



From the Principal

Mr John Freeman



Welcome to the 2015 academic year.

The calendar of a school can be very predictable. We usually know well in advance the dates of events – start and end of term, swimming sports, major assemblies, liturgies, exams, etc. However in spite of this each year is unique and this is due to the fact that schools are places of learning and growth. Students change as they progress through their time in a school. They mature, have new experiences, and acquire knowledge and skills. This is also true of the staff and the families of the College. This means that schools are vibrant places that constantly provide opportunities for us to grow, learn, have new experiences and forge new friendships. There is much to look forward to in 2015.

This year we start with strong enrolments at every year level. It has been a great pleasure for all of us seeing our students as well as welcoming new students, not just at Year 7, but at all year levels. My message to them is consistent with that of last year, which is:

God of life, may the 2015 school year be filled with growth and sprinkled with success. May we each be willing to help others. Help us come to know Jesus better and follow the example of love that he shared. Amen.

all we want for them is to do their best, we can expect no more and accept no less. We want all students to be in a position throughout their lives of being able to make as many choices for themselves as possible and this is usually achieved through working consistently and collaboratively with others – peers, parents, the community and importantly the staff at Lavalla Catholic College.

We congratulate our Year 12s from last year on their results. The median score was 29, as it has been for the last few years and the number of students receiving a study score of 40 or better was at 4%, which is an improvement on previous years. What was also heartening was that eight of our students received ATARs of 90 or better. Our dux this year was Con Kavadias, with Stephanie McDonald and Korey Kavadias almost matching Con's achievement. It is worth noting that we will be inviting back to school all our high performing students to be recognised at an assembly during February, prior to them commencing their studies.

In the middle of January we received information from VTAC that 109 of our students have received first round offers for tertiary studies. We already know that a number have successfully attained positions in courses directly as well as employment and apprenticeships as well.

Needless to say, but I will for the record, we are proud of all our 2014 Year 12s for their contributions to the College and wish them well in the next phase of their lives. This success is in no small way due to the work of all staff and the support of their families throughout our students' time at the College. Thank you to everyone.



From the Principal cont.

Many of you would be aware that the Very Reverend Father Patrick Michael O'Regan will be ordained as the ninth Bishop of Sale on Thursday, 26 February, 2015. I understand that there will be well in excess of 1000 people attending the ordination, which will include bishops and clergy from around Australia. Therefore it is all the more satisfying that Mr Shane Reid has been asked along with our Liturgical Choir to lead the music for the ordination.

I draw to your attention that we will have Dr Michael Carr Gregg coming to the school next week, Thursday 12 February, to talk to senior students, staff and parents. You are all warmly welcome to attend next Thursday evening. Details are included in this newsletter.

I ask that you take heed of the information regarding **Emergency Management – Emergency Alert**, the National Telephone Warning System included at the end of this newsletter. We have also made this available from our website.

We welcome the following staff to the school:

New Staff

Georgie Barker – RE, Science, Health & PE, LA (Year 9)
Sarah Duncan – Music Administration Support
Marita Kennedy – Administration Support for Faith and Ministry Team
Katie Lee – English (10-12), History, RE
Sam Mauger – Aide at Kildare Campus
Amanda McInness – Reception at St Paul's Campus (Wed-Fri)
Alice Nelson – English, Health & HD, RE
Juliann Winkel – Aide at Kildare Campus
Jade Whitehead – English, Maths Science (Year 7)

Returning

Kylie Ainsworth – Administration
Carmel Walker – Science, Maths, LA (Year 7)

Replacing

Ellen Fredrickson - replacing Viv Stuart for 4 weeks while Viv continues to recover from foot surgery
Sharmi Mageswaran – replacing Rita Nainie for February

Congratulations to both Shane Lebbe on his engagement to Stella Felten and Jade Whitehead on her recent engagement to Ray.

Finally, can I request that you keep in your prayers Jenni Lovatt's sister, Wendy, who was hit by a car whilst she was riding her bike home from work a few days ago. She is currently in hospital recovering extensive injuries.

I also ask that you keep in your thoughts a former student, Simone Annells (2011), who is succumbing to her Cystic Fibrosis. We pray for Simone and her family during this difficult time.

St Paul's Campus Update

Ms Lee McKenzie - Campus Director



A warm welcome to you all as we begin the 2015 school year but most particularly welcome to families new to the College. It was a delight to see the Year 7 students arrive so eager and nervous and to settle in so quickly. We were particularly pleased with the Year 7 response to the welcome liturgy, each student was invited 'through the door' and personally welcomed to the College. The years 8 and 9 student have also settled down to the business of learning. Thanks to all the families who have seen that their children are properly prepared for school with correct uniform, texts and lap tops this certainly helps set a positive tone.

At St Paul's we welcome a new staff member, Ms Jade Whitehead who is Learning Advisor to 7.4. and Miss Georgie Barker 9.4 Learning Advisor. Ms Vivian Stuart is recuperating from surgery and Mrs Ellen Fredrickson will be taking her food classes for the next few weeks.



This week we held a Welcome assembly as a way of coming together as a community and widening our circle to include the Year 7 students. It is important that each student feels valued and at home in the College. As a community we work together to build an environment where each student can learn and thrive, College expectations help maintain this positive environment and parental support with these expectations is essential.

The campus team for this year:

Campus Director

Ms Lee McKenzie

Assistant Campus Director- Learning and Teaching

Ms Claire Couling

Assistant Campus Director & Wellbeing

Ms Jo Alford

Year 9 Learning Leaders

Mrs Olivia Barrett and Mr Michael McKenna

Year 8 learning Leaders

Ms Jo-Maree Sharman and Mrs Kelly Murray

Year 7 learning leaders

Ms Adriana Bianconi and Ms Roma Valentine

"Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be!

How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!"
-Anne Frank

Although there will be formal occasions during the year to meet, as always we encourage you to make contact with these teachers with regard your child's welfare and academic progress at any time.

In your calendars please note the Year 7 camp will take place on the 16-18th February and the Campus swimming carnival 19th February. These activities help develop students' sense of belonging and it important that all students attend.



Kildare Campus Update

Mr Doug Doherty - Campus Director



The theme for our College this year is 'Faith and Learning: Just Love'. Although this is founded on the Marist School's Australia theme for 2015, it is clearly at the core of our College's mission and vision as well as our Catholic Ethos. Although we have only begun the school year it is exciting to witness how we not only try to manifest this goal by what we say but also

by what we do.

Our assembly for the Kildare Campus began with a very direct and outstanding collective worship, led by Paul Skippen. The focus was on our theme of 'Faith and Learning: Just Love' and this was highlighted by the wonderful music of Allysa and Daniel. The challenge was set for Lavalla students to have 'Bonfire Hearts', where they will seek to be beacons of love for themselves and others.

This challenge was followed with an outline of our high expectations by myself and Mr Freeman, highlighting that one of the greatest ways to show love for yourself and others is to perform at your highest level in all aspects of life, including school.

As a tool to help enable our students and families to achieve this goal, the College has kindly arranged for Michael Carr-Gregg to present to year 11 & 12 students as well as staff and parents on 12th February. Please see the attached flyer and attend this inspirational and worthwhile event.

In order to 'love your neighbour' it is imperative that the Campus has an excellent student leadership to help guide and direct this goal. Therefore, it is with great enthusiasm that I announce the launch of our Student Leadership Elections. Last year we had over 40 applicants for eight positions, this year we hope to have even more as these are not only great experiences but essential additions for those seeking ambitious curriculum vitae and references. The positions available are: Cross Age Tutor Leader, School Events Leader, Cultural Events Leader, College Mentor Leader, Community Cohesion Leader, Environment Leader, Justice Leader.

Nominations for each position will close on Thursday 5th March, with shortlisting interviews taking place on Friday 6th March. These interviews will be led by the College Captains.

Election speeches will take place on 12th March, with voting taking place on 13th March. This will hopefully be led by the Australian Electoral Commission. Results are expected for the next day.

I encourage all students in years 10-12 to 'step up' and help be a leading part of our wonderful school community. All successful candidates will undertake leadership formation, which will benefit them in their future life as well as empowering them to successfully fulfil their leadership role.

The desire to "Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength"; has clearly begun with jump start. Recruitment has begun for REMAR RED. Any Year 10 interested should contact Mr Shane Lebbe. The opportunity for all students at Kildare to learn how to celebrate faith in a fun and engaging way, primarily through the medium of music will take place next Monday and Tuesday. This is being led by some exciting youth ministry directors from across Australia. Hopefully, we will have all students engaging in our future assemblies and liturgies.

Celebration of success has become somewhat of a fixed agenda for the Kildare newsletter and this first one of 2015 is no different. At Lavalla Catholic College, we once again celebrate successful VCE/VET/VCAL results for 2014, improving the results once more on the previous year. I would like to thank all students from the class of 2014, their staff throughout their time at Lavalla Catholic College and most importantly their parents for their encouragement and support.

To aid parents this year, the Kildare Campus Development Team have decided to present the necessary VCE / Year 10 / Year 11 and VCAL information on the website as Videocasts, as opposed to one information evening in term 1. This will allow parents and students to refer to the relevant information at their leisure and as often as they wish. Information Evenings and Meet & Greet with staff, will still happen later in the year. A link will be published in the next newsletter and emailed to staff.

Faith & Ministry Matters

Mr Chris Roga - Director of Faith and Ministry
& Mr Paul Skippen - College Minster



As I write Peter Greste has been released after 400 days in prison in Egypt, surely a stunning example of the power of family and love. The stories of Phillip Hughes, the Lindt Café, Charlie Ebdó, Air Asia, ISIS, and other grab our attention because of their destructiveness. We might even respond with sadness or anger at our helplessness.



Yet, the outpouring of compassion in all these events, the example of Rosie Batty and ordinary people whom we know, is a dynamic reminder of the indomitable human spirit for compassion that unites people to care for each other.

As St Paul said, “But where sin increased, grace increased all the more” (Romans 5:20).

Our theme #justLOVE is the best response to these trying times. An active love (verb) that seeks to do justice for others aligns directly with our foundational belief that we are all equally loved by God therefore entitled to being treated, and treating each other with #justLOVE.

The Diocese of Sale has chosen the theme, “Moving with the Spirit” who “blows where it chooses”. The only way the Spirit blows is towards knowing and loving Jesus and thereby loving justly. - **Mr Chris Roga**

The Lesson

Then Jesus took his disciples up the mountain and gathering them around him he taught them saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the reign of God.

Blessed are the meek. Blessed are they that mourn.

Blessed are the merciful. Blessed are they who thirst for justice.

Blessed are all the concerned. Blessed are you when you suffer.

... be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven... try to remember what I am telling you.”

Then Simon Peter said, “Will this count?”

and Andrew said, “Will we have a test on it?”

and James said, “When do we have to know it for?”

and Phillip said, “How many words?” and Bartholomew said, “Will I have to stand up in front of others?”

and John said, “The other disciples didn’t have to learn this”.

and Matthew said, “How many marks will I get for it?” and Judas said, “What is it worth?”

... and the other disciples likewise.

Then one of the Pharisees who were present asked to see Jesus’ lesson plan and inquired of his reasons and objectives ...and Jesus wept.

We hope and pray that 2015 is a year of growth, learning and love for the Lavalla Catholic College community. We pray that the year is filled with mixed blessings and hope-filled challenges through the vision of Marcellin Champagnat and the wisdom of Mary who responded so willingly to God. - **Mr Paul Skippen**



Music 2015

Mr Shane Reid - Musical Director



A very warm welcome to the start of the 2015 school year, particularly to our 2015 year seven students and their families.

Students already enrolled in instrumental/vocal lessons or involved in one of our ensembles, should already have received information regarding our rehearsal schedule for this year.

For those not yet involved in our music department, I am very pleased to explain some basic details on how you can become involved with our co-curricular music programme.

Learning an Instrument at Lavalla Catholic College

We offer weekly lessons from as little as \$14 per lesson in the following instruments:

- trumpet
- trombone
- flute
- clarinet
- saxophone
- percussion (including drums)
- bass guitar
- voice



Later in the first term, all students learning an instrument will join our Training Band and will begin a weekly rehearsal. It is great to have some year 7 enrolments already.

Mr. Shane Lebbe (our Training Band conductor) and/or Mr Matthew Harris are good first points of contact to discuss learning an instrument. They can be called on 5174 7355 or emailed on music@lavalla.vic.edu.au

We are looking forward to a very rewarding year of music and hope that you will consider joining us and experiencing first-hand how fulfilling a life with music can be.



Joining Our Choir

Our junior choir is open to absolutely everybody at the St. Paul's Campus. No previous experience as a singer is necessary. It is as simple as turning up to the music rooms at St. Paul's on Tuesday 10th February at 7.40am.

If you wish to discuss anything relating to our music program, please feel free to make contact with our Secretary of Music, Mrs Sarah Duncan on 5174 7355 or

via email on music@lavalla.vic.edu.au Our year seven families should all have received an enrolment pack by mail late last year. Feel free to contact us if more information (or another pack is needed). We are looking forward to another great year in 2015.

Student Achievements

Several of our students have left us after gaining trade apprenticeships. In a time when apprenticeships are harder to achieve and fewer in number, we celebrate the preparation our young people through skills learned at Lavalla Catholic College, as well as their own outstanding abilities. Below is a list of the most recent apprenticeships, achieved only in the last two weeks:

Jordan Bannon:	Top Welding, Boiler Maker
Leon Luddeni:	Cheney Building Services, Carpentry
Matthew Deleland:	Masaro Motors, Mechanic
Connor Ambler:	Shields Electrical, Electrician

Well done to.....

Abbey Noblett (Year 10) who made the State U18 basketball squad as a bottom age player and Casey Sherriff (Year 11) made emergency for the under 18 girl's State Basketball team.

Also Matt Bond (Year 11) and Nathan Catherwood (Year 10) made emergencies for the State U18 boy's team.

Whilst this was noted late last year, congratulations once again to Kayla Kennedy (Year 8), who achieved equal best entry in the CEO Sale Christmas Card Design Competition 2014.

Welcome Year 7's 2015





ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Year 7

- 7.1 Ross Sizeland
- 7.2 Bill Antonopoulos
- 7.3 Adriana Bianconi
/Roma Valentine
- 7.4 Jade Whitehead
- 7.5 Daniel Scholes
- 7.6 Carmel Walker
- 7.7 Kaylene Mustoe
/Viv Stuart
- 7.8 Therese Main
- 7.9 John De Souza

Year 8

- 8.1 Stephanie Sola
- 8.2 Deb Reynolds
- 8.3 Sue Birt
- 8.4 Jose Illiparampil
- 8.5 Gloria Zahra
- 8.6 Les McKendry
- 8.7 Lisa French

Year 9

- 9.1 Candice Ford/Lisa Williams
- 9.2 Peter Kelly
- 9.3 Kristiaan Vallak
- 9.4 Georgie Barker
- 9.5 Pam Goodall
- 9.6 Karen Joyce
- 9.7 Fran Renehan
- 9.8 Dominic De Van Der Scheuren

KILDARE CAMPUS

- C1 Rod Williams
- C2 Mark Warnock
- C3 Pierina Fenech
- C4 Vanessa DiSavia
- C5 Kim Widrich
- C6 Annemarie Clarke

- D1 Jeananne Brown
- D2 Lisa Templeton
- D3 Gaye Jenkins
- D4 Jeena Illiparampil
- D5 Andrew Wald
- D6 Deborah Murrell

- M1 Fiona Morrow
- M2 Mara Bormanis
- M3 Domenica Kosakiewicz
- M4 Bill Eagle
- M5 Peter Flahavin
- M6 Mark Judd

- N1 John Wilke
- N2 Steve Erdely
- N3 Sally Sharp
- N4 Chris Rea
- N5 Elisabeth Scott
- N6 Brett Van Berkel

School Matters of Note

After School Pick Up at St Paul's

Parents are encouraged to park along Grubb Ave and collect their children from the Grubb Ave gate at the end of the day.

There are concerns about congestion in the Service Rd with Students weaving through cars. Even more Alarming, parents are parking on the western side of Grey St. meaning children have to negotiate both the Service Rd and the always busy Grey St.

For the safety of all the students are that College please arrange to collect you child from the safer option of Grubb Ave. Also please remember to keep driveways clear at all times and that the usual parking regulations apply even during pick up times.

Year 10 Work Experience for 2015

Placement Details Forms are Due by Monday 16th February. This form is on page 2 of the Work Experience Booklet. A copy of the Work Experience Booklet is in the Careers section of the Lavalla Catholic College website. [Click here to go to Website.](#)

Uniform Shop

The second-hand uniform shop is located on the St.Paul's Campus. We accept Cash, Cheque and EFTPOS.

Shop will be open on the **19th February.**

School Vaccinations

In 2015 the following vaccines will be offered to secondary students:

- * Year 7 – Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (three injections),
 - Chickenpox (one injection),
 - Diphtheria
 - Tetnus
 - Pertussis (whooping cough) (dTp – one injection)
- * Year 8 – dTp (one injection) -
- * Year 9 - dTp (one injection)
- * Year 10 - dTp (one injection)



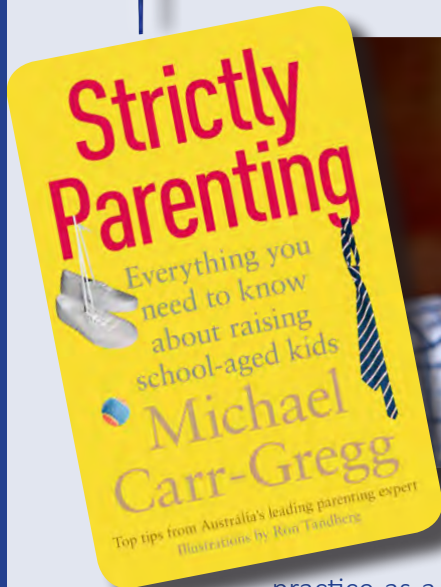
The Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 (Vic) has been amended. Principals are now authorised to provide local councils with student and parent/carer contact details for the purposes of delivering the secondary school vaccine program.

Further information may be found at immunehero.health.vic.gov.au



Upcoming Events

Lavalla Catholic College presents **Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**



Michael is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists. He works in private practice as a nationally registered child and adolescent psychologist and is passionate about delivering national and international evidence based psychology workshops and seminars that make a difference to the health and wellbeing of young people. His training and approach incorporates cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), mindfulness skills and interventions drawn from positive psychology research. He is a founding member of the National Centre Against Bullying and Chairs their Cybersafety Committee. In October 2010- he was appointed the official advisor to the Queensland government on cybersafety.

Thursday 12 February, 2015 from 6.15pm to 8.00pm

Venue: Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus,
Grey Street, Traralgon

Lavalla Catholic College is hosting renowned adolescent psychologist
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg.

Presenting ...

"HOW TO RAISE HAPPY AND RESILIENT CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS"

Incorporating the latest news from the science of positive psychology applied to bringing up children and teenagers.

All parents are most welcome Entry is FREE!

RSVP to: armskel1@lavalla.vic.edu.au

or phone 5174 5272

by Wednesday 11th February 2015



Upcoming Events

2015 School Musical Preparations

Preparations for the biannual school musical are well underway. This year we are performing Aladdin Jnr. A one hour feast of Arabian colour, song, dance, intrigue and pizzazz at the Town Hall at the Latrobe Performing Arts centre in Traralgon the last week of May.

A cast of very excited Year 8's to Year 12's have been busily learning their songs over the holidays and are ready to get back into rehearsals.

We are looking forward to involving a wide range of students across both campuses in this event. Stay tuned for the announcements of activities available for those not in the cast later this term.

Year 7 auditions for a spot in the ensemble will be held Monday 9th of February in the music rooms at St Paul's beginning at 3:45pm and finishing approximately 5:15pm. Interested students should have already returned their application form and audition fee to reception at St Paul's. Anyone who still wants to audition and does not have a form should email Mrs Scholtes at schopru1@lavalla.vic.edu.au straight away so that she can email you a form that parents can sign and return on Monday.

We are looking for items to furnish the Arabian Bizarre in the show – if you have ever been into the shop Ishka in Traralgon, that is the style we are looking for. We are looking for cushions, throw rugs, lamps, small tables etc. If you are able to lend or donate any of these items please let Mrs Scholtes know. We will need them from the beginning of second term until the first week of June.

We are also on the lookout for one or more helpers that might be willing to organise some further fundraising this term.

Do you have woodwork skills? We are in need of some help making a few further small props and sets as well as possibly putting some wheels on tables etc.

Rehearsals for all cast members begin Wednesday 11th of February at St Paul's music rooms at 3:45pm until 5:30pm.

An updated rehearsal schedule was sent to all current cast members on the 29th of January.

The directing team and cast of Aladdin Jnr look forward to showing you "A Whole New World" over the coming months.

Prudence Scholtes - Aladdin Jnr Producer/Director

Monica Justin - Director

Adriana Bianconi - Choreographer





Calendar

Tuesday 10th February

Kildare Campus - All Year Level Assemblies

Thursday 12th February

St Pauls Campus - Sports Leaders Training Day

Kildare Campus - Surviving VCE w/ guest Speaker Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

St Pauls Campus - An Evening with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Friday 13th February

Kildare Campus Assembly

Monday 16th February

St Pauls Campus - Year 7 Camp

Tuesday 17th February

SHROVE TUESDAY

Launch of Project Compassion

St Pauls Campus - Year 7 Camp

Wednesday 18th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

St Pauls Campus - Year 7 Camp

Thursday 19th February

St Pauls Campus - Swimming Carnival

Friday 20th February

Kildare Campus - Swimming Carnival

Thursday 26th February

Installation of the new Bishop of Sale - Sale Cathedral

Friday 27th February

SSW Swimming Carnival - Traralgon Pool

Kildare Campus Assembly



Community Noticeboard

St Michael's Youth @ Latitude – SMY@L

St Michael's Parish Youth Group, Traralgon
Friday 13th February 2015

The Annual Messy & Gross Games Night
Wear old clothes or bring a spare set and a towel!
Things will get MESSY!

Meet at St Michael's Mackillip Hall, Cnr Kay & Church Street
6.30pm – 8.30pm
\$3.00 Entry with a Lucky Door Prize
Further Information contact: Louise Varsaci 5175 0877

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.

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 to attend and children/siblings are welcome too.

We meet every LAST THURSDAY of the month – except during School/Public Holidays.
2015 meeting dates:

Feb 26th - March 26th - April 30th - May 28th - June 25th
July 30th - Aug 27th - Oct 29th - Nov 26th

At LATROBE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL
Hickox St, Traralgon
(Please enter through 1st gate & sign in at the Office)
From 10.30am – 12.30pm
ALL WELCOME TO COME FOR A CUPPA AND A CHAT!

For more info or enquiries about the group phone
Louise Varsaci 51750877 or email varsaci@aussiebb.com.au
Join our group on Facebook – SuppAUT Autism support group for families in Latrobe Valley.



Community Noticeboard

New Parent Support Group in the Latrobe Region – Morwell

- Do you have a child (any age) with challenging behaviour or disability?
- Would you be interested in an informal Support Group?
- Would you like to share a coffee & chat with other parents in a relaxed place?

If you have answered yes to the above, we would like to hear from you. There will be no work for you – no committee or commitments just informal support for all participants. This group will be assisted by Parent To Parent Gippsland.

The first meeting to establish a New Parent Support Group in Morwell will be on Monday February 23rd from 9:30am – 11:30am to be held at the Morwell Performing Arts Centre McDonald Street

For more details all queries & to express interest contact
Yvonne @ Parent To Parent Gippsland yvonne.waite@noahsarkinc.org.au
0351 353 131 / 1800 010 453
Or Emma 0467 982 565 (voice or text)

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Open 9.30 am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday
Ph: 5136 3500



EMERGENCY ALERT. BE WARNED. BE INFORMED.

If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone.

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you:

- when your home or school is near an emergency
- when you are travelling with your mobile near an emergency.

When the emergency services use the telephone warning system:

- a home phone within the warning area may receive a recorded voice message that begins with “Emergency, Emergency”, and/or
- a mobile phone that is switched on and in an area of mobile coverage may receive a text message.

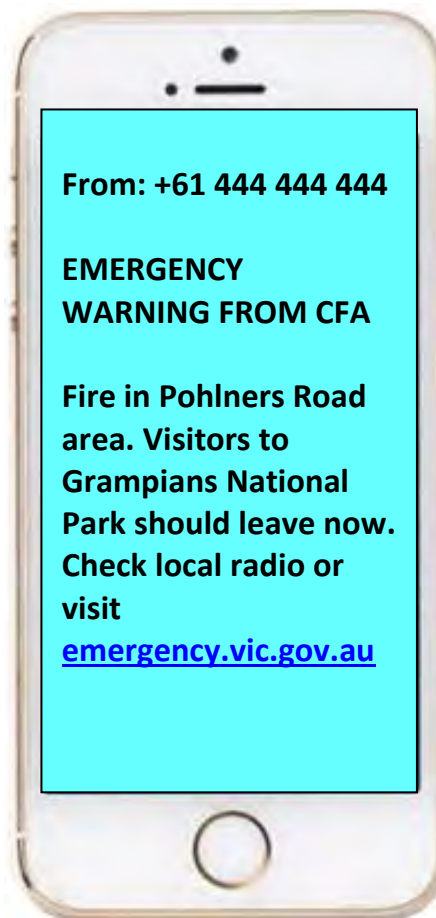
The service is free and you do not need to register.

The warning message will tell you:

- which emergency service sent the message: eg CFA
- about the emergency and where it is
- what you should do to stay safe
- where you can get more information.

All telephone warnings come from the official number:
+61 444 444 444

Example Text Alert



Talk to your child about the Emergency Alert system.

If they receive a warning message on the home phone or a warning text on their personal mobile, encourage them to stay calm and show or repeat the message to a responsible adult they know, such as a relative or teacher.

If adults are not around, encourage them to follow the action given in the alert.

For more information about the system, visit emergencyalert.gov.au and watch the video (it's in 30 languages).

In an emergency, do not rely just on your telephone for a warning.

- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Listen to local radio
- Visit emergency.vic.gov.au
- Download the **FireReady** app
- Go to facebook.com/cfavic
- Follow [@CFA_Updates](https://twitter.com/CFA_Updates) on Twitter

