



Dandenong South Primary School



Term 1 - Week 4
Issue 2 – 20th February 2025

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SCHOOL WEBSITE**
School Website: www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au
(Use this website to access SENTRAL's Parent Portal)

Our Parent / Teacher “Get to Know You” meetings were held on Tuesday 18th February and Wednesday 19th February. It was wonderful to have our parents exchanging information with teachers and ensuring that there is strong communication between families and our school. If you were unable to attend, please feel welcome to make a time to meet with your child’s teacher in the near future.

Our School Council Election process is currently underway. Further information will be available in the near future.

In this Newsletter there is information regarding the Webster St Level Crossing Removal project.

School Photos will be taken on Friday 28th March 2025.

Welcome to a wonderful year ahead.



Leonie Fitzgerald
PRINCIPAL

Dandenong South Primary School has a holistic approach to learning where the academic, physical, social, and emotional needs of all children are fostered through the school’s values of being:

Be Responsible Be Safe and Respect



Calendar Dates

<i>Dates to remember</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Friday 21st February	Grade 1 Family Picnic Lunch 1:00pm-3:00pm
Monday 24th February	Foundation Students commence 9:00 am– 3:30pm
Friday 7th March	Pupil Free Day No School For Students
Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 28th March	Whole School Photos
Wednesday 2nd April	Harmony Day Parade
Friday 4th April	House Cross Country
Friday 4th April	Last Day of Term 1 <i>School Finishes at 2:30</i>

2025 TERM DATES	2025 School Holidays
Term 1	Holidays
Wednesday 29th January To Friday 4th April	Saturday 5th April To Sunday 20th April <i>Monday 21st April Easter Monday</i>
Term 2	Holidays
Tuesday 22nd April To Friday 4th July	Saturday 5th July To Sunday 20th July
Term 3	Holidays
Monday 21st July To Friday 19th September	Saturday 20th September To Sunday 3rd October
Term 4	Holidays
Monday 6th October To Friday 19th December	Saturday 20th December To Tuesday 27th January 2025



School Safety

The City of Greater Dandenong employs and manages school crossing supervisors to ensure the safety of all pedestrians, especially our children. Unfortunately, some people within the City of Greater Dandenong are not adhering to these safety measures in the correct manner.

This can lead to dangerous situations for everyone involved.

Reports have been received by Council that some parents are being aggressive towards school crossing supervisors, driving recklessly, parking illegally sometimes right across the crossing, obstructing school crossing supervisors from being able to step onto the crossing and get the children across safely.

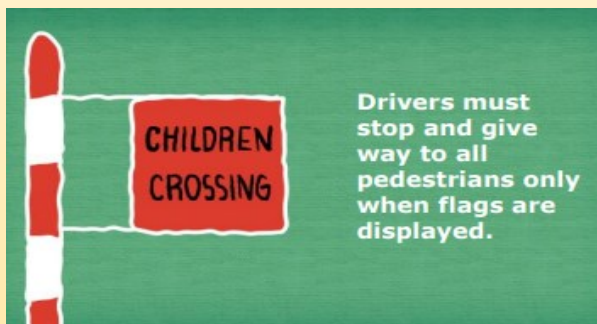
I am reaching out to our families to remind everyone of the importance of being respectful to our crossing supervisors and adhering to the parking rules and speed limits in school crossing zones.

Please discuss with your children the importance of following instructions of school crossing supervisors and remind your children to use the designated school crossings.

I am sure that our families realise that our school crossing supervisors deserve respect as they carry out the important job of keeping the children safe.

Leonie Fitzgerald

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Foundation News

Foundation students have had a great start to the year. They have settled into the classroom routines and are becoming familiar with the school processes and expectations. Students enjoyed attending a Friendship incursion that focussed on the skills and language used to make friends.





Grade1 News

During Investigation sessions, the Grade One students participate in a variety of learning experiences that are designed to develop their social and oral language skills.





Grade2 News

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Grade 2 Family Picnic last Friday. It was great to see so many families coming together and enjoying spending time with each other.





Grade3/4 News

This Term in Inquiry, the Grade three and four students will be focusing on Identity. Students will examine how success, challenge and failure strengthen personal identities, investigate why and how people participate within communities and cultural and social groups. Students will describe the different cultural, religious and/or social groups to which they and others in the community may belong. As part of this, we have participated in a friendship incursion that focused on positive relationships between students. The students will also be creating a 'Me Box' that is an expression of their personal identity as part of their community.

Friendship Incursion





Grade 5/6 News

Thank you to all of the parents and families that attended our 'Getting to Know You' interviews and the SSS Information session. We were also thrilled to see such a large turnout at our recent whole school assembly where our new House and SRC leaders were presented with their leadership badges.

Grade 6 Jackets

At the end of each year, the Grade 5 students vote on a design to go on the back of the new Grade 6 jackets. When students reach Grade 6, they can either choose to purchase one of these jackets or they can instead wear the DSPS school jacket.

Orders will be placed at the start of next week. We hope to have them delivered before the end of Term One.

Trying on jackets to find the right size.



Working hard on developing their writing.

Our SSS students very much enjoy reading and writing.



SSS STEM

In STEM the Senior students are learning about how extreme weather events affect the earth. They are particularly enjoying doing hands on experiments to find out more about the impact of storms.





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

http://www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/policies/photographing_filming_and_recording_policy_2024.pdf 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.

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 ten community languages:

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



Webster Street, Dandenong, February 2025

Works notice



Site establishment and early works

We're removing the dangerous and congested level crossing by closing Webster Street at the level crossing and building a new road under the rail line, connecting Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street to Cheltenham and Hammond roads.

We're undertaking site establishment works along Thomas Street from mid-February. These areas will be used until the project is complete in 2026. We'll also carry out preparation works to get ready for construction later this year.

What we're doing

From mid-February to mid-2025, we'll:

- investigate utilities under Thomas Street
- set up site office and temporary buildings on Thomas Street and install fencing on site boundaries
- prepare the ground for heavy equipment and relocate utilities
- start piling works for the foundations of the new road underpass.

To make way for the new road underpass and site offices, we'll trim and remove some vegetation. We'll replant a diverse range of native and indigenous trees, plants and shrubs to complement the existing landscaping of the area. Visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-street for more information.

What to expect

- An increase in construction vehicles and workers in the area
- Low to moderate levels of noise, dust and vibration
- Traffic management will be in place to assist drivers, pedestrians and bike riders
- Access to businesses will be maintained at all times.

Where and when we'll be working

Location	Time	What to expect
Thomas Street	Mid-February to mid-March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermittent lane closures with shuttle flow in place
Thomas Street	From late-February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent closure of up to 84 car parks to make way for the new road underpass and site facilities. Free all day car parking is available at the Carroll Lane car park, near Dandenong Station. Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/parking-dandenong for more parking in the area.

levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

1800 105 105 (call anytime)

contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au



For languages other than English, please call 9209 0147.



Please contact us if you would like this information in an accessible format. If you need assistance due to a hearing or speech impairment, visit relayservice.gov.au

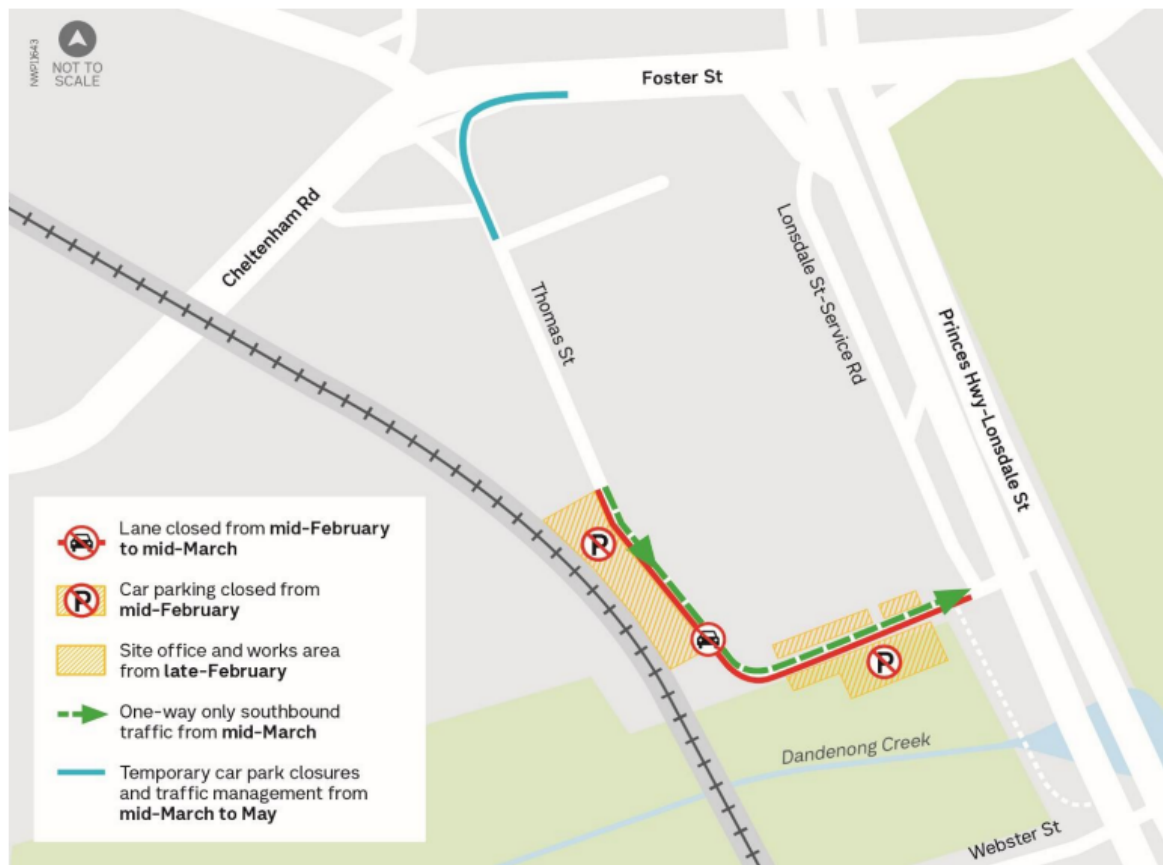


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Location	Time	What to expect
Thomas Street	From 7am to 6pm, Monday 17 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to local traffic only
Thomas Street	From mid-March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent one way only southbound traffic, northbound lane closed No left turn from Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street into Thomas Street
Corner of Foster and Thomas streets	Mid-March to May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermittent closure of car parks and traffic management in place near the corner of Thomas and Foster streets to make way for large vehicles

We'll make every effort to complete works on schedule; however, times and dates are subject to change.

Works area map



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More information

If you have any questions or would like more information about the project, call us on **1800 105 105**, or email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au 24 hours a day.

Kind regards,

Webster Street level crossing removal project

Stay up to date



Email updates

levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe



Latest project news

facebook.com/levelcrossings



SMS updates

Text **WEBSTER** to **0428 581 917**

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How to Register to Sentral for Parents



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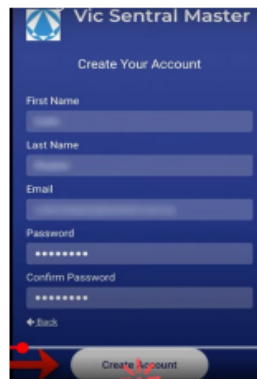


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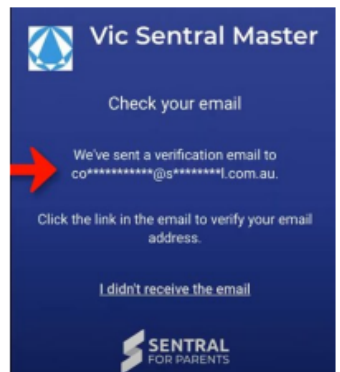
Step 2.

Create your account.



Click on white button when finish

Step 3.



Letter from DSPS with your personal access key number



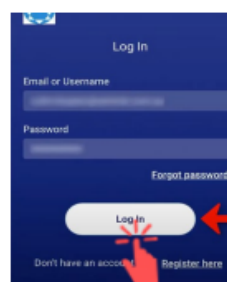
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Check email



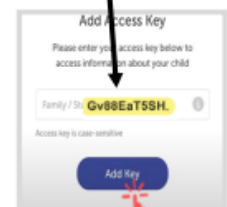
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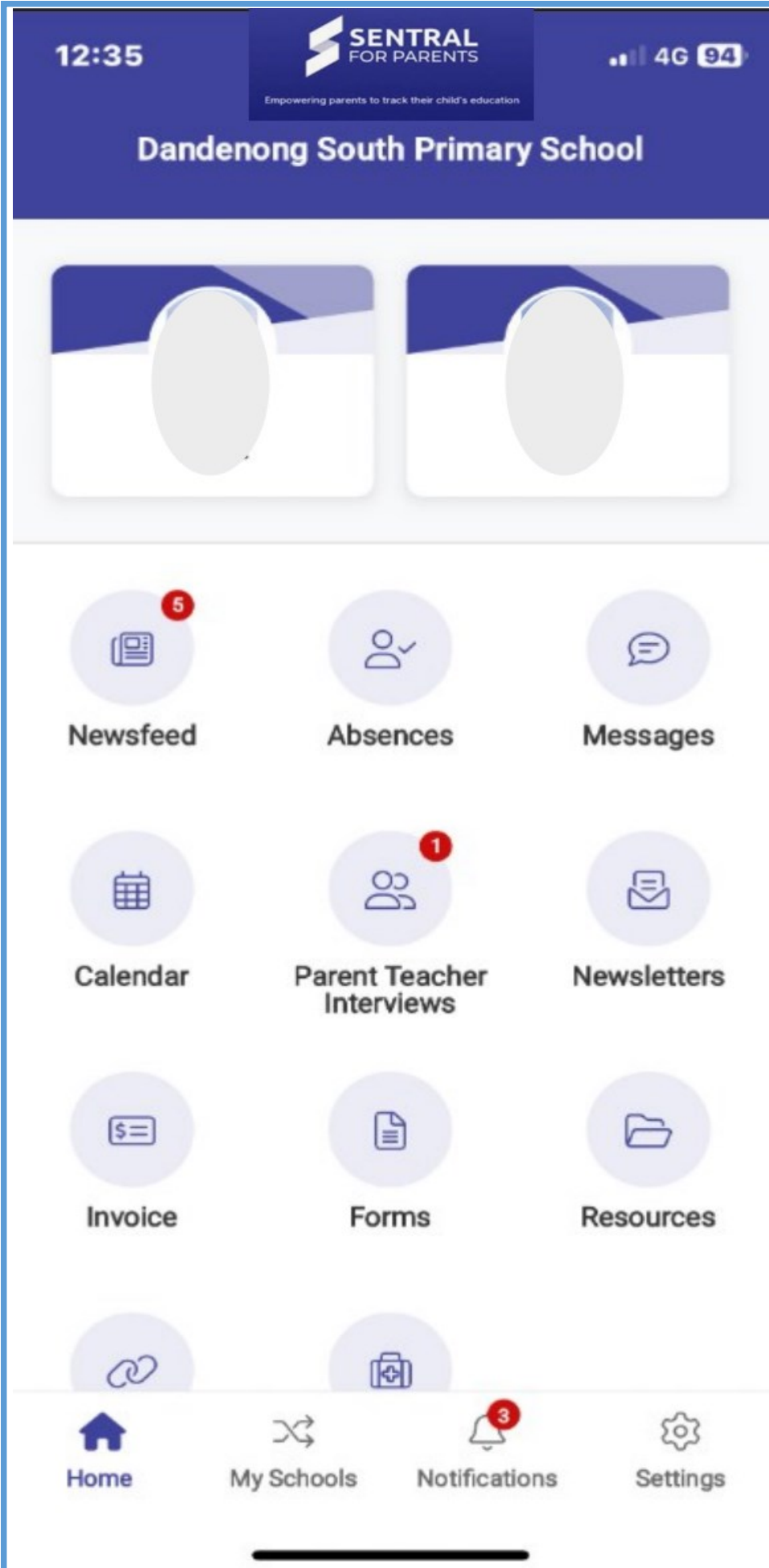
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Access key





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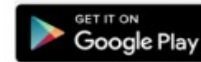
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Phone with internet connection



Download Sentral For Parents



To register to Sentral You need



Email address



Letter from DSPTS with your personal access key number



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Access key number



Community hub

Connect. Share. Learn.



TIMETABLE

TUESDAY

Class:
English - Beginners

Time:
9:30am - 12:30pm

Program:
Parenting Strategies

Time:
12:30am - 2:00pm

Facilitator
Farida Bezhani



Australian Muslim Women's
Centre for Human Rights

WEDNESDAY

Class:
English - conversational

Time:
9:30am - 12:30pm

THURSDAY

Class:
English- Beginners
Multicultural Class

Time:
11:30am - 1:30pm

FRIDAY

**Mothers Group &
Playgroup**

**Parents &
Grandparents**

Time:
10:00am - 12:00pm



Address:
52 Kirkham Rd,
Dandenong VIC 3175

Phone 97923726

TERM DATES

TERM 1
FEBRUARY 29
APRIL 4

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
APRIL 4
APRIL 21

2025



Regina Moore
Community Hub Leader
Tuesday to Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm



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Regina.moore@education.vic.gov.au



A couple of images from one of our English Language programs.

Truly inspirational!!





Community hub

Connect. Share. Learn.



MIGRANT MENS CIRCLE IN DANDENONG

WHAT IS IT?

Personal growth. Connection. Support.

Our **migrant men's circles** is for men (30+) from **migrant and refugee backgrounds** living or working in or around Dandenong.

We bring men together to support and learn from one another towards building healthier lives, families, and communities.

We eat together, grow together.

Free Dinner provided by Nong Cafe

WHEN IS IT?

We meet **monthly on the 3rd Tuesday** of each month from **6.30 - 8pm - Dandenong CBD.**

For more information contact:

s.kasynathan@gmail.com

Made possible thanks to:





**Dandenong South
Primary School**

DOXA YOUTH FOUNDATION HOLIDAY CAMP

Our Holiday
Camps are
FREE
Funded by our
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donors!

DATES

City Camp: Monday 7th - Friday 11th April

Malmsbury: Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April

Malmsbury

Located in an idyllic bush setting
in Central Victoria

**Giant Swing & Rock Climbing
Canoeing, Archery & River
Walks**

Pottery & Nature Craft

City

Located in the heart of the
Melbourne CBD

**Shows & Comedy
Swimming & Sports
Melbourne Zoo & Eureka
Skydeck**

Transport

**City: Doxa transport provided from Bendigo and
Traralgon/Pakenham.**

**Malmsbury: Doxa transport provided from
Melbourne & Bendigo.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ON:

Phone: (03) 9046 8200

<https://doxa.org.au/>

Email: info@doxa.org.au



HOLIDAY CAMP INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

Dear Teacher,

Just a brief note that may support you in selecting applicants for our upcoming April Holiday Camps:

The Doxa Youth Foundation Holiday Camps are a 5 day / 4-night structured camp experience at our Malmsbury and City Camps. The camps create a fun and stimulating environment where kids can play, learn, and have some time away from home life.

- **Target demographic** - Young people who might not have the opportunity to go away on a holiday for financial or other reasons.
- **Target Age Group** – Young people in Grade 5-6 and Aged 10-12 at the time camp.

Activities at Malmsbury Camp include Giant Swing, Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Swimming and Nature Interactions.

Activities at the City Camp include attending events in Melbourne, Swimming, Eureka Skydeck and the Melbourne Zoo.

****The City Camp is not recommended for young people who may need time to themselves in a quiet space or are overly stimulated by busy, noisy places, The Malmsbury Camp is a suitable option for these participants**

Both camps are highly active and at times fast paced. We anticipate that young people could walk between 15,000 & 30,000 steps a day. Some nights might not finish until after 10pm.

While staff are well trained enthusiastic people, they are **not** qualified to perform tasks such as provide complex medication, work with young people with complex social / emotional needs or who may require 1:1 support.

Finally, given spaces on the camps are limited, and to spread the opportunities as widely as possible, we have a limit of 4 applicants per camp per school ... and we don't normally accept applications for young people who have been on one of our Holiday Camps previously.

Regards,

The Doxa Team



OPEN EVENING

Thursday 27 February 6:00 - 7:30 PM

At St John's, we nurture students academically, spiritually, and empower them to lead with confidence, serve with compassion, and succeed in an ever-changing world.

- Faith-Based Curriculum
- Academic Excellence & Innovation
- Thriving Arts & Sports Programs
- Supportive & Inclusive Community
- Experience St John's Regional College for yourself!

Meet our leaders, explore our facilities, and discover how we empower students for life beyond school.

Please register your interest

<https://enrol.sjrc.vic.edu.au/principals-tour>