NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates

***14th Dec** Athletics Day*

***15th & 16th Dec** Interview days*

***16th Dec** Last day for students*

***19th & 20th Dec** Curriculum days*

***30th Jan** First of Term 1 2023*

***20th-24th Feb** Senior Years Camp*

***14th-17th March** Middle Years Camp*

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility

IMPORTANT INFORMATION 9/12

- Today is the last day of school for year 10 students.
- **16th December** is the last day of school for all remaining students.
- The online booking portal for Parent Teacher Student interviews has now closed. Please contact the office on **9510 1706** if you do not yet have a slot.

Urban Block served many happy customers at the Expression Deaf Festival on Saturday!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By Marg Tope

Thank you to all who gave of their time before, during or after Expression Deaf Festival. It was a fabulous community vibe on Saturday and many of our families and students attended.

Staff spoke to numerous people about the education we offer. Elizabeth took care of face painting with a queue longer than the line to visit the Myer Christmas windows in Bourke St mall.

Students sold Urban Block produce like hot cakes, while the Tradeblock Café served a constant stream of happy customers. Ablock had an excellent display. VCD School Council engaged with the community and the sign choir was a hit!

To be able to engage with our communities in this way is priceless. There are many other opportunities for connection through upcoming holiday activities and theatre events. Information about these can be found below in the Wellbeing Corner and Community News section.

We look forward to one more week of school for Primary and Middle Years before a well earned break!

Photo credit: Mish Winters

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VCD ATHLETICS DAY 14/12

We have one last exciting event on the VCD calendar! Primary and Middle Years students need to be ready to run, jump and throw their to earning points for **Punt** and **High** houses.

What to bring:

- Sport Clothes: **Punt** - **High**
- Sport shoes

- Water bottle

- Healthy lunch

- Hat

Scoring:

- 1st = 20 points
- 2nd = 10 points
- 3rd = 5 points
- All other placings = 1 point

PRIMARY NEWS - JPC VISIT

The Primary students and John Pierce Centre (JPC) have developed a partnership this year. JPC members have visited our students and participated in a variety of activities. It is so important for inter-generational communication and contact to occur, sharing deaf experiences through Auslan. This week students were invited to participate in JPC's Pankina Christmas event. They met community members and drew raffle prizes before receiving an ice-cream for all their work.

Thank you JPC for your support this year and we look forward to continuing this partnership in 2023.

WELLBEING CORNER

By Gene Reardon

Enjoy your holidays – have loads of fun experiences and stay connected !

If you are reading this article, you no doubt have a key interest in the wellbeing of VCD students. You play a vital role in fostering positive connections, preparing your child for peer relationships, working with your child on how to cope when relationships break down or become damaging, as well as supporting them wherever they are emotionally.

Developing connections with other people based on warmth, empathy, respect, positive regard, and shared interests is crucial. We are pleased to promote Expression Australia's holiday program - holiday opportunities for children and young people to engage and connect with others in a vibrant and unique way.

Please explore the school holiday activities available to your family and jump online register via eventbite.

Expression Youth Day at Skaterz

When: 11th January 2023
Where: Skaterz Rollerblade, 27 Susan St, Eltham Vic.
Time: 11:50 am – 2 pm
Price: $30 includes Skate hire (please bring your own helmet)
Link to register:
https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/expression-youth-roller-blading-tickets-472368435707

Expression Youth Lawn Bowls

When: 19th January 2023
Where: 578 Brunswick St, Fitzroy North.
Time: 11 am – 2 pm
Price: $20 pp, includes lunch and unlimited games bowls
Link to register: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/expression-youth-lawn-bowls-day-tickets-469552613507

Expression Family Picnic Day

When: 23rd January 2023
Where: Edinburgh Gardens
Time: 11 am – 2 pm
Price: Free, BYO lunch, snacks, and picnic rug
Link to register: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/expression-family-picnic-day-tickets-482068508887

COMMUNITY NEWS

Deaf Australia

CROSSING BORDERS CAMP 2023

Youth Camp

April
12-16th 2023

QCCC Brookfield
Brisbane, QLD

$415
Per person

The Activities

- Adventures
- Team challenges
- New skills

Ages 13 – 17

Register today

For more information and registration visit **deafaustralia.org.au/cbyc**

The Crossing Borders Youth Camp is supported by Deaf Connect as part of their investment in Deaf youth and future Deaf leaders.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Upcoming Auslan Stage Left Shows

Christmas Carols

Manningham Carols by Candlelight
Friday December 9
Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster

Carols by Candlelight – City of Whittlesea
Friday December 9
Terrace Lawns, Civic Centre, South Morang

Carols in Dandenong Park
Friday December 9
Dandenong Park, Dandenong

Carols in the Park Thornbury
Saturday December 10
Darebin Presbyterian Church, Thornbury

Carols in Queens Park
Saturday December 10
Queens Park, Moonee Ponds

Carols by Kingston
Sunday December 11
Chelsea Bicentennial Park, Chelsea

Family Christmas Concert at Central Park
Sunday December 11
Central Park, Malvern East

Banyule Carols by Candlelight
Saturday December 17
Greensborough War Memorial Park

A Christmas Carol
Thursday Dec. 29
The Comedy Theatre

Winner of five Tony Awards, the smash-hit Old Vic production of Charles Dickens' immortal classic A Christmas Carol starring David Wenham, comes to Melbourne's Comedy Theatre, this holiday season.

Harry Styles
Friday Feb. 24, 2023
Marvel Stadium

The tour is in celebration of Harry's critically acclaimed second solo #1 album, "Fine Line," which features the singles 'Light's Up,' 'Adore You,' and 'Watermelon Sugar.'

Ed Sheeran
Friday March 3, 2023
Melbourne Cricket Ground, Richmond

Superstar Ed Sheeran is set to return to Australia and New Zealand in February/March 2023 for a massive run of stadium shows as part of his + – = ÷ x Tour (pronounced "The Mathematics Tour").

Visit auslanstageleft.com.au for more information and ticket links

HEROES AND LEADERS

ARTCOMPETITION

#dca_art #deafchildrenaustralia_art

For this competition, the categories for artworks include:

VISUAL ART
PAINTINGS, SCULPTURE, DRAWING, POTTERY, PHOTOGRAPHY, COLLAGE

DIGITAL ART
VIDEO ART, ILLUSTRATION, ANIMATION, COMPUTER DRAWINGS

PRIZES:

8 – 11 YEARS
1ST PRIZE $500.
RUNNER UP $250

12 – 17 YEARS
1ST PRIZE $1000.
RUNNER UP $500

18 – 23 YEARS –
1ST PRIZE $1000.
RUNNER UP $500

PEOPLE'S CHOICE
$500

Deaf Children Australia.

This annual Art Competition is supporting, promoting and nurturing deaf and hard of hearing young people in their pursuit of creativity and self expression. We can connect artists to mentors that have forged a career out of their creativity.

The work of the finalists will be showcased **at an event in April 2023** at Deaf Children Australia. For further information and terms and conditions visit **deafchildrenaustralia.org.au**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
22ND JANUARY 2023

2023 SCHOOL UNIFORM

VCD students are required to wear full school uniform. Students may wear stud or sleeper earrings and watches. Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

Please clearly label all of your child's items so that any items found can be quickly returned.

PURCHASING

VCD use the website My School Connect to sell our uniform online. Simply download the app or visit their website *www.myschoolconnect.com.au* to order.

Once your order is placed, Please allow one week for your order to be filled. You can choose to send the order home with your child, or pick it up yourself.

For more information about ordering through My School Connect, see the instructions on the following pages.

Please note: all online orders through My School Connect incur a transaction fee of 1.9%-2.9% depending on payment method.

While all uniform orders must be purchased through the My School Connect app, students are welcome to try on uniform items onsite at VCD. Students can try on uniform **Mondays 8:30am-4:30pm,** during the school term.

Uniform shop closes: Tuesday 20th December 2022. Purchases made after this date will need to be collected once the shop opens again in 2023.

Uniform shop opens: Monday 23rd January, 2023. Parents will be able to pick up their click and collect orders from this date.

EXCHANGES AND RETURNS

All sales are final. We recommend using the sizing charts linked in the item description boxes for accurate sizing. If your item is the wrong size, we are happy to exchange it as long as it remains in unworn/new condition. Exchanges could take up to 4 weeks depending on stock. We are not able to issue refunds unless the item is damaged/faulty.

MY SCHOOL CONNECT

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IS NOW ONLINE!

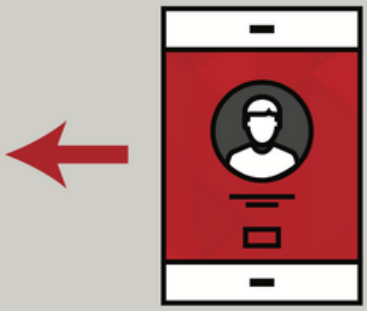
Download the free app or access **www.myschoolconnect.com.au**

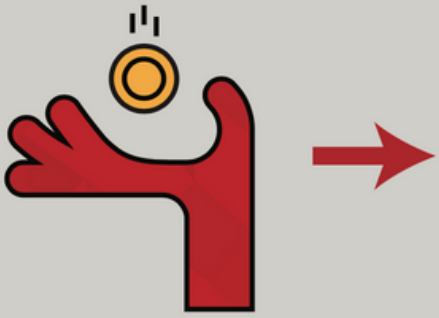
1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

Register your account on any device, simply login to **www.myschoolconnect.com.au** and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.

2. ADD YOUR STUDENT

Add your Child as a "Student", and make sure that you select your school and classroom details.





3. SELECT "TOP UP"

Select "Top Up" to add money to your account via Credit Card or Paypal, you can choose Direct Deposit but allow 3-5 working days to process prior to ordering. You can also pay as you go, simply skip the pop up screen for adding funds and start ordering.

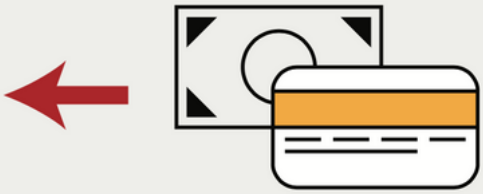
(Please note Merchant Fees applies to Credit Card or Paypal Transactions)

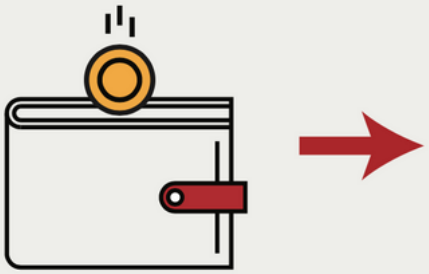
4. ORDER

To make a uniform purchase simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", It's that simple!

5. CHECKOUT

Once you have completed your order, view your order summary in the "cart" and proceed to "checkout". Select your preferred form of payment and submit, all orders are confirmed via email.





NOTE ON PAID ORDERS

Note only paid orders will be sent to your uniform shop, not those still sitting in your cart.

MY SCHOOL CONNECT

www.myschoolconnect.com.au

My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact (03) 8669 1869

HOUSE POINTS

The Athletics day on Wednesday will give students the opportunity to earn some major house points in the last week of term! Stay tuned for the final result in next Friday's newsletter! Go **High!** Go **Punt!** May the best house win.

HIGH	PUNT
772 (sport)	671 (sport)
944(merit cards)	862 (merit cards)
110 (library)	145 (library)
1826	1678

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