



A huge congratulations to all the students who attended the swimming sports and earned points for their house. **Dhungala vs Yarran**, it was very competitive and a close competition for most of the day. Although the weather was very hot, the atmosphere was fantastic! We have some amazing young people who gave it their all for not only themselves but their new Houses.

Congratulations to the winners, Dhungala House who scored 946 points to Yarran's 839 points. The end result simply came down to a few more students turning up and competing for their house on the day. The Captains and vice House Captains did a great job to organise their team, it was in large part due to their enthusiasm, encouragement, commitment, and organisation of students into events that we had such a great day. Thank you to the Year 12 students and staff who helped set up for the day before school.

However, we cannot forget the work and organisation that Mr Murray puts in to ensure the day runs smoothly, including managing the race events, program and set up for the day. It's a huge amount of work. A huge shout out to him, but also to the staff of the college who supported our young people to have a great day.

To the age group champions, you are amazing, often going above and beyond to win points for their houses. A huge shout out to the Age Group Champions, Addisson, Jax, Edie, Jack, Tayla, Jack, Jorji, Taylor, Paige, Cooper, Marli, Xavier and Travis.

### College Council Elections

It is once again the time of the year when college council elections occur. We have three parent vacancies for the upcoming election cycle. Our outgoing parent members include Matt Hawken (who no longer has children at the college) and Lyndsey Quinlan. Outgoing members are welcome to renominate if they have a young person attending the college. I would like to encourage you to think about nominating for School Council. If you would like to nominate for school council, there are nomination forms available from the front office. If we receive more nominations than positions, a vote will need to be conducted. Being on School Council is a great way to obtain an in depth understanding of the way that the college operates. Please consider nominating for a place on School Council by 4pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and our school is built, the Barapa Barapa people. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, traditions and the culture of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia. Cohuna Secondary College is committed to acknowledging, building and sustaining respect and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

## The anniversary of the National apology to Indigenous Australians sixteen years ago.



This defining moment and event in our history was delivered by the Prime Minister of the day in 2008. All states and territories had previously issued an apology to the Stolen Generation and to the Aboriginal people of Australia for the mistreatment that past generations had endured. The Federal Government was



the last one to issue an apology on behalf of the nation.

The apology to Indigenous Australians was a significant day in Australia's history. It was delivered in good faith, supported by both major political parties, in order for Australian society to move forward. It is vital that we stop, reflect on our shared history, and consider the impact of what happened and how we can move forward together. We acknowledge our past and reflect on the importance of truth telling in order for us to really understand the impact of the past treatment of indigenous Australians and the Stolen Generation.

*The following is an edited version of that speech.*

"That today we honour the Indigenous peoples of this land, the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

We reflect on their past mistreatment.

We reflect in particular on the mistreatment of those who were Stolen Generations - this blemished chapter in our nation's history...

We apologise for the laws and policies of successive Parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians.

We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country.

For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry.

To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers and the sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities, we say sorry.

And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry.

We the Parliament of Australia respectfully request that this apology be received in the spirit in which it is offered as part of the healing of the nation...

A future where this Parliament resolves that the injustices of the past must never, never happen again ...

A future based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and mutual responsibility..."

*Excellamus - Let Us Excel!*

*Mrs. Fiona Miller - Principal*



## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

### HOUSE READING COMPETITION

Starts Monday 19th February  
Finishes Friday 28th June

#### Year 7 - 9

- You must read books within your AR level
- You must complete the AR quiz before your points are recorded
- Your house will be given the number of points listed inside the AR Book - Check inside label.

#### Year 10 -12

- Books read will be allocated points based on complexity.
- Students must discuss the book with Cath to be allocated points.

#### Staff

- Staff will be allocated five points for any appropriate book read.

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SCORES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LIBRARY SO CHECK REGULARLY TO SEE YOUR HOUSE PROGRESS

## Senior School Update

**SAC calendars** – All senior students have been provided with a copy of the Semester 1 SAC Calendar for their VCE subjects (via Microsoft Teams). It is important to note that SAC dates provided are provisional – they may need to be adjusted, due to classroom interruptions and other factors.

Students will receive a SAC notification at least 1 week prior to each SAC, which will include the SAC conditions, and the SAC date.

Reminder: Students must attend their SAC on the date provided in the SAC notification – if this is not possible, a “SAC reschedule” form needs to be completed, with the reason for missing the SAC, including relevant evidence (eg medical certificate).

### **Tip of the Week** - put your mobile phone/electronic devices in another room when you are studying

Once you have your study timetable organised, you need to make sure your planned time is **effective study**. Without the distraction of your phone (or Insta on your computer). Give it a try for one study session, even if it is for half an hour, and you will see what a difference it makes.

### **Elevate parent sessions**

Over 3000 parents (across Victoria) attended the Elevate Parent Webinar on Wednesday. Their next webinar is on Feb 28th, focusing on Time Management.

See the flyer in this newsletter for details about the Term 1 Elevate sessions.

To register for these webinars go to: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/auschoolwebinars>

### **Upcoming SACs**

#### **Year 12s:**

<b>Term 1 Week 4</b> <b>Feb 19th</b>	
<b>Term 1 Week 5</b> <b>Feb 26th</b>	Art Making and Exhibiting Outcome 1 - Artist analysis and research-planning VCD Outcome 1 – 2 week SAC Business Management SAC 1 - Business Foundations (Friday March 1)
<b>Term 1 Week 6</b> <b>March 4th</b> <b>Summer Sports</b>	PE SAC 1 - Structured questions analysing movement, using biomechanics and skill acquisition principles – Thursday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> Physics SAC 1 – Motion Problem solving/Application task - Tuesday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> VM WRS Sac 1 - Analyse and evaluate the characteristics of a healthy, collaborative, cooperative and harmonious workplace. Foundation Maths SAC 1

#### **Year 10/11s:**

<b>Term 1 Week 4</b> <b>Feb 19th</b>	Math Methods SAC – Coordinate Geometry & Quadratics PD&T (Metals) - Visualisations Systems Engineering - Visual communication.
<b>Term 1 Week 5</b> <b>Feb 26th</b>	English - Reading Journal due to hand in Physics – SAC 1 Business Management – SAC 1 <b>Unit 3 Art Making and Exhibiting Outcome 1 - Artist analysis and research-planning</b> <b>Unit 3 Business Management SAC 1 - Business Foundations (Friday March 1)</b>
<b>Term 1 Week 6</b> <b>March 4th</b> <b>Summer Sports</b>	English - Personal Response SAC PD&T (Metals) - finish visual communication Biology SAC 1 – AOS1 Foundation Maths SAC 1 <b>Unit 3 PE SAC 1 - Structured questions analysing movement, using biomechanics and skill acquisition principles – Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Unit 3 VM WRS Sac 1 - Analyse and evaluate the characteristics of a healthy, collaborative, cooperative and harmonious workplace.</b>

# Term 1 Parent Support Series

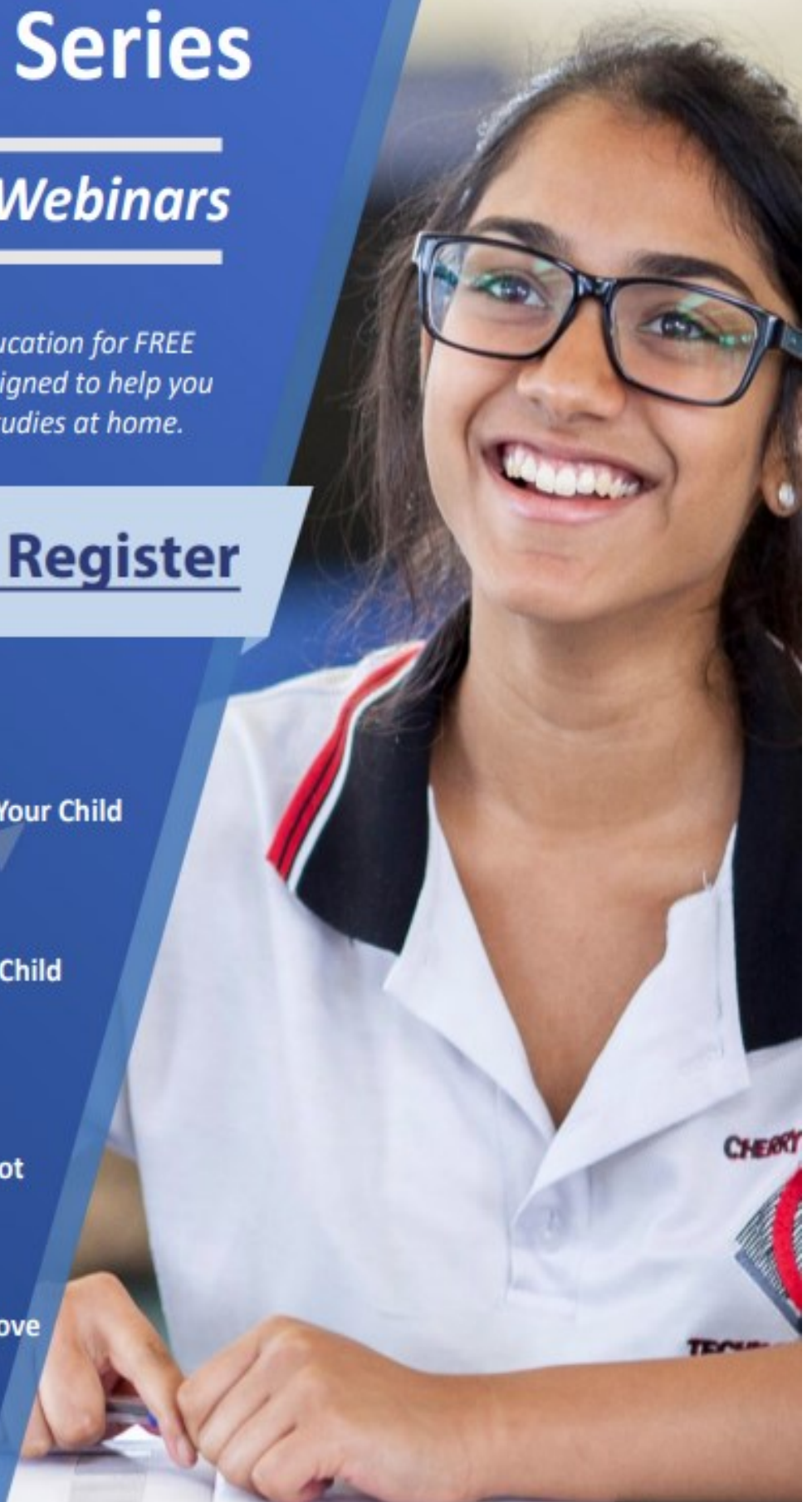
## *Free Parent Webinars*

*Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60-minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.*

[Click here to Register](#)



*In Term 1 we'll cover:*

1. **How to Get (And Keep) Your Child Motivated**  
- 14<sup>th</sup> February @6:30
2. **How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time**  
- 28<sup>th</sup> February @6:30
3. **How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)**  
- 13<sup>th</sup> March @6:30
4. **How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**  
- 27<sup>th</sup> March @6:30





# Swimming Sports

*Final Results:*  
 Dhungala (Orange) 946  
 Yarran (Green) 839



# reminder

**From the Business Manager**

- **CSEF Applications** due now (eligibility as at 29 January 2024 & holding a Centrelink Health Care card) \$250 per child available.
- **SSR (State Schools Relief)** any eligible Year 7 package (CSEF approved) can apply for uniform allowance OR uniform assistance for other year levels (please speak with Bernadette)
- *Anyone who would like assistance with purchasing anything for your child/ren please see Bernadette e.g. uniforms, shoes—sneakers, T-bar, work boots for Tech classes, stationery packs & some textbook vouchers.*
- **VCE EDROLO**—log in with your child/s student code and pay for digital textbooks.
- **Log into XUNO**—to view charges for 2024 and commence your payment plan.

## IMPORTANT DATES : TERM 1 - 2024

Tuesday	20th	February	Interschool Swimming
Thursday	29th	February	Yr 11 Physics excursion to Pyramid Hill College
Monday	4th	March	Quantum Discover Engineering
Wednesday	6th	March	Summer Sports
Thursday	7th	March	LMR Lawn Bowls
Monday	11th	March	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday	12th	March	LMR Swimming GTAC (Biology) Excursion
Wednesday	13	March	NAPLAN
Thursday	14	March	NAPLAN
Friday	15	March	NAPLAN
Thursday	28	March	End of Term 1



**REMINDER:** Canteen will only serve snacks and drinks on Wednesday this term.

Parent helpers are now only rostered on a Friday each week.

Parents will only be rostered on once for the entire year unless you wish to be put on more often of which you can let Jodie know. If your rostered day is not suitable, please try to find another family member or friend who is available or arrange a swap, alternatively please let Jodie know if you do not wish to be put on the roster due to other commitments.

*Jodie Robinson—Canteen Manager*

Term 1 Canteen Roster	Friday ~ 10.30am to 1.00pm ~
Friday 23rd February	Family of Will & Evie Fletcher
Friday 1st March	Family of Travis, Lacey & Jacob Ford
Friday 8th March	Family of Lachlan Gray
Friday 15th March	Family of Zephan & Zara Hensley
Friday 22nd March	Family of Oliver & Noah Mathers