



Coburg West Primary School

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2023

CWPS ACTIVITY CALENDAR		
DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Wednesday 1 st March – Friday 3 rd March	Grade 6 Camp	Portsea Camp
Sunday 5 th March	Working Bee	CWPS
Wednesday 8 th March	World of Maths	Grades 3 & 4 Incursion
Monday 13 th March	Labour Day	Public Holiday
Wednesday 15 th March	Ceres Excursion	Grade 6
Tuesday 25 th April	Anzac Day	Public Holiday
Monday 8 th – Wednesday 10 th May	Grade 5 Camp	TBA
Wednesday 31 st May	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day
Monday 21 st – Wednesday 23 rd August	Grade 4 Camp	TBA
Monday 6 th November	Curriculum Day	Pupil Free Day

VICTORIAN TERM DATES FOR 2023			
	START	ENDS	LAST DAY DISMISSAL
TERM 1	Monday 30 th January	Thursday 6 th April	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 2	Monday 24 th April	Friday 23 rd June	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 3	Monday 10 th July	Friday 15 th September	2:30pm Dismissal
TERM 4	Monday 2 nd October	Wednesday 20 th December	1:30pm Dismissal

Dear School Community,

Despite the heat on Wednesday, it was great to see so many families attending our Meet the Teacher sessions. We had so many families express their appreciation for the opportunity to meet and chat with their child's teachers.

ALLERGIES

Here at CWPS we have many children and staff across our school with allergies and asthma. We are fortunate that we have our School Nurse Sue to manage their medications and support them when they are unwell. Furthermore, all staff are also trained in anaphylaxis management, including the safe use of EpiPens.

As a school, we are not Nut Free, instead we are NUT AWARE. What this means is that we take precautions across our school to keep everyone safe. While our canteen and OSHC kitchen are nut free, the rest of the school ensures that we take the necessary precautions to keep those around us safe. Whether it be avoiding packing allergens such as nuts in our lunchboxes, washing our hands after eating certain foods or simply being mindful of who around us has allergies, we are educating everyone to be safe.

Your child's teacher may have already advised if there is another child in the class with a particular allergy, if not feel free to check in with the teacher.

WORKING BEE

You may have noticed some works going on around our school grounds with trees trimmed or removed, garden edges being repaired, mounds of mulch being delivered, and the timber playground being cleaned. This is all in preparation for our upcoming Working Bee on Sunday 5th March from 9am. Everyone is invited to come along and join in, whether it be for the whole time or just half an hour, many hands make light work. The school does have a supply of gardening

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tools but please feel free to bring a long your own wheelbarrow, gardening gloves or shovel. It is also a wonderful opportunity to connect with other families across our community and grab a sausage in bread afterwards thanks to our CWPS Community Group. See the Working Bee post later in this newsletter.

NAPLAN

Classes across grades 3 and 5 have already started preparing for their NAPLAN testing. This year the national testing period has been bought forward from May to March. As such, our teachers have been working with their students to familiarise them with the process and to assist with reducing their levels of anxiety or distress that they may be feeling with these formal assessments. With the NAPLAN test all being delivered online, an important element is developing each students typing/keyboard skills. As we get closer to the date, more information will be provided to those families with children in these year levels.

CWPS VACATION CARE PROGRAM

As was shared in a COMPASS post earlier today, CWPS has been successful in receiving a State Government Grant to establish a Vacation Care Program over the next two years. Therefore, starting with these April School Holidays, our families will be able to access care during the holiday periods from 8am to 6pm each day (excluding public holidays). This will be a wonderful opportunity for our kids to be with their friends, on a familiar site and with familiar staff. More information about the program and booking details will be shared soon.

CLASS REPS

Another way for parents to become engaged with our school, is to become a Class Rep. Our Community Group is seeking volunteers to take on this role and help build our sense of community. Please see the posters, COMPASS posts and the information page following in this newsletter.

With Grade 6 students heading off to Portsea Camp later next week, we hope the sun keeps shining but that it's not too hot.

Kind regards,
Mark COLAGRANDE
PRINCIPAL

SUMMER INTERSCHOOL SPORTS COMPETITION FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS

DATE	LOCATION	
Friday 3 rd March	CWPS vs St Olivers P/S (all games played at St Olivers P/S)	Away game
Friday 10 th March	CWPS vs Moreland P/S (Basketball & Bat tennis at CWPS Softball at shore reserve)	Home game
Friday 17 th March	CWPS vs Coburg North P/S (Basketball & Bat tennis at CWPS Softball at shore reserve)	Home game
Friday 24 th March	CWPS	Bye round
Friday 31 st March	CWPS vs Pascoe Vale P/S (all games played at Pascoe Vale P/S)	Away game

CWPS VALUES CERTIFICATES

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Grade	Student	Value	Student	Value	Presented by
1D	Peter	We Care	Kit	We Are Learners	Mr Peric
1E	Wren	We Are Learners	Felix	We Are Learners	Ms Esposito
2C	Ada	We Are Learners	Samuel	We Are Learners	Ms Cavoli
2F	Hugo	We Are Learners	Evie	We Are Respectful	Ms Fonte De Vos
2N			Hazel	We Care	Mr Niciak
3B	Hugo	We Are Learners	Lyla	We Are Learners	Ms. Blackman
3R	Imogen	We Are Learners	Peter	We Are Learners	Mr Robinson
3S	Jack	We Are Respectful	Josephine	We Are Learners	Mrs Spiteri/Mrs Pavich
4K	Jonty	We Are Learners	Edie	We Care	Mr Krauss
4M	Jameel	We Are Respectful	Ivy	We Are Learners	Ms McKenzie/Ms Corn
4P	Ewan	We Care	Orson	We Care	Ms Preston
5M	Christian	We Are Safe	Christopher	We Are Learners	Ms Mardesic
5R					Ms Taylor
5T	Nickolas	We Are Respectful	Peter Sophie	We Are Learners We Care	Mr Torpey
6A	Ryan	We Are Learners	Ned	We Care	Mr Aitken
6F	Iliaria	We Are Learners	Liv	We Are Learners	Ms Franco
6R					Mrs Rigby

CWPS GOOD CITIZENS

These students are acknowledged and thanked by their House Captains for being Good Citizens by exhibiting positive behaviours which reflect our School Values.

	17 th February	24 th February
Green House	Orson 4P	Adelaide 6A
Red House	Eric 6R	Amelia 3S
Gold House	Abi 3S	Elena 2F
Blue House	Max 2C	Tayla 3R

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CWPS Mathematicians- Gender and Disposition addressed!

Historically Mathematics (and science) and related careers has been viewed as fields more suitable to males than females. While there has been some advances over time gender remains a factor impacting on

- Achievement in mathematics
- Attitudes about mathematics and towards oneself as a learner of mathematics
- In participation rates in mathematics once it is no longer compulsory, which impacts future career options and opportunities

According to the Prinsley, Beavis, and Clifford Hordacre (2016, p. 1): Females and people who identify differently represent untapped talent. Enabling them to realise their potential is about both economic growth and social justice.

As part of CWPS Maths program we have introduced activities to address the unconscious gender bias and challenge some of our preconceived ideas about mathematics. This is empowering for all students and staff to challenge their thinking and in turn allows safe, respectful mathematics learning.

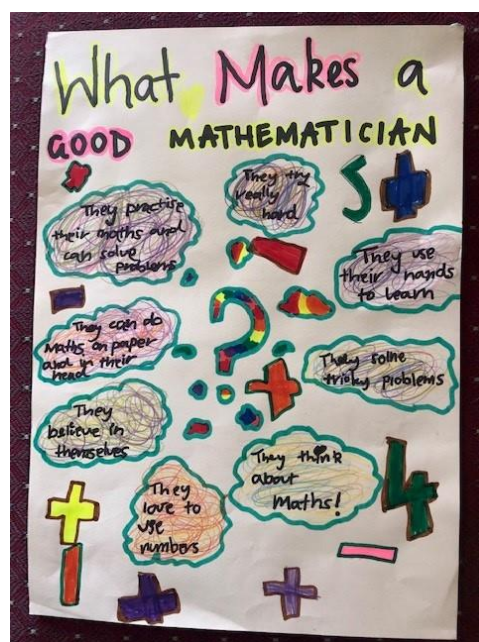
Our disposition (what we think about our learning) also greatly affects our learning results. Having a growth mindset (meaning a positive disposition that we can learn anything with effort) allows the student to focus and move forward even when the learning may be difficult. Improvement and growth are very dependent on a positive outlook and the language around learning, for example thinking “I just haven’t learnt it YET” is much more effective and powerful than saying “I can’t do it.” Challenging our thoughts so that we link learning with effort and a positive mindset can really improve individuals learning.



Below is some wonderful work on What is a Mathematician? This allowed some very interesting class discussions. Some grades completed surveys about maths learning and their feelings about mathematics. All work enabled a positive, respectful mathematics classroom to be set up.



Grade 2 Maths Learning about Time and Seasons



Fiona Currie, CWPS Maths Leading Teacher



PARENT HELPERS & LITERACY SUPPORT INFORMATION SESSION

A session has been organised to explain to parent helpers and volunteers how they can help at Coburg West Primary School. Following this, information will be shared about how to support your child with Literacy at home.

Date: Monday 1st May

Time: 9:15am – 11:00am

Venue: CWPS Small Hall

Information related to Parent Helpers in the school will explore:

- Where can you help?
- Classroom Helper Guidelines
- What you may see in the classrooms
- How you can best help the students and teachers
- Confidentiality

The Literacy information session will then explore:

- How reading and writing is taught at school
- How to assist your child if they are having difficulty
- What to do if your child makes errors
- Ideas for supporting consistent, independent reading and writing development.

This session is open to any member of the community who is interested in finding out more or who is in need of a refresher. Please note that if you have attended this session in previous years, it has similar content.

Details on how to book will be sent out before the end of Term One, so look out for details in the newsletter and through COMPASS.

Kind regards

Patricia Amerena
English Leading Teacher

EXCURSION TO CERES

By Ella L



Hi my name is Ella and I am going to tell you about my excursion to CERES.

Yesterday on Tuesday, the first thing we did when we did when we arrived, we had a snack.

Firstly, we went to a bush of lemon myrtle with an educator called Tully. As soon as the lemon myrtle touched my tongue I knew I wasn't going to like it. It was too sour and funny on my tongue. The next plant we went to was a succulent called Karkalla also known as Pigface. We held it above our heads and squeezed, and if we were lucky we would get a few drops on our tongue. It tasted okay. But then we went to a bush called River Mint. It had lots of flavour, bad flavour. Even though it was medicine I was never going to eat that stuff again!

Secondly, we had some brainfood and a play in the BEST PLAYGROUND EVER! There was a giant caterpillar that we could go inside of AND on top of the caterpillar. There was also a mountain of tyres that we could go inside of! Inside the mountain of tyres was a swing made of rope.

Thirdly, my class went to a small garden with a shelter. We went with an educator called Subik. He told us all about ochre (a special paint made of rock that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people use) and after that we got to use the ochre to paint on ourselves. We had to paint some of the Aboriginal symbols. These are the symbols I used: Lizard man, waterhole, blood/water, emu, rainbow, possum and snake. Then Subik painted our faces. The girls got three white dots over one eye and then three dots under the other eye and the boys got two red lines across their nose and then six red dots on their forehead. Then we headed back to have a snack.

Fourthly, after we had another play in the playground. Then we headed to a small shed with a lady called Aunty. When we got inside Aunty told us that we were going to act out Tiddalik the frog. There was five animals that we could act out: cockatoo, eel, possum, kangaroo and Tiddalik the frog. I was a possum. The cockatoos would wear wings and masks, the eels wear tails, possums wear tails and furry vests, the kangaroos wear big, bouncy tails and Tiddalik would wear BIG hands and eyes.

Fifthly, then Aunty split us up into three groups. Each group got an aboriginal tool. The tools were: Yidarky (didgeridoo), boomerang, kahnan (digging stick). My group had the kahnan. We got to share information about our tools. One of the facts from mine is that it was only a womans tool. Then we headed back to the courtyard where we were staying.

Next, we started packing our bags and getting ready to get back on the bus. Even though I had no partner, I didn't care because I had two of my best friends in the seats behind me. I couldn't wait to tell everyone about our excursion.

Which I'm doing now!

Thanks for listening!!!



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CWPS Community Group News

Welcome to 2023!! We had such a wonderful 2022 in terms of our fundraising efforts and we just want to thank everyone *again* who gave up their time (a number of times) to contribute to this!!

If you are new to CWPS or have been here a while - now is a great time to **join the Community Group** - cwpscg@gmail.com; CWPS Facebook Group
We meet monthly (usually of an evening) to discuss new and upcoming fundraising events and it's a great opportunity to meet our wonderful community! See our flyer on next page.

We have our annual **Chill n Grill** coming up on the 24th February - this is a BBQ catch up after school to welcome not only our new families, but everyone back to CWPS for 2023! We also have a new and exciting event for term 1 - **Moonlight Cinema** - held in the back playground on a blow up screen - this is sure to be a regular on our fundraising calendar! Look out for more information in the coming weeks.

What's happening next..

Scholastic Book Club - till 20th Feb

Chill n Grill (see flyer overpage)
- 24th Feb

Easter Fundraiser (TBC) - March
Moonlight Cinema - 24th March

Volunteer call out FEBRUARY!

Chill n Grill - BBQ experts, baristas
Scholastic Book Orders - help with packing into classes

Look out for *sign up* emails shortly!

Dates for the Diary Community Meetings

23 February
7.30pm @ Post Office Hotel

Get involved

email us on
cwpscg@gmail.com or join the
Facebook group

CWPS COMMUNITY GROUP

COME AND JOIN US!

WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING SURE OUR COMMUNITY IS A VIBRANT, SUPPORTIVE AND INCLUSIVE PLACE THAT BRINGS OUR FAMILIES TOGETHER AND PROVIDES THE BEST FACILITIES FOR A WONDERFUL EDUCATION! IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND AT THE SAME TIME, RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

WHAT WE DO?

- We meet each month (mixture of nights and afternoons) to discuss new and upcoming fundraising ideas/activities
- Some of our recent events/fundraising include: Mothers/Fathers Day stalls, Mother's Day lunch, BBQ drives, Parents football match, Twilight Market.....
- Get involved by contacting us at cwpscg@gmail.com or via our school Facebook Group

All of our events are made possible through the support of the community - it takes a village and we'd love to meet you!!





WHAT IS CLASS REP PROGRAM?

THE PROGRAM AIMS
TO BUILD SOCIAL
NETWORKS WITHIN
THE SCHOOL AND IS
A GREAT WAY TO
KEEP CONNECTED
WITH THE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY!

THE ROLE IS
DESIGNED TO
SUPPORT
STARTING THE
NEW YEAR,
CONNECTING
PARENTS AND
SHARING
UPDATES
AROUND
SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS

IT'S ALSO A
TERRIFIC
RESOURCE
FOR NEW
PARENTS
AND
FAMILIES
TO KNOW
WHATS
GOING
ON!



EACH CLASS AT
CWPS HAS A
NOMINATED
CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

EMAIL:
CWPSREPCOORDINATOR
@GMAIL.COM

INCLUDE NAME,
CLASS AND
CONTACT DETAILS!

contact us: cwpsrepcoordinator@gmail.com

CWPS Sustainability news

Get ready for your new 4-bin system at home!

A new 120 litre PURPLE lid bin is on its way to all households in the Merri-Bek area from April to May. This is the bin where you put all your glass recyclables from July.

Purple bin for glass recycling - monthly collection

Lids can stay on! Use this bin for:

- All glass drink bottles and jars
- Beer and alcoholic drinks bottles
- Olive oil and condiments glass bottles and jars
- Glass medicine bottles

Yellow bin for mixed recycling - fortnightly collection

All households (if you don't already have one) will receive a new larger 240 litre bin to begin using straight away. Old 120 litre bins can be left on the nature strip and council staff will collect and materials used for making new bins. Use this bin for:

- Plastic milk bottles
- Steel tins
- Paper and cardboard
- Egg cartons
- Steel wool

Green lid bin food and garden organics - weekly collection

If you don't already have one, you will receive a 120 litre light green lid bin for food scraps and garden waste. Use this bin for:

- All food scraps including meats, fruits and vegetable waste
- Green waste - weeds, branches, garden clippings

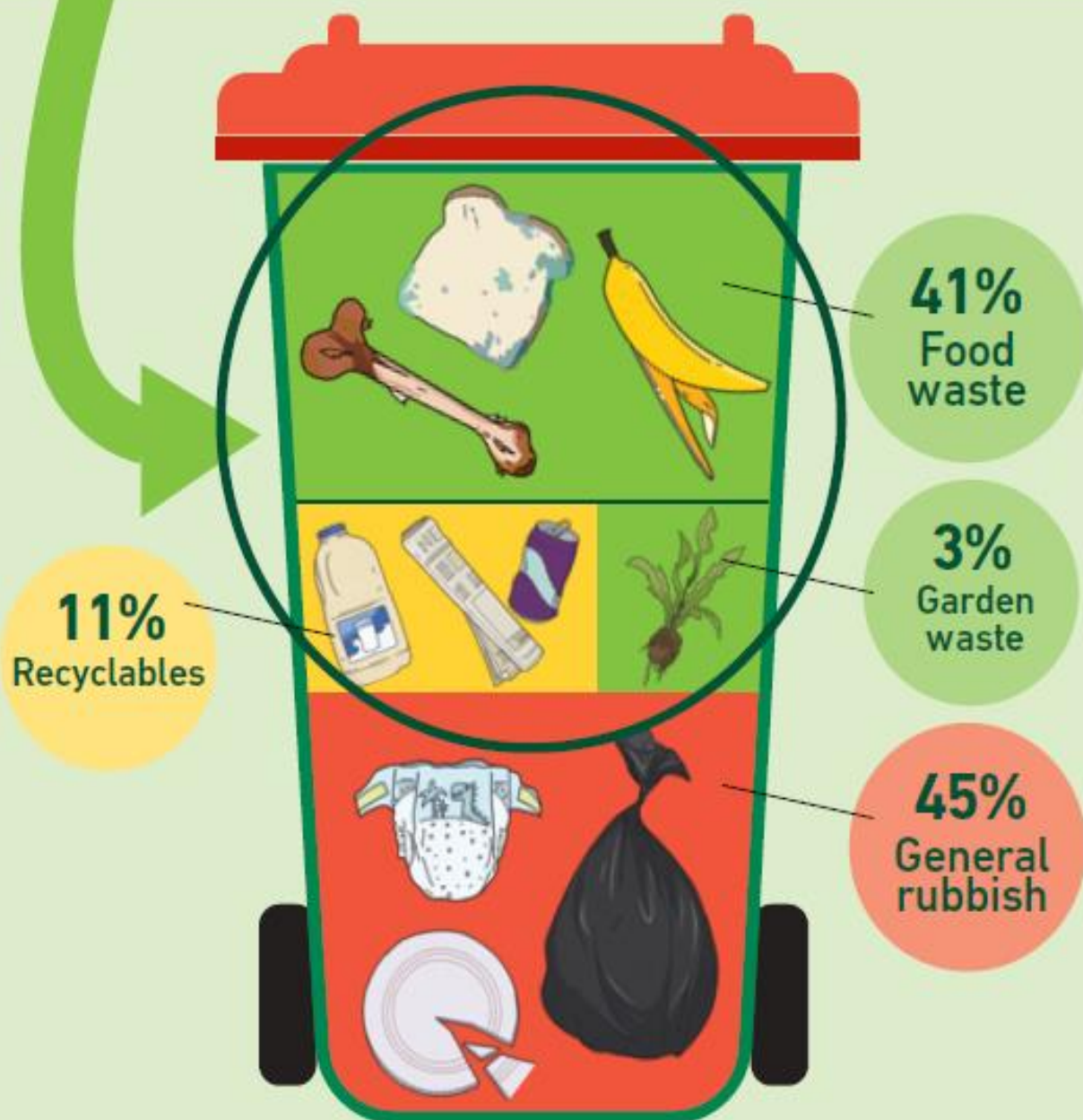
General rubbish - NO change to general weekly collection of rubbish bin!

For more information visit [Merri-Bek Waste and Recycling website](#).

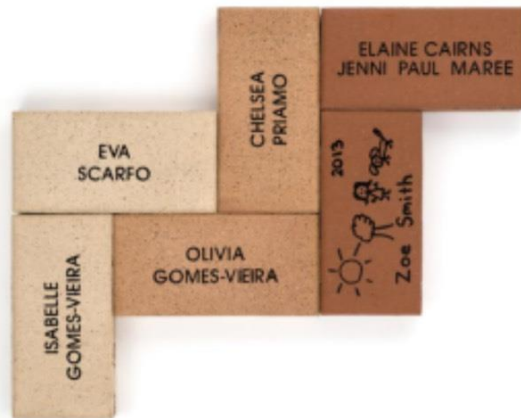
Image courtesy of Sustainability Victoria and Merri-Bek council.

Some of what you put in the rubbish bin can be recycled!

Over half of what is put in the average household general rubbish bin could be composted or recycled.



COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



BRICK FUNDRAISER

Want your name on the Coburg West
walk of fame?

What? CWPS has received a grant to create an outdoor learning space between the gazebo and the gaga pit! But the grant only covers a shade sail, so we're fundraising for groundcover and outdoor furniture...

Cost? For \$40 you'll receive a personalised engraved brick which will be placed in the outdoor learning space!

How? Brick purchases can be made via the QKR App. You can include information over 3 lines, with up to 17 characters per line

**SEE QKR FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LEAVE YOUR FAMILY
A LASTING LEGACY AT CWPS**

CWPS Working Bee

Sunday 5 March 2023
From 9 am

Concludes with a Community
Group sausage sizzle

Register here
<https://signup.com/go/zPenAMS>



MARCELLIN COLLEGE **OPEN DAY** *Explore, discover, learn*



Sunday, 26 March 2023 | 11am – 2pm

Principal's Address 11:30am and 1pm

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

For more information visit marcellin.vic.edu



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RayWhite.

JUNIOR GIRLS **COME & TRY** **FOOTBALL** **SESSIONS**

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 1ST

MORRIS RESERVE,
PASCOE VALE SOUTH

5:15 - 6:15 PM

ALL AGE GROUPS

JUST COME ALONG OR
JUNIORS@WCFC.COM.AU

FREE SAUSAGE
SIZZLE



BOOKINGS FOR SCHOOL TOURS ARE OPEN

We warmly invite prospective Grade 6 students, families and carers to a tour of Northcote High School

Tours run for approximately an hour and are taken by our student leaders, with the support of a member of the Principal Team

Come and see what is on offer for your child at Northcote High School

[Click here for more information and to book](#)



APPLICATIONS OPEN YEAR 7, 2025

Join us at one of our Discover Days or contact our Registrar on 9319 9299 to begin the enrolment process.

Limited places still available for 2024.

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