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Dates to Remember

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



Principal's Report

Emerson School Market Day 2026

A huge thank you to all our students, staff, families and friends who supported Emerson School's Market Day on Tuesday, 17 November. It was wonderful to see our school community come together for such a fantastic day. The students thoroughly enjoyed making, creating and showcasing the wonderful items they had prepared for sale. The musical performances were a highlight, adding to the wonderful atmosphere, and there was certainly plenty of delicious food and drinks for everyone to enjoy! It was a fun-filled day, full of smiles, laughter and community spirit. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed, volunteered and came along to support the event. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped make Emerson School Market Day 2026 such a great success!

John Mooney
Principal


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Value of the Fortnight

By Dianne Wright - Middle School Principal

Patience

We will be studying the value, Patience for the next fortnight.

As we begin to head into our busy Christmas period we are reminded of the importance of being patient with one another. Patient people remain calm and tolerant regardless of all the bustle and hustle around them.

They don't mind waiting as they trust that everything will be ok in the end.





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.

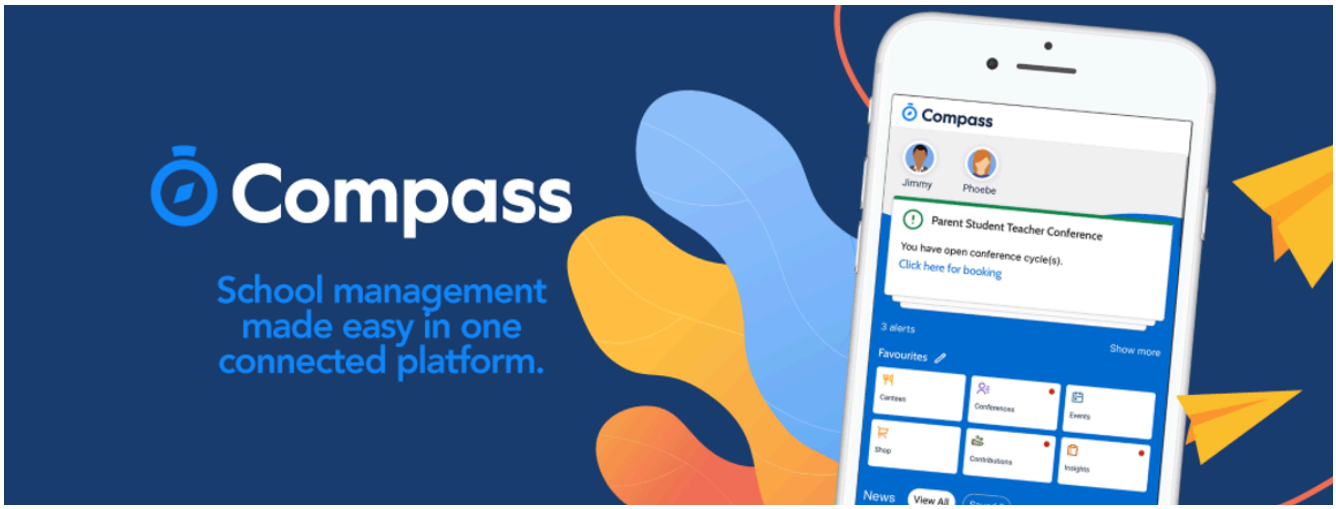
The social media age restrictions aim to protect young Australians from pressures and risks that users can be exposed to while logged in to social media accounts. These come from design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens, while also serving up content that can harm their health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

GET IT ON Google Play Download on the App 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



Emerson Student News

We are incredibly proud of our wonderful Emerson student Daniel who has shown outstanding kindness and generosity by collecting donations and putting together bags for the **Share the Dignity Drive charity**.
Daniel personally sort out the donations, made the Mums and Bubs bags and hand delivered them to Ronald McDonald Charity House in Clayton.
Through his thoughtfulness and efforts, he has helped provide essential items to people in need, making a positive difference in the lives of others. It is wonderful to see our students showing compassion, community spirit and a willingness to help those less fortunate. What a fantastic example of kindness in action!





Emerson Student Jason from SSB, won 1st place in the Dandenong Show for the Yr 11-12 Category.

We are incredibly proud of Jason, who has put the skills and knowledge learned in the classroom into practice to create an amazing item that has gone on to win at The Dandenong Show! It is wonderful to see classroom learning extend beyond the school gates, with creativity, dedication and hard work being recognised and celebrated in the wider community. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement!





Emerson Market Day 2026



After School Care Summer Holiday Program

Dear Parents/Carers,

TheirCare forms are now available for the Summer School Holiday Program.
Copies are available at both campus's as well as on Compass.
Please complete all forms and return to TheirCare or your child's campus.

Bookings close Friday December 4th.



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.



Community Activities, Events and Tickets





Junior School Awards

JSA1	Steven K	Positive Pal
JSA	Asma G	Class Actress
JSB	Timur B	Smile Maker
JSC	Massi K	Wonderful Writer
JSD	Jackson Q	Energy to Learn
JSE	Navee S	Never Gives Up
JSF	Arvey H	Future Teacher
JSG	Minh N	Leaps and Bounds
JSH	Peyton K	Math Wizard
JSI	Kaiser E	Caring Heart
JSJ	Tahlia D	Teamwork Top Dog
JSK	Erina S	Amazing Attitude
JSL	Josh A	Classroom Leader


WELL DONE!



Bus Awards

Term 3, Week 10 Awards

Endeavour Hills	Leteisha F-B
Narre Warren	Isabella E
Cranbourne	Beau S
Pakenham	Areeb R
Noble Park	Venise F
Dandenong	Kaiser E





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
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**.