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Resilience
Ambition
Community

Important Dates

- **Friday 4 April 2025**
Term 1 Ends: 2.25pm finish
- **Tuesday 22 April 2025**
Term 2 Commences
- **Thursday 24 April 2025**
ANZAC Day Assembly
- **Friday 25 April 2025**
ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Monday 28 April 2025**
Open Night
- **Monday 5 May 2025**
Year 9 Outdoor Ed Camp commences
- **Wednesday 7 May 2025**
Year 9 Outdoor Ed Camp concludes
- **Tuesday 13 May 2025**
Curriculum Day (Student Free)
- **Thursday 15 May 2025**
Whole School Athletics Carnival

College Absence Line: 9744 0500

A reminder to parents that when your student is absent to call the College Absence Line and leave the following information:

- Parent/Carer name
- Student name
- Home Group
- Reason: please give detail of absence
- Phone number

Principal's Report



Dear Sunbury Downs College Community,

I would like to acknowledge and thank all students and staff for the positive way in which we have engaged with learning in Term 1.

Community is one of our school values which is very important. Observing the College coming together to participate in whole school events throughout Term 1 has been very rewarding as we commence a new year.

Activities such as assemblies, camps, sporting activities (house and interschool) provide opportunities for us to work together for a common goal.

Formal occasions such as the Year 11 Debutante Ball allow us to celebrate milestones and achievements together.

I encourage the Sunbury Downs College community to continue to be positive and optimistic, particularly with our conversations and discussions with our young people.

Please continue to focus on improvements and encourage your children to pursue their goals and aspirations.



Principal's Report

New Parent Members of College Council

We welcome the newly elected parent members of the Sunbury Downs College Community to College Council.

Welcome to Anita Federico (returning parent member), Lois Maurer (new parent member) and Rachael Williams (new staff representative).

We thank retiring parent members of School Council for their contribution to our school: Tanya Hennessy and Dan Peters. We thank retiring staff representative Nicollette Plakas, former College Captains, David Geissler and Prisha Maini, as well as retiring student representative Diya Ninan.

The newly elected staff representative is Rachael Williams. We look forward to the positive contributions and interactions that she will bring to School Council.

College Captains are co-opted members of College Council: Kody Hughes (Year 12) and Charlize Micallef (Year 12). The elected student members for 2025 are Bella Jackson (Year 12), and College Co-Captain Kush Tathed (Year 12).

Harmony Day

On Friday 21 March 2025, the College community acknowledged Harmony Day.

It is a time to come together to celebrate and recognise the value of multiculturalism and the benefit that diversity of culture can bring to us all.

We currently have students enrolled from 47 different national backgrounds – we are proud of our diverse community.

Progress Information Meetings

Student progress information meetings were conducted on Wednesday 2 April from 11.00am – 7.00pm.

These meetings provide opportunities for families to receive feedback on their child's academic progress to date in 2025.

Year 7 Camp

The 2025 Year 7 Orientation Camp at the Lady Northcote Discovery Camp in Glenmore was held from Wednesday 19 March – Friday 21 March.

This annual camp was very successful, with students having the opportunity to make new friends and interact with teachers outside the classroom.



Principal's Report

Year 11 Debutante Ball

On Friday 28 February the Year 11 Debutante Ball was held at the Luxor Function Centre in Sydenham.

This was an outstanding school event. All debutantes and partners are to be congratulated on the way in which they participated, demonstrating the College values of Respect, Resilience, Ambition and Community. Feedback from staff, parents and family members who attended as guests was very positive.

2025 College Production

Auditions were held recently allowing for students in all year levels to try out for the 2025 College Production.

This year's production will showcase and highlight the diverse talent and skills of our students. There will be opportunities for students to perform individually or in groups in a range of singing and dancing routines. Good luck to all participants!

NAPLAN

The College has completed the 2025 online NAPLAN testing program for Year 7 and Year 9 students. Staff and students are to be commended for the efficient way in which the testing process was completed. Participation rates for our College were above 99 per cent which is outstanding.

The regular teaching and learning program has now resumed for all students in these year levels.

Thank you for your continued support of the College.

Have a safe and happy school holiday.

Warm regards,

Warwick Beynon
Principal



Mr Warwick Beynon | PRINCIPAL



Debutante Ball

A great time was had by all on Friday 28 February at the SDC Year 11 Debutante Ball. After weeks of rehearsals, the big night was upon us. The couples arrived in style at Luxor in Sydenham and every student looked nothing short of spectacular, conducting themselves as the mature, young people that they are. It was an incredibly joyful experience for everyone involved and we are immensely proud of all students who worked so hard.



A massive thanks is extended to Nicollette Plakas, Michael Watson, Kate Plieger and the incredible staff at 'A Debutante's Debut' and 'Luxor' for ensuring that the students were provided with this opportunity.



Kate Jones | YEAR 11 COORDINATOR



Interschool Swimming

It was a fantastic day for Sunbury Downs College at the Interschool Swimming Carnival at Melton Waves Pool on 5 March 2025.

Liam Rogan and Caden Simpson were the standout individual performers, with Caden claiming victory in the 18 Boys 50m Freestyle and Liam emerging victorious in the 13 Boys 50m Backstroke event.

Alongside their personal successes, four of our relay teams earned spots in the WMR finals: the 13 Boys, 15 Boys, and 18 Boys Freestyle Relay teams, as well as the 14 Boys Medley Relay team.

It was an exceptional effort across the board, with SDC narrowly missing out on the overall victory by just 5 points to secure an impressive 2nd place.



Matthew Quigley | SPORTS COORDINATOR/HEALTH & PE TEACHER



Year 7 Camp

Year 7 students built teamwork, communication and leadership skills at the Lady Northcote Discovery Camp from 19-21 March 2025.





Robotics

Our 2025 Year 7 and 8 Lego Robotics team attended their first workshop with all Sunbury schools on Friday 7 March 2025.

The Lego Robotics program consists of four key components:

Robot Design: Design and program a Lego Spike PRIME robot to follow lines using sensors, push objects or pull levers as they negotiate the mission mat.

Robot Game: Complete as many missions as possible on the Challenge mat in 2.5 minutes. Each mission scores points.

Innovation Project: As a team, develop an innovative solution to a competition problem.

Core Values: Throughout the competition, students must demonstrate the core values of Teamwork, Inclusion, Impact, Fun, Discovery and Innovation.

Students had a great time participating in team building challenges and building and programming their robots.

Well done to the 2025 SDC Lego Robotics team.



Jenny Wadeson | ROBOTICS PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Environment Excursion

Our Year 12 Environmental Science class went on a field trip to Serendip Sanctuary as part of a habitat assessment with Parks Victoria Education Officer, Vanessa Wiggeraad.

Up until recently, Serendip Sanctuary was part of the Zoos Victoria breeding program for the eastern barred bandicoot and used as a holding site. The students identified some of the local flora and determined the site suitability for the release of the eastern barred bandicoot. The students correctly deemed the site they examined unsuitable due to the lack of fencing to keep predators out.

During lunch, the students had an emu trying to out flank them by hiding behind trees and sneaking around cars to get hold of one of the students' snacks. But the students were quick ... to run away.



After lunch, the students took part in the analysis of water from a local lake and collected some invertebrate specimens for examination later back at SDC. As a special treat on the way back to SDC, we stopped off at Maccas for an emu-safe meal.



Fearghus McSweeney | ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE TEACHER



Year 8 Food Studies

Year 8 Food Studies students have been developing their knowledge and understanding of food hygiene and safe food handling whilst building on their practical skills in the kitchen.

The focus this term has been on good nutrition for health and wellbeing.



Students have looked at the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating and developed their understanding of diverse nutrient requirements.

In preparation for their practical assessment, students prepared and cooked a healthy burger.

Once they had prepared, cooked and cleaned up they had interesting discussions regarding the appearance, aroma, texture and taste of their food.



Christine Jajo | TECHNOLOGY DOMAIN LEADER



Interschool Sports

Senior Volleyball

Our Senior Volleyball teams represented Sunbury Downs College at the Interschool Sports Competition at Cobblebank Stadium on Thursday 20 March, showcasing their skill, teamwork and sportsmanship.

The girls put on a dominant performance, remaining undefeated throughout the competition, and earned a well-deserved spot in the Grand Final against Melton Secondary College. Despite a hard-fought battle, they were defeated and did not progress through to the next stage. The boys played with great effort and determination, displaying strong teamwork and resilience. Although they were unable to secure a win, their commitment and positive attitude were commendable.



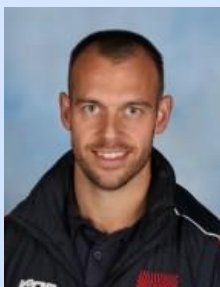
Our students represented the College with pride, displaying excellent sportsmanship and respectful conduct throughout the event. A big congratulations to all players for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Intermediate Volleyball

On Monday 24 March, our Intermediate Volleyball teams competed at the Interschool Volleyball Tournament at Cobblebank Stadium.

The boys had a tough draw, winning one of their four group matches. The girls dominated the group stage, winning all their matches, only to fall short in the finals against Melton Secondary College.

Both teams played with great effort and sportsmanship. It was a fantastic day and our students should be proud of their efforts.



Mitchell Bongiovanni | HEALTH & PE TEACHER



Rob Cosner | SPORTS COORDINATOR/HEALTH & PE TEACHER



Mathematics & Numeracy

International Maths Day ("Pi" Day)

SDC celebrated International Maths Day on Friday 14 March. This day is also known as "pi" day. Most people know that pi (π) is a maths symbol and has a value of about 3.14. So the 14th day of the 3rd month is the day to celebrate it. We ran a scavenger hunt, pi activities and a competition to recite as many digits of pi as possible.



Some interesting pi facts:

'pi' is an irrational number that doesn't repeat and has an infinite number of digits.

It is the ratio of a circle's circumference divided by its diameter.

Computers have calculated pi to 100 trillion digits.

The record for a human to recite pi digits is 100,000 digits.

Our SDC record holder for 'pi' in 2025 is Joel Linard, who managed to write out 667 digits of pi from memory. Fabulous effort Joel!

All competitors received a badge, and year level winners also received canteen vouchers to spend on pies (or something else).

The Star Weekly interviewed Joel too. Details in the link below: <https://sunburymacedonranges.starweekly.com.au/news/pi-cant-believe-it/>



Scavenger Hunt Entries – Maths is Everywhere!

Some fantastic entries were received in the scavenger hunt. All students received a prize!

Top 3: Darcy Saddington (7E), Brent Olinars (7G) and Caitlin Waugh (7G).





Mathematics & Numeracy

Estimation Challenge – How long is the Grand Corridor?

Winner – Riveen Randeniya (11A) with an estimate of 70 metres.

The Grand Corridor is just over 75 metres long. Well done to all students who participated.

Essential Assessment: Year 7 and 8

Students in Year 7 and 8 have started to use Essential Assessment to complete pre-topic assessments to show us what they know before teachers start to teach a topic. Teachers will use the results to target student learning gaps more effectively. Students will be able to work on filling any gaps in knowledge using the 'My Numeracy' portal. A learning library with videos of key concepts is available for content from levels Foundation to 10A.

Students can also complete 'my numeracy' tasks at home or play some of the interactive games that come with the program to target key skills. The more often skills are practised, the easier they are to remember and apply. Learning multiplication and division facts thoroughly is essential as students move into more senior Maths levels. Charged laptops are a requirement in every Maths class. Students should charge laptops at home each night. If you would like to learn more about this program please contact your child's Maths teacher.

Maths Olympiad (Year 7 and 8) Round 1: 7 May



This competition builds on important mathematical concepts and helps students to consolidate strategies and develop their problem-solving skills. It also provides high achievers with an opportunity to compete against themselves and others across Australia.

Students answer 5 problem-solving questions over 4 rounds. No notes or calculators are allowed. There are practice questions and resources available. Teachers will also go over solutions after the competition to ensure students continue to improve their maths problem-solving skills.

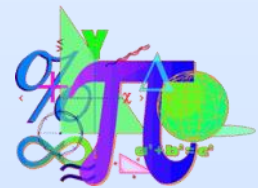
Students in Year 7 and 8 ACE classes are automatically enrolled. If your child is a high performer in Maths and would like to participate, please let their Maths teacher know.

Afterschool Maths Homework Club: Mondays 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Venue: Room 4A

For all students from Year 7 to 12. There are no costs and no booking is required.

If you have any questions regarding mathematics or numeracy please contact us.



Lauren Jackson | LEARNING SPECIALIST (NUMERACY)



Tyler Locker | MATHEMATICS DOMAIN LEADER



Mathematics & Numeracy

Why maths?

We need maths to...

Describe



Make decisions

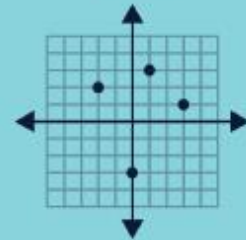


Measure



Show relationships

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a-b)(a+b)$$



Hypothesise and predict



Solve problems



We discuss our world using maths



So, how should we talk about maths?



Developed in partnership by ACER and the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership



How should we talk about maths?



There are a lot of myths that influence the way we talk about maths. For example:

- Myth 1: You're either "good" or "bad" at maths.
- Myth 2: You're either a "maths" person or a "language" person.
- Myth 3: If you don't know the answer right away, you're not good at maths.

These myths can encourage people to think about maths in a very rigid way. These myths are dangerous because they stop people from putting effort in to improve.



Persisting with maths in secondary school can help ensure your child has more career options in the future.

Positive maths attitudes help children persist with maths. We can help shape children's attitudes towards maths by talking about maths in a positive way in the home. Below are some tips to help; they may be things you are already doing:

- Encourage your child to keep trying in maths, even when they make mistakes. Making mistakes is a normal part of learning.
- Think about how we forgive mistakes in other areas: how can we treat maths mistakes in a similar way?
- Tell your child they have done a good job when they put effort into their maths learning.
- If your child asks for help while doing a maths problem but you don't know how to find the answer, tell them that! Discuss with your child who you could ask for help to find the answer. It is important that your child sees examples of people asking for help in maths and that not knowing the answer straight away is OK.

Do you react to making a mistake in maths the same way that you do when you play sport or when you are doing something creative? Are you more likely to try again after making a mistake when playing sport or doing something creative? If so, why is maths different?

You don't need to know the answer to maths problems to be able to have a positive impact on your child's maths learning!

Year 9 Textiles

The Year 9 Textiles class began their journey into textiles and fibres through an introduction to the macrame process and its history. They practised a variety of macrame knots which they later used to design and create their own macrame keychain. Students have been using their macrame keychains on their pencil cases, drink bottles and bags, which has added a fun element to their schooling!

Fun fact: Macrame has a rich and long history. It was originally used for practical means such as creating nets, hammocks and belts. Sailors introduced macrame to different parts of the world through trading their macrame creations for other items.



Alexis Y, Chloe B



Taylah McD



Nayoni M



Kiara B



Vanessa A



Charlotte C



Textiles

Year 10 Textiles

The Year 10 Textiles students explored an interesting and aesthetically pleasing, but often forgotten, textile technique: Bargello. They investigated its history and origin, created designs for their clients and produced a trinket tray that used a variety of colours and interesting patterns. Students investigated the sustainability of the Bargello process, examining the material properties and brainstorming ways to make it more sustainable.

Fact: Bargello is a type of needlepoint embroidery. It differs from other types of needlepoint embroidery since it uses upright, flat stitches arranged in geometric patterns to create a variety of designs.



Hannah McS, Charlie Egan, Felicity D



Isabelle W



Matilda L



Ellie H, Maya B, Isabel S



Olivia C



Hannah McS



Ebony-Rose M, Isabelle W, Astrid N, Isabel S



Felicity D



Raneen Wardy | ART DOMAIN LEADER



Art Excursion

Our Year 12 Art Making and Exhibiting students visited the Top Arts exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria on 26 March 2025. They viewed a variety of exhibition spaces and artworks on display. In addition to this, they viewed the Top Arts student folios and were inspired to improve their work and continue to grow.



They also visited the RMIT Design Hub gallery and RMIT gallery and viewed two different exhibition spaces with different materials and themes with thought provoking contemporary artworks.



Raneen Wardy | ART DOMAIN LEADER



Student Services

Breakfast club



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Tuesdays & Thursdays
8am - 8.45am

Commencing Term 2

"Confidence to Achieve"





Community News



FREE!

AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 1

TUESDAY 08 APRIL 2025:

Arcade Central

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Youth Central

33–37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows

Bookings and Walk-ins welcome

WEDNESDAY 09 APRIL 2025:

**Make Your Own Terrariums and
Art Creations**

Time: 11am – 2pm

Age: 10 – 14

Location: Kalkallo Community Centre

33 Toyon Road, Kalkallo

Bookings Required

THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2025:

Chill & Paint

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre

59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn

Bookings and Walk-ins welcome

Facilitated in partnership with Carer Gateway

FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2025:

Podcast 101 Workshop: Intro to Podcasting

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Age: 15 – 20

Location: Youth Central

33–37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows

Bookings Required

Facilitated in partnership with SYN Radio

WEEK 2

MONDAY 14 APRIL 2025:

Dessert Creations

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Age: 10 – 14

Location: Roxburgh Park Youth Centre

75 Lakeside Drive, Roxburgh Park

Bookings Required

TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025:

Car Maintenance Workshop

Time: 3pm – 5:30pm

Age: 16 – 24

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre

51–53 Evans Street, Sunbury

Bookings Required

Supported by the Victorian State Government

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2025:

Mario Kart and Mini Games Competition

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre

51–53 Evans Street, Sunbury

Bookings and Walk-ins welcome

Storm Waka School Holiday Program

WEEK 1

Monday 7, Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9

Time: 10am – 3pm

Age: 12 – 14

Location: Rugby League State and Community Centre

Seabrook Reserve Broadmeadows

Bookings Required

WEEK 2

Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17

Time: 10am – 3pm

Age: 15 – 18

Location: Rugby League State and Community Centre

Seabrook Reserve Broadmeadows

Bookings Required

This program is facilitated by Melbourne Storm and is supported by Hume City Council Youth Services

This is a 3-day program, registering for this program means that you agree to attend all 3 program days

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Community News



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COMMUNITY



FOOTY



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Ebony
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EAST SUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

2025 JUNIOR TRAINING SCHEDULE

U8 MIXED	FRIDAY 5PM - 6PM
U10 MIXED	WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 5:00PM - 6:00PM
U12 MIXED	TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5:00PM - 6:00PM
U14 BOYS	TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5:30PM - 6:30PM
U16 BOYS	TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5:30PM - 6:30PM
U16 GIRLS	TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5:00PM - 6:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Junior Director - Dinny - 0451 030 339
- Girls Director - Ebony - 0403 038 545



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EAST SUNBURY AUSKICK CENTRE

John McMahon Reserve
Thursdays 4:45 - 5:45 PM
May 1st, 2025



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Community News

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