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**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR STUDENTS	WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH
SSG MEETINGS	THURSDAY 1ST APRIL
GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	FRIDAY 2ND APRIL
TERM 2 COMMENCES	MONDAY 19TH APRIL

Edition 3 — Friday 26th March 2021

A Message from the Principal

Hello Families,

This newsletter takes us to the end of Term 1 2021. This term we have seen some amazing growth in some of our young people and hope that our families have also seen the growth. As always it has been a very busy term. Staff have been supporting new families and students in the MSS values and programs and Teachers and Allied Health will be reviewing student progress towards goals and supporting all our young people to transition back from such an incredibly different year last year.

Congratulations Allied Health Team

This term, our fantastic, Allied Health Team wrote and applied for some extra support for our young people who need a device to support their speech development. They must have done an amazing job because we will now be receiving 19 iPads from State Schools Relief. Nice job Team Allied Health! In future newsletters Allied Health will share with you the way they have been implementing the programs around these new devices.

Bridging the Digital Divide

Attached to this newsletter is a fact sheet outlining the DET's response to ensuring that all students have equal access to technology at home. If your child was loaned a device during the 2020 Remote and Flexible Learning Phase, then you can accept ownership of a device to use at home. I will also send a letter home with young people who loaned a device last year. This letter and acceptance of ownership will need to be returned by the date in the letter. If you have any questions, please read through the Q&A first then please contact our Admin Team.

Student Support Group Meetings (SSGs)

Our termly SSG week is next week. Meetings can be scheduled Mon – Wed 3pm-4:30pm or all day Thursday. **Thursday is a pupil free day** for the purpose of hosting SSG's.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter outlining the purpose and processes for our SSG's. We are very excited to be able to have you all back on site for these meetings. This year we have changed our timeline for reporting around Individual Learning Plans (ILP). During this SSG teachers will discuss progress and/or achievement towards the ILP goals you set with teachers at the end of 2020. You will also discuss new goals for Term 2 and Term 3 teaching. Despite the challenges of 2020, young people have still managed to make some huge steps of progress to achieving their goals.

Rebuild Update

Given the changes in practice over the last 5 years, the VSBA has made the decision to reconfigure the Schools Master Plan. We have met with prospective architects and they will present their ideas to us next week. We are very excited about the re-development of the Master Plan so we can align it to support our Teaching and Learning approaches.

School Review

During Term 2, we will be having our 4-year school review. The purpose of this review is for us to celebrate the achievements we have made towards achieving our School Goals set in 2017 and to identify the enablers and barriers of achieving these goals. During this time, we will also set goals for the next 4-year period. Closer to the dates, I will post in the newsletter and other platforms to invite you all to come and provide feedback to the School Reviewer and our Challenge Partners so that the goals we set are in line with our whole school community needs.

Best wishes everyone and enjoy the holidays,
Brooke



22nd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to invite you to participate in a Student Support Group (SSG) meeting for your child. At this meeting, we discuss your child's education and to identify ways that we can support them to achieve their best. This term we will review your child's achievement or progress towards the goals set at the end of Term 3, 2020 and discuss draft goals for term 2 and 3 2021.

SSGs bring together those with the knowledge and responsibility for a student's learning, so that they can all work together to develop educational goals and associated strategies to achieve them. This involves understanding and considering a student's interests and strengths and establishing priorities for learning goals and how these will be monitored.

The conversations at the SSG meeting are documented and an Individual Learning Plan is developed for the student. This plan provides everyone, including the student, families and school staff, with a structured and clear course of actions for learning progression.

Over the many years we have been running SSGs, we have found that parents and their children have overwhelmingly found the SSG process highly supportive and beneficial.

We look forward to meeting with you in Week 10, to continue the SSG process in support of your child's education.

Teaching staff will be available to meet with you for 30 minutes after 3pm from 29th March Monday – Wednesday or Thursday 1st April from 9am- 3pm.

Thursday is a Curriculum day – Pupil free Day

You can book your meetings via COMPASS as you would have done previously or by making contact with your teacher or reception staff.

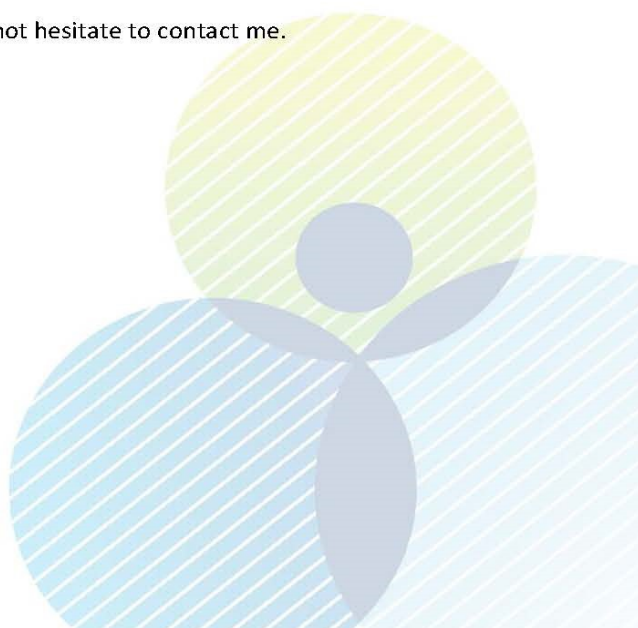
Please find a copy of the Department of Education and Training's Student Support Group Guidelines for your information. The Guidelines can be found at the Department's website at:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/Pages/oohcstusupp.aspx>

If you have any questions or would like any further support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Brooke Briody



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING IN S6

In S6 we have been getting to know one another through a variety of STEM activities. The photos below show students working as a group to build a tower using a certain amount of balloons and of various sizes. While working on their STEM projects, students have also been developing their communication, team work and problem solving skills, which will be transferable as they move through into Senior Secondary but also when out in the wider community and workforce. Well done to all students settling in and facing all the different challenges set head on!



NATIONAL SORRY DAY— MAY 26 2021

National Sorry Day is a yearly opportunity for all Australians to reflect upon the mistakes of the past, learn more about what the current issues facing Indigenous Australians are, and outwardly show their commitment towards reconciliation. Melton Specialist School will be focusing on whole school activities on this day next Term.



News from P18

What a term it has been! We are adjusting to our classroom routines and procedures and learning to know one another better. We went bowling on two occasions. We had so much fun whilst learning a lot about going on an excursion safely and improving our bowling skills! We also participate in the Dogs for Life Program every Friday. Aren't we lucky?!





P1



OUR FIRST YEAR of School

Welcome to Prep 1!

This term we have been very busy learning our new environment.

We love going to the PMP room and participating in structured play!



PBS News

Hi families, each newsletter we will be discussing one component of our PBS framework and strategies that we use to focus our efforts on learning to BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE and BE RESPECTFUL. We will also be handing out a Family Booklet on SSG day to explain it further.

PBS – Building Relationships

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) is an evidenced-based framework for preventing and responding to student behaviour. One of the key principles of PBS are the relationships between staff and students, which helps foster a positive climate to learning. Our aim is for our students to enjoy a classroom environment, wherein staff are actively engaging with them in a positive and meaningful way.

At Melton Specialist School we use a variety of methods to improve the classroom environment. These approaches aim to strengthen preferred and appropriate staff and student interactions which in turn encourage a more constructive relationship with our students. Actively listening to student voice and focusing on non-verbal cues is a simple but effective method of strengthening staff and student relationships. Ensuring a pleasant and calm tone of voice and presenting with a friendly manner are all important elements in building rapport with our students. There is a clear correlation between adult behaviours and the creation of a progressive and inclusive environment. Research shows that these universal approaches helps foster a positive classroom environment and can prevent unexpected student behaviours.



Great news! Teeth On Wheels are coming to your school



TeethOnWheelsAustralia #teethonwheels

Teeth On Wheels are a highly qualified dental team who will be coming out to our facility. They press their focus on diminishing dental anxiety by practicing pain free dental treatment. Their mobile clinics are designed to be child friendly, making a fun and enjoyable atmosphere.

The onsite dental clinic is able to provide all treatments listed below:

- ✓ Examination
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Preventative Fissure Sealants
- ✓ Scale and Clean
- ✓ Fluoride treatment
- ✓ Minor Fillings

We highly recommend signing up with this special program to ensure your child's Oral Health needs are met.

teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform

Please use the link above to complete our Consent eForm.



TeethOnWheels™
a positive dental experience



TEETH ON WHEELS ARE EXCITED ABOUT COMING BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL NEXT TERM!

If you completed a form this year, we will see your child. If you are unsure if you have handed a form in, please call the school office on 03 9743 4966. If you are wanting your child to be seen please head to the link above and complete the virtual form.



Melton Specialist school joined the nationwide movement to take a stand against bullying on the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). Staff and students were encouraged to wear 'CRAZY SOCKS' on **Friday 19th March**.

The NDA is Australia's key bullying prevention event for schools. The theme for 2021 is 'Take Action Together'. The aim is to elevate student voice and empower young Australians to join the national conversation. Students are at the heart of the NDA and are a big part of the solution to prevent bullying.

For more information on bullying prevention and support, see <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

To show our support on this day, we will be
having a ...

CRAZY SOCK DAY

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE – LOANED SCHOOL OWNED COMPUTERS SUPPORT INITIATIVE

PARENTS TO SCHOOL RELATED FAQs

Why is my child getting a laptop/tablet? Is it for free?

To continue to support families in need and bridge the digital divide, the Department is ensuring that students can permanently retain all computers loaned to them during the pandemic. This applies to computers loaned to students, either by their school or the Department, during remote and flexible learning periods at home over the 2020 school year. It is a once-off initiative.

I don't want my child to have the laptop/tablet.

You do not need to accept the computer and can formally register this with your school. If you decline the computer, you must return the computer to your school as soon as possible.

I have heard other students are getting a laptop/tablet, can my child get one too?

To be eligible to retain a computer, your child must have been loaned a computer during the remote learning period. If your child continued onsite learning you will not be eligible for a computer under this initiative.

We returned our loaned device in 2020, will we get the same device?

Wherever possible the school will make every reasonable effort to return the same loaned computer to your child. There may be some reason why this cannot be achieved. If this is the case the school should provide a computer of similar specification.

I originally didn't want to keep the computer and now I have changed my mind. Can I get a computer?

No. As the original offer was declined, neither the school nor the Department can provide a computer.

I bought my child a new computer in 2021 as part of their school's BYOD program, am I still getting the loaned device?

If the student no longer requires a computer for home, you are asked to decline the offer of the loaned computer so this can return to the school for reallocation.

Does the computer or device come with a warranty?

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If your child left a Victorian Government school at or before the end of Term 4 2020, you will need to temporarily return the computer to the school to have data/information removed. The school will then return the computer to your child.

If your child is transferring to another Victorian Government school, the loaned computer can transfer with them.

Who is responsible for providing technical support?

If these computers are used in schools, they will be treated the same as any "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) program and will be given the same level of technical support provided to existing BYOD or school-owned computers.

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Schools have been requested to provide the warranty details and support you with warranty issues.

Does the computer come with insurance?

No, once computers are retained by the student they are no longer covered by school or department insurance policies.

A replacement will not be provided for any that are lost, damaged, stolen or develop defects following delivery to the student that school technical support teams cannot address.

You are advised to consider insurance requirements and seek possible options for that computer.

I have received a broken computer. What can I do?

You must raise this with the school immediately and the school will assist you with repair options.

A replacement will not be provided for any that are lost, damaged, stolen or develop defects following delivery to the student that school technical support teams cannot address.

My child has broken/lost their computer. What can I do?

A replacement will not be provided for any that are lost, damaged, stolen or develop defects following delivery to the student that school technical support teams cannot address.

Can I sell the computer?

No. The student was given the computer to have access to technology to help them with their educational requirements at home.

Schools and the Department will not provide a replacement computer that is lost/stolen, gifted or on sold.

Is my school receiving funding to provide devices?

The Department will provide schools with a funding contribution towards the cost incurred by schools in loaning school-owned computers that are retained by students.

Why am I being asked to hand back my child's loaned computer?

Internet devices

If your child is remaining within the Victorian Government school system, they can keep any loaned internet devices (4G dongles/hotspots, excluding tablets) to support any future remote and flexible learning periods that may be required.

If your child is leaving the Victorian Government school system, you will be asked to return the internet devices (4G dongles/hotspots, excluding tablets) to your child's school.

Laptops and tablets



The Victorian Government introduced child safe standards to improve the way organisations that provide services for children prevent and respond to child abuse that may occur within their organisation, in 2016.

The standards are compulsory for all organisations that provide services to children and aim to drive cultural change in organisations so that protecting children from child abuse is embedded in everyday thinking and practice of leaders, staff and volunteers. This will assist organisations to:

- Prevent child abuse
- Encourage reporting of any abuse that does occur
- Improve responses to any allegations of child abuse.

Melton Specialist School as a community, has developed strategies to embed a culture of child safety at our school.

The Child Safe Standards

Standard 1: We all have a right to feel safe at school.

Standard 2: Our school is committed to children's safety.

Standard 3: Everyone that works at our school needs to follow the rules of how to behave around children.

Standard 4: Our school only employs good people who care about children's safety.

Standard 5: If something happens, we know who to tell and the adults at our school know what to do.

Standard 6: Our school works hard to make sure we are safe at school.

Standard 7: Our feelings matter and we feel comfortable telling trusted adults if something is wrong.



After class at The Grove

Thursday 25th March

2.30pm until 5.00pm

The Grove (outside the Bank of Melbourne entrance)

Woodgrove, Victoria Police and Melton City Council invites all students, teens and families to enjoy live buskers, big offers, giveaways and positive energy. Protective

Services Officers, council and sports clubs will also be about to help you be part of community sports and activities. So come along and get into the community spirit.

Woodgrove

From your friends at Woodgrove

Students and teens are always welcome at Woodgrove. In fact, there are free food and offers, instant prizes and major giveaways to make you feel even more at home.

Grab a feed

Fuel the days fun with these free meals and Bounce Back Offers.

Bakers Delight

Ham & Cheese Danish
Mini Finger Bun

Grill'd

Small HFC Chicken Bites Natural
Sea Salt and Honey Soy Flavour
Bounce Back Offer - Grill'd Free chip voucher

See individual retailer websites for ingredients information.

La Porchetta

Slices of pizza (includes Margherita and Hawaiian)

Bounce Back Offer - La Porchetta 20% Off Food Vouchers

Ferguson Plarre

Bakehouse

Small Sausage Roll

Instant giveaways

Hundreds of instant win gift cards and vouchers are up for grabs - but while stocks last. Speak to a staff member to enter.

50 x \$10 Gift Cards

Woodgrove Gift Cards

12 x \$30 Gift Cards

Woodgrove Gift Cards

200 x Coffee Cards

Complimentary Coffee Cards

1 x Buy 1 Get 1 Free

Burger Voucher from Grill'd

50% Off Food Voucher

At La Porchetta

Let's connect for your chance to win

As our way of saying thanks for coming along, we're also giving you a one-in-three chance to win big. Simply provide your email for a chance to win the below:

1 x \$150 Woodgrove Gift Card

1 x \$100 Woodgrove Gift Card

1 x \$50 Woodgrove Gift Card

Email will be used to sign up to our centre database.



Get on the ball with the Australian Open



If you're aged between 12 to 15 years and want to get up close with the world's best, become a ballkid at Australian Open 2022.

Applications close 31st March 2021.

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Head to ballkids.tennis.com.au to apply now.

Bookings

Bookings open at 11am on Monday 22 March 2021.
Enrolment form to be completed online.
Please make your bookings at:
www.melton.vic.gov.au/youngcommunities

Cancellations

Activities may be altered or cancelled at late notice due to external factors, in this case families will be notified at the earliest possible time. If you are no longer able to attend an activity, please contact us.

COVIDSafe

Young Communities ensures that all activities adhere to DHHS guidelines with a COVIDSafe Plan implemented.
It is your responsibility to advise staff on 9747 5373 if the young person is unwell or meant to be self-isolating prior to the activity, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of others.
Participant details will be recorded for contact tracing.

Transport

Given the current climate, we will not be offering transport to and from the activities/facilities. Please meet at the activity location.

Questions?

Contact Young Communities on 9747 5373 or email youngcommunities@melton.vic.gov.au.

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Youth Holiday Activities

A range of free and low cost fun, recreation and conversation activities for young people aged 12 to 25.

6 April - 16 April 2021



Monday
5 April

Public Holiday
Easter Monday



Youth Holiday
Activities
6 April - 16 April 2021

Register online:
melton.vic.gov.au/youngcommunities

Monday
12 April

MBA Skills Camp

12 to 17 years: 1pm - 3pm
Melton Indoor Recreation Centre
(209 Coburns Road, Melton)
Raise your game by learning new skills and drills with Melton Basketball Association (MBA) qualified coaches!

Hip Hop Dance Workshop

12 to 17 years: 1pm - 3pm
Melton Youth Centre
(193 Barries Road, Melton)
Got the moves like Jagger, or just beginning to dance, this workshop will get you in the groove to bust a move!

Tuesday
6 April

Dodgeball

12 to 17 years: 11am - 2pm
Melton Indoor Recreation Centre
(209 Coburns Road, Melton)
Major League Dodgeball (MLD) is coming to Melton! Have fun with this game for everyone. No experience necessary.

Eat Grow Garden

12 to 17 years: 11am - 1pm
Melton Youth Centre
(193 Barries Road, Melton)
Learn how to grow your favourite foods. From basics of watering, soil and plant nutrition. Veggie Patch Kit to take home.

Tuesday
13 April

Xplosions Bowling (\$10.00)

12 to 17 years: 11am - 1pm
Xplosions Bar and Bowl Melton
(1/25 Bakery Square, Melton)
Spare the decision and strike at this opportunity for a friendly competition with your peers! Arcade games available too.

Cardio Tennis

12 to 17 years: 1pm to 3pm
Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
(The Parade, Caroline Springs)
ITennis Coaching Academy is back to help our young people grow their tennis skills. No experience necessary.

Wednesday
7 April

Western United FC Clinic
(\$10.00)

12 to 25 years: 11am - 2pm
City Vista Sports Precinct
(46 City Vista Court, Fraser Rise)
What better way to learn the world game than by our own Western resident club WUFC. A clinic not to be missed!



Wednesday
14 April

Adventure Day Out (\$10.00)

12 to 17 years: 10am - 3pm
Edmund Rice Services - Mt Atkinson
(121-179 Greigs Road, Truganina)
Outdoor adventure in your own backyard (kind of). Join us as we explore Mt Atkinson at new heights and mountain terrain! Mountain Bike & High Ropes!

Chest Tour (\$10.00)

12 to 17 years: 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Eynesbury Homestead
(487 Eynesbury Rd, Eynesbury)
Discover the home of the Staughton family. Uncover stories of lavish parties, obsessions with crystal gazers, murder and what lies beneath. Includes dinner.

Thursday
8 April

CS Lakers AFL Clinic

12 to 17 years: 1pm - 3pm
Caroline Springs Recreation Reserve
(The Parade, Caroline Springs)
AFL season is underway! Show your spirit with our AFL clinic hosted by local club Caroline Springs Lakers!

Taylor's Hill Drop In (FreeZA)

12 to 25 years: 3pm - 6pm
Taylor's Hill Youth & Community Centre
(121 Calder Park Drive, Taylor's Hill)
Drop in with your mates to hang out and kick back with a movie. Popcorn and snacks provided. Movie TBC.

Thursday
15 April

First Aid (HLTAID003)

12 to 25 years: 9am to 3:30pm
Melton Youth Centre
(193 Barries Road, Melton)
Nationally accredited course. This course enables you to provide emergency care for injuries and illnesses.

Photography Walk

12 to 17 years: 10am - 12pm
Melton Botanic Garden
(40 Lakewood Boulevard, Melton)
Bring your phone/camera and join us on a guided walk with Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden. Take a snap along the way!

Friday
9 April

Xtreme Paintball (\$10.00)

12 to 17 years: 11am - 1pm
Xtreme Paintball
(609 Leeske Rd, Bonnie Brook)
Unlimited ammo and over an hour of play time. Join in for conquest, bragging rights and fun!

Launchpad (FreeZA)

12 to 25 years: 3pm - 6pm
Melton Youth Centre
(193 Barries Road, Melton)
Drop in with your mates to hang out and kick back with a movie. Popcorn and snacks provided. Movie TBC.

Friday
16 April

Scooter Comp (FreeZA Event)

12 to 25 years: 10:30am - 3:30pm
Taylor's Hill Skate Park
(121 Calder Park Drive, Taylor's Hill)
Loads of Sacrifice Scooter giveaways!
Comp starts at 11am so get in early for the best seats in the house! Live DJ and Food trucks will be onsite.



Book Online at: www.melton.vic.gov.au/YoungCommunities

Newsletter Term 1 - 2021

Term 1: 28 January - 1 April 2021

School Holidays: 5 April - 15 April 2021

Support Services

6801 Youth Outreach (12 to 25 years)

6801 Youth Outreach provides a safe, non-judgemental and confidential service to assist with information, support and referrals. Available Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm on 9747 5373 and Friday and Saturday nights, 5pm to 10pm on 9743 6801 or at any time, email 6801outreach@melton.vic.gov.au.



Youth Mentoring Project (12 to 25 years)

Linking disconnected young people with an adult mentor to share recreational activities, fun and friendship. The program aims to develop the self confidence and resilience of young people, to expand their educational and vocational possibilities and to strengthen their connection to family and community. Email youthmentoring@melton.vic.gov.au.

Reconnect (12 to 18 years)

Early intervention helping support young people who are at risk of homelessness by linking them into the community and stabilising and/or improving their living situation, family relationships and engagement with work, education or training. Email reconnect@melton.vic.gov.au.



The Space (LCBTQA+) (12 to 25 years)

The Space is a social support group, in partnership with Djerriwarrh Health, for same sex attracted, transgender, gender diverse and intersex young people. The Space is a safe and inclusive place to meet like-minded young people and hang out, share stories and support one another. To find out more or to join, visit: www.melton.vic.gov.au/TheSpace

UTURN193 (10 to 25 years)

UTURN193 aims to help young people avoid getting involved with the criminal justice system. The project provides support and recreational activities to young people, including fun sport and outdoor adventures. Email UTURN193@melton.vic.gov.au.



Upcoming Events

Young Communities Grants & Awards

We support the goals of young people aged 12 - 25 and are always keen to recognise the positive contribution that young people make to our community. For more information, visit: www.melton.vic.gov.au

Annual Youth Forum

Designed to understand the experiences of young people living in the City of Melton and the opportunities that could enhance their future, join us as we explore current young community trends.

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Other programs and events

Ignite Productionz (FReeZA)	Events for young people by young people. Join our FReeZA Committee to be involved in organising and running youth-based events! Learn the basics of event management. Registration essential.	Mondays	4pm to 5pm	Melton Youth Centre
Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)	A safe place where young people gather to discuss and advocate on challenges that they may encounter within the City of Melton. If you are interested in being a young leader in the community, being a voice for other youth, then join YAC! For more information, email: yac@melton.vic.gov.au			Fortnightly during school term
Youth Holiday Activities*	A mix of excursion and local based activities for young people age 12 to 25 years. Activity information will be available in the lead up to the school holidays of each term, with all bookings to be made online at time specified. For more information or to add your name to the mailing list, contact us on 9747 5373.			Upcoming: 5 April to 15 April 2021

Employability Skill Development

Young Communities provides a variety of free and low-cost opportunities for young people aged 12 to 25 to upskill and strengthen their employability. Visit our website to check out what's on for Semester 1 and register for a workshop.

21 January Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)	11 February RockTape Kinesiology Taping Course	18 March Use hygienic practices for food safety	15 April Provide First Aid	20 May Young Job Seekers Workshop
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Studio 193 - Band Room for hire*

Are you a band member or group looking for space to practice? At Melton Youth Centre, we have a hireable band rehearsal space for young people that is available during the week. If you would like more information on Studio 193 availability, please contact us or visit our website.

Most Melton City Council youth programs are free and can be accessed by all young people living, working, studying or playing in the City of Melton. Programs are delivered by qualified facilitators. *Fees Apply

A listing of services and providers that work with young people can be found on the Melton City Council website www.melton.vic.gov.au/YoungCommunities



Call 9747 5343

Email youngcommunities@melton.vic.gov.au

Melton Youth Centre - 193 Barries Road, Melton

Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre - 121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill

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What's on for Term 1?

We're excited to be back delivering our new and loved programs to the young people of Melton. All programs will adhere to Government restrictions and follow a CovidSafe Plan. To register for a program or to speak to a Youth Worker, call 03 9747 5373 or email: youngcommunities@melton.vic.gov.au. For more information, visit our website.

Drop In Programs (12 to 17 years)

Taylors Hill Drop In	Your weekly hangout is back! Drop into Taylors Hill and/or Melton Youth Centre's for some PC & PS4 gaming, pool, table tennis, board games, DIY and more!	Thursdays	3pm to 6pm	Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre
Launchpad	We'll have competitions with prizes up for grabs and of course, snacks are provided!	Fridays		Melton Youth Centre
Culture Connect	Embrace your culture and connect with peers to explore the diversity of young people within our community. Guest speakers, workshops and more!	Thursdays	4pm to 5pm	Melton Youth Centre

On-going Programs (12 to 25 years, unless stated otherwise)

Program registration is essential. These programs provide ongoing personal development and require consistent commitment.

L2R Dance	Bust a move! Dance is a universal language, integrate Hip-hop into your everyday life with L2R Dance. Gather to perform, develop and socialise. Ages 12 to 17.	Mondays	4:30pm to 6pm	Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre
Back to Basics	Learn how to setup and mix live music! Use a recording studio and produce your own sound! Work with industry professionals to get your music career started.	Tuesdays	4pm to 5pm	Melton Library & Learning Hub
Aquatic Youth	8-Week Swimming and Water Safety (SAWS) Program. Learn the basics to help keep you safe with your mates out in the water.	Wednesdays (Starting 10 February)	4pm to 5pm	Melton Waves Leisure Centre
Bright Minds	Everyone deserve a clear mind. Explore how you can build a stronger and healthier mindset through conversation and socialisation. Ages 12 to 17.	Wednesdays	4:30pm to 5:30pm	Melton Youth Centre
Independent Living Skills	Adulting is hard but so is being a young person! Learn life-long, valuable skills that will help you day to day. Ages 12 to 17.	Fridays	4pm to 5:30pm	Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre