in sport and recreation has had a positive impact.

Nominees may have demonstrated:

- The ability to inspire others in a positive way through their chosen sport
- Volunteering or acting as a role model that encourages and supports others to participate
- A strong dedication and achievement within their chosen sport

ARTS & MUSIC AWARD

This category recognises a young person who has demonstrated hard work, creativity and passion in their art and engaged the community through various mediums including visual arts, music, writing, sculpture, theatre or film.

Nominees may have demonstrated:

- The ability to inspire others in a positive way through their art or music
- Provided a contribution to the community through their art
- Contributed to creating a vibrant and creative art or music community, this may include the organisation of music, art events or collectives

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

This category recognises individual young people that may be described as champion due to their involvement and dedication to empower others.

Nominees may have demonstrated:

- A significant contribution to the local community
- Used their skills and positive attitude to connect and empower others
- Mentor other young people and engage them to participate in the community



Scan the QR code or visit geelong.link/YouthAwards for more information on the awards or to nominate a young person. For more information call us on 5272 6120 or DM us on socials @geelongyouth

Nominations close 12 May 2024

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS - SICK BAY

Could parents please remind your students that if they are unwell and feel that they need to go home, they must come straight to the student end of the office to be signed in to Sick Bay. **They must not call a Parent/Guardian themselves.** A Sick Bay staff member will then assess the student and call home if necessary.

It is vitally important that parents provide up-to-date contact numbers and emergency numbers in case of illness or emergency. Please check your details on the XUNO Portal in Family Information to ensure that we have the correct contact details.

Please remind your son or daughter that Sick Bay is a place for sick or injured students to rest and receive first aid before being picked up by a parent or to rest for 15 minutes before returning to class. It is not a place for extended stays. If your student is in Sick Bay with a medical issue that may worsen or require further investigation or observation, eg possible concussion or breathing difficulties it is especially important for parents to pick up your student as soon as possible as our Sick Bay staff are unable to provide the ongoing medical care and observation that may be required. It is not advisable for students with conditions that may worsen to return to class.

Please remember that if your child is sick the best place for them to recover is at home.



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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Nothing over \$1
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\$0.50!

Join us at our monthly book sale.

Held the first Friday and Saturday of each month at Uniting Grovedale, the Uniting book sale raises much needed funds for local services.

Friday 3rd May

&

Saturday 4th May

10am - 2pm

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale
(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)

Uniting

Calling
u14 Girls



Barwon Heads FNC are seeking Under 14 Girls to join their team for 2024.

This opportunity is for girls born 2010/2011.

Please contact
Donna 0448 520 748
for further details.



UNIFORM REMINDERS

A reminder to all families about our uniform expectations. All students are required to present to school each day in correct uniform. Our official uniform supplier is PSW - please see their contact details below. Also below are the contact details for Second Hand School Supplies who sometimes stock our uniform. If you experience any difficulties with accessing the correct uniform please contact your student's relevant Year Level Manager who will assist you.

Thank you for your support

Oberon High School

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UNIFORM

Uniform should be worn appropriately. This includes:

- Shorts and pants unrolled
- Kilts - appropriate length



Short Sleeve Polo



Rugby Top



Long Sleeve Polo



Grey Shorts



Blue School Dress



Shell Jacket - Oberon Logo



Grey Trousers



White Shirt - long sleeve



White Shirt - short sleeve



Pleated Skirt



Track Pants



Puffer Jacket - Embroidered with Oberon Logo



Hijab - Navy or White

All clothing worn must be the Oberon High School uniform.

NO:

- Hoodies
- Long-sleeved t-shirts under Uniform
- External branded jackets

SPORTS/PE UNIFORM

You must get changed before and after PE into your sports uniform. **Do not wear PE uniform to school.**

When representing Oberon at sports days, full sports uniform must be worn.

ACCESSORIES






Black polishable shoes. **No boots**

Solid black, lace up polishable shoes

Solid buckle up polishable shoes

No hats inside - leave them in your locker

Black or white socks only

If you are out of uniform you must bring a note and get a uniform pass

Passes are available at the office at the beginning of the day

SECONDHAND SCHOOL SUPPLIES
 9 Star Street, Geelong 3220
 Ph: 52 297 766
 E: info@secondhandschoolsupplies.com.au
 W: www.secondhandschoolsupplies.com.au

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