

NOVEMBER

Mon 13th Yr 7 Slam Poetry Visitor - 9 am - 3.25
Thurs 9th - Tues 14th Year 11 Exams
Tues 14th - Wed 15th 8C Compass Award Camp - Cumberland River
Wed 15th Yr 9 Fibre Excursion - Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm
Wed 15th Year 11 Formal - Geelong Football Club
Wed 15th - Thurs 16th 8E Compass Award Camp - Cumberland River
Thurs 16th - Frid 17th 8D Compass Award Camp - Cumberland River
Frid 17th German Story Players - 7G Pd 3, 9A Pd 4 - Gym
Frid 17th - Tues 21st Yr 11 into 12 Commencement Program
Thurs 16th - Thurs 28th Indonesian Study Tour - Yr 10 & 11 students
Mon 20th General Assembly
Mon 20th - Tues 21st Yr 10 Outdoor Ed - Sailing
Tues 21st Christmas Appeal - **Whole School Casual Dress Day for a gold coin donation**
Wed 22nd Year 12 Valedictory Dinner - Mount Duneed Estate Winery - 6.30 pm to 11 pm
Frid 24th German Story Tellers - Connect - Pd 4 - Pd 3 - 7G,

Tues 28th Pd 4 - 9A
Cricket Gala Day - Inclusion Students - Armstrong Creek School
Wed 29th Final day of Year 10 classes
Thurs 30th Yr 10 Maths & English Exams

DECEMBER

Frid 1st - Wed 6th Yr 10 into 11 Commencement Program including Yr 10 Mindset Program with Darren Perreira
Wed 6th Student Leaders 2024 - Training - 11 am - 3.25
Thurs 7th Writer's Group Excursion - 1 pm - 3.25 pm
Mon 11th End of Year Activities - Adventure Park - 9 - 3pm
Tues 12th Grade 6 Orientation Day. **NO PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR CURRENT STUDENTS ON THIS DAY**
Oberon Awards Evening - Costa Hall - 7 pm - 9.30 pm
Wed 13th Grade 6 Orientation Day
End of Year Activities Yrs 7 - 9 - Werribee Zoo & School
Thurs 14th & Frid 15th End of Year Activities Yrs 7 - 9 - Activities at School

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 12 Exams

The Year 12 students continue undertaking their end of year exams with the last day of exams being scheduled for Wednesday 15th November.

Year 12 Valedictory

The Valedictory Evening has been organised for Wednesday 22nd November at Mount Duneed Estate. Year 12 students and their families have been communicated with regarding the arrangements for this evening. Any queries feel free to contact Year 11/12 Sub-School Manager Ms Michelle Ferry.

Year 11 Exams

The Year 11's began their exam period on Thursday 9th November and exams will conclude on Tuesday 14th November. The Year 11 into 12 commencement program then begins for our current year 11 students on Friday 17th November.

School Captains/House Captains

We will be holding a Year 11 Formal on Wednesday 15th November at the Geelong Football Club, where School and House captains for 2024 will be announced. This year we had 18 outstanding applicants nominate themselves to be one of the 4 School Captains for 2024. The quality of the candidates and the way they conducted themselves during the interview process, once again reaffirmed to me the quality of young people that attend Oberon High School.

Indonesian Study Tour

First the first time since the COVID pandemic, the school will be running an overseas study tour for year 10 and 11 students. The tour organised by our Indonesian Language staff will be heading to Yogyakarta in Indonesia, leaving on Thursday 16th November and returning on Tuesday 28th November.

Awards Night

In 2023 we will be running our Awards Ceremony as an evening event at Costa Hall; this will take place on Tuesday 12th December beginning at 7 pm. We have changed from the day to the evening to allow for more parents who have work commitments during the day to attend. I look forward to seeing you at this event as we showcase the students and their talent as well as celebrating their successes during the 2023 school year.

Staffing 2024

Due to the increase in student enrolments for the 2024 school year, we have advertised and employed a number of new staff members. I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

- English – Kelsey Ratcliffe (graduate teacher)
- English – Sophie O'Shea (Tarneit Senior Secondary College)
- Science – Josh Newcomb (graduate teacher)
- Visual Art – Sherree Petrie (North Geelong Secondary College)

We will continue with interviews over the coming weeks to fill other staffing vacancies and I will update the school community as appointments are confirmed.

Intentions for 2024

If students are not returning to Oberon High School in 2024, can families contact the school and speak with one of the Assistant Principals in regard to this.

Scholarships to Support Students

Scholarships are available for eligible students in Grade 4 to Year 11, and for Year 12 students planning to do Tertiary studies in 2024.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT cont'd.....

The Department of Education administers a number of scholarships that are available to eligible students who are enrolled in Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2023.

Applicants for these scholarships will be evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic achievement

Many of these scholarships have specific eligibility criteria so please refer to individual applications for more information.

Applications are open and close on Thursday 1 February 2024.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course or annual study.

For more information and a list of available scholarships, refer to the 2024 Student scholarships for Grade 4 – Year 12 fact sheet.

For information on how to apply, refer to <https://www.vic.gov.au/student-scholarships>

Tim McMahon

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES YEARS 7-9 STUDENTS

End of Year Activities will take place on Monday 11th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December. End of Year Activities are optional for students in Years 7-9. Please note program information below:

Date	Event	Cost
Monday 11th December	Adventure Park	\$35.00 per student Please note this event closes on 24th November
Tuesday 12th December	No Program provided at school on this day for students in Yrs 7 - 9	
Wednesday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geelong Tech School or • Werribee Open Range Zoo 	Free Please note this event is limited to the first 120 students \$37 per student Please note this event closes on 24th November
Thursday 14th December	School based activities. Students will arrive on the day and will be placed in 3 groups. The students will rotate through the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board games and craft activities 2. Movie 3. Sports activities in the Gym 	Free Please note this event closes on 1st December
Friday 15th December	School based activities. Students will arrive on the day and will be placed in 3 groups. The students will rotate through the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board games and craft activities 2. Movie 3. Sports activities in the Gym 	Free Please note this event closes on 1st December

Parents/Guardians please note that the excursions to Adventure Park and Werribee Open Range Zoo are being held to enhance the schooling experience for junior students. These excursions are provided on a user pays basis. The excursions are listed under Extra-Curricular Contributions on the XUNO Portal. Payment for these excursions can be made via the Parent Portal in XUNO.

Yearly Passes:

- **Adventure Park:** Please contact the Office if you have a yearly pass to Adventure Park as this will change the cost to \$8 per student. This will be updated in the Office case by case. The student will be required to bring the Season Pass on the day and will have to scan it in. If they do not bring the Season Pass the entire cost of \$35 per student will be required.
- **Werribee Open Range Zoo:** Yearly memberships do not cover education based visits so the full price applies to this excursion.

CSEF:

Families who have CSEF may use this funding to pay for the excursion. Please contact Julie in the Office to check the balance of your CSEF and request to allocate CSEF funds to this event. CSEF is not automatically allocated to events.

YEAR 11 VOCATIONAL MAJOR - OBERON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDEN

During the course of Semester Two, the Year 11 Vocational Major students have been starting the Oberon High School Community Garden project. The students have been involved in every aspect of creating a school community garden, including completing a needs analysis, completing soil testing, researching plants and community gardens, designing the garden bed space and building fences around our garden bed space. The students have also worked with different groups within the school community to make the garden spaces as collaborative and productive as possible. This includes working with the food room to provide them with herbs, a sensory garden area, an Indigenous Bush Tucker Garden collaborating with the Year 7 Enhancement classes, as well as the Environmental group.

The students have also been part of a sequence of experiences that were facilitated by the Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria. This involved an incursion which linked the work they have done in the garden to the role of photosynthesis, as well as an excursion to Van Loons Nursery in Wallington and Boomaroo in Lara. At both of these locations, the focus was on careers in Horticulture. Through the Community Garden project the students have learnt lifelong skills about gardening and growing their own food, as well as how initiatives such as community gardens can work towards solving community issues like social connection, food security and cultural awareness. The gardens themselves are looking great and the students should be commended on the work they have done to this point!

Building fences around garden beds



Photosynthesis Incursion



YEAR 11 VOCATIONAL MAJOR - OBERON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDEN Cont'd.....

Excursion to Boomaroo Nursery



LANGUAGES NEWS

DATE: Thursday 30th November 2023
TIME: 5.15 pm – 7:30 pm
PLACE: German Carnival Club, Arunga Avenue, Norlane
PURPOSE: The Geelong German Teachers Network is holding a traditional **Sankt Nikolaus** celebration for students of German. The event is FREE! Students will participate in craft and cultural activities. Hopefully Sankt Nikolaus will attend! German snacks are included.

*If interested in attending please collect a note from your German teacher, but hurry, as places are limited!

The Storey Players drama activity on November 24 for German students

Students in 7G and 9A have been working hard over 20 weeks to put together a play in German about people wanting to leave East Germany prior to the Fall of the Berlin Wall. Simon and Tina from the Storey Players have been facilitating this activity. 7G students will perform during lesson 3 and 9A students during lesson 4. The shows will be held in the school gym. Some lucky German classes will be invited to be an audience. Parents and families of the 2 classes have been invited via Xuno, but please let us know if you are attending.

Contact Frau Ray or Frau James for more information.

LANGUAGES CORNER

1 o'clock	jam satu	ein Uhr	7 o'clock	jam tujuh	sieben Uhr
2 o'clock	jam dua	zwei Uhr	8 o'clock	jam delapan	acht Uhr
3 o'clock	jam tiga	drei Uhr	9 o'clock	jam Sembilan	neun Uhr
4 o'clock	jam empat	vier Uhr	10 o'clock	jam sepuluh	zehn Uhr
5 o'clock	jam lima	fünf Uhr	11 o'clock	jam sebelas	elf Uhr
6 o'clock	jam enam	sechs Uhr	12 o'clock	jam dua belas	zwölf Uhr

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS HOCKEY - WESTERN METROPOLITAN REGION

On a cold and blustery Thursday our Intermediate Girls Hockey team ventured to Footscray Park to compete. Our first game was a walk over (win) and then we played StrathmoreSC 0-2 and Alamanda 0-2. The girls really hit their stride in the last half. Isla Hassett was amazing in goals; great focus and ability to scan play. Charli Klemke, Zali Stiles, Emily Brennan and Poppy Tunn McGrath were solid defence. Triple M - Madi Dyer, Madi Moran and Molly Morrison played well in the centre. Karla Thorburn stood out in attack and her ability to come back to defend. As confidence grew Chloe Carter-Rinjders and Hannah Lloyd was particularly strong in attack. Rosa Atkins had some great runs on the wing. Unfortunately Emily copped a stick to the face in a crowded circle. Although battered and bruised, she inspired the team to play on. We all enjoyed hot chips and potato cakes on a footpath in Footscray! Thanks to Rob Neal for driving the school bus and supporting the team.

Well done, girls!



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

7F are organising the Uniting Christmas appeal to support local families in need for Christmas. We are asking for donations of gift items for a raffle. Items can be dropped off at the office until the 17th November.



Donated items will be made in to hampers to be raffled off. Students from 7F will be coming around to classes selling raffle tickets.

On Tuesday the 21st of November, there will be a Casual dress day with a gold coin donation to raise money for the Christmas appeal. On the day there will also be a bake sale, sausage sizzle and small gift stall and the raffle will be drawn. All money raised goes to the Christmas Appeal, for gifts for the less fortunate children around Geelong.

2023 INDONESIAN TRIP 16TH - 28TH NOVEMBER

Next week 20 Year 10 and 11 Indonesian students, along with Pak Barnes, Bu Maher and Miss Kelly, are heading off to Yogyakarta, Central Java for the Indonesian trip.

After months of planning the group is keen to explore the cultural city of Yogyakarta, use their Indonesian language and experience the many cultural aspects of this opportunity. Stay tuned for photos and updates from the Indonesian team.



AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION 2023

At the end of Term 3 we had the chance to celebrate some fantastic achievements by our students in the Australian Maths Competition.

Congratulations to **all** students who showed bravery by challenging themselves to participate! We would also like to acknowledge the following students who achieved exceptional results.

High Distinction (top 6% of Australian participants)

- **Year 12:** Siddharth Shrivastava
- **Year 10:** Lucas Waldron
- **Year 8:** Coen Reid
Coen Reid also received the best in the school.

Distinction (top 20% of Australian participants)

- **Year 12:** Mason McKenzie
- **Year 11:** Riley Jordan, Hezekiah Moules
- **Year 9:** Callum Hatty, Beau Beal,
- **Year 8:** Scarlett Pogue, Matthew Gilbert, Josh Dally, Henry Gilbert, Charlotte Thomas

Credit (top 50% of Australian participants)

- **Year 12:** James Stiles, Hayden Gilbert, Logan Wood
- **Year 11:** Harper Bolton

- **Year 10:** Charlie Gilbert, Lachlan Hatty, Jack Harris, Max Klemke, Wade Sagor.
- **Year 9:** Ace Ritchie, Bart Guijt, Meg Grey, Gautam Shrivastava, Jack Pace, Macklin Pritchett, Saul Ainscough, Akira Parker.
- **Year 8:** Tia Waldron, Bonnie Clissold, Cooper Smith, Mayzee Klemke, Jack Burgess, James Gray, Samuel Tonkin, Townes O'Mahony, Jayde Walker, Jasmin Mayor, Natalia Boers, Aidan O'Mahony, Billie-Jack Thomson.
- **Year 7:** Milla Ball-Manzur, Kolbi Benson, Zeph DeHoog, Archer Gardiner, Sonny Primmer, Grace Palmer, Tadhg Parfrey, Kai Pritchett, Otis Pogue, Ella Matheson, Sebastian Larkins, Pheonix Marsden, Zeke Milnes.

Students who have not already received their certificates can collect it from their maths teacher over the coming week.

Well done everyone! It is fantastic to see our Oberon students showing such grit and perseverance in rising to these challenges.

Renée Durran
Maths Leader

YEAR 12 OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

On Friday the 20th of October, students undertaking Unit 4 Outdoor and Environmental Studies participated in a Seal Swim and Snorkelling experience in Port Phillip Bay. This was a fantastic adventure which allowed students to get up close to a colony of 30-40 young Australian Fur Seals which playfully darted in and around us as we swam in the bay. We then ventured to Popes Eye where we brushed up on our snorkelling skills and observed colourful fish and marine life. The focus of the excursion was to look at the impacts of Climate Change, Urbanisation and other threats to marine habitats and learn about the rich biodiversity of the area.



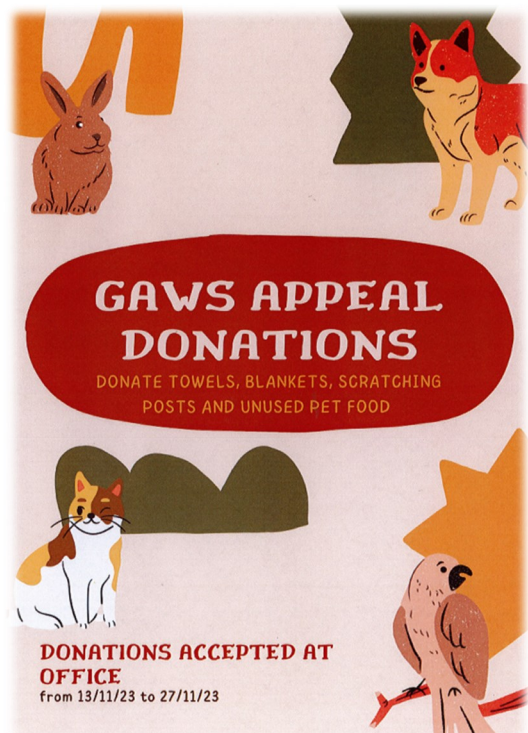
YEAR 12 OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES cont'd.....



GAWS DONATION DRIVE

GAWS is a not-for-profit organisation that helps animals find new homes and gives them the care they need. To help GAWS continue to care for animals, they'd welcome donations if you have any old towels, blankets or pet care items and food to spare.

There is a donation box in the office if you'd like to donate and help GAWS continue to provide temporary homes and care to animals.



SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

School for Student Leadership

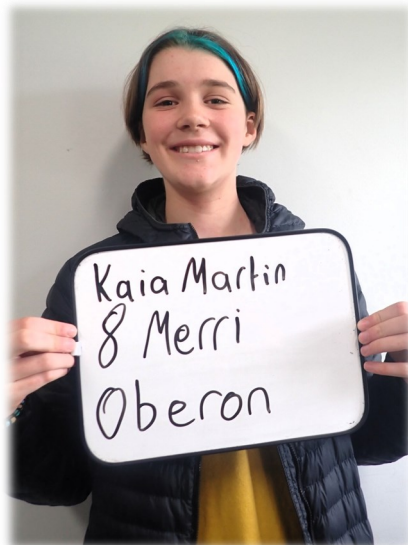
At the beginning of Term 4, 3 of our Year 9 Students embarked on a wonderful opportunity to attend the 'Gnurad-Gundidj' School for Student Leadership, located in Glenormiston near Camperdown in Victoria's Western District. The school for student Leadership is an 8-week residential program with a focus on Leadership skills and Outdoor Education. Part of this process involves them living and working alongside students that come from a range of public schools all over Victoria. They participate in a wide and varied curriculum and develop a Community Learning Project that they will bring back and implement within the Oberon community. The students, Bart Guijt, Kaia Martin and Lara Mayson, have all settled in well and are now in week 6 of this 8-week experience.

Rebekah Gill

Leader of Student Enhancement and Leadership



Bart Guijt: *It's almost been a month since the three of us arrived here at Gnurad, we've all made good friends and are enjoying our time here a lot. There has been a round of covid, but luckily, none of us got it. The variety of activities here is also just amazing! We've gone Mountain biking and heaps of other fun outdoor activities. Just last week, we went on a 2-day, 1 night hike along the Great Ocean Walk. Although our legs and feet were really sore, we all enjoyed it as some of the views we got out over the ocean were beautiful.*



Kaia Martin: *The past few weeks here at Gnurad have been really fun, I have made many new friends and can't wait to build stronger connections with everyone here, we have done lots of new things that have pushed me out of my comfort zone such as, mountain biking down a massive hill, doing a 20 km hike through sand dunes and through fields full of leeches. I've gotten used to getting up at 6:00am every morning to have a shower without waking up my roommate (who gets up at 6:40am) and doing duty, that involves cleaning the bathroom and the wings, serving food and cleaning the kitchen/dining room. The 9 learning concepts we mainly learn about are, empathy, learning strategies, resilience, identity, respectful relationships, collaboration, health and wellbeing and environments. All the teachers here are really nice and try hard to make our time here as good as it can be. Overall, this has been an amazing experience so far and I can't wait for the next month here!*



Lara Mason: *I have had a wonderful first month to the School for Student Leadership program. I have made many new friends and had so many experiences where I had to step out of my comfort zone. I've learnt so many new life lessons in the 4 weeks I've been here. I'm still settling into the new routine, especially the early mornings, but I enjoy the consistency of our days and how fun filled they are. I've loved meeting new people; I was so scared to come here and know barely anyone but already the bonds I've made with the other students are so strong and I know will last a lifetime. I love the activities we do, they fluctuate each day, and I love that we learn about leadership instead of regular curriculum classes. It was a huge change to settle into, but now that I know everyone well, it's finally starting to feel more like home. Overall, I've really enjoyed my time here and I'm so glad I came!*

SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP cont'd.....



YEAR 8 WELLBEING DAY

We would like to share the highlights of our recent Year 8 Wellbeing Day, which took place on Thursday, November 2nd. This special day was dedicated to enhancing the overall wellbeing of our Year 8 students while providing them with a well-deserved break from their regular class routines.

The day was packed with enriching activities and experiences that aimed to boost our students' physical, mental, and emotional wellness. We're incredibly grateful for the outstanding support from our dedicated staff and special guests who made this day possible.

Our students had the opportunity to participate in various workshops that left a lasting impact. They received invaluable insights from experts at Shake Counselling, the Oberon Wellbeing Team, and Courage 2 Care. The Courage 2 Care workshop focused on educating our students about the dangers of prejudice, racism, and discrimination. It emphasised the importance of challenging negative attitudes and behaviours while fostering a culture of kindness and respect. The key message: every individual can make a difference, transforming "bystander" behaviour into "upstander" action.

In addition to the educational workshops, students had the opportunity to participate in fun physical activities that added an element of excitement and extra enjoyment to their day. All students attended an excursion to Bounce and were able to enjoy an afternoon of trampolining and conquering the rock climbing wall with their peers. The PE staff facilitated some dynamic team-building activities for our female students in the morning. These activities encouraged cooperation, friendship and physical fitness.

The Wellbeing Days have been a great addition to our school calendar in recent years, and this day was no exception. We can clearly see the positive impact these days have on our students, and it brings a genuine smile to our faces. Once again, thank you to all teaching and support staff, and the broader school community for your ongoing support in making these special days possible.

Tess Ellard



YEAR 8 WELLBEING DAY cont'd.....



CAREERS NEWS

Year 11 Vocational Major student Fletcher Geerts successfully work trialled at Murnong Farming this year and has been signed up into a **School Based Apprenticeship (SBAT)** in Certificate III in Agriculture.

Fletcher is in the Department of Education's **HeadStart Program** that supports students to combine secondary school, an apprenticeship or traineeship, and paid employment in Years 10-12. So far, 38 Oberon High students have used the program to start their careers while still at high school.

Fletcher has been working Thursdays and school holidays at Murnong Farming while studying Agriculture with Covenant College Trade Skill Centre on Wednesday afternoons.

Fletcher will finish Year 11 this year continuing into year 12 and at Murnong Farming as an SBAT and then beyond Year 12 to complete his traineeship.

Congratulations to Fletcher and thank you to Martin at Murnong Farming!

Fletcher's Fun facts:

- **Routine start of the day?** "Finishing any outstanding jobs that need to get done, or ask the manager what needs doing"
- **Latest job you are working on?** "Silage at the moment"
- **Favourite job you have worked on so far?** "Doing tractor work or fixing broken machinery so I can learn how gears and machines work"
- **Best part of the job:** "Working independently and just working on the land!"
- **Least favourite part of the job:** "Probably sheep work as they are unpredictable!"

Pictured: Agriculture Trainee - Fletcher Geerts with John Deere 8360rt



HeadStart Program

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are a valuable part of beginning a student's career in their chosen field and we're very thankful for Geelong employers like Martin Clark at Murnong Farming take on employees such as Fletcher to gain the skills necessary to progress in his chosen career.

Interested in becoming a **HeadStart** School Based Apprentice or Trainee? Follow the link to here for more info: <https://vimeo.com/580595609/b5b7ec0392>

If you're a student looking for a pathway into employment such as a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship, a parent looking for a secure future for your child, or an employer looking for your next apprentice, contact the Careers & Pathways Team – Kaye Barry/Nicola Maher/Katrina Coburn (**HeadStart Coordinator**) about Structured Work Placement and the **HeadStart Program**.

WORLD OF WORK CREATIVE BUSINESS

Year 10 students, Vayda Zuccolin and Finn Dostis, have been selected to participate in Skilling The Bay's Creative Industries Immersion program. Over the next 3 Wednesday's Vayda and Finn will be visiting the National Wool Museum, Platform Arts, Geelong Library, Geelong Gallery and The Geelong Tech School, meeting with mentors, exploring pathways and more.

We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.

CSEF - IMPORTANT REMINDER

An important reminder to Parents/Guardians that CSEF can be used for End of Year Activities and other excursions and camps. Contact Julie in the Office via email:

julie@oberonhs.vic.edu.au if you wish to use this funding for any student activities and excursions.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Lifelong, life-changing savings habits



Commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months and ANZ will double it.



You can put that extra money towards educational expenses for yourself or your child/children. This includes school-related expenses, such as uniforms, books, laptops and excursions.

Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to saverplus.org.au for more information.

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355



UNITING VIC TAS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BOOKS & UNIFORMS FOR 2024

UNITING VT EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **Uniting VT** Education Assistance Program for 2024 is about to open to those families and students who are holders of Health or Concession Cards and may need extra support with the financial cost of digital book fees, uniforms and books for 2024.

Interviews at the Uniting VT - Grovedale location - 272 Torquay Road, Grovedale (entrance via Reserve Road) - will commence on **Tuesday 24th October 2023** for the **mornings only - 9.20 to 11.40**. Uniting VT will then continue interviews every Tuesday and Thursday morning until early December, 2023.

Oberon families who are in need of assistance from Uniting VT **MUST** phone 4210 1100 to make an appointment to discuss what assistance can be provided to you.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding this process, please feel free to contact the friendly and helpful staff at Uniting VT on 4210 1100.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Information for Parents

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 background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & 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 trips, camps and sporting activities. The applicant must be one of the following on the first day of Term 1 (Monday 29th January 2024) or Term 2 (Monday 15th April 2024):

- **A parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card**
- **A temporary foster carer**
- **A student who is 16 years or older** and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card)

A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid 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:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students

More Information:

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/pages/csef.aspx>

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.



SALE OF TEXTBOOKS AND UNIFORMS

Oberon High School no longer has a Second Hand Book / Uniform Shop or sales. We encourage **all** Oberon families to sell their Text Books, Novels and Uniform on consignment through:

SECONDHAND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

9 Star Street, Geelong 3220

Ph: 52 297 766

E: info@secondhandschoolsupplies.com.au

W: www.secondhandschoolsupplies.com.au

Oberon families will also be able to purchase second hand copies of textbooks & novels for 2023 at **Secondhand School Supplies**. Just take in your child's booklist when they are distributed and **Secondhand School Supplies** will help you out.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNITING VIC TAS NO INTEREST LOANS

Parents/Guardians please note that UNITING VIC TAS offer 2 separate No Interest Loans:

- One No Interest Loan specifically for Technology
- One No Interest Loan for Education requirements



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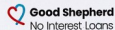
No Interest Loans for Education purposes

No Interest Loans



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No Interest Loans (NILs) are a smart choice loan option to help you manage your money. With no fees, no interest, ever.

You pay back exactly what you borrow.

What can I use NILs for?

Loans are available up to \$2000 for essential goods and services including:



Household items



Car Repairs & Registration



Medical & Dental



Technology



Housing



Education

Receive huge savings on new household items purchased through the No Interest Loan program from our partner The Good Guys. Ask us for details!

Am I eligible?

- ✓ Have a Health Care Card / Pension Card
- OR
- earn less than \$70,000 a year (gross) for a single household
- OR
- earn less than \$100,000 a year (gross) for couples or people with dependants
- OR
- have experienced family or domestic violence in the past 10 years
- ✓ have the capacity to repay the loan

Loans are NOT available for:

- ✗ Cash
- ✗ Debts
- ✗ Food

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Marisol

Find out if you're eligible and start your application today.



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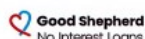
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No Interest Loans



For technology you need now.
No fees. No interest. Ever.

Laptop = \$849
Pay back = \$849
Borrow up to \$2000.
Pay back what you borrow.



Need a new laptop?

Here's a price comparison to help explain the No Interest Loans (NILs) difference

Laptop Retail Price = \$849	NILs	Cash Loan	Rental
Fortnightly repayments	\$33	\$55*	\$64*
Interest/Fees/Charges	\$0	\$578	\$815^
Total amount repaid	\$849	\$1427	\$1664

Amounts listed above have been rounded up to the nearest dollar.

No Interest Loans (NILs): a smart choice budgeting option to help you manage your money. Borrow up to \$2000 for essential household items, pay back only what you borrow.

No fees, no interest, ever.

NILs is available for a range of technology items including laptops, tablets and smart phones.

Check your eligibility and start your loan application today.

Talk to the people you know and trust



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Price comparisons based on loan contracts with a 12-month term for a 15" 16.6" Ryzen 3 8GB 256GB SSD 2GB 4K Laptop. The Good Guys retail ticket price was \$849 on 19/04/2020.
* Calculated using above retail price at moneySMART.gov.au/loans/payday-loan-calculator on 19/04/2020, with a 20% establishment fee and 4% interest per month.
^ Advertised on a leading rental company website on 19/04/2020, where the goods may be able to be purchased at the end of the contract.
* Calculated by subtracting the retail price of \$849 from the total repaid of \$1664.
No Interest Loans are not available for cash. Income eligibility applies. See eligibility criteria at nils.com.au

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS FROM PSW - OBERON'S OFFICIAL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Your uniform is available from our
GEELONG
PSW RETAIL OUTLET

164 Malop Street, Geelong VIC 3220
[03] 9768 0383

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Tuesday to Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 1:00pm



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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

HEAD OFFICE

CLOSING: 20 DECEMBER 2023
REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024

RETAIL

CLOSING: 21 DECEMBER 2023
REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024

TO AVOID THE JANUARY BACK TO SCHOOL QUEUES SHOP NOW

Oberon

Oberon High School

Uniform Price List
Price as at: 03-11-2023

General	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1112048	S/S Polo with Contrast Placket	Navy_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-5XL	40.50
1112339	L/S Polo with Stripe Collar & Contrast Placket	Navy_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	42.50
1191015	S/S Shirt	White	Embroidery	10/3XS-14/XS 16/S-3XL	28.95
1191055	L/S Shirt - Stand Collar	White	Embroidery	10/3XS-12/2XS 16/S-3XL	30.95
1102706	Rugby Jumper w Stripes	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	90.95
1118372	Puffa Jacket	Ink	Embroidery	10/3XS-4XL	85.00
Male	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1113040	Flat Front Flexwaist Short	Greymel	Embroidery	62-117	47.50
1114040	Flat Front Flexwaist Trousers	Greymel	Embroidery	62-117	58.50
Female	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1168016	Summer Dress - Contrast Collar & Cuffs	Blue/White/Navy Check - 8150	Embroidery	6G-20L	74.50
1112050	Pleated Skirt - Calf Length	Blue/White/Royal/White Check - 9270	Embroidery	4L-24L	82.95
1168986	Tailored Short - Stretch Gab	Greymel	Embroidery	4L-24L	44.95
1111991	Ladies Expandable Tailored Pant	Greymel	Embroidery	4L-22L	58.50
Sport	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1110147	S/S Mesh Polo w Contrast thru Sleeve	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-4XL	42.00
1112049	Microfibre Shorts with Contrast Piping	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	38.50
1112340	Girls Microstretch Short-Contrast Piping	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	4L-20L	37.50
1112017	Stretch Microfibre Tracksuit Pants	Ink	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	58.95
1101919	Baseball Cap	Ink	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	18.50
Accessories	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1106213	Jacquard Beanie with Pom Pom - Oberon	Ink/White-Bottle	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	18.00
Socks	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1110760	Cushion Foot Sport Socks - 3 Pack	White	Embroidery	2-8-11-14	19.95
2511050	Crew Sock - 3 pack	Black	Embroidery	2-8-11-14	19.95
2512000	Turnover Knee High Socks - 3 Pack	White	Embroidery	2-8-8-11	21.95
2513000	Girls Tights	Black	Embroidery	11-14-11-14 MID-KTALL	19.95

Your School Uniform is available at PSW Geelong
164 Malop Street
Geelong VIC 3220
03 9768 0383
Shop online at www.psw.com.au
ABN 52 007 423 927

Trading Hours
Tue to Fri: 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm
*Store hours subject to change



2023 Deakin University Diwali Festival



This is a free, family-friendly community event with:

- ▶ cultural performances
- ▶ DJ
- ▶ food and market stalls
- ▶ free activities and henna art
- ▶ rangoli artwork display
- ▶ and a spectacular fireworks display!



Friday 17 November 2023, 6pm - 9pm,
Wauryn Ponds Campus



Free Entry, register now:
deakin.edu.au/diwali



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Oberon High School

Shape Your Future - Go One Better

UNIFORM

Uniform should be worn appropriately. This includes:

- Shorts and pants unrolled
- Kilts - appropriate length



Short Sleeve Polo



Rugby Top



Long Sleeve Polo



Grey Shorts



Blue School Dress



Shell Jacket - Oberon Logo



Grey Trousers



White Shirt - long sleeve



White Shirt - short sleeve



Pleated Skirt



Track Pants



Puffer Jacket Embroidered with Oberon Logo



Hijab - Navy or White

SPORTS/PE UNIFORM

You must get changed before and after PE into your sports uniform. **Do not wear PE uniform to school.**

When representing Oberon at sports days, full sports uniform must be worn.



Black polishable shoes. **No boots**



Solid black, lace up polishable shoes



Solid buckle up polishable shoes

No hats inside - leave them in your locker

Black or white socks only

If you are out of uniform you must bring a note and get a uniform pass

Passes are available at the office at the beginning of the day

IMPORTANT END OF YEAR DATES

YEAR 12

Tuesday 24th October - Wednesday 15th Nov	Unit 3 & 4 Written Examinations
Wednesday 22nd November 6.30 pm - 11.00 pm	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner - Mount Duneed Estate Winery
Monday 11th December - 7 am	Year 12 results released

YEAR 11

Thursday 9th - Tuesday 14th November	Year 11 Exams at Oberon High School
Wednesday 15th November	Year 11 Formal
Friday 17th November - Tuesday 21st November	Year 11 into 12 Orientation Program (Program compulsory for all 2023 Year 11 students) Tuesday 21st November is the last day at school for Year 11 students
Thursday 16th November - Tuesday 28th November	Yr 10 & 11 Indonesian Study Tour

YEAR 10

Thursday 16th November - Tuesday 28th Nov	Yr 10 & 11 Indonesian Study Tour
Wednesday 29th November	Last day of Year 10 classes
Thursday 30th November	Year 10 Maths & English Exams at Oberon High School
Friday 1st December - Wednesday 6th December	Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation Program (Program compulsory for all 2023 Year 10 students). Wednesday 6th December is the last day at school for Year 10 students.

ALL YEAR LEVELS

Tuesday 21st November	Christmas Appeal - Casual Dress Day for students for gold coin donation
Monday 11th December	Adventure Park Excursion - whole school - \$35 - event closes 24th November
Tuesday 12th December	Year 7 2024 - Orientation Program NO PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR CURRENT STUDENTS ON THIS DAY
Tuesday 12th December 7 pm - 9.30 pm	Oberon Awards Evening - Costa Hall - All welcome - further details to be advised
Wednesday 13th December	Yr 7 2024 - Orientation Program End of Year Activities for Yrs 7-9 students - Werribee Zoo - \$37 this event closes 24th November & Geelong Tech School - free limited to the first 150 students
Thursday 14th December & Friday 15th December	End of Year Activities for Yrs 7-9 students at Oberon High School - School Based Activities - free
Monday 18th December & Tuesday 19th December	Staff Professional Learning. Students who are in attendance at school will be supervised. Parent/Teacher/Guardian interviews <u>as required by appointment</u>
Wednesday 20th December	OFFICIAL LAST DAY OF THE 2023 VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who are in attendance at school will be supervised • Parent/Teacher Interviews <u>as required by appointment</u>



COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2024

Wednesday 24th January & Thursday 25th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Office Open
Friday 26th January	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 29th January, 2024	First day of Term 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STUDENT FREE DAY School Office Open Teachers return to school
Tuesday 30th January, 2024	Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school
Wednesday 31st January, 2024	Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school. All students now in attendance at school
Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th February	Year 7 Camp - Alexandra Adventure Camp
Thursday 22nd February - 6 pm - 7 pm	2024 Year 7 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 14th February	School Photo Day - online ordering information will be distributed prior
Friday 16th February	Oberon Swimming Carnival - Kardinia Pool
Monday 4th March - 9 am - 3 pm	Oberon Athletics Carnival - Landy Field
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 22nd February	School Photo catch up afternoon
Thursday 21st March - 5.30 pm - 7.15 pm	Oberon Open Night - Tours from 5.30 pm Information Session 6.30 pm
Monday 25th March - 12 midday - 3.25 pm	Oberon Cross Country Colour Run
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	Term 2 Holidays - Good Friday 29th March
Monday 15th April	Term 2 Commences

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Want to be a Summer Coastal Ranger?

We are seeking Summer Coastal Rangers to work at Barwon Coast from 11 December 2023 to 28 January 2024.

The Summer Coastal Rangers will support environmental programs on land managed by Barwon Coast (from 7W at Collendina, Barwon Heads, 13th Beach and Breamlea).

Your role will focus on:

- Beach litter patrols
- Sand dune protection works
- General maintenance tasks to help ensure the public open spaces are safe for all to enjoy.

No previous work experience is required.

We are looking for people who will help us care for the coast, have an interest in our natural environment and want to learn new skills.

You must be eligible to work (15 years old or over).

Summer Rangers will work a range of shifts between Monday and Sunday, 7am to 11:30am.

If you are interested, please email your resume and a short cover letter outlining why you would like to work as a Summer Coastal Ranger through to Nicola Hyde – nicola@barwoncoast.com.au

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