

Yurran
P-9 College

4 February 2026 | Week 2, Term 1

Newsletter

Key Dates

February

- 4th** Foundation Assessment Day
- 10th** Parent Teacher Interviews - Meet and Greet
- 11th** Foundation Assessment Day
- 18th** Foundation Assessment Day
- 25th** Foundation Assessment Day

March

- 9th** Labour Day Public Holiday
- 11th - 23rd** NAPLAN Assessments
- 20th** School Photos
- 25th - 26th** Smile Dental Van
- 31st** Easter Hat Parade

2025 Term Dates

Term 1

29 January - 2 April

Term 2

20 April - 26 June

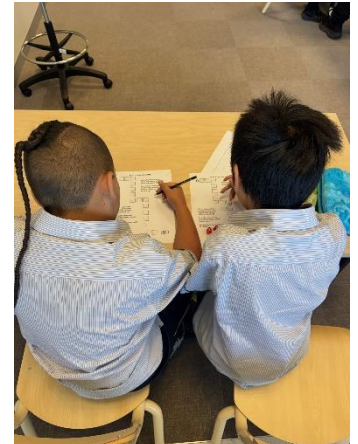
Term 3

13 July - 18 September

Term 4

5 October - 19 December

Photos From the Week



Learn, Grow, Succeed!



From the Principal

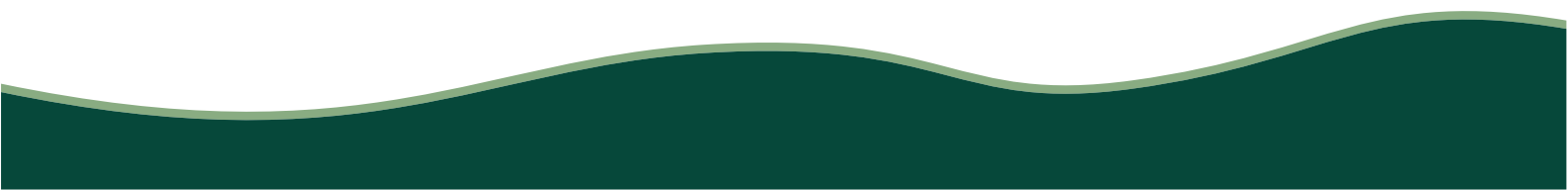
A very warm welcome to the Yurran P–9 College community and to the start of the 2026 school year, our very first year as a P–9 college. What an incredible start we have made. Seeing everyone arrive on the first day, on time and ready to learn, was truly impressive. Families arrived with smiles, confidently finding classrooms, while our playgrounds buzzed with excitement as friendships began to form and our community came together. Students looked fantastic in full school uniform, organised, curious, and enthusiastic. Thank you to all students for wearing the uniform proudly and demonstrating our college values.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of Jenney Phraphone (Business Manager) and Jessie Patterson (Assistant Principal). Their dedication and commitment ensured a smooth and successful transition into the new school year for both staff and students. From Kinder to Foundation, and from an old school to a brand-new college, these transitions have been seamless for our students and families. The high level of organisation and clear communication leading into the school year has been greatly appreciated and has undoubtedly contributed to such a calm, positive first day.

At Yurran P–9 College, our aim is to achieve Excellence in Teaching and Learning while Strengthening Wellbeing and Engagement across our college. To support this, we are focused on building a safe, supportive, inclusive, and positive culture, one where everyone belongs and feels empowered and valued. Our core values of Respect, Learning, and a Growth Mindset, along with our High Expectations, remain at the heart of everything we do for our students.

Our Start Right Program has been designed to help students get to know their classmates and teachers, understand our high expectations, and become familiar with college routines. All students will be completing learning assessments to establish clear baseline data. This allows us to closely monitor each child's progress over time. These assessments cover core literacy and numeracy skills and other subject areas. Our comprehensive assessment schedule ensures that we understand every student's learning needs and plan learning experiences accordingly.

Our newsletter is an important way for us to share what is happening across the college. Newsletters will be shared via Compass and the College website three times each term, at the start, middle, and end of term. We encourage families to read the newsletter together with their children. This first edition is a short welcome, but future editions will be filled with learning highlights, photos, important information, and student competitions. We encourage all students to have a student planner/diary, which will travel between home and school each day and be seen by staff daily. Writing a note in the planner is a great way to communicate important information with your child's teacher. Families can also contact the school by calling the office on **7300 7117** to make an appointment. For quick matters, a brief conversation with teachers at drop-off or pick-up times may also be helpful.



Attendance – Everyday Counts

We are committed to ensuring every student attends school every day. Regular attendance maximises learning, wellbeing, and success. All students are expected to be at school in full school uniform, and ready to learn from 8:40 am.

Attending school regularly helps children develop:

- Essential skills and knowledge for learning
- Social and emotional skills such as communication, resilience, and teamwork.

There is no safe number of days to miss school: **Everyday Matters.**

If your child will be absent, please notify the school via a Compass Attendance Note before 9:30 am, preferably on the day/s of absence or prior to absence.

School Council

We will be conducting our 2026 School Council process next week and will soon be calling for nominations. Nomination forms will be available from the Administration Office, and full details about the election process will be emailed to families this week. We warmly encourage interested parents and carers to consider being involved.

Important Reminders

- Please ensure all student belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.
- Yurran P-9 College is a **SunSmart school**. All students from P-9 must wear a hat during recess and lunchtime in Terms 1 and 4, and when the UV index is high.
- Students are expected to bring their **school satchel and student planner every day.**
- There is **no school for Foundation students on Wednesdays during February** due to mandated assessments.
- Recess and lunch eating times are **10 minutes long**. Please encourage your child to eat within this time to support school routines.

Our very best wishes are extended to every family as we begin this exciting journey together. We welcome your feedback and questions and look forward to an exceptional year of learning, growth, and success for every child.

Warm regards,

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Parent Teacher Interviews: Meet and Greet

We would like to provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's learning at Parent Teacher Interviews.

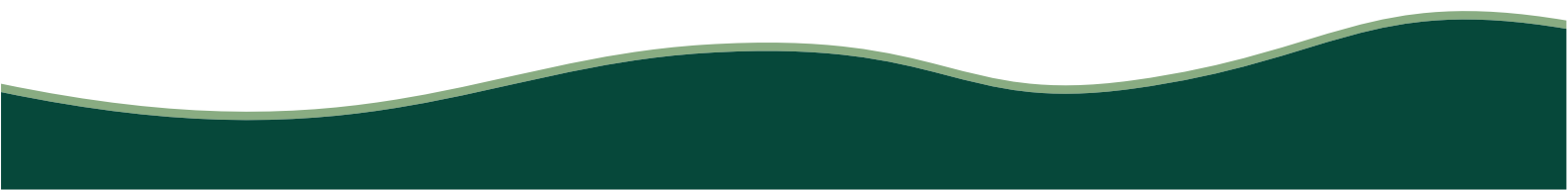
Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on:

- **Foundation – Year 5: Tuesday 10th February 3.10pm – 7.00pm**

Interviews will run in the classroom (face-to-face). Interviews are for 10 minutes. During this time, teachers will discuss your child's learning and work habits and answer any other questions you have.

Bookings will open to families on Monday 2nd February. Please see the flyer attached for instructions on how to book a Parent Teacher Interview via Compass. Bookings will remain open until Monday 9th February. If you need any further support, contact the school office.

We look forward to seeing you on-site for Parent Teacher Interviews in Week 3.



NAPLAN 2026: Setting Students Up for Success

As we prepare for the upcoming NAPLAN assessments, we aim to support our students in building confidence and performing their best. Below is some important information to help you and your child feel ready.

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual online assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9.

- It assesses essential skills in Reading, Writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation), and Numeracy.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results.
- The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.

Key Dates for NAPLAN 2026:

Testing period starts on Wednesday 11 March 2026 and finishes on Monday 23 March 2026 – Year levels involved at Yurran P-9 College: Years 3 and 5

Encourage routine practice: Discuss their learning and progress in reading, writing, and numeracy at home.

Promote healthy habits: Ensure they are getting plenty of rest, staying hydrated, and eating well during this period.

Reduce stress: Remind them that NAPLAN is just one of many ways to understand their learning and growth.

Familiarise with the test format: Engage with practice materials provided by the school or visit the official ([NAPLAN Information for Parents](#)). A [public demonstration site](#) is also available for schools, teachers, parents, carers, and students to familiarise themselves with the online tests.

What We're Doing at School

At school, we are providing targeted learning opportunities and encouraging students to practice problem-solving and literacy skills. We also use a supportive and positive approach to ensure every student feels prepared.

This includes running the practice omnibus in Week 5 with our students; the practice omnibus test also gives students the opportunity to see how the NAPLAN tests works.

If you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN or your child's progress, feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Policies

Yurran P-9 College's preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in, **South West weather fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Compass.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps and excursions will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for the fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by checking Compass messages, reading our newsletters, checking our Facebook page, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.

- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Families are encouraged to action their [Bushfire Survival Plan](#) on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the [Bushfire At-Risk Register \(BARR\)](#). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the [Category 4 List](#).

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bushfire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.



Important Information

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the schools' privacy policy and the schools' privacy collection notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

Thank you to all families who have read, signed, and returned the consent forms. If you have not yet returned your form, please hand it in as soon as possible.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents. This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
 - Arabic
 - Chinese
 - Dari
 - Gujarati
 - Mandarin
 - Somali
 - Sudanese
 - Turkish
 - Urdu
 - Vietnamese
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



OSH Club

We are pleased to announce that Yurran P-9 College OSHClub will be opening for the Rise Then Shine and Stay & Play programs on Monday 2nd February 2026! If you are yet to enrol, please find our 'How to enrol' brochure attached for guidance - and remember, it's free!

As we prepare for Term 1, 2026, we kindly remind all families to check that their bookings are accurate and amend them as needed. Bookings can be reviewed by logging into your OSHClub account or the Kidsoft app. Please ensure your Week 1, Term 1 bookings are correct. If your child will not be attending on any booked day, kindly remove the booking to avoid non-notified absence charges. To help secure your child's place, we also encourage families to ensure all 2026 bookings are entered and accurate for both Term Time care and Holiday HQ. Entering bookings early supports planning and helps us to better manage availability throughout the year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to head down to the OSHClub room to visit the team or get in touch with our Regional Manager, Bree Lloyd, on 0492 168 651. We're so excited to be welcoming you to our OSHC service and can't wait to begin our time together.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

OSHClub Team



How to enrol



What You'll Need:

- Centrelink Customer Reference Numbers (CRNs) for yourself and your child if you would like to claim Child Care Subsidy (CCS). Note that the person completing the enrolment must be the same person linked to the child for CCS
- Bank account details or card for direct debit
- One or more emergency contacts
- Doctor's contact information, management plan for any relevant medical conditions and your child's immunisation record

Steps:

- 1 Scan QR Code above or head to oshclub.com.au/register and click on Get Started to register as a new Kidsoft user
- 2 Validate your registered email address (you will receive an email)
- 3 Create your account password
- 4 Select your school in 'Find a Place'
- 5 Complete the 'Waitlist' form by adding your child's details (separate one for each child)
- 6 Complete and submit the enrolment form

Tips:

- Please allow 10-15 minutes to enrol, so it's a great time to grab a cuppa!
- Your email address will be your username and the main point of contact.
- Download the Kidsoft app on your mobile to manage your bookings!

We're here to help!

Our friendly customer service team is here to assist with any enquiries.

✉ oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au
☎ 1300 395 735

For service specific information and contact details, head to oshclub.com.au and search for your school.

Program	Date/Term	Times	Booking Type	Full Price (Before CCS)	Fees* After Govt. Subsidy
Holiday HQ	Coming Soon!	6:30 AM - 6:30 PM	Full Day Holiday Program	\$74.95	\$7.50
			Flexible Booking	\$27.00	\$3.94
Rise then Shine	Coming Soon!	6:30 AM - Bell Time	Last Minute Booking	\$29.70	\$6.64
			Early Bird Booking	\$22.40	\$2.24
			Early Bird Booking	\$34.95	\$3.50
Stay and Play	Coming Soon!	Bell Time - 6:30 PM	Flexible Booking	\$38.45	\$3.84
			Last Minute Booking	\$41.94	\$4.19

Fees After Govt. Subsidy are subject to individual family income. These are the out-of-pocket expense after the maximum CCS, hourly cap and 90% of CCS. Visit our CCS page to discover your applicable CCS percentage and use the online calculator