



Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to welcome all students, staff, family members and friends to the 2025 school year. In particular, we welcome our new students and their families to Emerson School. It is wonderful to have you join our Emerson School community.

There are many exciting times ahead for our school. The new playground at our Junior/Senior Campus is up and running and has been enjoyed by our students. The new Stage 2, Wood Technology and Automotive Studies building is progressing rapidly.

It will certainly be a year of celebration and learning success for students.

JOHN MOONEY

Principal



SUBWAY ORDERS

Our first Subway lunch orders for 2025 will be Wednesday 12th February 2025.

There are special Subway envelopes available at the office of either campus. Please fill in details with the correct money included and hand these to the Office any time before Tuesday 10.00am each week.



DIARY DATES 2024

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - Curriculum Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY - Houses Commences

THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY - Parent Information Night

MONDAY 10TH MARCH - Labour Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

THURSDAY 27ST MARCH - PSR Night (**EARLY FINISH**)

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL - Last Day of Term 1 (**EARLY FINISH**)

TUESDAY 22ND APRIL - First Day of Term 2

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL - Anzac Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Friendliness

We will be studying the value, Friendliness, for the next fortnight.

Friendliness is caring about other people and taking a genuine interest in them. It makes others feel welcome and at ease.

At the beginning of every school year we welcome many new students and staff to Emerson. Every student must familiarise themselves with so many things- new teacher, new classmates, new classrooms and it can be bit scary sometimes. We welcomed our new staff and students at assembly this morning with a big smile and three cheers.

A smile is a very powerful way of being friendly. Spike Milligan's poem below describes how powerful a smile can be.

Smile

Smiling is infectious

You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today

I started smiling too

I walked around the corner

And someone saw me grin

When he smiled I realised I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile

And then realised its worth

A single smile like mine

Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin

Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic

And get the world infected

SCHOOL HAT REMINDER

Reminder to wear hats for Term 1.

It is compulsory for students to wear hats in Terms 1 & 4. We also strongly suggest sunscreen is applied and a water bottle is brought to school to keep hydrated.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO FAMILIES TO LABEL ALL SCHOOL BELONGINGS, ESPECIALLY SCHOOL JUMPERS AND SCHOOL JACKETS.

EMERSON SCHOOL—ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Emerson School collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#). These policies can be found on our website.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy ([Privacy Policy](#)) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Child safety and wellbeing at Emerson School: information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Emerson School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on the school's website.

<https://www.emersonsc.vic.edu.au/policies-documents/>

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

