



## TERM DATES

### Term 1

**February**

02/02/2026

**Preps Commence**

4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February

No Preps Required

### **March**

02/03/2026-06/03/2026

**Dental Van Visit**

9/03/2025

**Labour Day Public Holiday**

11/02/2026

**NAPLAN commences**

(Yr. 3 & Yr. 5 students)

10/03/2026

**Whole School Photos**

23/03/2025-25/03/2025

**Yr. 5 Camp Kookaburra**

27/03/2026

**Curriculum Day**

No Students Required

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## NEWSLETTER: Term 1 Week 1

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### **Welcome to the 2026 School Year!**

We are delighted to welcome all families and students back for another year of learning, connection, and growth together. We hope your break provided opportunities to rest, recharge, and spend time with your family. As a school community, we value open communication, and we are grateful for the thoughtful feedback from our parent community. In response, we have refined our communication approach to ensure information is shared in a way that is clear, timely, and manageable for all.

From 2026, our **school newsletter** will be published three times per term, focusing on major school updates, key dates, and important Department of Education (DET) communications, as well as School Council news. To celebrate the highlights, we will use social media to showcase student learning, activities, and events—providing families with regular opportunities to activities/events happening across classrooms and specialist programs. Additionally, families will receive a **Compass Chronicle** email each Sunday, offering a “weekly snapshot” to help everyone stay organised and informed for the week ahead. Of course, if there is a need to communicate an urgent message, this will be communicated via Compass.

#### **Department of Education- Cyber Incident**

A cyber incident that impacted some student data across all Victorian government schools.

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## What has been accessed

A Department of Education database with current and past student information was accessed by an external third-party.

The third-party accessed active and inactive past school student accounts, consisting of:

- student name
- school-issued email address and encrypted password (for those that use them)
- school name
- year level

The third-party **did not access** other student data such as birth dates, home addresses or phone numbers.

## Your child's safety

The safety and wellbeing of students is our priority.

If you have safety concerns about your child's school location being known, please contact me and notify Victoria Police or The Orange Door as necessary.

## What's happened to the accessed data?

There is no evidence to suggest that the data accessed has been released publicly or shared with other third parties.

## Steps we are taking

All student passwords have been reset. All students will be issued a new password at the start of the school year.

The department has identified the cause of this incident and has put protections in place. They will continue to provide me with updates as we enter the 2026 school year.

If you wish to speak with someone from the Department of Education about this, please call 1800 338 663.

*"We thank you for your ongoing partnership and look forward to a positive, connected year where every member of our community feels valued, heard, and empowered to contribute to our shared success".*



**Have a great week!**

Kind regards,

Bernadette Warburton

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