



NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Break Message

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding year, I'd like to wish all our students, families, and staff a joyful and restful Christmas break. Thank you for your ongoing support, energy, and commitment to our school community. We hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Zac and his family, as well as Reuben, Madeleine, Annabelle and Gabriel and their family, to our school community. We look forward to getting to know you and supporting a smooth and positive transition as the children join us for partial enrolment. We hope you quickly feel at home, and we are excited to have you as part of our vibrant and caring school community.

Final School Council Meeting

A reminder that our final School Council meeting for the year will be held on Friday 12 December. We would like to sincerely thank members of School Council for their commitment, guidance and support throughout the year. Your contribution continues to make a significant difference to our school community. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Glenda, our dedicated volunteer who has supported us so generously all year. Her time, care and willingness to help wherever needed have been truly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who plays a role in making our school such a warm, supportive and thriving place to be.

First Day for 2026

Students return to school on Thursday 29 January. Staff will return on Tuesday 27 January and Wednesday 28 January. Please ensure you check the school calendar for all important dates throughout the year

Reminders

Thursday 29th January 2026
First Day of Term

PLAYGROUP 2026
HOMESCHOOLING FAMILY
PROGRAM
Monday's 10.00-1.30pm

Calendar Dates - 2025

Thurs Jan 29 - Students First Day
Mon Feb 16 - Responsible Pet Incursion
Mon Feb 16 - Welcome Family Picnic
TBC Feb - School Council
Mon Mar 9 - Labour Day Public Holiday
TBC Mar - School Council AGM
Thur Apr 2 - Last Day - Term 1
Fri Apr 3 - Good Friday Public Holiday

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Homeschool Monday's 2026

Due to the wonderful success of our Term 4 Homeschool Mondays, we are excited to extend this program into Term 1, 2026. Mondays are so much fun at Langley, with Gardening, Playgroup, Music, Reading, Art, and games activities available for homeschooling families from 10:00Am-1:00Pm. These sessions provide a relaxed and engaging environment where children can explore different learning experiences, connect with peers, and enjoy a variety of hands-on activities.

Playgroup Monday's 2026

A playgroup for 0-5-year-olds is included as part of our Monday program. In 2026, our Monday Playgroup will continue to run as a warm and welcoming space for young children and their families to connect, explore, and grow together. Each Monday morning, children can enjoy a variety of play-based activities that support early development, creativity, and social confidence. It's also a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to meet others in the community, build relationships, and feel supported as their children learn and play. We look forward to seeing both returning families and new faces throughout the year, and we encourage you to share this opportunity with any families who may be interested. For further information, please contact Erica.

Social media restrictions

New social media regulations will soon come into effect, bringing important changes for students and families. These updated rules place stronger limits on how young people can access and use social media platforms, with the aim of improving online safety and reducing exposure to cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and harmful online interactions. While these adjustments may require some initial changes to routines at home and school, they are designed to provide students with a safer and more supportive digital environment. See below a link to further resources to help families understand what the new restrictions will mean in practice.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/social-media-age-restrictions>.



Free public transport

From 1 January 2026, people aged under 18 can travel free on all Victorian public transport services using a new youth myki card. This includes trams, trains, buses and coach services.

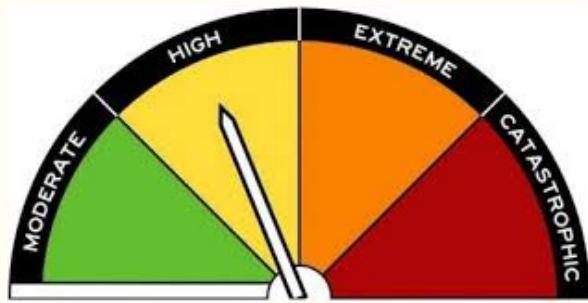
To access free travel, they must tap the myki card on and off each time they travel. For areas that do not use myki cards, they must show their myki card to travel free.

More information about the youth myki card will be available later in Term 4, 2025 – refer to the myki types webpage on the Transport Victoria website.

For more information about other travel options to school, and support for eligible students, refer to the Travelling to school webpage on the Victorian Government website.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires. An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in Central, North Central fire weather district.

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by telephone.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.
- As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan prioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website or any member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the CFA's website.
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days

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- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook(<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the Bushfire At- Risk Register (BARR). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the Category 4 List.

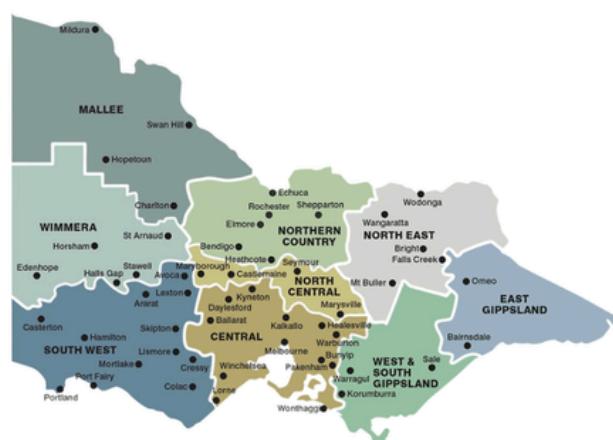
The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bush- fire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.



Community News..

Social media age restrictions webinars

From 10 December 2025, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australian children under 16 create or keep an account.

Join our information sessions for parents and carers; educators and youth-serving professionals to understand the changes, their purpose and implications.

Parents and carers

The 30-minute webinar will help parents and carers understand the upcoming changes to social media access for children under 16.

Join our information session to:

- understand the purpose of the new age restrictions and how they aim to protect young Australians
- understand which platforms will require users to be 16+ and what platforms they can still access
- get tips and resources to support your child's online safety and wellbeing through the transition.

Parents and carers will gain:

- a clear understanding of the new rules and their implications
- confidence in guiding their child through these changes
- access to trusted resources to support safe and positive online engagement.

Please click the dropdown box on the registration form to pick your preferred date.

15 December 2025, 1:00pm (AEDT)

10 February 2026, 12:30pm (AEDT)

24 February 2026, 12:30pm (AEDT)

REGISTER NOW

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions/webinars>



Woodend Winter Arts Festival Presents

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

3.00pm Saturday 13th December 2025

St Ambrose Church, Woodend

Join us for a family friendly afternoon of Christmas Carols, as outstanding chamber choir Ensemble Gombert, directed by John O'Donnell, bring the Christmas cheer to Woodend once again.

Imagine being in Kings College Cambridge listening to Christmas carols of many times and places, from the Medieval era to the present day, with much-loved melodies from Europe, the Americas and Australia. The program will feature some well-known carols, including many family favourites, along with some lesser-known pieces.

Listen to them in the glorious acoustics of St Ambrose Church. Don't miss what is guaranteed to be an enjoyable and uplifting performance by Australia's premier *a cappella* choral ensemble. Tickets are on sale now!



For tickets and more information visit
woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au
We encourage you to book online to avoid disappointment.





SUPPORTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY SPORT

FREE WORKSHOP

FOR SPORTS COACHES AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROVIDERS

Thursday 19th of February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 21st of February 2pm - 4pm

Castlemaine CFA Fire Station, 383 Barker St, Castlemaine
Light refreshments provided

Scan the QR code to book your workshop ticket or visit:
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1500345>



This FREE interactive workshop is a neuro-affirming session developed and facilitated by people with lived experience. The workshop will help community sports clubs and physical activity providers understand neurodiversity and how to implement practical strategies to create inclusive, supportive environments for neurodivergent children.

Contact Jo at Sports Focus for further information on 5442 3101 or joc@sportsfocus.com.au



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Playgroup for 0-5
onsite for duration
of program

Library, Gardening, Music & Art Lessons for HOME SCHOOLING FAMILIES



10 - 1.30pm
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7 Parsell Rd, Langley
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Call Erica on 0408 484 066 for more info

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E-scooter Road Rules

Tougher penalties as e-scooters are made permanent.

e-scooter riders cannot

- Ride on the footpath
- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Carry passengers or animals or ride in tandem
- Ride a high-speed e-scooter, one capable of more than 25 km/h
- Ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60 km/h

e-scooter riders must

- Be aged 16 years and over
- Not exceed the maximum speed of 20 km/h
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit up to 60 km/h
- Wear a helmet at all times
- Follow traffic rules
- Use lights and reflectors



Scan the QR code to learn more

For more information (including community language translations)
transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules



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SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN!

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Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

