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- 18th - Last Day of Term 3
 - Middle School Campus finishes at 1:45pm - Buses have been notified
 - Jnr/Snr School Campus finishes at 2:00pm - Buses have been notified

October

- 5th - First Day of Term 4

2026 Victorian school term dates

2026	Start date	Finish date
Term 3	13 July	18 September
Term 4	5 October	18 December

2026 Curriculum Days

Term	Date
Four	To Be Advised



Principal's Report

We have come to the end of a very busy Term 3. I would like to thank staff, students and families for their wonderful work in making this term a 10 week period full of many exciting learning experiences and opportunities.

We had a Footy Colours Day today. Students and staff made the event a very colourful experience. One of the highlights of the day was the Students v Staff football match. Good luck to all supporters of AFL teams in the Finals! There is so much to talk about.

I wish everyone a relaxing term break, and I look forward to Term 4 which will commence on Monday, 5th October. Best wishes to all. See you in Term 4.

John Mooney

Principal



Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

As we finish up our formal work on the value Happiness, we are reminded of the health benefits of laughter.

Happy People are always smiling and quick to laugh.

Research tells us that laughter is good for your health. It relaxes the whole body, boosts the immune system and triggers the release of endorphins. Endorphins promote an overall sense of well-being and can even relieve pain momentarily.

Laughter also protects the heart as it improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow which in turn will protect us against heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

There is a link between laughter and mental health.

Laughter can dissolve distressing emotions. It can help us relax and recharge,

If we can teach ourselves to see situations in a less threatening and more realistic light, we can create a psychological distance thus avoiding feeling overwhelmed.

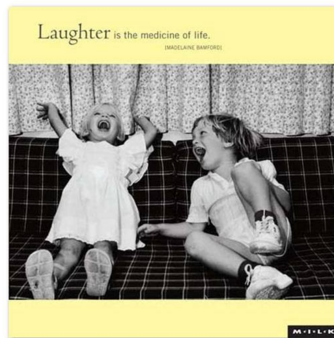
Laughter with others is more powerful than laughing alone.

Here are some ways we can induce laughter:

- Watching a funny movie or TV show
- Visit a comedy club
- Seek out funny people
- Share a good joke or funny story
- Check out your favourite bookstore or library's humour section
- Host a game night with friends

- Play with a pet

Can you think of some ways we can induce laughter?



When we return from the holidays we will be studying the value, Generosity.



Social Media Laws

The Australian Government is protecting young Australians at a critical stage of their development, through world-first social media age restrictions. These restrictions are now in effect.

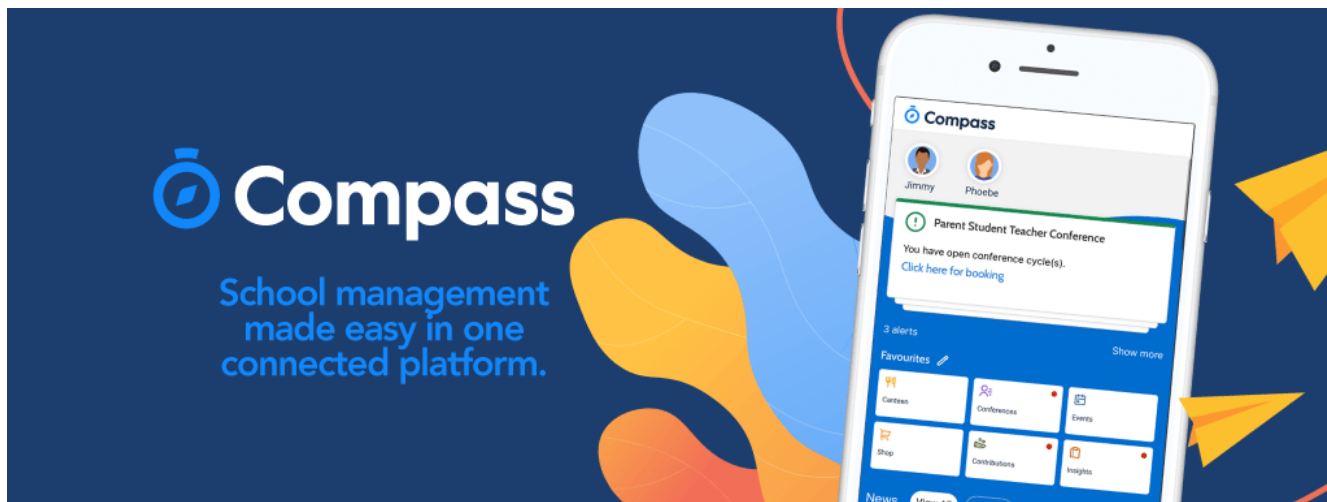
As of 10 December 2025, age-restricted social media platforms need to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under the age of 16 from creating or keeping an account. It is eSafety's view that Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, Twitch, X, YouTube, Kick and Reddit are age-restricted platforms, among others. This list may change in the future.

The social media age restrictions aim to protect young Australians from pressures and risks that users can be exposed to while logged in to social media accounts. These come from design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens, while also serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents cannot override the law or give formal permission for their under-16 child to hold an account on banned platforms.

The law was introduced to help protect children from potential online harms, including cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and negative impacts on mental health.

Emerson School is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment where staff, students, and parents work together to prevent all forms of disrespectful and unkind conduct. By following the Social Media laws, the school community sets a strong example for all current and future Emerson School students.



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.

Jnr / Snr School - 9791 8900

Middle School - 8762 6466

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Head Lice

Treating and controlling headlice

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While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.

Catching head lice

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.

Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

- Step 1** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
- Step 2** Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.
- Step 3** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 4** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 5** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

Treating head lice

Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
2. Using the conditioner and comb method (described under 'finding head lice') every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully. The following points may also be helpful:

- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person's eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.

Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60°C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

Testing resistance

Head lice products belong in one of the following categories depending on the active compound they contain:

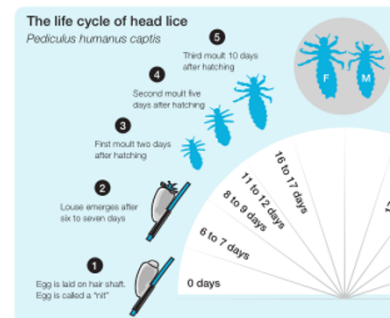
- pyrethrins
- synthetic pyrethroids (permethrin, bioallethrin)
- organophosphates (malidison or malathion)
- herbal with or without natural (non-chemical) pyrethrins.

Insecticide resistance is common, so you should test if lice are dead. If they are, treat again in seven days using the same product. If the lice are not dead, the treatment has not worked and the lice may be resistant to the product and all products containing the same active compound. Wash off the product and treat as soon as possible using a product containing a different active compound. If the insecticide has worked, the lice will be dead within 20 minutes.

Any head lice product could cause a reaction and should be used with care by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, children less than 12 months old and people with allergies, asthma or open wounds on the scalp. If you are unsure, please check with your pharmacist or doctor.

Head lice combs

Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be used.



The information in this pamphlet is based on the research conducted and written by Associate Professor Rick Spore and the team of researchers at, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, James Cook University.

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Glasses for Kids Program

The Education Department and State Schools Relief have invited our school to participate in the **Glasses for Kids program** again this year.

Qualified optometrists will provide a vision screening, and if required further testing and glasses at no cost.

All screening and testing will be completed at school in Term 4, 4-5 November 2026.

The program is available to students 5 – 10 years of age.

If your child already wears glasses they can participate and get a spare pair to keep at school.

Consent forms are being sent home this week. Please return promptly for organisation.

Please contact me if your student is older than 10 years and needs a vision screening.

Jenny La'Brooy
Assistant Principal.

How does the Glasses for Kids program work?

- GFK partners with qualified optometrists who will visit your child's school and offer your child initial vision screening and if required, further testing and glasses at no cost.
- All screening and testing sessions will be completed during school hours.

How can my child be part of the program?

- Please return the Consent Form and Optometrist Questionnaire to your school by the due date.

How do I get the results for my child?

- Your child will receive a letter about their vision screening outcome to bring home at the conclusion of our visit.

What if my child needs glasses?

- If the optometrist prescribes glasses for your child, GFK will provide them at no cost.
- Your child will have the chance to choose their glasses and be fitted on the day.
- Your child will be given a letter telling you why the glasses have been prescribed.

What if my child is nonverbal or from a non English Speaking background?

- They can still participate: the optometrists we partner with have resources and techniques to work with nonverbal or ESOI students.

Who can participate?

- Primary Schools: Prep - Year 3 students.
- Specialist Schools: Students aged 5 to 10 years old.

Can children who currently wear glasses be part of GFK?

- Yes, they can. If their glasses are less than 12 months old, please provide a copy of their latest prescription if available.

- If your child is already under the care of another optometrist, please share any relevant information on the Optometrist Questionnaire.

Do I have to return separate forms for each child?

- Yes, each student must have a signed Consent Form and Optometrist Questionnaire.

Do I have to provide Medicare details?

- It is preferred as any testing that may be required on the day of the visit may be bulk billed through Medicare. However, if your child does not have a Medicare card, they can still participate in the program.

What happens if the glasses are damaged?

- GFK will provide one (1) replacement pair at no cost, providing the initial pair is less than 12 months old.
- Parents or carers should contact their child's school to have a replacement pair ordered.

4 simple steps to be part of the Glasses for Kids program...

- 1 Read the information for Families Brochure
- 2 Complete the Consent Form and Optometrist Questionnaire
- 3 Give both forms back to school
- 4 Ensure that your child is at school on the day of visit





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.

Dates:

- *Wednesday 7th October 11:30am - 12:15pm - held at the Dandenong North Neighbourhood Centre, 41 Menzies Ave, Dandenong North.*



2026 Youth MYKI Card

During 2026, select students will participate in the Travel Education Program. Students will travel on PTV and require a MYKI card.

\$5.00 annual Youth MYKI cards are available to all students under 18 years old. Families will be required to purchase a MYKI card for each child.

Click on the following [Youth Myki link](#) to purchase the MYKI online, OR, go to a manned Train Station to purchase the card. Once purchased, all travel is FREE. If you order the MYKI online, the Myki card will be posted to your home with your child's name printed on the card. This saves confusion of who the card belongs to.

If you are having any challenges with buying a MYKI card or registering the MYKI please email Christine.marlow@education.vic.gov.au and I would be happy to make a time to assist you.

Remember to check the Compass portal for permissions for your child to attend excursions.

Compass keeps all information current which is best for your child for medical information, emergency contacts, etc. Compass makes it quick and easy for parents and staff. Please ask the office if you need help using Compass.

Kind regards,

Christine Marlow

Travel and Road Safety Education

Emerson School



Footy Colours Day 2026

Teachers vs Students – End of Term Footy!

A great turnout from both teachers and students for our end-of-term footy match!

It was a hard-fought contest with plenty of big marks, great goals, questionable umpiring decisions and a few teachers discovering they're not quite as quick as they used to be!

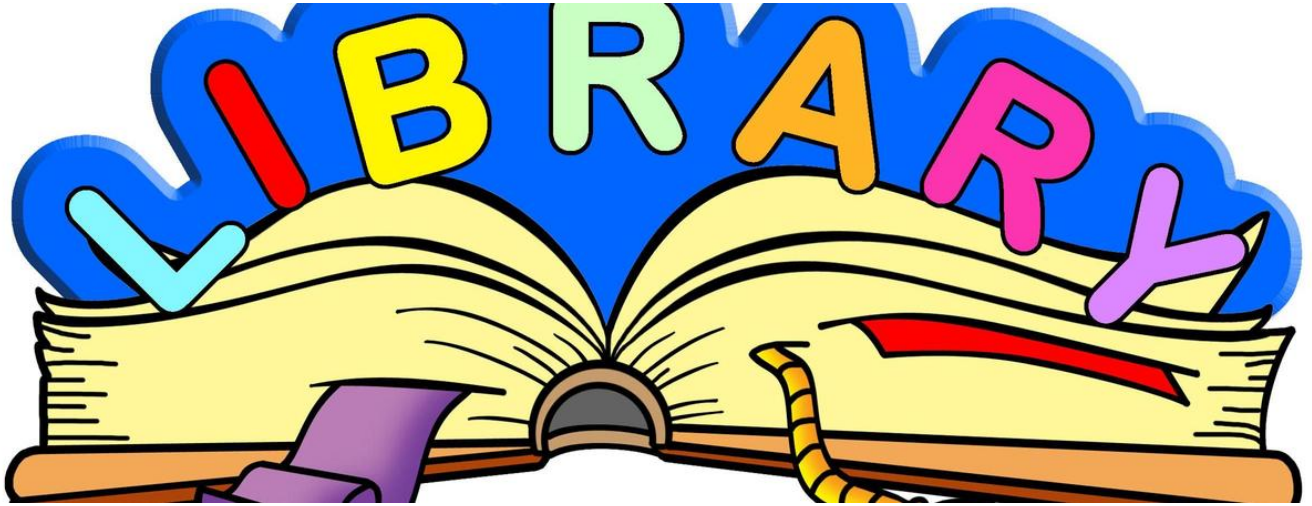
Both teams battled hard right to the final siren, with the teachers managing to hold off a fast-finishing student side to take the win!

A great way to finish another busy term of PE and sport at Emerson!

As they say in footy... there's always next year!







Library News

I am very pleased to announce that our library will be opening in Term 4 for Junior Classes.

I have been very busy setting up our new space in the old administration block, and will be ready to welcome students.

Please send any library books that you have at home, back to school, along with library bags.

Judy Moutsakis

Library Technician



Outstanding Athletics Achievement - Omal

A huge congratulations to Omal, who produced an outstanding performance at the recent SSV Greater Dandenong Division Athletics competition.

Competing in the mainstream competition against students from schools including Dandenong High School, Keysborough College, Lyndale Secondary College, Carwatha College, Noble Park Secondary College, Mt Hira College, Minaret College and Sirius College, Omal was crowned the 17-Year-Old Boys Age Group Champion!

Omal had an incredible day across both track and field, achieving:

1st – High Jump

1st – Long Jump

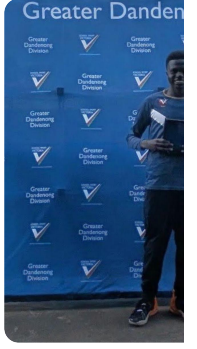
1st – 400m

2nd – 100m

One of the highlights of the day came in the High Jump. Omal competed in challenging conditions, with a strong headwind regularly affecting the bar. After the competition had concluded, Omal was determined to keep jumping and see how close he could get to his personal best. Officials gave him the opportunity to continue, and he went on to successfully clear 1.90m!

Omal will now progress to the SSV Regional Athletics Championships, where he will represent Emerson at the next level of competition.

Congratulations, Omal, on an outstanding achievement! Your hard work and commitment to training continue to pay off. We're incredibly proud to see you representing Emerson School at such a high level.





Emerson School - Division Athletics

Over the past two weeks, Emerson students have proudly represented the school at both the SSV Secondary and Primary Division Athletics competitions. Across the two events, students competed in a range of track and field events.

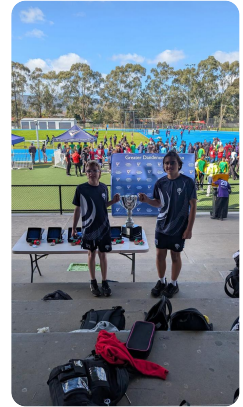
It was fantastic to see our students challenging themselves, supporting their teammates and competing with such enthusiasm and determination.

We also had some outstanding individual performances, with a number of students placing highly enough in their events to qualify for the next stage – the SSV Regional Athletics Championships!

This is a fantastic achievement, with SSV's athletics pathway progressing from Division to Region and ultimately State level.

A huge congratulations to all of our students who competed and represented Emerson so positively. We are incredibly proud of the effort, sportsmanship and courage you showed throughout both days.

Good luck to our Regional qualifiers – we can't wait to see you represent Emerson at the next level!





Football and Netball Carnival Day

After a great few weeks of round-robin competition, it has been rewarding to see our students continue to develop their skills, teamwork and confidence. They have been a fantastic group to take to interschool sport and should be very proud of their efforts throughout the competition.

Both our A and B Grade Football teams made it through to their Grand Finals, unfortunately going down in two hard-fought matches.

Our A Grade Netball team competed strongly throughout the day, while our B Grade team progressed to the semi-final before being knocked out.

A great effort from everyone and a wonderful way to finish the competition!







Faces of Emerson Blog

Just a reminder to please check in each week for the latest stories featuring the staff, students, and families of Emerson. There are now dozens of stories at the *Faces of Emerson* blog, with more being added every Wednesday.

This week features:

- Luke Bowen (staff)
- Munir S (parent)
- Leanne Russell (staff)

Grab a cuppa and read the most recent stories here:

<https://www.emersonsc.vic.edu.au/faces-of-emerson/>

Or just go to the school website's Home page, scroll down until you see the *Faces of Emerson* section and press the "View all stories" button.

Happy reading!

If you'd like your story to be included, please contact Research Officer, Jenni Campbell, at jenni.campbell@education.vic.gov.au or ask at the Junior/Senior campus front desk.



Emerson Auskick 2026

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GOOD CLEAN FUN

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EMERSON AUSKICK CENTRE
Emerson - Middle School Gloria Ave Campus
4 WEEK PROGRAM
THURSDAY 10TH & 17TH SEPTEMBER & 8TH & 15TH OCTOBER
3:00PM - 4:00PM
Students to be picked up from the Middle School Office @ 4:00PM

AFL PLAY



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EMERSON AUSKICK CENTRE

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AFL PLAY

Student of the Week



Junior School Student of the Term Awards

JSA	Eli A	For his outstanding effort, positive attitude and achievement across all areas.
JSB	Ha My T	For her increased interest and focus in classroom activities
JSC	Eric T	For working so hard on sharing how he is feeling in JSC
JSD	Jackson Q-T	For always making everyone laugh in JSD, and for doing amazing work
JSE	Jacqueline S	For improvement in calmness and friendliness
JSF	Tane T	For his increased confidence
JSG	Alice S	For always trying her best and improving in all areas
JSH	Henry N	For always trying hard and doing his best at all times
JSI	John L	For doing his best all the time
JSJ	Alex C	For being kind, helpful and an excellent role model for the class
JSK	Nua S	For being kind and being a great role model for the class
JSL	Henry L	For sharing his thinking during our Zones of Regulation classes



Student of the Week



Middle School Awards

MSB	Ashton S	For coming back to school and successfully completing his work
MSC	Orlando B	For making a positive start at Emerson School
MSD	Ahmed M	For an excellent Term 3 in both Numeracy and Literacy
MSE	Nikkisha W	For perservering in Maths and working hard
MSF	Ben D	For positive class distribution
MSH	Braxton A	For being curious and asking great questions during literacy
MSI	Nicholas Z	For working hard in Maths
MSK	Zoe H-S	For completing work she really didn't want to do

Artist of the Week	Areeb MSJ, Eleanor MSJ, Indujaa MSK, Beau MSL
ESO Student of the Week ESO George	Dallas S - For being kind and respectful to other students
Golden Ticket of Kindness	Yousif Mutter



Milkshake Awards





Bus Awards

Term 3, Week 10 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Tyson B-P
Narre Warren	Aeden F
Cranbourne	Noah H
Pakenham	Grace T
Noble Park	William E
Dandenong	Isa M

Congratulations!



Sports Stars

JSE	Russell B
JSF	Scarlett J
MSC	Benyamin T
MSJ	Angelia T
SSH	Brodie J
SSS	Jemma L





Emerson School Transport Code of Conduct for Students

Emerson School Bus Rules

Emerson students have the privilege of travelling to and from school on Government contracted buses that are provided free of charge to students. It is important that students appreciate this wonderful service by displaying politeness and good manners at all times while travelling on the bus. It is expected that all students will abide by the following rules to ensure a safe and happy journey is experienced by all.

BUS RULES

1. Students will stay seated in the seat allocated to them by the Supervisor.
2. Students will wear their seatbelt correctly.
3. Students will keep their hands and feet to themselves.
4. Students may talk quietly to the person next to them.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Parents will arrange to pick up their child from the bus stop or ensure that it is safe to allow their child to walk home independently.
2. If for some unforeseen reason, parents are unable to be at the bus stop to pick up their child, they will ring both Emerson School and Ventura Bus Company to let them know.
3. If there is no one at the bus stop, the driver will bring the child back to the school.
4. Parents will be responsible for collecting their child from the school.

MANAGEMENT OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

Staff will elect 6 responsible students to be the Bus Captains. These people will write the names of well-behaved students in a raffle ticket book. All tickets will go into 6 clearly marked containers. One ticket from each bus will be drawn from the containers at assembly every Friday and the student named will be given a small prize. Records will be kept of every ticket issued and the person with the most tickets, on each bus, will receive a prize at the last

assembly of the year. The Ventura Bus Company management have very kindly offered to provide these awards and will be involved with the presentation of them at our final assembly for the year.

MANAGEMENT OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

The management of Ventura Bus Company and Emerson School will keep in regular contact to ensure that communication on bus issues is of the highest level. Unacceptable behaviour will be managed in the following way:

1. Unacceptable behaviour will be reported by bus staff to the school.
2. The named students will be spoken to and consequences will be applied.
3. Parents will be asked to collaborate with school and bus staff to ensure that inappropriate bus behaviour is eradicated.
4. If poor behaviour on the bus continues, an official warning will be given to the student's family indicating that the student is at risk of being suspended from the bus.
5. If poor behaviour continues, the student may be suspended from bus travel for **THREE DAYS**. This suspension will be invoked by the Bus Company and the school acting together.
6. **The Bus Company has an obligation to ensure the safety of all passengers and the vehicle. Consequently, the Bus Company has the right to exclude any passenger at any time, if that passenger is deemed to pose a threat to the safety of bus travel.**
7. If a student is suspended for three lots of 3 days in a calendar year, the school and Bus Company may suspend the student off the bus on a permanent basis. It is hoped that ongoing conferencing between the Bus Company, parents and the school would avoid this permanent expulsion.

THINGS TO DO

Community Activities, Events and Tickets

BOOKING INFORMATION

- Bookings can be made via the Youth Services website: youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/programs/holiday-activities or at 39 Clow Street Dandenong (by appointment only). Ltd. Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4pm to make an appointment. To attend these activities you must live, study, work or have a significant connection to the City of Greater Dandenong and be aged between 12 to 25 years.
- Book in early as some activities will sell out. An online registration form must be completed with the young person's details and payment made to secure booking. Spots cannot be kept on hold.
- For activities that include a waiver, Youth and Family Services staff will make up your registration. The waiver must be completed and returned to Youth and Family Services and/or the activity provider prior to the activity day.
- All booking cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to be eligible for a refund (unless due to medical reasons, then please advise Youth and Family Services).
- Bookings are non-transferable under any circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions and may be cancelled if necessary, or alternative activities arranged.
- Activities may be cancelled when booking numbers are low.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to bus departure for activities. If you are late, the bus may leave without you.
- Young people must follow staff instructions at all times. Offensive or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in young people being asked to leave the activity and possibly not attend the rest of the holiday activities.
- Please bring your lunch and water bottle. There will be no time to buy lunch during activities.
- All activities and events are strictly no smoking, no vaping, no drugs, and no alcohol.
- Careers are welcome to assist young people with additional needs. Careers need to arrange their own transport. Please contact Youth and Family Services for further details.

MOVEMENT 4 YOUR MIND

Every Tuesday, 6 - 27 October
Time: 4.15pm - 5.30pm
Location: Noble Park Aquatic Centre, 9 Memorial Drive, Noble Park
Online Registration essential

FREE

Join us for a variety of fun group fitness activities with qualified instructors

For 12-25 year olds

Scan here to express your interest

Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services
39 Clow Street, Dandenong
Tel: 8571 1628
Email: info@youthservices.org.au
Facebook: [youthservices](https://www.facebook.com/youthservices)
Instagram: [youthservices](https://www.instagram.com/youthservices)

Follow us on Instagram: [@GreaterDandenongYouthServices](https://www.instagram.com/GreaterDandenongYouthServices)
Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/youthservices](https://www.facebook.com/youthservices)

Locations for bus pick up and drop off points:
D - Youth and Family Services, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong
N - Noble Park Aquatic Centre, Memorial Drive, Noble Park
S - Springvale Library, 5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

Wheelchair accessible activity and/or venue. Please call 8571 1628 for further details.

For further information about holiday activities and events, or if you have any referral enquiries, please contact Youth and Family Services on 8571 1628, or visit us at youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

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We are proudly drug, alcohol, smoke and vape free. Running Country.

SPRINGTIME ADVENTURES

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2026

City of Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services presents

Scan here to register

Bookings open Monday 10 August 10 activities and events. For young people aged 12-25 years

IMPACT

TRADES AND MANUFACTURING PATHWAYS

Are you a young person interested in a career in trades or manufacturing?

- Gain a White Card - a mandatory requirement for anyone wanting to work in the industry
- Participate in engaging and practical activities to gain insight into the industry
- Explore career options across trades and manufacturing
- Meet from guest speakers about study pathways, career pathways and volunteering opportunities

Day 1: Wednesday 30 September 10am - 4pm | Dandenong
Day 2: Thursday 1 October 10am - 3pm | Dandenong

Scan the QR code to register now

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

For young people aged 12-25 and their friends and families

Join us for spooky activities, youth performances, food and fun. Come dressed in your best Halloween costume.

Friday 30 October, 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Springvale Community Hub
5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

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Holiday Activities Committee

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-16 IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Tuesdays starting 10 November 2026
4.30pm - 6.30pm
Youth Services Office, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong
Online registration essential

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GAME ON AND TNC UP

A VICTORIAN YOUTH WEEK EVENT FOR AGES 12-25

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 12PM - 3PM
SPRINGVALE COMMUNITY HUB
5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

SOCCER AND BASKETBALL CLINICS
LIVE DJ AND FREE BBQ
OPEN MIC PERFORMANCES
Performance registrations open 9.30am

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SPRINGTIME ADVENTURES

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2026

For young people aged 12-25. You can book up to five activities per young person. Please bring your own lunch and water bottle.

WEEK 1

Bedazzle a Book &

Monday 21 September

Join us for a relaxed and creative afternoon decorating your own book cover with gems and stickers. Bring along a book you'd like to personalise, or choose from our selection on the day. All materials provided.

2.30pm-4pm | Free | Booking Required
Springvale Library
5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

Rock Climbing

Tuesday 22 September

Have fun these school holidays at Clip 'n Climb. Try different climbing walls, challenge yourself and build your confidence.

12pm-2pm | \$25 | Booking Required
Activate by HandRock, Heatherton

Di: dep 11am / ret 3pm
Hi: dep 11.20am / ret 2.45pm
Si: dep 11.35am / ret 2.30pm

Game On and Mic Up &

Wednesday 23 September

Come along for a fun afternoon of music and sport. Watch performances at the open mic stage, take part in basketball and soccer clinics and enjoy a free BBQ. Open mic opportunities are available for performers aged 12-25 years.

12pm-3pm | Free | Booking Required
Springvale Community Hub
5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

Dance Workshop

Thursday 24 September

Join Bhangra Groove for a fun, high-energy dance workshop exploring Indian folk dance with a modern twist. Learn dynamic choreography, build confidence and celebrate movement and culture - no experience needed.

1.30pm-3pm | Free | Booking Required
Dram Theatre
226 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

WEEK 2

Manga Drawing &

Monday 28 September

Create your own manga-style characters and illustrations in our relaxed drawing workshop. Explore manga and anime art techniques including character design, facial expressions and dynamic poses, while developing your own unique artwork.

2.30pm-4pm | Free | Booking Required
Dandenong Library
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

ArtVio

Tuesday 29 September

Enjoy a fun and interactive experience at ArtVio, where you can walk through 3D artworks, create fun poses and take memorable photos.

1.30pm-3.30pm | \$20 | Booking Required
ArtVio, Docklands

Di: dep 12pm / ret 5pm
Hi: dep 12.20pm / ret 4.30pm
Si: dep 12.35pm / ret 4.30pm

Nachos Cooking & Workshop

Wednesday 30 September

Create your own delicious nachos with your choice of toppings. Choose a meat or vegetarian option and enjoy.

11am-1pm | \$5 | Booking Required
Noble Park Community Centre
44 Memorial Drive, Noble Park

IMPACT: Trades and Manufacturing Pathways

A two-day interactive experience for young people aged 16-25 years. Earn a nationally accredited White Card Certificate, participate in engaging activities and hear from industry experts to explore career pathways in the trades and manufacturing sectors.

Wednesday 30 September
10am-4pm
Dandenong Civic Centre
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

Thursday 1 October
10am-3pm
Start at 9 Clow Street, Dandenong

Self-Defence Workshop

Thursday 1 October

Join us for a self-defence workshop. Learn kicking and boxing skills in a safe and supportive environment while staying active and having fun. Suitable for all skill levels.

10am-12pm | Free | Booking Required
Springvale City Hall
18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale

Mount Cannibal Hike and BBQ

Friday 2 October

Get outdoors for a scenic hike at Mount Cannibal, with fresh air and beautiful views at the summit. Enjoy a BBQ lunch and relax in the natural surroundings. All skill levels welcome.

11am-1pm | \$5 | Booking Required
Mt Cannibal Flora & Fauna Reserve, Garfield North

Di: dep 9.25am / ret 2.45pm
Hi: dep 9.45am / ret 2.30pm
Si: dep 10am / ret 2.15pm

MOVEMENT 4 YOUR MIND

Every Tuesday, 6 - 27 October

Time: 4.15pm - 5.30pm

Location: Noble Park Aquatic Centre, 9 Memorial Drive, Noble Park

Online Registration essential

This 4 week program combines movement and sport with mental wellbeing. Each week you'll get to try a new activity, learn a new skill and connect with new people.

FREE

Join us for a variety of fun group fitness activities with qualified instructors

For 12-25 year olds

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Greater Dandenong Youth and Family Services

89 Clow Street, Dandenong

TTY: 133 677

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Reminders



Please remember to label your child's school jumpers and jackets this winter season. It makes returning lost property easier.

Is your child/children being picked up and not needing to get on the School Bus? Please remember to inform reception as early as possible.

School Start and Finish times

We kindly remind all parents and guardians to please ensure that children are dropped off and picked up within our school's operating hours. Arriving on time helps children settle into their day, attend all of their classes, and maintain continuity in their learning.

Timely pick-up at the end of the day is equally important, as it allows us to operate safely and responsibly within our scheduled hours. Your cooperation plays a vital role in supporting your child's education and ensuring a smooth day for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

JNR/SNR Campus		Middle Campus	
Monday	9:00am - 3:00pm	Monday	9:00am - 2:45pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 3:00pm	Tuesday	9:00am - 2:45pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 3:00pm	Wednesday	9:00am - 2:45pm
Thursday	8:50am - 3:00pm	Thursday	8:50am - 2:45pm
Friday	8:50am - 3:00pm	Friday	8:50am - 2:45pm

Please note—THURSDAY morning is Houses and FRIDAY morning is Assembly
Both ARE held at the MIDDLE SCHOOL Campus

Collecting Students during the day

We kindly remind all parents and guardians to please ensure that you avoid collecting your child/children during the below recess and lunch times.

Junior School	Junior School
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:30pm

Middle School	
Monday - Friday	Recess 10:30am-11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm-1:15pm

Senior School	
Monday	Recess 10:30am - 11:00am Lunch Eating Time 12:30pm - 12:45pm Outside Play 12:45pm - 1:30pm
Tuesday - Friday	Recess 11:15am - 11:45am Lunch Eating Time 1:15pm - 1:30pm Outside Play 1:30pm - 2:15pm



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

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.**