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Parent Student Teacher Interviews

2025 Year 12 Subjects Semester 2 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Interviews shall be held over one session.

Wednesday 6th August – 3:45pm – 6:45pm

Parents are now able to book interviews via the parent portal.
The portal will close on 4pm Monday 4th August.

2025 Year 7 – Year 11 Semester 2 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Interviews shall be held on the following sessions:

Session 1: Thursday 29th August - 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Session 2: Friday 30th August - 10.00am – 12pm

Session 3: Friday 30th August – 12.45 – 3.00pm

Students are not required to attend timetabled classes on Friday 22nd 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 7th August until 4.00pm Friday 15th August.

Stawell Secondary College's child safety and wellbeing policies and practices can be found on our school website: www.stawellsc.vic.edu.au. We welcome comments and feedback on these from our school community at any time. Feedback can be made to Murray Hart on 5358 1700.

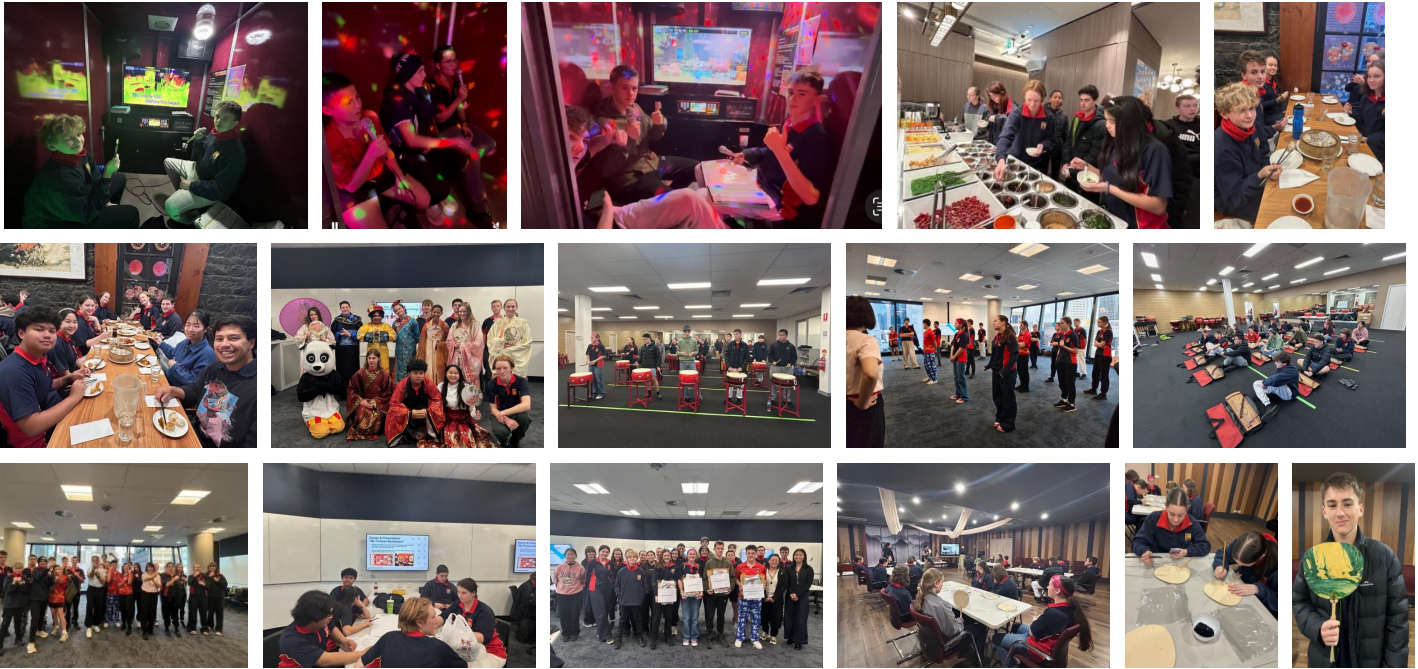
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Chinese Program Report

Year 9 and 10 Chinese language students had the opportunity to experience Chinese culture in Melbourne last term. According to students' feedback, the highlights included:

- Karaoke
- Chinese hot pot
- Cultural workshops
- A Chinese meal
- Escape rooms

All the students did a fantastic job embracing the culture first-hand, and we had a lot of fun! A massive thank you to Mr. Illig, Jarrod, and Clover for supporting our camp. – Ms Ling



2025 Shanghai Summer Camp

你好! (Hello) from Shanghai!

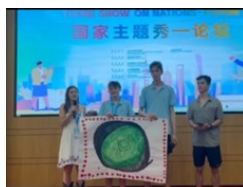
I am Shayla. On Tuesday 15th July, Ms Zhou, Ashton, Hunter, Will, and I flew to Shanghai. *(Fun fact – I hadn't met any of them before then!)* The weather here averages around 36°C each day, and it's incredibly humid.

Despite the heat, I've been having an amazing time representing Australia. So far, we've done team-building activities, toured museums, and joined a mini world expo where we showcased our culture. The boys and I have grown quite close over the past few days.

Last weekend, we split into smaller groups, and now I'm staying with my host family. My host buddy, Reah, is 16 years old. So far, we've been shopping, had bubble tea, and taken a river cruise. My host family is absolutely lovely! By Tuesday this week, we've finished our homestay, gone shopping, and bought gifts to bring home for our families. We also visited Yu Gardens, the Bund, and the Pearl Tower! We've even made friends with the Colombians, which has been awesome.

So far, my highlight has been the night river cruise. We had some of the best burgers I've ever eaten, and the view was incredible. Ashton managed to sneak a speaker onto the boat, and we blasted music—singing, dancing, and laughing. I even did a bunch of people's nails with some cheap nail polish Sarah and I bought, and I convinced Will to do mine!

We also had a mini World Cup (we didn't do very well compared to Honduras and Switzerland!) and tried some traditional Chinese medicine. My favourite part was definitely the cupping station.



Intermediate Basketball

On Tuesday 22nd July, we sent two teams of Year 9 & 10 boys to Ararat to compete in basketball. Luckily we were inside the stadium as it was windy, wet and extremely cold. We had one team coached by Jarrod and one under the masterful guidance of Mr Reynolds, and Charmaine and Jordan Lockwood volunteered to referee for the day. As there were so many teams entered on the day, games were only 8 minutes long! This meant the games, and the day was very fast paced and that the boys had to be on from the get go. Mr Reynolds team showed great improvement as the day went on, winning one game and just barely being beaten out in their last couple as well. Jarrod's team performed really well- winning 6 out of 7 of their games and just missing out on playing out in the grand final. Well done to all of the boys for representing the school with great effort, teamwork and sportsmanship on the court, and a special thank you to Charmaine and Jordan, who referred not only our games but volunteered to ref many of the other school's games as well.



Legacy Public Speaking Competition

On Friday 27th June, Kaitlyn Hodder (Year 7), Poppie Dykes (Year 7) and Shayla Madin (Year 9) all competed in the Legacy Public Speaking regional competition in Ararat. There were 9 competitors in total. The students had to write a 5 minute prepared speech on a chosen topic about legacy and its values. Kaitlyn and Poppie both spoke about social justice and Shayla spoke about remembrance. These students used their own time outside of school to write their speeches and met up with Mrs Prior weekly and then daily to fine tune their presentations. An impromptu speech was a part of the competition too, where students were given 5 minutes to write a 2 minute speech on a previously unseen topic. The topic they were given on the day was "My best birthday ever". Congratulations to these three students, who overcame their nerves and stood up and spoke in front of a crowd of strangers.

Shayla came equal first and will now go on to compete in the State final in Ballarat in September.



Naidoc Celebrations with Northern Grampians Shire and Stawell West Primary School

On Wednesday 2nd July 2025, some of our Marrung students attended our Naidoc event for the community at North Park. Every student that attended participated during the event, from cooking in the kitchen with Cat Clarke or running an activity for the Stawell West Primary School students. Special congratulations to Kelanee, Jalen and Jade for stepping up and conducting the welcome and presenting information regarding the history of Naidoc and what this year's theme was about in front of a crowd of 50 plus family and community members. It was a very successful day and we should all be very proud of the students who participated. Thank you to everyone who attended, it was fantastic too that so many families joined us.

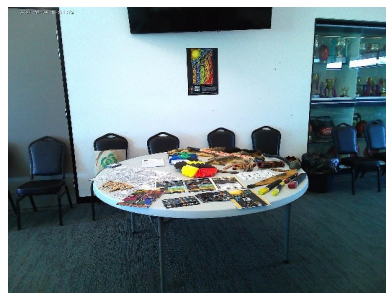
NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

The next Generation, Strength, Vision and Legacy

Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.

Our Elders are the ones who pass on knowledge, strength and a vision for the next generation to pass onto so that we can continue to share and ensure our voices are heard for generations to come.

Elders share their legacy with the younger generation, passing on valuable information through stories, how to value and care for our land and being present in our lives.



What's new in the AG VIEW

Term 3, Week 11:

Week 11 marked the end of a long and productive term! In our final class, we focused on preparing for next term's fencing project by digging holes for the posts to be concreted in. Everyone pitched in with the digging, and we had David's support to set the posts in concrete. We also gave David a hand digging additional holes needed for maintenance work on the retaining garden wall at the back of the school.

Term 3, Week 1:

We carried out another crop tour, visiting both Ms Lang's crops and our own crop plot. It had been four weeks since our last inspection, and we were pleased to see significant growth and progress in the crops — including noticeable improvements in our own plot.



SUBJECT SELECTIONS *for* 2026



Year 8 into Year 9 / Year 9 into Year 10 / Year 10 into Year 11

SUBJECT EXPO: Monday 4th August 2025

- staff present on their subject area for 2026– Parents/Carers welcome to attend
- This expo will be conducted onsite at Stawell Secondary College Periods 5 & 6 (1.30-3.30pm) to allow students to make informed decisions regarding their subject selections for 2026
- Current Year 8 students will select their Year 9 2026 electives in week 4 after both students/parents have read the 2026 handbooks, and from student preferences elective blocks will be formed and students will be allocated to electives

SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS online

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

18-22 August - Year 12 2026 subject selection interviews

25-29 August - Year 11 2026 subject selection interviews

1-5 September – Year 10 2026 subject selection interviews

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

To book Subject Selection Interviews please go to:

<https://stawellsc.vic.edu.au/students/subject-selection-interview-booking/>

OR

Got to College website at stawellsc.vic.edu.au

Scroll down to **Orange icon**

2026 Subject Selection

Click on **BOOK NOW** - by Noon Friday 8th August



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CAREERS DAY 2026



Year 7-12 students

Tuesday 29th July, 2026

18 Guest speakers attend Stawell Secondary College to speak to students
about 'a day in the life of their career'

11.15am – 1pm

Senior Basketball

On Monday 30th June, 7 students from Year 11 attended the Senior School Basketball tournament in Ararat. Excitement built on the way down to Ararat, with the team talking tactics and receiving some Basketball 101 from Riley and Charmaine. Our first game was against a strong and skilful Year 12 Horsham team, who soon learnt that they could not bully us around the court and needed to play basketball as we were resilient and stood our ground. Our second game was much the same against a much taller and skilful Warracknabeal Yr.12 team, who enjoyed our company and competition. Game 3 was a close fought contest against St. Brigid's who started their B side against us but by the second half and not being able to gain the lead, threw their A team in to ensure their victory. Charmaine also joined us as a referee who did an outstanding job ensuring that the Senior Boys played within the rules of the game. All in all our students represented the school well and received positive feedback on their determination and sportsmanship.



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.



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IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2025

25/7/25—Year 8 Chinese Food Topic Excursion

29/7/25—Careers Day

1/8/25—2025 SWPBS Celebration Day

6/8/25—**Year 12 subjects only** Parent Teacher Student Interviews—**3:45pm—6:45pm**

18/8/25 -22/8/25—Year 12 2026 Subject Selection Interviews

21/8/25—Year 7—11 Parent Student Teacher Interviews—**4pm—6:30pm**

22/8/25—Year 7—11 Parent Student Teacher Interviews— **PUPIL FREE DAY**

25/8/25-29/8/25—Year 11 2026 Subject Selection Interviews

1/9/25-5/9/25—Year 10 2026 Subject Selection Interviews



Our exciting new addition to the school uniform are navy stretch, microfibre pants. These warm, comfortable pants are suitable for all students and may be worn all year round.

Fosters Mensland are now selling them for \$59.95.

Book of the Week

Heir Of Storms

Author: Lauren Hamilton Murray

I am the girl who wove the storm that shook the world. And I'm coming for my crown.

Blaze, a Rain Singer, was born into one of the most powerful fire-wielding families in the empire. Her birth summoned a devastating storm that resulted in the deaths of thousands, and she has spent her life as an outsider, reviled and feared.

When Blaze and her twin brother, Flint, are selected to compete in the Choosing Rite, the trials that decide the future rulers of the empire, she's suddenly thrust into the limelight – and into battle.

Threats abound at the Golden Palace, where intrigue and romance await with not one but two handsome suitors: the enchanting Crown Prince and a dangerously alluring newcomer at court.

As her powers strengthen and her fellow competitors fall, the throne is suddenly within her grasp. But in order to take the crown, Blaze will have to leave behind the stories that others have told her and find the courage to write her own.

