



Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

*“A united community where everybody has responsibility in preparing youth for their future.”*

**CHALLENGE**

**EMPOWERMENT**

**RESPECT**

**RESILIENCE**

2025

Term 1

Week 1

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Jan

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan

Week 2

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Week 3

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Week 4

Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Week 5

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

Week 6

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Mar

4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 7

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Mar

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 8

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Mar

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Mar

Week 9

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 10

31<sup>st</sup> Mar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr

Staff only

Year 7 & 12 Students commence

Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 students commence

College Photos

Senior cricket

Meet the teachers, Year 7 BBQ – 5:00pm

High achievers assembly

House Swimming Carnival

Professional Learning, student free day

Year 12 Camp

SR Swimming

Surf Camp

Koori Partnership Program

NAPLAN

Labour Day – Public holiday

HR swimming

NAPLAN

Bushwalking – Arboretum

Term 1 Round Robin

Year 7 Camp

Bushwalking Camp

House Athletics Carnival

Last day Term 1, 2.30pm finish



*Calendar subject to change.*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT –

### Welcome back to another exciting year at Euroa Secondary College!

We hope everyone had a restful summer break and is ready for a fantastic year of learning and growth. It has been wonderful to see our students return with enthusiasm, and we extend a warm welcome to all new students and families joining our school community.

### Celebrating Our 2024 Graduates

We are incredibly proud of our 2024 graduates and their achievements. This year's university and TAFE offers reflect the diverse talents and aspirations of our students.

- **65%** of students received an offer for their first preference.
- **86%** received an offer for their first or second preference.
- **100%** of applicants secured a pathway into their first preference.
- Three students will be commencing studies at the University of Melbourne.

Many of our graduates are also taking a gap year before pursuing their chosen careers, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

### **Parent Workshop with Michael Carr-Gregg**

The Strathbogie Shire Council has organised a special parent workshop featuring renowned psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg, an expert in adolescent mental health. This free session, held on Tuesday, 20th February, at Euroa Cinema, will focus on raising resilient teens and provide valuable insights and practical strategies for parents and carers.

We are pleased to extend this invitation to our school community and encourage families to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. Spaces are limited, so please RSVP early to secure your spot. More details can be found on the attached flyer.

### **Welcome to Our New Staff**

We are delighted to welcome two new staff members to Euroa Secondary College:

- **Alison McKay** – Teaching Humanities and Business Management.
- **Kate Ryan** – Our new Mental Health Practitioner, supporting student wellbeing.

We look forward to the contributions Alison and Kate will bring to our school community.

### **Important Date Change: Staff Professional Learning Day**

Please note that our Staff Professional Learning Day has been rescheduled to Tuesday, 20th February (previously planned for the 19th). This adjustment allows our staff to participate in a full-day workshop with Michael Carr-Gregg, further strengthening our collective capacity to support student wellbeing.

### **Mobile Phone & Earbud-Free Policy**

A reminder that Euroa Secondary College is a phone and earbud-free school. Students must place their phones and earbuds in their lockers at the start of the school day and leave them there until the final bell. This policy, aligned with the Ministerial Order, helps maintain student engagement and minimize distractions in learning environments. We appreciate parents' support in reinforcing this expectation.

### **Swimming Sports Carnival – Friday, 14th February**

Our annual Swimming Sports Carnival is coming up on Friday, 14th February. This is always a fantastic day of competition, school spirit, and fun. We encourage all students to participate and cheer on their peers. Don't forget sunscreen, hats, and plenty of water!

### **Join Our School Council**

We invite parents to consider joining our School Council, an essential part of our school's governance. The council plays a key role in shaping policies, improving facilities, and planning for the future of our college. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the school office.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year ahead.

Warm regards,

**Anna Eddy**

*Principal, Euroa Secondary College*

**Don't miss the:**

**Music Recruitment/Info Night**

Your chance to sign up to learn an instrument

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm**

Following "Meet the Teachers" BBQ

**See you there!!**

**Congratulations to** Jeremiah Johnston, Grace Whitney, and Tyler Kippling on being awarded the Euroa Young Citizens of the Year as part of today's Australia Day celebrations. We are incredibly proud of your achievements and look forward to seeing you continue to showcase your band, The Viceroy's, in upcoming music events throughout 2025



### **Yr 12 Food Studies**

The students returned to the kitchen to make a Crispy Rice Chicken Salad. Once we had finished the students discussed how this connected to their first Area of Study: The Science of Food  
Ms Bellinger



**Absences** - It would be appreciated if parents could phone the College, email or use COMPASS. if students will not be attending school for any reason.

The College needs to be notified if a student has Covid.

If students are marked as absent at Home Group and we have not been notified, then a follow up text message will be sent automatically.

### **College Bank Details –**

Account Name: EUROA SECONDARY COLLEGE - COUNCIL OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia. BSB: 063682 Account Number: 10167293

**Visitors to the College** - All visitors must sign in at the front Office.

Payments may be made by way of cheque, cash, EFT, BPay or Credit Card over the phone.

Please don't hesitate to contact the college by email or phone if you have any queries, Teaching staff can be contacted via their emails.

**Conveyance Allowance** - students who live 4.8 kilometres from their bus stop or from the school (if they are not serviced by a bus and travel by car) may be eligible for conveyance allowance. Forms can be obtained from the Office.

**School Bus** - As per direction from PTV (Public Transport Victoria) the school bus service is not there to provide transport to get to after-school jobs, social or sports training etc. Any bus traveller who needs to make a "one off" request to change buses, must give Mr Williams a note signed by a parent/guardian on the morning of the day of such a request. Be mindful that the answer may have to be "no", **the Violet Town Bus is full**, there can be no "one off" requests for this bus.



Parents driving their students to school are reminded that students should be dropped off and picked up at the Campbell Street entrance to the school, near the front gates, not in the bus area during bus times.

### **In the case of a Fire/Flood in the area: School bus transport.**

Buses will not be permitted to leave the College if a bush fire is in the area. Staff will also be encouraged to remain onsite. Buses will not operate in the morning or afternoon if there is any bush fire activity threat on the bus route (ie a burning fire).

Bus routes passing through high-risk areas or routes operated by schools in high-risk locations will be closed on high-risk fire days.

A school bus route will be closed if it has to pass through an area affected by fire even if the associated school is not affected by fire and remains open.

Information on changes to bus routes or cancellation of services will be provided by the school and via this website.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx#BusClosures>

### **Catastrophic FDR days:**

Schools and early childhood services on the BARR and Category 4 list regardless of risk category, must close and cancel their buses on days forecasted by the Bureau of Meteorology as a Catastrophic FDR (Fire Danger Rating) in their fire weather district. All other buses which travel through the Catastrophic FDR fire weather district will also be cancelled. Catastrophic FDR is the highest level of fire danger. These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire and if a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. Catastrophic FDR days will be forecast for the whole of a fire weather district.

**Euroa Secondary College is on the Category 4 list (grassfire), the College will be closed, with no one onsite and bus services will not run on Catastrophic FDR days.**

### **CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursions Funding)**

Government funding is available to all Parents that have a Health Care / Pension Card. \$256.00

CSEF application forms for 2025 can be collected from the general office, also attached. CSEF must be applied for annually and the first payment run is March. Applications for this year close 4/7/25. Please submit ASAP for prompt processing.

**Canteen** – A reminder to students that you are not permitted to use your phones in the canteen, an eftpos card or cash only must be used.

### **Student Images**

At Euroa Secondary College we celebrate the efforts of our students by mentioning their participation in school events and their achievements in our school newsletter. Occasionally photographs of students are included. We also use photographs of students in our school magazine and school website along with examples of their work. If you have any concerns about how photographs of your child may be used by the school please let us know.

**Personal property/goods at own risk** - Personal property or goods brought to school are at the owners own risk. The Department of Education does not have an insurance policy covering these items and does not accept responsibility for anything that may happen to them. My advice is not to bring or allow anything of personal value to come to school.

**Student accident insurance arrangement** -The Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs involved i.e. Ambulance which will be called if we deem necessary. Student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare. They can be obtained by parents for individual students.

### **School Immunisation Program**

Schools are authorised under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009* to provide student and parent/guardian basic contact details (for those students eligible for school based vaccines) to the immunisation provider for the purposes of delivering the Secondary School Vaccine Program.

Please contact the school by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 if you do not want your contact details given to the City of Wodonga immunisation service.

**Annual privacy reminder** - Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

**“School Facebook Page”** Euroa Secondary College has an official Facebook page, where we feature interesting things that our students are doing and show what goes on at school during the day. Anyone from the school community is welcome to follow our page at; <https://www.facebook.com/EuroaSecondaryCollege/>

### **Please check out our students ARTWORK @ Euroasc\_art Gallery**



[https://www.facebook.com/Euroasc\\_art-Gallery-1641096692770958/](https://www.facebook.com/Euroasc_art-Gallery-1641096692770958/)



## Important Information: School Saving Bonus of \$400

The Department of Education has now sent emails with your Unique School Saving Bonus Codes for access within the School Saving Bonus Portal.

Please refer to the following web page: <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus>

This information is available in a range of selected languages.

Some key information we wish to bring to your attention is below:

- Please select your options for uniforms, textbooks or school activities **carefully** as once your selection is completed it **cannot** be reversed
- Options for in-store purchases or online voucher purchases are available
- Access and use of the \$400.00 School Saving Bonus is available until 30 June 2025 for use on textbooks and uniforms
- Funds not used as of 30 June 2025, will be directed from the Portal to your child's school account for activities such as camps, sports, and excursions
- Support is available by emailing [school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au) or phoning 1800 338 663 during business hours
- More Information - [Click here](#) for the "System guide for parents and carers".

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities. Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

### Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.



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## WELCOME TO SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD



The Euroa Secondary College uniform range is now available via the following option:

Online:

[www.spartanschoolworld.com.au](http://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au)

Select Euroa Secondary College from the "FIND MY SCHOOL" list of schools.

Place your order.

Choose weekly delivery to school or home/private address.

## SHIPPING OPTIONS

Free School Delivery - Weekly during school terms.

Postage to private address - \$12.50 per order.

Please allow 4 - 5 days for delivery after despatch of your order.

An order confirmation will be sent once your order is processed.

Instore shopping is also available:

**Spartan School World  
Niddrie Store**

Level 2/445B Keilor Road, Niddrie. 3042.

**Trading hours:**

Monday/Wednesday/Friday  
12.00pm to 5.00pm.

1st Saturday each month 9.00am to 12.00pm.

**Customer Service**

(03) 9837 9730

Email

[onlineorders@spartanss.com.au](mailto:onlineorders@spartanss.com.au)



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Retail Uniform Service



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Read 100 pages of a book or ebook, and Miss Creek will give you a green token

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Complete the Challenge, and there could be prizes!



We now have  
*Instagram*

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We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Taungurung People, who have nurtured their families and taught their children here for tens of thousands of years.

We honour the Elders of the past, present, and those emerging who hold a deep connection to this Country, its waterways, and skies.

Our school community is privileged to reside on this beautiful Taungurung Country, and we are committed to learning from the Taungurung people now and into the future.

A **reminder**, Euroa Secondary College is a Device-Free Zone, in line with the Ministerial Order requiring all schools to implement this policy. This means that mobile phones and wireless earbuds must be stored in lockers during the school day. The policy is designed to minimize distractions in the classroom, creating an environment focused on learning, while also encouraging face-to-face interactions to foster stronger social skills and relationships among students.





## AIR FORCE CADETS

# The Air Force Cadets are now RECRUITING!

FROM 01 OCTOBER 2024  
TO 31 MARCH 2025

APPLY ONLINE

[airforcecadets.gov.au](http://airforcecadets.gov.au)

@airforcecadets

The Australian Air Force Cadets No. 419 Squadron in Shepparton are now recruiting for their 2025 intake. There will be an information evening in Shepparton on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 25.

If you're between 12 - 15 (must be in high school and turning 13 in 2025) and have an interest in aviation, drones, STEM, leadership and personal development, fieldcraft, a career in the Australian Defence Force, or just want to make new friends, we're keen to have you join our ranks. You'll learn many new skills and have a lot of fun along the way.

We are sponsored by the Royal Australian Air Force and you will have the opportunity to fly and visit Defence Bases in Victoria, and so much more

To register to attend the information evening or for more information email:

[co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au](mailto:co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au)

Expressions of interest to join can be completed at:

[www.airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join](http://www.airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join)



**EUROA GOLF CLUB**

**ANNUAL JUNIOR GOLF TWILIGHT SERIES**

**FEB 24th & MARCH 3rd, 17th & 24th - 4.30pm-6.30 pm (approx)**

*Boys & girls aged 6-16 / \$2 per session / Equipment available by arrangement / Prizes / Modified game for beginners*

**For planning purposes, all players must register by contacting Gail - 0417329807 or Judy- 0427985277**

The poster features a silhouette of a golfer in mid-swing on the right, a golf ball with three stars on the left, and a golf flag on a green mound at the bottom. The background has a sunburst effect.