



**SWAN HILL COLLEGE**

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we wrap up Week 5, it's been fantastic to see how well our students are settling into the year. Classes are running smoothly, and there's plenty of work happening around the school grounds as well.

This week, our student leaders took part in leadership training to develop their skills, and it was wonderful to see them working together in our library throughout the day. What makes me especially proud is that our leadership team includes students from all year levels, and they collaborate so well.

Looking ahead, March 7th will be a pupil-free day, as schools across the region come together for a professional development event—one that we are proud to be hosting! We'll be welcoming around 500 teaching and ES staff to our school for a day filled with workshops and learning. Some of our student leaders will also be on hand to assist and speak with visitors, putting their recent leadership training into action. I'm really looking forward to showcasing both our school and our students on the day.

With NAPLAN approaching, I know Year 7 and Year 9 families will hear more about it in the coming weeks. It's important to remember that NAPLAN is just one snapshot of student learning—it doesn't define a student's abilities or potential. Instead, we use the results to help shape our curriculum and support student growth. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Curriculum Leader, Leigh Sheehan, for more information.

De Rosewarne — Principal

## SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It's crazy to think we're already halfway through the term – time is flying by, and there's a lot going on at the college!

Last Tuesday, we had a leadership day where I and the other captains learned all about being leaders and decided on our plans for the year.



This Thursday, the Year 12s had Name Day, with everyone going all out on their costumes. It was a tough decision to pick the final three, but Bart Simpson, Marilyn Monroe, and South Park took the win!

The Year 12s also had 'Perfect Match' game in the common room on Thursday. Everyone was dressed up, and Miss Lierich helped find a few lucky students their perfect study buddy.

On a different note, on Tuesday a whole range of students were out playing summer sports, with teams in basketball, cricket, tennis, table tennis, lawn bowls and volleyball. I know they will have done our school proud!

Archie Mitchell – School Captain

## SHOWCASING OUR SCHOOL VALUES

There has been lots going on behind the scenes at the College, and we are always looking at ways to showcase not only what our students are capable of achieving, but also our staff and the equipment we have available for students to learn and use.

Recently we added new signage beside Harrison Hall to brighten up this area and display our school values; *Respect, Responsibility, Belonging and High Expectations*.

A big thank you to our VET Engineering teacher Brett Theobald, along with his VET Engineering class for making the signs using the profile cutter. Also to our VM and VET Building and Construction students and LSO Leo Swan, for assisting with the installation of the signs.



## STUDENT LEADERS—STILL LEADING

We love hearing what our past students are achieving. At the beginning of the year we received correspondence from Deakin University that not one, but three of our former students had been successful in securing positions as Residential Leaders (RL) at Deakin Residential Services (DRS) this year. They welcomed Kobe Davison, Mitchell Uhlhorn and Jayda Fleming to their Waurn Ponds RL team.

The RL position is incredibly sought after at DRS, with the recruitment process involving multiple stages including a written application, 1:1 interview and group interview.

This prestigious volunteer role comes with significant responsibility and offers an invaluable opportunity for leadership development.

As Residential Leaders, they will play a key part in fostering an inclusive and supportive residential community, providing informal support to their peers, and helping to create a positive living and learning environment.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN commences next week, Wednesday March 12th. All students are expected to participate in the online testing, which includes reading, writing, language & numeracy.

Students are to ensure they bring a charged device to school on testing days, along with headphones/earphones that can be used when completing their tests.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Please be advised that due to the number of parent member nominations received being equal to the number of parent member vacancies, a ballot is not required and will not be held.

## YEAR 7 BONDING DAYS

On Friday 21st and 28th of February the Year 12 VM class ran two bonding days for Year 7 A,B,C and 7 D,E,F out at Lake Boga.

The Year 12 VM students arrived early to school to pack all the equipment, before arriving at Lake Boga to set up ready for the eager Year 7s. Our VM students ran a number of activities including, rafting, lawn games, water slide, scooters, tug of war and group activities. These activities supported our Year 7 students to get to know each other while building on vital teamwork and interpersonal skills.

All students were treated to a BBQ lunch and a nice swim in the lake to cool down after a hot day. Students involved were all very well behaved and followed the school values of *Respect, Responsibility, Belonging and High Expectations* well.

Steph Kiel—VM Teacher



## SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2025

March 7	Student Free Day—Staff PD
March 10	Labour Day Holiday
March 11	LMR Swimming VET Comm Services First Aid Course
March 12	VET Build & Construction White card Course
March 12	NAPLAN Commences
March 13	VET Sport, Aquatics & Rec First Aid Course (JDO)
March 14	VET Sport, Aquatics & Rec First Aid Course (KIR)
March 17	School Field & Game School Council Meeting
March 18-19	VET Build & Construction First Aid Course
March 25-27	Road Smart Program; Years 9 & 10
April 1	Parent Teacher Interviews - Student Free Day
April 2	End of Term Assemblies; P1 12, P2 11, P3 7, P4 8, P5 10, P6 9
April 4	Last day of Term 1; 2.15pm finish

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy (<https://www.shc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Photography-Filming-Recording-Students-Policy.pdf>), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365 (<https://arc.educationapps.vic.gov.au/software/30>) and Google Workspace for Education (<https://arc.educationapps.vic.gov.au/software/26>) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school at [swan.hill.c@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:swan.hill.c@education.vic.gov.au).

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