Week commencing Monday 19 October 2026

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Community Bulletin

Week 3 Term 4

Coming Soon

Monday 19 October	College Council Meeting
Tuesday 20 October	Year 12 Final classes
Wednesday 21 October	Year 12 Celebration Day
Tuesday 27 October	VCAA Exams Commence English 9.00am
Wednesday 28 October	PAM Performance 5.45pm
Monday 2 November	Alternative Program Day – **Canteen will be closed**
Tuesday 3 November	**Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**
Tuesday 10 November	Art and Tech Expo
Friday 13 November	Year 10 and 11 Exams Commence
Monday 16 November	VCAA Exams Conclude College Council Meeting
Wednesday 18 November	Year 10 and 11 Exams conclude
Thursday 19 November	Year 7 to 9 Celebration Day Year 10 and 11 Catch up exams
Friday 20 November	Professional Practice Day - **STUDENT FREE DAY** **Canteen will be closed**
Monday 23 November	Headstart 2027 Commences Subject change process opens
Wednesday 25 November	2026 Valedictory Dinner at Pakenham Race Course
Friday 27 November	Subject change process closes
Wednesday 2 December	2026 Annual Awards Evening at Cardinia Cultural Centre
Monday 7 December	Headstart 2027 Concludes College Council Meeting
Tuesday 8 December	Year 7, 2027 Statewide Orientation Day **(NO SCHEDULED CLASSES)** **Canteen closed until January 28**
Wednesday 9 December	Activities commence

Housekeeping

IT Support/Help Desk via support@officersc.vic.edu.au

Student absences via absence@officersc.vic.edu.au

Enrolments via enrolments@officersc.vic.edu.au

Enquires via officer.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Compass

Don't forget to stay up to date with your child's Compass & the OSC Facebook page

Assistant Principal Weekly Update



Welcome to Term 4, our favourite time of the year! Spring has arrived and we start to wrap up lots of things before the big summer break.

Our Year 12 students in both VCE General and VCE VM classes have finished all of their SAC's and SAT's, and it is time to celebrate their achievements before exams occur in a few weeks' time. Next **Tuesday will be the final day of classes for our graduates, with their Celebration Day happening on Wednesday.** We will be starting Celebration Day off with a Year 12 breakfast BBQ provided by Wellbeing and the Senior Sub-school team, followed by their final whole school assembly from 8.45am. Parents of Year 12 students are more than welcome to join us for that final assembly as the students and teachers say thank you and goodbye. We will be sharing some photos, videos, music and speeches before they head off for a whole class photo and then on the train to Luna Park for a really fun final day.

The **Year 12 Valedictory Evening will be hosted at Pakenham Racecourse again this year on Wednesday 25th November.** The evening will celebrate all of our graduating students with awards, speeches, videos, eating and of course, dancing! Food will be served as canapes and finger food both before and after the official ceremony. Please include any dietary requirements when purchasing your tickets for your Year 12 student and guest tickets via this link or QU code: Trybooking.com/DQNFR

Year 12 VCE exams will be running from Tuesday 27th October until Wednesday 18th November. We will be hosting these exams in the V-block rooms and access will be blocked off to all other students and staff. Students completing exams must make sure they have arrived and been ticked off as present half an hour prior to the exam start time. A copy of the VCAA exam timetable can be found at: https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/key-dates/vce-examination-timetable

During the entire exam period October 27 - November 18, we will not play music before the recess and lunch end bells as it disturbs the students completing the exams at those times. Students will need to be paying extra attention to the warning bell 5 minutes before the end of each break as well as the final bell to make sure they arrive at class prepared and on time.

With exams in mind, please keep a look out for the **Year 10 and 11 Exam Timetable** that will be published on Compass and emails in the next week or so. Year 10 and 11 exams begin with English on Friday 13th November, and will continue throughout the next week. The final day of Semester 2 or 'Celebration Day' will be on Thursday 19th November, with students completing Data Discussions reflecting on their learning as well being part of some fun Sub-school activities to finish the day with. Friday 20th will be a Student Free Day for teachers to complete final Semester assessments and reports.

Our **Annual Awards Evening** has changed venues this year and will be hosted at the **Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham on Wednesday 2nd December.** Invitations to award recipients will be finalised and phone calls made home during the two weeks prior to this evening, so save the date on your calendar now!

Camp update!

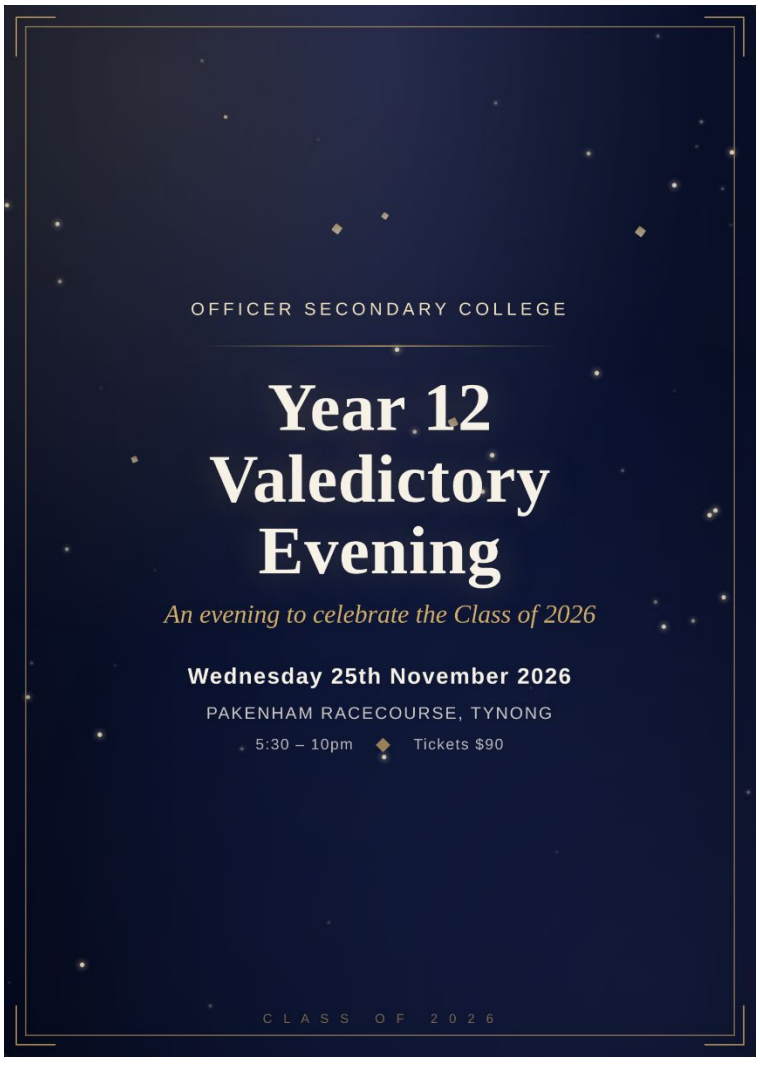
We have had forty lucky Year 9's and 5 dedicated teachers exploring the Gold Coast this week and had a fantastic time. Their trip has included visits to Wet n' Wild, Movie World, Mount Tamborine Skywalk, Dreamworld, the Zoo, and even surfing lessons. We look forward to welcoming back our tired but happy travellers this evening and hearing all about their adventures. Photos will be shared next week in the Bulletin and on our Facebook page.

Getting ready for 2027

It is almost time to think about getting ready for the 2027 school year! Booklists will be published and open next week, with purchasing available online through Campion or visiting the Campion store in Hallam. Subject allocations based on student choices at Course Counselling last term for all Years 9 to 12 students will be emailed to all student emails at the start of week 5 (from Monday 2nd November). We are busily finalising the 2027 timetable this week and making our final checks to make sure we have all students in a suitable timetable. Any change requests will be open during the first week of Head Start ONLY (week 8, starting Mon 23 November), and students should be aware there is very little room for moving between subjects and not all changes can be made.

We are looking forward to enjoying all of these celebrations and important events with you all over the coming weeks!

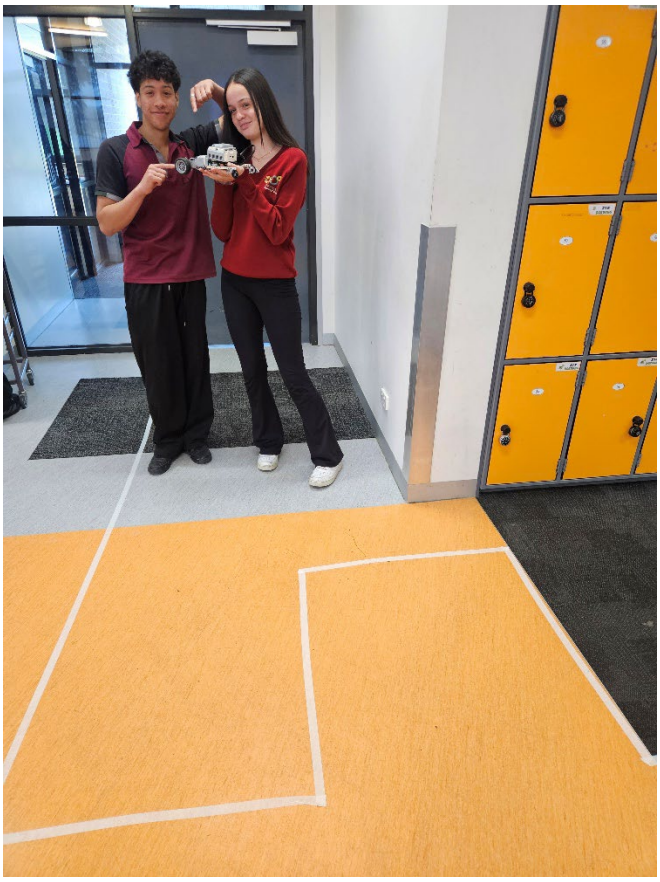
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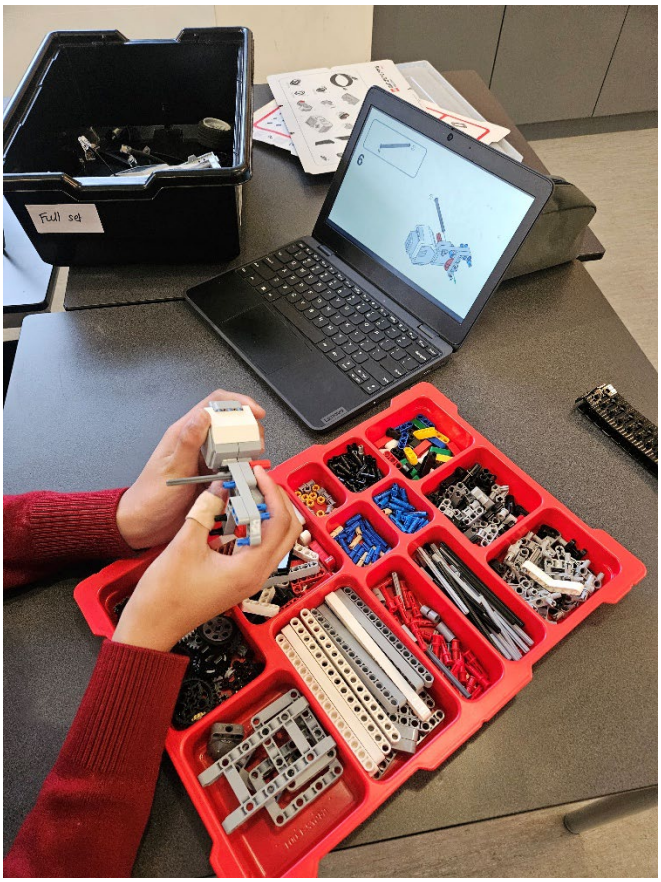


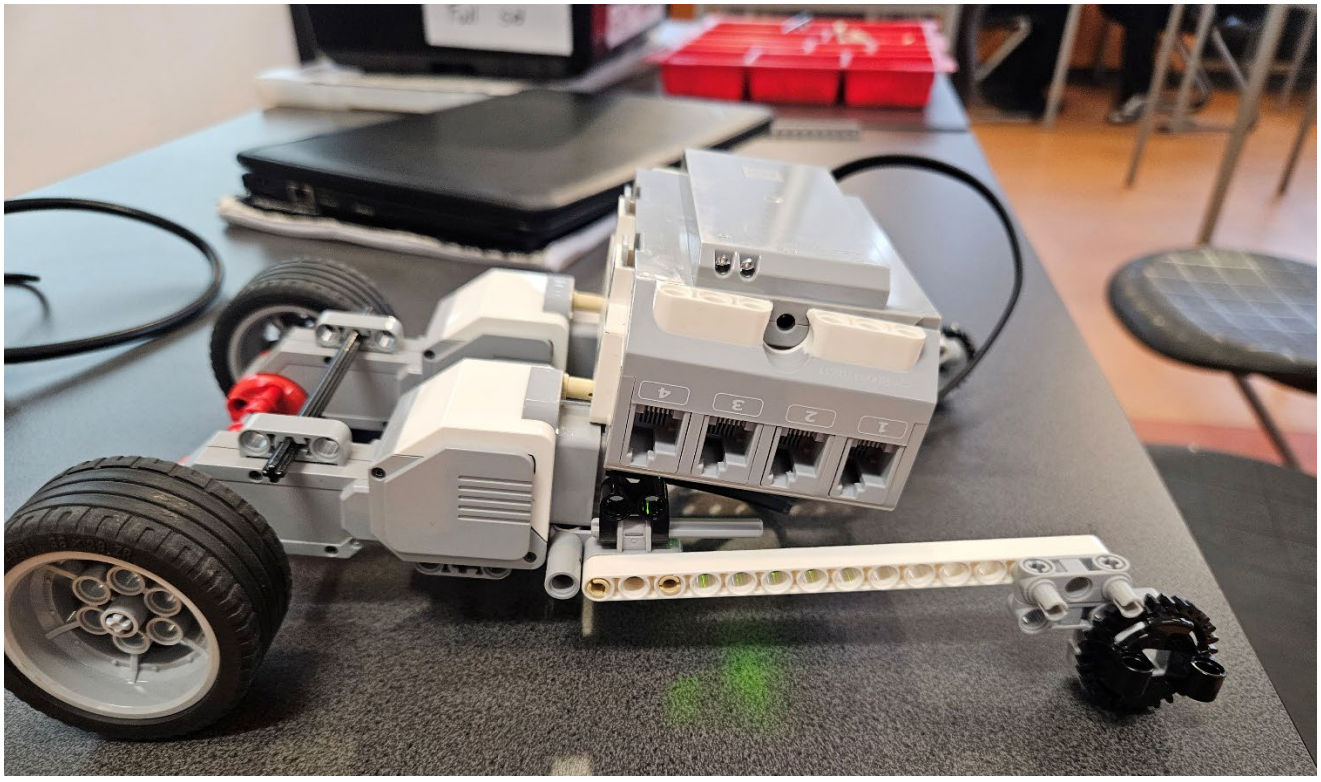
STEAM

Students have been constructing Lego Mindstorms and using Lego Classroom this week.

They were required to follow the tutorials teaching them how to use the movement commands to make the motors move. Here we have two students who created a bat mobile and completed the challenge for it to follow the set up path.







History Month Trivia

On Tuesday, students took part in trivia run by the Officer Secondary College Humanities department as part of History Month 2026. Students had a great time showing off their history knowledge and competing for top prizes. Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to Miss Modaffari and Miss Dale for running the session. Next week, History Movie (Hidden Figures) in 201B every lunchtime!

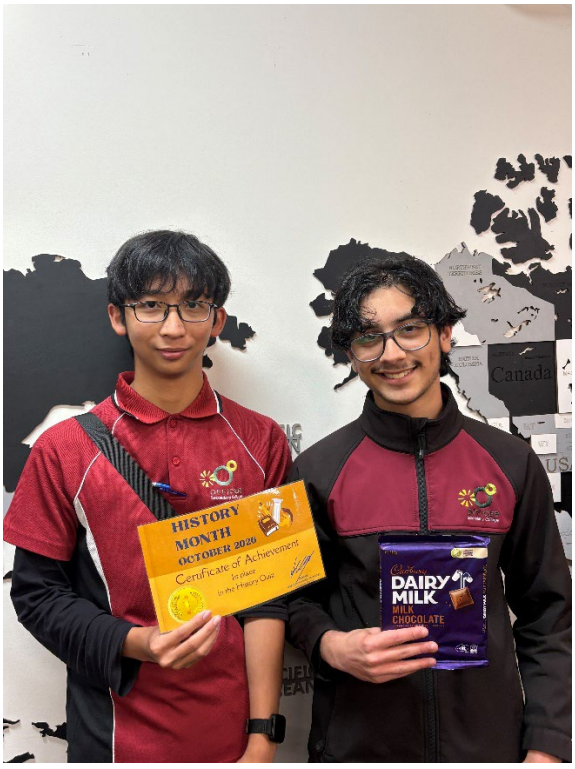
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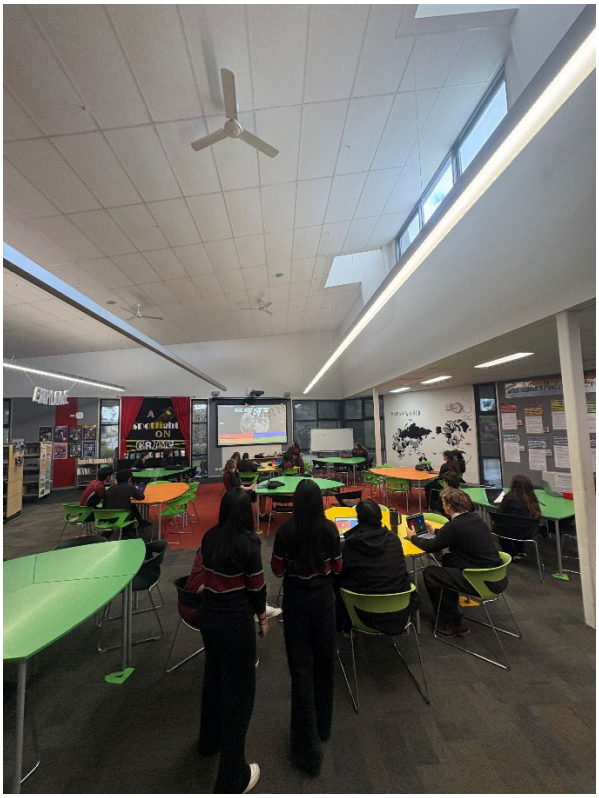
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HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2026

YOUR TICKET TO THE PAST STARTS HERE!

Events

Week 2: Tuesday Lunchtime in Resource Centre - History Quiz

Week 3: Monday-Friday Lunchtime in 201B - the Humanities department presents the film *Hidden Figures* (2016).

The true story of three brilliant African-American women—Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson—who worked as human "computers" at NASA during the 1950s and 1960s Space Race. They overcame severe racial and gender discrimination to help launch the first American astronauts into orbit.

For more information, please see Mr Keays

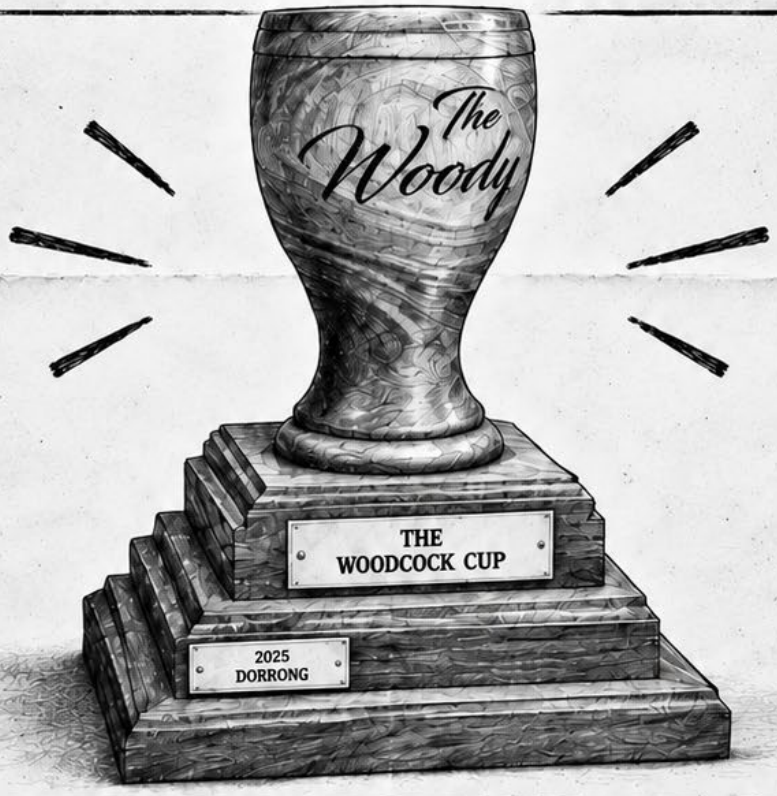
MISSING / STOLEN

POLICE NOTICE

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THE WOODCOCK CUP

AKA "THE WOODY"



Last Seen:	**Friday 9 October**
Seen By:	**Mrs S Lehman**
Location:	**Dorrong Learning Community**

1000 COMMUNITY POINTS REWARD FOR ITS SAFE RETURN



On Thursday the 22nd of October the team from Access Monash will be holding a Pathway Pop-Up event in S01 during lunchtime to promote their two FREE programs available for 2027 Year 11 and 12 VCE General students.

Access Monash Navigator

A free, guided online course that gives students the ultimate toolkit to conquer VCE and transition into higher education. Students will complete challenges packed with game-changing study hacks, insider tips for navigating higher education and the blueprint to super-charge their strengths to help them thrive now, and into their future.

Access Monash Mentoring

Pairs Year 11 and 12 students with current Monash University mentors. Participants receive one-on-one advice, explore university pathways, gain real insight into degrees and campus life, and build confidence for exam prep and course applications.

Students who are looking at ways to take their VCE Success to the next level are encouraged to attend to find out more information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Careers Team.

SAVE THE DATE

PLEASE JOIN US

WEDNESDAY

2ND December 2026

AT CARDINIA CULTURAL CENTRE

for our Annual Awards Evening

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE
PROVIDED CLOSER TO THE TIME