

YEA HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL REPORT

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to school for 2021. The commencement of the school year has been reasonably smooth – a wet first Friday made that day difficult. The return to school was supported by Ann Drysdale, Rod Clue, Gary Male and Trevor Young and we thank them for their hard work to ensure the facilities and administration were geared for a successful start to the school year. The Year 7's embarked on a camp at Rubicon Outdoor Education Centre this week. This camp is an important introduction to high school life as it helps them become acquainted with teachers and peers, away from the classroom setting.



Mr Bruce Skewes



Mr Brian D'Arcy

The school continues to ensure COVID-19 safe practices are in place. This includes cleaning and sanitising surfaces throughout the day and complying with Government regulations and expectations to support the management of the pandemic.

Our 2020 DUX



CONGRATULATIONS 2020 SCHOOL DUX

Year 12 student Ben Charles was the Dux at the Yea campus for 2020. We congratulate him on his academic achievement.

Congratulations also to our graduating Year 12 students. Based on their hard work during 2020, a significant number of students took up first round offers at Universities and Colleges. The offers included Law/Global Studies (Australian Catholic University), Psychological Science (Deakin University), Science Advanced-Research (Honours) (Monash University) and Arts (Deakin University). A number of students also took up job offers and traineeships. We wish them all the best with your future!

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

The school captains for 2021 are Layla Calder and Aaron Huggins.

STAFFING 2021

We welcome Paris Foster, Georgia Devenish and Kelly Gilmore to our teaching staff. Graham Veal has also joined the staff as a Chaplain as well as teaching music. Mel Cornell came on staff late 2020 as the school nurse.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council (the continuation of 2020 Council) will meet on Tuesday 16th February at 5.30 pm. Information regarding vacancies and processes to form the new 2021 School Council will be available soon after that meeting.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This had been set for Friday February 19th at the Yea Pool. The school is waiting on advice on arrangements to ensure the event meets COVID-19 restrictions.



If you are unwell,
please stay at home.



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PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students and families are reminded of the school's Personal Electronic Device protocol which was agreed to after extensive consultation over recent years. Please make yourself familiar with its contents – the intent of the protocol is to ensure a safe, disruption free learning environment in classrooms.

STUDENT SAFETY

Your attention is drawn to the following items relating to student safety:

- We draw to your attention the current uniform requirements and thank our students and their families for their compliance– the uniform requirements, including appropriate footwear, contribute to school safety.
- Families are also advised that with the commencement of school term the 40kmph speed limit will apply in school zones at the set times. Please be aware that the police will be enforcing this requirement.
- We ask that all parents and visitors to the school report in at the school office.
- Parents driving their students to school are reminded that students should be dropped off and picked up at either the area adjacent to the main gates on Racecourse Road or the Lawrence Road public car park. Parents are advised that, in the interests of student safety, the main driveway and the bus circle must be kept clear during pick up and drop off times.
- A reminder that on Code Red Days bus travel is suspended but the school will remain open.

SUNSMART

Hot, sunny weather means that students need to be sunsmart in the yard. The school's policy encourages students to wear an appropriate hat and wear sunscreen. Students who do not have the appropriate hat during break times will be directed to shaded areas. Hats are available for purchase at the general office. We would ask families to support the school's policy on this issue.

SEVERE ALLERGY AND ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLANS

The school needs to have its records as up-to-date as possible. We remind families that the school should be notified of asthma and severe allergy management plans and emergency contact details for 2021. Any of these issues should also be discussed with the student advisors or year level coordinators. Please notify the school's general office if any of your family details have changed. Severe allergy, anaphylaxis and asthma management plans should be presented to the school on appropriate forms provided by a doctor and updated yearly.

MEDICATION

Please make contact with the general office if your child currently needs medication to be administered during school hours. A special medication form will need to be completed. Please note that staff are not authorised to dispense medication to students during school hours without written permission. This includes such medications as Panadol.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER'S RISK

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Staff and students are advised against bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

SCHOOL BUS

A reminder: The school bus service is not provided as transport to get to after-school jobs, social or sports training etc.

Any student who needs to make a request for causal travel on a particular day or to change buses on a particular day must provide a note signed by a parent/guardian on the morning prior to the day of such a request. Buses will not run on Code Red fire danger rating days.

CHILD SAFE

All children and young people have the right to protection in their best interests. Yea High School understands the important role our school plays in protecting children from abuse including:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse (including sexual exploitation)
- Family violence
- Emotional abuse
- Neglect (including medical neglect)
- Grooming

The staff at Yea High School are required by law to comply with various child safety reporting obligations. For detailed information about each obligation, please refer to Identifying and Responding to All Forms of Abuse in Victorian Schools. Yea High School we also recognise the diversity of the children and young people at our school and take account of their individual needs and backgrounds when considering child safety.

Library News

IT WAS A BOOK LONG BEFORE
THEY MADE IT INTO A FILM

Have you seen Dragon Rider?
Why not read the book, available now
at the library (hint: the book is always
better than the movie!)

ASK BELINDA AT THE DESK IF
YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE
LOCATING A COPY



And just like that 2021 is off to a flying start, let's hope it stays a safe one for us all!

Welcome to all our new students and families and welcome back to everyone else. After the disruption of last year, it was difficult to get many new books processed and on the shelves, but I have had a few little helpers lending a hand already in the library this year, so fingers crossed this will change in the near future. There are certainly a heap of new books here waiting

to be released, with more arriving all the time.

I also have a lot of requests to catch up on! Thanks so much to the students who have suggested book and series titles that would be great additions to the library collections, please keep asking me if they have arrived as I don't always get time to catch up with everyone and let them know.

I look forward to welcoming new students and families to YHS soon in person but in the meantime, please feel free to visit the Library online at <https://au.accessit.online/YHG00>

We offer a great range of digital services, see the 'cut and keep' bookmark located elsewhere in this newsletter for details, or feel free to contact me to discuss.

As for my holiday reading, alas, I was apparently not as good as I thought last year, Santa failed to gift me my new books, but I did manage to finish 'A Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue' by Lee Mackenzi; and begin reading the last book in Jay Kristoff's Life-11k3 trilogy. What did you get through?

Happy reading!

Belinda

YHS LIBRARY

See all the wonderful online services that Yea High School Library offers

FULLY INTEGRATED

Access the library catalogue from anywhere! It's a one-stop-shop for all the digital services we provide

ONLINE CATALOGUE

<https://au.accessit.online/YHG00>

ClickView VIDEO STREAMING

Think Netflix, but for school! Thousands of videos including educational, purpose-made content, entertainment and so much more

EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

Thousands of eBooks and Audiobooks to supplement your reading, offering both dyslexic and night-time screen settings

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Manage loans, self-renew overdue items, borrow digital resources, and see your borrowing history, to name just a few features!

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YHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS 2021—WITH GRAHAM VEAL

Tuition will be available this year for various musical instruments.
\$30 for the year + instrument hire

Lessons are weekly and operate on a rotating timetable during normal school hours

Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Alto or Tenor Sax. Brass: Trombone, Trumpet
Other: Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, Bass, Drums.

INTERESTED? THERE IS A EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SIGN UP SHEET AT THE ADMIN OFFICE

CANTEEN PRICE LIST – 2021

ROLLS

(Wholemeal or Grain)	
Salad Roll	\$3.50
Ham & Salad	\$4.00
Chicken & Salad	\$4.50
Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo	\$4.00

(All salads include cheese)

(Fresh chicken is used)

HOT FOOD

Pizza Pockets	\$3.50
Pizza Single	\$3.00
L/F Traveller Beef Pies	\$3.50
L/F Pepper Steak Traveller	\$3.50
L/F Beef, Cheese & Onion Pie	\$4.00
Beef, Cheese & Bacon Pie	\$3.50
Vegetable Pastie	\$3.50
Shepherd's Pie	\$4.00
Spinach & Ricotta Roll (Large)	\$4.00
Sausage Rolls	\$3.50
Noodles – Chick/Beef/Oriental	\$2.80

SALADS

Garden Salad *	\$3.50
Tuna & Salad *	\$4.00
Chicken & Salad *	\$4.50
Pasta Salad	\$3.50
Potato Salad	\$3.50

* (salads need to be ordered at recess)

SNACKS

Bowl of Fruit (Assorted)	\$3.00	BBQ Shapes	\$2.00
Bowl of Watermelon	\$2.50	Red Rock Deli Chips (Small)	\$1.00
L/F Yoghurt	\$1.50	Salt & Vinegar Chips (Small)	\$1.00
Bag of Grapes (Seasonal)	\$2.50	Doritos	\$1.60
Apples	\$1.00	Twisties	\$1.60
Oranges	\$1.00	Large Freddo Frogs (Fridays Only)	\$1.20
Milo Yoghurt	\$1.00	Large Caramello Koalas (Fridays Only)	\$1.20
Wagon Wheels	\$1.60	Python (Fridays Only)	\$0.70
Yogos	\$3.50	Bag of Lollies (Fridays Only)	\$1.00
Tic Tacs	\$2.50		

ICE-CREAMS (School Approved)

Magnum	\$4.60
Golden Gaytime	\$4.00
Mini Callipo	\$1.30
Paddle Pops – Choc/ Rainbow	\$1.80
Lemonade Icy pole	\$1.30
Bubble O'Bill	\$2.70

(ICE-CREAMS ONLY SOLD AT LUNCHTIME)

DRINKS

Water	\$2.50
Prima – Tropical/Orange/Blackcurrant	\$1.50
Large Big M	\$4.00
Dare Ice Coffee Milk	\$4.00
M2Go	\$2.80
Orange Juice	\$3.50
Apple Juice	\$3.50
Breakfast Juice	\$3.50

L/F = LOW FAT. WHEREVER POSSIBLE LOW FAT, LOW SALT ALTERNATIVES ARE ALWAYS USED.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A DAILY SPECIAL TO BE ANNOUNCED ON THE DAY.

TABLE TENNIS EQUIPMENT

Table Tennis Bats	\$3.00	Table Tennis Balls	\$0.30
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