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TERM 4 2026 CALENDAR

- **Girls Cricket**
  Oct. 6th
- **Year 8 Camp Howqua**
  Oct. 7-9th
- **Boys Cricket**
  Oct. 9th
- **Indo Study Trip**
  Oct 13-23rd
- **Crusoe Arts Showcase**
  Oct. 13th
- **Bendigo Cup Public Holiday**
  Oct. 28th
- **Crusoe College Production**
  Oct. 29th
- **2027 Yr. 7 Big Day Out**
  Nov. 4th
- **VCE/Elective Exams Week**
  Nov. 9-13th
- **Yr. 10 English/Math Exams**
  Nov. 16th
- **Yr. 10 Activity Day**
  Nov. 17th
- **2027 Year 7 Info Night**
  Nov. 18th
- **Year 10 Grad/Formal**
  Nov. 19th
- **EBT Maryborough**
  Nov. 20-22nd



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
by Simon Wood

Well done to all students for a successful start to Term 4.

Our College Captain selection process for 2027 is underway. The opening of applications was announced at Wednesday's whole school assembly with our current captains sharing some of the highlights of their year in the role.

All current Year 9 students are eligible to submit an application to the Front Office by Friday 30 October. Students are encouraged to consider:

- Qualities you have that would make you an effective leader
- Prior experience in leadership roles
- Demonstrated ability to be a positive role model and productive student.

Interviews will occur once applications close. The successful candidates will be announced at the Year 10 farewell assembly later this term. Our 2026 College Captains are once again leading the way with their input and are participating in these interviews. I thank them for their participation in this important process.

Term 4 continues to be a celebration of student success while also providing students with the opportunity to engage in thinking about their future. The Crusoe College Services Fair provided a great range of services who gave lots of information and interactive activities for our students. But it wasn't just our students who got something out of the day, with one visitor contacting us afterwards "to say what wonderful young people you have in your school community. They were all so polite and well spoken."

An extra positive for the day was having ex-student Katie Mansfield present with the Yo Bendigo stall, in her role as a Youth Team Trainee. It's fantastic to see our former students doing so well. A huge thankyou to Matt Davey for all the work he has been doing since the services fair last year, in continuing connections with local organisations and inviting them to attend this year.

The Arts and Technology Showcase was a truly special evening for our students and visitors, allowing current (and some former) students to proudly display their work across a number of different areas on the evening. A particular highlight for me was the inclusion this year of displayed artwork students had brought from home.

We are approaching an exciting time for our Year 10 students as they

TERM 4 2026 CALENDAR CONT.

- **Yr. 10 BSCC Step-Up**
  Nov. 23rd-Dec. 4th
- **Crusoe College Step-up**
  Dec. 7-11th
- **Grade 6 Orientation Day (No Yr. 7-9)**
  Dec. 8th
- **Awards Evening**
  Dec. 8th
- **Activities Program**
  Dec. 14-17th
- **End of School Year**
  Dec. 18th

finalise their classes for the year and prepare for exams. I would like to share some important information with you all about the end of year program for our Year 10 students so the whole college is aware of what is happening.

Friday 13 November
Last day of formal classes at Crusoe College for Year 10 students

Monday 16 November
Year 10 English and Maths exams at BSSC. Students are to make their own way there to arrive at 9am.

Students will be dismissed after the Maths exam and are not expected to wear school uniform.

Tuesday 17 November
Day trip to Aqua Island Moama

Wednesday 18 November
Year 10 catch up exams at Crusoe College. Only students who have booked in a catch-up exam need to attend. This is a great opportunity to book in and attend a BSSC Ready to Learn interview for those students attending BSSC Step Up.

Thursday 19 November
Year 10 last day celebrations

- 9.00am-9.30am: Year 10 Farewell Community Assembly
- 9.30am-10am: Whole School Assembly. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the Whole School Assembly. Please sign in at the Front Office before making your way to the Gym.
- 10.05am-11am: Year 10 student breakfast (regular classes for years 7-9 students)
- 11am-11.15am: Guard of honour for all Year 10 students as they leave the college for the last time

Year 10 students are dismissed at 11.15am to go home and prepare for Graduation and Formal. It is also another good opportunity to book in and attend a Ready to Learn interview at BSSC.

Graduation
Arrive at 5.30pm for a 6pm start

The ceremony will take place in the gym.

For students who wish to walk up the red carpet, please arrive at the front of the college, along Olympic Parade, from 5.30pm onwards. There will be an allocated spot for drop off.

There will be parking available on Olympic Parade and in the college car park accessed from Mckenzie Street West.

The ceremony will go until 7pm, after which students who are attending the Formal will gather on the outside basketball court to walk to the Kangaroo Flat Sport Club.

Formal
Arrive at Kangaroo Flat Sports Club between 7pm and 7.30pm

End time has been extended to 9.30pm to accommodate the later start.

Tickets will be on sale soon.

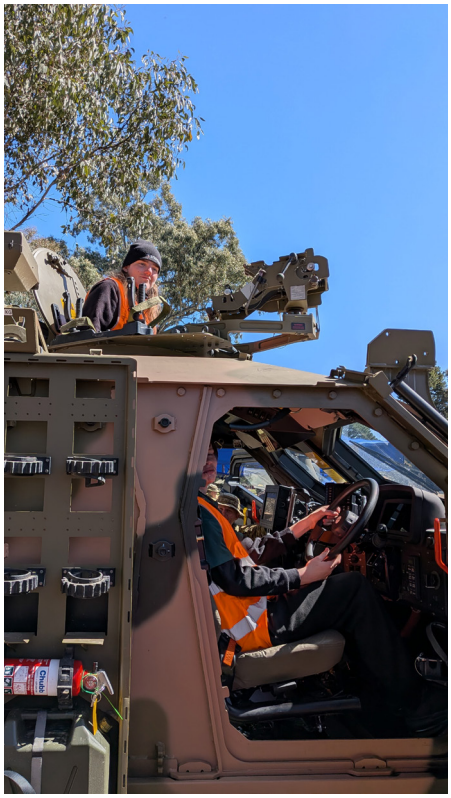
Friday 20 November
Regular classes continue for years 7-9 students. No classes for Year 10 students. This is another good opportunity to attend a Ready to Learn interview at BSSC in readiness for Step Up the following week.

I am looking forward to being able to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our Year 10 students in a positive way in the upcoming weeks.

Puckapunyal Careers Day

Our Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit Puckapunyal Army Base for an ADF Careers Day. Students explored a range of career pathways within the Australian Defence Force, gained an insight into life in the Army and heard about the many opportunities available beyond school. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that gave students plenty to think about as they explore their future pathways and career options.











REAL REWARDS SHOP TERM 4 OPENING TIMES

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22 (WEEK 3)

THURSDAY NOVEMEBER 11 (WEEK 6)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3 (WEEK 9)

NEAR THE GLC DURING LUNCHTIME

CHECK THE DISPLAY FOR ITEMS & PRICES

Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues?

Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a young carer.

This may look like....



- Going with them to appointments or helping with medication
- Cleaning the house or helping with other chores
- Providing emotional support when someone feels sad
- Taking care of younger siblings

Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone.

Carer Gateway has free support for young carers aged 25 and under.

Carer Gateway may support you with things like help at home, young carer social events, counselling or study help.

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How to enter an attendance note on Compass:

As stipulated by the Department of Education when a student is absent from school in part or in whole parents/carers must promptly provide an explanation on each occasion.

If your student needs to sign out of school early an attendance note can be entered on Compass in advance so that all relevant staff members are aware and your student can sign out at the office with ease.

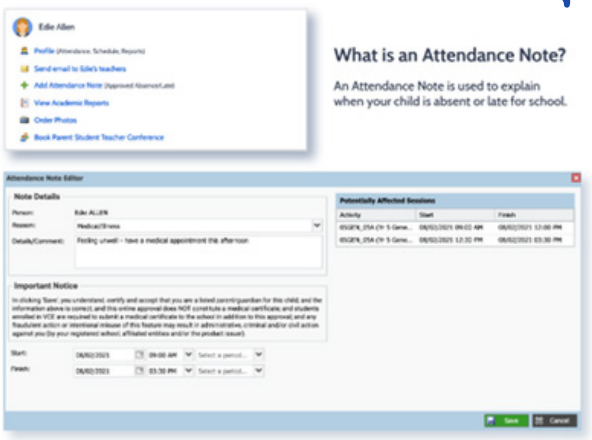
We use Compass to record our attendance data and all parents/carers have their own access. If you are unsure of your Compass login details please contact the Administration Office on 03 5447 7722 and we can provide these for you.

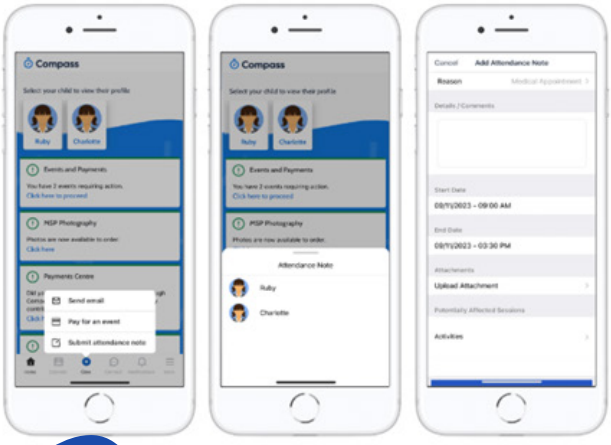
Please see the below step by step guide on two ways that you can enter an attendance note on Compass.

Entering an Attendance Note

From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the Add Attendance Note item.

1. From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the Add Attendance Note item.
2. From the pop-up window
   - Select the reason
   - Enter a brief description of the absence
   - Select the start and finish time
   - Click the 'Save' button





Using the Compass App

1. From the homepage, click on the blue shortcuts button from the bottom taskbar
2. Click on 'Submit Attendance Note'
   - Select the reason
   - Enter a brief description of the absence
   - Select the start and finish time
   - Click the 'Save' button

Where possible, attendance notes should be entered prior to the absence/lateness occurring.

SNAPSHOTS















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Please phone through your student absences to this 24 hour phone line.