



Govedale News

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Term 1 Week 6 — 2nd March 2022

'Our commitment to Child Safety'

Govedale Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Govedale Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Govedale Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability. Every person involved in Govedale Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Families, Significant changes have been made Statewide regarding the COVID restrictions.

In schools the following measures are continuing:

- Families are requested to perform a Rapid Antigen Test on each child twice per week. Sufficient kits are sent home from school to support this.
- Positive tests (RAT or PCR) must be reported to the school and the Department of Health.
- Students in years P-2 are encouraged to wear masks indoors and when unable to maintain 1.5m physical distancing outdoors (unless a medical exemption applies).
- Students in years 3-6 are required to wear masks indoors and when unable to maintain 1.5m physical distancing outdoors (unless a medical exemption applies).
- Visitors to school must meet DET Vaccination Guidelines, and show vaccination status.
- Visitors to school check in as per normal and are no longer required to QR Code to enter the foyer.

Easing of Restrictions:

- Parents/carers can now enter school grounds (not buildings) without showing vaccination status or signing in. This means that you will be able to drop off and collect your child/ren near their classrooms, but you cannot enter the classroom. You must maintain 1.5m physical distance, and wear a mask when it is not possible to do so.
- Enter school buildings through the foyer, if you show evidence of triple vaccination. You must sign in using the school's Sentral kiosk.

If you are unvaccinated, we will arrange virtual meetings where required. You can collect your child from sickbay if they are unwell. Teachers will no longer walk classes to the gates, as parents/carers will be able to collect children from various points around the school.

COMING EVENTS—also on your Sentral Calendar

MARCH 2022

Wed 2nd Preps come to school on all Wednesdays

Wed 2 –
Fri 4 Years 5 / 6 Camp in Melbourne

Mon 14th LABOUR DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thurs 17th School Photos

Fri 18th Curriculum Day—NO STUDENTS ATTEND

Fri 25th Years 5/6—Summer Lightning Premiership Day

APRIL 2022

Sat 2nd Working Bee

Fri 8th Last Day of Term 1—2.30pm finish

FORMS / PAYMENT DUE BACK

Fri 18th March Years 5/6—Summer Lightning Prem Permission Note and \$7 due back.

We are delighted to be able to make this change and hope you will enjoy walking around the school and having a look at some of the changes that have been made including new outdoor tables, and bush tucker gardens!

If you have any questions about the guidelines, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Working Bee – I would like to thank the 51 parents, carers, aunts, grandparents, students, teachers and babies! Bernice and Deb organised areas with photos for use to send teams to, making it very easy to co-ordinate the work. A large number of volunteers brought along tools and machinery to help with the work, which made a big difference to what we could achieve as well. It was a brilliant morning and we completed an incredible amount in a short time. I'm sure you will enjoy the gardens as you come in for drop off and pick up!

Warmest wishes,

Tina Barnett

See Page 2 for COVID information

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Covid Safe Practices

In order to minimise the risk of any transmission occurring, we have a number of protocols in place:

- We adhere to the DET Covid Safe Management Plan.
- **Masks are mandatory for students from years 3-6 when indoors, unless a medical exemption is provided.**
- **Masks are highly recommended for students from years P-2, when indoors, unless a medical exemption is provided.**
- **All staff wear masks unless face-to-face teaching.**
- The school continues additional cleaning and sanitising daily.
- Every student is required to adhere to strict hand sanitising protocols, including sanitising upon entering the class.
- Class materials are not shared unless absolutely necessary and are cleaned before and after each use.
- Non-essential visitors are not allowed on school grounds, further reducing chances of infection.
- All visitors to the office are required to **show evidence of vaccination status**, and adhere to covid safe practices including wearing a mask, hand sanitising and maintaining 1.5m distance between themselves and others.
- Where possible, ventilation is increased through open doors and/or windows.
- All staff have been trained in and are using Infection Control measures.
- All spaces in the school are marked with density limits and signage must be observed.
- The school is not conducting assemblies or gatherings that mix cohorts.
- Any student who is unwell should not attend school, and will be sent home if displaying signs of illness consistent with Covid-19.

A BIG HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you to all those families and students that helped out at the Working Bee last Saturday.



COVID Contact Information

Please notify us if your child has been to an exposure site, or is a close contact of a positive case. It is essential that we are able to respond quickly as a school, to ensure we follow protocols and minimise risk.

Masks are still mandatory inside school buildings for Years 3-6 and adults. P-2 students are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Please provide your child with a mask, as we are rapidly running out of supplies.

Vaccination and School Visitors:

Please be aware of the requirement to show your vaccination status in order to enter school buildings under most circumstances, unless you can show a medical exemption. Please be prepared to show this upon entry to the administration building. Visitors to other school buildings are still restricted.

If you are unvaccinated, without an exemption, and you need to have a meeting with the school (a Student Support Group Meeting, or a meeting with the teacher for example) we will provide you with a video link to hold the meeting virtually. This will ensure that you do not miss out on the ability to communicate with professionals at the school about your child's needs, learning and wellbeing.

STUDENT AWARDS:

Poppy A	FA	For always trying her best and working diligently to complete her goals.
Archie R	FA	For showing initiative in the classroom when cleaning up. Helping his peers to get the job done quicker.
Millie C	FS	For having a positive attitude towards school and trying her best to make new friends.
Jack G	FS	For always using his manners in class and being 'ready to learn'.
Myles B	12A	For working hard on your learning goals this term.
Kaydence D	12A	For showing persistence and always bringing a positive attitude into the classroom.
Teijin B	12B	For her valuable contributions to classroom discussions.
Ava W	12B	For being a kind and caring member of the classroom.
Ashlyn F	12D	For her valuable contributions to class discussions.
Aarohi P	12R	For always trying your best.
Zachary F	12R	For trying hard in all learning areas.
Clemence J	34M	For being respectful and always using your manners.
Connor W	34M	For being a great active participant during tasks and discussions.
Dylan F	56C	For starting his work straight away and challenging himself in tasks.
Jess E	56C	For giving evidence from the text to back up her predictions during guided reading.
Sophie D	56M	For your responsibility shown towards your learning, our classroom and the environment team jobs. The initiative and hard work you consistently produce should be commended. Awesome job.
Hunter W	56M	For the respect and responsibility you always show towards your learning. You are leading the way in being prepared, ready to learn and having quick transitions between session. Well done.



In 2022 many parents will still need to make decisions regarding their child's education for 2023 and beyond.

To assist in your decision making and as the Victorian Schools Guide is environmentally conscious and mindful of being contact free during this current health crisis they have provided below a direct link to the **March 2022** edition of the **Geelong Schools Guide**. To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2023 and beyond, please find below a link to the 76 page 2022 edition of the **Geelong Schools Guide**.

CLICK HERE: <https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/geelong-education/>

A list of Tour Dates for Secondary Schools for this area has been posted on Sentral to all the Year 5 and 6 families.

Privacy reminder for 2022—See the end of newsletter for information on the Privacy Collection Notice

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website:

<http://grovedaleps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Schools-Privacy-Policy.pdf>

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

Amharic * Arabic * Dari * Gujarati * Mandarin * Somali * Sudanese

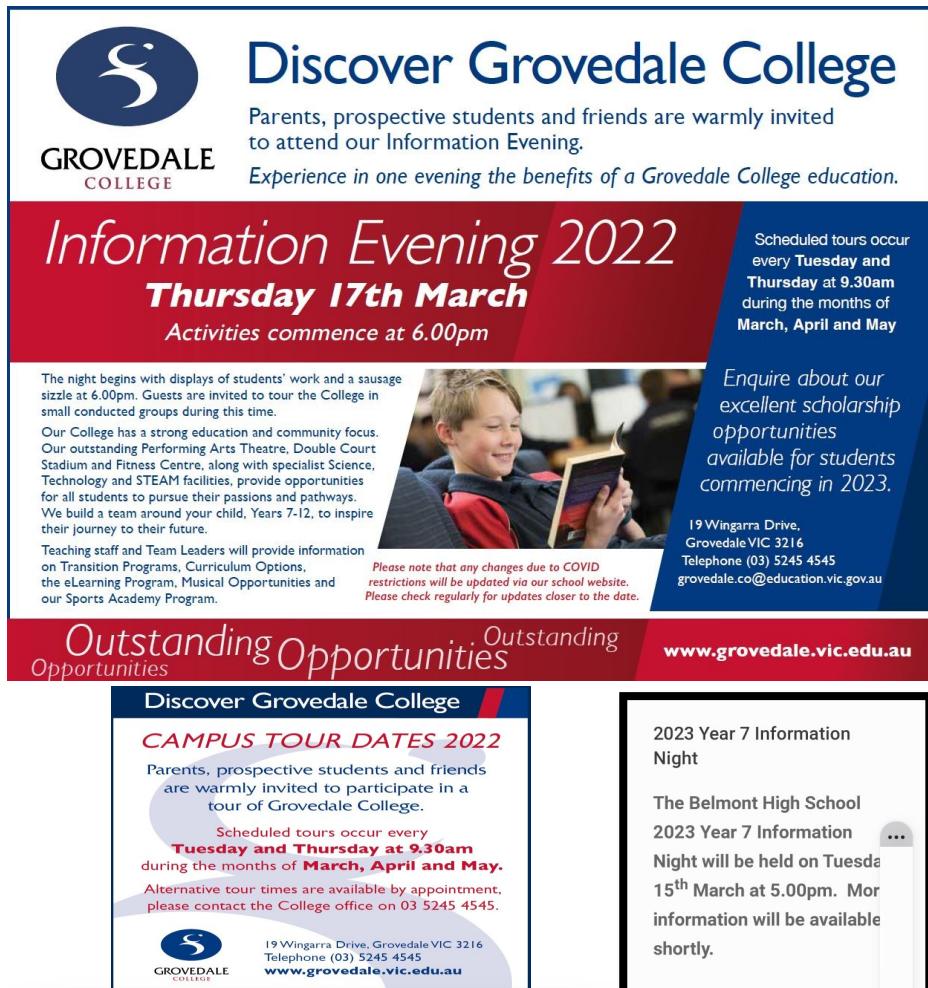
* Turkish * Urdu * Vietnamese.

Parent Open Evenings - Year 5/6 families

Secondary Schools for 2023 Enrolments



Oberon High School
Shape Your Future - Go One Better
OPEN NIGHT
163 Batten Road, Armstrong Creek
Thursday 24th March
Tours from 5:30pm
Bookings Essential
<https://www.trybooking.com/BXPXE>



GROVEDALE COLLEGE
Discover Grovedale College
Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening.
Experience in one evening the benefits of a Grovedale College education.

Information Evening 2022
Thursday 17th March
Activities commence at 6.00pm

The night begins with displays of students' work and a sausage sizzle at 6.00pm. Guests are invited to tour the College in small conducted groups during this time.

Our College has a strong education and community focus. Our outstanding Performing Arts Theatre, Double Court Stadium and Fitness Centre, along with specialist Science, Technology and STEAM facilities, provide opportunities for all students to pursue their passions and pathways. We build a team around your child, Years 7-12, to inspire their journey to their future.

Teaching staff and Team Leaders will provide information on Transition Programs, Curriculum Options, the eLearning Program, Musical Opportunities and our Sports Academy Program.

Outstanding Opportunities

Discover Grovedale College
CAMPUS TOUR DATES 2022
Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every **Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am** during the months of **March, April and May**.

Alternative tour times are available by appointment, please contact the College office on 03 5245 4545.

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Telephone (03) 5245 4545
www.grovedale.vic.edu.au

2023 Year 7 Information Night
The Belmont High School 2023 Year 7 Information Night will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 5.00pm. More information will be available shortly.

2023 Enrolments – Discover why MFG is the secondary school for your daughter

9 March 2022, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
2022 Year 7 Information Evening

Our Open Night for 2023 student enrolments is an information evening designed to give you an insight into what life is like at Matthew Flinders.

10 March 2021, 9:30am
Open Day

Come and meet our staff and students who will take you on a personalised tour to see our school in action.



BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Belmont High School (enrolment of 1,180 students) is a large secondary school in the City of Greater Geelong, Victoria. Established in 1955, the majority of the student enrolment is drawn from the Belmont/Highton area.



Prepares us for Life

Geelong High School will host their 2023 Year 7 Open Night on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March.

There will be 3 sessions occurring each night at 4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm

Each session includes a welcome presentation and self-guided tour. These sessions will take no longer than an hour and 15 minutes.

Bookings are essential to ensure COVID-safe numbers on school grounds during each session. Numbers are capped at 150 per session.

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To book your session, please go to the following link:

<https://compasstix.com/event/f...>

Tickets are available until 3pm the day of the open nights. ☺

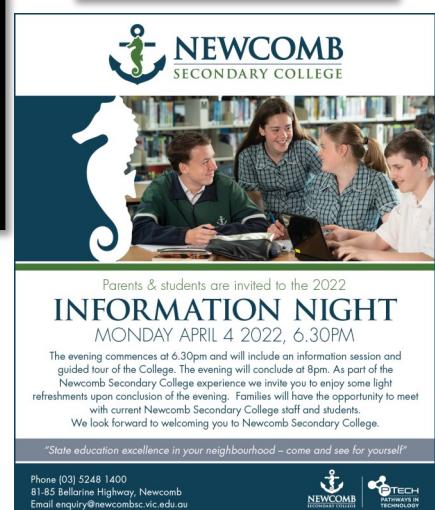


2023 Enrolment OPEN NIGHT
Thursday 10th March, 2022
Commencing 6pm

For details about our
- Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program
- Scholarship Program
- Excellence in Sport Program
or to organise a personalised school tour, please contact

Jacinta Eales
Transitions Leader

North Geelong Secondary College
130 Separation Street, North Geelong, 3215 Ph: (03) 5240 5800
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NEWCOMB SECONDARY COLLEGE



Parents & students are invited to the 2022 **INFORMATION NIGHT**
MONDAY APRIL 4 2022, 6.30PM

The evening commences at 6.30pm and will include an information session and guided tour of the College. The evening will conclude at 8pm. As part of the Newcomb Secondary College experience we invite you to enjoy some light refreshments upon conclusion of the evening. Families will have the opportunity to meet with current Newcomb Secondary College staff and students. We look forward to welcoming you to Newcomb Secondary College.

"State education excellence in your neighbourhood – come and see for yourself"

Phone (03) 5248 1400
81-85 Bellarine Highway, Newcomb
Email enquiry@newcombsc.vic.edu.au

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School is back and we can't wait for the year ahead!

Our safe, fun, educational programs and amazing educators will enrich your children's lives, support, and encourage your children's aspirations.

We think big so your children can dream big!

Enrolments are easy and free!
Book 14 days in advance to receive the early bird rate.

What are you waiting for? Secure your place today!

Book online today! extend.com.au
Enquiries 1300 366 437 support@extend.com.au

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TRY 2 CLASSES FREE!



3-7 YEARS
SATURDAY
9:15AM

CLASSES
GROVEDALE HUB,
HEYERS ROAD



8-10 YEARS
TUESDAY
4:30PM

11-13 YEARS
MONDAY
5:00PM

0416 255 684



IGA GROVEDALE EAST—Dockets
Marshalltown Road.

Remember if you shop at IGA in Marshalltown Road, to bring your IGA dockets in regularly—there is a box in the office to place them into.

We must have all dockets for the month in by the 15th of the following month.

Example: Please send all of your February dockets in by the 14th of March. We have to have them to IGA on the 15th of each month. Keep collecting!

A huge Thank You to IGA for your ongoing support and sponsorship of the school. Thank You IGA!!



LOST PROPERTY—ALL ITEMS AT THE FRONT OFFICE

Please don't forget to name your child's school garments so we can return them when they leave them lying around the school.

At the end of TERM 1—**ALL LOST PROPERTY** including toys/containers/drink bottles will be sent to the charity shop.



Don't count the
DAYS
Teach 4 Heart
Make the days
COUNT



Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the **School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ)** and the **Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form**.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.
- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).