

# CONNECTIONS

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## Year 8 Performing Arts Creative Costumes

This week the Year 8 Drama classes finally got to break out the costumes and props, something they have all been looking forward to all term. Many of the students experimented with different shoes, jackets, masks and wigs to create a costume reflective of the character they have been developing.

Amongst the class were a horse, a pink cowgirl, a few Aussie crime lords, gangsters, netballers and gymnasts. Many of the students are not quite ready for the world to see their magnificent characters but stay tuned in the upcoming Connections to see what they create. For now, here is a sneak peek - see if you can figure out who our masked menace is!



### 2024 Semester 2 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Interviews shall be held on the following sessions:

**Session 1:** Thursday 29th August - 4.30pm – 7.00pm

**Session 2:** Friday 30th August - 10.00am – 11.30am

**Session 3:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – 12.00 – 1.30pm

Students are not required to attend timetabled classes on Friday 30th August but would be expected to attend interviews with a parent/guardian. Parents will be able to book interviews via the parent portal from 4.00pm on Thursday 15th August.



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# University Open Days 2024

That time of year has rolled around again where the universities are prepping for their 2024 open days. Please see the list of university dates below and go to their respective websites for more information.



Burwood—25th August 2024



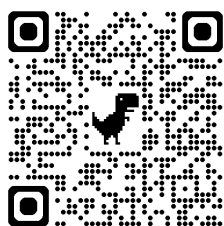
Bendigo— 25th August 2024



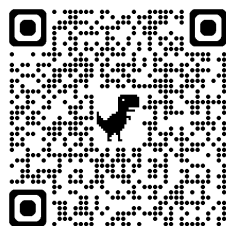
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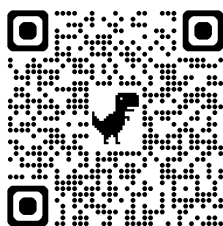
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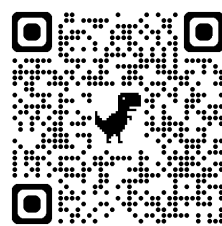
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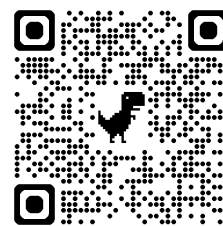
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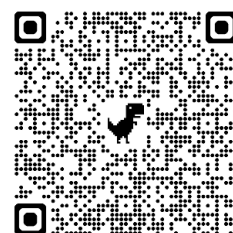
Business  
Management  
Revision Lecture



Math Methods  
Revision Lecture

## Year 12 Revision

Above are QR codes to three different VCE revision lectures. Biology, Health & Human Development and Psychology. Year 12 students studying these subjects are encouraged to access these free resources in the lead up to your end of year exams.



English Revision  
Lecture

# Try A Trade Day - Pathways Expo

Some of our Marrung students travelled to Horsham on 8th August to attend a pathways expo, thanks to Goolum Goolum and all the vendors. This year's expo had over 36 displays for the students to gather information from.

During the few hours at the expo there was a lot of information for the students to gather, explore and to look at. They took this opportunity to chat with stall holders and gather plenty of hand outs for employment pathways with lots of giveaways.

They all had a chance at trying some different trades, such as Bunnings build a wall / plastering or to make a toolbox. Ambulance Victoria- learning to resuscitate the Annie doll with CPR instruction and using AED. Replant a seedling from Dalki Garringa Nursery, just to name a few. As well as looking at different career pathways through the different University stalls, Victoria Police, Army, CFA, Forest Management / Land care and having a go at the virtual reality headset and much, much, more.

During the opening ceremony Charmaine Lockwood was presented with the Indigenous Sports Star of the Year Award. The jersey that she wore during the Great Victorian Bike Ride 2023 was mounted in a glass display and will be kept at the Goolum Goolum building in Horsham. We are all very proud of Charmaine for all her achievements in sports within the Wimmera.

Highlights from the students were the hands on activities, seeing community members and students from different schools, being able to climb into the Army, CFA and Forest Management trucks and learning about the different equipment and how they are used. Winning prizes from different vendors, catch a duck, the spinning wheel and a free raffle plus throwing foam axes at the dart board for fidget toys. A good day was had by all.



## **Laptops for Students - 2025**

Students who entered into the Year 7 Laptop program at the start of Year 7 in 2022 are reminded that parents and students may consider replacing this device for 2025.

Devices that are three years old can start to struggle to run the latest software required for many advanced senior classes.

Parents may purchase a laptop from our preferred supplier 'Learning With Technologies'. The advantage of this is that the laptop has onsite repairs at Stawell Secondary College for all warranty and insurance issues.

Laptops purchased before December will have delivery for mid-January (stock pending) the following year ready for the commencement of Term 1, 2025. Families are welcome to commence the purchase of a new device whenever it is suitable.

Please check the Learning With Technologies to see what devices are recommended for our students.

Portal: <http://stawellsc.orderportal.com.au/>



## YEAR 11 PSYCHOLOGY

Would you push a man off the roof of a building? Would you carry a dead body and hide it in a box? Would you kick a man? Would you pretend to be a dead man?

At the conclusion of this unit of work on ["How are people influenced to behave in particular ways?"](#) students viewed "The Push" by Derren Brown. This is a real life experiment where they were testing to see if people would comply with instructions when pressure was placed on them. Students then summarised the experiment by summarising the method, creating a suitable hypothesis, IV and DV, considering ethics, results and generalisations. Finally they had to state whether or not they would have conformed/obeyed to the pressure.

Mrs Prior



## Homelessness day fundraiser

When: Friday 20th September 2024

What: Wear Pyjama's and/or funky socks (gold coin donation)

BBQ lunch: Sausages \$3.00 each

We are asking all students to make a donation of either a non-perishable food item (not out of date) or personal hygiene products in homegroup that day. The house that donates the most non-perishable foods and personal hygiene products will get a gold medal in our values Olympics.



# Y-FACTOR

**SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER**  
**STAWELL ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE**  
**7PM**

1st prize - \$400 + 2 Tickets to The Push All-Ages Tour Horsham  
2nd prize - \$150 + 2 Tickets to The Push All-Ages Tour Horsham  
3rd prize - 2 Tickets to The Push All-Ages Tour Horsham

**Solo Performers must be under 25**  
**Bands must have at least half their members be under 25**  
**Entrants can register at**



Registration closes  
midnight 15/9 2024

This is a free, family-friendly, smoking, vaping, alcohol and drug-free event.



## Year 9

During the Year 9 Year Level assemblies of Weeks 5 & 6, students were acknowledged for their notable achievements, as nominated by their teachers. Week 5 had a practical theme from Technology, Food and Metal classes, commending Amelia Martin, Emily Grant, and A.J. Logan. For Week 6, we acknowledged Ador Kongor's Aspiration, Jasper Agusan's Resilience, and Logan Gilmartin's Resilience.

Along with the schoolwide focus on each given value, Year 9 students have also been documenting their own. For Week 5, Kade Thomas was acknowledged for his Respect for others.

# Chinese Report



## Victorian Young Leaders to China Program

Six Year 9 students took the initiative to enroll in a two-week online program to learn Chinese language and culture, interacting with students from Victoria and China, from 5<sup>th</sup> August to 16<sup>th</sup> August.

**VYLC** – A program for Year 9 students where they join a Zoom call for over half the day, for two weeks straight. I was fortunate to be part of this experience, and although it may sound tiring, it was some of the most fun I've ever had. Learning kung fu, making lifelong friends, and playing games were just some of the amazing experiences I shared with five others! For Year 8 students, I highly recommend participating next year—it'll be something you never forget!! Kayan Barnes

- I really enjoyed the program. I made several friends from different schools around Victoria and learned many new things. Our group (Purple Group) studied countries, making phone calls, weather, and school subjects. We played video games, did gymnastics and kung fu, and drew pandas. I highly recommend trying the program—it was really fun! Heidi Kane

- In VYLC, my group learned about different topics such as countries, how to take phone calls, and weather. My favorite part was when we did activities like kung fu and calligraphy. Noah Harvey.

- I enjoyed the Virtual Trip to Qianmen the most and also really liked the closing ceremony. It was kind of emotional, but it was great because I met lots of new people. Earl Pestijo

- I really enjoyed the culture quest; it was fun and adventurous. The closing ceremony was quite emotional—it was sad to say goodbye to everyone, but we'll remember the friends we made along the way. We learned all sorts of things, like how to make a phone call and understand the weather. Ash Marrow



## Travelling Dragons

In Week 3, we are fortunate to have three travelling dragons from Asialink at the University of Melbourne. The dragons have been traveling across Victorian schools, providing students with Chinese cultural immersion. The dragon performance is a fun exercise that requires a lot of teamwork and communication!



The dragons have also been visiting all our feeder primary schools. Below are some photos from Great Western Primary School. Noah Johnson and Archer Crouch did an excellent job assisting with the dragon dance performance, demonstrating great leadership skills and helping to strengthen our relationship with our feeder primary school.



Our 2024 China Trip students and staff will be departing for China on 3rd September. We wish them a wonderful trip! They will be visiting Shanghai, Beijing, and Chengdu. There will be many highlights and stories that they will share with our school community during their time in China. Please stay tuned!

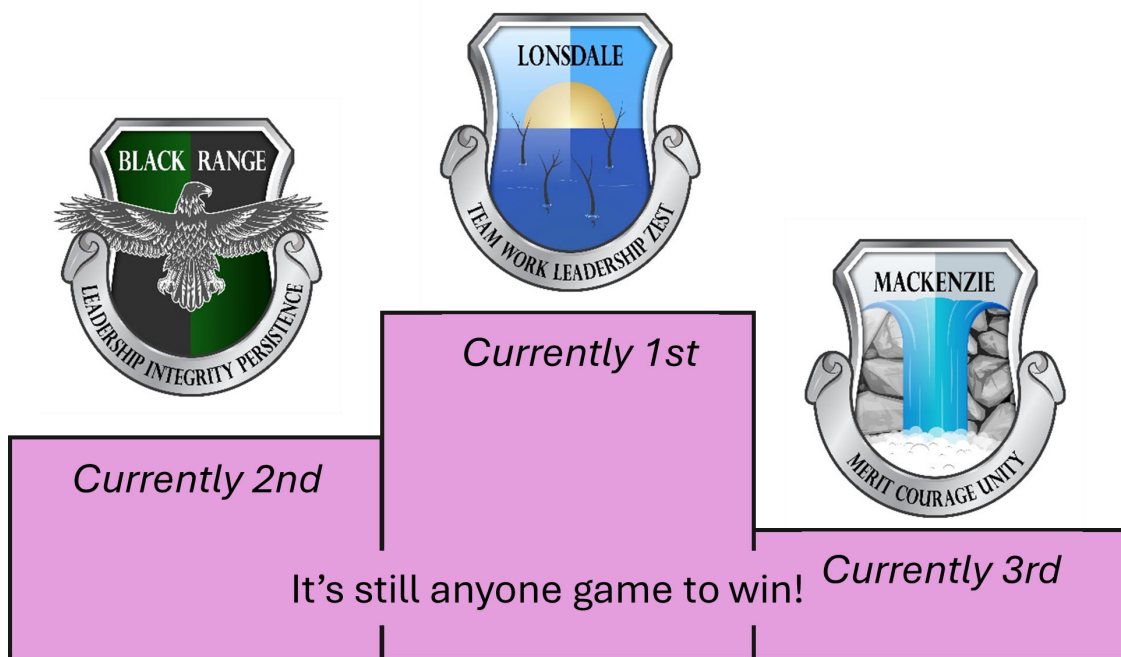
# House Olympics

We are officially at the halfway point of this year's SSC House Olympics! So far, every school value has had one week in the spotlight with students across the school demonstrating these values throughout every day and every class.

Because we have reached the half-way point, let's check the house standings. Each medal will represent a different number of points – with gold representing three, silver two and bronze one.

This means that at the half-way point it's still anyone's game to win! Mackenzie has a total of nine points, Black Range has thirteen and Lonsdale is just out in front with fourteen points.

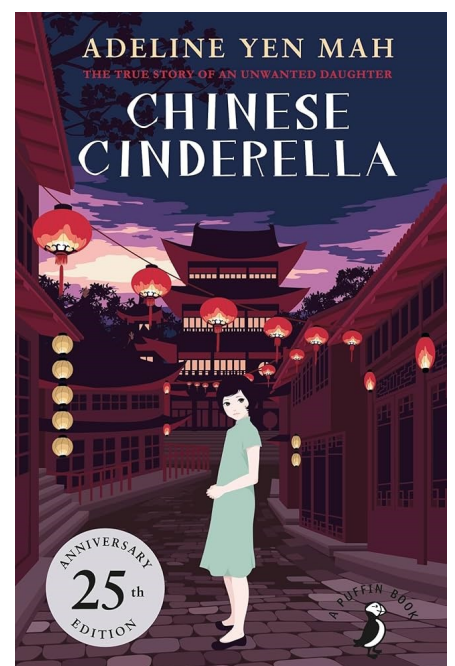
Good luck to all the houses going forward!



## Year 7 English

7B has been reading 'Chinese Cinderella' by Adeline Yen Mah. We have seen some amazing participation with most students volunteering to read the book aloud, engaging in class discussions and answering questions. A big shoutout goes to Xyrus who has been consistently reading the book aloud – his peers, Ms Walsh and Mrs Barrie have much appreciated this!

Students are *very* excited to learn how to write an essay next week in response to the themes and characters in this book.

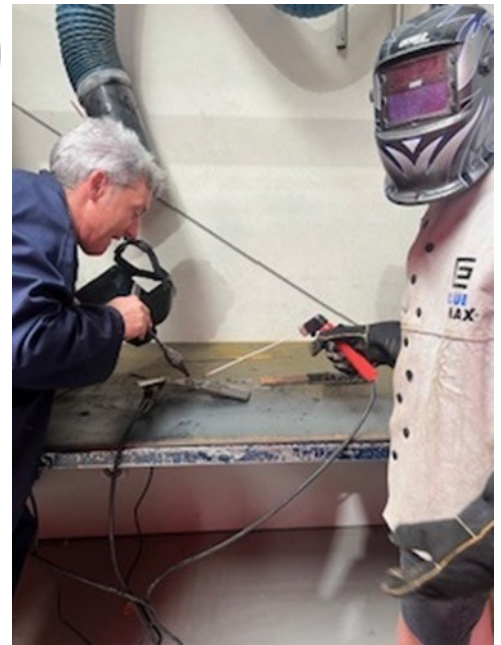






# Year 9 Metal

Students are working on their chosen project. Ador is sanding a wheel and Max is learning to weld under the supervision of Mr Williams.



## The tides, they are a turning

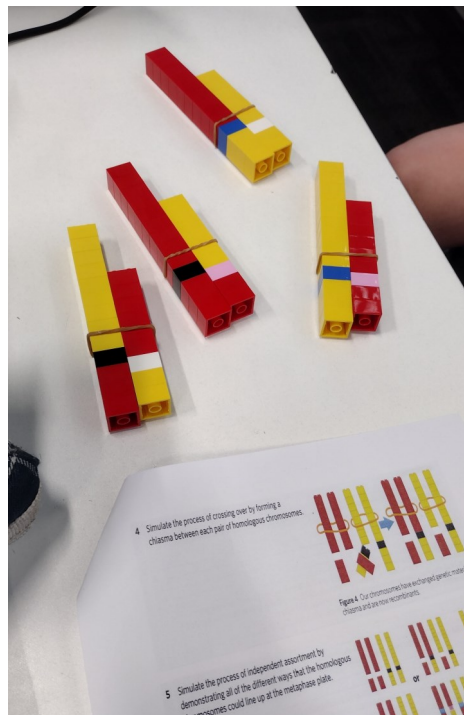
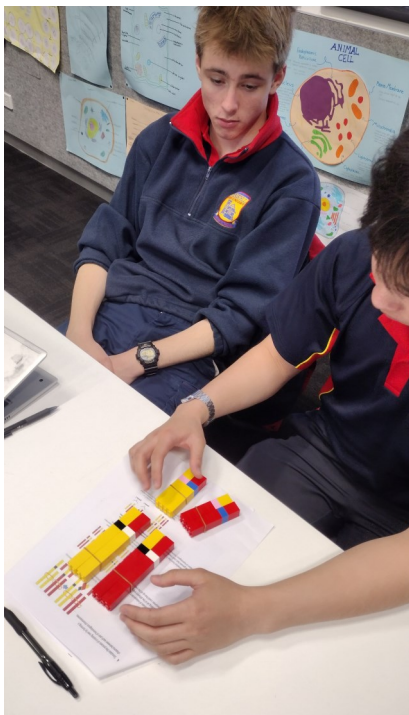


Year 7 Science students are working independently to build their understanding of tides and the Earth.



## VCE Biology

The Year 11 Biology class of Mrs. Bernardo conducted a simulation using Lego bricks to model meiosis, demonstrating the processes of crossing over/recombination and independent assortment at a molecular level. This scientific investigation effectively bridges the connection between the previous topic, Genetics, and the current focus on Reproduction.





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## **IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2024**

30/8/24—Parent Teacher Student Interviews—Pupil Free Day

3/9/24—23/9/24—2024 China Trip

20/9/23— Fundraiser for homelessness—Gold coin casual dress day

20/9/24—Last Day of Term 3—Early Dismissal

7/10/24—First Day of Term 4



## **SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS online**

All interviews will be conducted online/telephone. Parents/carers are encouraged to attend interview., if possible.

12-16 August – Year 10 2025 subject selection interviews

19-23 August - Year 11 2025 subject selection interviews

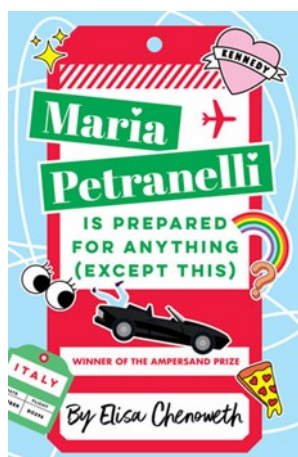
26-30 August - Year 12 2025 subject selection interviews

**\* There are no student free days during the subject selection weeks – timetabled classes will operate as normal\***

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

**Stawell Secondary College is located in the lands of the Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjali people and we acknowledge the land which we learn, work and live.**

**We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community and pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our College Community.**



### ***Book of the Week***

Maria Petranelli Is Prepared For Anything (Except This)

Author: Elisa Chenoweth

Maria Petronelli will do anything to get away from her overbearing Italian-Australian family. So when they declare that she 'couldn't handle living in Italy', she signs up to go there on student exchange. What could possibly go wrong? Well, everything...

In Italy, Maria is out of her depth. She struggles with the language, is immediately scammed, and is terrible at socialising with the other students – especially Kennedy, who is hopeless yet bewilderingly attractive.

When the two girls accidentally witness a murder, Maria discovers just what she can and can't handle. Being kidnapped in the boot of a car and driven off into the Italian countryside? Maybe. But working out her feelings for Kennedy before it's too late?

Maria Petronelli is prepared for anything ... except this.