



PARENT AND STUDENT
TRANSITION
INFORMATION PACK

2024-2025

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

KEY DATES FOR 2024—2025

TRANSITION

TIMELINE

June- Wednesday 19th June Parent Information Evening, 5:00-6:00pm

August-September - Orbost Community College (OCC) staff liaising with primary schools

October - Half Day Orientation at OCC - Making new friends and getting to know the differences between primary and secondary school

❖ Tuesday 15th October 2:10-3:15pm

❖ Tuesday 22nd October 2:10-3:15pm

December

❖ Tuesday 3rd December to Friday 6th December, Full Transition days at OCC

❖ Tuesday 3rd December Meet the teachers tea & coffee 8:30-9am

February 2025

❖ Gelantipy Camp - Tuesday 18th Feb to Friday 21st Feb

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General Overview

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You will be aware we have launched our new school, Orbost Community College, this year and have had a busy start to the school year. Our staff and students are all getting to know each other and working together to build one school.

During Grade 6 transition, we aim to give you an overview of your child's move into Secondary School as well as some detail of the programs which will run during this time. To do this, we have included here some important dates and information on the various aspects of the transition process. Also included is a letter and an equipment list for the Year 7 camps.

Please note the timetable for the proposed classes to be held during Orientation may be subject to change, depending on the availability of staff and classrooms as the regular college program is still underway for students in Years 7 through to 11.

During Transition, students will also receive a separate pack which will include information about bus enrolment, school House preferences, the 2024/2025 Student Handbook, relevant permission forms for 2025 and information regarding book lists.

This pack also outlines the Vision, Purpose, and Values of our new school.

We look forward to welcoming your child to our school and working together to create a place of connection, learning and opportunity at Orbost Community College.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the College on 5154 1084.

Andrew Malcolm

Phoebe Porter

Clancy Bennett

Middle School Leader

Middle School Co-ordinator

Middle School Co-ordinator

Meet the Middle School Team



Name: Andy Malcolm

Role: Middle School Coordinator

Working with Middle School Co-ordinators Phoebe Porter and Clancy Bennett, as well as 5/6 teachers, we oversee students' progression through Years 5-9. We can assist with all day-to-day middle school operations, including enrolment, subject selection, student wellbeing and program modification.

Subjects: Yr12 English, VM Literacy, Advance Program

Favourite Food: Veggie Lasagne

Football Team: Go Saints

Hobbies: Reading, Basketball



Name: Clancy Bennett

Role: Middle School Coordinator

Subjects: Yr 7-10 English, Yr 7 Personal Development

Favourite Food: Pancakes

Football Team: St. Kilda

Hobbies: Football, trying to surf



Name: Phoebe Porter

Role: Middle School Coordinator

Subjects: VCE Biology, Yr7-10 Science

Favourite Food: Pizza and Chocolate

Football Team: Melbourne (AFL) & Sydney Swifts (Netball)

Hobbies: Swimming, netball, cooking, gardening, walking my dogs (Nya & Nova)

ORBOST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Vision – Creating bright futures for our learners and our community

Purpose – Together, we create a place of connection, learning and opportunity

Staff, students and families of Orbost Community College demonstrate the following agreed set of values:

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Each year we look forward to welcoming our prospective Year 7 students for the following year. The aim of our Transition Program is to prepare students for the expectations of secondary school and to induct them into our school culture.

This year, our Transition Program includes Grade 6 students that are already at our school, as well as students who will come from other primary schools including Newmerella, St. Josephs, Marlo and Toorloo Arm. Our Grade 6 into Year 7 transition remains a critical part of what we do as we aim to prepare all students and their families for the differences that come with secondary school education.

Over the years, we have developed a carefully planned Transition Program to ensure students (and parents) moving from primary to secondary school are well supported and prepared for the transition. Each year we review the program, striving for improvement. We also consult with primary school teachers, students and parents to ensure we are meeting the needs of all students.

Our program for this year will begin with two afternoon sessions where students will be able to explore the school and get to know students from other schools. We shall divide the students into different groups with each group including a combination of students from our school and each of our feeder primary schools.

The above program is in addition to the four transition days in December where students will commence their 2025 studies with their teachers. The intention during this phase of the program is to provide all students with further opportunities to get to know students from other schools in preparation for 2025 in supported manner. The focus will be on teaching students about the behaviours that underpin our values, making friends, resolving conflict and identifying support available to students. Students will also be invited to the extremely entertaining primary schools' concert performed by our college musicians and singers.

This year we have been implementing an agreed school purpose and values. These beliefs guide our actions, our policies and our approach to education:

Together, we create a place of connection, learning and opportunity

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Early in Term One 2025, we will take our Year 7 students to Gelantipy for a four-day camp where they can consolidate the relationships they developed throughout our Transition Program.

In consultation with Primary School teachers, we also provide a pre-transition program for students who may require a little extra support to adjust to the differences that come with being a secondary school student.

We are proud of our Transition Program and believe that all students are entitled to feel safe and valued throughout their time at our college. Throughout Term Three, Andrew Malcolm, Phoebe Porter and Clancy Bennett (Middle School Team) and Lynnette Solomon-Dent (Koorie Engagement Support Officer) will be visiting the primary schools and meeting students and teachers. They welcome contact from parents about the year ahead. I look forward to meeting you and your child during the transition program and please feel free to contact me at any other time if you have questions or feedback to provide.

Peter Seal
Principal

Half Day Orientation Days

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

When: Tuesday 15th October, 2:10-3:15pm and Tuesday 22nd October, 2:10-3:15pm

Tuesday 15th

This will include:

- ❖ Meet the Middle School Team
- ❖ A range of get to know you activities

Tuesday 22nd

This will include:

- ❖ Getting to know the school grounds
- ❖ A range of get to know you activities



NOTES

- ❖ **Primary school uniform must be worn**

- ❖ Students who normally travel on a bus will be able to use the bus from OCC on these days. To arrange this, give your child's name to your Primary School Principal who will liaise with the General Office

GRADE 6 TRANSITION SAMPLE TIMETABLE

THIS IS A SAMPLE TIMETABLE AND WILL CHANGE

	P1	P2	P3	P4
Tuesday	Hopes & Concerns School Tour Letter to Self	How do we move between classes? Scavenger Hunt Create a map of the classrooms.	Science	Outdoor Games
Wednesday	Self-Regulation Health & Wellbeing	Independent & Likeable? Goal Setting School Values	Maths	Personal Development
Thursday	Food	Humanities	Art	Drama
Friday	How to read timetable What to bring list Combo Lock challenge!	English	Woodwork	Outdoor games/challenges Teamwork

NOTES

- ❖ Primary school uniform must be worn
- ❖ Students will need to bring one exercise book and a pencil case
- ❖ Canteen purchases at recess and lunch times are optional
- ❖ Students who normally travel on a bus will be able to use the bus to and from OCC on these days. To arrange this, give your child's name to your Primary School Principal who will liaise with the General Office.

GELANTIPY CAMP

As part of the introduction of primary students to the Orbost Community College, we are organising a camp for the 2025 Year 7 students. This camp will be held at Karoonda Park, Gelantipy, from **Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st February**.

It is hoped that the camp, held in a supportive and stimulating environment outside of the traditional classroom, will help to ease the transition process of students from primary to secondary school. We hope it will help to build the self-esteem of all students. It will also allow students to mix and to form a cohesive and self-reliant group, fostering individual responsibility and independence.

The students will experience group-building and adventure activities, as well as having to take responsibility for looking after both themselves and others.

The cost per child will be approximately \$350-450.

If there are any concerns about making either of these payments or your child's attendance, please feel free to contact Middle School Team at Orbost Community College.

The camp is an excellent way to begin the year for our Year 7 students and we hope that all students are able to participate.

GELANTIPY CAMP – TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Depart—Tuesday 18th February 9.00am Orbost Community College

Returning– Friday 21st February at approximately 3.00pm

Staffing: TBC

Cost-approximately \$350-450

Transport-Local Bus Service and College bus

Contact phone number: Karoonda Park, Gelantipy- 03 5155 0220

Clothing and Equipment List

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Changes of clothes for each day (include one set of warm clothes) <input type="checkbox"/> Pyjamas <input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat <input type="checkbox"/> Towel <input type="checkbox"/> Bathers <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes, plus clothes suitable for rafting- such as long sleeved fishing shirt <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes -suitable for walking, one with enclosed toes suitable for white water rafting and one other type of footwear (preferably boots) <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants for horse riding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof jacket <input type="checkbox"/> Small day pack (if possible) <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (essential) <input type="checkbox"/> Torch <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding (sleeping bag & pillow) <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries (<u>No spray deodorant</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum \$10.00 spending money <p><i>Any medicines must be handed to staff in a named bag before the start of camp.</i></p>
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BRING LUNCH FOR TUESDAY (1st Day)

