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# Euroa Secondary College



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

**CHALLENGE      EMPOWERMENT      RESPECT      RESILIENCE**

**Term 4**

**Week 11**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**EOY Activities**

**Week 12**

**Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Presentation Evening**

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Last day Term 4 2023**



**2024**

**Term 1**

**Week 1**

**Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Year 7, 11 & 12 Students commence**

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan**

**Year 8, 9 & 10 students commence**

**Week 2**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**College Photos**

**Week 3**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Senior Cricket**

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Meet the teachers BBQ**

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**House swimming sports**

*Calendar subject to change.*

## DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CARERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS,



On Monday 11 December students who sat the 2023 VCE exams received their results. We have a tradition of our Dux scoring in the top 10% of the state. Congratulations to our 2023 Dux, Jordan Kipping, who has been a high achieving student this year and throughout their time at school. Jordan will be studying Science at university and is considering which university they will attend.

We are very proud of all our students who completed year 12 and also those who sat exams. Other high achievers are Milly Watson, Molly Redfern and students in Year 11 completing Year 12 subjects: Ellie Bott (scored 47 in Art Making and Exhibiting) and Rachael Buerckner and Angus Mackrell in VET Information Technology. Their achievements along with the achievements of students in other year levels will be celebrated at the Presentation Evening held on Tuesday 19 December at the school.



We also have many graduating Year 12 students who have been highly successful in School Based Apprenticeships and are continuing on or beginning Apprenticeships or Traineeships in a number of areas. Thank you to the local businesses who are supporting our local students. Congratulations to all of these students for such a successful completion to their secondary schooling:

## Apprenticeships

Angus Murray Plumbing, Ned Ivill Electrical, Seth Kilroy Baking, Emma Penman Hair, Ruby Smyth Hair, Harrison Douglas Fitter and Turner, Harrison Wall Electrical – Solar



## Traineeships

Alif Chambers Sales, Nathan Groom Track Maintenance, Abby Harrison Real Estate



## Welcome new Year 7 students

Our Orientation Days for Grade 6 students starting Year 7 next year went very well with students participating in a number of activities, getting to know each other and their teachers. The 2 days provides an effective amount of time for them to be ready, feeling comfortable and keen to start in secondary school next year. Welcome to all!

Our Year 8, 9 and 10 students enjoyed activities at Funfields and at DFO for these days. School Based Activities are being provided for the rest of this week.

In 2024:

Monday 30 January	Staff return
Tuesday 31 January	Year 7, 11 and 12 return
Wednesday 1 February	Year 8 and 9 return (for Year 10/11 VET Day – VET starts on Wednesday 8 February)
Thursday 2 February	Year 10 students return to school

## Fully Staffed for 2024

We are very fortunate to have new staff starting at the school next year. Ebony Jennings (Maths/Health/PE and Year 11/12 Co-ordinator) will join us, along with Scott Leopold (Humanities), Ashley Patton (Humanities) and Neal Williams (Biology/Science). Farewell to Maddi McCluskey, Beornn McCarthy and Matilda Murrhly who are moving on to other schools.

Thank you for the support that we have received from parents/carers and family members. Education is a partnership with students, family and the school. We greatly appreciate the support from School Council and I thank the Council members for all of their work and also thank our broader school community for their contribution to the school. It is wonderful to think about using our resources locally and educating all of our young people locally, at the local school, within the Shire of Strathbogie. The more resources we put into our local school, the better for all young people in the area and the economy of the area in general.

Although we have a few days left, I wish our school community a happy and safe holiday break and look forward to our return for 2024.

Kind regards  
Leanne Winfield

## Euroa Secondary College Valedictory Dinner



*Photo: 2023 Graduating Students from Euroa Secondary College. Photo credit: The Occasion Studio Wangaratta*

On Friday 24 November, Euroa Secondary College celebrated with the VCE Class of 2023 and their families at the GV Hotel in Shepparton. The evening was hosted by the School Captains, Molly Redfern and Samy Tatai, along with Assistant Principal, Matthew Koutroubas and Year 12 Co-ordinator Maddi McCluskey. School Council President, Juana McKeachie and Principal, Leanne Winfield, both spoke about our young people completing their secondary school education and moving into the future to take up exciting opportunities and also to recognize what a wonderful group of young people we always have as students at Euroa. This year's Year 12 group was definitely a prime example of a cohort of students who worked hard at their study and supported and cared for each other.

Students sat VCE exams in October and November and others completed the final VCAL course, following the introduction of VCE Vocational Major in Year 11 this year and Year 12 next year. Congratulations to all students for completion of VCE/VCAL and their achievements. Surrounded by family, friends and school staff, students received academic and values awards and a completion certificate.

A number of students will be going on to university, some to TAFE and some to Apprenticeships or work. Some students will be choosing to have a gap year to broaden their experience, take a break from study and save for the cost of study. We wish them all the best for their futures.



School Council President Juana McKeachie speaking at the dinner with Molly Redfern, Samy Tatai and Leanne Winfield in the background.



## George Hunter Scholarship

At the Valedictory Dinner the George Hunter Scholarship was presented by Jan Maree Birch who is one of the trustees of the scholarship. The trustees met in November to make the difficult decision to award the scholarship to two of the sixteen applicants.

George Hunter appreciated the support that he had been given as a young man and later in life he became a philanthropist and donated generously to the Euroa community. George Hunter left a significant trust for a scholarship for students at Euroa Secondary College. His wife Ruth also donated to the foundation in her will.



Depending on the financial situation, the trustees usually choose two applicants for the scholarship of \$10,000 each. The scholarship is provided each year for applications from Euroa Secondary College students who are moving on to further study, an apprenticeship or to work and to help them to be able to achieve their ambitions.

Students from the school have been receiving scholarships from this foundation for over 25 years. The 2023 successful applicants are Tamara Potter and Lily Skinner who will use the funds to support their study at university. At the Valedictory Dinner, Jan Maree presented Tamara and Lily with their scholarship awards.

*Photo: Jan Maree Birch with Tamara Potter and Lily Skinner*

*Photo credit: The Occasion Studio Wangaratta*

## Container Deposit Scheme

Euroa Secondary College has registered as a fundraising organisation for Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme! Help us make a lot of change by recycling drink containers. By donating your eligible containers to Euroa Secondary College you will not only help the environment, but also help contribute to improving our student facilities! Every year Victorians use billions of drink containers and sadly many are not recycled. By recycling eligible drink containers through CDS Vic you can help to build Victoria's circular economy. It's a change that's good for our school community and even better for the environment.

That's a lot of change.

We are asking for students, families and the wider community to get involved and help raise valuable funds for our students. The more funds we raise, the more we can give back to our students!

**Container Deposit Scheme Donation Partner EUROA SECONDARY COLLEGE**

**How to donate your eligible drink containers to Euroa Secondary**

**Step 1**

- Collect eligible drink containers
- Check for the 10c mark on the label
- Don't crush!

**Step 2**

- Drop your containers directly to Euroa Timber Yard collection point and nominate ESC
- Send your containers to school with students
- Drop your containers off at ESC

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

**“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/)

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

Payments may be made by way of Cheque by post, 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 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 needs to give Mr Koutroubas 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.

**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 Catastrophic FDR 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.**

RHU Uniforms will be onsite at the College for fittings on the 11<sup>th</sup> December from 10.30am

## HOW TO ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORMS



### 1. Online Ordering

1 Visit: [www.rhuniforms.com.au](http://www.rhuniforms.com.au) go to FIND YOUR SCHOOL & select your school

### 2. RHU Niddrie Shop

445B Keilor Road, Niddrie, VIC 3042

Open: Monday 9.30am-5.00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am-3pm  
Phone: 1800 002 909

Email: [customerservice@rhuniforms.com.au](mailto:customerservice@rhuniforms.com.au)



Please Note: School Uniform deliveries cannot go to the school until the student has started at the school, please provide a business or home address if ordering before this time.

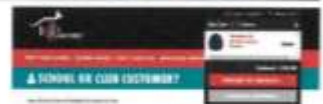
## HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE

STEP 1. Go to [www.rhuniforms.com.au](http://www.rhuniforms.com.au)

hover over the FIND YOUR SCHOOL tab or click on it & select your school



STEP 2. Choose your Product & size then add them to your cart. PROCEED TO CHECKOUT once you're done.

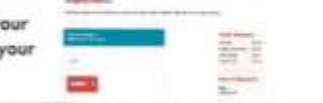


STEP 3. Choose your delivery option.

1. Send to your home. Minimum \$15. Please allow 5-10 working days
2. Delivery to your school. FREE. Please allow 5-10 working days
3. Pick up from RHUiforms Showroom. FREE. Please allow 1-2 working days



STEP 4. PROCEED TO PURCHASE, enter your email and click SUBMIT. Enter the rest of your details and Pay for your uniform.



You will receive an email confirmation of your order and order number.

Phone: 1800 002 909  
Email: [customerservice@rhuniforms.com.au](mailto:customerservice@rhuniforms.com.au)



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## Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge that Euroa Secondary College is on Taungurung Country.

We would like to begin by acknowledging and paying our respects to the traditional owners, the Taungurung people, whose country we are on, and we would also like to extend our respect to their Elders, both past and present.

We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land, our sorrow for the personal, spiritual, and cultural costs of the sharing and our hope that we may walk forward together in harmony and in the spirit of healing.