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OFFICER SPECIALIST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CLASS 305 JOIN GYMNASTICS



**NEW - OSS STUDIOS
UPDATE!**

**PLC5 UPDATE!
ROOM 402 ON GO CARTS!**

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Officer Specialist School acknowledges the traditional owners of the land throughout Australia. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to the elders past, present and future.

Message From The Principal

Hello everyone.

Last Friday was World Teachers Day. Here at Officer, when we have a celebration day like this, we celebrate our whole team because every person here contributes to providing our students with a wonderful learning experience!

I would like to acknowledge our amazing staff which includes admin, leaders, teachers, education support staff, allied health, wellbeing team, nursing staff, maintenance team and the principal team. Everyone here contributes and makes Officer Specialist School an exceptional learning community....and look at the progress our students have made!! Thank you team!

Friday was also one of the highlights of our school year....the Secondary Formal!! The PFA decorated our gym to the theme of : A night in Paris- Glitz and Glamour! I couldn't wait to see the students in their formal wear, and share a dance or two.

Our next newsletter will feature snaps of the big night!

Regards
Helene

Thanks, everyone,

Helene Rowe

Principal
Officer Specialist School



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2025 PARENT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

School Council have agreed to the parent contributions for 2025; there has been no increase to families.

Parents are invited to make the following financial contributions to support the school:

Curriculum Contributions: \$135.00

Other Contributions: \$ 25.00

Extra-Curricular Item – School Magazine: \$ 25.00

The School Magazine is available at a cost of \$25 to families and is subsidised by the school. It is an optional purchase for families.

Family contribution notices will be sent home early next year.

The ongoing financial support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students and we thank you for your contributions.



Dear School Community,

Store Closure for Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Please be advised that due to the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday, your local Beleza store will be closed on Tuesday 5th of November. We'll reopen to our usual trading hours from Wednesday 6th of November. Please note that for stores that are typically closed on Wednesdays, our next trading day will be Thursday 7th of November.

To confirm your local store's trading hours, please refer to our Google Business listing for your local store.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that this closure may cause, and wish you all the best for the public holiday. We look forward to seeing you in-store again when we return!

All the best,

Beleza School Uniforms



Do you have a young child with developmental delay or disability? Are you trying to navigate the huge amount of information out there and find out what supports are available?

First Steps will give you practical information to help you decide where to start and find what you may need to support your child and your family.

Our professional workshop facilitators are all parents of children with disability, who understand how overwhelming the early years can be. We'll give you practical information to help you prioritise your family's needs and how to support yourself, your child and their siblings.

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Secondary School Formal A NIGHT IN PARIS - GLITZ & GLAMOUR

Special Photo Album Issue 15!



2024 VIP SALE

SATURDAY
2nd NOV TO
9th NOV

20 %
OFF*
IN-STORE ONLY*

BELEZA PAKENHAM

7/99 Bald Hill Road, 3810

TRADING HOURS

Mon to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

To All Families of Officer Specialist School, As your school's uniform supplier, we would like to welcome you to our Beleza Pakenham store!

LOCATION

Beleza Pakenham Store

7/99 Bald Hill Rd,

Pakenham VIC 3810

OPENING HOURS

Monday – Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Sunday: CLOSED

*CONDITIONS APPLY

Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, voucher or discount. Discount available on full priced Beleza branded items only.

CLASSROOM

Snapshot

Welcome To Class 206

Classroom Teachers
Stephanie Casey



Welcome to 2.06! It has been such a fun start to the term, excited about the weather warming up (most days).

In 2.06 this term our inquiry focus is sustainability. We have been exploring the book *Change Starts with Us* by Sophie Beer, we have been explicitly focusing on one of the pages that discusses planting trees. In class, we have further extended that knowledge to include planting some seeds so we can watch them grow throughout the term. We began with exploring some fun songs and dances about sustainability and why trees are important, next within our integrated learning we sequenced the steps from 1 through to 7 on how to plant flowers and seeds, we then put the knowledge into practice and planted our own seeds, the students had the opportunity to choose from the different shaped pots, next we added the soil and seeds using a spoon, we have continued to watch and observe it as it grows and will continue to grow, giving it plenty of water and sunshine.

Over the next coming weeks, we will be going on an excursion to 'We rock the spectrum', with lots of learning about how to safely travel on a bus, and how to be safe when we are out and about. We have also been working hard on being SunSmart outside, slip slop slap, and slide. We will also be doing swimming later on in the term. We look forward to the fun-filled term ahead, the last one of the year.

Steph – classroom teacher.

CLASSROOM Snapshots



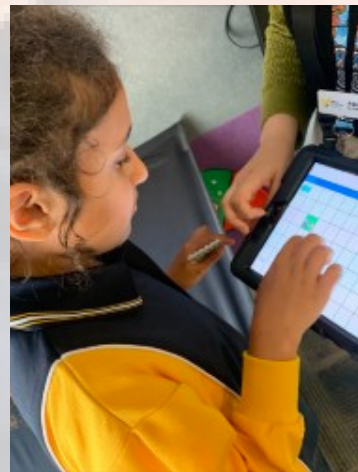
Welcome To Class 303

Teacher:
Rabia Rehman

Term 4, started with lots of excitement in 303 as we settled back into the last term for this year, there is a lot happening in the room. We are exploring the topic “Change Start with Us” and students of 303 are curious sustainable learners in finding ways in which waste can be reduced by doing “nude foods” and sorting rubbish from recycling.

In addition to our environmental focus, we are working on enhancing our communication skills. With the support from the Therapy Department, we are conducting sessions on core vocabulary. These sessions are designed to help students understand and use essential words in various contexts. Throughout the week, students will apply these core words in different forms of text and through reading activities, linking them to real-life scenarios to foster a deeper understanding.

Overall, Term 4 promises to be an enriching experience for our students as they learn valuable lessons about sustainability and effective communication.



CLASSROOM

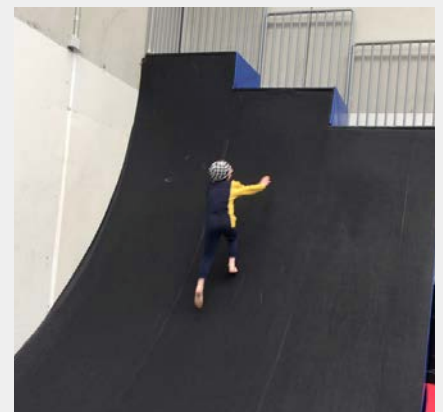
Snapshot

Welcome To Class 305

Classroom Teachers
Antony Zuccon



305 have made a great start to term 4. The group joined 307 at REACH Gymnastics learning some fundamental gymnastic skills including holding their body off the ground, jumping into a motorbike position and landing a ball in a hoop.



CLASSROOM Snapshots



Welcome To Class 505

Teacher:
Richard Frade

We have been busy in 505 this term, and we are excited to share some of the activities we've been working on!

Exploring Sustainability

Our class has been diving into the theme of sustainability through some fantastic literature. We've been reading *The Lorax*, which has sparked wonderful discussions about the importance of caring for our environment. We have also started exploring *10 Things We Can Do to Help Our World* by Melanie Walsh, where students are learning practical ways to make a positive impact.

Math Adventures

In Mathematics, we've been exploring sharing and division. The students are grasping these concepts enthusiastically, applying them to real-life scenarios and problem-solving activities.

Coding Fun

Our coding sessions have been incredibly engaging! The students are designing animated sprites that can identify trash items and sort them into the correct bins. It's a creative way to blend technology with our sustainability theme.

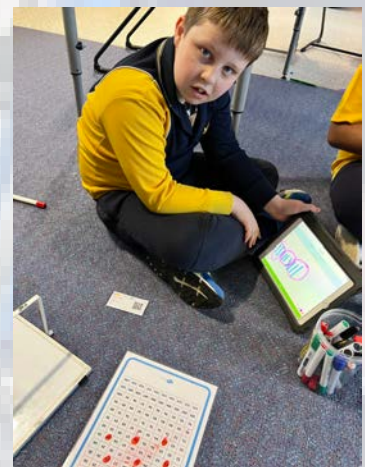
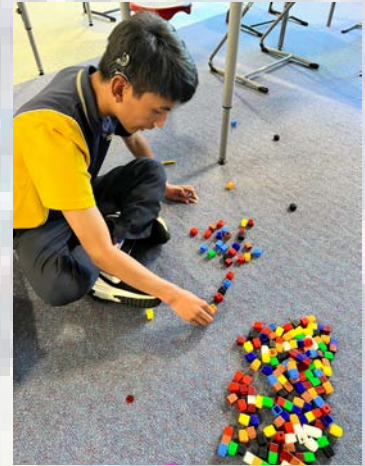
Gymnastics and Bike Ed

We are also excited to announce that we will be starting gymnastics and Bike Ed this term. Get ready for some "wheely" great times as we pedal our way to fun and flexibility!

Upcoming Events

As the term progresses, we are preparing for our Year 6 students' graduation. It's a bittersweet time, and we have lots of activities planned to celebrate their achievements.

We appreciate your support and involvement in our learning journey. Stay tuned for more updates on our adventures in 505!



CLASSROOM Snapshots



Welcome To Class 407

Teacher:
Melinda Valenzuela

Welcome back, it's the final term of the year. Term 4 is going to be a long one and quite busy too. There are a couple of students in the room who will be graduating at the end of this year and the school will be celebrating their years at the school with a graduation dinner. We are looking at Sustainability this term for Inquiry Learning and am hoping to get a couple of the garden beds in the horticultural garden area up and running with fresh vegetables that we can use in our cooking sessions on Thursdays and occasional Fridays.

Students in room 4.07 will soon venture out into community with a couple of other classes for their Travel Training experience on a Wednesday. This term we will be looking into going to a few cafes to purchase a snack and drink and sit down to enjoy the social aspect of going into a café. We are planning to visit the library and a few other stores and parks.

We are getting back into the swing of things and continue to work on the student's life skills with tasks such as: washing, hanging basketball uniforms to dry and then folding them as well as cleaning up after themselves after having lunch. A few of the students are learning about what is involved in working in the Mini Woolies we have at school. All students at present are getting a chance to pack and deliver breakfast club food items to the classrooms who have put in an order.

Throughout this term, we will continue to work on functional literacy, such as reading menus and functional numeracy, such as finding the right notes and coins to purchase an item they require. We have been lucky enough to head to the Shivering Chicken Café at school this term to order some food and a drink from students who are helping out in the kitchen. I would like to congratulate one of my students in my class who represented the state in athletics and came into class to show us the three medals he won on the day. Congratulations Daniel!

Hope you enjoy our photos!



CLASSROOM

Snapshot

Welcome to Room 511

Classroom Teacher
Hayley Ayres



The students in 5.11 have returned to school after the holidays with commendable attitudes and a strong work ethic, which has been truly inspiring to observe. This term, our focus will be on sustainability and how we can enhance our sustainable practices both at school and at home. We will explore the principles of rethinking, refusing, reducing, reusing, repairing and recycling, identifying ways to implement these strategies within our school and the broader community.

Additionally, we will engage in the creation of vertical gardens using recycled materials. Students will be tasked with evaluating materials, designing their gardens, and preparing plans for approval by the school's Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) committee. I look forward to seeing the innovative work produced by the students throughout the term.



CLASSROOM *Snapshots*

PLC 5 Update

In PLC 5 we understand the importance of having a movement break to ensure our bodies are ready for learning.

The students have the opportunity to engage in a number of different enjoyable activities that get their body moving. In the classroom we can bounce on Fit Balls, dance and crawl.

We all enjoy taking our movement break outside!

Students in Classroom 4.01 and 4.02 have been taking an extended walk around the school to assist them to develop their transition and community safety skills.

The students love burning excess energy to prepare their bodies for learning on the swing, the trampoline, riding bikes and go-carts.





Formerly known as The School Show Studio, is a space that has expanded well beyond its original design. Once a place where students would come to film just one program, now has evolved into a multi-purpose TV Studio.

Every week students and staff from across our school come to film Podcasts, Student Voice, The School Show, and so much more.

In every newsletter, I will share with you a behind-the-scenes look at what our amazing students have been up to in the studios.

Last week we had Class 501 and 704 in the studio filming their Podcasts.



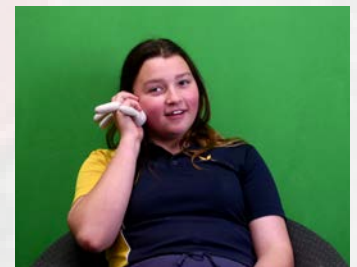
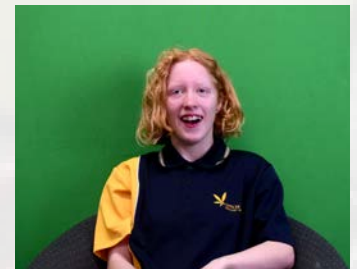
Room 704.

Classroom 704 had fun filming their special PodCast entitled 'In The Kitchen'. Here the students filmed a mini how-to on cutting and peeling certain foods. The two images below are the Green screen filming and the bottom pics is the finished product after-effects are added.



Room 501.

Classroom 501 filmed their first Podcast session late last week and were amazing. Congratulations to them as being on camera, especially the first time can be very challenging.



BEHIND THE SCENES



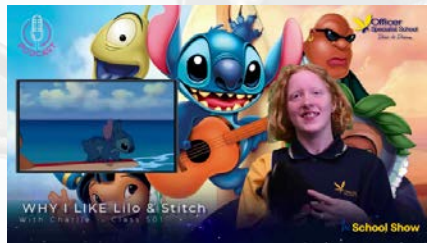
The images below are the final product when all the effects have been added to each of the Green screen images to the left.

Please Note: These videos and more can be viewed by parents/carers on our Clickview Platform. Due to privacy we have them password protected. Please ask your teacher and we can send out a special link and password to view.

BRIEF STUDIO TOUR

Below is a brief visual tour of OSS Studios.

Room 501 - Finished Videos



Room704 - In The Kitchen



Coming Next Week!

See Behind The Scenes of The School Show

OTHER NEWS

THERAPY CORNER

Communication Boards

The Speech Pathology team at OSS are so excited to announce that we have had six new Communication Boards installed around our school. You will see them at the school's entrances, on the playgrounds and other outdoor areas! So far, we have already seen so many students eager to use these Communication Boards to communicate requests and make comments. The Speech Pathology team have been spending extra time outside during play times to model how we use these Communication Boards to other staff across the school, as well as using them with students. We can't wait to continue seeing our students and staff using these Communication Boards and other modes of communication in the school yard!



2024 World Festival of Magic

An enchanting performance of cutting-edge, large-scale illusions and intimate close-up magic.

The World Festival of Magic is a FREE EVENT for children and young adults with diverse and disadvantaged abilities and backgrounds, their families, carers and peers.

Enjoy an accessible and flexible environment with a relaxed attitude to audience noise and movement, where you can be yourself without restriction or judgement.

Featuring moving, flashing lights, upbeat and sometimes dramatic music. Showtime is approx. 1 hour with no interval. Suitable for all ages.

Scan the QR Code to watch highlights from past shows...



VENUE

DATES

SHOWTIMES

VENUE	DATES	SHOWTIMES
The Centre Ivanhoe (Ivanhoe, Melbourne)	Sunday, 24th November	11am, 1.30pm and 4pm
The Centre Ivanhoe (Ivanhoe, Melbourne)	Monday, 25th November	10am and 12pm

To book complimentary tickets, please email your ticket order and contact details to

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or text/call **0404-367-782**

*Bookings are essential - Bulk and individual ticket orders from schools, organisations, families, carers/support workers etc. are all welcome...

Please include the following information when booking:

*Your Name and Email Address.

*Preferred Date/s and Showtime/s.

*Number of Tickets (one per person required).



2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers Cranbourne, VIC



Scan the
QR code or
[click here](#)
to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday & Wednesday
26 & 27 November, 2024
9:30am - 2:30pm



Cranbourne Golf
750 Glasscocks Road
CRANBOURNE NORTH VIC 3977

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

 <https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>

 ccorrigan@positivepartnerships.com.au



0447 219 627



Bringing Up Great Kids (Cranbourne)

Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGK) is a six-session program for parents and caregivers of children aged 2 to 12 years.

It focuses on building positive and supportive relationships between parents and their children.

The program encourages mindfulness and reflection to improve communication and helps parents understand what influences their parenting.

BUGK aims to:

- Encourage parents to think about their parenting and strengthen their bond with their children.
- Teach about brain development and its impact on a child's thoughts, feelings, and behaviours.
- Help parents understand why children behave in certain ways.
- Identify challenges that may make parenting more difficult.
- Explore ways to improve parents' self-care and overall well-being.

Cost
Free

Date
Every Wednesday
23rd October – 27th November

Time
10am until 12:30pm
Light refreshments will be served

Venue
Cranbourne Library
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd,
Cranbourne VIC 3977

Get in touch

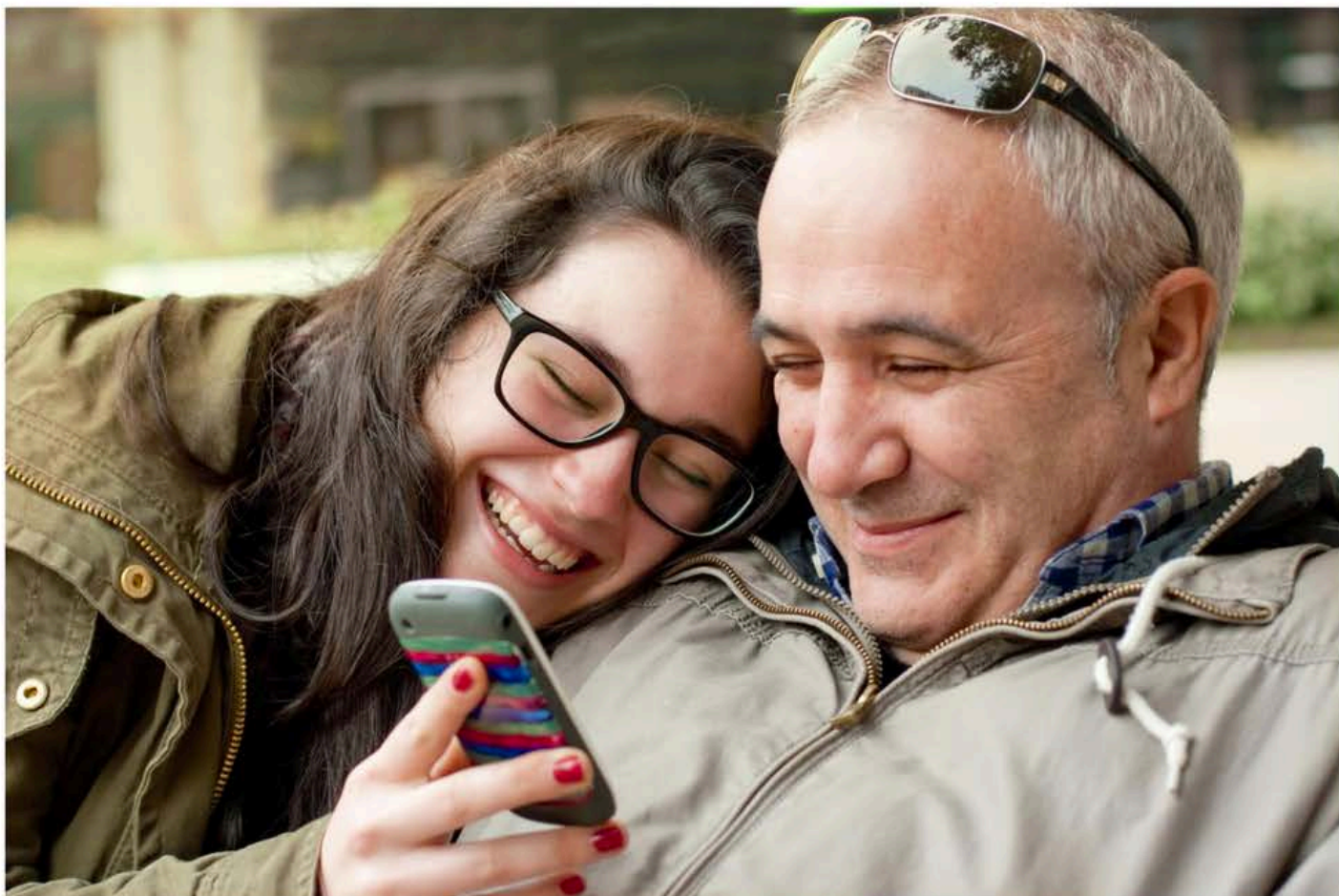
Bookings Essential



<https://for.ms.office.com/r/JvJJEkBJaq>

Please call the Group Workers on **03 5990 8400** to register or email: groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org
unitingvictas.org.au

Uniting



Tuning in to Teens™ (Narre Warren)

A six-session parenting program for parents or carers of adolescents aged 10 to 18 years.

Tuning in to Teens helps guide parents through a five stage emotional coaching program. This program offers parents an alternative parenting style to help improve communication and emotional awareness.

Throughout the program we will cover a range of topics, including:

- Improving conversations with your teen
- Helping prevent behavioural challenges through emotional coaching
- Managing adolescent emotions, worries and anxieties
- Encouraging emotional intelligence to help deal with conflict and improve relationships

Cost
Free

Date
Every Monday
21st October- 2nd December
(No group: 4th November)

Time
10am until 12:30pm
Light refreshments will be served

Venue
Uniting
53-55 Webb Street
Narre Warren VIC 3805

Bookings Essential



<https://forms.office.com/r/ERZsQqpnOe>

Please call the Group Workers on **03 5990 8400** to register or email:
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Parenting with Mental Health (Pakenham)

A six-session parenting program for parents or carers of children aged 0-18 years.

The group promotes respectful, caring, and nurturing relationships between parents and their children, whilst supporting parents experiencing mental health difficulties.

Our Parenting and Mental Health program is facilitated in partnership with FaPMI (Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness) and input from a Consumer Consultant from the Mental Health program at Monash Health.

The program aims to:

- Provide a supportive learning environment for parents to develop new skills
- Learn more about brain development and how this influences a child's thoughts, feelings, and behaviours.
- Provide information, support and ideas to help parents remain calm when challenging behaviours present
- Explore ways of increasing self-care and wellbeing.

Cost
Free

Date
Every Tuesday between
22nd October – 3rd December
(no group 5th Nov)

Time
10am until 12:30pm

Venue
Outlook Community Centre
24 Toomuc Valley Rd,
Pakenham VIC 3810

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential
Please complete the following
online registration form:



<https://forms.office.com/r/ywePu18qpF>

General enquiries contact:
03 5990 8400 or
groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

unitingvictas.org.au



The Victorian FaPMI Program
Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness

MonashHealth

Uniting



MoneyMinded™ (Dandenong)

for parents and carers

MoneyMinded™ is a fun and practical program that helps you feel more confident about managing your money. You'll learn how to make smart choices with your finances so you can stay in control.

This group meets once a week for five weeks, with each session lasting two hours.

It's open to all parents and caregivers, and we provide morning tea each week!



Are you looking to feel more secure about your finances?

This program makes learning about money easy and enjoyable with engaging activities. You'll learn how to manage bills, save money, and spend wisely. We'll help you create a budget that works for you, so you can afford the things that matter most.

Key topics covered include:

- Creating a budget that works for you
- Managing debt
- Smart banking tips
- Planning for the future, including

Cost
Free

Date

Every Thursday

7th November- 12th December

No Session: 21st November

Time

10:30am until 12:30pm

Venue

Uniting
51 Princes Highway
Dandenong

Bookings Essential



<https://forms.office.com/r/7b8TGta8NL>

Please call the Group Workers on
03 5990 8400 to register

groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

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Cardinia Youth Services Spring School Holiday Program



Bookings for our Spring Teenage School Holiday Program are now open! Secure your place by scanning the QR code, phoning **1800 496 884** or visiting www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/tshp

Ice skating at Olympic Ice Skating Centre

Glide into fun and make memories on the ice rink.

Oakleigh South

Tues 24 Sep, 12pm - 2.30pm

Cost: \$15

Library lock in at Emerald Library

Join the Youth Services team for pizza and games – can you beat the staff?

Emerald Library, Emerald

Wed 25 Sep, 5pm - 7pm

Cost: Free

AFL footy day

Bring your competitive spirit and put those AFL skills to work.

My Place, Pakenham

Thurs 26 Sep, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Cost: Free

Ceramic painting

Create personalised artwork keep sakes.

My Place, Pakenham

Mon 30 Sep, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Cost: Free

Koo Wee Rup skate, scoot and BMX competition

Bring your good vibes and Skater skills for an afternoon of friendly competition.

Koo Wee Rup Skate Park

Tue 1 Oct, 11am - 3pm

Cost: Free

Hip Hop class

Join us for an afternoon of energetic hip hop dance moves.

My Place, Pakenham

Wed 2 Oct, 1.30pm - 3pm

Cost: Free

Spring sweet treats cooking class

Get ready to mix, stir and create some yummy treats.

My Place, Pakenham

Thurs 3 Oct, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Cost: Free



All Cardinia Youth Services activities are fully supervised drug, alcohol, vape and smoke-free

myplace@cardinia.vic.gov.au
1800 4 YOUTH (1800 496 884)



Parents and Carers

Want to be more involved in your child's school experience?



Compass

Parent and teacher communication plays a significant role in a child's learning experience.

The Compass app enables parents to engage closely with school to see how their child is performing and feeling, book their next teacher conference, pay fees easily, and get ready for the next excursion.

The Compass app gives busy parents access to everything they need to know.

Any queries after downloading the app, please contact the school directly



www.compass.education

