

## YEAR 12 GRADUATION

This year MDCC celebrated the graduation of ten year 12 students..



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 05/02/2024 - Term 1 Commences

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## TERM DATES 2024

Term 1 - 05/02/2024 - 28/03/2024  
Term 2 - 15/04/2024 - 28/06/2024  
Term 3 - 15/07/2024 - 20/09/2024  
Term 4 - 07/10/2024 - 06/12/2024



# PRINCIPALS REPORT

Dear students, families and the community,

As we approach the end of 2023 and our second year of Mountain District Community College, we look back and reflect on another amazing year accomplished. Students have worked hard to achieve their personal goals across the year, setting them up for a great 2024 school year. With all outcomes, wellbeing days, camps and excursions completed for another year, we look forward to seeing what the students are going to engage in over the next 12 months.

We celebrated the conclusion of our Year 12's schooling journey on Friday the 10th of November. This night included a graduation ceremony at Chateau Wyuna finishing with a whole college formal. Being able to celebrate such a momentous occasion for these students is always a highlight of my year. We congratulate the Year 12 students on receiving their VCE:VM certificates and wish them all the best on their future endeavours.

We have been busy getting our new college site ready for day one of term 1, working with architects, electrical engineers, plumbers, and builders. Whilst all works are to be finished before the term, we will be waiting on a few certificates for formal operation of the building prior to us opening the doors. Although we are hopeful this will occur prior to students attending their first day on Monday the 5th of February, we are relying on other organisations to ensure this occurs. We currently have all intent to open our doors for the commencement of the 2024 school year, however if there is a slight delay, we will inform you accordingly.

A huge thank-you to those students and families who have been able to come in for Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings. These greatly support the planning of our teachers to individualise and tailor your young persons learning to their specific needs. For those families who have been unable to attend, we look forward to organising these with you in the new year. If you believe your young person needs any additional support in preparation for the 2024 year, please don't hesitate to reach out to the college so we can best support this.

As we draw the year to an end, all student reports are made available for families through their compass portal. If you have any questions, concerns or you are seeking a hard copy of these, please contact your young person's teacher who will be able to support you. This time of year always sees some movement in schools including students, families and staff. We wish all leaving families and students all the best for their next education and employment journeys. Please always know we are here to support, even if you are no longer enrolled in the college. We also wish Naomi Hollingworth all the best as she concludes her employment at MDCC. We know she will be missed and encourage any student or family who requires additional support over the break to contact either Tristan Hunt, Rachael Kennedy, Allan Langley or myself. Rachael Kennedy will now be in charge of Naomi's wellbeing phone. A friendly reminder that we will still have some access to foodbank and pinchapoo (female hygiene products) items over the break. If you or your family are requiring any assistance in this area, please contact the college prior to the 20th of December so we can organise some items for you.

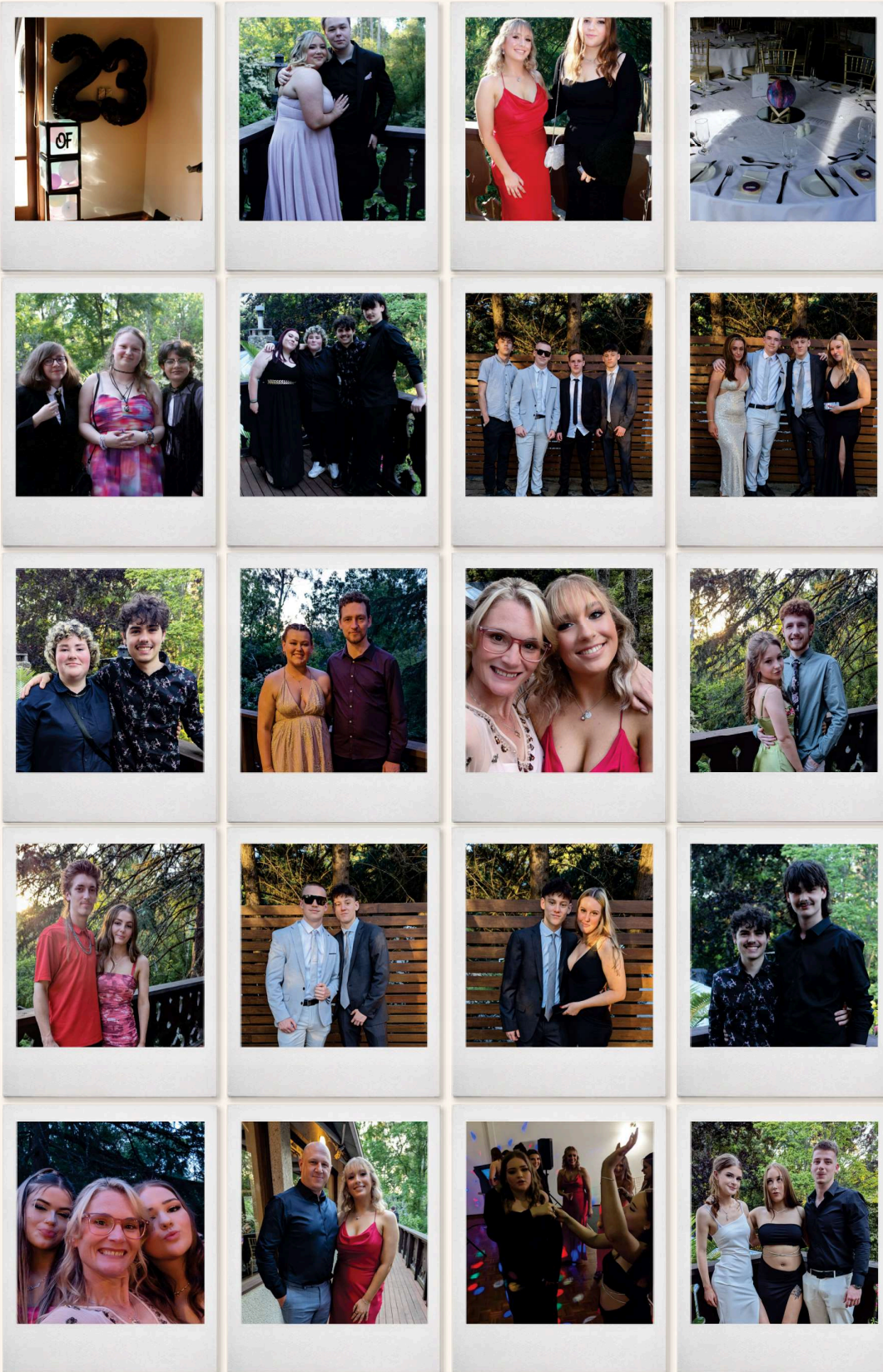
Lastly, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday period. Please stay safe over the break and enjoy your New Year's. Thank-you for your ongoing support for MDCC. Whilst we value the education and support that we provide to our students and the community, we couldn't do what we do without the amazing support of our families. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year



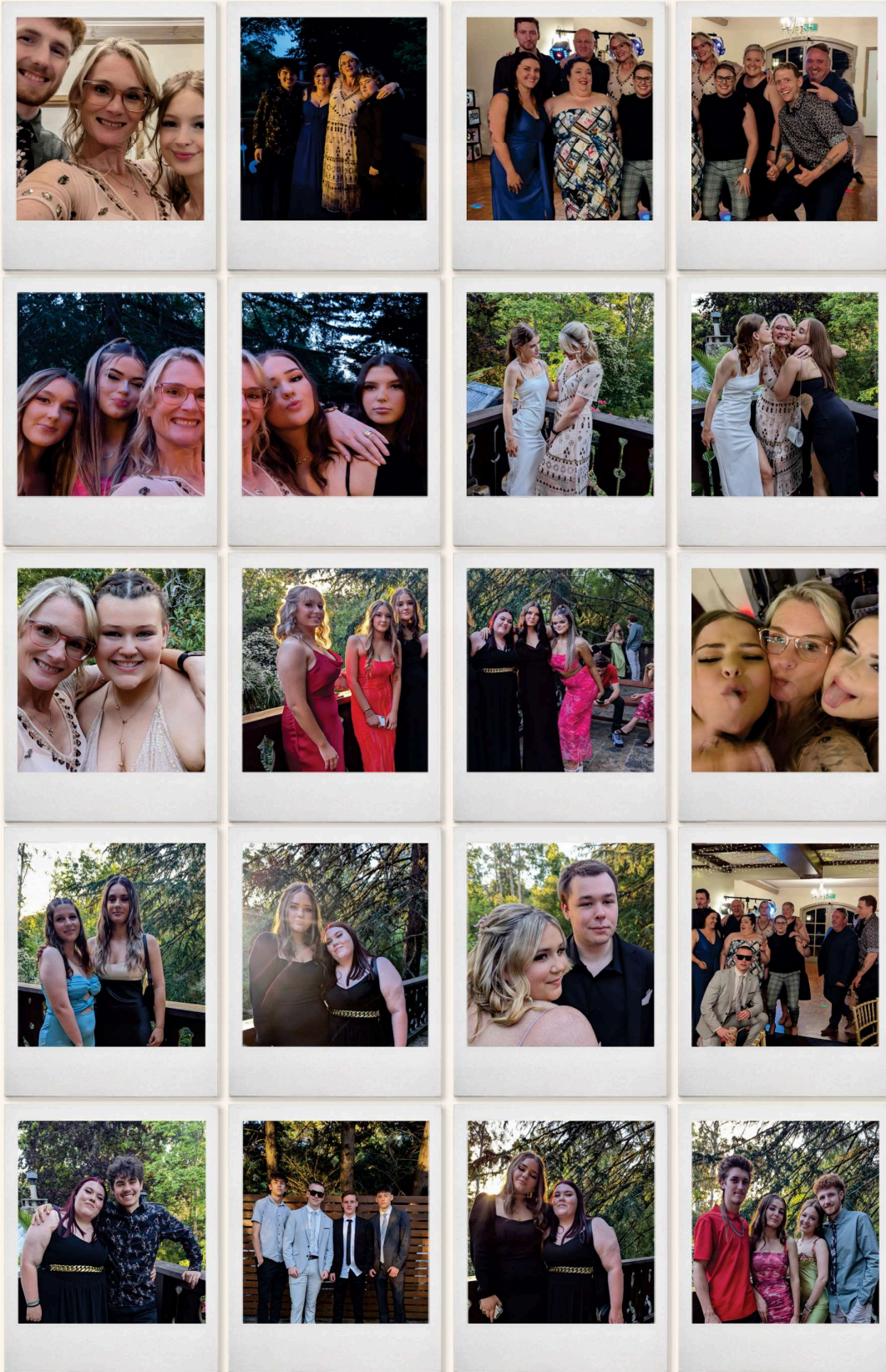
Elise Hopkins  
College Principal



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# VICTORIAN SCHOOLS GARDEN PROGRAM

On Thursday 23rd November students involved in the garden program were invited to attend the 2023 Victorian Garden School Awards held at The Royal Botanic Gardens.

Out of the 540 schools that initially entered the awards, MDCC won a \$500 grant to go towards an edible garden. Later in the year, the recipients of the grants were invited to enter the Garden Awards, where we were awarded a Regional Award and \$350 to continue our program into 2024.

Allira, Farris, and Michael spent two lunchtimes a week planting seeds and seedlings, attending a vermicomposting workshop and sharing ideas for our future program.

Congratulations on your efforts and I look forward to building an even better program next year.

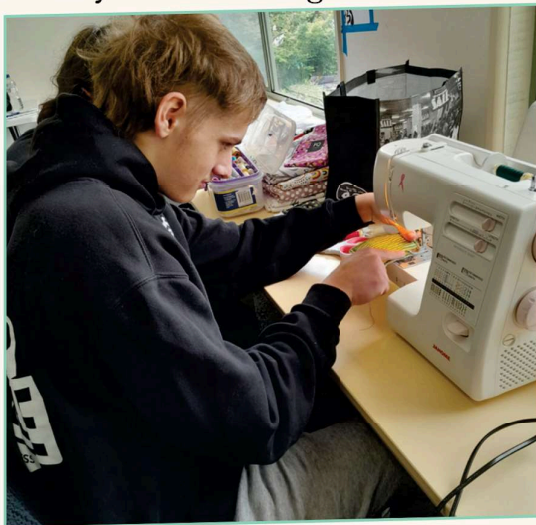


# YEAR 10 WELLBEING SESSIONS

Wellbeing Sessions focus on building life skills and resilience. Year 10s are offered the opportunity to participate in a range of activities designed to increase their capacity, social and emotional strengths and community engagement. Activities over 2023 include Gym sessions, Students Passion Projects, Playdough and slime making, wood furniture restorations, The Resilience Project, cooking, baking and personal development workshops to name a few.

MDCC encourage our students to give everything a go and undertake new challenges, try new things, and surprise themselves with the results.

During Wellbeing sessions students are challenged to and supported to get outside of their comfort zone to enhance their life experience and further develop healthy wellbeing.



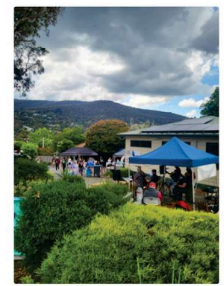
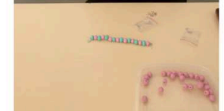
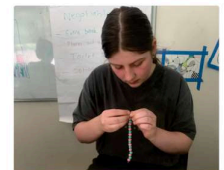
# YEAR 11 & 12 ORIENTEERING

On Thursday 26th October the year 11 and 12 students went to Cardinia Reservoir Park and undertook an Orienteering activity as part of their Numeracy Dimension and Direction unit. Students broke into groups and were provided Map of Cardinia Reservoir Park, a list of 10 random checkpoints and a compass. They were given time to plan their route and then set off to locate their checkpoints, Students were required to take photographic evidence of the checkpoints they located. Three of the groups succeeded in locating all 10 of their checkpoints. Upon returning to the starting point we all enjoyed a BBQ lunch and the three winning groups were given a box of chocolates as a prize.



# MDLC ARTISAN MARKET MAKERS

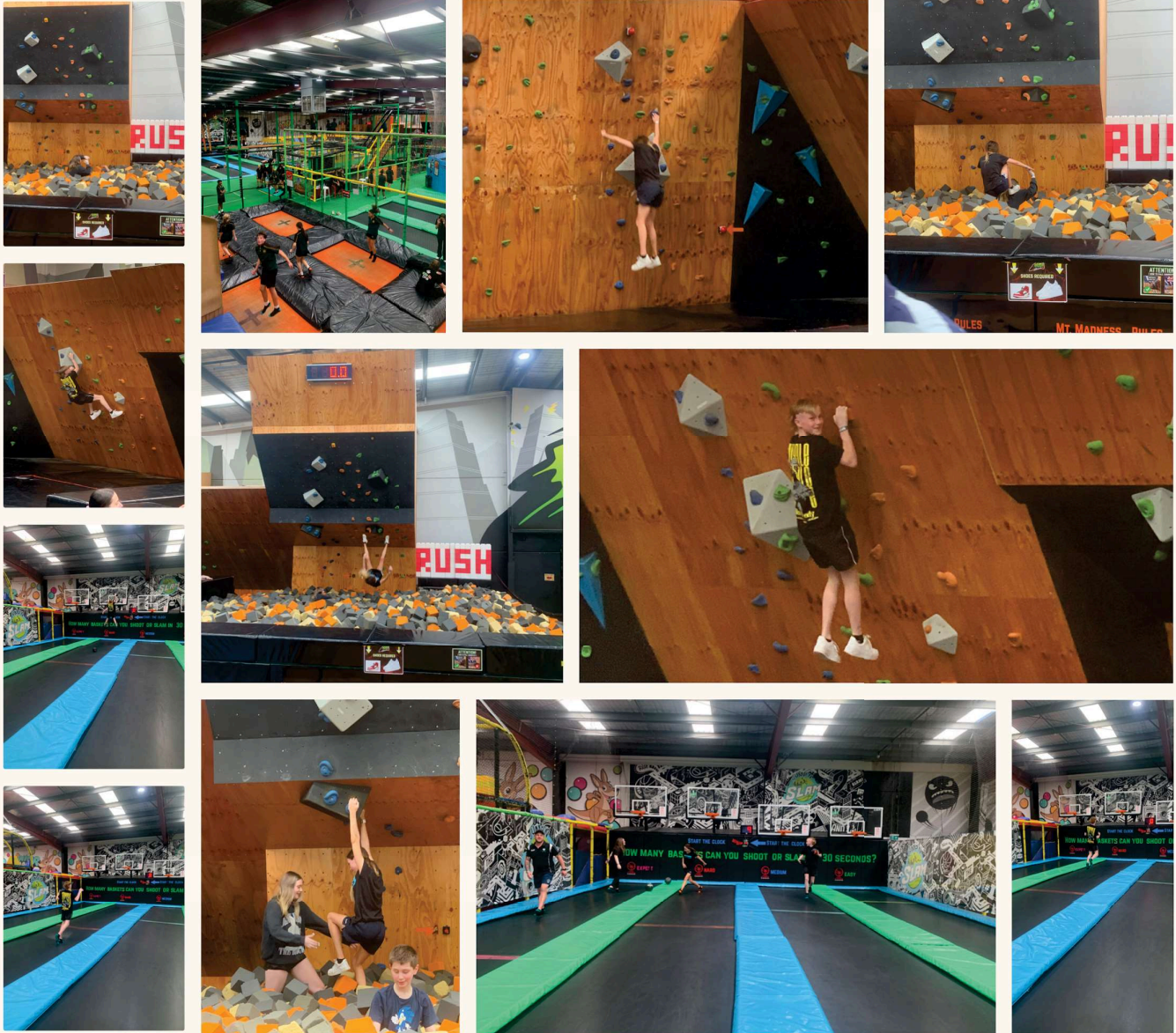
The year 10 and 11 students worked hard making items to sell at the MDLC Artisan market. This was part of the year 10 Wellbeing and year 11 Personal Development. Students made sugar cookies, reusable makeup pads and paper towel, resin items, crochet hearts, gingerbread men (without the ginger), wine glass and cheeseboard hampers, candles, Christmas ornaments, beeswax wraps and succulent pots.





# RUSH HQ

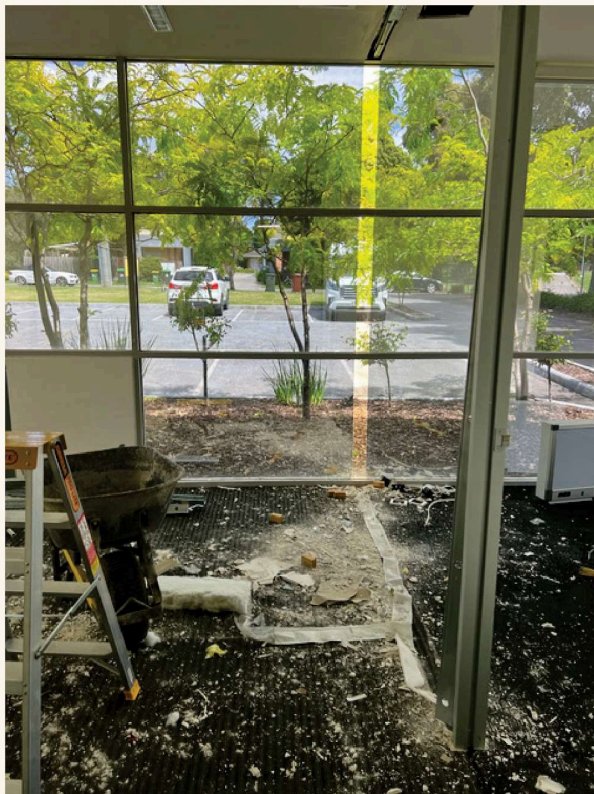
The year 10 students had a fun day at Rush HQ in Rowville. They tested out their bouncing skills on the basketball slam dunk, played dodge ball, did some strategic rock climbing and Paige, Teesh and Nikki tackled the obstacle course. Lachie was the highest jumper-reaching champion height status!



# REVIVE2SURVIVE

On Friday November 17, Revive2Survive visited MDCC to run a first aid course for our year 10 cohort. Across the day, students learned invaluable life skills and practical training from basic first aid principles to life-saving CPR techniques. Students learned what to do in emergency situations, dealing with wounds, various injuries, anaphylaxis, asthma, burns and other injuries, as well as how to perform CPR and use defibrillation devices. All students also undertook an assessment at the end of the day to ensure they could effectively apply what they had learned. This immersive experience not only equipped the students with the knowledge to respond confidently in emergencies, but also encouraged a sense of responsibility and community well-being. Kudos to our year 10 cohort for their active participation and commitment to becoming informed, capable first responders. Their dedication to acquiring these vital skills ensures a safer and more prepared school community.

## CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED





# **SURVIVING SUMMER**

**SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE A BIG BREAK AWAY FROM NORMAL ROUTINE, SOME OF YOU MAY BE WORKING A LOT, ON HOLIDAYS SOMEWHERE OR JUST HANGING AROUND HOME.**



**THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND TO EASE THE TRANSITION BACK INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR ARE:**

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- **TRY TO KEEP NORMAL SLEEP ROUTINES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE**
  - **EAT GOOD FOODS AND DRINK PLENTY OF WATER,**
  - **KEEP SAFE IN THE SUN**

**CHECK IN WITH FRIENDS**

**REACH OUT IF YOU NEED HELP**



**BE SAFE**

**HAVE FUN**



## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

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FOOD PARCELS**

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