

Pentland Primary School Newsletter

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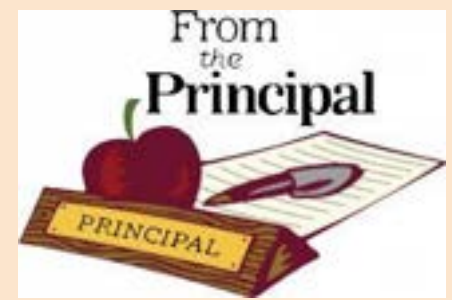
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Monday 31st August, 2026



From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week our senior school students represented Pentland Primary School in the Bacchus Marsh Summer Sports. Congratulations to our students involved. Thank you to our staff who involved in this event and providing this valuable experience to our students. It was great to see parents spectating. Transport to and from summer sport was via our school mini-buses, saving families approximately \$10.00 per child.

Planning for our Grade 5 Canberra Tour is well underway. Support for our first inter state school tour has been strong. Additional information regarding the Canberra Tour will be provided at our Parent Information Sessions. Our first Parent Information session is scheduled for Monday 31st of August at 2.10pm.

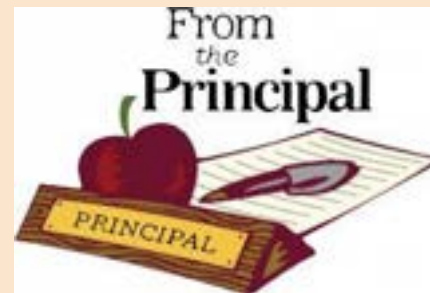
As we rapidly approach the end of term 3, we encourage families to find a moment to remind their children of our school expectations and school values. We are currently experiencing an increase in unacceptable behaviour.

This winter we continue to experience unsustainable levels of staff absence. We appreciate how disruptive this level of staff absence is to student learning and maintaining a steady momentum and daily school routine. Thank you for your patience and continued support. We are considering a range of options for term 4 to lessen the impact of staff absence.

Our school's journey with the implementation of the School Wide Positive Behaviour program is progressing beautifully. Families are now probably hearing all about the SWPBS from their children. Dylan Reithofer and the SWPBS team are doing an amazing job engaging the Pentland community in this space. Last week we presented the first of our Penny Platypus lapel pins. Congratulations to our students who are the first to receive the Penny Platypus pins.

From the Principal's Desk

We have commenced discussions with the Department of Education regarding provision of a new school gym. Under the current Department of Education facilities schedule we are entitled to a much larger school gym. While we appreciate that provision of a new gym will not be instant, we have commenced the journey.



Planning for 2027 is well underway. We anticipate a student enrolment of approximately 600 students in 2027. We are calling for student enrolments now. If you are aware of families who intend to enrol their children at Pentland Primary School please encourage them to contact Shannon in our main admin office. Thanks.

Our Foundation Reception program continues to gain momentum. If you have enrolled a child in Foundation for the 2027 school year, they are most welcome to participate in our Foundation Reception program. Please contact Shannon in our main office for further details.

Our whole school assemblies will remain on a Friday commencing at 2.40pm on the basketball court. Parents and Carers are welcome to come along and watch the assembly.

I would like to remind families that the procedures remain in place in relation to late arrival to school, early dismissal of students. The Compass Kiosk is located in the office. All visitors must sign in at the office via the Compass Kiosk. Students arriving late must sign in at the office and collect a late pass. Parents collecting their children early must sign their children out via the Compass Kiosk in the office. Students leaving early will be collected from the school office not the classroom.

Please find a moment to check the list of important dates for 2026. We have a wide range of events planned already for the year.

Thanks for your continued support.

Andrew, Brianna, Daniel & Lyndon and the Team @ Pentland.

Key dates for Term 3, 2026



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3

2ND SEPT

Prep
Reception
A-J Families

4TH SEPT

Whole School
Assembly

4TH SEPT

Father's Day
Stall

9TH SEPT

Prep
Reception
K-Z Families

9TH SEPT

Foundation
Wildlife Park
Excursion

10TH SEPT

Parents Club
Meeting @
2:10pm



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3

11TH SEPT

Whole School
Assembly

16TH SEPT

Prep
Reception
A-J Families

18TH SEPT

Last day of
Term 3

5TH OCT

First day of
Term 4



Provide feedback at anytime on our school policies - available on our school website

At **Pentland Primary School**, we are committed to providing an environment where all students are safe, supported, and feel safe. Our **Child Safety and Wellbeing Framework** outlines how we maintain the safety and wellbeing of every student and protect them from harm. This framework includes our:

Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy, Child Safety Reporting and Responding Obligations Procedures, Child Safety Code of Conduct, which outlines expected behaviours for all staff and volunteers

You can view these documents on our school website: [Our School | Pentland Primary School | Darley](#)

We are also committed to **continuous improvement**. Our child safety policies and practices are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain current, effective, and aligned with best practice.

Your Feedback Matters

Students and families are important partners in maintaining a child-safe environment. We welcome your feedback and ideas on how we can continue to strengthen our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any **concerns, suggestions, or comments**, please contact: **Andrew Harrison, Principal** on 5367 6080 or pentland.ps@education.vic.gov.au
All child safety concerns or complaints are taken seriously. For further information about how we manage complaints, please refer to our **Complaints Policy**, available on our website [Our School | Pentland Primary School | Darley](#)

Regular reminders such as this help keep our community informed about: Our commitment to child safety, and How to provide feedback or raise concerns.

Together, we can ensure Pentland Primary School continues to be a safe, caring, and inclusive environment for every child.

2027 Foundation Enrolments



Statewide timeline for Foundation (Prep) enrolments.

Steps to enroll your child in Foundation (Prep) for the 2027 school year

To start primary school in 2026, your child will need to **turn 5 years old by 30 April 2027**. Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old. If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2027, you will be able to apply to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school from the start of Term 2, 2026 (Monday 20th of April 2026).

What you need to do:

1. Use [Find my School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
3. Download the Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers (released in Week 1, Term 2). This pack includes the application form.
4. The school may also provide you with a copy of the application form to complete or advise if they are using online enrolment.
5. Submit your enrolment application to the school by Friday 31 July 2026.
6. You will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 3 August and Friday 14 August 2026. The letter from the school will include the next steps. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should respond to the offer by Friday 28 August 2026.

Enrolment applications submitted after 31 July 2026 will be processed by the school as they are received.

Your child has a right to enrol at their local school. Your child's local school is determined by their permanent residential address. The [Enrolling in school](#) page can help you to confirm your child's address for enrolment.

If you are applying to a school that is not your child's local school, you should read about [school zones](#) and how they work. You should also read about how applications are prioritised using the Department of Education's Placement Policy found on the [Enrolling in school](#) page.



Classroom News



Here you can get an insight into some of the exciting things happening within our school.





Foundation

Hatching Chickens 🥚🐣🐣



As a part of our Biological Science topic this term, we are hatching chicks.

The students have loved watching the chicks hatch from their eggs and grow each day. We have been learning about the chicken life cycle through daily observations, drawing pictures of what we notice, and completing lots of fun chicken-themed activities.



Grade 2



Earlier in the term, our Grade 2 students embarked on an exciting adventure to Angahook Holiday Camp! It was a fantastic opportunity to step outside their comfort zones, work together and create wonderful memories with their classmates.

Students participated in a range of challenging and engaging activities. Teamwork was a big focus as they worked together to build huts and navigate orienteering activities. They also learned the basics of archery, showing great focus, patience and determination.

The low ropes course provided another exciting challenge, with students encouraging one another as they tackled a variety of obstacles. It was fantastic to see students supporting each other, persevering when things became difficult and celebrating their successes.

Of course, there was plenty of delicious food to keep everyone fuelled, followed by a well-earned early night... for most! 😊

It was wonderful to see our Grade 2 students grow in confidence, independence and teamwork throughout the camp.

Grade 6

Classroom Library Competition by Izzy and Tilly (6A)

The Classroom Library Competition was announced on 27 July, and over the past four weeks, students have worked incredibly hard to create fun, inviting and encouraging reading spaces in their classrooms. The libraries were primarily designed and created by students, helping to promote a love of reading and encourage positive reading habits. We are incredibly proud of the effort and creativity that students and teachers have put into creating these wonderful reading spaces. Happy Book Week!



Term 3 Theme

This term, students have been exploring Earth and Space Sciences, investigating how Earth's rotation, tilt and orbit cause day, night, seasons and the length of a year. They will compare Earth with other planets and explore patterns in the night sky, including how stars and constellations can be used for navigation.



Science Squad by Aydin (6B) and Josh (6A)

This term, Aydin, Chloe, Keira, Riley, Emily and Josh were selected to participate in Science Squad, a group of Year 6 students who were excelling in Science. We enjoyed extending our scientific knowledge through engaging activities, including exploring flight, hydrophilic and hydrophobic substances, and taste testing. We really enjoyed learning alongside other students and gaining new perspectives on Science. We would like to thank Mr Bowman for organising this fantastic opportunity!



SCIENCE

Respectful Relationships

This term, Year 1 students have been learning about the importance of cooperation through a variety of fun and engaging games that encourage teamwork, communication and working together.



This term, Foundation students have been learning about positive coping strategies and have created their very own coping tool to take home and use when they need a little extra support managing big feelings.





Grade 5/6 students melting crayons and pouring into silicon moulds to learn about reversible changes of matter.



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Grade 3-6 Students mixing bi-carb soda and vinegar in a bottle. The chemical reaction creates carbon dioxide that inflates a balloon.



Year 1/2 students making boats from aluminium foil to find out which shapes float and hold the most weight.





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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

KEY DATES:

 **SUMMER SPORT – FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH**

 **DIVISION ATHLETICS – WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER**

 **JUMP OFF DAY – 18TH SEPTEMBER**

F-2

Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students have begun engaging in fun equipment stations designed to target specific FMS skills such as **Throwing**, **Catching** and **Bouncing**.

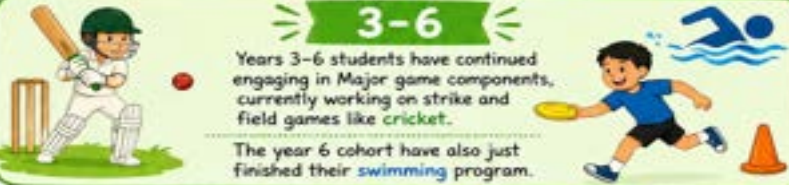
The program is designed to include a range of different equipment and use repetition to help the students grasp key skills.



3-6

Years 3-6 students have continued engaging in Major game components, currently working on strike and field games like **cricket**.

The year 6 cohort have also just finished their **swimming** program.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thankyou so much for everyone's support on **Jump rope for heart** so far!

we have raised over \$9,000 and have **6 weeks** left on the program.

If you havent already please use this link to sign up :) : www.jumprope.org.au/parents

Thankyou so much! ♥






Mental Health in Schools

Building Connections with Bacchus Marsh Police

On 5 August, we were delighted to welcome members of the Bacchus Marsh Police to our special Pancake Breakfast Club. Their visit provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet local police officers, ask questions, and engage in positive conversations with members of our school community.

The officers thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Pentland and were impressed by our students, who were exceptionally well-mannered, respectful, and welcoming. Our students also enjoyed the special treat of pancakes as part of the morning's Breakfast Club.

This initiative aims to strengthen positive relationships between our school community and the local police. By providing opportunities for students to interact with police in a friendly and informal setting, we hope to build trust, familiarity, and a strong sense of community.

We look forward to welcoming the Bacchus Marsh Police back to Pentland on **2 September**.

Pancakes will once again be prepared for the students as a special treat, alongside the usual Breakfast Club menu.

We sincerely thank the Bacchus Marsh Police for taking the time to visit our school and for supporting this wonderful community initiative.



Attendance



PPS BELL TIMES	
Time	Session
8:40am	First Bell
8:40 - 9:40am	1st Session
9:40 - 10:40am	2nd Session
10:40 - 11:05am	Recess
11:05 - 12:05pm	3rd Session
12:05 - 1:05pm	4th Session
1:05 - 1:20pm	Lunch Eating Time
1:20 - 2:10pm	Lunchtime
2:10 - 3:10pm	5th Session
3:10pm	Home Time

Why going to school is important

Going to school every day is an important part of your child's education. Children and young people learn new things at school every day, connect with friends, have fun and develop good habits that help them to succeed. Attending and participating in school will help your child:

- develop important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- develop social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and teamwork
- establish friendships with peers which help develop self-esteem and a sense of belonging.

There is no good number of days for missing school. **Being away from school for 1 day a fortnight adds up to missing 4 whole weeks of school a year.** Where possible, you should avoid your child missing school, for example, make appointments for your child outside of school hours and keep family holidays to outside term time.

When you are late: Ensure that you present to the office and sign in before getting a late pass to give to your teacher. The office ladies will help you with this.



Every Day at School is a Step Towards Success!!



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Camp Australia OSHC Program



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ROCKETEERS



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) available for eligible families.

*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, log into MyGov.

www.campaustalia.com.au/rocketeers



FUN AWAITS! YOUR SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Pentland Primary School

Address: 164 Halletts Way BACCHUS MARSH VIC 3340

Phone: 0405 413 948 Program Times: 09:30 am - 05:30 pm

Mon 21 Sep Big Art Day: Skewer and Discover Step into a world where ideas grow! Paint, build and design six creativity skewers all around you. What will you bring to life today?	 Full Fee \$21.14 After Max. CCS* \$0.00 None Camp Day	Tue 22 Sep Big Art Day: Wild Wild West Saddle up for creativity! Design your own horse, horse with cowboy images and expressive eyes. Your imagination, your ride!	 Full Fee \$22.89 After Max. CCS* \$12.49 Project
Wed 23 Sep Special Event: Ultimate Ninja Challenge by Proactivity Race against the clock and tackle giant challenges in the ultimate Grand Final! Obstacle packed with action, teamwork and high-energy fun!	 Full Fee \$154.89 After Max. CCS* \$10.49 Children	Thu 24 Sep Project: Spinning Showdown Build three powerful spinning tops, battle it out in your own Spinning Arena, and discover which creation can spin its way to victory!	 Full Fee \$128.14 After Max. CCS* \$12.81 Project
Mon 28 Sep Operation: Green Thumb Start the seed of an idea and watch it grow! Explore, create and discover what happens when imagination and nature work together.	 Full Fee \$21.14 After Max. CCS* \$0.00 None Camp Day	Tue 29 Sep Special Event: Grand Final Fever with Cakes Healthy Kids Compete, cheer and win up! Join the ultimate AFL, VFL showdown! Front row packed challenges to interactive activity zones, every moment is packed with movement, fun and excitement!	 Full Fee \$146.89 After Max. CCS* \$14.89 Excursion
Wed 30 Sep Experience Takeover: Cake Masters Ready to become a Cake Master? A special guest is coming to help you decorate cakes, get creative with fun designs and package your masterpieces to take home!	 Full Fee \$128.14 After Max. CCS* \$12.81 Experience Takeover	Thu 01 Oct Adventure: Dreamworks Animation Forgotten Island Get ready for a magical cinema adventure! Step through a mysterious portal and into a magical world filled with unforgettable characters, hidden secrets and an incredible friendship put to the ultimate test in Forgotten Island.	 Full Fee \$151.34 After Max. CCS* \$15.19 Excursion
Fri 02 Oct Project: Realms Kingdom Builders Build your own kingdom with our exclusive Realms Cubelets magnetic building system. Then embark on a special journey to discover which character will join your Castle's adventure!	 Full Fee \$128.89 After Max. CCS* \$12.89 Project		

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Camp Australia OSHC Program



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27/08/2026

Camp Australia Pentland Primary School OSHC

Australia
Guiding Children's Growth

Your OSHC. **ROCKETEERS**

Camp Australia Pentland acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional owners of the land on which our service is built, we pay our respect to the elders, past, present and emerging, to the knowledge embedded within the community and the strength in their enduring connection to land and culture.

Hello Pentland Families,

Spring is just around the corner, and with warmer days ahead, we're looking forward to making the most of the sunshine and getting outdoors at OSHC! It's also hard to believe we're only a few weeks away from the end of term! The weeks are flying by, and we have plenty of fun, engaging activities planned as we head towards the school holidays. We're excited to make the most of these final weeks of the term.

We can't wait to see what the next couple of weeks has in store!

- **From Monday 11th August – Father's Day!**
The children will spend this week preparing special cards and gifts for the important men in their lives. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to use their creativity to make something meaningful and unique!
- **From Monday 7th September – Child Protection Week!**
During Child Protection Week, the children will explore kindness, their rights and support systems through engaging games and activities. They will learn about feeling safe, speaking up and identifying trusted adults who can support them.

We appreciate your ongoing support throughout the term, we look forward to fun and meaningful weeks of learning, creating and celebrating together!

Warm regards,
Service Leader & OSHC Team.

Activities coming up

- **Father's Day!**
- **Child Protection Week!**

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.





Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026**.

A random sample of parents / carers have been selected to participate in this year's survey. Survey links have already been distributed to our random selection of families.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / carers who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Lost Property

Lost property is located in the First Aid Office.

It's vital that if you want us to return items of clothing, drink bottles or lunch boxes to your child, please make sure that they are clearly named.

If you have lost or misplaced an item this term without your child's name on it please call in and check lost property before end on term 2.





First Aid



Does your child have a medical illness? Do we know about it, and have a current action plan? If your unsure please contact or pop into the First Aid office and speak with Nadine about your child.

If your child has Asthma it is mandatory that you supply an up to date Action Plan, Ventolin and a Spacer to keep in your child's class locker for immediate use and excursions.

Asthma Action Plan Template:

https://asthma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/AA2025_Asthma-Action-Plan-First-Aid-Colour-A4_v20.pdf

Allergy Action Plan Template:

https://www.allergy.org.au/images/stories/anaphylaxis/2026/ASCIA_Action_Plan_Allergic_Reactions_2026.pdf

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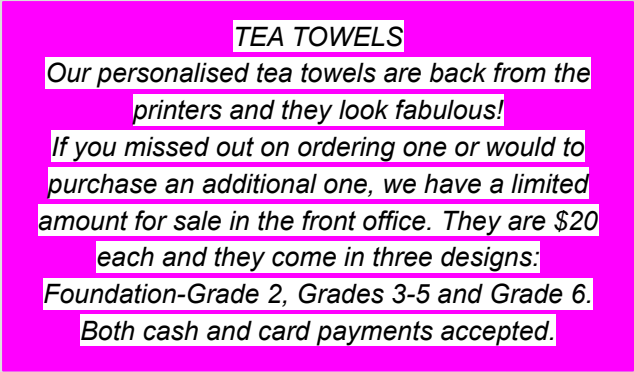
https://www.allergy.org.au/images/stories/anaphylaxis/2026/ASCIA_Action_Plan_Allergic_Reactions_2026.pdf

Diabetes Action Plan Template:

<https://www.diabetesvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/EDU-130-SCHOOL-ActManPlan-MDI->

If at any stage you have have a question about your child's medical needs or situation please call us here on 5367 6080 or pop into the First Aid Office and chat with Nadine





Community News

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-Improve physical & mental health

-A safe space to build lifelong friendships

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Or visit our website and complete an online enquiry form

<http://www.artofdefence.com.au>



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DOJO ADDRESSES

Bacchus Marsh

Darley Primary School Gym,
Nelson Street, Darley

Diggers Rest

Diggers Rest Pavillion
Community Centre,
48 Plumpton Rd, Diggers Rest

Taylors Hill

Taylors Hill Community Centre
121 Calder Park Dve, Taylors Hill

Sunbury

Sunbury Aquatic & Leisure Centre
20 Ligar Street, Sunbury

Thornhill Park

Thornhill Park Primary School Gym
61 Baxterpark Dve, Thornhill Park

Community News



**NEW
FUTSAL
COMPS**

Australian Futsal Association
WEST VIC

MARC Stadium, Bacchus Marsh

Term 4 + Term 1

16 Week Comp

STARTS 9TH OCTOBER

FRIDAY NIGHTS
U8s, U9s & U10s

SATURDAYS | 4PM - 6PM
U11s THROUGH TO YOUTH

Build skills, have fun, and
play in AFA West Vic's
newest competitions!

REGISTER NOW

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Community News



🏀 Bacchus Marsh Magic Basketball Club – New Player EOI for 2026/27 Summer Season 🏀

Bacchus Marsh Magic is getting ready for the summer basketball season, and we'd love to welcome new players from our local primary schools!

Magic has teams for girls and boys from U/8s to U/21s, and this year we're especially excited to grow our girls' program. If your child has ever wanted to give basketball a try, now is a great time to get involved.

Our club focuses on fun, teamwork, learning new skills, and building confidence — perfect for beginners and experienced players alike.

To help us plan teams for next season, families are invited to complete our Expression of Interest form.

📅 EOI Deadline: Monday, 31st August 2026 📌 Form link:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSlkWdsW0yxEajBLZtrQAAAAAIAAAAAAAAAZ_vGzY39URVNWNTTRTSDNJRE1UQUURWUIYyMkJTRk9KVi4u

We look forward to seeing lots of new faces — especially more girls keen to give basketball a go — on the court this summer!

Community News

Melbourne Youth Orchestras 2027 Summer School

Join over 800 young musicians at the University of Melbourne Southbank Campus from **Monday 11 January to Saturday 16 January** for the [Melbourne Youth Orchestras](https://myo.org.au/programs/summer-school/) 2027 Summer School.

This inspirational week features daily rehearsals across **Symphony Orchestras, String Orchestras, Symphonic Bands, and Jazz Orchestras** for all skill levels, alongside engaging workshops, surprise guests, and celebratory concerts.

Expand your technique, explore new repertoire, and make unforgettable musical discoveries in the heart of Melbourne's arts precinct.

As 2027 marks **MYO's 60th anniversary**, the week will also carry a special celebratory flair, with extra events throughout.

Read more and apply here: <https://myo.org.au/programs/summer-school/>

Please note applications close Monday 14 September

