



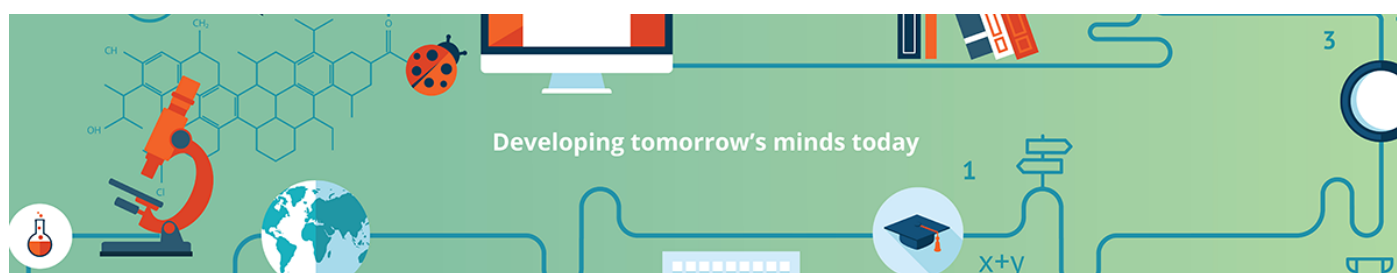
Blackburn High School

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ISSUE ONE

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Principal's Report

The Principal Team warmly welcomed 1350 students to Blackburn High School for the start of the 2019 school year at the two school assemblies conducted on Thursday 31st January. This included 250 Year 7 students, 105 teachers including 14 new teachers and 33 Education Support staff. We have had a very positive and smooth start and acknowledge the students who have been fantastic during the Mentor sessions, assemblies and classes. They epitomise the school values of Respect, Excellence and Citizenship. The staggered start initiated in 2016, with Year 7 and 12 students attending on the first day and the other year levels on the second day, has been very well received again.

We are excited about the introduction of a new and expanded leadership structure in 2019, which is aligned to the school's Strategic Plan and will underpin the important work around improving student outcomes through excellence in teaching practice. The new Leadership Team, consisting of the Principal Team and 16 Leading Teachers/Learning Specialists, will work more closely with teachers to empower our students to improve their progress and achievement.

Visit from the new local state member, Paul Hamer

On Friday 15th February, the new local State Member, Paul Hamer visited the school and is keen to develop a stronger relationship with the school community. So, we are hoping to see him during the school events throughout the year. Paul had a tour of the school and was made aware of the stalled Stage 2 building program and has reassured us that he will support and advocate for improved learning facilities at Blackburn High School. He is an engineer with a strong interest in STEM.

GOODBYE TO THE BHS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

This is to inform the school community of my recent resignation from Blackburn High School. It has been a professionally rewarding experience working at the school as an English teacher, English Coordinator from 2003 for six years and as Director of Learning and Teaching for the last nine years. I have also enjoyed working on School Council and the Education Policy Sub-Committee to improve our policies and processes so that we get better student learning outcomes. It has been a privilege to work with the students, staff and parents at the school over the last fifteen years and I appreciate the support I have received from the community.

I am leaving Blackburn High School to undertake a scholarship to write a PhD. I will take with me significant memories of classrooms and staffrooms to another life at Monash University.

Mrs Arlene Roberts





Principal's Report

2019 Blackburn High School Student Leaders

We look forward to working with the 2019 student leadership group who will provide an important 'student voice' with unique perspectives on learning and teaching and school life. Their insights will be invaluable in improving student engagement, achievement and wellbeing.

The student leaders are:

Leadership Role	Students
Environment Captain	Ellen Tobin-Spall
House Captains	Melba - Lachlan Ord-Steel Hollows - Francesca Tan Freeman - Alyssa Forato Dunlop - Emily Rushby
International Student Captains	Captain - Mary Chen Vice-Captain - Dominic Lei
Music Captains	Stephanie Burger Nic Walker
School Captains	Ashley Burton Daniel Fearn-Wannan
Social Justice Captain	Taya Strahan
Sport Captains	Bridgette McLaren Emily McGuffie

Community Spirit

I would like to acknowledge the community spirit and generosity of a local small business, B & S Mobile Sharpening of Glen Waverley, who donated \$350 to the Royal Children's Hospital following on from work that they provided at Blackburn High School.

Covered Outdoor PE/Sport Learning Area

We are very excited about the progress of the new covered outdoor PE/Sport learning area which is expected to be completed before the end of Term 1.

2019 School Council Elections

I would like to recognize and congratulate the work of the 2018 School Council: Geoff Hugo (President-parent), Jim Rushby (Vice President-parent), Graham Whyte (Treasurer-parent), Tanya Burton (parent), Kim Twigg Ho (parent), Lee Dowler (parent), Lisa Croxford (parent), Chris Carter (parent), Rob Vague (community member), Samuel Lee (community member), Jane Richards (DET-Assistant Principal), Geoff Vezey (DET-Assistant Principal), Martin Baxter (DET-teacher), Shona Mcenaney (DET-teacher), Nicole Taylor (Business Manager-observer), Amy Dowler (student member), Daniel Hugo (student member), Alexandra Tan (School Captain-observer) and Johnson Diep (School Captain-observer).

Thank you to the School Captains who have been excellent role models and ambassadors for the school.

A special acknowledgment to Geoff Hugo, the School Council President, for his outstanding leadership throughout 2018.

All councillors have worked tirelessly to ensure that Blackburn High School continues to be a great public school. The 2019 School Council election process is currently in progress and we will announce to the community the members of the 2019 School Council later this term.

*Joanna Alexander
Principal*



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Dunlop House

From the House Leader

On behalf of Dunlop House and its members, we hope you had a relaxing holiday break, are feeling refreshed and ready to go for Term 1. I would like to warmly welcome all our new students, including our wonderful Year 7s, their families and new staff members Lu Bai and Hannah Garganis to Dunlop House. We are looking forward to a great year ahead and to getting to know each of you.

First term is always busy and filled with lots of opportunities for all. This includes a number of school events; House Performing Arts, Music Recruitment evening, House Swimming, Year 7 Camp, Interschool Sport, Lunchtime Clubs and of course finishing the term with our annual House Athletics Carnival. These are all great opportunities for students to meet new people, make new friends and having a lot of fun enjoying new experiences. It has been wonderful to see students

already getting involved and I encourage all of our students to join the many and varied activities on offer and to participate in all our House events throughout the year.

Here at Dunlop House we do our utmost to emulate our House namesake Sir Edward Weary Dunlop who famously said *"I have a conviction, that only when you are put at full stretch, can you realize your full potential."* We aim high and try to the best of our ability whilst supporting each other along the way. We are excited and looking forward to a terrific year filled with great achievements from all of our students. I am proud of our House and look forward to leading us through 2019.

Ms Claire Greve
Dunlop House Leader





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Dunlop House

Student Leadership

I would like to take this opportunity to officially congratulate and introduce our new House Captain for 2019, Emily Rushby. Emily has already been busy immersing herself into her leadership role, working with our senior Student Leaders, presenting at whole school assemblies, leading our Year 7s on Orientation Day and their first day of school, as well as taking the reins and a starring role in this year's House Performing Arts production 'The Greatest Showman'. I look forward to working with Emily on various House events and with our student leadership team over the coming year.

It is wonderful to have many of our senior Dunlop students take on Senior School Leadership positions this year. Congratulations to the following students:

- Taya Strahan – Social Justice Captain
- Ellen Tobin Spall – Environmental Captain
- Mary Chen – International Student Captain
- Dominic Lei – International Student Vice Captain

Mentor Group Leaders

We have had a number of students ranging from Years 8-12 keen to get involved in our Dunlop Student Leadership team and take on one of the Mentor Group Leader roles. We will be finalising positions over the next two weeks and notifying successful applicants very soon. Watch this space!

House Swimming Carnival

A fantastic day was enjoyed by all at last week's House Swimming. Dunlop students and staff were wonderfully decked out in their red house t-shirts and other dress-ups, all themed red. It was a fantastic sight! All the teachers were so pleased to see the spirit shown by Dunlop students throughout the day. Our participation was great and we had some outstanding individual student performances that we look forward to recognising in later editions of the newsletter. Congratulations to all Dunlop students for finishing overall in third place.





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Dunlop House

The Greatest Showman, the greatest show!

Wow what an evening! This year's House Performing Arts was most certainly one of the most enjoyable I have seen yet. It was terrific to see such entertaining performances from all four houses. It was down to the wire as to who would take out top honours this year, with all Houses finishing close in points to one another. Bursting with absolute pride, I am pleased to announce that *The Greatest Showman* performed by Dunlop House was the "greatest show" on the night, deservedly winning this year's House Performing Arts Festival!

Congratulations to all of the Dunlop House students who have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to develop their script adaptation, score, set design, costumes, props, choreography and more. It was a spectacular performance with Dunlop's very own Emily Varcoe also winning the best choreography award. A big congratulations to the senior student leaders who were this year's House Performing Arts Leaders: House Captain Emily Rushby, Emily Varcoe, Taya Strahan, Kaya Jeffrey, Charlotte Kinnear and Luca Manfield. I would also like to congratulate our hosts for the evening, Ryan Holmes and Hayden MacPhie, who both did a wonderful job throughout the night.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Dunlop staff members Kaitlyn Archer and Anthony McGirr, who have been living and breathing this event since the end of last year and who have worked tirelessly to make the event possible for our students., and a further thanks to all our staff who gave up their time before school, lunchtimes, afterschool and even weekend's to support our students with their supervised rehearsals. Here are a few pictures taken of the night's performance, with more to follow in coming editions.





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Freeman House

Sitting and watching over seventy Freeman students rehearsing for Thursday night's big performance reminded me of so many aspects that are wonderful about our school and our House.

We have fantastic student leaders who have devoted hours of their time over the holidays in scripting, preparing, arranging music and choreographing to ensure that everything goes to schedule. The back-stage crew worked diligently to produce an amazing array of props and fittings, taking special pride in the drop-down banners used at the end of the performance. Even more importantly, their interaction with other students has been fabulous and, along with all of the students involved, they have welcomed so many Year 7s into this special group. We cannot speak highly enough of the way in which all students involved in Freeman's House Performing Arts performance of *High School Musical* have behaved – the respect they have shown to each other and teachers has been outstanding, and their enthusiasm infectious. Congratulations to them for their stellar performance; the sounds of 'Breaking Free' will live on in Freeman House.

We have welcomed 75 new Year 7s to Freeman House over the past few weeks, and it has been pleasing to see how so many of them have already become involved in school activities such as the House Performing Arts and House Swimming Carnivals. Over the year, we hope they take up the opportunity to participate in other events and clubs to ensure they feel like they belong to our school community.





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Freeman House

We have also welcomed new staff to Freeman House: Ms Courtney Davies-Kildea, Mr James Edward, Mr Lakmal Kar, Mr David Lu and Ms Lucinda Murphy. Sadly, we farewelled Mr Alan Keeble who has retired, but fortunately, we are still seeing him around as he takes up a CRT role.

It seems like our 45 Year 12 students have already settled into the rhythm of their final year of school. We've discussed with them that we are all here to support them through what can be a stressful year, and mentioned that we hope they remember to enjoy this time too. We would like to remind parents and guardians to raise any concerns or queries they may have about their child's academic progress or well-being throughout the year. As the students from 'High School Musical' sang often ... "We're all in this together."

Now to our bragging: it has been announced that Freeman House have gone back-to-back in winning the House Swimming Carnival held last Friday. As per 2018, the level of participation from our students was the key to success, and again, it was inspiring to watch the senior students who are still keen to participate, acting as role models for junior students to admire. It was terrific to see the level of enthusiasm across all of the House and, hopefully, we can transfer this across to the House Athletics Carnival at the end of the term.

Before signing off, we would like to acknowledge the citizenship shown by some of our students at the end of 2018. Their involvement in the Presentation Night, which included giving up a day and night of their holidays, was really appreciated, and illustrated how they really do live the school values: Joey Armstrong, Millie Castor, Molly Roche and Elliot Shute, thank you .

*Ms Sharon Gardner-Drummond, Mr Adrian Ferres &
Ms Bronwyn Roach
Freeman House Leadership Team*





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Hollows House

WELCOME TO 2019

On behalf of the staff and students of Hollows House we would like to welcome you to the 2019 school year!

We would like to introduce Mr Tony Lahy (H5) to Blackburn High School and Hollows House as well as welcome Ms Kahlia Norwood (H14) who has moved from Melba to Hollows. Additionally, we would like to welcome Ms Laura Brock who will join Rod Bate as an Assistant House Leader for Hollows.

We would also like to welcome to Blackburn High School the 50 new Year 7 students and 12 new Year 8-12 students who have joined us in Hollows this year.

Student Leaders

A massive congratulations to Francesca Tan who is our 2019 Hollows House Captain. Francesca has been a dynamic member of the House and has already contributed strongly to the House Performing Arts Festival.

A big congratulations also to Bridgette McLaren who is one of the 2019 Sport Captains.

House Swimming Carnival

It was a great atmosphere at the annual Swimming Carnival held on Friday 15th February. Congratulations to Freeman House on their victory but a huge congratulations must also go to all our great Hollows students' for dressing up in green and having a go at the events which helped Hollows take out second place.





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Hollows House

House Performing Arts

Hollows students have started off the year busily by rehearsing and performing *Mamma Mia* for House Performing Arts. Well done to Zoe Tiller (Director), Charlee Parratt (Script), Jennifer Yi (Instrumental), Miranda Kinrade (Props), Darcie Penny (Acting), Hannah Schmidli (Singing) and Meg Wills (Dancing) for their exceptional organisation and leadership! We look forward to congratulating everyone with a pizza lunch next week.

House Photos

A big thankyou to Mr Adrian Metheringham who took and organised the production of our House photo. We now have our 2018 and 2019 photo ready to go up proudly in the 'green' corridor.

Looking Ahead

Term 1 has been very busy already and there is more to come with Year 7 Camp coming up next week (4-6th March) in Waratah Bay, Student Parent Conferences for Year 7s (27th March 2-5PM) and Years 8-12 (4th April all day) and House Athletics (April 5th).

We are looking forward to a year filled with many achievements and happy memories and wish all students, staff and parents a great 2019!

Mrs Laura Brock
Assistant House Leader





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Melba House



MELBA 2019

It has been another busy and exciting start to the 2019 school year for Melba students, staff and parents! We have welcomed 75 Year 7 students and a number of new students at other year levels. We have also welcomed SEVEN new staff members to the school and the Melba team.

Chris Mullarvey	English Humanities
Madeline Sims	English
Pri Abeynaike	English/EAL
Merric Butler	Humanities/Connections
Christian Smith	Maths
Ramesha Wimalasuriya	Science
Rosemary Clarke	IT



There has also been some changing of Mentor teachers and positions in the House team. We are very lucky to have Liam Tobin continuing as Assistant House Leader and welcome David Coulter to the position of Assistant House Leader. Rebecca Bianco joined Melba last year and has taken over M12. As you can see, there have been many changes in Melba, but staff and students have taken it in their stride welcoming one and all!



House Swimming Carnival

In addition to navigating around the ever-growing school, students have whole-heartedly been engaged in numerous House activities. The annual House Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 15th February and it was amazing to see so many students not only dress up in blue, but also have a go at the variety of competitive and novelty events. The sea of different colours really was great to see. A big highlight for all students is, of course, watching the *Biggest Splash Competition*.



House Performing Arts

Another big event occurred last week as well - the highly esteemed House Performing Arts Festival. A variety of students have been working hard since last year to adapt the musical *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. A big thank you to all of the staff who have tirelessly helped supervise this student run production. Congratulations to the participants listed on the program and especially the leaders: Soh Jin Baek, Rory Spiers-Spence, Lachlan Ord-Steel, Stephanie Burger and Ebonie Lyon for their various roles.





Melba House

A big congratulations to the Tech Crew as well. I would also like to acknowledge that Melba won Best Adaptation on the night and Best Program Design (Lachlan Ord-Steel) Congratulations to the students involved with these elements.

Soh Jin Baek, Creative Director, shares her thoughts on her experiences this year:

Participating in the House Performing Arts has always been a rewarding moment. Getting to know the younger students and becoming closer with the other year levels has been a fantastic experience and every year I do House Performing Arts I appreciate the opportunity to be in such a joyful and exciting environment. House Performing Arts is a fabulous way to express yourself in the arts, whether it be singing, dancing, acting, playing music, or even makeup. I found it interesting to see how many different aspects there are in making a musical. Obviously, the best bit about House Performing Arts is performing and watching the others do great musicals on the night, and being genuinely proud of all that the Houses have achieved within such a short time frame. Tune in to our next issue for all of the photos from the spectacular night!

Student Leadership

We have had a plethora of applications for Mentor Group leaders and will be conducting interviews this week, with the hope of finalising by 1st March. Watch this space! Year 7s will get an opportunity to apply for Year 7 leader positions after camp. We have one leader per class.

We are also very lucky to have three school leaders in our house:

School Captain- Daniel Fearn-Wannan

Melba House Captain- Lachlan Ord-Steel

Music Captain- Stephanie Burger

Lions Youth of the Year Competition

On Thursday 21st February, Ryan Stevens participated in the Lions Youth of the Year Competition. While Ryan did not progress to the next round, he was offered some exciting opportunities. He writes about them below:

Despite not winning the Youth of the Year competition and progressing through to next round, I was offered some opportunities that most people who lose in a competition will not get. I was offered an advertisement production job for the Lions Club in Box Hill and a chance to publicly speak about mental health and suicide prevention at the Local Lions Club District.

Ryan has also allowed us to share an excerpt of his speech entry below:

As a direct result of what has happened to me, I volunteer in several local church programs and I am a Mentor Leader at my school; a position I've held for 4 years. This role ranges from trying to help new students at the school settle in, through to organising fundraisers for local charities. I always look to help people who may be going through difficult times as much as I can. In November 2018 I was given a further opportunity to help people and spread my message. I entered into a film competition run by the Australian Suicide Prevention Organisation.





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Melba House

Designed to promote mental health awareness and suicide prevention, I had to produce, edit, and direct a 1 minute film based around the theme of 'You are Not Alone'.

To my delight I was chosen as one of the few winners in the Metropolitan Secondary student category.

Winning this competition has also helped me further my experience and skills as a young film maker—something else I'm very passionate about.

In the video I used my own life as an example. I recorded my friends, family and people that I respect that give value to my life. I got those people to share the things about me they would miss if I wasn't here anymore (commit suicide). At the end, I then had my on-camera presence; explaining why people shouldn't commit suicide.

My main point is that there are always people and professionals that can help if you are in a tough situation. All you need to do is talk.

Also, that there are many individuals that are experiencing and have experienced the same troubles and difficulties.

I entered into the 'You are not alone' competition to give a voice to the people who don't have a voice. I also wanted to let them know that they are never alone and there are always people around that can help. That these people are just like you.

YEAR 7 REFLECTIONS

Zayde Potter 7MA

Starting High School was nerve racking at first, meeting new people and getting my head around the timetable, but I felt more comfortable as the hours went by. All the teachers and older students are kind and helpful, which makes it easy to ask them for advice. I absolutely love the Music Program and what it offers. From what I've experienced these first few weeks here I know I'm going to love Blackburn High School.

Piper Kelly, 7MA

My journey started off with the letter saying I got into Blackburn High. The expression on my face said everything, I couldn't believe it. The orientation swung around quick and then I was having my first PE lesson with Mr Tobin. After that I was introduced to how it all works. The holidays came and went and then I was in the car on my way to school. Mentor was first up and I was so excited to get a locker, meet some new friends and also meet my Mentor Group. The teachers were very welcoming and supportive during the transition. Just recently we have had our Swimming Carnival. It was great to see the whole school out and racing. Overall my transition was interesting and I can't wait to welcome the Year 7s of 2020.

*Mrs Jacinta Marcus
Melba House Leader*





YR7 MUSIC RECRUITMENT NIGHT

On Tuesday 12th February, the YR7s had the opportunity to attend the Music Recruitment Night.

A fantastic night was had by all - students, parents and teachers. (See below)

We now have over 45% of YR7 students learning an instrument.

We look forward to a very exciting 2019 in the Music Department.





House Swimming

House Swimming Carnival

2019

Last Friday we headed out to Boroondara YMCA for our annual House Swimming Carnival. The weather was perfect and it was fantastic to see all of the students dressed in our brilliant House Colours.

The day ran smoothly with some great swim racing, diving, novelty events and, not forgetting, the 'Big Splash'

At the end of the day the House Points were as follows;

- 1st – Freeman House with 3,355 Points
- 2nd – Hollows House with 2,152 Points
- 3rd – Dunlop House with 2,138 Points
- 4th Melba House with 1,842 Points

As you can see only 14 Points separated Hollows and Dunlop!

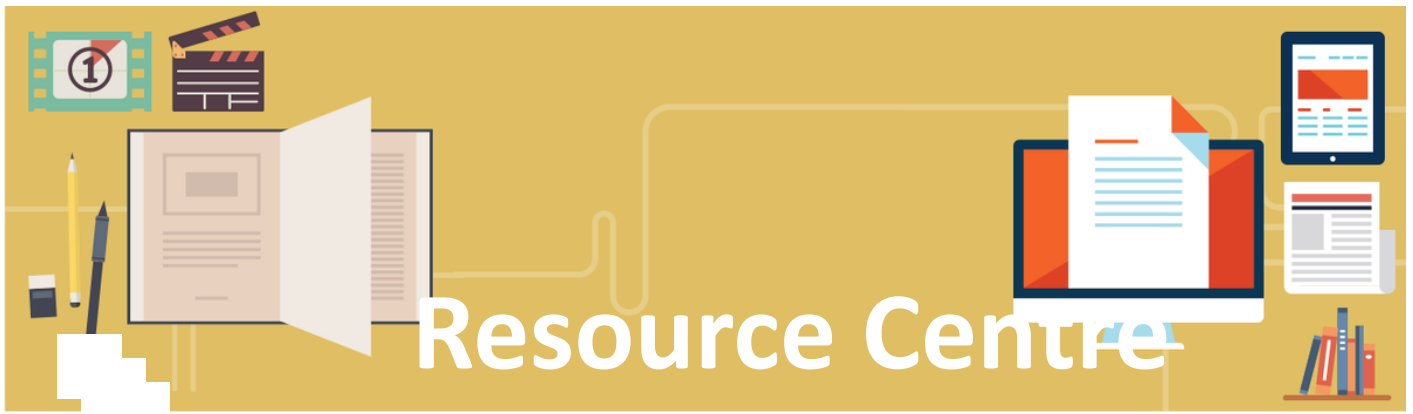
Congratulations to Lucy, Madison and Charlotte Freeman who pooled their raffle tickets to win the Carnival Prize of a UE Boom Speaker

Swimming Age Champions will be presented at the next School Assembly.

Our Swimming/Diving Team is now being finalized for the Whitehorse Division Carnival which will take place on Thursday 7th March at Aquanation.

*Ms Nadine Roche
Carnivals Co-ordinator*





Welcome to 2019 in the Resource Centre!

We have just finished the selection process for Library Assistants this year—and thank you everyone who applied.

There was quite a wide field of applicants and we took the decision to appoint younger year level students who could most benefit from carrying the extra responsibility of giving up their lunchtimes to provide customer service to borrowers, shelve returned books and attend to a variety of other tasks from time to time.

The successful applicants were Year 7 students Sayuri, Hannah and Aiden, and Year 8 students Christopher and Lucas. Alana (Year 10) will also be helping out from time to time.

I look forward to working together with all the new Resource Centre assistants over the coming year.

*Mrs Liga Darzins
Resource Centre Manager*





*“Be the beginning,
Be the future”*



*Doncaster Rovers is excited to launch
Female Football in 2019.*

*Rovers has a long history of developing Junior footballers and
is now delighted to re-introduce and expand our club with
Junior Girls and Senior Women’s Football.*

*Boasting one of the best facilities in the Eastern Region,
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and select “2019 Registrations” menu option



Community Notices



Whitehorse Colts

Junior Football and Netball Club Inc. (A0029084C)

PLAYERS WANTED 2019



Auskick Junior Boys 8 - 17 Girls 8 -18

The Whitehorse Colts are a family friendly community junior football club.

We are currently seeking players for our teams in 2019.

Girls teams in under 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18.

Mixed teams in under 8 and 9.

Boys teams in under 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and Colts (16-17)

Contact President: Andrew Norris 0419 574 844

or go to our web site for further information

www.whitehorsecolts.org.au

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We play on Sundays between April - September.



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JUNIOR 'COME & TRY' AND REGISTRATION DAY
Saturday 16th March (2pm-3:30pm)
Followed by a Free Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drink
Ringwood Saints Baseball Club
Proclamation Park, Sylvia Grove, Ringwood
For more information please email Junior Coordinator, Leonie Branson at: ringwoodsaintsjuniors@gmail.com or visit www.ringwoodsaints.com.au

A large baseball is on the left. In the center is a cartoon catcher in a red and black uniform. On the right is a cartoon batter in a red cap and blue uniform swinging a bat.

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