



Respect
Resilience
Ambition
Community

Principal's Report



Important Dates

- **Friday 29 August 2025**
PIMs bookings open
- **Thursday 11 September 2025**
RUOK Day
- **Wednesday 17 September 2025**
PIMs 11am-7pm
(Not Student Free)
- **Friday 19 September 2025**
Last day Term 3: 2.25pm finish
- **Monday 6 October 2025**
Term 4 Commences

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

Dear Sunbury Downs College Community

Welcome to Term 3. This term is an important one for all students, especially Year 12s, as they work towards completing and finalising course work and assessments. For the College, we have begun in earnest preparing for 2026.

We commenced the term positively and are very proud of the 2025 College Production, 'Villains Anonymous', which was performed during the first week. The great storyline was extremely entertaining and had many messages that reflected our College Values for the audience, regardless of their age.

Pleasingly, indicative enrolments for Year 7 in 2026 are continuing to be received and we expect these to be slightly higher than 2025. We are continuing to receive enquiries about our Teaching and Learning program at all year levels.

Subject Selection Process

The Year 9 into Year 10 and Year 10 into Year 11 subject selection process is very important in preparation for 2026 and supports the parent information evening that was held at the end of Term 2. The Year 9 Morrisby careers interview process has assisted with supporting the subject selection process.

Year 8 Camp

The Year 8 Camp was conducted at YMCA Mt Evelyn Discovery Camp from Monday 23 July to Friday 25 July. I thank the staff who participated and supported this event.



Principal's Report

School For Student Leadership

Students from Year 9 selected from Sunbury Downs College have commenced their learning experience at the Alpine School. Our representatives are Fraser Butler 9A, Thomas Brown 9G, Ruby Jackson 9G, Jesse Maric 9E and Holly Barker 9A. We look forward to receiving feedback about their progress and the community learning project that they are in the process of developing.

100 Days of Year 12

Recently, activities were conducted to recognise and acknowledge the completion of 100 days of Year 12 by the Class of 2025. This event was well received by students and staff.

Australian Mathematics Competition

On Thursday 7 August the College conducted the 2025 Australian Mathematics Competition. This year 112 students participated including ACE classes at each level and an additional 40 students from mainstream classes at Year 7 to Year 11. This was a fabulous response.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results have been received for Year 7 and Year 9 students. Individual results have been mailed home to parents/carers.

Robotics

The first competition for our Robotics teams in 2025 was held on Friday 15 August at the Dulap Wilim Hub, where two of our three teams were victors in different categories. SDC Dragons won the Robot Design Award and Downs Discoveries won the Core Values Award. This year, student interest has continued to expand, providing a great opportunity for these students in Year 7 and 8 to be challenged.

Term 3 – Whole School Curriculum Day

The Term 3 Curriculum Day was held on Thursday 21 August. Activities supported staff to develop curriculum documentation which reflects Victorian Curriculum 2.0. Staff were involved in workshops that developed knowledge of the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0.

Annual Parent Opinion Survey

The 2025 annual Department of Education Parent Opinion Survey commenced on Monday 18 August and will conclude on Friday 19 September 2025.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards

Warwick Beynon
Principal



Mr Warwick Beynon | PRINCIPAL



Urban Experience

From Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July, the Year 9 cohort had the opportunity to explore Melbourne's CBD and experience its diverse attractions. Our adventure started with a trip to the Salvation Army, where we learned about their various programs supporting people in need, followed by a visit to the Chinese Museum.

On Tuesday, we went to the Shrine of Remembrance, the Old Melbourne Gaol and eventually the watch tower, where we got the chance to take a mugshot. On Wednesday, we admired the incredible artwork at the NGV before heading off for a tour of the MCG. Thursday was full of excitement as all groups participated in a scavenger hunt, enjoyed spectacular views from the Skydeck, and concluded the night with dinner at an Italian restaurant. Finally, we wrapped up the week by wandering around the Queen Victoria Market and spending time at the ice rink.



Overall, my favourite moments from this unforgettable experience were the many shared laughs while ice skating, the singalongs on the walk to the station, and the informative tour of the MCG. Urban Experience is most definitely the highlight of Year 9, combining fun and education while creating long-lasting bonds.

Prabnoor Sohi 9G



Nathan Snelson | YEAR 9 COORDINATOR



Himneet Kaur | YEAR 9 & YEAR 10 COORDINATOR



Urban Experience





Work Experience

Year 10 students spent the week of 30 June – 4 July 2025 on Work Experience with an employer to gain insights into their chosen industry and workplace. The program provided students with a valuable opportunity to develop employability skills, explore possible career options, understand employer expectations, and to increase their self-understanding, maturity, independence and self-confidence.



Students were encouraged to find an opportunity that aligned with their career interests. There were a wide variety of industries and placements including mechanical plumbing, early childhood education, construction, astro physics, hospitality, health and fitness, forestry, aged care, education and many more! Well done to our Year 10 students!



Abbi Smith | CAREERS ADVISOR



Year 8 Camp

Our Year 8 Camp for 2025 was held at YMCA Mt Evelyn Discovery Camp from Wednesday 23 July to Friday 25 July. The camp created connections, a sense of belonging and opportunities to find success. Students built their teamwork, communication and leadership skills. They participated in activities such as high ropes, a giant swing, bush cooking and even a disco! Students and staff were able to build and maintain positive relationships that will benefit students going into Year 9 next year.



Rachael Williams | YEAR 8 COORDINATOR



Decklan Jessop | YEAR 8 COORDINATOR



Year 8 Camp





Interschool Netball

Boys Netball

Congratulations to our Year 7 Boys Netball team, who dominated their pool on Thursday 24 July at Cobblebank Stadium to qualify for the Western Metro Region (WMR) finals! They showed excellent skill, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. At the finals, held on Monday 11 August at the Altona Sports Centre the team won 1 of their 4 games.

Our Senior Boys team also performed strongly on 24 July, finishing second in their group. Despite a tough final game loss to Gisborne Secondary College, this was their first year not qualifying for the WMR finals – a testament to their consistently high standard over the years. The Intermediate Boys team fought hard in every match and showed great determination, narrowly missing out on a win. Their commitment and perseverance were commendable.

Well done to all teams involved – we're proud of your efforts and representation of Sunbury Downs College!

Girls Netball

The Senior Girls netball team put on a great performance on Friday July 25 at Cobblebank Stadium, displaying great teamwork, good sportsmanship and some very dominant results.

The girls were smiling and slightly embarrassed by all the cheering throughout the day from their supporters, which fuelled them for their matches.

Led by Captain Amelia Sacco, the girls progressed all the way to the grand final for a huge match-up against Gisborne Secondary College, but unfortunately fell short.

We are all so proud of how well these girls played!



Roberto Cosner | SPORTS COORDINATOR



Nathan Snelson | YEAR 9 COORDINATOR/
HEALTH & PE TEACHER



Production

The 2025 Sunbury Downs College Production, Villains Anonymous, was held on Friday 25 July and Saturday 26 July. The play, featuring villains from page, stage and screen, was a great success. Highlights included the Big Bad Wolf singing Duran Duran's 'Hungry Like the Wolf' and a vampire boy band called the Bloodstreet Boys who sang their hit song, 'I Want Your Blood Babe'.



Students involved in the production upheld the school values of Respect, Resilience, Ambition and Community admirably. Community was demonstrated in the way the students worked collaboratively to support and inspire each other. Resilience was demonstrated throughout the rehearsal process. Ambition was shown in the way the students took risks and pushed their boundaries to new levels. Respect was embodied in every aspect of the process.

The College Production is a great opportunity for participants to connect with a range of students across year levels, and this year was no exception. I would like to give a big thank you to all those who contributed, on stage and off, and to all those who took the time to support our students by coming along to the show.



Ryan Patterson | PERFORMING ARTS DOMAIN LEADER/
PRODUCTION DIRECTOR



Production





Production

On Friday 25 July, students from seven local primary schools excitedly gathered in our gymnasium to watch a preview of our College production, Villains Anonymous. Our Year 7 ambassadors did a wonderful job as they met their former teachers and peers at the door and directed them to their seats.

Before the show began, there was quite a buzz in the crowd as our ambassadors spoke with our guests about life at secondary school and all the wonderful things that they get to experience at Sunbury Downs College.

As the lights dimmed and the stage lights turned on the hum of talking died down and our students took to the stage to a huge round of applause.



During the performance, there were many laughs and smiles on our guests' faces as they enjoyed the show!



Tori Sims | ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT - JUNIOR SUB SCHOOL/
YEAR 7 TRANSITION - ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT



Year 11 VCE-VM

Sunbury Downs College was successful in receiving a grant that has allowed Year 11 Vocational Major students to co-design and construct a garden as part of their Personal Development Skills class.

Through active participation, the students have chosen a mixture of vegetables and native plants and are upcycling disused wood and bins to support this sustainable applied learning project.



Dominic Simonelli | VCE-VM TEACHER




















Mathematics & Numeracy

Essential Assessment: Year 7 and 8 Update

All students in Year 7 and 8 have the opportunity to work on their 'My Numeracy' tasks or applications within the Essential Assessment program to target individual skill gaps. Students are encouraged to keep working towards trophies by mastering content. There are 'Learn On' videos available to assist them to review skills as they go. The Year 7 trophy leaderboard this term is shown below. It would be great to see students continue to achieve. Three times a week as homework is recommended.

Students		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
TAYLOR Nicolas	 10	 3		 3	 4
ELTOBGY Karim	 7		 2	 4	 1
PAULETE Hope	 5		 5		
MILOSEVIC Natalia	 4			 4	
SAUNDERS Austin	 3			 2	 1
BANCHERO Harriet	 3		 3		

8G is currently leading by Home Group with the most trophies so far. Well done!

08G	 38		 3	 28	 7
07E	 21		 7	 12	 2
07D	 13	 3		 6	 4
07G	 11		 7	 1	 3
07F	 11		 1	 7	 3



Lauren Jackson | LEARNING SPECIALIST (NUMERACY)



Tyler Locker | MATHEMATICS DOMAIN LEADER



Mathematics & Numeracy

Maths Olympiad (Year 7 and 8)



Students have now finished 3 rounds out of 4 in the APSMO (Australian Problem-Solving Maths Olympiad). They are given 5 questions in each round. If students can get even one question right they are doing a great job!

Some students were able to score for the first time in round 3, which demonstrates improvement in their problem-solving skills.

Well done to the following students in particular — Logan Chestnut with 4 correct entries, Gabby Champ and Elizabeth Burns with 2 correct entries, and Noah Anderson with 1 correct answer — for all scoring this time. The questions are very different to content covered in class. This competition encourages students to apply what they know to solve unfamiliar problems. Students should always go over the different solution strategies after each round to continue learning new skills. Keep aiming high, everyone! The leader board after Round 3 is shown below:

Round 3 Leader Board	Home Group	Total
Izzy Stanford ROSS	8G	7
Margaret ROUT	8G	7
Max OLIVER	8G	6
Logan WALDON	8G	5
Logan CHESTNUT, Pushkal TALURI	8G	4
Fletcher COOK-LEE, Aurora DAVIDSON	7G	4
Alexander HENDERSON	7G	4

Numeracy Week is Coming in Week 7

Numeracy Week will kick off with the World of Maths incursion for Year 7 students on Monday 1 September with lots of fun activities to try. There will be daily home group quizzes, lunchtime activities and our annual chess championship – with champions across sub-schools and an overall SDC champion. Start brushing up on your chess skills if you would like to take part.

Afterschool Maths Homework Club: Monday 3.30pm— 4.30pm Room 4A

A reminder that all students from Year 7 to 12 can come along to complete coursework, get help with homework, or work on extension tasks. Students in Year 7 and 8 can also join in to complete sessions on their Essential Assessment tasks. We hope to see you there!



Lauren Jackson | LEARNING SPECIALIST (NUMERACY)



Tyler Locker | MATHEMATICS DOMAIN LEADER

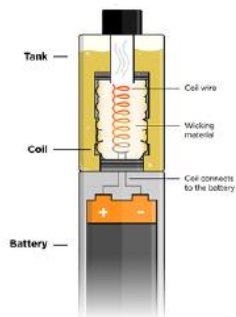


Vaping Prevention

Escape the Vape

What is a vape?

Vapes, or e-cigarettes, are battery operated devices that use a coil to heat an e-liquid into an aerosol. This aerosol is then inhaled into the lungs & airways and delivered into the bloodstream.



Escape the Vape

What is in a vape?

The e-liquid in vapes contain up to 200 toxic and corrosive chemicals. These chemicals can also be found in:

- Nail polish remover
- Bug spray
- Paint thinner
- Fumes from car exhaust
- Industrial glue



These chemicals are known to cause cancer and damage the brain - they do not belong in the lungs.



Escape the Vape



Benefits of avoiding or quitting vapes

Brain

Allowing the brain to continue its healthy development, including reducing the risk of stress, anxiety and depression.

Lungs

Keeping the lungs and airways healthy, making it easier to breathe and complete physical activity.

Stomach & intestines

Allowing the digestive tract to function more easily, reducing the risk of nausea & vomiting.



Mouth & throat

Keeping the mouth, teeth and gums healthy.

Heart & cardiovascular system

Allowing the heart & chest to perform at its best and complete physical activity more comfortably.

Immune system

Keeping the immune system healthy and strong, making it less likely to fall sick.

Cancer risk

Reduced exposure to cancer causing chemicals.



Vaping Prevention

Talking to your teen about vaping

A conversation guide for parents



Looking for strategies to talk to your child about vaping?
Follow this VicHealth conversation guide to have a meaningful,
non-threatening conversation about vaping.

The best time to start the
conversation is now.



Support to quit

Quitline is a free, non-judgmental and confidential service
to support people looking to quit smoking or vaping.
Quitline counsellors will help motivate you, build your quit
plan, provide tips and so much more.

Wherever you are on your quitting journey,
Quit is here to help.

Call 13 7848 or SMS 0482 090 634 to speak with a
friendly Quitline counsellor.





Community News

 BACCHUS MARSH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

JOSH GIDDEY

BASKETBALL SUPER CAMP

SUNDAY 31 AUG

MARC STADIUM
TAVERNER ST, BACCHUS MARSH

CLINIC 1 9.30AM - 11.30AM
CLINIC 2 1.00PM - 3.00PM

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Community News



SUNBURY CRICKET CLUB



JOIN OUR FIRST EVER GIRLS JUNIOR SIDES.

The Sunbury Cricket Club is excited to announce we're forming our first ever all girls junior teams — and we want YOU to be part of it!

Who we're looking for:

- **Girls of all abilities, from beginners to seasoned players**
- **Players for Under 13 and Under 15 teams**

Whether you've played cricket before or are keen to try something new, this is your chance to be part of a fun, supportive, and history-making team!



Register your interest or ask
questions:
sunburycc.vic@gmail.com





Community News



ARE YOU 13-17 YEARS OLD* AND
IDENTIFY AS **LGBTIQA+**?

WANT TO COME TO **WAYOUT'S PRIDE CAMP?**

*IF 13 YEARS OLD YOU MUST BE IN YEAR 8

WEDNESDAY 8 - FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2025
MACEDON RANGES

\$80 PER CAMPER
(FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE)

MEET NEW FRIENDS, PLAY FUN GAYMES
AND CELEBRATE YOUR PRIDE!

GOT A QUESTION?:

E: HEALTHPROMOTION@SCCHC.ORG.AU P: 5421 1666

