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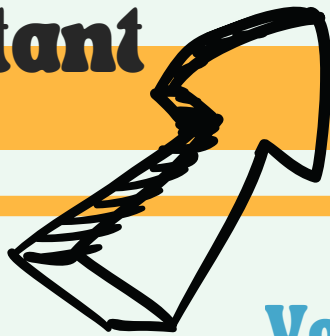
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- Headstart Week 2 (1 - 5 Dec)
- Sports Carnival (5 Dec)
- Activities Week (8 - 12 Dec)

- VCAA Results Released (11 Dec)
- 2025 Awards Day (15 Dec)

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Important Info!



Valedictory "to say farewell"



Last Thursday, our 2025 Year 12 graduates, along with their families, friends, and YSC staff, gathered at the beautiful Regent Theatre to celebrate a memorable Valedictory evening. A massive thank you must be extended to Mrs Candy White, and all of the YSC staff who worked tirelessly to make the evening a special night for our graduating cohort. As a school community, we could not be more proud of our graduates. We wish each of them the very best as they step into new and exciting chapters beyond YSC. Their hard work, determination, and resilience throughout the year have been truly outstanding, and we also acknowledge the incredible support their families have provided along the way.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! We cannot wait to see what you achieve next.



Principal's Report

Welcome to the last Pelican's Post of 2025.

We are in the middle of our Headstart program, where the whole school community steps up into 2026 for two weeks. We've had our Year 9s move into the Senior School and the Year 11s take up residence in the Senior Study Space. There have been changes of subjects, teachers and lockers, and while this is a lot of moving parts, our school community is making the change with grace and integrity. This is one of my favourite times of the year, as it is a time of looking to the future and of stepping into a whole new world of what-ifs.

I know I always look forward to meeting my new classes and content, and looking around the school this week I have seen a lot of curiosity and excitement.

In the midst of all this change we have also taken time to celebrate the end of Year 12 exams with our Year 12 Valedictory. The ceremony was led by Mrs Candy White and Mr Jack Weston in the amazing environment of the Regent Theatre. Students, their families and staff all arrived in style and were entertained with memories of their past exploits as well as speeches from the Principal, the Senior School Leader and the School Captains. If Headstart is about looking to the future, Valedictory is about celebrating the past and opening up the next chapter of life. It is truly an amazing time of the year.

As well as celebrations, Yarram Secondary College also took time to reflect. The school joined the wider Yarram community during the 16 Days of Activism, including participation in a walk against gendered violence, the creation of orange silhouettes which are popping up around the town, and conversations around respect. The school values respect and standing up against violence. I was proud to hear the conversations around what it means to respect yourself and also respecting others. I know the future is in good hands.

We will end the year with our activities week which will include excursions away from James Street to make the most of our local area, such as Devon North and even further afield to Gumbuya World and Fountain Gate. We will also be running subject-based activities to explore fun and surprising ways to look at traditional subjects like Maths and English, PE and the Arts, Humanities and Science.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the amazing experiences at Yarram Secondary College this year, from our staff to our families and, of course, to the young people who come here every day and trust us to help take them on their learning journeys. Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

74th Annual Awards Day

The day to celebrate our award winners, in both academic and sporting fields will be held at 11am on Monday, December 15th in the gym. The Awards Day ceremony goes for approximately 1 ½ hours. Everyone, including parents are welcome to attend and celebrate the year. Announcements and presentations will also be made to the incoming school captains and house captains. Award winners will be notified prior to the event.

All students, whether receiving an award or not, must be in FULL school uniform including white socks and all black shoes.



SOCIAL MEDIA AGE RESTRICTIONS

From 10 December 2025, Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms.

This is not a ban, it's a delay to having accounts.

Being logged into an account increases the exposure under-16s have to design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens, while serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing. The delay is an opportunity for them to build their digital literacy skills and resilience.

The restrictions are likely to apply to Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, X, YouTube among other platforms.

There are no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers. Penalties will be apply to age-restricted platforms that fail to take reasonable steps to prevent under-16s from having accounts on their platforms.

If you or your family is impacted by this change, information and support is available at the eSafety Commissioner website, which includes frequently asked questions, tips and resources for dealing with the change.

Visit [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au).

Music Showcase

Earlier this month, our YSC Music department held a magnificent music performance night, showcasing their wonderful talents. From solos to, duets, rock bands and swing jazz, to a traditional sea shanty, the range of talent was extraordinary. It was standing room only in the Hot House as supportive family, friends and staff filled the room, clapping along and cheering loudly.

The sausage sizzle was a hot favourite too on a wet and windy evening, with the music department raising funds for instrument and equipment updates.

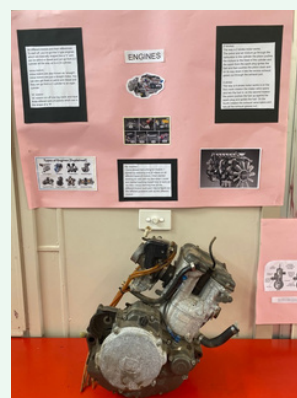
Huge thanks to the very proud Ms Isabella Burattin, Miss Helena Palmer, Mr Don Cook and Mr Ben Yarram for all their teaching, coaching, mentoring and support. Thanks also to the dedicated staff and families who assisted in making this night so special.



Out and About on the Tarra Valley Circuit



Year 10 & 11 Outdoor Ed students hit the Tarra Valley Circuit for an 8km adventure at Tarra Bulga National Park recently. The perfect mix of nature, hiking, and hands-on cooking skills, finishing off with a trangia assessment back at the Visitor Centre. Outdoor learning at its finest!



Y9
ENGLISH
PASSION
PROJECTS

Recently, our Year 9 students showcased their Passion Projects for English, and the room was absolutely buzzing with energy and creativity!

From music and literature to pets, baking, and motorbikes, the topics were as diverse as they were impressive. Students spoke with confidence, curiosity, and genuine enthusiasm for the things they love. Fantastic work, Year 9 team, you absolutely smashed it!



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STAY IN TOUCH ON THE SOCIALS

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE



As part of the campaign to raise awareness about gender based violence, Ms Knight's TAP class did some activities around the day. Firstly, they did a word search, then wrote something showing their ideas of the campaign, then did a walk and talk for three laps around the oval to tie in with the event organised by Yarram Neighbourhood House and YDHS. Some of their thoughts included "violence isn't okay", "Gender based violence can happen to anyone. Anyone can be the victim, anyone can be the absuer", and "Respect everyone".

Lest We Forget



We had many students enter the art and craft section in the Yarram Agricultural Show recently. It was wonderful to have their participation in this terrific community event. Many students presented creative ideas and art making that inspire others. The pavilion held an exciting display of arts, crafts, cooking, photography and

horticulture. Numerous students gained first, second and highly commended certificates. Some were lucky enough to win a little bit of prize money. A special congratulations to Maisie Jones who won the best Years 12-17 overall Art exhibit.

Yarram Show Art Winner

Our School Captains, Lydia Trotta and Hector MacAuley attended the service and laid a wreath in the pouring rain on Remembrance Day this year, acknowledging all people for their service in past wars and conflicts.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE

Foodbank Food Fight?



Who's ready to have the MOST FUN EVER? On 5th December our school will be holding a Food Fight on our school carnival day! This is going to be the funniest, messiest day of the school year... and no real food will be harmed! Take a look at the video below.

<https://youtu.be/k8RpkfdAlxQ>

Students and staff will be given information forms to take home. Ask an adult in your house to create a profile page with you.

On top of having an awesome day, and earning rewards, we're doing this as a fundraiser for Foodbank Victoria, and we need everyone's help to reach \$2000! At YSC we are able to stock our wellbeing room with free food for students. It also enables us to run the free breakfast smoothies and fruit platters during each term.

Along the way we're going to have some fun competitions. Also, for every \$200 we raise as a school, a teacher is going to have SLIME poured all over them!

More updates will follow as our fundraising progresses. Even if it's only \$10 that each person raises, we can still meet our target.



Congratulations, Ruby!

We are excited to celebrate one of our standout students, Ruby Marazzato, who has been selected as a Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects her dedication, ambition, and academic excellence.

The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program is a prestigious two-year enrichment program that offers inspiring events and activities to broaden students' academic and personal horizons and help prepare them for future success at university and beyond. Each year, high-achieving Year 10 students from across Victoria and selected border schools apply, making this recognition especially impressive. Congratulations Ruby!

More pics from Yarram Show Art entries...



Social media age restrictions

What you need to know

From 10 December 2025 Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms.

Delaying account access allows more time for young people to build digital literacy and greater resilience.

How will it work?

Under the law, the responsibility lies with the age-restricted platforms to find and deactivate existing accounts held by under-16s and to prevent under-16s from creating new accounts.

There are no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers.

Social media platforms

The age restrictions are likely to apply to **Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, X, YouTube** as well as other platforms. [See the latest list.](#)

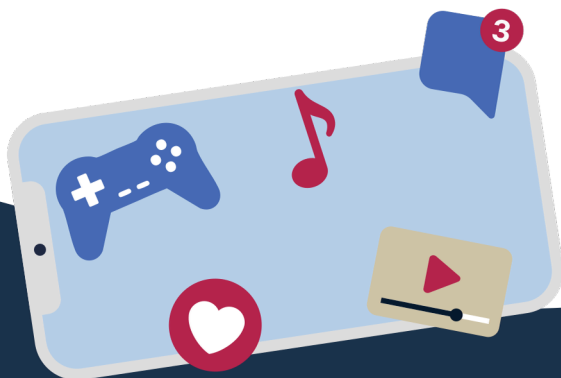
Most standalone gaming and messaging apps, as well as many services that support health and education, will not be affected by the new law.

Information and resources

Visit eSafety's social media age restrictions hub to find out what's happening and how to prepare.

The hub includes practical guidance for parents and carers and young people, including get-ready guides and actions plans to prepare for the change.

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For more **information and resources** to help you prepare, visit **eSafety.gov.au**