



# YEA HIGH SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL REPORT

### LEADERSHIP

A huge congratulations to our 2025 House Captains, Bus Captains, and Student Leaders on their appointment to the student leadership team. Leadership roles help students build essential skills such as confidence, communication, and teamwork, while encouraging personal growth and responsibility. These experiences will prepare them to face future challenges both at school and beyond. I look forward to collaborating with our leaders to continue developing our school.

### SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS

The School Saving Bonus offers one-off support for Victorian school-aged students. Parents/Guardians should have already received information and allocated funds. Any unspent amount as of July 1, 2025, will automatically convert into a school activities credit, available for use from August 2025. This delay allows time for processing outstanding transactions and invoices. If you need to use the bonus for school activities in July 2025, please manually allocate the funds through the online system before June 30, 2025. The credit can help cover costs such as uniforms, excursions, and camps.



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# PRINCIPAL REPORT cont/d

## COMMUNICATION

The school uses a range of platforms to disseminate information to the school community. Primarily, the school uses the **Compass Management System** to share information relating to student:

### Learning

- Curriculum Documentation
- Learning Tasks and Resources

### Wellbeing

- Attendance
- Behaviour Observations (Positive, Minor and Major Behaviours)

### Administration

- Excursions and Events
- Staff contact



While Compass is our main communication platform, we also use the school website, newsletter, and Facebook account to share updates and information with the community.

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## MYLNS

The school has received Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy Support funding to assist Year 10 students in strengthening the literacy and numeracy skills essential for their future work and studies. Andrei Telehin and Franck Panazio will lead an intervention program for identified students to help them improve these crucial skills.

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

I would like to express my gratitude to the outgoing members of the 2024/2025 School Council, David Ross and Belinda Fisher, for their dedication and service. School Council plays a vital role in managing resources and guiding important discussions for the benefit of the school community.

Please join me in welcoming the 2025/2026 committee: Parents: Andrew Fulford (President), Erin Papadopoulos (Vice-President), Kelly Harris, Robin Hopp, and Amanda Jolly

Students: Matilda Underhill and Daisy Hopp

Staff: Jessica Hill, Diane Miller and Phoebe Parker

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## PAST EVENTS

- **Elevate:** Year 12 students recently participated in a Study Skills Seminar focused on enhancing their memory techniques and mnemonics. Throughout the year, Elevate will continue to support our students, helping them build the skills needed to effectively apply these strategies and achieve their VCE goals.

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- **NAPLAN:** Year 7 and 9 students have completed the NAPLAN annual assessment. Results will be posted home Term 2 and data will be used to inform teacher practice.

## Upcoming Events

- **Junior School Camp:** Our Year 7 and 8 students are excited for the Lorne Surf Camp, and I look forward to visiting on Tuesday. The camp aims to build teamwork, confidence, and independence, while giving students the chance to try new things, make friends, and have fun in a supportive environment.



- **Whole School Assembly:** Friday 28 March, 12:10pm – 1:00pm. We will be celebrating our 2025 Student Leaders, House Swimming results including Age Champions and our instrumental music program. Special Guest, Cindy McLeish (State Member for Eildon). Parents and Family welcome, please just remember to sign in at the general office.
- **Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews:** Students will soon receive their Progress Reports, reflecting their Learning and Engagement for Term 1, 2025. Parents/Guardians will be able to book a conference through the Compass Management System. Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews will take place on April 1st from 4:30–6:00pm in Kinglake and on April 2nd from 12:00–7:00pm in Yea. An alternate learning program will be offered on Wednesday to accommodate these interviews. A big thank you to Kinglake Middle Primary School and Principal Meagan Callander for hosting us on Tuesday evening.

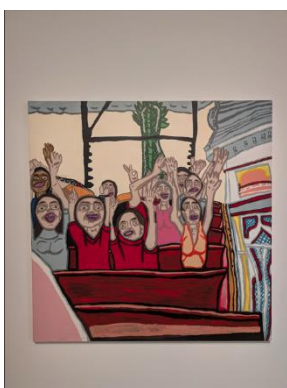




### **TARRAWARRA EXCURSION - 'Really enlightening' – by Noah Burton.**

When I heard that the exhibition was mainly of artists with disabilities, such as myself, I was really excited. It did not disappoint. I really enjoyed the Valhalla building, it was really eye catching. This was an outdoor building, looking like an old wrecked home, but on the inside it was like an modern office building with elevators. When you pressed the buttons, it shook and all these weird sounds came out of it.

I got really into asking questions and felt like I was in the zone. I definitely felt welcomed by the tour guide into this experience, and enjoyed the feedback on art topics. I would encourage other people to check it out if they can.





# SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

How are we nearly at the end of term 1? Just some key information from the senior school.

## **School Assessed Coursework (SAC)**

Students are well into their studies with many SAC's being completed. All SAC results and comments are uploaded to Compass 2 weeks after the assessment and can be viewed by students and parents. If a student receives an UG this means that the SAC does not meet requirements and will either need to be resat or an alternative assessment will need to be completed. Please speak to the teacher of the subject for more information.

If a student misses a scheduled SAC a medical certificate will need to be supplied to the school, and an alternative date organised for the student to receive a grade.

## **Elevate**

On Monday the Year 12 students participated in an Elevate study skills session. This session focused on memory and mnemonics, helping student identify ways to improve their studying skills. A further session for Year 12's will be held later in the year focusing on exam preparation. A Year 11 session will also be held next term.

## **Year 11 uniform**

Students are still designing their uniform, and we hope to have this sorted by the end of term, for orders early next term.

## **Uniform**

Just a reminder that all students are required to be in school uniform at all times. Please no hoddies, slides, crocs and Ugg boots, as these are a safety concern. More information regarding uniform will be released soon.

As always if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

*Jude O'Connor*



# ART CLUB

By Nakaiah, Nevaeh and Heidi

This year in Art Club, we are attempting a community project to make the school more visually appealing. This term, our group is designing mosaic bird baths to go around the school. We are all from various year levels, working together. Everyone is welcome to come join us in the art room on Mondays at lunchtime!



## SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Finn  
Hargreaves



Rosemary  
Burt



## 2025 SCHOOL LEADERS

## SCHOOL COUNCIL



Daisy  
Hopp



Matilda  
Underhill



## YR 11 STUDENT LEADERS



Nina  
Callander



Will  
Granter



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**YR 10 STUDENT LEADERS**




Lily De Iulio



Ella Harris

**YR 9 STUDENT LEADERS**




Chyntel Sevenich



Joshua Carr

**YR 8 STUDENT LEADERS**




Hannah-Mae Swainston



Jackson Fairchild

**YR 7 STUDENT LEADERS**




Lexi Harris



Charlie Allen

## MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

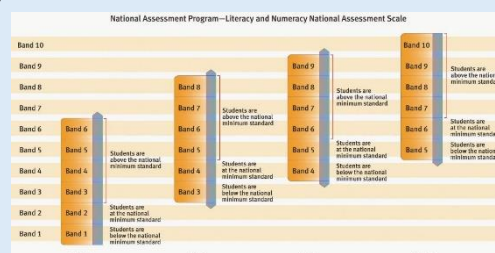
Hello from the middle-school! Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Nicola Fleming and I am the middle school leader at Yea High School this year. I will be your first point of contact for any queries or concerns relating to your child in years 9 or 10.



We've had a great start to the year, with students settling in well to the new leadership system we are implementing.

So far this year the middle school has been an integral part of the swimming carnival with students representing their house in full colours! The year 9s have also done their best and completed their NAPLAN testing. Great work year 9s!

Keep up the good work 9s and 10s!



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# Cycle Dindi M

over the hills and not so far away

## SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025

**A charity bicycle event along the Great Victorian Rail Trail**

Registrations open January 2025  
E: [cycledindi25@gmail.com](mailto:cycledindi25@gmail.com)

The event on the Great Victorian Rail Trail will be centred on the lovely townships of Yea and Alexandra. There will be a choice of 3 starting points, all converging on the banks of the Goulburn River at Cathkin for lunch.

This event is a fund raiser for Rotary Youth Projects.

**Rotary**  
Clubs of Alexandra and Yea and the Friends of the GVRT

**What do I get for my money?**

- Billy tea, damper and BBQ lunch at Cathkin
- Free admission to Nutfield a working farm, with free Devonshire Tea in the shearing shed, sheep dog demonstration and trailer ride.

**How Much?**

Early Bird (closes Feb 28th):  
Adult \$55 Senior \$45  
Student \$10  
From March 1st:  
Adult \$60 Senior \$50  
Student \$10

[www.trybooking.com/CWLWU](http://www.trybooking.com/CWLWU)

- Underschool age free
- SHR – relevant Seniors' card must be held
- Group discount available on request

**CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE**

DISTANCE	
Yea to Merton (return)	93 kms
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Merton to Cathkin (return)	51 kms
Yea to Cathkin (return)	42 kms
Yea to Alexandra (return)	68 kms
Alexandra to Yea (return)	68 kms
Alexandra to Cathkin (return)	26 kms

**Interested?**  
contact Melinda (Alexandra) 0418 378 806  
Julie (Yea) 0447 762 557  
or Ross (Mansfield) 0439 046 199  
[www.rotaryalexandra.org.au](http://www.rotaryalexandra.org.au)  
[www.yearotary.org.au](http://www.yearotary.org.au)

Cindy McLEISH up  
State Member for 11/2006



The Rotary Club of Yea has a strong Youth Exchange program and we have had students visiting us from Switzerland, France, Denmark and Japan. We have also been able to give some of our own kids the opportunity to travel and experience living overseas.

Host families take care of other people's kids while they are visiting our country on the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Could you welcome a child into your household for a minimum of 3 months?

All you need to get started is:

- a Working With Children Check (free of charge as you are a volunteer),
- to complete 4 learning modules online
- to have an interview with Rotary Youth Exchange representatives (done by phone)

Interested?

Contact Yea Rotary Club's Youth Exchange Officers Chris and Paul Kellett 0427 049 294

Email: [pandckellett@gmail.com](mailto:pandckellett@gmail.com)

Or check out the website: <https://ryea.org.au/host-families>

# 55th Easter Art Show Alexandra 2025

**Rotary Club of Alexandra**

**MAJOR BENEFICIARY**  
**GOULBURN VALLEY SUICIDE AWARENESS GROUP**

**GALA OPENING NIGHT**  
Friday 18 April 6.30pm  
\$25pp includes drinks and finger food

Saturday 19 April 10am-5pm  
Sunday 20 April 10am-5pm  
Monday 21 April 9am-12noon

Entry Saturday, Sunday & Monday \$5pp  
Kids under 16 free

**SHIRE HALL, 55 GRANT STREET**

[www.alexandraartshow.com](http://www.alexandraartshow.com)

You can book for opening night online by scanning code or pay at the door

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Kinglake Plumbing & Drainage



**YEA MACHINERY**  
6 STATION STREET

Congratulations Chevy Klinge  
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# VET - Vocational Education Training

## WHAT IT IS:

VET in schools allows secondary school students (typically Years 9-12) to undertake vocational training programs while still at school.

## BENEFITS:

- **Workplace Skills:** Students gain practical skills and knowledge relevant to specific industries.
- **Nationally Recognized Qualifications:** VET courses lead to nationally recognized qualifications, which can be used for further education, training, or employment.
- **Credits Towards School Qualifications:** VET courses can provide credits towards the student's VCE and is a requirement of VCE-VM.
- **Career Exploration:** VET can help students explore different career pathways and gain an understanding of various industries.
- **School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships:** Students can also begin part-time school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

## VET COURSES ON OFFER @ YEA HIGH SCHOOL:

VET courses can cover a wide range of industries, including trades (e.g., plumbing, automotive, construction), business, health, and animal studies.

In 2025 Yea High School delivers onsite:

Certificate II Active Volunteering,  
Certificate III Community Services and  
Certificate II Building & Construction.

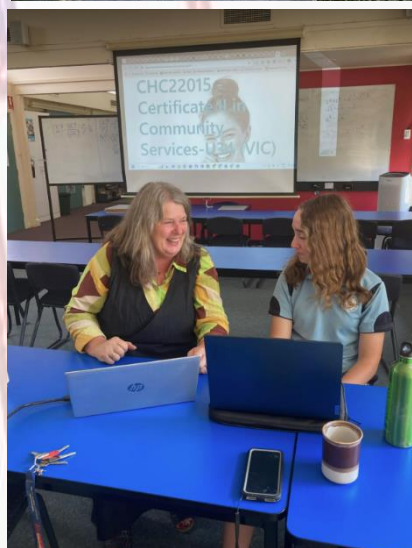
## DELIVERY:

VET courses can be delivered by schools themselves or by Registered Training Organisations (RTOS).

## DUAL ACCREDITATION:

VET courses are often "dual-accredited," meaning they provide recognition towards both the school qualification and a nationally recognized VET qualification (TAFE).

**For Further Information on Application Processes and 2026 Cut-Off Dates Please Speak to Sally Nott – Career Adviser.**



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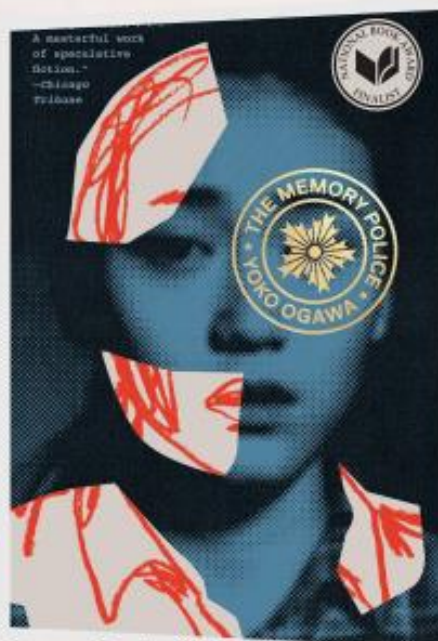


## Book profile

### The Memory Police by Yoko Ogawa

Year 12 English text, audiobook version available

Shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2020, an enthralling Orwellian novel about the terrors of state surveillance from one of Japan's greatest writers. Hat, ribbon, bird, rose. To the people on the island, a disappeared thing no longer has any meaning. It can be burned in the garden, thrown in the river or handed over to the Memory Police. Soon enough, the island forgets it ever existed. When a young novelist discovers that her editor is in danger of being taken away by the Memory Police, she desperately wants to save him.



For some reason, he doesn't forget, and it's becoming increasingly difficult for him to hide his memories. Who knows what will vanish next? *Finalist for the National Book Award 2019 Longlisted for the Translated Book Award 2020 New York Times 100 Notable Books of the Year: 'This timeless fable of control and loss feels more timely than ever' Guardian, Books of the Year: 'Echoes the themes of George Orwell's 1984, but it has a voice and power all its own' Time: 'A novel that makes us see differently...'*

## Library News

### International Women's Day (IWD)

Saturday March 8th was IWD. YHS Library always likes to acknowledge the amazing contribution of women throughout March so please check out the library catalogue for links to more info. We also have an International Women's Day reading list full of books that are written by women and about amazing women characters or figures in history. You can also search using the hashtags #IWD2025 #AccelerateAction #MarchForward to discover more about the campaign to achieve a world without gender bias, stereotypes and discrimination, or visit <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/> or



### DID YOU KNOW...

#### DOMESTIC LABOUR AND UNPAID CARE

## 2.5 times

Globally, women spend 2.5 times as many hours a day on unpaid care and domestic work as men.<sup>3</sup>

## 16 hours

On the national level Australian women spend 16 hours on unpaid care work on average compared to 12 hours for men.<sup>4</sup>