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ALEXANDRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

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WEEK 2

## Love where you learn...we do!



Week Two! Our Year 7's seem like they have been here for much longer than their second week. They are confident, kind and eager to learn, and have impressed the rest of our school community with their seamless transition.

*Above: Zoe Mullins, Harrison Christie & Taya Barkley*

### Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 7th February* - Year 7 Camp
- Friday 17th February* - Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 21st of February* - Year7 Parent BBQ and Music Info night, and our Investiture Assembly
- Thursday 23rd of February*—School Photos

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What are our kids talking about this week?

**Don't forget to ensure your child comes to school with a hat each day please.**

# Principal's Report

We had a really positive start to the school year last week. This was enhanced by “Big Sister” spending a day each with our Year 11 and 12 girls and “Man Cave” with our Year 11 and 12 boys. All students we have spoken with have spoken highly of how valuable the days were both individually and as a collective. As a staff, we also had professional learning with both groups on Wednesday and Thursday night after school which gave us great insight into what our young people are navigating and strategies for supporting them. We are incredibly thankful to Bron Howell, who has done an amazing job bringing these two high impact organisations into our school. We are looking to bring “Big Sister” and “Man Cave” back in Term 2 for our Year 7s and later in the year for a refresher course with all other year levels.

One of the best days on our school calendar is almost here; Our annual Swimming Sports are on Friday 17th February. This is a great day where we celebrate not only excellence but also participation. Our swimming carnival is full of colour, and while not required, we love that most students come in their House colours and many show great imagination with costumes.

Parents and family are very welcome to attend as either spectators or helpers (there is always room for a parent on a stopwatch).

Just a few rules for families to be aware of:

- Students need to wear appropriate bathers at our school event, being conscious that anything too revealing can make others feel uncomfortable.
- We require students to cover up with T-Shirts or the like when not swimming to be SunSmart.
- Zinc and streamers are not permitted as this affects the pool water/filters.
- No “Takeaway” food e.g. chips/pizza is allowed in the venue and we ask parents to please support us with this. We run a BBQ at the pool for students wishing to buy food and drink.
- Students may not use mobile phones without first seeking permission from staff, if parents need to contact their son/daughter they should do so by ringing the front office as is usual practice.

Next Monday there will be a sign-up sheet for students wishing to join the Student Representative Council, SRC.

Any student who wishes can join. SRC plays an important role in making changes in the College through student voice. They also organise activities and fundraisers for the College.

**Often a small encouragement from home can be the difference a student needs to grasp an opportunity at school.**

We wish our Year 7s a fun and engaging rest of the week on their camp out at Rubicon.

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**Our Vet Hospitality Students would like to thank Mookie, who very kindly filled in for Trace last week in the Cafeteria, whilst doing so the hospitality students were able to gain invaluable skills serving customers and processing financial transactions.**



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# Gift Giving and Receiving Japanese Style



Year 9 Japanese students have been exploring the language and etiquette relevant to gift giving and receiving in Japan. We were fortunate to have Felicity Smith, our librarian visit the class to instruct in the folding of a cloth square or 'furoshiki,' which is the traditional means of wrapping a gift. Additionally, Felicity instructed in how to use paper to wrap a gift kimono style.



Students have confirmed they will use these wrapping styles to wrap their Mother's Day gifts this year!



# Our students thoughts on ...

## Week 2 - what Subject is the front runner for you

I am having a lot of fun in PE, I really enjoy sporting activities.

**Xahli Sutton-Stevenson**



I am really enjoying Health & Human Development so far. Mrs Crouch is great at explaining things, and encouraging really involved conversations.

**Maddy Northmore**



I am really enjoying Wood work with Mr Crowley, he is a great teacher. It is nice to be able to do some independent working there.

**Ava Carr**

PE is a great experience at the moment, we have been having activities in the Stadium and Mr Nadj is a great Teacher.

**Nathan Hendricks**



I am loving Japanese and PE, It is fun learning new Japanese terms.

**Emma Simpson**



**fun fact :** Each week we love to catch up with our kids and find out what they are enjoying at School, and find out what they would like to talk about, change or celebrate.



# TAKE MUSIC LESSONS

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AND BE INVOLVED IN A BAND?

If so, please contact Nick Lester to discuss options.

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# Bringing Up Great Kids

## Parenting group

Be the kind of parent you would  
like to be!

Learn more about

- Getting in tune with your child through mindfulness and reflection
- Understanding the why of your child's behaviour and how to bring in more calm
- Improving communication through understanding early brain development
- Ways that parents can care for themselves and find support when they need it



Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm  
The Cottage, 24 Cooper St (on  
old hospital grounds) Alexandra  
Commencing 28 Feb - 4 April  
to register call  
**Central Intake 1800 161 306**



For parents and carers with  
children aged from 4-12 years old



## HELP DECIDE THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE EILDON RESERVES REDEVELOPMENT

Community members are invited to be part of a collaborative engagement process to explore options and make recommendations to Council regarding the sale of land parcels to part fund the Eildon Reserves Redevelopment, delivering the first stage of the Eildon Splash and Skate Park Project.

No matter who you are, or whether you've been involved so far, help us determine the way forward for the Project, by submitting your expression of interest (EOI) to join our 'Deliberative Panel'.

Visit [theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/eildonpark](https://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/eildonpark) to find out more and submit your EOI. EOIs close on Thursday 16 February 2023.

To learn more about why we need people to be part of this engagement process and what you can expect from being part of the Deliberative Panel, we encourage you to come along to the following information session:

### **Community Information Session**

Thursday 9 February from 6.00 - 8.00 pm  
Eildon Community Centre





**The Board of Directors of Alexandra District Health  
invite you to join us for our  
2021-2022 Annual General Meeting**

**This event will be held on  
Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at 4.00pm, at  
Alexandra District Hospital.  
Tea and Coffee provided.**



**Please RSVP to [Jennifer.Creed@adh.org.au](mailto:Jennifer.Creed@adh.org.au)  
by Friday 17th February.**