

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As we settle into term two and the change of weather, I welcome everyone back and congratulate those that have pushed through the chilly mornings to get to school.

Term two offers a range of different opportunities for all students including Careers week, the cafe opening, CHARTSEC, football excursion and Marcellin Champagnat Feast Day.

This month the Advisory Council meets for the second time this year. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to serve as a consultative group for the principal, providing advice primarily in strategic planning and school improvement. Currently our council members are Julia Feiss, Eli Geary, Emma Neilson, Kate Taylor, Ben Fitzpatrick and Colleen Marchant. We are extremely lucky to have a knowledgeable and committed group of professionals on our Advisory Council, and their feedback and ideas are invaluable to our school.

Keep an eye out in the next edition or for an email regarding Smile Squad coming to us in Term 3. Smile Squad will be providing free dental care to students that attend at Doxa School Bendigo.

Lastly, we will be saying goodbye to Deb. She has been a wonderful addition to our administration team and we wish her the best in her new adventures.

Vanessa Brown
Principal

Karl and Hayley

Welcome back to term 2! Classroom 2 have taken over the newsletter and we have already done some very cool stuff to share:

Max created this amazing "trash puppet" - made from household rubbish and masking tape!
****photo below****

The walls are accumulating some new artwork (Jimmy's "Pug dressed as Cinderella", Spencer's Spider)
****photos below****

Ava has shared an outstanding piece of creative writing
****poem below****

Finally, our classroom has some new friends to care for! Sea Monkeys and a Venus Fly Trap named Peter Nigel.
****photo below****

Room 2 birthdays this term include Ava, Makenna, Jemma and Karl. Happy Birthday Legends!

Across the school:

Cafe has begun for the term. Staff and students have been enjoying coffees and hot chocolates while cafe students practice their skills.

Students have attended BTEC to investigate a crime scene and solve the case of a missing robot!
****photo below****

We explored Lego and faced fears on the vertical slide at the Discovery centre for our first Friday participation Program
****photo below****

Shed has kicked off with students learning work safe skills. Watch this space!
Dungeons & Dragons begins with adventurers beginning character creation phase.

Our most Recent Friday Participation Program included Pottery workshop and an Escape room experience
****photo below****

Some upcoming events to look forward to this term include:

Careers Week with guest speakers and industry visits

An excursion to Melbourne to watch the footy

IDAHOBIT celebrations with opportunities to explore sewing, hair and make-up or roller blading

The always favourite ten pin bowling and Great Stupa.

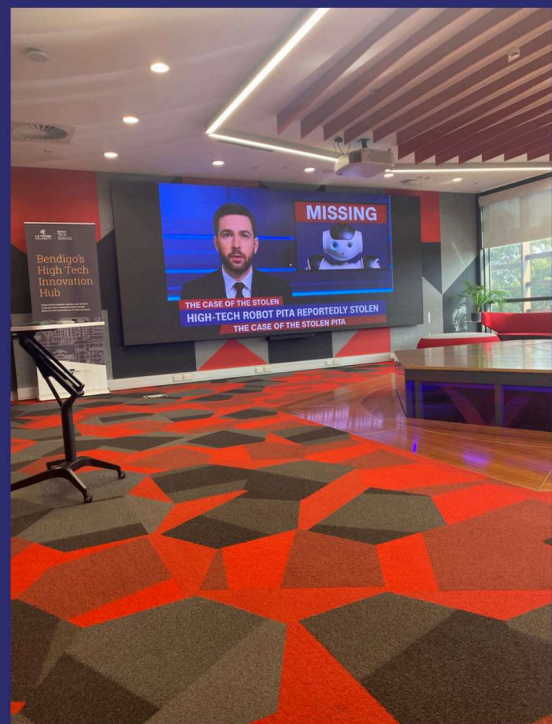
Don't forget ILP meetings towards the end of term.

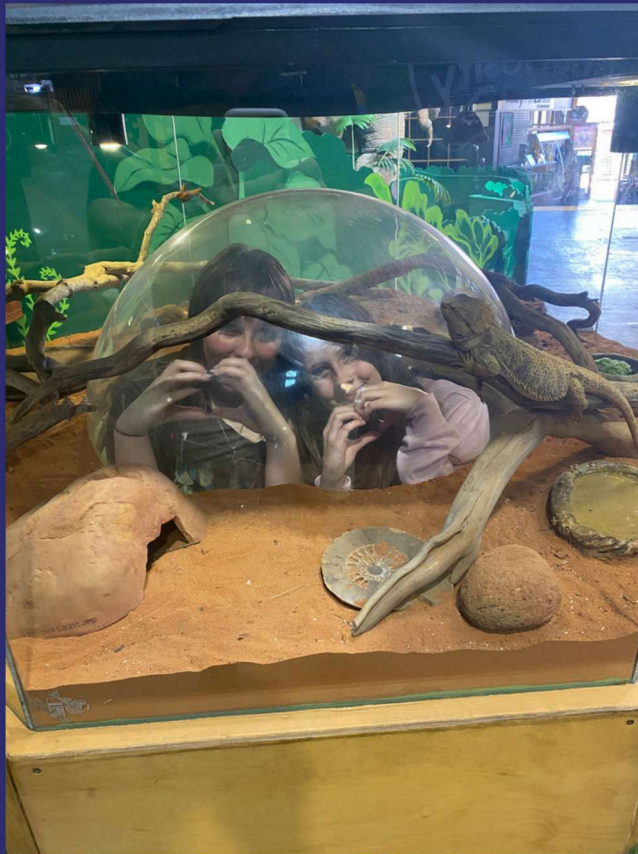
In sad news, Deb at the front desk is leaving to spend some important time with her family. Seeing Deb's smile and 'good mornings' every day has been a well-established part of our routine; we will miss you Deb!

If someone handed you a box full of everything you've ever lost, what's the first thing you would look for?

Some kids would search for a toy or a childhood teddy or blanket left behind at the park. Some parents would be searching for their first car or that time that flies by fast. Some will be digging to find their old class photo's, friendship photo's or their lost childhood. While others won't even look in the box because of their haunted memories.

Some teens will look for a phone, old photo's, maybe a lipstick or even a book but in the end if we are all given a box full of everything we had ever lost, we would all be searching for something.....









SUPPORTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY SPORT

FREE WORKSHOP
FOR SPORTS COACHES &
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROVIDERS IN GREATER BENDIGO

Monday 11th May, 6pm-8.30pm
@ Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

or

Sunday 21st June, 2pm-4.30pm
@ Lake Weeroona Pavilion

or

Wednesday 8th July, 6pm-8.30pm
@ Lake Weeroona Pavilion

Light refreshments provided



Scan the QR code to register for the workshop or visit:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DKRWV>

This FREE workshop will help community sports clubs and physical activity providers understand neurodiversity and how to implement practical strategies to create inclusive, supportive environments for neurodivergent children. This interactive workshop is a neuro-affirming session developed and facilitated by people with lived experience

Contact Jo at Sports Focus for further information
on 5442 3101 or joc@sportsfocus.com.au



DOXA SCHOOL BENDIGO

coffee, and vibes



**9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM
TUESDAYS**

**12/5/2026
OFFICIAL
OPENING**

Our students have been busy getting the Cafe ready to serve our community. Please feel free to visit us on a Tuesday morning to get your coffee or hot chocolate fix.

**ALL HOT DRINKS
ARE \$5.00**

CASH ONLY



Doxa Careers Week – Week 5

Coming up in Week 5, we're excited to be running Doxa Careers Week—a dedicated program designed to help students explore future pathways and build confidence in their career readiness skills.

Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to investigate a wide range of industries, gain insight into what different jobs actually involve, and begin thinking more deeply about their own interests and strengths. It's a valuable chance for students to connect what they're learning at school with real-world opportunities and expectations.

This year's program is packed with engaging experiences, including:

Employment Services with Axis – practical advice on pathways into work and employability skills

Bendigo TAFE Tours (Charleston Road and City Campus) – exploring vocational education and training options

Emergency Services Sessions – insights into careers in Fire and Police services

Guest Speakers – young professionals and former students sharing their journeys in barbering, fitness, hairdressing, and nursing

Tomorrow Bound Careers Expo – exposure to a wide variety of industries and future pathways

Working with Animals – learning about careers in animal care and related fields

Ace Lab Services Tour – a behind-the-scenes look at science-based careers

Mock Interviews – giving students the chance to practise interview skills and receive feedback

Doxa Careers Week is a fantastic opportunity for students to broaden their horizons, ask questions, and start building the skills they'll need for life beyond school. We encourage all students to fully engage, be curious, and make the most of the experiences on offer.



SANDHURST

SWITCHES OFF

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2026



Join our school community as Catholic Education Sandhurst **SWITCHES OFF** as a symbol of our commitment to caring for creation.

"If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs."

(Laudate Si, Pope Francis, p. 17).

Message Stick



**We welcome the Doxa School Message Stick.
The message stick is a representation of our Doxa School Story
A way to Communicate what we value and what we are.
To understand us, you must first understand how we are represented.**

The cross-hatching pattern – bending, curving and diverting – represents the responsive work we undertake, meeting the evolving needs of our students and the school community.

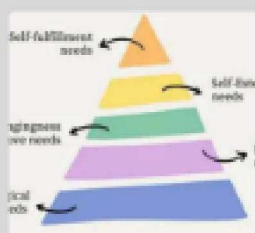
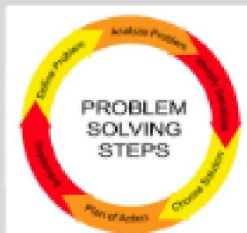
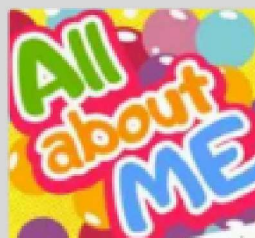
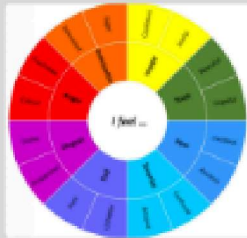
The coloured lines represent the unique journey our students take as they are welcome as part of our school community. They provide a symbol of the strength, acceptance and creativity that help us shape the life opportunities students will have as they transition beyond Doxa School.

The green lines represent the growth of the students at Doxa, building on their successes born by hard work and a commitment to learning.

The gold lines represent the values of Doxa School. The teachings, the stories, the history and the ceremonies. The value of learning within a safe, kind a curious community. Representing hope for the future and strength and energy for all within our community.

Our community surrounds the river, represented in blue. The healthy river is welcoming, invitational and prosperous. The river is the foundation to which everything is nourished from the birth of new beginnings, the spring, the fire of life.

SELS IMMERSION AT DOXA



At Doxa School, we believe that Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is not just an addition to education—it is at the heart of growing capable, compassionate, and resilient young people. Through SEL, students learn to understand themselves and others, manage emotions, build healthy relationships, and make responsible decisions that contribute to their own wellbeing and their communities.

Curriculum Topics

At Doxa we use a combination of RRRR, Positive Education and expertise of professionals to provide a SELs program packed full of learning and growth opportunities to explore the key areas including:

- Self-awareness,
- Self-management,
- Social awareness,
- Relationship skills, and
- Ethical decision-making.

This curriculum deepens our commitment to nurturing the whole person—empowering students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally as they navigate school and life beyond.

- **Emotional Literacy**
- **Positive Coping**
- **Personal Strengths**
- **Help Seeking**
- **Problem Solving**
- **Health**
- **Stress Management**
- **RRRR Gender and Identity and Positive Gender Relationships**



For more information on the Department or Education RRRR curriculum please visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships>



Child & Family Wellbeing

Looking after yourself & your children

Wellbeing is an important part of our lives and can have a big impact on our overall health.

However, at times, we can feel overwhelmed and it can be hard to know where to start in supporting our children, while also looking after ourselves.

Below are some resources you may find helpful:



**E-Safety Commissioner -
Safety online**

**Raising Children
Network**



**Student Wellbeing -
Parent Resources**

Where can I go locally for support?

- **Bendigo Headspace** - mental health support (for those aged 12 - 25)
- **Mental Health & Wellbeing Local - Mind Australia** (for those aged 26+)
- **BCHS - Loddon Children's Health and Wellbeing Local** (for children up to 11); Supported Playgroups & Stepping Stones Early Childhood Intervention program; Counselling & Mental Health Support
- **The Orange Door Bendigo**
- **Anglicare Victoria**
- **Arc Justice** - legal & tenancy advocacy support
- **Rights Information & Advocacy Centre Bendigo** - Disability Advocacy support services
- **Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative**



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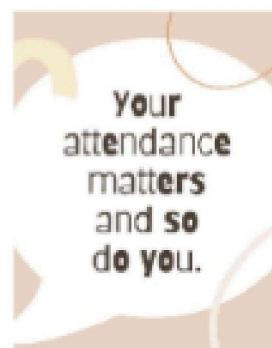


At Doxa we believe in inspiring young people and their families in our community to reach their full potential through quality education and being at school each day is key to making this happen. Regular attendance supports learning, wellbeing and connectedness.

Every day at school helps students:

- Develop and maintain healthy relationships with peers, family and within the wider community
- Achieve academic success to meet their individual goals
- Experience new opportunities
- Display resilience, hope, humour, perseverance and determination

We understand that challenges can impact attendance. If your young person is unable to attend, has an appointment or needs to leave early from school please contact the office on 5442 8140 or text 0417 108 870



Other Reminders and Updates

CLOTHING:

A gentle reminder to all that we do require students to wear clothing that is appropriate for all school activities.

Please ensure that your child is wearing closed in toe shoes and sun smart clothing.

FACEBOOK:

Please join our school Facebook page to be informed and updated on message, outings, all other fun thing the school get up to.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 2:

Friday, 5 June - Staff Professional Learning Day

Monday 8 June - King's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 26 June - Last day of Term 2

ANAPHYLAXIS AND ASTHMA PLANS:

If your student has an updated Anaphylaxis and Asthma Plan please make sure this is dropped into the office ASAP. Please check the date on any medication which is kept at school and supply the EpiPen and Inhaler etc., if required. Parents are reminded that we require each student to have their own spacer due to health regulations. Thanks for your assistance with this.

FOUND

A ring has been found. If you have lost one, please see Administration.