

22 February 2024

Principal's Report

Year 7 camp

Year 7 students and teachers enjoyed three days of fun activities at Lake Dewar Adventure camp, a venue surrounded by a stunning lake and grounds. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to get to know their teachers and other students in the cohort and experience personal growth by taking part in activities that took them out of their comfort zone. Thank you to Nina Toal and Elyssia Stroumos who led the camp and adapted the activities with the changing weather conditions.

Thank you also to the other teachers who attended. This included: Sally He, Caitlin O'Malley, Kathy Ambatzis, Kerrie Hall, Tamara Nicholson, Vineet Rattan, Dorothy Li, Grace Robinson, Lexy Pavlidis, Tammy Odontiadis, Rebecca Love, Annabelle Cass and Jenny Yelland.

Year 7 welcome picnic

The Year 7 Welcome picnic was well attended by students and parents/carers this week. It was a great opportunity for Year 7 students to introduce their classmates to their parents/carers and for parents/carers to meet other parents/carers as well as some of the Year 7 teachers. Thank you to Elyssia Stroumos, Head of Middle School, who organised this event and everybody who attended.

The Parents' Association

The Parents' Association provides support to the school and its community. At our school The Parents' Association works in collaboration with the principal to provide opportunities for parents/carers to get to know each other and raise funds for the school. Please consider whether you could be involved this year. A number of executive members have completed their term as their children have finished Year 12. Please look out for information on Compass regarding future meetings.

How to help with study

I am often asked by parents/carers how they can support their children's learning at school. Firstly, help them establish routines that allow for learning, physical exercise and leisure. Identify a workspace where learning can happen regularly and works for your family. Communicate with your child about their learning. Ask questions such as: What are the learning goals for this year or term? What support do you need? Please also talk regularly with your child about the time they spend on social media and their social media interactions. If your child is experiencing any difficulties with their learning, please encourage them to speak to their classroom teacher.

Georgina Padula
Acting Principal

Diary Dates Term 1

26 Feb	House Swimming Carnival
27 Feb	School Council Meeting
29 Feb	Year 12 Formal
8 March	International Women's Day Breakfast
11 March	Labour Day
12 March	The Parents' Association Meeting
15 March	Year 11 Formal
16 March	Working Bee
26-27 March	House Chorals
28 March	End of Term 1

CONNECT WITH US



Many students travel by public transport. It is important that students have valid myki cards when travelling on trains and buses. We have received information from the Department of Transport and Planning about a new app that enables an instant top up of the myki card balance.

You do not have to register an account in order to use the top up feature.

However, they strongly recommend that you do register your myki so you can protect your balance and take advantage of other PTV App features such as auto top up or managing multiple cards.

For further details click [here](#).

Student Leadership News

My name is Hailey, and I will be your English Captain for 2024! Currently I am reading the novel 'Circe' by Madeline Miller and am very excited about all the English-based activities for the year. Start your reading journey for the year now, and make sure to look forward to English Week where there will be many fun events such as a Dress Up as a Book Character Day, English trivia and more!

Hailey Tam
English Captain

The first event of the year for the Community Liaison team is the International Women's Day breakfast on Friday 8 March 2024. On this day, staff, students and parents and carers share a light breakfast and hear from a speaker about empowering women. This year, the speaker is Dr Wendy Sharples, a former Canterbury Girls' Secondary College student, and currently a scientist with the Bureau of Meteorology.

This year, tickets cost \$15 per adult and \$10 for CGSC students from all year levels. They are available [here](#).

We would also welcome any donations of either goods or vouchers, to assist us in running a raffle and silent auction at this event. Your valued contribution will be mentioned at the breakfast and highlighted in the school newsletter and a certificate of appreciation will be provided. Please contact [Gabrielle Muir](#) should you wish to donate or have any queries.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ruby Nance, Community Liaison Captain
Gabrielle Muir, Community Liaison Teacher

Bonjour!

My name is Elina Loghman, and I am the Languages Captain for 2024! I am incredibly excited to showcase more of the languages and the cultures within our school with your help this year.

Here is a little about me:

- Growing up, I was always trying to learn a language in a different shape or form.
- I have done French all throughout high school at CGSC, and I'm currently doing VCE French.
- I also have a very long Duolingo streak (from quarantine until now... :)

But to me, being Languages Captain is more than encouraging students to learn new vocabulary or practise their grammar. It is about strengthening what connects us all together, language.

I look forward to seeing you all get involved more this year: participate in all the fun activities in your French or Japanese classes and enjoy the special Languages activities that are to come! Keep an eye out for more information on the Languages noticeboards at the bottom of the C Block.

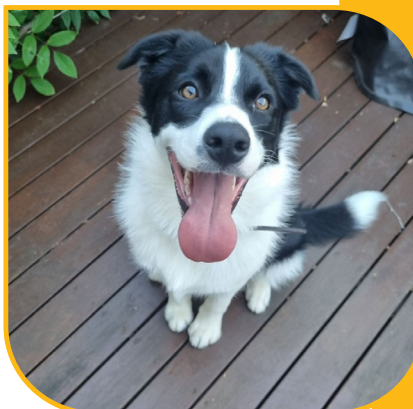
If you have any ideas or queries relating to languages in general, the noticeboard or activities, feel free to [email](#) me anytime.

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Elina Loghman
LOTE Captain

My name is Annabelle Bowyer-Smyth and I am your Humanities Curriculum Captain for 2024. A few things about myself:

- I have recently got a new border collie puppy called Bailey (Warning: He's very cute!)
- I love a good book, in particular mystery books.
- I am a twin.



This year, we have many amazing events planned in the Humanities department. These include Humanities Week that is running in May but there will be random events happening around the school throughout the year. Students can get excited and look forward to the annual Year 11 Business Management fair where students can showcase their entrepreneurial skills, the geography scavenger hunt; as well as excursions for Geography, Commerce and Economics students. The excursions include Raynor's farm Geography excursion, coasts tour to identify types of erosion, Queen Victoria Market to study competitive markets, as well as the Melbourne Port Authority to learn about international trade.

This year, I will also be producing Humanities 101, a publication for students that highlights the things YOU need to know before leaving school, that prepares students for the outside world and be successful. I will be interviewing different humanities department teachers for their advice, wisdom & experience on interesting issues such as how to budget, other money issues and right through to skills on how to write and what to include in an effective resume. So, keep an eye out on the humanities board located outside the C40 and main staffrooms.

In addition, the Humanities department is famous for their ever-changing themed C40 staffroom door. At the moment, they have taken advantage of the Taylor Swift mania, so each Humanities teacher represents a different Swiftie album – it looks amazing! Make sure you come past C40 and check out the theme for the door of the humanities staffroom as it is always changing. Student suggestions for door themes are welcomed – please see Ms Ambatzis.

Throughout this year, I will be working alongside the Humanities teachers. They include Ms Ambatzis (Humanities Professional Learning Team Leader – VCE Business Management & VCE Economics teacher), Mr Rattan (Commerce, VCE Economics & Business Management), Ms Odontiadis (Geography), Ms O'Malley (Geography & History), Ms Toal (History & VCE Classics), Ms Robinson (History & Geography) and Ms Martin (History).

I look forward to a rewarding year of Humanities and working with the humanities staff to create some events and opportunities to explore Commerce, Geography and History. I hope to see you getting involved in all the activities throughout the year!

Annabelle Bowyer-Smyth
Humanities Curriculum Captain

Teaching and Learning News

French news

French classes are off to a great start for 2024 and we welcome the Year 7 students as well as a new teacher to our department, Madame Deren, who has taught French for many years and has a special interest in "La Belle Époque".

We all know that it is important to stay motivated and organised when learning a new language. Did you know that it is also important to be a self-directed learner? This means that you actively seek out opportunities for language activities that you can do on a regular basis in order to progress. Here are some ideas for self-directed language learning.

1. Quizlets – a wide variety of digital flashcards is available online. Ask your teachers also because they love to create Quizlets for you!
2. Audio and e-books in French are available from the library.
3. You can access ClickView for your year level in order to enjoy films, documentaries and other language learning material.
4. You can listen to music online. A great singer to listen to is "Sara'h" who does covers in French of many popular songs and her videos have subtitles too; seeing and hearing the language as you enjoy the music... what a great combination!
5. You can visit some of the approved language learning websites such as <https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>. Ask your teacher for advice if you are not sure where to start!
6. You can ask your parents or carers to test you on vocabulary: provide them with flashcards where you have written the French word and the English translation. They say the English, and you say the French! Try to use as much French as you can at home - you can even teach your family the French words you learn in class!

Remember: language learning shouldn't stop at 3.05pm!

The French team

National Australian Geography Competition 2024

The Australian Geography Competition is a contest for Australian secondary school students, assessing their geographical knowledge and skills, mostly made up of multiple-choice questions.

The Competition aims to encourage student interest in Geography and to reward student excellence. The annual Australian Geography Competition is running again this year from 15 to 29 of May and students from Years 7 to Year 12 are encouraged to participate in the competition, which will run during normal Humanities class time to minimize any disruption to classes.



A compass event will be created, any interested students are invited to seek parental consent to participate in this fabulous opportunity to showcase their knowledge of Geographical concepts. The entry deadline is Thursday 14 March, the cost is \$5 per student and certificates of participation are issued to each student.

All participants receive results and certificates (top 1% in Australia, high distinction, distinction, credit or participation). Students will be graded at school

Year levels – Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, and Year 12.

Outstanding students at each Year level win prizes which include books and special certificates, and medals for first in Australia. In past years, Canterbury Girls' students have achieved exceptional results with many receiving High Distinctions, as well winning their respective age categories. For Year 11 students, there is the chance to represent Australia at the 2025 International Geography Olympiad in Bangkok, Thailand.



The competition ensures that students acquire world knowledge and skills that can help them to prepare for final exams.

For further information, please contact your Geography teacher, or come into the C40 Humanities office to speak to Ms Odontiadis or email at tod@cgsc.vic.edu.au.

Tammy Odontiadis
Geography Teacher

Community Liaison News

The first event organised by the 2024 Community Liaison student team will be the annual International Women's Day breakfast which will take place this year on Friday 8 March at 7.30-8.30 am in the school hall. Parents, carers, students and staff will have the opportunity to come together for a light breakfast and to hear from our guest speaker. International Women's Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate women's achievements. We would also welcome any donations of either goods or vouchers that can be used as door prizes or in a raffle, so if you can help, please feel free to contact the Community Liaison Co-ordinator, Gabrielle Muir (Bert) at gbe@cgsc.vic.edu.au.

Tickets are available from [TryBooking](#).

We thank you in advance for your support and hope to see you there.

Gabrielle Muir (Bert)
Community Liaison Co-ordinator



News from the Library

What a wonderful start to the year it's been! It's been great to welcome our Year 7s into the library. Year 7 library cards are ready to be collected, several students already have them and are eagerly borrowing. We run clubs in the library at lunch time, such as Book Club & Craft Club on Mondays, Chess Club on Tuesdays and Crochet Club on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome! Our Blind Date with a Book display has been a great success with students borrowing and helping to celebrate Library Lovers Month of February.

Please visit and enjoy the space.

Shani and Catherine
The Library Team



Lessons are underway!

Lessons have commenced for many Year 7 students this week with their enthusiastic sounds filling the rooms of the music block! Keona and Audrey are pictured during their electric bass lesson this week.

If you have any questions regarding lessons and enrolments etc., please email msw@cgsc.vic.edu.au.

Please note: beginner ensembles do not commence for a few weeks. Year 7 Band (Staccato): Wednesday mornings from 13 March, before school 7.45-8.35am. Beginner strings (Vivace): Friday mornings from 15 March onwards.



NEVR – Youth Concert 2024 @ Hamer Hall: SONIC CANVAS

Once again students from the North-Eastern Victorian Region of state schools are given the opportunity to apply for a place in the NEVR youth concert held at the prestigious concert venue Hamer Hall on Wednesday 29 May at 7.00 pm.

This concert is a spectacular evening showcasing the talents of music students from over 200 primary and secondary government schools within the North-Eastern Victoria Region.

All large ensemble items will attend 2 full rehearsal days at designated school venues during school time with Thursday and Friday rehearsals being scheduled for each ensemble.

Dates and times for all ensembles are as follows:

Large Ensemble Rehearsal Dates:

Rehearsal 1: Thursday 9 May 9.00am – 3.00pm

Rehearsal 2: Friday 24 May 9.00am – 3.00pm

Soundcheck Wednesday May 29 - Soundcheck times to be advised at rehearsals.

Concert Wednesday May 29, Hamer Hall 7pm

NEVR CONCERT APPLICATIONS FOR LARGE ENSEMBLES: DUE DATE 20 MARCH

Step 1 - Notify Mr Sword or your instrumental music teacher that you are completing an application. Collect a rehearsal schedule and see your music teacher for your AMEB level so that you apply for the ensemble which is best suited to your playing skill level.

Step 2 - Check your school calendar for camps, etc., and make sure you are available for ALL rehearsal and concert dates and times. Let your school music coordinator know which ensemble/s you are applying for.

Step 3 - All applications for large ensembles need to be completed by parents/guardians online at www.trybooking.com/COXWE by 20 March. It is important to get your application in as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a place. The application fee is \$20 per student.

Step 4 - Submit Action Plans for Asthma and/or Anaphylaxis to your school Music Coordinator to forward to NEVR Music, where applicable. NB: If these are not

Term Dates

Term 1

8 March	International Womens' Day Breakfast, String Quartet
12 March	Soiree #1 PAC, 6.30pm
13 March	Year 7 Band, First rehearsal, 7.45am
15 March	Vivace Strings, First rehearsal, 7.45am
20 March	VCE Music Top Class excursion, Melbourne Recital Centre
25 March	Chorals Technical rehearsal
27 March	Victorian Sports Awards MCG, String Quartet
26-28 Mar	House Chorals Festival

submitted your application will not be processed.

Step 5 - Music Co-ordinators will be notified of all successful applicants, and you will receive a notice with rehearsal details in Term 2.



May 29 HAMER HALL 7:00pm

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Min. 4 years experience
AMBB grade 5 upwards
Open to secondary students

Conductor: Joseph Yu
Manager: Emily Kimpton & Sandra Birze

Instruments required
Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Concert
Harp, Woodwinds, Brass & Percussion

Rehearsals
Friday 3 May 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday 10 May 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday 17 May 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday 24 May 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Venue
Blackburn High School
60 Springfield Road, Blackburn North

SYMPHONIC BAND

3-6 years of experience
AMBB grade 3 upwards
Open to primary and secondary
students

Conductor: Danny van Bergen
Manager: Sally Newstead

Instruments required
Flute, Piccolo, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet,
Oboe, Bassoon, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax,
Baritone Sax, Trumpet, French Horn,
Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba &
Percussion

Rehearsals
Thursday 9 May 9:00am - 3.00pm
Friday 24 May 9:00am - 3.00pm

Venue
Wantirna College
Harold Street, Wantirna

Rehearsal Schedule

SECONDARY CHOIR

No minimum experience
Open to all secondary school students
& staff

Conductor: Lauren Irwin-Ray
Managers: Lam Nguyen-Hoang

Vocal range required
Soprano, Alto, Tenor & Bass

Rehearsals
Thursday 9 May 9:00am - 3.00pm
Friday 24 May 9:00am - 3.00pm

Venue
Highvale Secondary College Theatre
Capital Avenue, Glen Waverley

STRING ORCHESTRA

2-4 years of experience
AMBB grade 2-5
Open to primary and secondary
students

Conductor: Jack Lam
Manager: Janine Pero

Instruments required
Violin, Viola, Cello & Double Bass

Rehearsals
Thursday 9 May 9:00am - 3.00pm
Friday 24 May 9:00am - 3.00pm

Venue
Ringwood Secondary College
Bedford Road, Ringwood

CONCERT BAND

1-3 years experience
AMBB grade 1-3
Open to primary and secondary
students

Conductor: Amanda Morrison
Manager: Jane Faman

Instruments required
Flute, Piccolo, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet,
Oboe, Bassoon, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax,
Baritone Sax, Trumpet, French Horn,
Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba &
Percussion

Rehearsals
Thursday 9 May 9:00am - 3.00pm
Friday 24 May 9:00am - 3.00pm

Venue
Ashwood High School
50 Vannam Drive, Ashwood

PRIMARY CHOIR

Open to grade 5 & 6 primary school
students. Apply through your school
music teacher.

Conductor: Kerry Gerraty
Manager: Colin Hartley

Rehearsals
Wednesday 8 May 10:00am - 2:00pm
Wednesday 22 May 10:00am - 2:00pm

Venue
Parkhill Primary School
Parkhill Drive, Ashwood



456 Springfield Rd
Mitcham, 3132
P: 9873 8139
E: nevr.music.m@education.vic.gov.au

APPLY NOW

STEP 1
Notify your School Music Coordinator
which ensemble you are applying for.

STEP 2
Apply online with your
parent/guardian
www.trybooking.com/COXWE
by 20 March

Music Program - Performance schedule

Please see the music department performance schedule which appears at the end of the newsletter. A digital copy will be sent through a Compass News Feed. Hard copies are also being handed out to students in lessons and rehearsals. All dates are correct at the time of printing and subject to change.

Michael Sword
Head of Music

Heading into a new school year is a rollercoaster of excitement and, let's be real, a bit of stress. Take charge of your wellbeing by making self-care a daily thing. Check out the tips and tricks in the flyer below to help you take charge of your wellbeing every day!

Emily Bekkerus
Mental Health Practitioner

SELF-CARE TO-DO LIST

Taking care of yourself is the kindest thing you can do



Read a book.
(I suggest
Anne of Green
Gables)

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥
Reconnect
with someone
you ADORE.


Journal or
write about
your feelings

Rest

- Nap
- Sleep early
- Take a break



Get creative.
paint, draw,
use your talent.

Do something
that physically
makes you feel
good.

♥ Ask yourself:
♥ What do
♥ I need?

pet or cuddle
a furry thing



Get outside.
Soak in sun,
rain, & wind



Drink your
water!!!

Get back
into your
hobbies!
(puzzles are
SO relaxing!)



plan a movie night
or binge watch
something on
netflix

Have a cup of
tea or cocoa.
(bonus points if
it's with a book!)



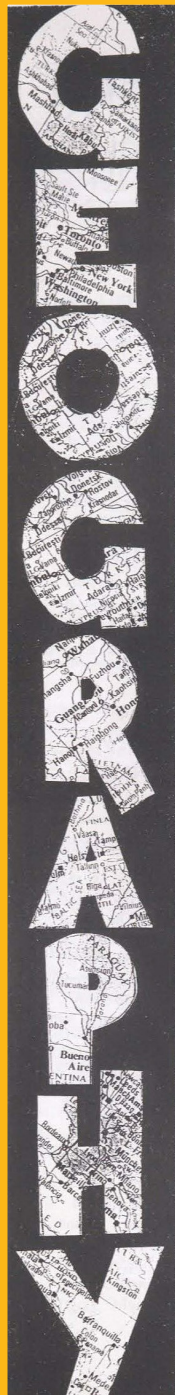
There's tons more on BlessingManifesting.com

from the archives



Canterbury Girls'
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Port Phillip Bay Geography Excursion, 1995



Ms. Kariyawsam in action!

Students doing **Wilderness** in Semester 1 Geography got to investigate the conflict between humans and nature evident around Port Phillip Bay beaches. We looked at how entire beaches have been washed away because of mismanagement. We also looked at land use conflicts on the coast, like the bathing boxes at Brighton. These are an attractive asset or an eyesore taking away valuable public beach space, depending on your point of view.



Brighton Beach.

Image from *The Mangarrian* 1995

School Working Bees

Working Bees give every family the opportunity to assist in the improvement of the school grounds and buildings for our students. We hope that all parents and carers will take their turn because all our children benefit from the result and there are tasks to suit all levels of skill.

If you would like to help at a working bee session, register [here](#).

If you are unable to help at working bees this year, but would like to make a donation of \$50.00 to assist in buildings and grounds maintenance, contact the General Office at (03) 9830 5099.

Working Bee dates for 2024

16 March	Working bee #1 9:00am - 12.00pm
18 May	Working bee #2 9:00am - 12.00pm
17 August	Working bee #3 9:00am - 12.00pm

Uniform Shop

New – Softshell Jackets

The Uniform Shop has recently added softshell jackets to the sports uniform range. These jackets are replacing the current shower proof jackets. Softshell jackets are \$110.00 each and can be purchased online or in store on Tuesdays.

All profit from the Uniform Shop goes back into the school for the benefit of the school community. The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesdays from 8:30am to 3:30pm. We encourage students to visit the Uniform Shop during recess and lunch times. Card only, sorry no cash or cheques.

Elena Mantelos
Uniform Shop Manager

Address

19A Wentworth Avenue, Canterbury 3126
03 9831 8661
uniform@cgsc.vic.edu.au

Online Ordering

<https://myschoolconnect.com.au/cgscuniform>

Canteen News

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Now that we are open properly, the Canteen team wanted to remind you all that you are still able to order online through [Myschool Connect](#) and at the canteen for the day until end of term. Any special dietary requirements, please advise.

Hope to see you all soon.
Thank you!

The Canteen Team



Canterbury Girls' Secondary College

MUSIC PROGRAM

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TERM 1

Week 2	Lessons & rehearsals commence, Yr 8-12
Week 3 & 4	Lessons commence for new music students
27 February	General Assembly
8 March	International Women's Day Breakfast String Quartet
12 March	Soiree #1 PAC 6.30pm
13 March	Year 7 Band, first rehearsal
15 March	Vivace Strings, first rehearsal
20 March	VCE Music Top Class excursion, Melbourne Recital Centre
25 March	Chorals Technical rehearsal
27 March	Victorian Sports Awards MCG, String Quartet
26-28 March	House Chorals Festival



TERM 2

25 April	Anzac Day March (city)
30 April	General Assembly
1 May	Open Day/Evening, Ensembles TBC
9 May	NEVR Youth Concert rehearsals, multiple venues
Week 5	Music Week
16 May	Junior Concert, McMillan Hall. 6pm Autumn Concert, McMillan Hall, 7:30pm
21 May	Soiree #2, PAC, 6.30pm
24 May	NEVR Youth Concert rehearsals, multiple venues
27 May	Music assessments commence
28 May	General Assembly
29 May	NEVR Youth Concert, Hamer Hall
20 June	VCE Music Recital Units 1/3
26 June	Choral Concert



TERM 3

30 July General Assembly

2 August Canterbury Cabaret Night, McMillan Hall

TBA VSMF Choral Sections

TBA VSMF Concert Band Section,
Hawthorn Arts Centre

27 August General Assembly

29 August Soiree #3, PAC, 6.30pm

3-6 September (TBA) Cantabella Royal South Street

10 September Music Night at Camberwell Grammar, 7pm

TBA Box Hill Institute Recording Session
VCE Music

* Please note, there will be further performances added to the schedule as the year progresses.



TERM 4

8 October

VCE Music Performance Unit 2/4,
final recital, PAC

17 October

Twilight Concert, McMillan Hall

4 November

Music assessments commence

13-15 November

Music Camp, Forest Edge

25 November

Canterbury Celebrates, Besen Centre

28 November

Music Expo (2025 recruitment)

10 December

Orientation Day performances



CONCERT BLACK

Performing is an integral part of the study of music and presentation is of great importance. All students performing in ensembles at CGSC are required to wear **Concert Black** attire. This may include combinations of the following:

DRESS OR SKIRT

Formal, modest, below the knee when seated, to be worn with black stockings or tights

PANTS

Classic cut, full length pants, not low waisted or jeans with black socks. No leggings, except if worn under a skirt or a dress

SHIRTS AND TOPS

Sleeved or sleeveless (no shoestring straps)

BLACK SHOES

Concert Black allows for individuality, however we do ask that you abide by the guidelines in support of all students and the presentation of the ensemble.

All performance dates appear fortnightly in Upbeat, the music page included in the school newsletter. Notification appears via Compass and email. Please be aware of closing dates.

“Music before all else.”

“De la musique avant toute chose.”

“何よりもまず音楽” - *Paul Verlaine*



Music Office: 9831 8625
mswfdcgsc.vic.edu.au



Play *Rugby* League

Bring your family to join
our family

All welcome! No
experience required!



REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

Joining the Eastern Raptors is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of a welcoming and family-friendly community. With teams for players of all ages and genders, as well as opportunities to volunteer and coach, there is a place for everyone at our club.

Our volunteers are all registered and hold Working With Children Checks, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all. Get in touch now - don't miss out on the chance to join our club and be a part of something special.

BOYS

U6 & U7 mixed tag
U8 - U12 mixed tackle
U13 - U18 boys tackle



GIRLS

U6 & U7 mixed tag
U8 - U12 mixed tackle or
New girls only teams
ages U8 - U18



ADULTS

Seniors 17+
men & women
Masters 35 +



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