



College Newsletter

From the desk of

29 JUNE 2026

Janine Biggin

The Principal

End of Semester Reports and Holiday Information

As we conclude another busy and rewarding semester, I encourage all families to take the opportunity to review your child's Semester Report together. Reports provide valuable insight into academic achievement, learning behaviours and areas for continued growth, and they offer an excellent opportunity to celebrate successes while setting goals for the semester ahead.

Should you identify any aspect of a report that appears incomplete or requires clarification, I ask that you contact the relevant subject teacher in the first instance. They will be able to verify the information and follow up as required. As reports are being released immediately prior to the holiday period, please be aware that teachers will respond to enquiries when they return at the commencement of Term 3.

During the final week of term, we were also pleased to welcome many families to our Careers and Pathways Evening. This important event marks the first formal step in our learning program and subject selection process for the 2027 school year. Choosing a pathway is an exciting and significant milestone in every student's educational journey, and we look forward to working alongside students and their families over the coming months as they carefully consider the opportunities available and plan their programs for the next year of their secondary schooling.

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding commitment shown by the students and staff who participated in our Emmanuel College Sleepout on Friday 19 June. This important annual event provides students with an opportunity to reflect upon the challenges experienced by those facing homelessness, while raising valuable funds to support organisations that provide care, accommodation and essential services to vulnerable members of our community. I am deeply proud of every student who chose to participate and sincerely thank the staff whose generosity and organisation made the evening possible. Their commitment reflects our Marianist values of service, justice and peace, and demonstrates our commitment to living our faith through action.

'Peace be with you'

John - 20:19

Principal

Congratulations also to our ACC and SACCSS sporting teams who represented Emmanuel this term. We look forward to recognising and celebrating these outstanding achievements more fully in our first newsletter of Term 3.

Looking ahead to next term, I wish to inform families that students return on Tuesday 14 July. In addition, Wednesday 5 August will be a Student Free Day. On this day, staff will participate in a MACS approved professional learning program, continuing our commitment to strengthening teaching practice and enhancing learning outcomes for all students.

Finally, I wish to advise families of an important safety initiative that will come into effect from the beginning of Term 3. From the first day of the new term, e-bikes and e-scooters will no longer be permitted on the Notre Dame Campus. This restriction has already been in place at St Paul's Campus and is now being enforced once again at Notre Dame following careful consideration of student safety, particularly regarding the storage and management of multiple battery-powered devices on site. The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remains our highest priority. I encourage families to read the accompanying article from our Deputy Principals Student Wellbeing, which outlines the reasons for this important change.

As we conclude Term 2, I extend my sincere thanks to our students, families and staff for their ongoing partnership and commitment throughout the semester. Together, we have celebrated many achievements, embraced opportunities for growth and continued to strengthen our Emmanuel community. I wish every family a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to welcoming our students back for another successful term of learning, faith and community at Emmanuel College.

I will conclude with a prayer for this holiday break.

Loving God,

As we come to the end of another school term, we give thanks for the many opportunities to learn and grow. We are grateful for the gifts and talents and shared throughout our Emmanuel community.

During this holiday break, grant our students, families and staff the gift of rest and renewal.

Restore our minds, strengthen our hearts and fill us with your peace.

Bless those who are travelling, comfort those who may be facing challenges, and keep all members of our community safe in your loving care.

As we prepare for a new term, guide us with wisdom and hope. Help us to return refreshed, ready to embrace new opportunities, support one another with compassion, and continue living our Marianist mission of living life to the full.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dr Janine Biggin
Principal

'Peace be with you'

Student Wellbeing



LIFE TO THE FULL

Emmanuel College

At Emmanuel College, we expect all students to demonstrate **respect, responsibility and care for others** both on and off campus.

Recently, members of our local community have raised concerns about student safety and behaviour while travelling to and from school.

From

Anita Duhig and Denis Palanci

Deputy Principals Student Wellbeing

STUDENT TRAVEL SAFETY REMINDER

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS



Riding bicycles and e-scooters too fast on shared pathways



Walking while distracted by mobile phones



Pedestrians feeling unsafe when sharing footpaths



Students vaping or engaging in unsafe behaviours while travelling to and from school

STUDENT SAFETY EXPECTATIONS



RIDE RESPONSIBLY

- Travel at a safe speed
- Follow all road and pathway rules
- Be aware of others around you



RESPECT PEDESTRIANS

- Slow down near pedestrians
- Give way to young children, elderly people and those using prams or mobility aids
- Share pathways courteously



STAY ALERT

- Avoid walking while focused on your phone
- Be aware of traffic, cyclists and other pedestrians



REPRESENT EMMANUEL COLLEGE POSITIVELY

- Demonstrate respect and courtesy
- Follow College expectations
- Make safe and responsible choices



MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES

- Do not vape or engage in unsafe behaviours
- Protect your wellbeing and the reputation of our College community



E-SCOOTERS BANNED FROM TERM 3

E-scooters and e-bikes are **not permitted** on Emmanuel College campuses.

16+

Victorian law generally restricts e-scooter use to people 16 years and over.



Due to safety and storage concerns, including potential fire risks associated with battery-powered devices, e-scooters and e-bikes **must not be brought onto College grounds.**



Students riding bicycles or scooters **must** wear an approved helmet.



SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

COLLEGE + FAMILIES + STUDENTS = A SAFE COMMUNITY

Student safety remains a shared responsibility between the College, families and our students. We will be reinforcing these expectations with students through pastoral care, assemblies and wellbeing communications over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all members of our community.



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Denis Palanci and Anita Duhig
Deputy Principals - Student Wellbeing

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John - 20:19

Business Manager

Hi Parents and Guardians,

Term 2 has been a busy and productive term, with significant planning underway for a number of improvements that will be implemented over the term break and continue into Term 3.

Firstly, we are delighted to announce to our Notre Dame community that the new car park, located on the corner of Inverloch Drive and Palmers Road, will be available for students to use from the beginning of Term 3. The gates will be open each morning until 8:45am for student arrivals and will reopen at the end of each day for student departures. Please note that students arriving late or leaving early must continue to enter and exit the College via the Callahan reception building.

Our St Paul's community will also notice improvements to the College next term with the installation of additional fencing, gates and signage at the Chambers Road entrance. We kindly remind all visitors to proceed directly to reception upon arrival at the College and to complete the College's visitor procedures. If visitors require any assistance our Reception Team will be happy to help.

Finally, as part of the College's ongoing commitment to protecting College systems and information, we are implementing Multi Factor Authentication for those who use 'Parent sign in' on Compass. This change will add an extra layer of security to your Compass account and will be implemented early in Term 3. Once the change has been implemented the Compass login page will look the same, however there will be an extra verification step. A one-time verification code will be sent to the email address you have used to login. A short video demonstrating the new login process is linked below however if you have any questions, please reach out to the Digital Services Team at digitalservices@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au.

MFA Video

Hope you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable term break.

Louise McCloskey
Business Manager

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John - 20:19

Arts Captains

As we move further towards the end of Term 2, there has been plenty happening across the Visual and Performing Arts, with students continuing to showcase their creativity both in and out of the classroom.

A huge thank you goes to all students and staff who contributed to this year's College Review. Whether you were performing on stage, working behind the scenes, helping with technical production, or assisting with organisation, your hard work and dedication helped make the event a success.

For students interested in developing their artistic skills, Art Club continues to run every Friday in Room W03. It is a great opportunity to work on personal projects, collaborate with other students, receive guidance from teachers, and simply spend time creating in a supportive environment.

There is also a final call for students interested in participating in the My Canvas My Art competition. This competition provides a fantastic opportunity for young artists to showcase their creativity. Students at SPC can see Ms Finlay for more information, while students at NDC should speak with Ms King. Be sure to get in quickly, as places are limited.

Looking ahead, students should also keep the College Showcase in mind later this year. The Showcase provides an opportunity for students to exhibit their artwork and creative projects to the wider school community. Whether you are involved in Visual Arts, Media, Music, Drama or another creative area, it is a great chance to share your work and celebrate the achievements of students across Emmanuel College.

The arts continue to be an important part of school life, providing opportunities for creativity, self-expression and community involvement. I encourage all students to take advantage of the many opportunities available throughout the year

Toby Russell and Phoenix Liggett
Arts Captains - SPC

Peace be with you

John - 20:19

Arts Captains

We have had an exceptionally busy Term 2. At the start of the term, we had our annual Marianist Day celebration with a carnival, rides and games and of course music. Our VCE VET Music Students performed a range of songs, with the Year 11s arranging songs from a wide variety of Disney films to entertain the crowd.

This term in Performing Arts we had our musical production for the year, Encore! A Musical Revue. Within the production, we had students from Years 7-12, performing songs from a range of different musicals such as Annie, School of Rock, The Sound of Music, and more! The production was a massive success, and please stay tuned for the next announcement of the musical later within the year. More recently, we held our Year 7 Music Night where Year 7s who have been practicing their instruments with their class had the chance to perform songs to a crowd of their families and friends.

In Visual Arts, students commenced working on their entries for the Hobsons Bay 'My Canvas' competition which asked students from Years 7 to 9 to submit original art with the chance to be exhibited at the Hobsons Bay Civics Centre in Altona. The ACC 2027 Art and Technology Exhibition Logo Design Competition has officially opened for submissions with the winning logo design used to represent the exhibition happening in May 2027. Entry details can be found on Compass.

Notre Dame has many different clubs running during lunch for students to attend, with Music Club on Tuesdays (7-9) & Thursdays (10-12), Art Club on Thursdays, and Film Club held periodically throughout the term. We encourage everyone to come to our clubs as they give you a chance to create with both your friends and any aspiring musicians/artists/filmmakers you may meet!

Coming up next term we have our annual Showcase held in September, with representations from both visual arts and music, including a gorgeous gallery of artwork to be prepared and presented from all year levels followed by a musical performance from the music ensembles and College bands, as well as other acts from rock bands and soloists. Keep an eye out for our Audition listing which will be open via Compass shortly!

We are looking forward to next term, and we hope to see you participate or be involved in the Arts.



Isaac Saliba and Dean Kardas
Arts Captains - NDC

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Winters Homeroom Report

NDC Winters Semester 1 Homeroom Report

Semester One has been an exciting and memorable time for the Winters community, filled with opportunities for students to connect, participate, and demonstrate House spirit.

A particular highlight was welcoming our newest Year 7 students into the Winters family. Beginning secondary school can be both exciting and daunting, but it has been wonderful to see our Year 7s settle into College life, build new friendships, and embrace the many opportunities available to them. To mark the beginning of their six-year journey in Winters, each Year 7 student received a Winters House badge, symbolising their place within our House community.

The year also began with our first Winters House Assembly, where students and staff came together to celebrate the values and spirit of our House. The assembly provided an opportunity to welcome new students, introduce our student leadership team, and set a positive tone for the year ahead. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate all our 2026 Winters Student Leaders for their commitment to supporting and strengthening our House community throughout the year.

Student participation was on full display during the Inter-House Basketball Tournament, where students represented Winters with enthusiasm, teamwork and determination. Whether competing on the court or cheering from the sidelines, students demonstrated the strong sense of unity that makes Winters such a special House.

Another popular event throughout Term 1 was the Winters Footy Tipping Competition. The competition gave students and staff the opportunity to test their AFL knowledge while enjoying some friendly rivalry between homerooms. It has been fantastic to see the level of engagement and House spirit generated by the competition, which continues to be a favourite among many members of the Winters community.

As Semester One progressed, students also enjoyed a well-earned Easter break, providing an opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend time with family and friends before returning to another busy and exciting term.

The second term of the school year started off strong for Winters. The Winters footy tipping competition continued over the term break and follows through to the end of September. The homeroom with the most correct tips at the end of the home and away footy season will be rewarded with a pizza lunch. So best of luck to all the participating homerooms!

We also kicked-off our intra-house crab soccer tournament this term. With the World Cup happening on the other side of the world, we have our own mini competition taking place in the learning street on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Our crowds also rival those of the World Cup's with all the homerooms gathering around to watch the great sport. We are currently in round two and should see round three and the finals play off at the start of Term 3. May the crabbiest homeroom win!

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John - 20:19

Winters Homeroom Report

Our Fridays began to look more knowledgeable with the fun Friday trivia taking place. Ruchelle has been working hard to create fun trivia for the homerooms to compete in with prizes for the winners given by the homeroom teachers. So far we have seen great engagement in the homerooms with many of the students joining in for some competitive fun. This will most likely continue through to next term as it has been a great success!

With our Athletics Carnival delayed this year due to poor weather, it was pushed back to Term 2. Our Year 12 lead the charge with their creative costumes and set a fun standard that will be hard to beat next year. Many of our junior students also dressed up in colourful athletics attire to represent our house spirit! This year, Winters took out the number 1 spot and won the overall carnival for the first time in many years. For our Year 12s, this was their first win in their entire high school journey. We hope to continue this winning trend in the coming years.

Overall, the first semester has highlighted the participation, connection and school spirit that define Winters House. We thank all students, staff and student leaders for their contributions and look forward to building on this momentum throughout the remainder of the year

With the end of Semester One approaching we would also like to acknowledge our Year 12 students, who are preparing to enter an important and demanding stage of their final year. Their dedication, resilience and contribution to the Winters community have been commendable throughout the semester. As they approach a busy period of SACs and exam preparation, we encourage them to continue supporting one another and making the most of the opportunities and experiences that their final months at the College will bring.

Blake Gauci and Ruchelle Jacob
Year 12, Winters House Captains - NDC

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John - 20:19

Musical Productions at Emmanuel - Then and Now



1989 - 'It Happened One Night'



1999 - 'Bats'



2013 - 'Little Shop of Horrors'

2024 - 'The Little Mermaid'



Penny Cook
College Archivist

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Community

Wyndham City Council is proud to celebrate the achievements of young people through the One Wyndham Young Person of the Month Award, with applications accepted throughout the year.

The award recognises and celebrates the achievements, leadership, community contribution and positive impact of young people living in Wyndham. Each month, one Wyndham resident aged 12–25 years is selected as the Young Person of the Month.

We would greatly appreciate your support in promoting this opportunity to students, staff and families who may know a young person deserving of recognition.

Award recipients receive:

- A \$300 gift voucher
- Profile image and article in the Council monthly newsletter - Wyndham News
- Profile picture and biography on the One Wyndham webpage
- Profile picture and feature on Wyndham City and Youth Services social media pages
- A featured Media Release highlighting their achievements to local media
- An advert in the Star Weekly newspaper featuring their profile picture
- Afternoon tea for One Wyndham recipients with the Mayor held bi-annually
- A certificate, which they can reference in their CV and job applications

You can learn more and submit an application by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer or go to <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services/youth-leadership-opportunities/one-wyndham>

ONEWyndham



Young Person of the Month

Applications open!

Wyndham City Council is committed to supporting and promoting the ingenuity and accomplishments of young people across the municipality.

Therefore, each month Council will select a Wyndham resident aged between 12 – 25 to be awarded the 'young person of the month' and we invite you to apply.

Winners of the one Wyndham Young Person of the Month Award will receive:

- A \$300 gift voucher;
- Profile image and article in the Council monthly newsletter - Wyndham News;
- Profile picture and biography on the One Wyndham webpage;
- Profile picture and feature on Wyndham City and Youth Services social media pages;
- A featured Media Release highlighting their achievements to local media;
- An advert in the Star Weekly newspaper, featuring their profile picture;
- A one on one informal meeting with the Mayor at Wyndham Civic Centre;
- Invitation to attend the annual One Wyndham celebratory event;
- A certificate, which they can reference in their CV and job applications.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Scan the QR code to learn more and apply



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Services

Calendar Term 3, Weeks 1A AND 2B

13 July	Student Free Day
14 July	Term 3 commences ACC Yr. 10 Basketball - EMM v SIM Table Tennis - SMC v EMM SACCSS - Senior Basketball / Football Round 1
15 July	ACC Senior Table Tennis - SBE v EMM Year 7, 2027 - Music Discovery Night
16 July	ACC Yr. 8 Basketball - EMM v SBE, Table Tennis - EMM v SBM Yr. 7 Basketball FTG v EMM Table Tennis EMM - BYE SACCSS - Yr. 9 Premier League Round 1
17 July	SACCSS - Chess
21 July	ACC Yr. 10 Basketball - PAR v EMM Hockey - PAR v EMM Table Tennis - EMM v SAL SACCSS - Senior Basketball / Football Round 2 Yr. 10 Subject selection interview SPC
22 July	ACC Senior Hockey - PAR v EMM Table Tennis - EMM v FTG SACCSS - Junior Boys AFL
23 July	Yr. 10 Subject selection interview NDC ACC Yr. 8 Basketball - SIM v EMM Hockey - SAL v EMM Table Tennis - EMM v MAZ Yr. 7 Basketball EMM - BYE Table Tennis - EMM v SBE SACCSS - Yr. 9 Premier League Round 2
24 July	Yr. 10 Subject selection interview NDC
5 August	<i>Please note that Wednesday 5 August is a student free day.</i>

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John - 20:19

