



# Numurkah Secondary College

## Newsletter

104 Tocumwal Road

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Term 1  
Week 6

### Principal's Report

Over the last few weeks there has been some great feedback provided to homeroom teachers who have contacted families. Building relationships with our families is really valued and we will continue this contact over the year ahead.

SPA reports will be released on Compass at the end of next week. The SPA is about student performance, attitude to learning and preparedness to learn. They are not an assessment of academic performance.

Next week the NAPLAN testing will take place for year 7 and 9 students. These tests give us valuable data to assess students learning and where we need to focus our programs. If parents have any questions about NAPLAN testing, I encourage you to contact the school.

Parent teacher bookings can now be made on Compass. These will be held on Wednesday evening April 5<sup>th</sup> and in the morning on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be no classes on Thursday. I encourage parents to bring along students to take part in these interviews. If you need support in making appointments, please contact the office. Sessions do fill quickly so I encourage parents to look to make appointments as soon as they can.

The Year 9 and 10 students who participated in the sports program on Tuesday did a wonderful job representing our school. I am very proud of the positive feedback received about their sporting behaviour, participation level and success.

The weather is starting to turn so please ensure your child has the correct school uniform for these cooler mornings. Students wearing hoodies and non-uniform jumpers will be asked to put them in their locker. McPhersons has a good supply of long pants, tracksuit pants and kilts. Our uniform provides several options, and we ask parents to support us by ensuring students have correct uniform on when they leave home, including the correct footwear. Jackets are available from the office. If the cost of uniform is a concern, please speak to year level leaders so we can provide support.

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#### Term Dates

##### February

**7/2** School Photos

**23/2** Curriculum Day  
(Student Free)

**13/3** Labour Day Public  
Holiday

**15/3 - 25/3** NAPLAN  
testing

**5/4** Last day of Term 1  
classes

**5/4** Parent teacher even-  
ing

**6/4** Parent teacher day  
(no classes)

**7/4** Good Friday

**Term 2 begins 24/4**

Numurkah  
Secondary College  
acknowledges the  
Bangerang and  
Yorta Yorta people,  
the Traditional  
Custodians of the  
land on which our  
great school is built.  
We pay our  
respects to their  
Elders, past present  
and emerging.

#### NSC Online details

Email: [numurkahsc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:numurkahsc@education.vic.gov.au)

Website: [www.numurkahsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.numurkahsc.vic.gov.au)

Facebook: Numurkah Secondary College

#### School Council

**President:** Kathleen Newby **Vice President:** Kelly Bloomfield

**Executive Officer:** Cate Eddy **Committee Members:** Deanne

Dewar, Chris Barnard, Louise Moss, Peter Smyth, Peta

Russo, Angela Joy, Rachel Bonham

**Next meeting:** TBA

## MATHS SPACE

This is a great resource that students are really benefiting from. It is an online program and replaces the need to purchase a text book which can be in the range of \$75. This was on the booklist and we have the chance to trial it before the subscription needed to be paid. All students in year 7 to 9 will be required to pay this subscription (\$19.00) shortly in order to have continued access. Some year 10 classes have also found this to be a great resource. A payment notification will come up sometime in the next week and we ask families to follow the payment process. The school does not receive this notification. If you do have difficulty please contact the office and payment can be made through the school and this will be forwarded to the provider.

I hope the long weekend is enjoyable for all our families, it is a good chance to enjoy the beautiful early autumn weather.

Make sure you look through our Newsletter and check what is happening at NSC!

Cate Eddy

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# ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING



## What is The Man Cave?

A preventative mental health and emotional intelligence charity that empowers boys to become great men. Our workshops provide boys with the critical emotional and social skills they need to lead flourishing lives for themselves, their relationships and their communities.

We're looking forward to having [The Man Cave](#) come work with our Year 8 and 9 male students on 30 March 2023.

The best way we can support our students is by also ensuring the community around them is supported too. To get the most out of the workshop, we recommend working through the information at the link below together. Please visit the link below as preparation for you to support the students during this time.

<https://academy.themancave.life/pre-workshop>

We are also in the process of identifying a similar opportunity for our female students to run on the same day. Updates will follow ASAP!

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**R.E.A.P**

**Respect - Excellence - Aspiration - Pride**

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## Week 4 Positive Chronicles

**congratulations to the following students on receiving 5 or more positive chronicles during week 4.**

### 7 Positives

Charlie Hodge  
Hunter Kubeil  
Ryley Hampson

### 6 Positives

Lachlan Cartledge  
Lucas Hendy  
Bonnie Russo  
Amy Wyatt

### 5 Positives

Bridget Brown  
Bethany Grigg  
Declan Crisp  
Olivia Hanley  
Blake Lawson

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## Week 5 Positive Chronicles

**congratulations to the following students on receiving 5 or more positive chronicles during week 5.**

### 10 Positives

Jaxson Stonehouse

### 8 Positives

Paige Hampson  
Liam Woolley  
Ashton Kirby  
Holly Piacentini  
Violet Mongan

### 7 Positives

Mitchel Blight

### 6 Positives

Teleisha Beverley  
Charlie Patten  
Travis Decker  
Declan Cavallaro  
Charlotte Codiga  
Matthew Mohr  
Havanah Gardner  
Anna Newham  
Aleesha Johnstone

### 5 Positives

Kaiah Boyden  
Marshall Wilson  
Tanner Bonham  
Annabella Boschetti  
Toby Newbery  
Bethany Grigg  
Robert Webb  
Jacinda Blight  
Kale Lewis

**At NSC, we are ready to learn when we leave our mobile phones, hats and hoodies in our lockers.**



# NSC CAREERS NEWS.

'THE WORLD IS MOVING AT A TREMENDOUS RATE; GOING, NO ONE KNOWS WHERE. WE MUST PREPARE OUR CHILDREN, NOT FOR THE WORLD OF THE PAST, NOT FOR OUR WORLD, BUT FOR THEIR WORLD – THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE.'

-JOHN DEWEY, PHILOSOPHER, PSYCHOLOGIST & EDUCATIONAL REFORMER, 1946

## **XAVIER DIXON COMMENCED SBAT AHC20416 CERT II HORTICULTURE**

### **Q & A**

#### **BRIEFLY EXPLAIN YOUR SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP (SBAT)**

I AM STUDYING A CERTIFICATE II IN HORTICULTURE ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS SO I AM NOT AT NSC THESE DAYS. I AM MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND LEARNING THINGS WITH OTHER STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS. I ATTEND NSC ON MONDAY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY.

#### **CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW NOW THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE COMMENCING YOUR SBAT**

I KNOW BY LOOKING AT A PLANT HOW OLD IT IS.

I KNOW CACTUSES CAN REGROW ALMOST ANYWHERE, EVEN ONTO OUR ROADS AS LONG AS THEY HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF SOIL.

#### **CAN YOU TELL US GOOD THINGS ABOUT YOUR SBAT**

MEETING AND LEARNING WITH OTHER STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.

PLANTING VEGETABLES AND HERBS AND WATCHING THEM GROW.

WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR THEORY SCHOOL WORK YOU GET TO PLAY KAHOOT.

I AM NOT AT NSC ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.



## **YEAR 10**

WORK EXPERIENCE IS TIMETABLED THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

WE ASK STUDENTS TO START THINKING ABOUT WHERE OR WHAT YOU MAY LIKE EXPLORE AS A POSSIBLE CAREER OPTION! IT IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK EXPERIENCE.

ON FRIDAY 10.3.23 IN FOCUS, YOU WILL MEET MORGAN MARX & ABBEY MONK FROM GMILLEN, THEY WILL BE CONDUCTING ONE ON ONE INTERVIEWS IN MAY WITH ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS, TO GAUGE WHAT YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST ARE AND HOW BEST WE CAN HELP SUPPORT YOU IN GAINING A PLACEMENT.

## **ADF GAP YEAR PROGRAM**

YEAR 12 STUDENTS WILL SOON BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE ADF GAP YEAR PROGRAM. STUDENTS WILL SPEND AN EXCITING 12 MONTHS IN THE NAVY, ARMY OR AIR FORCE AND GET PAID FOR MEANINGFUL WORK WHILE TRAVELLING AROUND AUSTRALIA, GAINING SKILLS FOR LIFE AND MAKING LIFELONG FRIENDS. TO START THE APPLICATION PROCESS, YOU CAN BOOK THE 'YOU' (YOUR OPTIONS UNLIMITED) SESSION EARLY. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au)

THROUGHOUT 2023, NSC CAREER NEWS WILL BE A PLATFORM TO SHOWCASE STUDENT EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES.

**STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING PORTAL—SWL LINK—** [HTTPS://WORKPLACEMENTS.EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU/SEARCH/](https://workplacements.education.vic.gov.au/search/)

NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE CAREERS WEBSITE AIMS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS TO BE JOB READY.

**CHECK OUT THE CAREER'S WEBSITE** [WWW.NUMURKAHCAREERS.COM](http://WWW.NUMURKAHCAREERS.COM)

EXCELLENT JOB SEEKING RESOURCES—FOR JOB SEEKING TIPS AND RESUME/COVER LETTER TEMPLATE, CHECK OUT THE RESOURCES AT YOUTH CENTRAL [WWW.YOUTHCENTRAL.VIC.GOV.AU](http://WWW.YOUTHCENTRAL.VIC.GOV.AU)

IF YOU NEED ADVICE PLEASE SEE CATHY (TUESDAY—FRIDAY) IN THE LIBRARY OR YOU CAN EMAIL—

CATHY.OSULLIVAN@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU, TEXT OR PHONE— 0476 496352.

**At NSC, we are ready to learn when we bring a fully charged laptop to class.**



# Year 12 VCE VM Work Related Skills



Students in Work Related Skills participated in a research task to gain inspiration for their folio and work requirements. Our year 12s will be adding to the sign at the front of the College with some interesting features reflecting the journey of education, the College values and community contributions.

Working closely with the

Numurkah Historical Society, RSL and NSC maintenance staff, they will be adding information and additional signage such as a timeline of significant events in secondary education, first people's history and elements of soldier settlement.



Each student has a designated role to play in the development which is currently in the drafting stage. It's sure to be a sight as you enter the College either during the day or driving past at night! Stay tuned for regular updates from the students.

**At NSC, we are ready to learn when we bring our pens and books to class.**



On the 1st March, 5 of our *Live4Life* crew travelled to Cobram to meet with other schools within our shire for their induction into Live4Life. Our students Taleisha Manzone, Heidi Webb, Skye Young, Nadia Ruggi and Connor Ciccone did an exceptional job at displaying NSC's values of Respect, Excellence, Aspiration and Pride.



Throughout the day the students participated in various activities, group discussions and learning around mental health and mental health supports. A wonderful time was had as they made new friends and shared ideas.

The end of the day was dedicated to planning our very own Live4Life Year 8 Launch on the 4th of April. The launch is to introduce to the year 8's what Live4Life is about, as well as prepare them to undertake their youth mental health first aid training which will be facilitated by our school nurse Steven Forrester.

Personally, I feel very proud of our group and am confident that they will put together a wonderful launch.

Stay tuned to see what our group does next!



Chels - School Counsellor

**'The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams'**

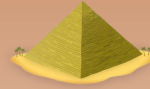
- Eleanor Roosevelt



# Millions of mummies!!



The Year 7 Humanities classes are presently studying Ancient Egypt. Topics have included Pyramids, Daily life, Religion and Mummies.



This week we were able to make a paper model of a mummy in its coffin. We also researched the steps in preparing a mummy and the reasons for mummification.



## *Meet the staff at NSC!*

***Over the coming weeks, we will be introducing our staff to our NSC Community.***

**Name: Sam Owen**



In 2023 I will be Leading Teacher for Engagement and Wellbeing, Year 10 Year Level Leader while also teaching PE/Health and Maths. I have been teaching for 10 years and previously worked cutting down trees while I was at University. I enjoy watching the Boston Celtics and the Essendon Bombers, building and gardening (mainly manicuring my lawn to be better than Lorraine's). I love spending time with my wife and 3 kids, we all love going to the beach. I have 2 Border Collies, their names are Roxy and Beau and a cat named Reggie. My vision for 2023 is to continue to build on the amazing work we have achieved over the last couple of years!

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**Name: Fiona Carruthers**



This year I will be teaching Year 8 science, Race to Space and Movements through History. I have worked at NSC for 13 years and love living and working in this community. In my spare time I enjoy reading, crocheting, spinning and weaving. My vision for 2023 is to help my students achieve their classroom goals.

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**Name: Mark Hansford**



I was born and bred in Castlemaine and have been working in Numurkah since 1998. I have previously worked in schools in Ouyen, Kerang, Tallangatta, Yarrawonga and Mooropna. This year I will be teaching Science and Chemistry. When I am not teaching, I enjoy fishing and woodchopping. My vision for 2023 is to win tattsлото and retire!

***'Minds are like parachutes, they only function when they are open'***

***- James Dewar***

# Getting to know our 2023 Year 7 students

Our Year 7 students will be sharing a little about themselves in our newsletter each fortnight. Welcome all Year 7 students to our NSC community and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

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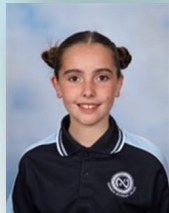
Name: Diesel                      Nickname: Percy Pepper  
Likes: Motorbike riding, fishing, camping and 4wd driving.  
Strengths: Being a good friend, good at drawing and making things.  
Goals: When I finish school, I want to become a diesel mechanic.  
Best thing about NSC: I like Science, P.E. and English.  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to making stuff in Woodwork and blowing stuff up in Science.

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Name: Havanah                      Nickname: Havy  
Likes: I like to draw, play netball for Strathmerton and snapchat with my friends.  
Strengths: Maths, sport and Art.  
Goals: When I finish school, I want to be a Vet.  
Best thing about NSC: Having classes with my friends, new and old.  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to doing Art with Freya.

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Name: Holly  
Likes: I like to draw, paint and anything art related. I enjoy playing my keyboard at home and the music program at school.  
Strengths: I like writing stories, being a good friend and getting on well with everybody.  
Goals: When I finish school, I would love to be an author and write stories.  
Best thing about NSC: That there are all different clubs and activities at lunch time.  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to finishing my bucket hat in Textiles.

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Name: Jake                      Nickname: Jake the Dog  
Likes: Basketball, Football and gaming.  
Strengths: Basketball, Football and gaming.  
Goals: When I finish school I want to be an electrician.  
Best thing about NSC: History.  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to learning about War in History.

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Name: Jacob                      Nickname: Jesus  
Likes: Footy, Cricket and my phone.  
Strengths: Sport, gaming and making new friends.  
Goals: When I finish school I want to be either an electrician or a builder.  
Best thing about NSC: You don't sit in the same classroom all day.  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to Woodwork, definitely!

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Name: Jaxson                      Nickname: Jacko  
Likes: Sport, AFL, Basketball and swimming and hanging down the street with my friends.  
Strengths: Football, Basketball and short distance running.  
Goals: When I finish school, at this stage, I would like to be a mechanic.  
Best thing about NSC: Cooking and all the different sporting activities.  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to Winter and Summer sports and Cooking.

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**‘The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you’ - BB King**

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## GMDSSV swimming carnival

On Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> our team of six students trekked down to Aquamoves in Shepparton for the GMDSSV swimming carnival. The team of Anna Newham, Toby Newbery, Noah Good, Ella Parkinson, Tyson Simpson and Bridget Brown represented the College exceptionally well both in and out of the water. They competed across 50m in the breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and freestyle events against schools from Kialla, Shepparton, Rushworth and Cobram. Fantastic attitudes and efforts all-round!

Thank-you to all the family members who drove students to the pool, and stayed to offer support where able. Pictured are a few snaps taken by the team on the day.

Good luck to Toby who qualified for the Hume region carnival next week!



**‘Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out’**

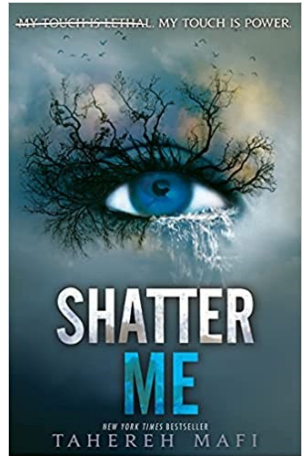
*- Robert Collier*

# NSC BOOK REPORT

## SHATTER ME

Tahereh Mafi

Shatter me is a dystopian fiction that tells the story of a 16-year-old girl, who has never been able to experience human touch because when she touches anyone, she kills them. Labelled a freak, and a monster she finds herself locked up in an asylum where she is left in isolation until the reestablishment, who has taken over, decide to use her as a weapon.



Juliette has been in isolation for 264 days. She has begun to doubt her sanity and sees herself as a monster who deserves what she is going through. The news of a cell mate scares her and drives her crazy, convinced that it will be some psycho murderous villain. But when the reestablishment releases her, only to try to use her as some type of weapon, Juliette discovers she is stronger than she realised. With the help of an old friend, she decided to fight them, for her future and her freedom, truly beautiful.

Tahereh is so extremely descriptive when she explains how Juliette feels, and the affects that lack of human contact has had on her lead character. She really had me understanding the message in the book. I personally could easily imagine the psychological issues suffered by Juliette, her character is so relatable. I think any teenager could instantly connect to this book, whoever the character might be. I personally connected with Juliette, Kenji and Aaron.

I find It hard to pick my favourite character after only reading a few of the books from the world. There must be a lot more to the characters that I don't know or understand yet, for now my favourite character is Aaron Warner. Although he is obnoxious, arrogant, and selfish in the first book, there is so much more to him, and his character development is so noticeable he truly is so misunderstood. The author did so well with this character!

I loved this book beyond words, it left me wanting so much more content. I was excited beyond words (and intimidated) when I learnt that is a series with 6 books and 5 novels. I am still making my way through this series; it is fast paced, and I lost myself in the pages. It somehow ripped my heart out and put it back together in just 329 pages.

I recommend this book to 13 and over. Although it is a gorgeous story I wish everyone could read, there is a lot of mature themes, like self-harm, mental issues, blood and gore, and more. When I read this book, it reminded me of 'Divergent' and 'The Hunger Games' era.



By Paige Hampson Year 7

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**‘Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time’ - Thomas A Edison**

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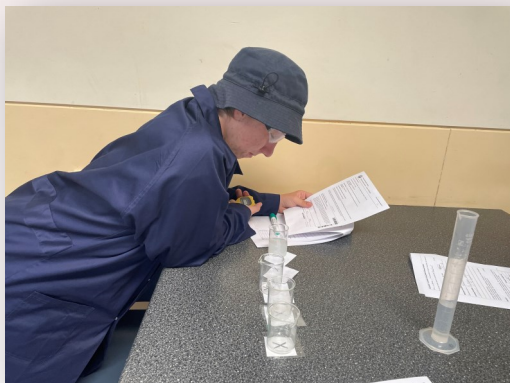
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# SCIENCE



In Science, Miss G's Year 8s have been completing a Common Assessment Task (CAT) where they investigate a type of specialised cell. They made models of their cells using homemade playdough (which, as you can see, involved a lot of flour!) and labelled the organelles within them.



The Year 10s have also been doing a CAT, investigating how changing the concentration of a reactant affects the rate of the reaction.



**'I think it's possible for ordinary people to choose to be extraordinary'**

— *Elon Musk*

# Bangerang 2023

Our NSC Bangerang school magazine will be published again in 2023, showcasing our student's achievements and celebrating all the fun had throughout the year. The Bangerang magazine will be available to purchase toward the end of the year.

We would like to thank those businesses that were able to sponsor our NSC Bangerang magazine last year. We are hoping to gain sponsorship again this year to assist us with the printing costs of this great keepsake.

If this is something you feel you can help us with, please contact Kylie Hicks by phone at the college or via email: [kylie.hicks@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kylie.hicks@education.vic.gov.au) You don't need to be a business, personal/family sponsorships are more than welcome.

There are still some 2022 Bangerang magazines available to purchase from the General Office for \$20 if you missed out last year.

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## Breretons Bakery - positions vacant

CURRENTLY seeking a Casual Delivery Driver/Packer to join our team - early starts required and a valid drivers licence.

LOCK in a Full Time or Part Time customer service position working inside this fast paced Bakery Cafe. Potential Saturday management also available or get hospitality qualified that may suit a gap year person.

School aged Saturday/after school positions also available.

\*Experience Not Essential.

Come join our awesome team; serving delicious coffees, cakes, wraps, rolls, pies, pastries, slices and more...

As a customer service team member your shift will include, but not limited to; Customer service (supplying our customers with our yummy treats) Cash Handling (don't stress we have a great till to help with those tricky additions ) Cleaning (BYO positive outlook and willingness to try, we will supply the rest

Making & Displaying Products (you make our products look even more delicious and drool worthy)

If this sounds like a role you cannot pass by please send an email with your resume to [sales@breretonsbakery.com.au](mailto:sales@breretonsbakery.com.au) or call 58662466 for more info.

Come and join our amazing team!

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**‘Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom’**

*- Oprah Winfrey*

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We're excited to announce that applications for Round 6 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program are now open!

Eligible families can apply for \$200 vouchers and use them at their registered Get Active Kids Voucher Activity Provider without having to worry about upfront costs. Children aged 0-18 and named on a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare card are eligible. Apply now at [www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers) to receive your voucher to use with an approved activity provider. Present the voucher code to your activity provider and get up to \$200 off the registration and membership fee (as well as any included uniforms and/or equipment).

If you have already paid for your child's activity, you can apply for a reimbursement. You can only apply for either one voucher or reimbursement for each child in Round 6.

### Important Dates:

21 February to 10 May 2023: Round open for parents, carers or guardians to apply for a Voucher or Reimbursement

28 November 2022 to 10 May 2023: Period that you can seek a reimbursement for eligible expenditure

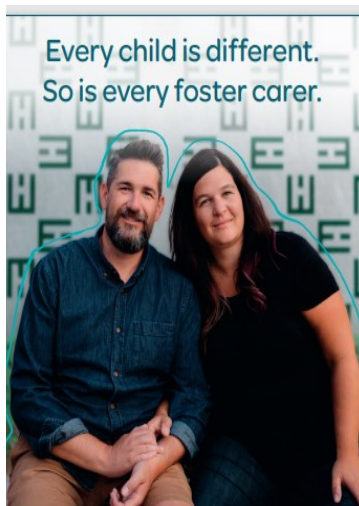
21 May 2023: Last day for vouchers to be presented to activity providers.

Special consideration is available if your child/dependent is residing in Victorian Care Services, a temporary or provisional visa holder, undocumented migrant or international student.

For further information and to view the Program Guidelines and apply visit [www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers)

If you have any questions we have a dedicated support team to assist you. Please contact our Call Centre on 1800 325 206, between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, or email [getactivekids@sport.vic.gov.au](mailto:getactivekids@sport.vic.gov.au)

Kind regards,  
Get Active Kids Voucher Program  
Sport and Recreation Victoria



Every child is different.  
So is every foster carer.

**BERRY STREET**

### A little of your time can change an entire life.

In Victoria, the number of children who cannot live safely at home has risen every year over the last 10 years. Children in care have experienced trauma — they need a safe, nurturing home environment to help them recover.

If you are over 21 and have a spare bedroom, we would love to hear from you. As a foster carer, you could make a huge difference to a child or young person in need.

For more information please contact Janene  
T: (03) 5822 8100 or E: [humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au)



Share your world  
Be a Foster Carer

### Could you be a Foster Carer?

If you've ever thought about becoming a Foster Carer, now is the time!

We are seeking singles and couples to provide stable, nurturing homes for children in your local community.

To find out more scan the QR code or call Louise on **0437 262 194**.



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[lwb.org.au/foster-care](http://lwb.org.au/foster-care)