



THE SPARK



Newsletter of Springside West Secondary College

November 2023

Key dates

- 20.11.12 Professional Development Day
- No classes
- 11.12.23 Activities week commences
- 21.11.23 Year 10/11 Step up commences
- 12.12.23 Grade 6 Orientation day
- 31.01.24 First day of classes 2024; Yr 7 & 12
- 01.02.24 All year levels on site
- 20.12.23 last day of Term 4 / 2023

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Jump on to our website and check out the amazing new virtual tour of the school.

Newsletter

Our newsletter will now be issued once per term. Regular updates will be provided via our Facebook page, compass posts and via the school website.

Make sure you head to the facebook page and 'like' us

<https://www.facebook.com/SpringsideWestSecondaryCollege>

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Farewell Year 12 students

As I write this report, our year 12 students are in their final week of their examinations. From time to time you can hear the occasional whooping or hollering as students realise they have just completed their final examination and thirteen years of schooling are over. Congratulations to them.

Earlier this term, we came together at Moonee Valley Racecourse to farewell them formally at their graduation ceremony. It was a wonderful evening and a fitting tribute to 13 years of schooling. Our first group of year sevens from back in 2018 have done us proud and we wish them well.

School Review parent volunteers sought

Next week on Thursday the 23rd of November at 9.00am, the school will be conducting a formal field day as part of its four yearly school review. I seek parent volunteers to give their opinions and perceptions of Springside West. Please email me at John.Goodman@education.vic.gov.au This is a terrific opportunity to be a part of discussing the direction for the school over the next four years. The consultation session will go for about half an hour.

Facilities work at Springside West

It has been a busy term four with many upgrades and additional works being undertaken to Prepare for next year. These include:

- Additional CCTV cameras are being installed in the school.
- Additional locker shed installation.
- New senior school office and new middle school offices being set up.
- New portables being installed.
- New toilet portable being installed.
- Retrofitting of office spaces to accommodate growth in staff underway.
- Extensive plumbing works underway.
- Plastering works around school undertaken to repair damage.
- Three sheds have been constructed near the gymnasium for storage of exam tables and chairs the other for PE equipment.
- Flooring on top of original flooring for weights/ gym equipment room which is being fitted out.

Plenty happening!

End of year

This is the final newsletter for 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, students, carers and staff for their contribution to our school community this year. I look forward to seeing you next year.

John Goodman

Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

This term, Junior school students have been working hard to complete their studies for 2024. Currently assessment and Students' work has been proudly displayed in the Art and Technology showcase. We hope that the family took the opportunity to share our students creative work. Our year 7's students also had the opportunity to experience the science discovery dome as part of their Earth, Sun and Moon investigation. We have also had a record number of success passes earned this term. The Boost Juice and Hoytz ticket vouchers are very popular and going fast.

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Term 4 has been a busy term in the Middle Sub-School. The Year 9 and Year 10 cohorts have participated in a range of events, both academic and extra-curricular. This variety of events has enabled students to demonstrate the positive aspects of our Middle Sub-School community with our college values of Community, Challenge and Growth at the forefront.

In Week 2 of Term 4 things got off to a very positive start with our PE Faculty running "PE Week" to celebrate all things related to Physical Education. The week involved a range of fun activities including multiple lunchtime sports events. One of these events was a Year 9 vs Year 10 students soccer game. The game was played in good spirits with many of our committed soccer players able to showcase their talents.

There were also multiple events this term where our artistic and musically talented students were able to put their skills on show. In Week 4 of Term 4 SWSC held its annual Art Showcase in which multiple Year 9 and 10 students exhibited their work which they have created in Art and Technology subjects throughout 2023. A number of our Middle School students also participated in a musical performance in Week 5. It was fantastic to see such a range of students demonstrating a wide array of talents during these events.

For our Year 10 students their Year 10 studies are culminating with exams in Week 7. We have also had multiple Year 10 students complete VCE exams for their early access subjects they have undertaken this year. Term 4 has capped off a massive year in the Middle Sub-School and we wish all Year 9 and 10 students the best as they begin their step-up studies in Week 8.

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

After what has been a new and challenging year for our year 11 and 12 students, the Senior Sub-school team would like to congratulate all our students for their impressive efforts throughout 2023. There are many moments throughout the year that have brought joy to the school community; however, the resilience and perseverance of our VCE cohort in the final term has been commendable.

With 2023 coming to an end for the year 11s and preparing for a challenging but exciting year ahead, we would like to reflect and highlight some of their achievements. To those of you who completed a Unit 3&4 subject this year, well done! We hope you did as well as you could have and enjoyed the experience leading into next year. We acknowledge the determination that is required to complete an advanced subject in year 11, so you should be incredibly proud of your efforts. To our VCE VM students, this has been a year of change and adjustments. You have taken the new program in your stride and worked hard throughout the year in both your school subjects and VET courses. We look forward to working with everyone in the new year and commend you on working so hard in your first year of VCE.

The graduating cohort of 2023 is a special moment for Springside West Secondary College, with these students having commenced with the school in its opening year in 2018. After working tirelessly throughout the year, we were able to celebrate their achievements on October 19th at their Graduation. With many students being recognised for their hard work throughout the year, we would like to highlight the successes of all our students and how proud we are of them. With year 12 exams completed, and some of our VCAL students already working full-time, we want to congratulate you for all that you have achieved and wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavours. A lot has changed since you first walked through the gates in 2018, but we are incredibly fortunate to have been able to educate you and cannot wait to see where the future takes everyone. Congratulations once again, you should all be so proud!

Best wishes,

The Senior Sub-school Team

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Year 12



Thursday 19th October saw the last day for the year 12 cohort for 2023. They celebrated the week with dress up days and a breakfast on the final morning. Staff and students gathered in the theatre for a morning of celebration, exchanging signatures and messages on their uniform. They were sent off with a guard of honour from the year 11 students. Final photos, tears and hugs were shared as they departed the school in preparation of their graduation ceremony and exams to come.

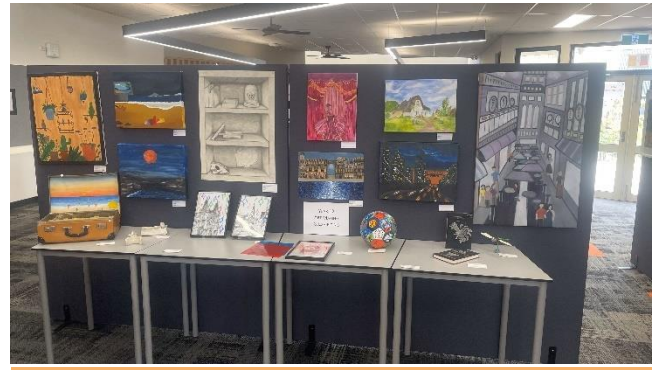
The graduation ceremony was a wonderful evening. Students were presented in front of family, friends, and staff as we wished them all the best in their future endeavours, knowing that they will do themselves proud.

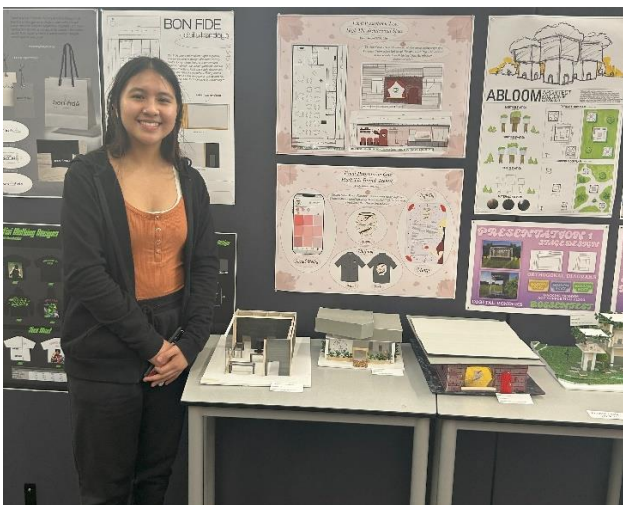


Art & Technology Showcase

Tuesday 24th October saw the opening of the 2023 Art & Technology Exhibition. An amazing array of art works were on display from all year levels and different areas of our Art and Technology classes. It was fantastic to see such unique, creative and skilled work. Here are some photos from the exhibition.

Miss Khoury and Mrs Finnigan





Congratulations to all the students and teachers on this wonderful display of your talents.

Italian Film Festival

Earlier this term the year 9, 10 and 11 Italian language students attended the ST. Ali Italian Film Festival at the Kino cinema in Collins St to watch the Italian film 'Noi anni luce' (Supernova)

Era una bella giornata!! (It was a great day)



C.I.S Italian Junior Poetry Competition - 2023

Winners

1st Place Year 7: Mila Stanasic

2nd Place Year 8: Viraj Mahabadi

3rd Place Year 7: Hazel Hoon



We would like to congratulate all the students who dedicated their time to learn and recite an Italian poem and participate in the C.I.S. (Centre of Italian Studies) *Italian Junior Poetry Competition*. With all schools that study Italian across Victoria invited to participate in the competition, we are so proud of Mila's 1st place, Viraj's 2nd place and Hazel's 3rd place. The judges from C.I.S were extremely impressed with how well our students had prepared for this day and their overall performance.



Certificato di Lode <i>Certificate of Honour</i>	Certificato di Merito <i>Certificate of Merit</i>	Certificato di Partecipazione <i>Participation Certificate</i>
Year 7 Dolce Cantaro Stefanie Castvan Ashvitha Dinessh Carlos Galdamez Noah Galvan Arush Gannamaneni Saron Gebremariam Alannah Gorgievska Callum Jaensch Vani Mander Ethan Markovski Hetav Nagar Chloe Osongco Ruby Petroff Leon Radeski Muhammad Rafee Ilani Santana Liana Udage Jonnes Wodya	Year 7 Anastacia Sabec Ayelle Coryn Batallones Keith Corpuz Jay Deva Ghazall Hammoud David Harrison Tj Johnson Pahulbir Kaur Manreet Kaur Jack Lucas Richard Muthukumar Jazlynn Narula Nora Qerimi Shriyan Ravula Ablak Singh Samar Singh Aiya Ahmed Aadhya Apkari Jordan George	Year 7 Tilat Shah Sophia Cipriano Isabella Corbino William Delgleish Hussain GHAZI Senuki Gunawardana Connor Mcleod Peter Pavloski Harshal Prabhakar Prabhsimran Prabhsimrankaur Suhana Ravi Shankar Zanita Saif Riley Sanders Valentino Sindoni Cyrus Siu Xavier Thompson Falanika Vaofusi Ashley Khawaja Minh Tuan
Year 8 Chinuli Elisha Dehiwala Jake Hall Shurithy John Mikaela Kuang Thomas Micallef Daljodh Singh	Year 8 Elnathan Ayele Chloe De Padua Jordan George Pranav Goginani Sahajleen Kaur Ojas Khanna Tanya Krishnan Yashita Kushik Liana Mangion Nhi Nguyen Saai Lakshmi Palanivel Raja Harrison Psilomisis-Borg Phoebe Schneider Sayuri Watve	Year 8 Alyssa Larking Ruan Lyle-De Klerk Adithya Pillai Kaavya Niranjana Ashley Khawaja

Lunchtime concert



On Thursday 2nd November our very talented school band performed a lunchtime concert for staff and students. Isabella Dragwidge, from 10D, has written this about the school band.

Being a part of the SWSC school band has helped us create countless memories as well as become an experience that we will never forget. The school band first started in 2022 when music teacher, Ms. Brown invited a few students who she thought would be eager to learn and work together to become a band. It took a while for a steady band to be put together as it was Springside West's first ever band, eventually things started to fall into place with a band including Maree Mammalis and Charlotte Pace.

At the beginning of 2023 Charlotte brought along her friend Jayda Nguyen and soon after Isabella Dragwidge, Natalie Davila, Erin Pecelli, Julius Brownlie, and Ash came along. We finally had a band put together; we just needed a name. After a good two weeks of scrambling through different names Jayda came up with the idea saying, "We're all just a bunch of kids". We laughed but then realised that 'Just a Bunch of Kids' was a funny name we could agree was obviously meant for us. We have to thank our band manager/director Nick O'Mara, an instrumental teacher at the school who has helped us learn the trades of music and passed down his knowledge and love of music down to us, and all staff members who have helped us grow as a band. Through the year we have all grown so much, whether it has been through our skill in playing our instruments or our friendships with one another and connecting our fellow peers with music. We hope more students who are eager to create music join us as the years go by. This band has helped us create opportunities for ourselves by taking our performances outside of school. For example, Just a Bunch of Kids played for the Melton Youth Communities 15th Birthday event. We performed some of our favourite songs we worked hard on to a crowd full of unfamiliar faces which might have felt nerve racking but in the moment was full of excitement and bliss, and that is what we are all about. We don't think about the nerves but the bliss and enjoyment we get by playing music. We know music helps and connects so many students at SWSC and we would love to encourage our community to feel the bliss and we hope that Just a Bunch of Kids is the start of something new and encouraging within our school and community.

Interschool Sports Program

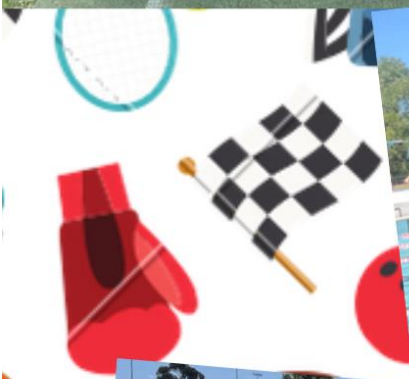
Well done to all the students that represented Springside West Secondary College out at Interschool Sports this year. In the Keilor Division, we came 2nd out of eight schools, which is an excellent achievement! Special mentions to the following teams for not only competing in the Keilor Division, but also winning and progressing to the Western Metropolitan Region Division.

Year 7 Boys Table Tennis	Intermediate Girls Netball	Intermediate Girls Cricket
Year 8 Boys Table Tennis	Intermediate Girls Basketball	Intermediate Girls Tennis
Year 8 Boys AFL	Intermediate Boys Cricket (WMR Champions)	Senior Boys Soccer
Year 8 Girls Netball		Senior Girls Soccer
Junior Boys Baseball		Senior Boys Cricket

Students also represented Springside West Secondary College at the Track & Field Finals. Congratulations to the below students who received medals in the following events at Western Metropolitan Region Track & Field.

Latise Monise - 2 nd in 15 Boys Shot Put	Ali Hassab - 3 rd in 18-20 Boys 800m Run
Thalia Giokas - 2 nd in 16-20 Girls 1500m Walk	Isabella Nastevska - 3 rd in 18-20 Girls Javelin Throw
Elissa Telford - 3 rd in 16-20 Girls 1500m Walk	Wasi Shah - 3 rd in 15 Boys 400m Run
Khang Nguyen - 3 rd in 16-20 Boys 1500m Walk	Jarrad Gray - 2 nd in 17 Boys High Jump





Lastly, our swimmers had an outstanding year! At Keilor Division we placed in 39 individual events and 8 relay events. We had 14 students across 35 events progress to the Western Metropolitan Region Division in Geelong. A special mention to the following students on their fantastic performance at Regions where we came 4th overall out of 51 schools.

Peter Berens: 1st - 12-15 200m Individual Medley, 2nd 15yrs 50m Freestyle, 2nd 15yrs 50m Backstroke & 2nd 15yrs 50m Butterfly

Zoe Berens: 3rd 14yrs 50m Freestyle, 3rd 14yrs 50m Backstroke & 3rd 14yrs 50m Butterfly

Tori Clare: 2nd 15yrs 50m Freestyle, 2nd 15yrs 50m Butterfly, 2nd 12-15 200m Freestyle & 3rd 12-20yrs 100m Breaststroke

Nea Padrigo: 3rd 12-15yrs 100m Freestyle

Deanna Moore: 2nd 17yrs 50m Breaststroke

James Clare: 2nd 12-13yrs 50m Freestyle & 2nd 12-13yrs 50m Breaststroke

Jarrold Wakefield: 2nd 15yrs 50m Breaststroke

Daniel Nguyen: 2nd 16yrs 50m Freestyle

Zoe Berens, Nea Padrigo, Mikaela Kuang & Tori Clare: 3rd 15yrs 200m Freestyle Relay & 3rd 15-16yrs 200m Medley Relay

Peter Berens, Dante Kuang, Jarrold Wakefield & Daniel Nguyen: 1st 16yrs 200m Freestyle Relay & 2nd 15-16yrs 200m Medley Relay.

Well done to Peter Berens, Dante Kuang, Jarrold Wakefield & Daniel Nguyen who represented our school at the State Swimming Championships at MSAC. Lastly, a huge congratulations to Peter Berens who won a gold medal in the 12-15yrs 200m Individual Medley.

What a year!





Boys Connectedness Club

Boys' Connectedness Club is a student engagement outreach program empowering Year 8 and Year 9 boys.

Students were engaged on positive connectedness, social skills, and respectful relationships. There was also a focus on our school values through collective implementation of joint projects.

Boys Club ran from Term 3 to Term 4 covering 8 sessions and was supervised by Samantha Ferraro and Alando Chia.



Wellbeing Team

This year our Wellbeing team has been busy sharing a lot of great information with our school community. This week they are supporting White Ribbon Day.

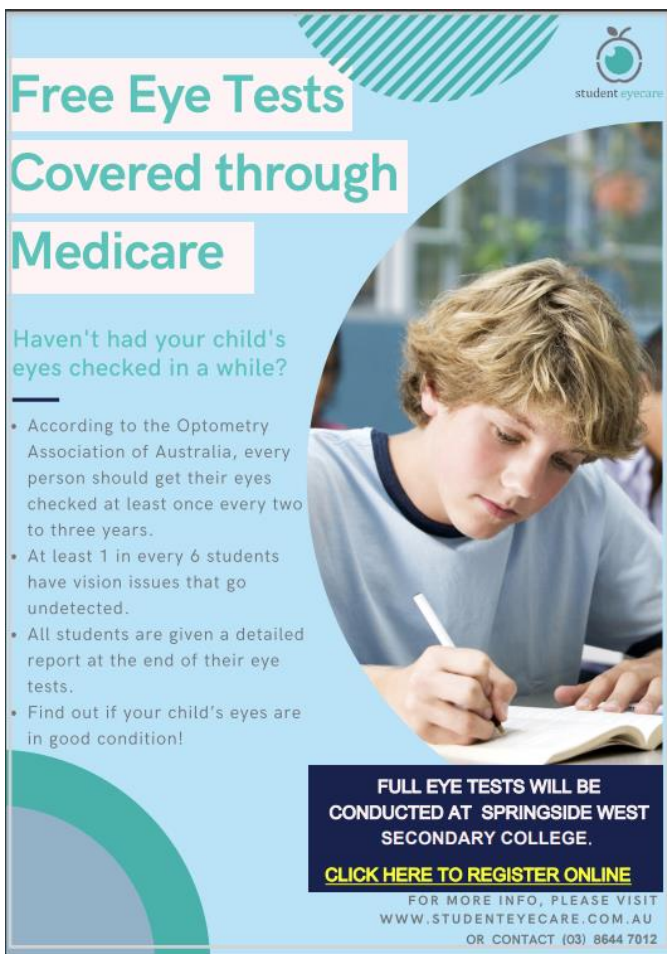
The White Ribbon Campaign was formed by a group of men in 1991. White Ribbon Australia was established in 2007. In Australia, men's violence against women is a national crisis. White Ribbon Australia aims to end all forms of men's violence against women. White Ribbon Day is for the community, especially men, to stop and reflect on the challenge we face in overcoming men's violence against women.

SWSC will be hosting a BBQ at lunchtime for students on White Ribbon Day (Friday 17th November). Sausages will sell for a gold coin donation. This will be donated to the White Ribbon Australia. *Cash only please.*



If you are interested in learning more about how you can help STOP violence against women, please visit the [WRA-Stop-kit.pdf \(whiteribbon.org.au\)](https://whiteribbon.org.au/WRA-Stop-kit.pdf) on the website whiteribbon.org.au.

The school is pleased to announce that the Student Eyecare Program will be running at the school in Term 1, 2024. An optometrist will be onsite during school hours to provide students with a **free comprehensive eye examination** that is covered through **Medicare Australia**. **1 in 6** students have eye conditions that go undetected. This is due to the high level of visual demand on their eyes from books, laptops, tablets and smartphones. Every student will receive a full report about their eye health and a prescription will be provided if glasses are required. The prescription can be taken to any optical store to get the glasses made. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity. To sign up, register online at: <https://forms.gle/j5kyuW2nbk2K9c9B9>



Free Eye Tests
Covered through
Medicare

Haven't had your child's eyes checked in a while?

- According to the Optometry Association of Australia, every person should get their eyes checked at least once every two to three years.
- At least 1 in every 6 students have vision issues that go undetected.
- All students are given a detailed report at the end of their eye tests.
- Find out if your child's eyes are in good condition!

FULL EYE TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT SPRINGSIDE WEST SECONDARY COLLEGE.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.STUDENTEYECARE.COM.AU
OR CONTACT (03) 8644 7012

If you or someone you know is in need of support, please reach out to any of the services listed below.

- National Support Services National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family Violence Counselling Service – 24/7 service 1800respect.org.au 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)
- Lifeline – 24/7 service lifeline.org.au 13 11 14
- MensLine – 24/7 service mensline.org.au 1300 78 99 78
- Kids Help Line – 24/7 service kidshelp.com.au 1800 551 800
- Translating and Interpreting Service tisnational.gov.au 131 450
- Sexual Assault Crisis Line (Victoria Only) 1800 806 292
- Relationships Australia 1300 364 277
- Mens Referral Service 1300 766 491
- National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline 1800 880 052
- Police and Ambulance 000

EAL AND LITERACY SUPPORT PROGRAM



Overview

Students in years 7 and 8 will receive intensive, targeted literacy support in lieu of Italian classes.

Sessions will be structured following the GANANG lesson model with small groups of students working with Alice or Helen in C-block.

Students will develop skills in:

- Reading and viewing
- Speaking and listening
- Writing

If there are any questions or you would like to learn more about the program, please don't hesitate to contact Helen or Alice.



Hi, I'm Alice Sacco and I have just started this term as an EAL assistant. I can't wait to meet the students of SWSC and to learn more about them throughout the year. I enjoy playing netball and going back to NZ to visit family.



Hi I'm Helen Hunter. I am pleased to join Springside West Secondary College as an EAL Assistant and look forward to working on all things English and literacy with our Year 7 and 8 students. I love yoga, French language, world history and historical fiction.

CONTACT US:

Helen: helen.hunter@education.vic.gov.au

Alice: alice.sacco@education.vic.gov.au

YEAR 7 AND 8 EAL/LITEARCY HUB

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM



YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENTS COMMENCING TERM 1, 2024

WHEN
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
3:00pm - 3:45pm

WHERE
Building C
Room: C10

WHAT IS IT?

- 45 min afterschool sessions.
- Alice and Helen will be offering extra support for Year 7 and 8 EAL learners and students who need extra literacy assistance.
- Sessions will focus on:
 - Reading and viewing
 - Speaking and listening
 - Writing

Contact information:
alice.sacco@education.vic.gov.au
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EAL/LITEARCY HUB

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM



YEAR 9 STUDENTS COMMENCING TERM 1, 2024

WHEN
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
3:00pm - 3:45pm

WHERE
Building C
Room: C10

WHAT IS IT?

- 45 min afterschool sessions.
- Alice and Helen will be offering extra support for Year 9 EAL learners and students who require extra literacy assistance.
- Sessions will focus on:
 - Reading and viewing
 - Speaking and listening
 - Writing

Contact information:
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MOVING or CHANGING SCHOOLS?

If your child will not be returning to Springside West in the new year, can you please email the school (springside.west.sc@education.vic.gov.au) with your child's name and their destination school so that we can begin the exit process. If you have any questions regarding exits, please contact the office on 03 8357 7100.

Eloise Derby, Registrar

2024 School year

Wednesday 31st January 2024 will see classes resume for our year 7s and year 12 students. The remaining students will commence on Thursday 1st February.

Wishing all our students, families, and staff a lovely Christmas. Enjoy your break and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.





WISHING YOU A
**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

AND A SAFE AND WONDERFUL NEW YEAR.