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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

### Building News

On Tuesday a group of us had the opportunity to go into the new buildings and learn about the electrics, plumbing, security and the general running of each area. It was really exciting walking through the spaces and imagining the staff and students having such a lovely space to work in. Having a half basketball court, spacious Admin area, a Library/resource area and a more spacious staff lounge are some of the rooms we are lucky to be opening next term. As you all are, we are also VERY excited about the Car Park – this means more space for parent parking and less distance for staff to travel from their cars to the school.

### School AGM

The Annual General Meeting was postponed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Please let the office know if you will be attending. The VET Food Tech Students will be providing food and service for the meeting.

### Staffing

The Assistant Principals and myself have been busy running panels to recruit new Teachers and Teacher Aides to our school. We are very happy to announce our new school appointments. Teachers- Vandna and Manpreet. Teacher Aides- Chloe, Sarah, Michael, Meena, Chantelle, Jacinta.

### Assemblies

This year we have changed the planning and delivery of our school assemblies. We recognised last year that our students were not fully engaged in our whole school assemblies. As our student enrolments have grown, we are also recognising that we need to redefine the purpose and process of our celebrations with students, staff and families. This term, Teachers and Leaders have been planning and trialling different methods for students meeting together to celebrate their learning. We look forward to sharing these successes with you next term and inviting you to be part of this celebration of achievement.

### Parent/Community Engagement

This year one of our School Goals is to increase the connection we have with our school community. We will be measuring this by the attendance we have at SSG days. One of our strategies is increasing the positive and informative communication between our staff and families/careers.

### SSG Day

Save the date! April 5<sup>th</sup> is a student free day. Teaching teams are working on DRAFT ILP goals to share with you. They will also be discussing with you all the best method of communicating with you about your child. There are many options in the modern world and we are excited to be sharing some ideas with you.

Best wishes everyone  
Brooke



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SCHOOL CARE  
COMMUNICATION  
LINE**  
**0447 085 696**

**Bacchus Marsh  
Coaches**

**ABSENCE  
LINE**  
**1800 660 530**



## STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

No students are to be dropped off before 8.45am, if you arrive before 8.45am you are expected to wait with your child until their teacher collects them after 8.45am.

All student drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon will be directed to the Parent Drop Off/Pick Up area. There are signs directing you to this area. This will be open from 8.30am and from 2.30pm.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CAR PARK IS CLOSED TO ALL PUBLIC VEHICLE TRAFFIC FROM  
8.30AM TO 9.15AM  
2.30PM TO 3.15PM**

Please take note of parking restrictions that operate in the surrounding streets.

**Parking congestion is expected to ease dramatically in Term 2 with the completion of Melton Secondary and Melton Specialist's building works.**

## BUS REMINDERS

**Just a friendly reminder for families to be ready at your designated stop at the advised arrival/pick up time.**

If you would like to apply to use the bus please contact the Administration Office for an *Application for Transport Assistance Form*. Once this has been received you will need to attend a Travel Plan meeting and your child's travel needs will be discussed.

Please ensure that any equipment that your child uses to assist travel is available for bus staff to access. For electronic equipment it must be fully charged each morning. The classroom will not be charging equipment during the day.

If there are any questions and concerns regarding bus travel please contact your child's teacher or the Bus Co-ordinator.

## UNIFORM SHOP

**The Uniform Shop will ONLY be open on Friday 5th April 9am to 2.30pm during the week beginning Monday 1st April. This is the SSG Day.**

We will be packing up the Administration Office from Week beginning April 1st ready for the move into the new buildings.

The uniform shop will reopen early Term 2 once the new Administration Office has been established. We will advise families of the opening date in the first newsletter next Term.

We thank you for your patience during this time.

## BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

This term students in the Senior Secondary Section have continued participating and running the Breakfast Club program. The program aims to provide students with the confidence and work related skills to participate in the future work experience and/or prepare simple meals and snacks in the home environment as well as involving participants into a CAFÉ style experience, providing them with breakfast and an opportunity to socialise with peers.

The Breakfast Club program runs four days a week; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am to 9.15am. Students unable to attend the program have the opportunity to order items which are delivered to their classroom by students.

For students 'working' in Breakfast Club they practice skills that are required for students to confidently participate in workplace situations and/or the home kitchen. These skills include:

- Knowledge of occupational health and safety (OH&S) procedures
- Safe kitchen and food handling
- Kitchen hand duties
- Effective teamwork
- Effective communication
- Problem solving
- Initiative
- Planning & Organising
- Technology

For students participating within the Breakfast Club program they have an opportunity to practice the follow skills:

- Greeting their peers
- Social interactions
- Requesting

Thank you and well done to all students.

Tegan Aquilina—Assistant Principal Secondary School

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday	4th April	Last day of classes Term 1 3pm Finish
Friday	5th April	<b>SSG Day—STUDENT FREE DAY—ILP Goals 8.30am-</b>
Tuesday	23rd April	Term 2 begins 9am

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Primary classes have been very busy making sure we understand about our PBS Values and Expectations- we are learning how to 'Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful'. We have these written up in our classrooms on posters that help us to practice and remember.

I asked some of our students from P 12 about these values- Caleb S told me he had been using the equipment in the classroom safely, things like scissors. Maddie P told me she had been respectful by listening to her teachers and Noah Mc said he had been responsible by following his schedule in the classroom.

We also invited parents to come to a Parent Forum run by Dan Petro to help us understand 'Behaviour' and the meaning behind it. Dan shared his vast knowledge via a PowerPoint and also allowed parents to share their own experiences and knowledge.

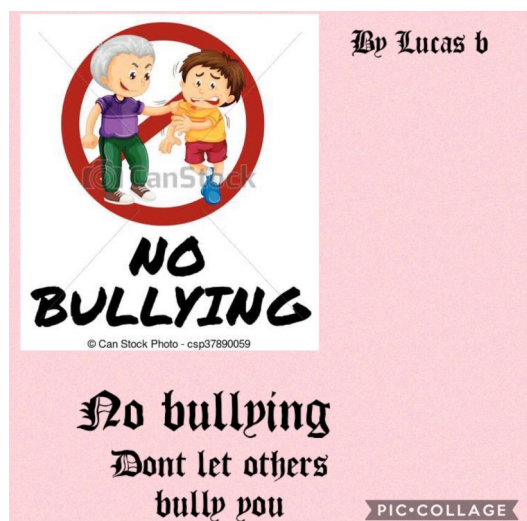
### Day of Action- against bullying and violence.

Last week the whole school celebrated this day by planning and doing activities about strategies and choices to make if they or someone they know is being bullied. I saw many posters and strategies displayed all around the school. Well done everyone, this is such an important topic to learn about and understand the pathways to getting help.

Alice – Assistant Principal Primary Section

## A WORD FROM CLASSROOM: PRIMARY 12—DIONNE

P12 have really enjoyed planting, we will be working together to take care of them. We have been focusing on using our sense, we really enjoyed the different smells and how each plant had a different texture.



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE**

One of our 2019 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) school goals is to actively increase engagement with our school community. We would like the members who make up our school community, to be the leaders in this initiative along with school staff.

At a School Council Meeting late in 2018 a motion was passed to create a sub committee that was focused on Community Engagement and Events. The school councillors saw this as an opportunity to have more of our school community involved in the organisation of curriculum celebrations, fundraising and building community partnerships with outside organisations.

The function of the Community Engagement and Events Sub Committee is to:

- Organise and provide support for curriculum celebrations and links
- Explore social supports and community events available to parents and carers
- Support fundraising efforts of students and parent groups
- Creating local community links with local organisations
- Create awareness of achievements of our school and students

We are inviting all interested parties to express their interest in becoming an active member of this committee via the form below. This needs to be returned to the Administration Office by 22nd March.

More information will be sent home to you after the closing date.

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PLEASE RETURN TO ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BY 22ND MARCH

### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE**

I would like to be involved in the Community Engagement and Events Sub Committee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Class group: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL COUNCIL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 5PM**

**HELD IN THE NEW BUILDING  
IN OUR NEW LIBRARY**



# DistinctiveOptions

In Life

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A Disability Service Provider of Distinction

14 March 2019

Dear students, families and the wider community

It is with much regret that I must announce that Distinctive Options After Hours Care Melton will close its doors from 6.00 pm on **Wednesday 24 April 2019**. No After School Care service will be provided at Melton Specialist School following this date. This decision has been made after much deliberation and thought. Due to the low number of children accessing the service, it is not financially viable for Distinctive Options to continue with this program. Families will have two weeks following this final day to pay outstanding balances.

Distinctive Options will continue to provide Outreach support options to children. More information about this option can be found at [www.distinctiveoptions.com.au/outreach](http://www.distinctiveoptions.com.au/outreach).

In the event that you wish to seek alternate child care, please use the Department of Educational and Training's *Child Care Finder* at [www.childcarefinder.gov.au](http://www.childcarefinder.gov.au).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Executive General Manager Rick Dunn on 9740 7100 or via email to [rick.dunn@d-o.com.au](mailto:rick.dunn@d-o.com.au).

Thank you for your past business and support. We wish you all the best for the future.

Kind Regards

Ernie Metcalf  
Chief Executive Officer



## BOOKING & PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Bookings open at 10:30am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

All bookings made online:  
Teenage Holiday Program - online application at  
[melton.vic.gov.au/thp](http://melton.vic.gov.au/thp)

Full payment and enrolment form to be completed online.

Waiver forms will be sent by email once booking has been confirmed.

Waiver forms will need to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned before the day of the activity.

## REFUNDS:

Excursions may be altered or cancelled at late notice due to external factors, in this case families will be notified at the earliest possible time.

There are **NO REFUNDS** once payment has been made unless a doctor's certificate is supplied.

## PICK UP LOCATIONS:

**MELTON**  
Melton Youth Centre  
193 Barriers Road, Melton 3337

**TAYLORS HILL**  
Youth & Community Centre  
121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill 3037

Please arrive 10 minutes prior to pick up/drop off times, if you arrive after this time, you will be left behind.

Jordan James Graphics  [www.jjamesgraphics.com](http://www.jjamesgraphics.com)

# TEENAGE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**8 APRIL - 18 APRIL 2019**



**An inclusive program for young people from 12-17 years old who live or go to school in the City of Melton.**



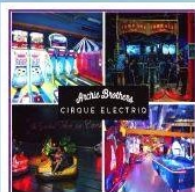
For more information  
contact Jaime V  
at Young Communities



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## TEENAGE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## 8 APRIL - 18 APRIL 2019



**08/04/19 - MONDAY - COST: \$15.00**

### ARCHIE BROTHERS AT DOCKLANDS MELBOURNE

ARCHIE BROTHERS is your one-stop shop for entertainment at Docklands in Melbourne. With 67 arcade and ticket games, Thrill Rider, Virtual Reality and Dodgem Cars, will keep you busy for hours on end.

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**  
2 hours of unlimited arcade games  
Does not include ticketed machines (Please bring money for these)  
**BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR MONEY**

#### **PICK UP TIME**

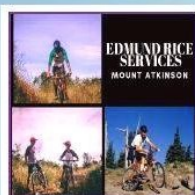
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**TAYLORS HILL 10:30 AM**

#### **DROP OFF TIME**

**TAYLORS HILL 4:00 PM**

**MELTON 4:30 PM**



**09/04/19 - TUESDAY - COST: \$25.00**

### MOUNTAIN BIKING AT MOUNT ATKINSON

Edmund Rice Services is a place where you defy the laws of gravity, soar high and let yourself go. Bring your inner ninja warrior and hit the trail at MOUNT ATKINSON for a thrill riding experience then cool down over a bite to eat.

Please wear comfortable clothing & enclosed shoes  
**FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED**

#### **PICK UP TIME**

**MELTON 10:00 AM**

**TAYLORS HILL 10:30 AM**

#### **DROP OFF TIME**

**TAYLORS HILL 3:30 PM**

**MELTON 4:00 PM**



**10/04/19 - WEDNESDAY - COST: \$15.00**

### LATITUDE MELBOURNE AT HEIDELBERG

LATITUDE MELBOURNE is a place where you defy the laws of gravity, soar high and let yourself go. Bring your inner ninja warrior and hit THE GRID or bring out your inner spider man and scale the rock climbing wall.

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**  
2 Hour Session - including Grip Socks  
Please wear comfortable clothing  
**BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR MONEY**

#### **PICK UP TIME**

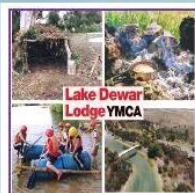
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**TAYLORS HILL 9:30 AM**

#### **DROP OFF TIME**

**TAYLORS HILL 3:00 PM**

**MELTON 3:30 PM**



**11/04/19 - THURSDAY - COST: \$30.00**

### RAFT BUILDING, HUT BUILDING & CAMP FIRE COOKING AT LAKE DEWAR LODGE YMCA

Break into teams to see who can build the best raft to make it across the lake, the better the raft... the drier you will stay! Then in the same teams gather as many leaves, branches and sticks to see who can build the best shelter to survive the elements. Come together share a laugh and learn how to cook dinner by the fire.

Please wear comfortable clothing & enclosed shoes  
Bring spare pair of clothes  
**FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED**

#### **PICK UP TIME**

**TAYLORS HILL 9:00 AM**

**MELTON 9:30 AM**

#### **DROP OFF TIME**

**MELTON 3:00 PM**

**TAYLORS HILL 3:30 PM**



**15/04/19 - MONDAY - COST: \$25.00**

### WORLD SERIES SPLAT BALL AT LITTLE RIVER

Can you age yourself in the outdoors to see which team will come out on top. It's a test of pace, endurance and leadership that will prove who the best splat baller is. Who will rule the WORLD SERIES at Little River?

Please wear comfortable clothing & enclosed shoes  
**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

#### **PICK UP TIME**

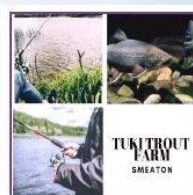
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**MELTON 10:00 AM**

#### **DROP OFF TIME**

**MELTON 2:00 PM**

**TAYLORS HILL 2:30 PM**



**16/04/19 - TUESDAY - COST: \$20.00**

### TUKI TROUT FARM AT SMEATON

At TUKI TROUT FARM everyone is guaranteed bragging rights for catch of the day. After you have caught your trout you will get to clean it and cook it yourself!

Please wear comfortable clothing  
**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

#### **PICK UP TIME**

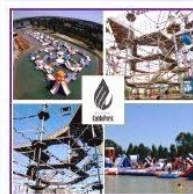
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**MELTON 9:30 AM**

#### **DROP OFF TIME**

**MELTON 4:00 PM**

**TAYLORS HILL 4:30 PM**



**17/04/19 - WEDNESDAY - COST: \$30.00**

### MELBOURNE CABLE PARK AT BANGHOLME

Get ready for unstopable fun and laughter! Jump for joy on the AQUA TRAMP, slide down the GIANT TOWER and duck and weave through the obstacle course of the HIGH ROPES TOWER. Life-jackets are supplied so all swimming levels welcome.

Please wear comfortable clothing & enclosed shoes  
Bring spare pair of clothes, towel and sunscreen  
**FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED**

#### **PICK UP TIME**

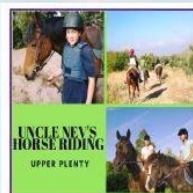
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**TAYLORS HILL 9:00 AM**

#### **DROP OFF TIME**

**TAYLORS HILL 4:00 PM**

**MELTON 4:30 PM**



**18/04/19 - THURSDAY - COST: \$35.00**

### UNCLE NEV'S TRAIL RIDING AT UPPER PLENTY

Join us at UNCLE NEV'S for a relaxing 2-hour horse ride out in the open country air. Whether you have been before or a first timer this is an experience not to be missed!

Please wear appropriate clothing and enclosed shoes.  
**FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED**

#### **PICK UP TIME**

**MELTON 9:00 AM**

**TAYLORS HILL 9:30 AM**

#### **DROP OFF TIME**

**TAYLORS HILL 3:30 PM**

**MELTON 4:00 PM**