



From the Principal

Welcome back to 2018 and to all our new families welcome to Lavalla Catholic College.

We commenced our year by joining with the staff of the Catholic Primary Schools in the area for a Mass con-celebrated by Parish and Assistant Parish Priests of Traralgon and Yarram, Morwell and Churchill, and Moe and Newborough at St Michael's Parish, Traralgon. This is the third year we have started our year celebrating the Eucharist.

During the break we received information from VTAC that 91% of the students who applied for tertiary positions have received first round offers. We already know that a number have successfully attained positions directly into courses or have gained employment or apprenticeships. We wish the class of 2017 all the best of success.

Staff News

We welcome the following staff to the school:

Len Clark- Design and Technology and VCAL

Rosemary Drennan- Humanities, Religious Education and Teacher Librarian

Mahendra Kapoor- Mathematics and Personal Learning

Laura Mainella- Bus Driver

Kathreen Monk- Education Support Officer

Nikki Shaw- Education Support Officer

Jasmine Santamaria- English, Personal Learning and Religious Education

Together as Sisters and Brothers

God our Father,
extend our horizons,
widen our vision,
and remind us how inter-connected
we are as your sons and daughters.
Breathe your Spirit into us
that we may live more truly
as brothers and sisters
of one another.

Amen.

We also welcome back from maternity leave Belinda Gathercole and Dominica Kosakiewicz.

Farewell to Peter Townsend and Bruce Slater who both retired at the end of January. Both Peter and Bruce were part of our Grounds and Maintenance Team and I particularly want to express our gratitude for their work. In particular, I want to acknowledge the work of Peter Townsend who over the last seven years dramatically improved the quality and presentation of the gardens at all three campuses.

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Congratulations to the following staff:

John and Teresa Wilkie welcomed their second child into the world on Tuesday 19 December 2017. They are the proud parents of Eleanor Jeanne Wilkie.

Lee McKenzie on the arrival of her second grandchild, Rie Thomas Rankcom, born 20 Jan 2018.

Hope Bamford on her marriage to Dwayne Jenkins.

Shirley Guthrie and Mark Judd on their engagement.

Lachlan MacDougall who is one of two recipients of the Daniel Ahern Bursary for 2018 – which is provided to staff in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sale who are studying to become teachers.

Upcoming Events

I look forward to seeing you at our Informal Welcome Evening commencing at 4.00pm until 6.00pm on Tuesday, 13th of February. We are once again conducting this as a whole school and will gather at the Kildare campus. You are all welcome to attend and enjoy something light to eat and meet the staff and learn more about what your daughters and sons will be undertaking in 2018, you also have the opportunity to tell us something about your child. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please keep in mind that the Commissioning Mass will take place on Thursday, 1 March in the Champagnat Centre at 9.30am and you are very welcome to attend

Bushfire

We are now in bushfire season so you will find included in this newsletter the notice to all families regarding our Bushfire Procedures. This information can also be found on our website under the Community section. This summer season is developing as be one where the threat of fire is high and I urge all families to consider both their own personal bushfire plans as well as related issues that might impact on your family if a fire threat occurs during school time.

This information can also be found on our website in the Community and Links section in the Important Procedures and Information tab- <https://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/students-parents/important-procedures-and-information>

Masterplan

During 2014 we undertook the process to develop a Building and Facilities Masterplan. This task was completed in collaboration with our architects ClarkeHopkinsClarke.

Since that time we have undertaken a number of building a refurbishment projects. At the Kildare Campus significant projects included completing the construction of the Trade Skills Centre, refurbishment of the Chapel, creation of a Media Room, building of a Textiles Studio and the provision of a number of new seating and shade areas. St Paul's campus has seen the completion of a total refurbishment of the MacKillop Centre (Ceramics, Textiles and Wood Technology rooms), new science labs, refit of the Food Technology rooms, upgrade of the Year 7 Centre and the overhaul of the outside court areas at the rear of the campus.

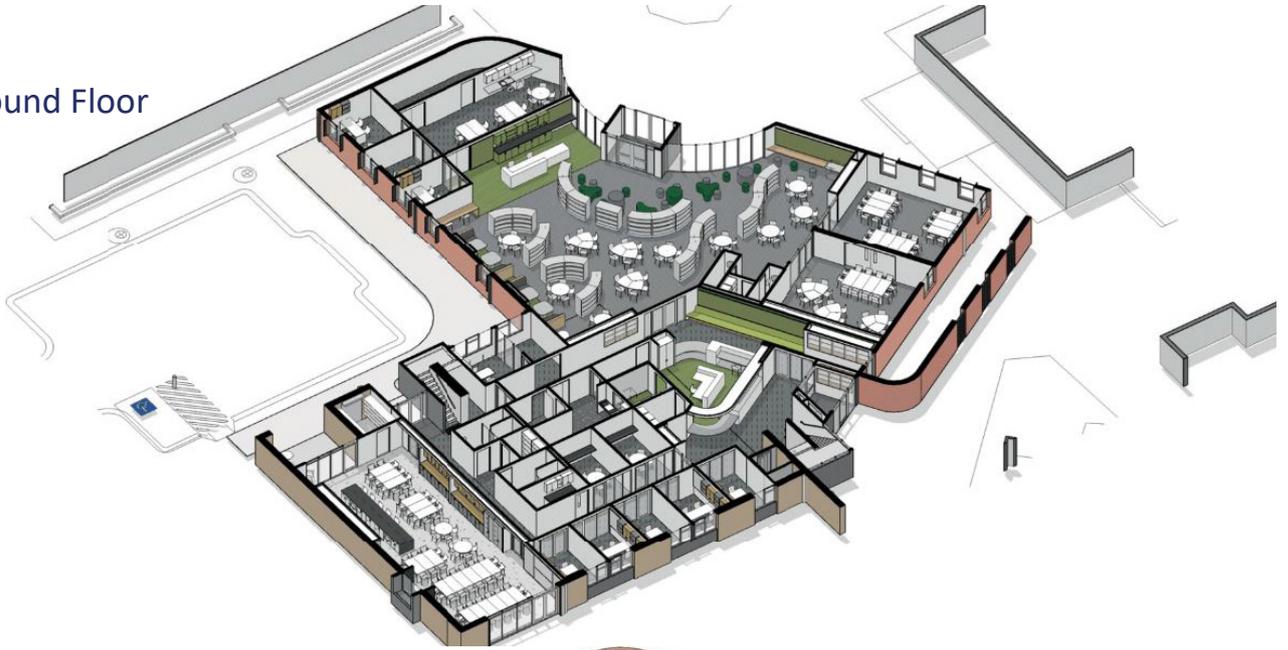
However, we have now reached the point where we can make significant inroads into key elements of the Masterplan. As I write we, with guidance of our architects, are calling for Expressions of Interest from capable builders to tender for the construction of a new Administration and Information Services Building at the west end of the St Paul's Campus. This will be the first of several significant projects that will see improvements across

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the school that will allow us to provide great learning experiences for our students in the best facilities we can provide.

See below for the design of the new facility and we will also be placing more details on our website soon of not only our current project, but future stages as well.

Ground Floor



First Floor



Artist Concept



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Spirit of ANZAC Prize

Congratulations to Lincoln Ingravalle and Maliat Monir on being recipients of the 2017-18 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize. They now will be able to participate in a ten-day study tour exploring Second World War sites in Darwin and Singapore.

Well done to Alexandra Van Loon, who was a Regional finalist and she will participate in a three-day study tour to Canberra.

Thank you to Ms Kim Widrich for her support of these students.

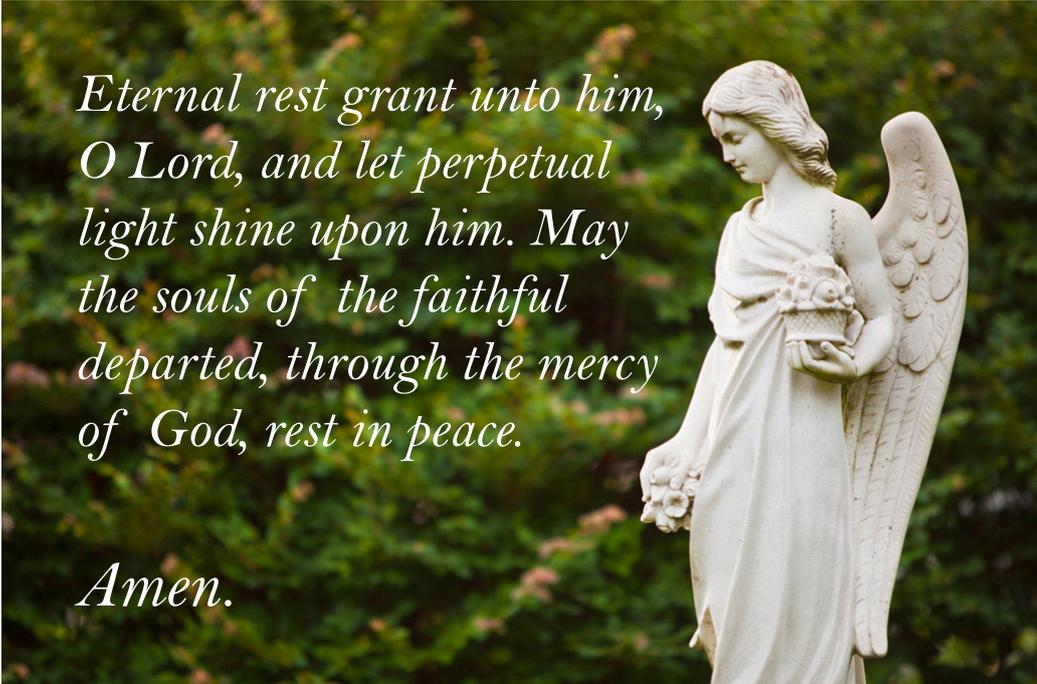
Prayers

Finally, I commend to your prayers the following people and their families:

Mr Arthur Earl, father Mrs Collen Earl;

Mrs Lorraine Thornton, who is Pam Goodall's mother-in-law; and

Mrs Chrissie Behr, who is Jane Hall's sister-in-law



*Eternal rest grant unto him,
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon him. May
the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace.*

Amen.

Faith & Ministry Matters



Welcome to 2018!

This year we will focus on the big picture opening new horizons for spreading Joy. There will be different activities by which we shall experience joy in living at Lavalla. This theme ties in with the Marist theme of the year which is "Hope and a Future".

Welcome Ceremonies

On Thursday 1st February two welcome ceremonies were held at Kildare and St Paul's to welcome the Year 10 and Year 7 students respectively. At St Paul's the Year 9 Leaders led the Year 7s in an enjoyable ceremony.

Remar Embarkation

The Blue and Gold Remar caravels are going on an embarkation camp to Allambie from 9 to 10 February. These will be led by Alex Rathbnone (Gold Helm), Cristiano Grosso (Blue Helm) and accompanied by Jasmine Santamaria (Red Helm). Conducting the camp will be Ms Nicola Broeren, an ex-student who is currently Youth Minister at the CEO in Warragul. We wish them well.

Shrove Tuesday

On Shrove Tuesday pancakes will be made and sold at Kildare and St Paul's to raise awareness of the church Season of Lent, and to raise funds for Project Compassion that will begin on Ash Wednesday and go until the end of term.

Launch of Project Compassion

10 student leaders and Mr Kristiaan Vallek will represent Lavalla Catholic College at the launch of Project Compassion at St Francis Xavier College, Office, on Tuesday 13 February. The Bishop will formally launch Project Compassion 2018 in the presence of representatives of primary and secondary schools in the diocese.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday starts the Season of Lent. Traditionally it is a time for each of us to take stock of our lives and see what we can do to make them better for ourselves and for our community. The church calls us to emphasize prayer, fasting and almsgiving during this season to prepare for the great feast of Easter. The two campuses will have student-led liturgies.



Spirit of ANZAC



Prize Winners

On Monday February 5th Lincoln Ingravalle (Yr11), Maliat Monir (Yr10) and Alexandra Van Loon (Yr11) were named as finalists of this year's Victorian Spirit of ANZAC Prize.

Lincoln and Maliat will travel to Darwin and Singapore on a ten day study tour during the upcoming term break and Alexandra will spend three days exploring Canberra in June. They will visit sites of historical, military and cultural significance with fellow recipients from around the state.

The prize winners were formally announced during a ceremony held at the Park Hyatt in Melbourne which was hosted by the Minister for Veterans the Honourable John Eren MP. Lincoln was invited to address the audience of prize recipients, their families, friends, teachers and other dignitaries. He spoke of his passion for learning about events of the past as well as the need to commemorate the lives of those who have played a part in our nation's history.

Both Lincoln and Maliat wrote essay entries, while Alexandra created a historical narrative which addressed their chosen topics.

On the day the winners were announced information about the 2018/19 Spirit of ANZAC Prize was released. Year 9 and 10 students are encouraged to submit an entry this year. Details can be located on this link:

<https://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/veterans/premiers-spirit-of-anzac-prize>.

If you are interested in entering please speak to your History teacher. The achievement of Lincoln, Maliat and Alexandra continues a strong tradition of College involvement with this competition which has, in the past, seen six students benefit from study tour experiences to both Europe and Asia. We wish this year's winners congratulations on their success.



Sports Enrichment



Students in year 7 have until Friday February 9th to submit their applications to be part of the Sports Enrichment Program in 2018. Students need to be competing at an academy level (or equivalent) and training at least 10 hours a week to qualify for the program.

The morning session timetable for this semester has been e-mailed out to all year 8 – 10 students with sessions beginning on Wednesday February 7th for the basketball students. We have an information session for our year 7 and 8 athletes on Friday February 9th.

For more information about the program please contact Karen Joyce (joyckar1@lavalla.vic.edu.au)



Important Dates

FEBRUARY

- 13th Feb* - Launch of Project Compassion
- Shrove Tuesday
- Welcome Evening
- VCAL/VET/VCE Information Sessions
- 14th Feb* - Year 7 Camp- Group 1 (14th- 16th)
- Ash Wednesday
- 21st Feb* - Year 7 Camp- Group 2 (21st- 23rd)
- 22nd Feb* - Swimming Carnival- Kildare Campus
- 27th Feb* - Swimming Carnival- St Paul's Campus

<https://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/news/college-calendar>



**Second-hand
Uniform Shop**
Open 3.30pm- 6.00pm

1st February
15th February
1st March
15th March
19th April



Both campuses of Lavalla Catholic College have registered to be a part of this year's Coles Sports for Schools program. During the Sports For Schools program, students families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers for their campus from Coles stores across Australia. For every \$10 spent at Coles, families will receive one voucher.

Students can then bring in the vouchers and place them into the collection boxes located in Students Services at each campus. When the program ends, Lavalla will then exchange those vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all kids to get healthy and active at school.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date / /

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2018) or term two (16 April 2018).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2018 closes on 29 June, 2018.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

LAVALLA

CATHOLIC COLLEGE

STRONG MINDS COMPASSIONATE HEARTS



Informal Welcome Evening For the Whole College Community

**Come and tell us something
about your Child, Meet the Teachers
and have the opportunity to see the
the Kildare Campus.**

**Tuesday 13th February
Pop in any time between
4.00 pm – 6.00 pm**

Kildare Campus

Kosciusko Street, Traralgon

Free Sausage Sizzle and Drinks

Please RSVP to: rsvp@lavalla.vic.edu.au

By Friday 9th February 2018

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Thriving and succeeding in VCE

Kildare Student Services Centre

Session Times

4.30–4.50pm

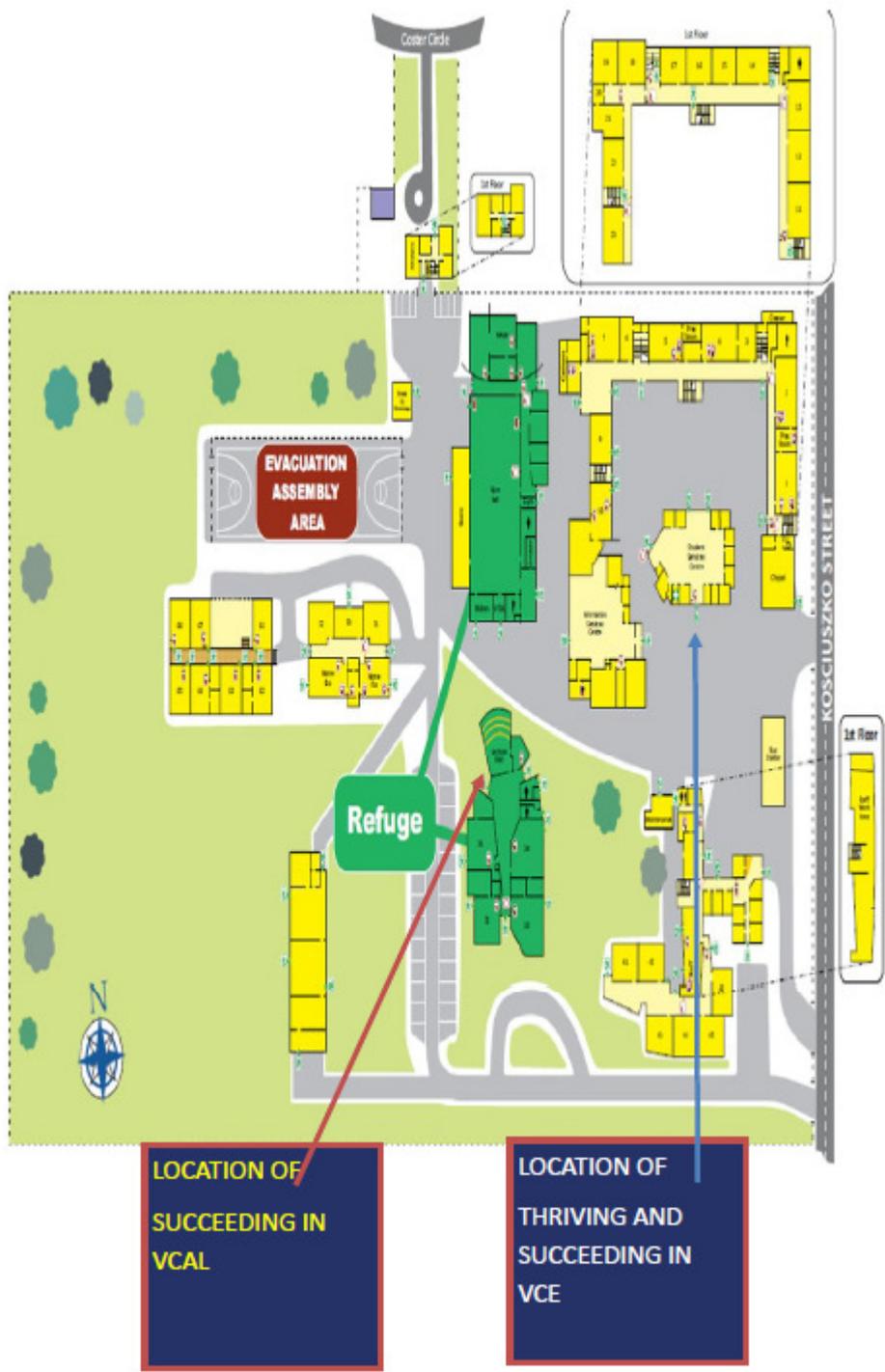
5.00–5.20pm

5.30–5.50pm

Thriving and Succeeding in VCAL

Kildare Virtual Services Centre

5.20–6.00 pm





SUPPAUT



Latrobe Region Parent/Family Support group for those who have kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

SUPPAUT is a parent-run group that aims to support one another as parents /families of a child/children with Autism. The group is open for all, whether your child is a baby, pre-schooler, school aged – specialist school, mainstream school or home-schooled or is an adult – we all need support and can support each other. We share our own experiences, problems, joys, successes and support each other with a listening ear and understanding.

It is a very informal gathering, sometimes a guest speaker is invited. All parents/carers/family members are welcome and children/siblings are welcome too.

**We meet every LAST THURSDAY of the month – except during
School/Public Holidays.**

2018 meeting dates

Feb 22^d - Mar 29^h - Apr 26^h

May 31st - June 28^h - July 26^h

Aug 30^h - Oct 25^h - Nov 29^h

At **LATROBE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL,**

Hickox St, Traralgon

(Please enter through 1st gate & sign in at the Office)

From **10.30am - 12pm**

ALL WELCOME TO COME FOR A CUPPA AND A CHAT!

For more info or enquiries about the group phone Louise Varsaci 0414540296 or email
varsaci@aussiebb.com.au

Join our group on Facebook - SuppAUT Autism support group for families in Latrobe
Valley, Victoria

SMY@L – St.Michael’s Youth @ Latitude

ST.MICHAEL’S PARISH YOUTH GROUP, TRARALGON
FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN YEAR 5 – LOWER SECONDARY (From any school)

First night back for 2018 is....

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY, 2018
(The annual) MESSY & GROSS GAMES NIGHT!

**Don’t let your friends miss this one!!
Wear old clothes or bring a spare set & a towel!
Warning! You WILL get messy!**

**Meet at St.Michael’s Mackillop Hall,
Cnr Kay & Church St, Traralgon.
6.30pm – 8.30pm
Cost \$3 - Lucky Door Prize
(All youth must be signed in/out by Parent/Guardian)**

**More youth nights coming up: 2/3-Croquet & Wet Games, 23/3-Easter
& Games night, 27/4 – Escape Room, 18/5- Trivia night,
22/6- Jump ‘n’ Climb**

**Contact Leah Arbon 0438811709 or Louise Varsaci 0414540296
for more info**

LATROBE VALLEY
'ALL-ABILITY' TENNIS
TERM 1, 2018

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for **EVERYONE!** The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with special needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills. Activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

We currently run three sporting programs locally, Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – Footy at West end Junior Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.

All school aged children with special needs are invited to join us for
'ALL Ability' Tennis

We will be starting 'All ability Tennis' Term 1, 2018. The tennis sessions will be held at Pax Hill tennis courts in Traralgon, with coach Sally Kirstine, every Thursday evening from 5.30-6.15pm, during Term 1. The cost will be \$20 for the term, payable by the 4th session.

Siblings welcome to participate but must also be registered.

Tennis will start on **Thursday 8th February, 2018.**

A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate with the child if necessary.

Any further queries phone Lou Varsaci 0414540296 or email varsaci@aussiebb.com.au or via the facebook group All ability sports, Latrobe Valley