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February

- 27th - Parent Information Night

March

- 9th - Labour Day Public holiday
- 17th - School Photo Day
- 26th - SSG Meetings
- 26th - Investiture of School and House Captains

April

- 2nd - Last Day of Term 1

2026 Victorian school term dates

| 2026 | Start date | Finish date |
|--------|------------|--------------|
| Term 1 | 28 January | 2 April |
| Term 2 | 20 April | 26 June |
| Term 3 | 13 July | 18 September |
| Term 4 | 5 October | 18 December |

2026 Curriculum Days

| Term | Date |
|-------|----------------------|
| One | Tuesday 27th January |
| Two | To Be Advised |
| Three | To Be Advised |
| Four | To Be Advised |



Principal's Report

By John Mooney

Welcome back to Term One 2026 and a warm welcome to all members of our Emerson School community. It has been wonderful to see our students return with their happy, smiling faces after a relaxing holiday break. Special welcome to all our new students and their families.

We are excited for the year ahead and 2026 promises to be another positive and successful year of learning and growth. We look forward to working in partnership with our parents and families to support our students and achieve the very best outcomes for every child.

John Mooney

Principal

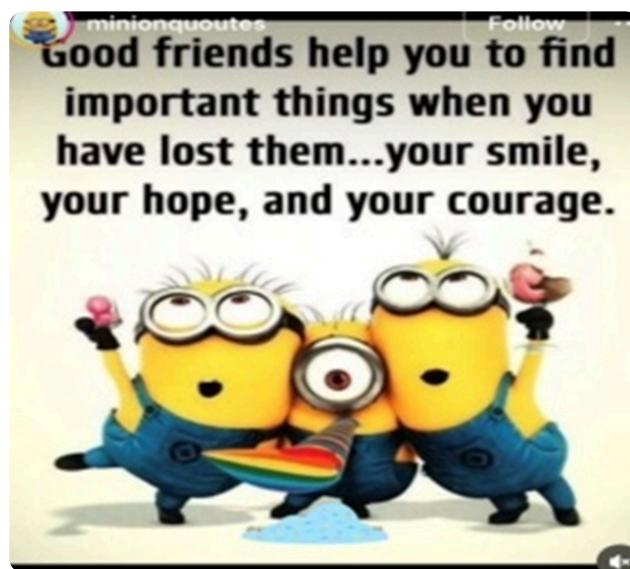


Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

Friendliness

We will be studying the value, Friendliness, for the next fortnight. Friendliness is making others feel welcome and at ease. At the beginning of every school year we welcome many new students and staff to Emerson. Every student has to get used to new classrooms, staff and mix of students. So it can be a bit scary sometimes, especially if you do not know the other students or staff. Here is a poster that might help us understand the importance of having a friend.





Announcements

Foodbank Mobile Supermarket

Foodbank will operate a "Mini Supermarket" from North Dandenong Neighbourhood Centre, providing much-needed food relief to Emerson School Families. Families can choose from a selection of dairy, bread, fruit, vegetables and other healthy food staples.

Emerson Families can pick up a voucher from the office of either Campus, the voucher will need to be presented at the Foodbank Mobile Supermarket.

The Mobile Supermarket will be held at the Dandenong North Neighbourhood Centre, 41 Menzies Ave, Dandenong North.

Dates:

- *Tuesday 3 February*
- *Wednesday 4 March*
- *Tuesday 19 May*





CSEF Applications are now open for 2026.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provide payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camp or trips, swimming and school organised sport programs, outdoor education programs and/or excursions and incursions.

Parents with an eligible government Pension, Veteran Affairs or Health Care Card can apply. If you have already claimed CSEF at Emerson, you will not need to re-apply in 2026.





Important Reminders

REMINDER TO WEAR HATS FOR TERM 1

IT IS COMPULSORY FOR STUDENTS TO WEAR HATS FOR TERMS 1 & 4.

WE ALSO STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT SUNSCREEN IS APPLIED AND A
WATER BOTTLE IS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL TO KEEP HYDRATED.

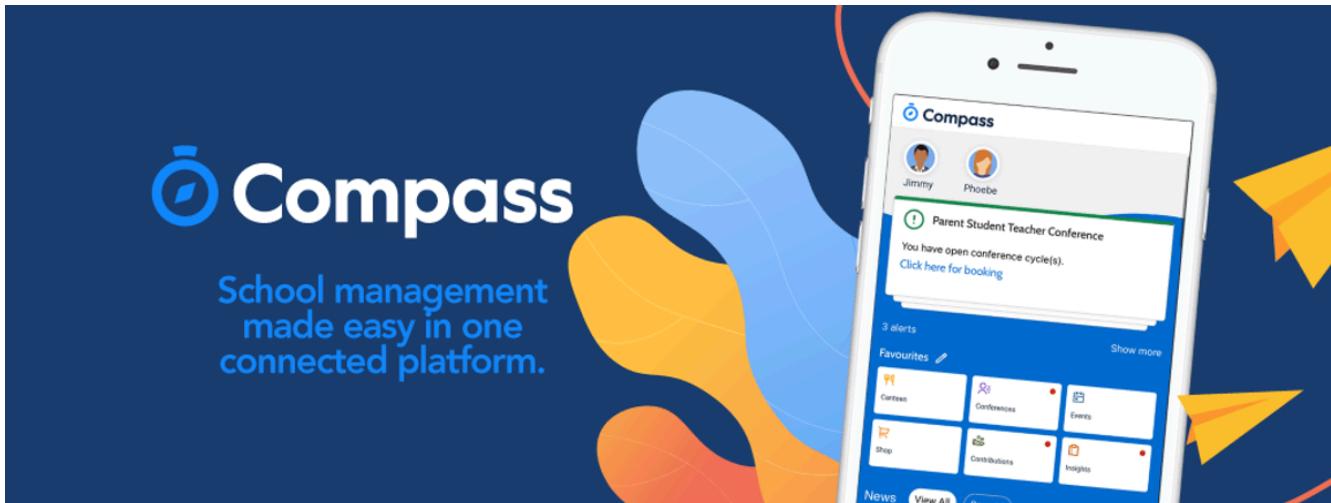
STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR HATS DEPICTING OFFENSIVE OR
ILLEGAL LOGOS.



Subway orders are available to students each week on a Wednesday.

Term 1 orders begin Wednesday February 4, 2026

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 10:00 am each week.**



Compass

Emerson School will be no longer sending home paper consent forms and instead will be using the Compass Management System.

All Parents and carers of Emerson School now have access to the Compass School Management app and can now access the following features.

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Download and view your child's academic reports
- Pay and provide consent for events such as excursions and camps, and pay school fees

You can download the Compass App on Apple iOS and Android devices, simply search for Compass School Manager in the store.



Access the website via the Emerson School Website page.

Access the website by searching the following link in your browser,

<https://schools.compass.education/>

Please contact the school if you need assistance with replacement log in details, logging in or resetting your password.

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