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Dates to Remember

November

- 3rd - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 17th - Emerson Market Day
- 18th - Curriculum Day - No Students at School

December

- 3rd - Big Day Out House Day
- 7th - Seniors Graduation Dinner
- 17th - Last Day of Term 4 for Students
- 18th - Last Day of Term 4 for Staff

2026 Victorian school term dates

2026	Start date	Finish date
Term 4	5 October	18 December

2026 Curriculum Days



Term	Date
Four	Wednesday November 18th





Principal's Report

SunSmart Reminder – Term 4

As the weather warms up, it is important that we remember to stay SunSmart and protect ourselves from the sun when spending time outdoors.

All students are reminded to **bring their school hat every day and wear it at recess and lunchtime when playing outside**. Wearing a hat is an important part of our SunSmart policy and helps keep everyone safe while enjoying outdoor activities.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all Emerson students safe in the sun this Term 4!

Stay SunSmart!

Dianne Wright

Campus Principal – Middle School







Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

Generosity

We will continue our study of the value Generosity next week.

Generosity is about sharing. It is freely giving someone else something that has a special meaning to you without expecting a reward or gift in return. When people are generous it makes other people want to be generous as well.

Generous people make the world a better place because they make sure others who need help, get help. A world without generosity would be a lonely and sad place indeed!

I received an email this week from 'My Room Children's Cancer Charity' thanking our senior school students in SSH for their generous donation of \$395.84.

I have posted a copy of the email for you to read, below.




<p>Thank you for your generous donation to help kids fight cancer</p>
<p>Hi SSH Emerson School</p> <p>On behalf of everyone here – thank you for your generous gift of \$395.84.</p> <p>At My Room Children's Cancer Charity, we're on a mission to fight childhood cancer with all we've got. As volunteer led charity your ongoing support makes such an impact on the lives of kids with cancer.</p> <p>Because of your community and generous donation My Room will be able to provide kids and their families with the support they need.</p>
<p>This may include funding for household bills, accommodation or special experiences just to name a few to lighten the load of a childhood cancer diagnosis .</p> <p>You will find a tax-deductible receipt for your donation attached.</p>
<p>Thank you again for your generous donation</p> 

<p>My Room Children's Cancer Charity 64 Sutton Street, North Melbourne VIC 3051</p> <p>ABN: 51636749570</p> <p>hello@myroom.com.au</p>

We will have another opportunity to demonstrate Generosity to help the Andrews Centre continue their generous support to others by donating a gold coin on our free dress day on Friday 30 October.





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.

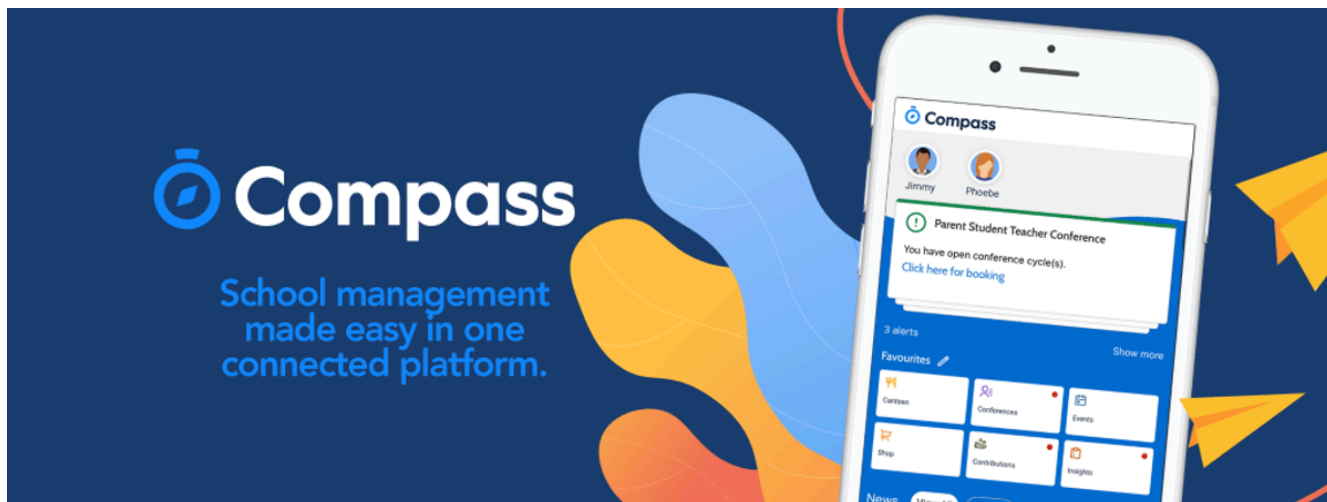
The law was introduced to help protect children from potential online harms, including cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and negative impacts on mental



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.



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Announcements

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





Halloween Dress up Day





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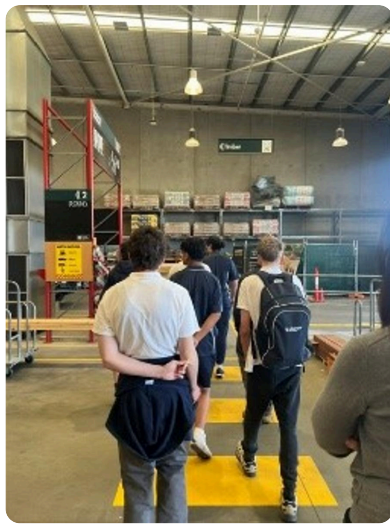
On Friday 9th October, SSA had the pleasure of visiting Dandenong Bunnings for an excursion.

We were lucky enough to get a tour of the store, a run down of the different roles and even a demonstration of how the paint is mixed and how the forklifts are used.

We discussed safety, professionalism and the different career pathways available at Bunnings. We learnt a lot about how to apply for a job there and met staff that had all been working for Bunnings for over 20 years!

We were grateful for the learning opportunities and will be in touch with Ann, the activities organiser (pictured below) for future prospects with Bunnings.







Victorian Teachers Games 2026

My fellow Emersonians,

It has come to my attention that the suspense of the results from the Victorian Teachers' Games this year are yet to be shared, therefore I wanted to put you all at ease with the most heavily anticipated sports report of all time!

I will begin by summarising the events of the Monday 21st September, where our Emerson team took on some of the toughest competition we have faced yet in the basketball. We (all bar one of us) met up early on as a team to talk tactics and drive in to the Collingwood courts together, as this was uncharted territory for us all. As suspected, Mr Peduto showed tremendous independent skills by arriving a few minutes early to the venue, with his freshly "shaved pins", Achilles and vocal chords nice and warm, eager and ready to take on his opponents. There were numerous teams from different schools coming to throw their hats in the ring, none that we recognised from last year, and with new teams, we were presented with new challenges - but nothing we were unprepared to face. Some of us, namely Mr Lambden-Grant were loudly confident, by proclaiming in the group chat "I'll be honest, I don't see us losing today", with others, namely Mr Peduto using "6th man job, backs still out" chatter early on. I think the rest of us, myself included were just keen for a feed as a team afterwards, with Liam angling to run it back from last year by asking "did someone say KFC?" (Spoiler: we got take away Thai food, delicious.) After a couple of practice shots, poses



for the VTG camera man and a rundown of the rules for Miss Nic and Mr Hanrahan, we were ready.

Miss Nic displayed her skills as a newly championed "Hyrox queen" and made up for her lack of shooting accuracy (when throwing the ball cleanly out of court on an attempted shot) with her speed, agility and game sense, knowing exactly where to be to draw the defenders away. Our defensive champions that were not afraid to give away fouls, Liam and Mr Hanrahan we affectionately nicknamed the twin towers. They carried us through many rejections, rebounds and turn overs, as the other schools had no chance of penetrating through such tall machine-like men with their impeccable defence.

Due to injury and unselfish behaviour, Mr Peduto was able to be utilised as an excellent scorer, and an even better videographer. In the numerous occasions that he did sub on, he showed his athleticism by unleashing his specky skillset, putting his body on the line and taking on any player in his way to set up his teammates with countless assists. After what probably could have been seen as an unsportsmanlike foul from the opposition, he bravely pushed through the pain of his injuries and played on, helping our team be victorious. Mr Lambden-Grant welcomed his three-point shooting prowess he is known for, displaying his veteran status as a straight shooter and knowledge of the game by making smart decisions at pivotal moments.

We played a total of 5 games, winning quite comfortably against all teams...besides one. The team that had beaten us also ended up having one loss, making them our undisputed grand final opposition. With some encouraging words from the other teams, we were keen to claim our redemption. Miss Nic and Sara played every minute of every game, with no other female substitutes, showing determination and no signs of slowing down. Using our incredible teamwork, fast breaks and epic defence, we managed to secure the grand final win and achieve our gold medals. Although at assembly he is usually nothing but professionalism, shyness and seriousness, Mr Peduto's speech at the end thanking the other teams and the referees was not only heart felt and creative, but also humorous, for the first time ever.



On Tuesday, Mr Peduto, Liam and Sara returned to the VTG arena, this time competing in darts. We were humbled by the other school's accuracy and sometimes incredibly lucky hits but felt reassured when they admitted their school had their very own darts boards that they practiced on daily. Although this school's teams took out both first and second place, we were grateful to beat the other teams in the competition, proudly taking home the third-place medal.

I will mention that we had registered an AFL 9s team early on with the great David Kemp and Darren Junkeer ready to go, but no other schools could form a team of 9 that were prepared to battle our mighty team, therefore they had to cancel the entire event ...and we are still waiting for our inevitable first place medals there too.*

We may have taken out a gold medal for the Victorian Teachers' Games, but if they had a Worldwide Staff Games competition, we are quietly confident that the Emerson team would have won that too. 😊

If you've made it this far down, thank you for your support and we hope to see many other Emersonian staff members take part in the games next year. Please see the photos for motivation and inspiration and you could be like our littlest fan, Liam's son, Xavier sporting some new bling around your neck to be proud of too!

I feel so incredibly grateful to have been able to attend yet another successful Victorian Teacher's Games (VTG) experience with the best group of staff, what an absolute privilege and pleasure. Until next time, enjoy and stay active!

Ps. please remember to use your manners when asking for autographs and photos with the medal winners - we will be available after assembly on Friday.







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.

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.



Student of the Week



Middle School Awards

MSA	Wally W	For thoughtful contributions in class discussions
MSB	Jack S	For improving his skills in telling time
MSC	Aeden F	For always looking out for his classmate Vinny, during class line up
MSD	Brayden G	For having a great attitude towards his learning
MSE	Miley C	For being kind and Generous to her classmates
MSF	Baneen S	For gaining confidence in speaking louder when awarding daily points
MSH	Tyson B-P	For excellent numeracy work
MSI	Chase F	For adhering to school uniform
MSJ	Eleanor E	For offering assistance to students and staff, for working efficiently and providing a detailed holiday recount

Artist of the Week	Casper MSC, Giuseppe MSE, Ella MSH, Domenic MSK
ESO Student of the Week ESO Soraya	Yunus MSE - For being welcoming and assisting during woodwork



Golden Ticket of Kindness	Elijah R
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Milkshake Awards

Wally W

Jack S

Aeden F

Brayden G

Miley C

Indego T

William E

Tyson B-P

Chase F

Eleanor E

Giuseppe B

Yunus S





Bus Awards

Term 3, Week 10 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Noah K
Narre Warren	Yahya S
Cranbourne	Jason D
Pakenham	Minh N
Noble Park	Alisa T
Dandenong	Iqra W

Congratulations!





Sports Stars

JSC	Kaylan P
JSC	Massi K
JSH	Lily P
MSA	Ava L
MSE	Miley C
MSJ	Robera M
SSB	Jayden M
SSF	Willow R
SSH	Eric S-S





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





Reminders



Reminder Emerson is a Sun Smart School

It is compulsory for students to wear hats in Term 4.

We 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.

Please label ALL hats with Students name.

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



Senior School	
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.**

