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CONNECTIONS

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RESPECT INCLUSION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE PARTICIPATION

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Victorian Education Excellence Awards (VEEA): As mentioned in previous communications, the Victorian Education Excellence Awards (VEEA) recognise outstanding staff in Victorian Government schools who make a lasting difference to student learning and their school communities. Following her shortlisting in July and a panel interview, Ling Zhao was selected as one of three finalists in the Outstanding Secondary Teacher category, among 37 finalists across all award categories. This recognition reflects Ling's sustained dedication to teaching and the opportunities she creates for students at Stawell Secondary College. Ling Zhao, Aaron Dalziel, Dean Greenhalgh and I attended the awards presentation in Melbourne on 23 October. It was a wonderful celebration of the outstanding teachers, education support staff, administrators and leaders who make a difference in Victorian schools. Although Ling did not win the Outstanding Secondary Teacher award, reaching the top three in Victoria is an exceptional achievement. Ling has made our College and wider community incredibly proud, and we congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition.

2027 Preparation: Preparation for the 2027 school year remains a key focus for the school administration throughout Term 4. Following the announcement of Mr Dean Greenhalgh as Principal for 2027, the College has now completed the appointment of two Assistant Principals. Our Assistant Principals for 2027 will be Ms Courtney McIlvride (Teaching and Learning) and Ms Maryanne Comitti (Wellbeing and Engagement). We are excited to welcome Maryanne to the College and equally pleased to have Courtney step up into this new leadership role. Mr Andrew Reynolds has been appointed to one of the Leading Teacher sub-school positions. The remaining two Leading Teacher sub-school positions have been advertised, and we hope to finalise these appointments in the coming weeks.

Parent & Student preparation for 2027. By mid-November, parents/carers will receive information in the post regarding the 2027 school year. This will include details about parent voluntary contributions and school charges, booklists and learning materials, computer requirements, key dates and start-of-year arrangements, camps and excursions, uniform expectations, and information about available financial assistance. This information will help families prepare for the new school year and plan for any associated costs.

Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2026 (VGSA 2026): The new agreement has been formally approved and is now in effect. The agreement includes changes to staff working conditions and employment arrangements across Victorian government schools. The College will continue to work through the implementation of these changes and keep the school community informed as further information becomes available.

Year 12 Examinations: Our Year 12 students commenced their VCE examinations this week, beginning with English. Feedback from both students and staff has been very positive, particularly regarding the nature of the English examination. Students have also been undertaking other VCE examinations throughout the week as they work towards completing their secondary schooling. We congratulate our Year 12 students on their preparation and efforts and encourage them to remain focused as they continue with their remaining examinations. We wish them every success as they complete this important stage of their education and prepare for the next chapter of their lives.



Principals Report continued....

2026 Presentation Afternoon: Stawell Secondary College's Annual Presentation Afternoon will be held on Friday, 27 November at 2.00 pm in the College Auditorium. Families are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the efforts, achievements and successes of our Year 7–11 students throughout 2026. We look forward to recognising their hard work and celebrating another year of learning and growth with our College community. Year 12 students will be recognised separately at their Graduation Ceremony to be held at the Town Hall on Monday evening, 14 December.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Online Safety: Changes to Our Social Media and Connections Publications

Readers may notice a change to our school's social media and fortnightly newsletter: Connections, moving forward from Friday, 30 October, and we wanted to explain why.

We're taking a proactive approach to protecting our students' and staff's online safety. We'll continue to celebrate the learning, achievements, projects, and the everyday moments that make our school community special. However, we will no longer share identifiable photos of students' or staff's faces on our public social media and Connections pages.

This decision follows guidance from the e-Safety Commissioner regarding the misuse of images from school social media pages through AI tools. Protecting our students and staff and their online safety is a priority, and we believe this is an important step in the right direction.

Stawell Secondary College will still share photos; however, they will be taken from angles that will not reveal the students' and staff's faces. Students who are on the "No Media List" will continue to be excluded from published photos. If you would like to update your child's permission, please contact the school office on 53581700.

As we introduce this new approach, we appreciate your patience and understanding while our school community adjusts to the changes. Our aim is to keep celebrating everything that makes our school great while taking extra care to protect our students and staff online.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Murray Hart
Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations, Ling, on being recognised as one of the top three Outstanding Secondary School Teachers in Victoria.

Secondary College teacher Ling Zhao's teaching philosophy is grounded in maintaining high expectations while ensuring her students feel supported, challenged, and capable of success. Ling creates an orderly, inclusive and engaging learning environment, and her teaching has contributed to strong student outcomes and high levels of engagement.

VCE Chinese Language, Culture and Society results consistently perform above the state mean, and students have achieved success in numerous state, national and global competitions.

She values collaboration and actively contributes to a professional culture that supports continuous improvement in teaching, learning and wellbeing.

Ling works closely with colleagues to strengthen curriculum delivery and whole-school improvement. As Head of Chinese and VCE Coordinator, Ling works with students, staff and families to monitor academic progress, attendance, engagement and wellbeing.







OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE OUTDOOR GYM

This week, Stawell Secondary College celebrated the official opening of its Outdoor Gym, the result of years of planning and gradually purchasing equipment to create a dedicated space for students and the wider community to be physically active.

In December 2025, the college was successful in securing a $30,000 grant through Active Schools Victoria, helping bring this long-term vision to life. A key focus of the initiative was to provide opportunities for both students and the wider community to improve their physical health and wellbeing. This builds on previous projects around the college, including soccer goals on the oval and refreshed line markings on the basketball courts.

The project was also supported by generous grants from local organisations, including Northern Grampians Shire, Stawell Gold Mine and Stawell Harness Racing Club. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to our school administration team, whose support helped turn this vision into reality.

The Outdoor Gym provides students with another opportunity to stay active during recess and lunch, supporting their physical health and overall wellbeing. By encouraging movement during designated breaks, the college hopes students will return to class feeling refreshed, ready to learn and better able to maintain their focus throughout the school day.

To mark this special occasion, frequent users of the space, Noah and Jaxon, had the honour of cutting the ribbon and officially opening the Outdoor Gym.

The college is grateful to everyone who contributed to making this project possible and looks forward to seeing the space enjoyed by students and the wider Stawell community.









Presentation

On Monday Miles and Sonny , from the CFA presented Stawell Secondary College with a certificate to recognise our donation to the Royal Childrens Hospital appeal.



SSC READATHON 2026

Books Read

- Laura Fletcher 1st place
- Claire Scott 2nd place
- Marnie Currie 3rd place

Pages Read

- Laura Fletcher 1st pages 1139
- Marnie Currie 2nd pages 775
- Claire Scott 3rd pages 750



The annual SSC (Stawell Secondary College) Readathon has just wrapped up for 2026.

This competition is similar to the MS Readathon in that students record the number of books that they read over a period of time, however we add a new component.

Students also write down how many pages that they read too over an 8 week period.



Year Eight english

Year 8 Persuasive Speeches

The year 8s have been hard at working writing, practicing and presenting speeches this term. We have been incredibly proud of their hard work and it's safe to say, it has paid off. While we can't fill the connections with pages and pages of their awesome speeches (as much as we want to!) we thought we would share with you the hooks that some of our students have come up with.

A hook is a powerful start to a speech that 'hooks' or grabs their audience's attention and gets them paying attention.

HOOKS:

Did you know that fast fashion is responsible for 92 million tonnes of waste each year! That could fill the Melbourne Cricket Ground 307 times!
Fast Fashion by Henry

"Why is music important for your mental health? Well, music has been shown to alter your brain chemistry, help process confusing or difficult emotions and just boosts your mood in general." Music is Good for Your Mental Health by Tomine

"Scotland and its people deserve to be independent because it has its own people, government, culture and beliefs. We deserve to have a right to decide matters for ourselves, not just follow whatever the English government says. How would you feel if your people and your country didn't get a say in country matters?" Scotland Should Have Independence by Reuben

"Imagine If your kids could ride their dirtbikes with you in the national parks and back roads how fun would that be, family bonding time by riding legally in the bush and on some roads. It is a big experience." People Under 18 Should be Able to Register Their Dirt Bikes by Ethan

Look, you're trying to get your opinion out, but you keep getting shutdown because you're too young to have that opinion, you don't know what you're talking about...these are things young people get told every day for voicing their political opinion. Young people should have a voice in government by Cordelia

It's 3051. The zombie apocalypse has begun. Everyone's running around like mad and screaming and hiding and armed with their Glock 19's, but guess who's getting eaten first? The teenagers, they're still stuck scrolling on their damn phones! The harms of social media and screentime by Sophie

Do you know how dangerous skin cancer can be? Every year, around more than 2000 Australians die from skin cancer. Imagine how many lives could be saved if more people protected themselves from the sun. Skin cancer by Andrew

Imagine waking up in an ambulance getting rushed to the hospital not knowing what happened. This happens more than you think. Safer Footy by Henry

As you can see on the board, this is a lovely baby lamb that was just born with its whole life ahead of it. But this photo is a lamb whose life has been taken by a fox. Now this is usually a thing for farmers, but it shouldn't be. Foxes should be culled by Kade

Picture this you at home sleeping in your bed and all of a sudden, you hear a massive BANG SMASH and you wake up and run to see that kitchen and backyard are gone.... Mass extinction in the Amazon Rainforest by Taylah

When I was around 8, I told my pa I was a gamer and he said it was pointless. Why gaming should be considered a sport by Phoenix

Do you really want to be one of those 25% of children aged 5-17 who are obese? Why kids should play sport by Lewis

Let's start with a game! I'm gonna say a word and you're going to call out the first thing that comes to mind. Apple? Cloud? Red? Blood? Psychopath? Now I bet a few of you said something along the line of murder or killer, and that's exactly what I want to talk about today. Psychopathy should be treated as a mental illness by Summer





HUMANITIES

CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP – YEAR 8S & THE 2026 STATE ELECTION – YOUR VOTE YOUNG PEOPLE AND INFUENZING THE LAW.

With the 2026 election still right around the corner, many young people may be wondering how they can have a voice on topics that matter to them.

Until they are 18, children cannot vote in their representatives, but it is important to know that there are ways to have a say before then! People under the age of 18 are still able to create & sign petitions on topics that matter to them, they can write letters or emails to their representatives & they can involve themselves in their local community and influence change that way.

Throughout this year the crime & punishment, legal studies and year 8 humanities students have all had the opportunity to have a look online at the current petitions that people within Victoria have started, they could also sign these petitions if they wanted to.

Our local council often runs surveys and sessions to gain insight from the community; there is no age limits to these either!

YEAR 11 PSYCHOLOGY 2026

The two classes and teachers (Mrs McDonald and Mrs Prior) would like to thank all of the teachers and students at Stawell Secondary College for participating in our little experiments throughout the year. Your contributions are invaluable and crucial for us to be able to collect data to analyse. The most recent experiment on B13 we used to complete the final SAC.

What do you see, letters or numbers?



This is called an ambiguous figure

Answer and explanation: This depends on what you have seen previously. If you were shown numbers then you will more than likely see a number 13 because this is what you expect. If you were shown letters then you will most likely see the letter B.

Week 3 marked our final VET Agriculture class for 2026, with students keen to put the finishing touches on the vegetable garden beds and clean up this year's crop plots.

With the warmer weather catching everyone off guard, students needed plenty of breaks as they tackled the physical job of shovelling and moving soil around the six new garden beds. Everyone worked hard and demonstrated great resilience to ensure we ticked off all the remaining jobs on our list before the end of the year.

A huge thank you to all the VET Ag students for 2026! It has been a fantastic year watching you grow in confidence, both in the classroom and through the practical activities and experiences offered throughout the year.

Well done on a great year.
Many thanks,

Mrs Lang

WHAT'S NEW IN THE

Ag View!



VCE news

2026 VCE EXAM TIMETABLE

Location: Auditorium | Chinese: RC

DAY	DATE	TIME	EXAMINATION
Tuesday	27 October	9:00 am - 12:15 pm	English / EAL
Wednesday	28 October	11:45 am - 1:30 pm	Art Making and Exhibiting
Friday	30 October	2:00 pm - 3:45 pm	General Mathematics Examination 1
Monday	2 November	9:00 am - 11:45 am	Biology
Monday	2 November	2:00 pm - 3:45 pm	General Mathematics Examination 2
Wednesday	4 November	11:45 am - 2:00 pm	Algorithmics (HESS)
Thursday	5 November	9:00 am - 10:15 am	Mathematical Methods Examination 1
Thursday	5 November	3:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Chinese Language, Culture and Society (RC)
Thursday	5 November	3:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Health and Human Development
Friday	6 November	11:45 am - 2:00 pm	Mathematical Methods Examination 2
Friday	6 November	3:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Legal Studies
Tuesday	10 November	9:00 am - 11:45 am	Chemistry
Thursday	12 November	9:00 am - 11:45 am	Physics
Thursday	12 November	2:00 pm - 4:15 pm	History: Ancient History (VSV)
Monday	16 November	11:45 am - 1:30 pm	Systems Engineering

TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR EXAM PREPARATION AND WELLBEING:

1. **Sleep well.** Aim for at least eight hours of sleep each night. Sleep helps consolidate what you have learned and supports long-term memory.
2. **Eat well.** Eat regular, balanced meals and stay hydrated to keep your body and mind ready for study.
3. **Practise regularly and reflect**. Complete plenty of exam practice, check your answers and identify gaps in your understanding. Use what you learn to guide your revision, and ask your teachers for reliable resources and feedback.
4. **Take small steps**. Break your revision into manageable tasks and focus on one step at a time. If you feel overwhelmed, start with one question or a short study session.
5. **Celebrate small wins.** Every bit of progress counts. Even a 1% improvement is a step forward. Recognise what you have achieved each day.
6. **Focus on what you can control.** You cannot fully control your final results, but you can control your preparation, effort and daily choices. Redirect your time and energy towards actions that help you move forward.
7. **Take regular breaks.** Go for a walk, stretch or do something you enjoy. Short breaks can help you recharge and return to study with better focus.
8. **Pause and breathe.** When you feel anxious, take a few slow breaths and bring your attention back to the next small task.
9. **Stay connected and ask for support.** Talk with your teachers, family, friends or the school wellbeing team if things feel overwhelming. You do not have to manage exam stress on your own.



Well done to all our Year 12 VCE students for demonstrating resilience and aspiration throughout the year! It has been a rewarding and character-building journey for all of us.

This week, we have finished English, Art and General Maths exams. Well done to all the students who have completed their exams this week! Good luck for the rest of your exams and you can do it!

Please note that the school will be open on Monday for students sitting the Biology and General Mathematics Examination 1 exams. Ms Ling looks forward to seeing you then!

Food Technology

Year 9 Food Technology International Foods Assessment

Our Year 9 Food Technology students have been exploring international foods and the influence different cultures have had on Australia's food landscape.

As part of their assessment task, each student was allocated a country to research, investigating its traditional foods, ingredients and culinary customs before selecting a traditional dish to prepare in class.

Students then came together to share their creations in a banquet style feast, celebrating the incredible diversity of food from around the world. The photos showcase the amazing culinary delights our students created!

A fantastic opportunity for students to develop their research skills, expand their food knowledge and put their practical cooking skills to the test while celebrating food and culture.









Food Technology

Year 10B Food Technology

In Week 2, our Year 10B Food Technology students completed their Budgeting Assessment Task, designing a budget friendly two course party menu for six people with a total budget of under $50.

Students then put their planning into practice by preparing and cooking one serving of a dish from their chosen menu. The photos showcase the delicious results of their hard work!

This task allowed students to apply their budgeting skills, consider food costs and practise their practical cooking techniques, demonstrating that entertaining on a budget can still be delicious!











MIDDLE SCHOOL

Term 4 Attendance Goal:
Our current attendance medians for Year 9 & 10 are 90 & 89% respectively. At the end of week 3, we have a total of 22 students with a 95+% attendance and 16 students with attendance between 90-94%. Our term 4 goal is to increase the number of students with a 95+% attendance.







DISPLAYING OUR CORE VALUES

We celebrate the following Middle School students who have been recognised by their class teachers for displaying our school values over the last two weeks.

Year 9: Aika Ramos, Lhanz De Leon, Milla Harrison, Jae Sheen

Year 10: Shiloh Walls and Claire Christian for using their study period effectively and being able to work independently - set achievable goals and stay focussed to complete them.



Congratulations to Xyrus Gragasin who will be representing Victoria in long jump at the 'All Schools Nationals Athletics" in Perth 4 - 6 December. Xyrus is no stranger to the high-level competition in Track and Field and has been competing over many years in Athletics. He recently broke the decade held long jump record in the Greater Western Regional Track & Field Athletics with an amazing jump of 6.10m. His outstanding result helped him qualify for the Nationals. Xyrus has been competing in Ballarat each week, representing the Wendouree Athletic Club in preparation for this Nationals. His outstanding results over the weekend coming first in both his events will surely help him to be very competitive in Perth.

We wish Xyrus all the best and again congratulate him on taking the opportunity to challenge himself to achieve his aspirational goals

MURRUNG







Celebrate Me, Celebrate You! – Children's Week

Tuesday 27th October 2026

This morning in Stawell, we celebrated Children's Week with our Celebrate Me, Celebrate You! event, delivered in partnership with Grampians Multicultural Hub and Stawell Secondary College. 💛

This year's celebration focuses on creating spaces where children and families can come together to honour every child's right to speak their own language, celebrate their culture and practise their religion.

Students from Stawell Secondary College set up a range of engaging activities for the kindergarten children to enjoy, including playdough with Indigenous scents, rock art painting, and a colouring and drawing table featuring different animals and symbols. There was also a quiet space for reading and puzzles, with possum skins providing an opportunity for connection to culture.

Savannah, Laura, Jordan and Charmaine joined in the fun, engaging with the kindergarten children and sharing in the activities. 🎨📚
It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, encourage cultural understanding and create meaningful connections through play, learning and shared experiences.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this such a special Children's Week celebration! 🌈









Chinese Program

In our Chinese department, we have always been focusing on effective 'Connect' activities that help students link prior learning with new knowledge.

Recently, I asked my Year 7 class why we revise at the start of each lesson. I was delighted by their responses: "to master memory", "spaced repetition" and "to get better at what you have learned".

Their answers showed that students understand the purpose behind our classroom routines. Revision helps them strengthen their memory, build confidence and draw on familiar knowledge to understand new concepts. It is rewarding to see them recognise how these small, consistent steps support their learning.











Two of our Year 11 students - Lacey Bertram and Evie Repper attended Deakin University in Geelong on Wednesday for a 'A day in the life of a medical imaging student'

This day gives students hands-on practical activities to exploring the technology that helps diagnose and treat patients every day. Students connect with Deakin academics and current students, discover entry pathways and start imagining where a career in medical imaging could take them.





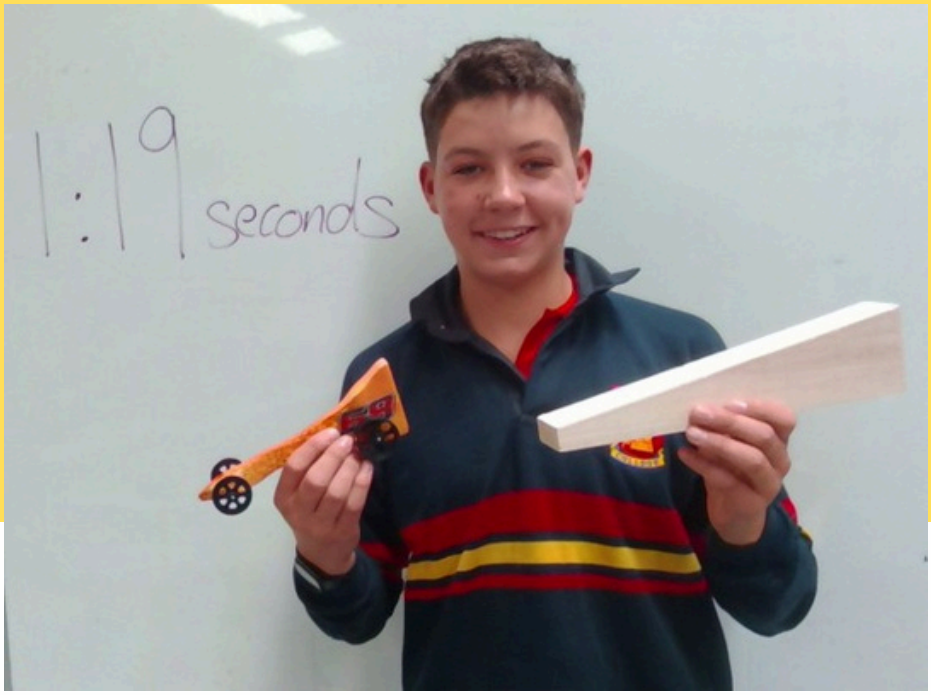


Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

SYSTEMS YEAR 8

Year 8 Systems classes have been busy designing and building a dragster powered by a CO2 canister. Liam Nicholson produced the fastest car on the day completing the
30-meter track in 1.19 seconds. That is a speed of over 90km/h!!!



Lewis is pictured with his winning Dragster and the Balsa blank that he started with.

SPORT

CRICKET











'Year 7/8 Black Ranges Cricket: A group of Year 7/8 boys travelled to Horsham to compete against other schools in cricket. We were met with many challenges throughout the day, but the boys showed a great amount of ticker to try and be the best on the day. We faced off against Marian in the first game. The bowlers held firm, with Ethan and Charlie bowling very well. When sent into batting, our openers (Ethan and Jack Sullivan) found themselves very comfortable at the crease. Along with cameos from Lewis and Eden, the boys fell short against Marian. Our second game was against Warrack, where we batted first and changed up the order. Colten and Cameron opened for us and batted very well. Nash and Reuben has a chance to bat and done well. We sent in the bowlers, with Bill, Kade, and Nash bowling very well to get us the win. Overall, the boys played very well and showcased a great range of skills from a cricketing point-of-view'

SPORT

TENNIS

Year 7 Black Ranges Tennis: A group of Year 7 boys and girls travelled to Horsham to play tennis against other schools. The two girl teams both battled against Horsham College and Wimmera Lutheran College. One team of Harper, Imogen, Manon and Annica battled well to only fall to the eventual winners in Wimmera Lutheran, while one team of Chelsea, Marnie, Zarli, Ella and Rain were very competitive against some strong opponents. The two boy teams collectively took on Wimmera Lutheran, Horsham College, St Bridgids, Marian and Warracknabeal. A team of Flynn, Jack, Bill and Nash played very well, only dropping games to eventual winners from Wimmera Lutheran. While a team of Scott, Jed, Leo and Rhylan showed extreme competition against some strong opponents. Overall, the students showcased some great skills and enthusiasm'











'Year 8 Black Ranges Tennis: A group of Year 8 boys and girls travelles to Horsham to play tennis against other schools. On a very hot day, the two teams battled against all the schools there, including Horsham College, Wimmera Lutheran, Marian and Warracknabeal. The boys were met with an unfortunate scheduling error, which saw Jack, Charlie, Jamie and Eden having to battle it out for nearly 2 and a half hours straight! They showed immense ticker to battle the heat and the other schools, finishing in the top three out of 7 teams for the day. The girls came into the day happy to have a hit around, only to be met with strong competition. To their credit, Milla, Asha, Maddie, Indi and Chloe showed their worth, finishing 3rd place out of 6 teams. A great effort from both teams all round'

Evie In Venice

Author: Bruna de Luca

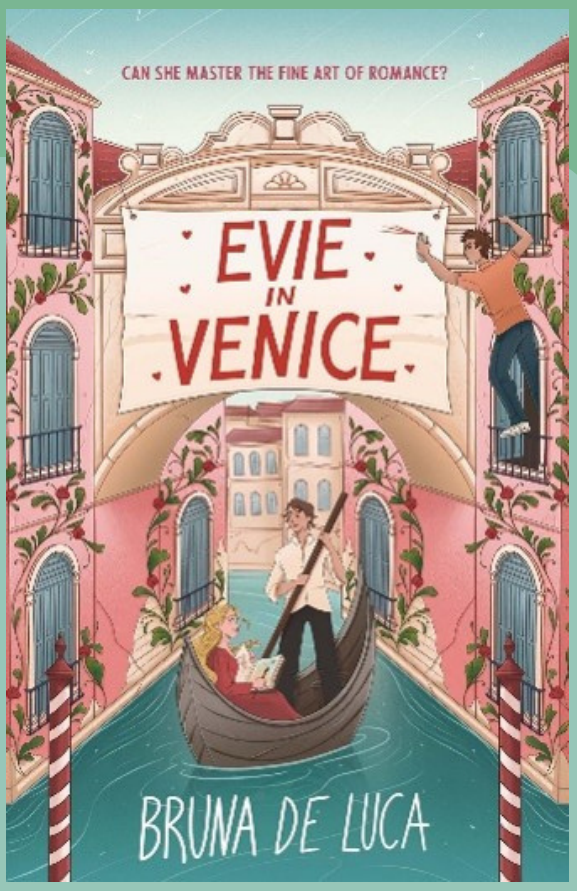
Evie is seventeen and living in Edinburgh. She loves art, but is struggling under the weight of family expectation.

Her older sister Grace, or Griselda as Evie calls her, was part of an interSTEAM science exchange program to Florence. This is where Evie is expected to go too, as Grace and her parents see science as the way for Evie to get ahead in life.

After being forced to give up art at school, she has managed to make a mark in the world of digital art and she gets into the interSTEAM program - but to study art in Venice, not science in Florence, which is what her family think she is doing!

Evie has built connections with others online through an Art Exchange program, and in particular there is one anonymous user that she feels a strong bond with. But with the interactions being limited and monitored, it is a complicated situation.

In Venice, Evie finds herself living in a beautiful house, that is far removed from her life in Scotland. Her hosts are the director of the art institute, and her son Leonardo, a talented artist himself. He doesn't seem thrilled that Evie is there, and compared to her life Evie thinks that surely, he has nothing to complain about. But is there more to Leonardo and his situation than he is letting on?



book of the week

Acknowledgment of Country: We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today: the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadwadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

It is a privilege to stand on Country and to recognise the enduring connection these Nations have to the land, waters and culture.

We also acknowledge the significant contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, alongside all Australians, to the education and wellbeing of all young people across this country we share - Australia.

STAWELL SECONDARY COLLEGE 2026 PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

Stawell Secondary College's Annual Presentation Ceremony will be held on Friday 27 November at 2pm in the Auditorium.

We would like to invite all families to come along and join us in celebrating the efforts and achievements of our Year 7-11 students in 2026

Our Year 12 students will be recognised for their achievements this year at their Graduation Ceremony.

Important dates

TERM 4	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 3	02 Nov Student Free Day	03 Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	04 Nov	05 Nov VCE EXAMS	06 Nov
WEEK 4	09 Nov	10 Nov	11 Nov VCE EXAMS	12 Nov	13 Nov
WEEK 5	16 Nov	17 Nov VCE EXAMS	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov



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David Burgess Scholarship - Applications Now Open

The David Burgess Scholarship Foundation (DBSF) supports exceptional, resilient young people from Victorian government secondary schools. Since 1991, it has awarded scholarships to nearly 80 students who have overcome significant adversity and gone on to succeed in tertiary education and life.
The scholarships are open to Year 12 students who have faced adversity and demonstrated determination, character and a commitment to their community.

Scholarship recipients receive:

Financial support of $7,500 per year, indexed, for the duration of their course at a Victorian university or TAFE.
Support from two volunteer mentors, who provide guidance and encouragement throughout their studies and help them transition from school to tertiary education.

This year's program also includes an additional STEM scholarship for a young woman intending to undertake tertiary study and pursue a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. The Toyota Community Trust is supporting one additional STEM scholarship each year for the next three years.

How to apply

Applications opened on Wednesday 7 October 2026 and close on Tuesday 10 November 2026. Applications must be submitted through SmartyGrants, administered by Equity Trustees. There is no limit to the number of students a school may nominate.

View the application information and apply here

Interested students are encouraged to review the eligibility criteria and application requirements. Please speak with Ms Ling, VCE Coordinator, if you need support with your application. A reminder that applications for the Youthrive Rural Chances Scholarship will close soon. Please see the scholarship flyer for details and apply as soon as possible!



MOVING OUTSIDE THE LINES



Moving Outside the Lines is an 18-month youth-led project supporting young people in Northern Grampians to create more inclusive, accessible and engaging recreation opportunities. The project gives young people a voice to share ideas, reimagine local spaces, design activities and help shape their community. If you are aged between 12 to 18 you are welcome to get involved.

Stawell

Every Wednesday until December, 2026.
4pm to 5pm
Stawell Library

St Arnaud

Every Thursday until December, 2026.
4pm to 5pm
St Arnaud Library



SCAN TO REGISTER

Link: **qrau.co/GsEdgK**

For more info:

Email lerkapaw.say@ngshire.vic.gov.au

NORTHERN Grampians SHIRE COUNCIL

VicHealth

PAC production of

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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Stawell Town Hall 23rd - 25th OCT - 30th Oct - 1st Nov 2026

Tickets avaliable through the QR or
in person at the Stawell Neighbourhood House

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book by Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by
Rob Roth

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).



SEASON 2026-27

WE ARE

FAMILY, FUN & FITNESS

Registrations are now open.

To register or for more information please visit
Stawell Little Athletics Facebook page or
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THURSDAYS 5PM TO 6.45PM
NORTH PARK STAWELL

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