

HARVESTER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Respect Responsibility Perseverance Community

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

EDITION 1 2023

Principal's message..

Upon the conclusion of Term 1, I am delighted to report there has been much to acknowledge and celebrate over the last few weeks here at Harvester.

Tech Ten

Post orientation camp, the Tech Ten cohort have proven to be a positive and energised group. They continue to form strong friendships and engage with opportunities across the college. On completion of their White Card, they have safely and enthusiastically jumped into their programs, keen to develop their practical skills and knowledge of the trades in readiness for their first Work Experience block scheduled in May.

Year 11 & 12

With the roll out of the new VCE Vocational Major, class structure at HTC looks a little different this year. Literacy, Numeracy, Personal Development Skills, Work Related Skills and Health & PE classes are year level specific for the first time in years, whilst VET courses continue to be delivered across combined Year 11 & 12 classes. The feedback from both teachers and students has proven to be positive. Students particularly like the opportunity to work with peers across multiple VET areas within their VCE VM/VCAL classes.

SRC @HTC

The 2023 Student Representative Council looks to be a passionate and highly capable group. I'd like to thank these students who have committed to working with their peers and leadership to enhance the Harvester community experience.

College Calendar

The College Calendar continues to fill with excursions, sporting events and the like, giving our students plenty of engaging experiences to enhance their learning. I'd particularly like to highlight the Smoking Ceremony performed by Auntie Annette on 24 February. It was a powerful and meaningful way to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and to establish a connection with the community and the environment. All involved were fascinated by Auntie Annette's stories and moved by the experience.

School Council

I'd like to congratulate Matthew Taylor who has joined the Sunshine College School Council as a Harvester parent representative. The support of parents/carers is vital to the important work of the School Council, which underpins effective governance of the college. Thank you, Matthew.



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REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If your child is absent please follow the steps below:

1. Call HTC on 8311 5555 **before 8:50am.**
2. Press 1 and leave a message.
3. State your child's name and a valid reason for their absence.

OR

1. Login to the Compass Parent Portal.
2. Add an Attendance Note.
3. Be sure to do this before 8:50am.

**it's not okay
to be away**

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

Have your circumstances changed? If so, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF). Please contact Emily at the front office on 8311 5555 for more details.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Minor Projects

There are some exciting projects scheduled this Semester. The front of the college has undergone a facelift with landscaping works completed over the school holiday break. Please make sure you take a look at the wonderful winding path, rockery and feature rings next time you are on campus. In addition, a shade/shelter will be installed over the outdoor dining area, giving students the opportunity to enjoy their break times outside come rain, hail or shine. We hope this work to be completed by the end of Term 2.

Welcome to the team.

On behalf of the school community I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Prerna Vijay who has joined the Administration team this year. Prerna will be working in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Farewell and good luck.

Earlier this year Scott Baker, one of our maintenance crew, left the college to pursue his passion of bird watching. We'd like to thank Scott for his work over the last 10 years, both here at HTC and previously at the old Sunshine College Senior Campus. We wish Scott all the best.

Communication

At Harvester, we value effective and regular communication with families about the progress of our students. We were thrilled to welcome so many families into the college for our first Parent-Teacher Interviews for the year. With *Compass* being our main method of communication, I highly recommend you download the *Compass* mobile phone app to stay up to date with school events and notices. Facebook and Instagram are other great ways to keep up to date with school events.

I hope you enjoy reading about the programs and events that culminated into a very positive and productive Term 1.

We are confident students are refreshed and ready for a busy term 2, and their first Structured Workplace Learning placement for the year. We look forward to working with you closely this year, and to the success of our students in all that the rest of 2023 has to offer.

Trudy Whiteside

TERM TWO KEY DATES	
Monday 24 th April	Curriculum Day – Student Free Day
Tuesday 25 th April	ANZAC Day (public holiday)
Wednesday 26 th April	Term 2 commences
Monday 1 st May	SSV – Yr 10 Soccer
Wednesday 3 rd May	Year 10 PDS Excursion to Victoria University
Thursday 4 th May	HTC AFL house afternoon at Dempster Park
Friday 5 th May	SSV – Yr 10-12 Badminton & Netball
Monday 8 th May – Friday 19 th May	Structured Workplace Learning Block 1
Monday 22 nd May	SSV – Yr 10 AFL
Wednesday 24 th May	SSV – Yr 11 & 12 AFL
Monday 12 th June	King's Birthday (public holiday)
Thursday 15 th June	GAT – Year 12 & ENG students, no Yr 11 students (except ENG)
Friday 24 th June	Last day Term 2 – 12:30pm dismissal

FEBRUARY AWARD RECIPIENTS



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Aydan Dear

12 B



LITERACY AWARD

Angus Taylor

Tech Ten C



NUMERACY AWARD

Lachlan De Brabander

Tech Ten C



SPORTS AWARD

Joel Knight

11 B



VET AWARD

Aidan Cram

11 A



TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Ryan Boicos

Tech Ten B

MARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Matthew Azzopardi

Tech Ten B



LITERACY AWARD

Aiden Lautier

Tech Ten A



NUMERACY AWARD

Jett Rust

11 A



SPORTS AWARD

Erol Custovic

11 A



VET AWARD

Audrey Hanlon

12 A



TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Amelia Josevski

Tech Ten A

SRC NEWS

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is a group of students elected to represent the student body from each class. The SRC representatives strive to improve the experience of the students, take on leadership roles, be the voice of the student body and solve problems that impact the HTC community. The SRC had their first meeting on the 14th of March, where they talked about electing a President and Vice President, year 12 jackets and community events.

Congratulations to the following students in being elected as our 2023 SRC:

Harry (TTA), Catherine (TTA), Aidan (TTB), Jackson (TTB), Christian (TTC), Brock (TTC), Harvey (11A), Blake (11A), Lachland (11B), Ethan (11B), Oliver (11C), Dorian (11C), Riley (12A), Savannah (12A), Blake (12B), Tony (12B)



YEAR 10 WORKSHOP NEWS

The year 2023 certainly started with a bang in the Tech Ten workshop. Students in Tech Ten B Metal have followed instructions with precision and continue to tackle tasks with enthusiasm.

We began our Metal class with an outline of the course, followed by a tour of the TT10 workshop and the other workshops that are utilised by the more senior Certificate II students. This enabled the Tech Tens to begin to understand the Harvester Technical College system, and how fortunate they are to be at a school that doesn't focus on the usual subjects.

Students have successfully completed most of the theory and Ongaard requirements, learning about all aspects of safety, hazards and Safe Work Method (SWM) documents, and how to fill them out correctly.

We have also begun to fill out a Take 5 Safety book before each practical session, with a focus on the need to appreciate our own safety, along with our peers and workshop.

I'm pleased to report that students are well on their way to completing the Tool Caddy which includes a sticker of their own design to be fitted to the side of the model.

The Junior Hacksaw is the next project. They will design it using Fusion 360 and work within the constraints of the project brief.

There is room for extension in the workshop for those that complete projects ahead of time. Students lucky enough to be in this position get to make a sliding bevel square—this is fun to make and it is a very useful tool to boot!

Congratulations on a great term Tech Tens.

Darren James—Metal Teacher



TRADE UPDATE

Carpentry

The Carpentry class started their very busy 2023 (20 modules to complete) with five modules that will run all year. These include; Conduct work place communications, Apply workplace OHS, Work effectively and sustainably, Carry out measurements and calculations and Interpret and apply drawings and plans.

They all have now completed their Construction Induction Card (White Card) and First Aid certificate and are working on Hand and power tools and Basic setting out. The previously mentioned two modules will be delivered by the time students go on work placement holding them in good stead for the work tasks of real world industry ahead of them.

The other 11 modules, which in short, are the skills required to build and demolish a simple structure, will be delivered and completed by the end of the year.

Our Carpentry students, at this early stage, are enthusiastic and are showing solid hand and tool skills. This is a good indication that even though it's a jam-packed certificate, the students are highly capable of completing it successfully, and in good time.

Rucio Sosnowski Carpentry Teacher



Engineering

The Engineers have completed their toolbox project and are now trying their hand at basic machining using a centre lathe and using a pedestal grinder to perform off-hand grinding to sharpen tools, such as punches and chisels. They have also been producing excellent technical drawings, meeting the requirements of Australian Standard, AS1100. Soon, they will begin their drill gauge and centre-punch projects.

Peter Michelini Engineering Teacher



TRADE UPDATE

Plumbing

The Cert II Plumbing students successfully completed their White Card and First Aid early in the term and proceeded to put a good dent in the theory for Hand and Power Tools, Sheet Metal and Fabricate Plumbing Pipes.

The class demonstrated great teamwork out in the open annexe when preparing the full lengths of quad and square line spouting for our sheet metal tasks.

The students have worked well together creating a tight group who simply want to get into the workshop. The time spent in class has produced excellent learning outcomes proving they are really absorbing the theory content related to the regulations that are extremely important within the plumbing sector.

We are well on track to keep the learning going at a great pace, equipping students with some solid foundation skills and knowledge in readiness for their first Structured Workplace Learning block.

Darren James
Plumbing Teacher



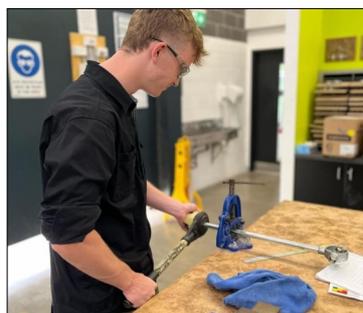
Electrotechnology

In 2023, students in the Electrotechnology class will explore a range of units including occupational health and safety, electrical principles, producing electrical products and sustainable energy solutions. These units will encourage students to expand upon their skill and knowledge relating to the electrotechnology industry.

The students started the year with the unit of Occupational health and safety, relating to specific hazards within the electrical field. The students demonstrated positive behaviour and competence within this unit, which provided them confidence to advance into the progressive units.

They then utilised the workshop equipment in a fabrication unit, where they designed and created projects relating to the electrical industry with integration of the engineering trade. The students fabricated metal components and were taught the basics of electrical wiring and terminations.

Jason Aquilina
Electrotechnology Teacher



LITERACY NEWS

Trades Hall Excursion

Students visited Trade Hall in the city and learnt about the history of unions and their early beginnings from the Eureka Stockade to recently, where they were successful in getting domestic violence leave. They discussed the role women played in early unions and how they are now being acknowledged for their work. They toured the historic building and were shown the flags of their members, important people and rooms where historic discussions took place, even pointing out the bullet holes in the walls where robbers had a shoot out, in an attempt to steal the safe holding members fees inside.

In addition, students participated in a workshop about Workplace Bullying and learnt about their rights in the workplace, and what their employers can and can't do. Students considered several scenarios to reinforce their understanding. The experience finished with an explanation of how the Legal Department at Trades Hall could help them with free legal advice if they ever needed it.

Jacque Fellows
Literacy Teacher



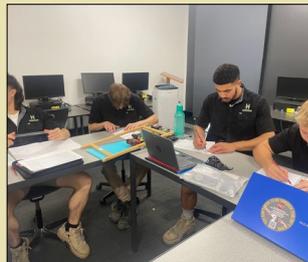
NUMERACY NEWS

Each cohort is starting the year by going back to basics, reminding students on how to process calculations with fractions, decimals and percentages - we all need a reminder after a long break!

With our new VCE VM curriculum, our year 11 cohort have delved right into algebra and how it relates to their finances. We looked at how we can calculate how much tax we are required to pay, depending on how much we earn using algebraic expressions. Students also investigated superannuation and the effects of removing \$10k now vs. the future value after it's been invested.

Our year 12 students have been expanding their knowledge on design and measurement and problem solving by creating design plans and instructions for a piece of furniture and will soon be building their own modelled hexayurt.

Tamara Zerafa
Numeracy Team Leader



This Issue's Numeracy Brainteaser:

Monthly Brainteaser: 92% of 900 employees of a company arrive at the workplace on time on Friday. There are 500 female employees in the company and 94% of them have arrived at the workplace this Friday on time.

What is the percentage of the men who are late?

CULTURAL IDENTITY EXCURSION



As part of the Personal Development Skills (PDS) curriculum, Tech Ten students researched different cultures, heard the stories of Asylum Seekers and Refugees, and explored their own social connections. To enrich their understanding, students were required to conduct interviews with members of the public in the city.

Upon arrival at Flinders St. Station, we were almost rained out with a typical Melbourne surprise thunderstorm, and took a train to Melbourne Central to keep dry. The students were nervous at first but once they interviewed their first person they all got on a roll, and had a wide variety of responses.

After lunch, we headed to the Sandridge Bridge and in typical Melbourne style the weather became clear and sunny. The students collected the information they required and had a short break in South Bank. It was noted by a teacher from another school that, our students behaved exceptionally well and were very respectful, this feedback was wonderful to hear. The students did a fantastic job of branching out of their comfort zone to gain the perspective of others in the community.

Robert Coghill

PDS Teacher



YEAR 12 GRAND PRIX EXCURSION

On the 31st of March Senior VCAL students were lucky enough to attend the Melbourne Grand Prix as part of their Literacy studies. Students have been researching the return of tourism and major events since numerous cancellations and lockdowns have limited both national and international tourists visiting our city. With a wet day forecast and a chilly morning, students met at Southern Cross station rugged up and expecting the worst. After a tram ride out to Albert Park, the sun was shining on what was to be an amazingly sunny autumn day! Students began their day watching the Formula 2's which started as we arrived then spent some time exploring the Technology Hub looking at the cars being tuned up and collecting handouts from the display tents. After lunch we crossed the bridge to the inside of the circuit to watch the Formula 1's on the hill. Using their experience students will now write a persuasive piece on why tourists should visit Melbourne and how major events like the Grand Prix help to promote the city and its major attractions.

Daniel Monigatti

Literacy Teacher



YR 12 AQUARIUM EXCURSION

As part of Personal Development Skills this semester, Senior VCAL students planned and organised a range of excursions. Students were tasked with researching all aspect of the excursion including pricing, permissions and travel arrangements. Excursion briefs were pitched to the class with the winning idea coming from Audrey and Savannah of 12 A who prepared an excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium, followed by lunch along the river at Southbank. Students met at Flinders St and made the short walk up to the Aquarium with a quick stop for some breakfast. Whilst in the aquarium we had a guided tour through all areas and learned about the different animals and conservation. I think the favourite was Pinjarra, the 5m Salt-water Crocodile who was moving around in his tank which is apparently quite rare. Students also had the opportunity to hold some shark eggs and pat some star fish in the hands-on exhibition. Thank you Savannah and Audrey for organising a well planned and enjoyable excursion.

Daniel Monigatti
PDS Teacher



FOUNDRY IN A BOX INCURSION

The Tech Tens participated in a metal casting incursion on Friday 17th of March delivered by Foundry in a Box. Students got the opportunity to understand how castings are made and actually make a casting model of their own initial using the same process that is used in the actual foundry based in Coburg.

Darren James
Metal Teacher



PICAC EXCURSION

On Wednesday 22nd of March the Plumbing and Carpentry students visited the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) in Narre Warren. The centre is the only fully sustainable education facility in Australia producing net zero emissions. The students learnt about recycling water, thermos temperature control, solar energy and how the building is totally sustainable. The students enjoyed touring the facilities and the presentation from Brendan Gould. A big thank you to Master Plumbers for hosting our students.

Darren James & Rucio Sosnowski



SSV Lawn Bowls

On Friday 17th February, nine Harvester students made the trip to Buckley Park Essendon to compete in Lawn Bowls. Having three teams represent the college, the students gave it their all, with one of the teams finishing runners up and making it to the regional finals. Progressing to the finals a few weeks later Corey, Tasman and Jac jumped out of the blocks, having a great win over Belmont College 10-0. They then had a tough, hard fought draw with Bayside College before finding Braeside College too strong. Congratulations to the team making it the Regionals.



SSV Senior Girls Futsal

Harvester fielded a Senior Girls Futsal Team for the very first time on Monday 27th February. Not having played together as a team, the students got off to a slow start, losing to both Taylors Lakes College & St Albans College. However, after lunch they hit the court firing and had great wins over Sunshine College and Gilson College.



SSV Cricket

On Wednesday 1st March at Fairbairn Park, Harvester Students made up of all year levels represented our college. They got off to a flying start,

comprehensively beating Gilson College before losing to Springside West College. Congratulations to all the students who represented the college on this day.

SSV Senior Boys Volleyball

On Wednesday 8th March, Harvester students took on Copperfield College in the opening match, and played well as a team from the opening point and had a great win.

Their next opponent was Springside West College who were quietly confident, however, our students jumped them from the opening point and raced to a 1 set to lead. The second set saw Springside turn the tables and take it out comfortably. With all the momentum seemingly against the Harvester team, they managed to rally and take out the third and deciding set convincingly. The semi-final had them up against Gilson College. With a home court and crowd advantage, and with a formidable team, Gilson proved far too strong for our team, not only defeating Harvester, but winning the event.



HEALTH & PE NEWS

Intermediate Volleyball

On Tuesday, 28th March, the Intermediate Volleyball team travelled to Gilson College for an SSV tournament. Having very limited training sessions together as a team, the students were understandably a little nervous about competing against other schools. The first match, against Keilor Downs Secondary College, was an entertaining one, as was the match against Springside West Secondary College. Although they were not able to register a win on the day, the students performed extremely well, competed with great endeavour and enthusiasm, and made the other schools really earn their victories.



Senior Futsal

Senior Futsal took place on Wednesday, 29th March and our first opponents were Copperfield College. After a shaky start where the HTC team conceded the first 2 goals in the opening minutes, they settled really well and fought out a great second half, eventually losing 2 goals to 4. Their second match against Springside West Secondary College was a hard fought match. Our students entered half time with a 2 goals to 1 lead, however, they ran out of legs and ended up losing 2-4.

Anthony Raffoul
Health & PE Coordinator

HTC 50m Sprint

To commence the 2023 PE program, all classes took part in some fitness testing, with a 50 metre sprint being one of the most competitive tests amongst students. As a result, HTC staff decided to hold the first Harvester Sprint over 50 metres on Monday 20th February, with the four quickest students from each class competing in an elimination, knock-out format. With 32 runners starting off, it was no surprise that the last two standing runners recorded the quickest times during the fitness testing period.

In a close final, Blake Kelly was able to hold off Lachland Green and be recognised as the quickest student at HTC. Congratulations Blake for winning the inaugural Harvester Sprint!

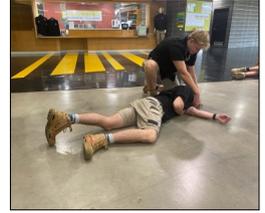
Anthony Raffoul
Health & PE Coordinator



TRAINING NEWS

First Aid Training—Year 11&12

As part of our Building & Construction, Electrotechnology, Engineering and Plumbing programs here at Harvester Technical College, we welcomed Bruce and the team from IVET (our partner RTO) to deliver and assess First Aid training to our year 11 & 12 students. Across a full day through a combination of theory and practical tasks, the students developed an understanding of the key elements of First Aid including responding to an emergency situation, applying appropriate first aid procedures, communicating details of an incident and evaluating the incident and their own performance. During the completion of the First Aid unit, the students were able to show many of the skills they acquired including bandaging and CPR. Well done to all involved on a successful day.



Kerrie McKay
RTO Manager

White Card Training

On the 28th of February, Tech Ten students undertook their Construction Induction (White Card) training, which is a requirement for students to be able to go out on job sites while they undertake work placement. All students in attendance successfully completed their CI card training on the day. WELL DONE to all!



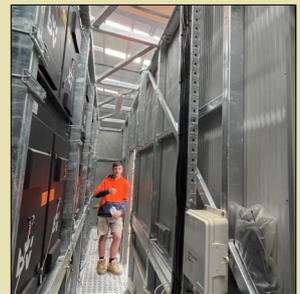
A big thanks to the students who were engaged and performed well, and to the teachers for your expert delivery and assessment, helping make the day a success.

Peter Michelini
Engineering Teacher

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Liam Brown – Electrotechnology 2022

Liam is in his first year of his Electrical Lighting Technician apprenticeship with Big Screen Video (BSV). He works on anything from billboards to scoreboards and gets to travel all around Australia fixing faults and/or installing massive screens. Liam really enjoys the different challenges he faces every day and working with such a friendly team.



Ethan Bonson – Plumbing 2022

Ethan has obtained a plumbing apprenticeship with Lakes Plumbing Services. He meets at the factory each morning and loads the van with what is required for the day's tasks. Ethan is enjoying plumbing and digging very large holes...obviously!

Luke Haines – Electrotechnology 2022

Luke is working with Design and Build Electrical which is a commercial company. Working with the A grade electricians mainly in the CBD has helped Luke to learn different parts of the job, building in confidence each day. He is really enjoying the challenges and variety of tasks. The people are very friendly and respectful which has helped Luke to make an easy transition from school to full-time employment.

Renée Bradford—Careers & Pathways Coordinator



Tech Ten Orientation Camp

Tech Ten Orientation Camp

Our orientation camp commenced on the first day of the school year and is a way for all of our Tech Ten students to meet each other, get to know their teachers and have a fun introduction to the college. This year's camp was to The Island CYC in Phillip Island. After the students and their parents said goodbye to each other it was on the buses for the more than two hour trip.

As the Year 10 Coordinator, I was making trips up and down the bus talking to all of the students about why they had come to Harvester. It was interesting to hear their stories—some were nervous, some were keen, and some were just happy to be starting somewhere new.

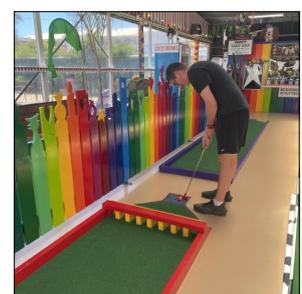
We were greeted with a warm welcome and the cabins were allocated. For the first night the students participated in a number of short games and activities that relied on their problem solving skills and group work. Using ropes and a variety of materials, students had to make a six pointed star out of a length of rope that was tied together. The main restriction was that all students had to be touching the rope at all times and could not move their hands from the position they started in. There was some great input from students that showed some strong leadership qualities. They didn't quite solve it in the end, but it was a difficult task!

The next day was an early start for some of the students that were 'up late' and they all rotated through activities from White Card training, Mini-Golf and Stand up Paddle Boarding (SUP). The weather was almost perfect for the SUP apart from a bit of a cross wind making it a little more challenging. The students all participated well in the activities. There was also plenty of time to have a dip in the pool and the day had the perfect amount of sun. Later that night was a Trivia Challenge with plenty of laughs and rewards. Then it was off to bed for a 'quiet' night.

The final morning saw the students being assessed for safely and correctly securing a harness as part of their White Card training. They did this by participating in activities such as the Rock Climbing Wall and the Giant Swing. All the students were able to take turns in Archery, Basketball and the Trampolines at the site. Finally, it was time to return to Harvester. The bus ride home was much quieter than on the way up and I was proud of the students for committing to the camp and for turning up on the following two days with an enthusiasm to learn.

Robert Coghill

Year 10 Coordinator



Harvester Technical College Uniform

As the colder weather approaches you may wish to purchase warmer uniform items. Please log in to Compass News Feeds to find a 'How to Guide' on ordering via the Hip Pocket Laverton Website. Alternately you can scan the QR code to visit their Harvester Technical College page.



Annual privacy reminder for 2023

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found under Policies from the Our College tab on the Sunshine College website at <https://www.sunshine.vic.edu.au/>

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

Child Safety

Our community values of **Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance** and **Community** are underpinned by an understanding that **Child Safety** is a paramount responsibility of the school community. Harvester Technical College has a number of guiding policies regarding **Child Safety** on our website located at www.sunshine.vic.edu.au

Please take some time to make yourself aware of these and contact the school should you have any concerns regarding **Child Safety**.



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WE WARMLY INVITE
YOU TO ATTEND OUR

INFORMATION EVENINGS

FOR STUDENTS
COMMENCING IN 2024

Our information evenings will be held on the following dates throughout 2023:

- Tuesday 21ST MARCH
- Tuesday 2ND MAY
- Tuesday 6TH JUNE
- Tuesday 18TH JULY
- Tuesday 29TH AUGUST
- Tuesday 10TH OCTOBER
- Tuesday 21ST NOVEMBER

WHERE
76 Suffolk Road, Sunshine North, 3020

TIME
6:00pm - 7:30pm

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or call 8311 5555

The information sessions are an excellent opportunity to meet the Principal and teachers and learn more about our:

- ▶ TECH TEN (Year 10) program
- ▶ VET programs including:
CARPENTRY
ELECTROTECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING
PLUMBING
- ▶ Vocational VCE program
- ▶ Career Pathways

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