



# NEWSWAN

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Year 12 practice exams

Our Year 12 students ended Term 3 and started Term 4 with practice exams. This is a great opportunity for students to get an indication of what they are doing well and areas they may need to work on further, in preparation for their end of year exams.

### School Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS)

For the first 4 weeks of term, we will focus on the value of Respect and the expectation 'Respect that we are all here to learn'. On the first day of term, we held a short assembly to talk about the importance of making good choices to support all students right to learn. As we move through Term 4, students will be focusing on achieving their best in assessments and exams, both internal and external.

### Mental Health Week

This week our Wellbeing, and Health and PE staff ran a range of activities for Mental Health week, raising awareness of our need to look after our own mental health. Some of the activities included meditation, stress ball and friendship bracelet making, and a photography competition. It was great to have the support of local agencies, headspace, Youth Inc and Murray Mallee LLEN.

### Alpine Camp

Next week our Year 9 Alpine Students head off for the term to the Marlo campus. We wish them the best, and look forward to hearing about their projects, upon their return.

### Year 12 versus Staff T-ball match

Our final day for Term 3 ended with our Sport Colours Day, and Staff vs Year 12 T-Ball match. Each term the Year 12s have taken on the teachers in different sports, and this term proved another success for the staff, winning 17 runs to 9. One of the highlight's was Umer's homerun.

Kristen Le Gassick – Assistant Principal

## SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4. We have a busy term for our Year 9s, with the year level heading off to Melbourne for camp, our Alpine students also head off for their leadership camp next Monday, for 9 weeks. Students are also in the final stages of their subject selections, ready for 2025.

On October 22nd, we will be farewelling our Year 12s at our annual whole school assembly, families are invited to join this celebration. We also welcome next year's Year 7s for transition towards the end of the term, before they commence here next year.

Well done to our newly elected 2025 School Captains, we wish them all the best and are looking forward to the announcement of the 2025 Junior School Captains.

Lachlan Heil – Junior School Captain

## SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2024

October 14	Alpine students depart
October 22	Year 12 Farewell
October 23	LMR Intermediate Boys Basketball, Bendigo
Oct 29-Nov 20	VCE Exams
November 4	Student Free Day
November 5	Melbourne Cup Holiday
November 6-8	Year 9 Camp, Melbourne
November 18-22	Year 10-11 Exams
November 22	End of Term Assembly; Year 9
November 25	End of Term Assemblies; Years 10 & 11
November 25-29	Jumpstart Program
November 29	Graduation Dinner

## LMR INTERMEDIATE GIRLS FOOTBALL



Early last term, our Intermediate Girls AFL team faced the top competitors in the LMR Girls Football tournament. Comprising of students from Years 7 to 10 and competing in a Year 9/10 division, our team thrived, securing victories against St Joseph's Mildura and St Joseph's Echuca, and finishing as runners-up to CMC Bendigo. Being named LMR Region Runner-Up is a fantastic accomplishment and highlights the impressive growth of girls' football both within our school and the broader region.

James Downing – Sports Coordinator

## YEAR 9 FORMAL



The Year 9 cohort recently marked the beginning of their final semester in Junior School with a highly anticipated formal at Tyntynder Social Rooms. The venue was magically transformed into a 'Fairy Garden,' creating a stunning backdrop for an unforgettable evening of dancing and celebration. A big thank you to Year 9 parents Dee Heil, Robina Benbow, Vicki Allen and Belinda Lewis for their exceptional efforts in setting up the event and ensuring the students were well-fed and hydrated throughout the night.

James Downing – Sports Coordinator

## VET ENGINEERING

As part of VU23479 Apply basic fabrication techniques, 1st Year students completed a sheet metal based project, being a Three Tiered Toolbox. It is useful for you when entering the Mechanical and Engineering sector for people extending their skills. Pictured from left to right are Alexander Rose, Ben Rogers, Hunta Lindsay, Patrick Dear, Hanro Dunn, Abuzar Jafari and Reeve Benfield. Hunta Lindsay displays a Small Engine of brass and other materials as a 2nd Year project for the competency VU22334 Produce basic engineering components and products using fabrication and machining operations. This engine is designed to be a machining project for the aspiring model engineer. It is designed to not use castings or brazing and used bar-stock for all the parts. The piston, con-rod and big end bearing are machined in one piece for simple assembly and only a 3-jaw chuck is required on the lathe.

Brett Theobald – VET Engineering



## STAFF APPOINTMENTS

We would like to formally introduce our new Business Manager, Cameron Whitlock (pictured right). Cam has been with the College for the past 20 years, managing our IT department. Cam has a background in management and business, and is a great asset to our team.

We would also like to welcome Anthony Marra (pictured left), who will take over as our IT Manager. Anthony is familiar with the College as he was previously employed by the Department, where he provided IT support to a number of schools in this area.



## SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program. The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

To be eligible for the School Saving Bonus, students changing schools or commencing Prep or Year 7 in 2025 need to be enrolled by Friday October 18, 2024.

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