

CALENDAR

March

Fri 1	Clean Up Australia Day
Fri 1	Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
Fri 1	Welcome BBQ and Disco
Mon 4-Wed 6	Yr 6 Camp: Forest Lodge Farm - Camp One
Wed 6-Fri 8	Yr 6 Camp: Forest Lodge Farm - Camp Two
Tue 5	Division Swimming
Fri 8	Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
Mon 11	Labour Day public holiday
Tue 12	Mulgrave District Tennis Carnival
Wed 13	Prep Meet & Mingle Get Together 6pm
Wed 13	PFA AGM
Fri 15	Region Swimming
Mon 18	2019 student charges & voluntary fees due
Mon 18	Yr 1 Author Visit - Family Tree
Wed 20	Yr 1 Author Visit - Family Tree
Thu 21	Harmony Day
Fri 22	Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter-School Sport
Mon 25&Tue 26	School Photos
Tue 26	Parent Forum
Wed 27	Yr 3 Deakin Uni science incursion
Thu 28	Yr 4 Deakin Uni science incursion
Fri 29	Yrs 5&6 Summer Inter School Sport

Students do not attend school on public holidays or student free days.

Whole School Assembly

Every Monday at 2.40pm in School Hall. *All welcome*

School Banking - every Tuesday.



School Hats - every day in Terms 1 & 4.

SCHOOL TOURS

for 2020 entry - Thursday & Friday at 9.30am.
Bookings essential.

ENROLMENT

Enrol now for entry in 2020. Prep 2020 enrolment to be submitted by Friday 31st May.

2019 Term Dates

Term 1: 29 January* to 5 April

Term 2: 23 April to 28 June

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

* 29 January is a state wide student free day.

EHPS student-free days: 30 January, 22 May, and 2 August



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

<https://essexheightsps-vic.compass.education>

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Principal: Mr George Perini

Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday
during school terms.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and friends of our Essex Heights community,

School Council Election 2019

Following the close of nominations for Parent Representatives on School Council, there were four nominations for the four positions that were vacant. Therefore I am very pleased to declare the following parents duly elected to the Essex Heights School Council: Nicole Allison, Melanie Brockway, Anthony Netkow and Kristen Steer. Congratulations to all the successful candidates and I look forward to working with them for the growth and development of our school.

I would also like to thank all the retiring School Councillors - Belinda Aisbett, James Douglas and Angela Millan - for their work and commitment to our school over the past years. I hope that we can find other ways to keep all participating and involved for the betterment of our school.

Also, congratulations to Ina Kuehlich for her election as DET representative on School Council.

I look forward to working with our new School Council as we focus on continuing the excellent programs that we have for our children at Essex Heights and begin to implement our new School Strategic Plan.

Year 6 Camp – Forest Lodge Farm

The Year 6 children and teachers will venture off on Monday morning to Forest Lodge Farm Camp just near Yarram in South Gippsland. Due to numbers this year, the camp is a three day adventure, divided into two blocks. Group 1 leave on Monday and return on Wednesday, whilst Group 2 arrive on Wednesday and return on Friday. This outdoor adventure style camp offers opportunities that are not possible in a normal school setting, as well as building the children's independence and social skills. I am travelling down to the camp on Wednesday to spend the day with them. I look forward to reporting back to you about my adventures next week.

Have a great camp Year 6!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

2nd	Riya S
3rd	Cameron A
	Daniel P
	Jordan K
	Sophie C
4th	Tamara A
5th	India C
8th	Jane L

This week's information on Compass:



Year/Group	Compass News
Year 2	Internet Use, Publication of children's work consent Permissions Deakin Science
Year 3	Headphones
Year 5	Deakin Science
Year 6	Grade 6 Camp List Year 6 Camp Forms
Whole School	After School Care Welcome Picnic & School Disco reminder Before and After Care - Important Notice

Compass Events:

Year/Group	Notice/Activity & Due Date
Years 3 to 6	SRI - Buddhist - 2019 - 1 March
Whole School	SRI - Christianity 2019 - 1 March
Selected Students	Monash Waverley Division Swimming Finals - 5 March Mulgrave District Tennis Tournament - 10 March

Assembly: Monday 4th March

At Assembly on Monday:

- ArtSEL presentation
- School Banking winners
- District swimming report & certificates
- Auskick Clinics report & information
- Commonwealth Bank representative visit
- Student of the Week & Baik Sekali awards

Note: Items listed above are correct at time of publication, but may be subject to change.

Donation to McGrath Foundation

Thanks for your donations in support of the McGrath Foundation on Pink Stumps Day. We raised \$664. Your contributions will help place McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia, making a real difference to families experiencing breast cancer.



Enrolment in 2020

Enrolments for 2020 entry are now being accepted. If you, friends, family or neighbours, have a child due to start school in 2020, please collect enrolment forms from the Office. Enrolment in Prep 2020 should be submitted by Friday 31st May. This greatly assists our planning and preparation for the coming year, and ensures that children can fully participate in the school transition program.

Prospective families are invited to attend a school tour. Tours are held on Thursdays and Fridays at 9.30am. Bookings are essential - please contact the Office on 9807 4944.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Swimming Success Again

Our mighty swim team competed in the District Swimming Finals on Tuesday. The children competed so well and were very successful. They in fact did so well that we finished third overall beating many bigger schools. There were many outstanding individual efforts and relay successes that 12 students have progressed to Division Finals. Congratulations to the whole team and many thanks to Ms Cotterell for organising and supervising the day.

Please look for a more detailed report later in the newsletter.

Compass – a great way to communicate

Essex Heights is committed to improving and facilitating communication between our school and home. As a result we have introduced a web based system that allows families to access up to date information about the school or make a number of tasks easier for families.



The Parent Portal on Compass includes many features such as:

- ★ Ease of communication with your child's teachers and vice versa
- ★ The ability to update your family contact details
- ★ Obtaining news feeds about important school information
- ★ Viewing the school calendar and future events
- ★ Approving and paying for school events, excursions and fees
- ★ Monitoring your child's attendance and entering explanations for absences or lateness
- ★ Downloading and viewing your child's semester reports
- ★ Booking Parent Teacher Interviews online

We encourage all families to regularly use the Essex Heights Parent Portal on Compass. Compass is accessible on any modern web browser or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps.

To log in to Compass you will require your unique family username and password. These details have been provided to you by the school. If you have lost your details, please contact the Office and your password will be reset and username confirmed.

More information about Compass can be obtained from:

- ★ The Essex Heights Primary School website - [click here](http://www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au), or type <http://www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au> into your web browser; then
- ★ go to the **Compass quicklink** on the home page, or under the Communication menu. From both of these locations you can then view the Parent Information Booklet, and the Payment Information and Event Guides.

Student Leaders 2019

Student leadership is a very important part of our school culture. Children are given many opportunities to show leadership from a young age. At last week's assembly, Matthew Fregon MLA, the State Member for Mount Waverley, presented our new Year 6 Student Leaders with their leadership badges. At the assembly, Matthew, as an elected community leader, was able to share the excitement of the children and was an appropriate special guest to make the presentations. Many parents and family members attended the assembly, and it was very exciting for all concerned. I congratulate all the children and look forward to their contributions to our school throughout the year.

This year's student leaders are:

School Captains: Ruby M, Gemma M, Tom F, Marcus W

Art Captains: Maggie S, Angela D, Edyn B, Lucia C, Orlando T, Joe G

Music Captains: Kyla W, Rennie T, Damien N, Sen L

House Captains:

Drysdale: Jessica P, Alex X, Rudy B

Boyd: Reveka K, Bihan J, Joshua H

Lindsay: Anabelle H, Connor M, Nadia W

Nolan: Kayla S, Tyrone I, Oliver S

Sustainability Captains: Charlotte N, Max K, Alex P, Stephanie P

Indonesian Captains: Jordan K, Evelyn L, Nicholas T, Rashi B

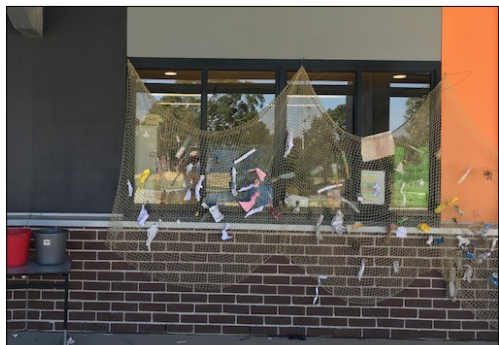
Library Captains: Mischa H, Alicia Z, Ella B, Eshan C, Hong Jin G, Ryan S, Nicholas L, Charlotte D

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

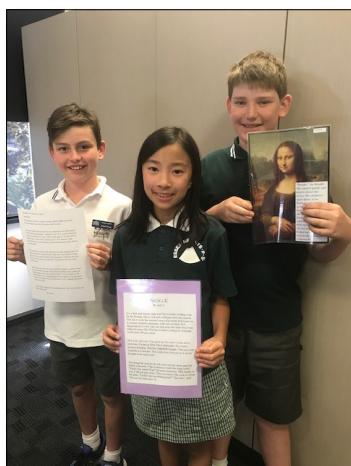
In the next few weeks we will be presenting our Junior School Council badges to another group of student leaders that work throughout the year to ensure that the voice of students is heard within the school.

Around the School

As I walked around the school this week it was very obvious that all classes had really settled into a great pattern of learning. Children were engaged in their work and the results were obvious. When I spoke with children they knew what they were doing and what was expected of them. The quality of their work was excellent.



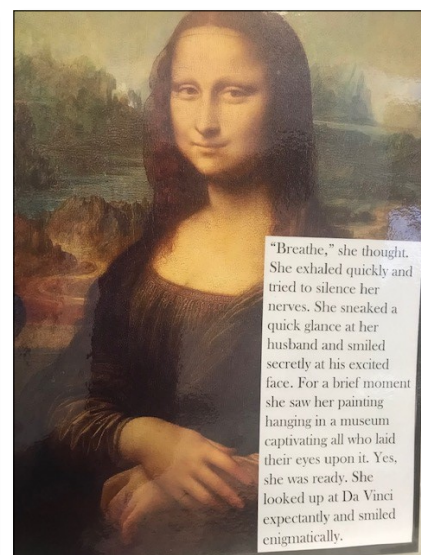
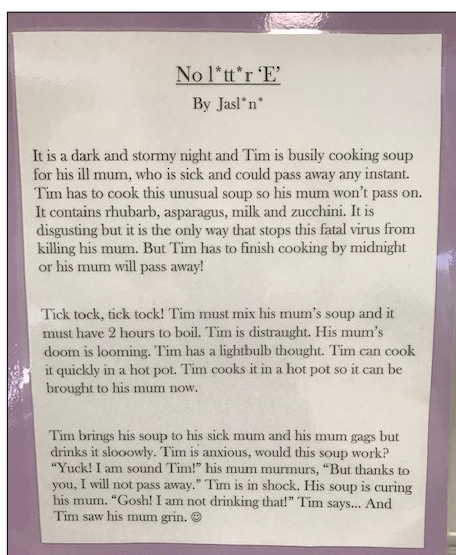
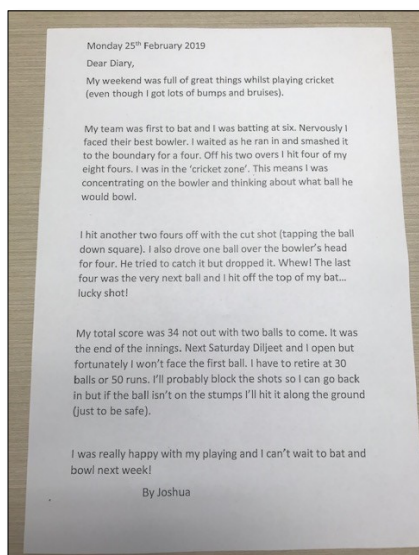
Today is 'Clean Up Australia Day', and the children have been participating in clean-up activities throughout the week. Classes have been out and about picking up rubbish so that we make our school clean and reduce the amount of waste that can find its way into storm water drains. Rubbish was collected and some of it was placed on a net in front of Banksia building. Thank you to the children and staff for helping to clean up our environment.



Students from 56A have been doing some very interesting writing in their Literacy program. Three students showed me their extension work which was really outstanding. Joshua, Jaslene and Aidan wrote excellent pieces with very different approaches. Josh wrote a diary entry that reflected his day playing cricket, Jaslene wrote a story without using the letter 'e' in any word, while Aidan wrote a reflective piece based on the Mona Lisa's smile. All three pieces were well written, showed good grammatical construction, and were very creative as well. Great work all.

See you all around the school.

George Perini
Principal





Skills for Learning: Self talk

This is another great week for learning at our school. An important skill for learning is using self talk. Self-talk means talking to ourselves in a quiet voice or in our heads. Self-talk can help us stay on task and focus attention. Think about what self-talk you might use if you were trying to remember directions your teacher gave you. Remember to use self- today when you need to say focused and on task!

Nikki Olsen

Student Wellbeing


Is your young child experiencing
worry, anxiety or fear?


Then register for...

The Brave Program

for parents and caregivers of young children

A FREE online program that provides parents and caregivers of young children aged **3 to 7** with information and skills to help their child overcome fears and anxiety.

 <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au>

 <fb.me/braveparents>

To keep this program free for all Australian families, anonymous data is collected at registration and during the program use, to help us track the success of the program. Some of this data may be used for research purposes.



**The
Brave
Program.**



Four **FREE**
online self-help
sessions

Year 2 Yarra Valley Water Incursion

On Monday 18th February the Year 2 students had an incursion by Yarra Valley Water. Will was a very engaging presenter and we learnt all about the water cycle, where water goes, why we need water and ways we can save water.



Year 3 Coach Approach Incursion



On Thursday Year 3 students were involved in an incursion called 'Coach Approach'. They rotated between four different activities which focussed around our topic of 'Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies'. Here are a few reviews from the students:

"Coach Approach was very fun for kids and school. There was four activities taekwondo, hip-hop dance, teamwork and nutrition." **Oscar W**

"I think Coach Approach is great. I liked hip hop because Henry was cool." **India**

"I liked the taekwondo because I like kicking, punching and dodging." **Alana**



Photos: Kristi Lloyd



Dear Prep Parents,
You are warmly invited to our
'Meet and Mingle' Get Together

Please come along for a drink and nibbles and introduce yourself
to other Prep Parents.

Date: Wednesday 13th March

Time: 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Place: Eucalyptus Collaborative Space, EHPS

The Prep teachers look forward to chatting with you.

RSVP: Please return the reply slip on your invitation by Friday 8th March

Visiting Primary School Nurse



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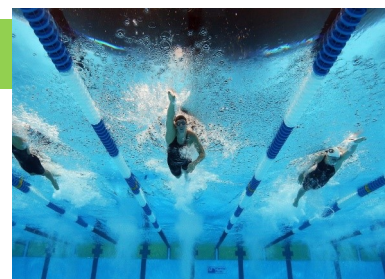
Education
and Training

Melinda Wilson, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training, will be attending the school to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by teachers (with parents' consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian Prep/Foundation children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice promoting health and wellbeing.

Parents are welcome to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0459 873 959.

Essex Heights Swimming Team



District Swimming

On Tuesday 25 students represented EHPS at the Mulgrave District Swimming Competition at Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre. Met with beautiful outdoor conditions, the students were proud to represent their school and were filled with excitement and anticipation of the competition ahead. Kayla S and Ryan T were announced as Swim Team Captains for 2019, and began the day both swimming in the Open age medley 4 x 50m relay teams. The first event of the day was the girls' open medley race, and Kayla, Camryn, Anabelle H and Annabelle X finished in first place which made for an exciting start to the competition and boosted the teams' drive and confidence for the day.

All students swam beautifully and represented our school with mature sportsmanship, competitive spirit and respect. Overall, Essex Heights finished in third place with 141 points. This is a tremendous result and really shows the talent of individuals and collectively as a team.

Final Overall Results:

1st PLC = 212

2nd Mt View = 155

3rd Essex Heights = 141

4th Mt Waverley = 133

5th Mt Scopus = 123

6th Glendal = 32

Congratulations

Thank you to all the parents, family and friends for their support on the day. Many students shared how proud they were to have a parent, friend or grandparent there to cheer them on. Your support is greatly appreciated by students and staff.

Congratulations and good luck to the following students who finished in first or second place and have been invited to the Monash Waverley Division finals on Tuesday 5th March:

Individual Events:

Ryan T - Freestyle & Backstroke

Kayla S - Backstroke & Breaststroke

Camryn R - Freestyle & Breaststroke

Mackenzie - Breaststroke

Seunggwon - Butterfly

Anabelle H - Butterfly

Nicholas L - Butterfly

Open Age Girls 4 x 50mt Medley Relay Team: Kayla S, Camryn R, Anabelle H & Annabelle X

11Yr Girls 4 x 50mt Freestyle Relay Team: Camryn R, Annabelle X, Kira D & Grace L

12/13Yr Boys 4 x 50mt Freestyle Relay Team: Ryan T, Nicholas L, Tom F, Max K

We congratulate these students and wish them all the best for another successful event.

Elisha Cotterell
P.E. Teacher

Deakin University Project with Years 2 and 5



Essex Heights has a long and productive educational partnership with Deakin University. Once again this year our school has been fortunate enough to be asked to participate in an exciting research project based on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

The project will allow the participating students in Years 2 and 5 to be involved in enriching mathematical and scientific learning. They will work with teachers and students from schools in Melbourne, Geelong and the USA to develop approaches to mathematics and science learning that create greater understanding as well as critical and creative STEM skills, across a range of topics. Furthermore this international project will develop an approach to working with Mathematics and Science across the primary school years that enhances students' learning.

This year, all Years 2 and 5 students have been chosen to participate in this amazing educational experience. Some lessons will be videotaped and some teachers and students (with consent) will be interviewed. Work samples will also be collected. Please note that all data will be collected anonymously. No personal details will be collected. The whole project has full ethical approval from the university and partners.

Parents are strongly encouraged to allow your child to be involved. A copy of the Plain Language Statement that describes the research and the consent form have been provided to parents for approval.

If you agree for your child to be involved in this Deakin University project, please sign the Consent Form and return it to your child's classroom teacher.

We look forward to our students learning more about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics as well as enhancing their ability to share scientific thinking with others.

Year 3 Headphones

Year 3 students are to bring a pair of working headphones to school for use during ICT sessions this year.

Please speak to your child's classroom teacher if more details are required.



THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

Essex Heights are very excited to be a part of the Victorian State Schools Spectacular this year. We are performing as part of the Mass Dance section. There are 16 eager students from Years 5 and 6 who will be representing our school. Watch this space for pictures and assembly performances to show off what they are rehearsing! The VSSS will take place at the Melbourne Arena (formerly Hisense Arena) on Saturday 14th September.

Kirsten and Lauren

Munch & Crunch Canteen



Canteen Roster

Monday 4th March - 11.00am to 1.45pm Irit Ziv

Wednesday 6th March - 9.00am to 1.45pm Samantha Skuja & Liyong Lu

Friday 8th March - 9.00am to 1.45pm Carolyn Mott, Pauline Vassilou, Eling Chen

Please remember to sign the Visitor's Register in the Office before coming to the Canteen.

If you are unable to do your rostered duty, or you have any queries, please contact Maria as soon as possible on 0409 934 573.

Maria Vlahos
Canteen Manager

Parents & Friends News



2019 Welcome Picnic/BBQ & Disco

The Welcome Picnic/BBQ and Disco will be held TONIGHT, Friday 1st March. **Please join us!**



Secondhand Uniform Stall

Thank you to Jen, Sophie, Raema, Mel, Pauline, Nikki, Yumi, Sasikala and Andrea for running the stall, and to everyone that donated their old items. The stall raised over \$1,000 for the school.

Annual General Meeting Notice

Please note the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) will be held on **Wednesday 13th March** at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. We are therefore calling for nominees to fill a number of Executive Committee positions. If you are interested, or would like further information please contact the PFA via email on ehpspfa@gmail.com

Have a great week,
Andrea Fyfe
(Mum to Caitlin D, 56C)

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

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

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 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 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CSEF 2019 Application Form available from the Office.

Community Noticeboard

Products & services advertised in Contact are placed on a paid basis and are not necessarily being promoted by Essex Heights Primary School.



Essex Heights Netball Club training is back every Thursday afternoon from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Training is on the school basketball courts. Girls and boys from Year 3 to Year 6 are welcome to join in training.

For further information please contact Tas (Fantails Team Manager) on 0421 415 775.

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YEAR 7, 2021 ENROLMENT TIMELINE

25 June 2019
23 August 2019
Aug-Sept 2019
18 October 2019

Information night for prospective families
Application period closes
Enrolment interviews
Offers of place made

About De La

We are an independent Catholic College for boys in Years 5 – 12. Located on three campuses in Malvern and Malvern East, our College provides a respectful and encouraging environment where strong family values are reinforced.

De La Salle does not have designated priority parish catchment zones.*

*All applications are processed in accordance to our Enrolment Policy. Further details available on our website

College tours

We invite you to come and see our College 'in action' on one of our 2019 student-led tours. Bookings are essential; reserve your place via our website.

Wednesday 20 March, 9:15am

Friday 26 April, 2:00pm

Wednesday 19 June, 9:15am

Friday 19 July, 2:00pm

Wednesday 7 August, 9:15am

Friday 13 September, 2:00pm

Wednesday 16 October, 9:15am

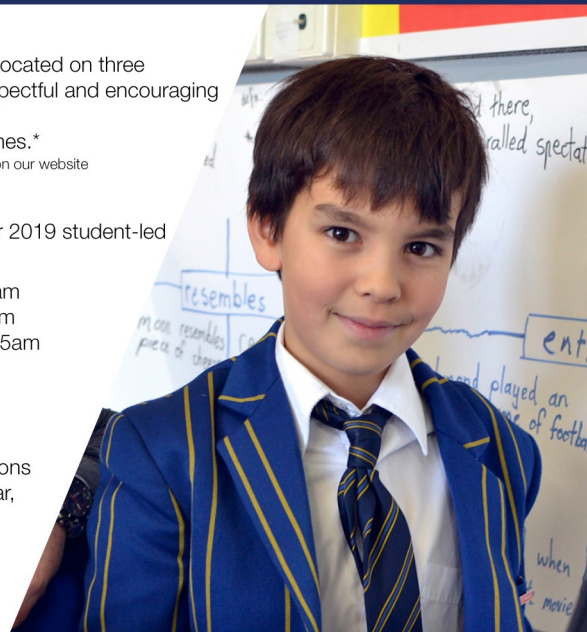
Further information

To receive a Prospectus and Application Pack, or to ask any questions about our enrolment process, please contact our Assistant Registrar,

Ms Tanya Claudius on 03 9508 2194 or by email:

tclaudius@delasalle.vic.edu.au.

LEARNLIVELEAD



Join us to discover
what it's like to
BELONG

**Thursday 14 March,
5.00pm – 8.00pm**

Meet our Principal Elisabeth Lenders and talk to staff and students to find out everything you need to know about Kingswood College. Enjoy food stalls, music from the students and fireworks at dusk.



Kingswood College is an independent co-educational Kindergarten to Year 12 day school.

For more information visit
www.kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au or call 9896 1700



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- ★ Cold drinks for sale
- ★ Cool tunes

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

6pm onwards

at the school heights



- ★ Bring a picnic rug or some chairs
- ★ Buy your dinner or bring your own
- ★ Watch the sun set and meet a few new friends
- ★ All Welcome
- ★ Family Event – No Alcohol Please



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**Essex Heights Primary
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**GLOWSTICKS
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Friday 1 March 2019
in the Essex Heights PS Hall
Prep–Year 2: 6–7pm
Years 3–6: 7.30–8.45pm

\$5
per child

Make sure you return your super-important
permission slip (one per student) and money
by Wednesday 27 February



IMPORTANT INFO NO PARENTS, BROTHERS OR SISTERS ALLOWED!

Parents and guardians, please sign in your child at the start of the session, and sign them out when you pick them up at the end. Only Essex Heights children in the designated year level will be allowed in the Hall.

Help please! We need some adult helpers for setup and supervision. If you can lend some time and have a current Working With Children Check, please email dcdzcorben@gmail.com