

# NEWSLETTER

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

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Issue #1

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back! I hope you and your family had a joyful, relaxing summer filled with special moments and time to recharge. As we begin a brand new school year, it is with great excitement and optimism that I welcome our students, families, and staff back to our school community.

The start of the year is always an inspiring time full of possibility, energy, and fresh beginnings. Our school is a place where students are known, supported, and celebrated, and we are proud of the positive culture we continue to build together. Throughout the summer, our dedicated teachers and staff worked enthusiastically to prepare welcoming classrooms, engaging lessons, and meaningful experiences that will help every student start the year with confidence and curiosity.

This year, we are especially focused on creating joyful learning environments where students feel safe to take risks, share ideas, and grow. Academic excellence remains a priority, but we also place great value on kindness, connection, and wellbeing. We believe that when students feel happy and supported, they thrive. Our goal is to help each child discover their strengths, develop resilience, and take pride in their accomplishments, both big and small.

Families are an essential part of our success, and we are grateful for the strong partnership we share. Your encouragement, involvement, and trust help make our school a warm and welcoming place for everyone. We invite you to stay connected through school events, communication from teachers, and ongoing conversations about your child's learning and growth.

It is truly an honor to serve as your principal, and I am excited about the year ahead. My door is always open, and I welcome your questions, ideas, and celebrations. By working together, we can make this school year an outstanding one, filled with learning, laughter, and meaningful moments.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead. Welcome back!

*Jen Cox*

### TOP NEWS

- School Photos on Tuesday!
- Swimming Years 1-6 - please give consent on Compass
- Parent/Teacher conferences, please book in a time
- Parks Alive senior students - please give consent on Compass
- Prep Wednesday times for assessment letters have gone home on Thursday
- Cluster swimming trials for Years 3-6
- MARC Term 1 information
- Compass Comment out now!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 10th February	School Photos
Wednesdays 11th Feb	Years 1-6 swimming lessons (no cost for families)
Friday 13th February	Cluster Swimming Trials Years 3-6 @Toora Pool
Monday 16th Feb	Parent Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 17th February	School Council@4pm
Wednesday 18th February	Years 1-6 swimming
Friday 20th February	District swimming trials Year 3-6 @Toora for selected students
Wednesday 25th February	Years 1-6 swimming
Friday 27th February	Division Swimming @Korumburra for selected students
Friday 27th February	Clean Up Australia Day
Wednesday 4th March	Years 1-6 swimming
Friday 6th March	Colour Run Fundraiser
Monday 9th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 11th March	NAPLAN writing- Years 3 and 5
Wednesday 11th March	Preps first Wednesday
Wednesday 11th March	Years 1-6 swimming lessons
Thursday 12th March	NAPLAN reading- Years 3 and 5
Friday 13th March	NAPLAN language conventions- Years 3 and 5
Monday 16th March	NAPLAN maths- Years 3 and 5
Monday 16th March	School Review
Monday 16th March	IEP meetings in the last 3 weeks of school
Tuesday 17th March	School Council @4pm
Friday 20th March	Waratah Athletics- Years 3-6
Friday 27th March	Glasses for Kids Years P-2
Tuesday 31st March	Mitch Tambo Incursion \$15ps
Wednesday 1st April	District Athletics Years 3-6 for selected students
Thursday 2nd April	Last day of Term 1- 2.20pm finish

## School Structure 2026

- \* Lisa Sargent—P/1 classroom teacher and ICT specialist
- \* Simone McGrath—2/3/4 classroom teacher and Music specialist
- \* Renee Pilkington—5/6 classroom teacher and Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader
- \* Cath Nunn—Art and Kitchen Garden teacher (W, Th)
- \* Nicki Robson—5/6 classroom teacher and Auslan, PE specialist (M, T, W)
- \* Anda Banikos—MARC teacher (T)
- \* Bayley Sungalis—ES
- \* Narelle Williams—ES (M, T, W, Th)
- \* Demi Butterworth—ES
- \* Lindy Cumming—Business Manager (T, W, Th)
- \* Freya Carbone—PLC/DIPS leader and 0.4 Principal (M, T, F)
- \* Jen Cox—Principal 0.8 (M, T, W, Th)

## Swimming

Our Year 1 to Year 6 school swimming lessons are again in term 1 at SPLASH Leongatha. Due to funding from the Education Department and Sporting Schools, there is no cost for families. We will be leaving school at approximately midday and returning by 3.10pm. Students will be eating their lunch whilst at SPLASH. Please pack extra food on this day and ensure they have a drink bottle.

Students need to bring a towel, bathers, goggles. If your child will be wearing bathers at school under their school uniform, please don't forget to pack their undies!

Please give permission on Compass.

## Sun Smart Hats

All students and staff are required to wear broad brimmed hats when outside in Term 1. This follows our sunsmart policy to reduce the risk of skin and eye damage and skin cancer. If a student does not have a hat, they are required to play in shade on the deck or the rotunda. Hats are available at the office at cost \$10. Please see our website for the policy.

## Student Dress Code Policy.

- Uniform - Students wear school uniform everyday, unless otherwise instructed. Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief.
- Jewellery - Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics - Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.
- Sunglasses - Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.
- Shoes - closed shoes are required eg sneakers
- Hair - Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- Please see policy on website

## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns

regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents.](#)

### **BARR CATEGORY 3**

Our school is on the Bushfire at Risk Register. We will be closed on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. Please read the information further in the newsletter.

### **The importance of Punctuality**

Starting the day on time, being organised and following a routine are part of the formula for having a successful day. Being on time to school is not just a matter of minutes on the clock; it is a fundamental aspect of personal and academic development. By fostering punctuality, schools contribute to the holistic growth of their students, preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead.

Students arriving late to school miss vital time where they hear daily notices, engage with others and prepare for the day ahead. This causes undue stress on themselves and the staff supporting them.

The school has a legal requirement and duty of care to maintain attendance records and monitor the attendance of enrolled students throughout the day with live roll marking, including any students who are late to school. In line with our School Attendance Policy, students are expected to be at school by 8:55am each day. Here are some tips to help establish a routine that will support your child across the day at school and in their general wellbeing:

**Establishing a Positive Routine** - timeliness establishes a positive routine that carries over into various aspects of life. When students consistently arrive at school on time, they develop a sense of discipline and responsibility. This routine fosters good habits and instills a strong work ethic that will serve them well in the future.

**Maximising Learning Opportunities** - being on time ensures that students do not miss out on crucial learning opportunities. The beginning of the school day often includes important announcements in the classroom, sharing a positive conversation, connecting with other students and preparing for a positive start to your day.

**Respect for Others** - punctuality is a form of respect, not only for oneself but also for others. When students arrive on time, they show consideration for their teachers, classmates, and the overall school community. This respect fosters a positive and collaborative learning environment, contributing to a culture of mutual understanding and support.

**Preparation for Future Success** - the world beyond school is highly demanding and requires individuals to be punctual in various aspects of life, including professional commitments. By instilling the value of punctuality early on, schools prepare students for future success in the workforce, where timeliness is often a non-negotiable attribute.

Let us encourage and emphasise the importance of punctuality, as it lays the groundwork for a successful and fulfilling future.

Please see the late arrival process and unexplained absences further in the newsletter.

### **Grade 6 t-shirts**

We have new grade 6 t-shirts!. Last year the Year 3, 4, 5 students voted on which t-shirt design they preferred and now they are here ready to order! The old grade 6 t-shirts are also available to purchase. The t-shirts are \$45 each.



## Parks Alive Excursion Seniors

During this term Senior students will be participating in the Parks Alive community project at the Venus Bay Skate and Recreation Park.

Students will travel to the site on 6th February, 13th February, 5th March, and 13th March, where they will contribute to maintaining and enhancing the local park environment while developing teamwork and community responsibility skills. Parents/guardians are required to provide consent via Compass prior to student participation.

The Middle class will also be participating in the Parks Alive initiative but they will be working at the Tarwin Lower park- Fishers playground.

## Parent / Teacher Conferences

**When?** Monday 16th February

**Times?** 2 - 5pm

**Where?** In your child's classroom

**Who?** Parents/Carers/Guardians and the classroom teacher and Education Support (available to 4.20)

**How?** On Compass

**Why?** Early-year parent-teacher conferences are crucial for establishing partnerships, allowing teachers to gather insights into students' needs while sharing classroom goals, routines, and expectations. Held in the first few weeks, these meetings focus on building rapport, discussing student interests, setting academic/social goals, and understanding family backgrounds to foster a supportive learning environment.

If you need support booking in the time, please contact the office. If you are unable to make the day, please contact your child's classroom teacher to arrange another day and time.

## Welcome to our New Preps

Tarwin Lower Primary School would like to give a warm welcome to the new preps and families that have joined us in 2026. It has been wonderful to see their excitement, smiles and growing confidence as they settle into their new environment.



Starting school is a very special milestone, and we are so excited to begin this learning journey together. Miss Sargent's classroom is a happy, safe and nurturing environment where children are encouraged to explore, learn, grow and build confidence every day. The classroom has filled with curiosity and laughter while the students have been making new friendships and exploring their learning spaces. From discovering the playground to learning daily routines, our Preps have already shown incredible enthusiasm and resilience in these early days of school.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and achievements for our Prep students. Welcome to the Tarwin Lower Primary School community, we are so excited to have you with us

## NEW STAFF 2026



Hi, my name is Demi and I am very excited to be joining the Tarwin Lower Primary School team as a new Education Support staff member.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of the children and assisting them with their learning each day. I love helping children achieve their goals and will be working alongside the teachers to support

students by making them feel confident, happy and ready to learn.

I can't wait to meet you all and become a part of this wonderful school community.

### Wood

There is wood at our school that was cut during the school holidays. The wood is good for an outdoor fire, as it is mostly banksia. Please feel free to collect it out of school hours

### Measles

There has been a case of measles in Bass Coast Shire on Friday.

- Measles is a highly infectious disease that spreads through airborne droplets.
- Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others against measles. Two doses of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine are required for immunity.
- Persons aged between 20 and 59 are eligible for a **free** vaccine funded by the Victorian Department of Health

### Who is at risk?

- People who are not vaccinated against measles are at increased risk.
- Many Victorians born between 1966 and 1992 may not have received two doses of the MMR vaccine and may be susceptible to measles.
- Young infants, pregnant women and people with a weakened immune system are at increased risk of serious complications from measles.

### Symptoms and transmission

- Symptoms of measles include fever, cough, sore or red eyes (conjunctivitis), runny nose, and feeling generally unwell, followed by a red maculopapular rash. The rash usually starts on the face before spreading down the body. Symptoms can develop between 7 to 18 days after exposure.

People with measles are considered infectious from 24 hours prior to the onset of initial symptoms until 4 days after the rash appears.

Measles is highly infectious and can spread through airborne droplets or contact with nose or throat secretions, as well as contaminated surfaces and objects. The measles virus can stay in the environment for up to 2 hours.

### Glasses for Kids

#### WHAT

Qualified optometrists will visit our school in Term 1 2026. Your child will have an initial vision screening and if required, further testing and glasses at no cost.

All screening and testing sessions will be completed during school hours

#### WHO

Year Prep, 1, 2 and 3 students

#### WHEN

27th March 2026

#### TO DO

Either sign the online form in your Compass News Feed or the paper form, which has been sent home today.

### Cluster Swimming Trials

**When:** Friday 13th February

**Who:** Years 3-6

**Where:** Toora Pool

**What:** for students who want to compete against other school students. Your child must be able to competently dive and swim 50 metres with the correct stroke.

If your child is interested in competing, please contact the office

### School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 10th February. There is no need to pre-order. A link will be sent via email to view and purchase photos.

### Parents Group

This is an Expression of Interest for parents and guardians for an establishment of a Parents Club.

Please see link below to read the draft constitution which includes the aims and objectives, office bearers, meetings, etc

<https://content.sdp.education.vic.gov.au/media/model-parents-club-constitution-1107>

If you are interested in being a part of a Parents Club, please contact the school.

There is a minimum number of people needed for this to occur, and we currently only have 2 parents.

### Colour Run

Friday 6th March - keep the date free!

Will be looking for parents to volunteer on this day, you need a WWCC.

Sausage sizzle on the day!

Prizes for classes and the individual who fundraises the most!

It's going to be fun!

See flyer further in the newsletter.

### Supervision

A reminder to all families that supervision for students commences at 8.45am each day and until 3.30pm at the end of the day.

### ICT

On **Monday** our Acceptable Use Agreement for Digital Learning will be sent home.

it covers;

- our school commitment to the responsible use of digital technologies
- what we do at school
- how parents and carers can help
- student expectations
- students will have filled in their part of being safe and responsible online
- student agreement

Please discuss this with your child and sign and form and return it to school.

### Birthdays

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Lindy, Freya and Kayden who celebrated their birthdays in the six week holidays.

Oliver, Sam, Madison and Harley will all be celebrating their birthdays in February, so we would all like to wish them a very happy birthday.

### Uniforms

A uniform order form is included in this newsletter. If you wish to order uniform could

you please return the form to the office by **FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY**. You do not need to send payment with the form. Payment can be made when we have your order. Uniforms cannot be taken unless full payment is received.

### Compass Comment

Wondering how your child has settled into school this year? Please read their Compass comment now uploaded and available in the Compass App.

Wondering what and how Compass is? Follow this [link](#) or Google Compass Information for parents.

### Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

See flyer further in the newsletter. CSEF is available to families with a Centrelink Card. This year the amount paid has increased to \$400 per child. As the name implies, this money can be spent on Camps, Sports & Excursions. If all of your money is not spent, it can accumulate in your school account. If you change schools to another Victorian school, the leftover money will be sent to the new school.

Application forms are available at the office. Please see Lindy on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

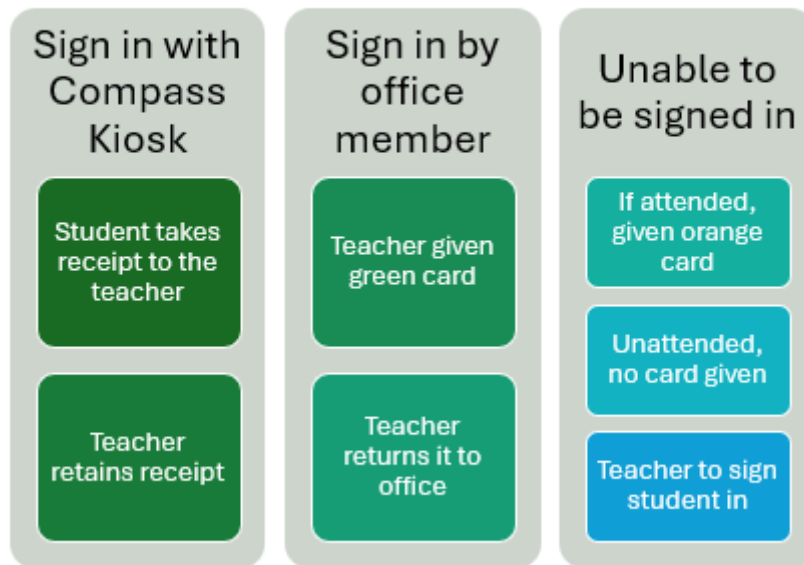
### Curriculum Contributions

Curriculum Contributions can now be paid through Compass (also known as Course Contributions). Apologies for the delay as we had some set up hiccups. Of course you can still pay these via direct deposit into the school account or cash.

The suggested amount is \$160.00 per student and there is a \$40.00 voluntary contribution which goes towards grounds maintenance if you wish to contribute.

**Account Name:**  
**Tarwin Lower Primary School Council**  
**Operating Account**  
**BSB: 063000**  
**ACC: 14191631**

## Late Arrivals



## Unexplained Absences

### Roll taken at 9am

- Must mark roll early

### Student absent

- No reason - unexplained

### Text alert to family

- 10am sent automatically

### Teacher rings family

- Lunch time ring primary parent
- If no answer, call other parent/family member
- If no answer, call emergency contacts
- If no answer, make a chronicle of who you rang and the attempt you made

### Bulk letters sent home

- Mid term and end of term

# MARC Library News

Welcome back to school!

As the year of 2026 begins, we have been pleased to welcome students that we already know and new students to our weekly MARC Library sessions of learning. Our school year started on a positive and happy note. As always, we MARC Library teachers, anticipate a year of planned teaching and learning opportunities wrapped up and delivered using the many wonderful books we have on the shelves of the MARC Library.

In Term 1 our preview of learning looks like this:

Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
2 - 4	Author Focus Books by Jane Godwin	Author Focus Books by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen	Author Focus Books by Colin Thompson
5	Wonderful new literature	Wonderful new literature	Wonderful new literature
6-7	Library Skills focusing on the different parts of fiction/non-fiction books.	Library Skills including revision of non-fiction features and classification in the library.	Library Skills including revision of non-fiction features and classification in the library.
8	Wonderful new literature	Wonderful new literature	Wonderful new literature
9	Earth Hour Books with an environmental focus will be featured.	Earth Hour Books with an environmental focus will be featured.	Earth Hour Books with an environmental focus will be featured.
10	Easter stories and craft	Easter stories and craft	Easter stories and craft

Students can borrow up to two books at a time and can keep books for two weeks, with the option to renew after that. To help students and families locate books to return to school, please note that our books all have the name 'Fish Creek MARC' or Tarwin Valley MARC' on the front cover, as well as a large green fluoro dot on the spine. We encourage all students to borrow from the van each week.

Yours in reading and learning,  
Sophie Callcott and Anda Banikos



## DID YOU KNOW?

In 2026 the MARC van will be at:

Toora PS on Monday

Tarwin Lower PS on Tuesday

Welshpool PS on Wednesday

Powlett River [PS](#) (a.m.)/  
Kongwak PS (p.m.) on Thursday

Fish Creek PS on Friday

**Remember to return your books on these days so you can borrow!**





# TARWIN LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## UNIFORM ORDER SHEET

**DUE DATE FOR ORDERS**

Samples of uniforms are available in the office.

Payment in full must be received before uniforms can be taken

**FAMILY NAME:**

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:**

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRICE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	TOTAL	TOTAL
		4	6	8	10	12	14	16	QTY		
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve with logo	\$ 25.00										
Top - Windcheater with logo	\$ 21.00										
Top - Microfibre Sports Jacket with logo	\$ 38.00										
Top - Polar Fleece Jacket with logo	\$ 30.00										
Dress - Blue Checked	\$ 21.00										
Shorts - Microfibre	\$ 14.00										
Shorts - Mesh	\$ 12.00										
Shorts - Cargo	\$ 19.00										
Skort	\$ 21.00										
Pants - Cargo	\$ 23.00										
Track Pants - Straight Leg	\$ 19.00										
Track Pants - Cuffed Leg	\$ 19.00										
Track Pants - Straight Leg Double Knee	\$ 21.00										
Track Pants - Cuffed Leg Double Knee	\$ 21.00										
School Beanies	\$ 16.00										
Hat - Cargo (Slouch) S / M / L	\$ 10.00										

		SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE		
		12	14	16	Sml	Med	Lge				
Grade 6 Polo Shirts	\$45.00										

<b>TOTAL</b>											<b>\$</b>
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OFFICE USE:	TAKEN	PAID	CASH	D/D	C/C	C21 ent	C21 rcpt		

Updated 13/08/2024

LETS START 2026  
WITH A  
**COLOUR  
RUN**

**MARCH 6TH | 2.30PM**

**1st, 2nd & 3rd prize rewards for the classes who raise the most funds, as well as a single prize for the Grand Champion fundraising individual**

**Donations can be accepted at the office or via trybooking event page.**

**If you would like to assist with making this event happen, please leave your name with the office.**



# Newsletter and website article: Schools in Category 3 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and the Category 4 List

## School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



**Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.**

**Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in South Gippsland fire district.**

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you via Compass.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and had our trees inspected and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

## ***What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?***

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, enabling notifications on the Compass app and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk

than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.

- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Families are encouraged to action their [Bushfire Survival Plan](#) on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- [VicEmergency](#) app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- [VicEmergency](#) Hotline (1800 228 228)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### ***What is the department's policy?***

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the [Bushfire At-Risk Register \(BARR\)](#). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the [Category 4 List](#).

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bushfire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

#### ***Who issues fire danger forecasts?***

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

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 financial circumstances and their outcomes.

## CAMPS, SPORTS and 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 excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly 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 \$400 for all school students.

### 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.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>





# JUNIOR NETBALL COMP

Netball is back on Saturdays!

WDNA is bringing back our Saturday Winter Netball Comp in 2026 and we're looking for primary and secondary school-aged players to join in. The focus is simple: more juniors on netball courts, having fun with friends. All skill levels welcome.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



[www.wdnawonthaggi.org](http://www.wdnawonthaggi.org)

