Newsletter



Strength Through Understanding

Date: 30th March 2025 Edition: 25: 03

KEY SCHOOL DATES

4th April School Cross Country (P-9)

4th April Last Day of Term – Finish 2:30pm

22nd April - First Day of Term 2

25th April ANZAC Day

28th April Timboon on Display - 4pm, 6pm

7-12 DATES
April 28th Year 11 Sailing
12th May 7-12 HSSSD Cross Country
14th May 7-12 HSSSD Senior Boys Footy
14th May 7-12 HSSSD Int /senior Girls Netball

P-6 DATES

1st April 3-6 Division Athletics
30th April Earth Ed excursion 3-4B & C
2nd May Earth Ed excursion 3-4A & D
6th May 3-6 CDDSA Cross Country, Noorat
16th May 3-6 Division Cross Country



VET Music Students Band '10 Minutes' performing at Crayfest

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Timboon P-12 staff and students acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are gathered today, the <u>Kirrae Whurrong</u> people, and pay our respects to their elders both past and present.







PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 1

As we reach the close of Term 1, we reflect on an exciting and busy start to the 2025 school year at Timboon P-12 School. From welcoming new students to engaging in enriching activities, it has been a term full of energy and growth. Highlights included the Welcome Interviews to set the scene for our classroom programs, swimming and athletics programs across the school, Year 10 Work Experience, Year 7 camp, NAPLAN, our recent Parent Teacher Interviews and Taste of Timboon, where Year 6 students from Timboon, Nullawarre and Simpson experienced a little of what high school will feel like in Year 7.

Creating a Safe and Inclusive School

We are dedicated to creating a safe and supportive environment where every student feels respected and valued. To achieve this, we rely on clear policies and procedures that help prevent and address incidents of violence and racism. We also prioritise ongoing education about respect, diversity, and inclusion, making sure students understand the importance of treating everyone with kindness. This is built into our Respectful Relationships curriculum, wellbeing days and activities, and one-off sessions at point of need. When things do go wrong, we're here to offer support to everyone involved—whether that's through offering sessions with our wellbeing staff or connecting with external services to ensure the wellbeing of our students.

We remain committed to a zero-tolerance approach to violence and racism, in line with the Department of Education's policies. We understand that harmful language can perpetuate stereotypes and attitudes, and we are dedicated to educating our students about the profound impact these words can have. We encourage parents to continue engaging in open conversations with their children about respectful communication, both at school and online.

We know we can't do this alone. Parents and families play an essential role in ensuring our school remains a safe space for all, and we deeply appreciate the support you already offer. We encourage parents to stay connected with us, raise any concerns, and help reinforce messages of respect and anti-racism at home. For students, we ask that they speak up if they ever feel unsafe or witness something wrong. If any processes or actions are unclear, or if there seems to be a discrepancy, we encourage families to ask questions so we can ensure everything is addressed properly. Reporting incidents helps us respond quickly and appropriately, and together, we can make sure every student could learn and grow in a safe and inclusive environment. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to build a school community where everyone is safe and can thrive.

Communication channels

We value open and effective communication. To ensure your questions and concerns are addressed appropriately, please consider these options. We can all be contacted through Compass, email, phone or arrange to meet in person.

Teacher Contact: For issues related to classwork, learning and wellbeing, always contact the teacher first. They are the best resource for addressing these concerns.

Wellbeing and Engagement Leader (WEL) – Secondary Only: For concerns or questions specific to secondary students, particularly those involving multiple teachers, classroom issues, wellbeing issues, or yard behaviour, please reach out to your WEL for support.

Assistant Principal (AP): For more complex issues involving multiple classes, bus concerns, incidents or other significant

concerns, the AP is the next point of contact. Any incidents or concerns that have impacted your child during school hours including on buses is best managed by contacting the school rather than going to a parent or bus driver.

Principal: In cases of serious matters or delicate situations, please contact me directly.

School Council Member: You also have the option of discussing concerns with a school council member who can help guide you through the right steps. School Council is particularly focused on strategic direction and policy considerations.

Office Staff: For administrative matters such as Compass, finance, general school inquiries, or if you're not sure who to contact, the office staff can provide helpful advice.

Many of us are involved with and live in our local communities, and we truly value that connection. To ensure we can give our best during school hours, we prefer if discussions about school matters take place within school hours and events. This helps us stay focused and energised to support our students and families effectively. Thank you for your understanding!

Holidays

We look forward to the upcoming term and all the opportunities it will bring to continue building a supportive and engaging learning environment for our students.

Please be mindful of the short first week next term as we return to school on Easter Tuesday and Commemorate ANZAC day on the Friday. On Monday in the second week, we have our Open Evening — Timboon P-12 on Display. We encourage all to come along and promote our school to potential 2026 Prep and Year 7 enrolments.

Enjoy and have a restful Easter holiday break!

MATT DODSON PRINCIPAL

Important Update: Before and After School Care

We would like to inform you that Their Care, the provider of before and after school care for our primary students, will be closing their service at the end of Term 2, 2025.

This decision has been made due to enrolment numbers, which have made the service financially unviable. Additionally, the initial seed funding provided has been fully utilised, and the available ongoing funding for the service is no longer sustainable.

We understand that this may be concerning for families who rely on this service, and we encourage you to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. Current users of the service will be contacted directly by Their Care with more information regarding the transition.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Reflect and be grateful

Last week, we conducted our parent-teacher interviews and three-way conversations, emphasising the importance of fostering relationships focused on student learning with our families. We extend our gratitude to all the parents who attended

and endeavour to allow more parents to access such opportunities moving forward.

I truly believe that it is important to reflect and acknowledge the things that I am grateful for at the end of the term:

- We have successfully completed an 8 out of the 9week term. I am grateful that our students, staff, and community maintain our focus on learning, learning in the class but also learning how to make a positive on the Timboon community.
- 2. Student Achievements: Our students continue to impress with their achievements.
 - We celebrate the regional swimming outcomes with Josh McKenzie, Ally Baxter and Elise Quarrell who competed in individual events at this level. Further congratulations to Eli Kerr for qualifying for the state championships in four different events. Congratulations to Elyssa Mutton on her successful application to attend the John Monash Science School. Congratulations to Jasmine Cameron for winning the best exhibit 13–17-year age group at the Heytesbury Show.
- 3. Supportive Families: Our parents are invaluable partners in our students' education. This term, I have communicated with some parents about our plans for enhancing well-being and education around maintaining safe zones at school and for targeted education around upstander behaviours which also requires discussions at home. Collaborative efforts with families are crucial in helping students improve and reach their full potential.

At Timboon P-12, we are committed to working together as a community to ensure that we all maintain a safe school, free from violence and harassment. We pride ourselves on building a positive learning environment where our students can do their best.

While all our in-class learning is important, we cannot underestimate the power of our extra-curricular experiences. As our students venture off to Central Australia with our amazing staff, it's important that we aim at helping our students make the best memories that they can by teaching them about the world beyond the everyday. Our year 10 students had the opportunity to develop some fundamental workplace skills, and we are grateful for the workplaces that supported them during their work experience week. We are so grateful to TAP for all the experiential learning that is provided for so many of our students and these are memories that every student takes with them for life.

I am sure we are all looking forward to spending quality time with our family. I wish you all a Happy Easter and a welldeserved break.

SOFIA ALEEM
7-12 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

P-6

Term 1 has been action packed with so many events packed into 10 weeks of School. Swimming, athletics, NAPLAN, dentist visit, eye testing, Student Leaders Congress, Science Webexs and this week, Taste of Timboon for our Year 6s and a Year 1-2 excursion to the Lighthouse Theatre. What terrific experiences for our students and it doesn't all happen without the organisation of staff, parents and students. Thanks to everyone.

This week we have been focusing on Respect. This follows on from Harmony week last week, but it is also in reaction to some reports of students not being respectful to others. The learning has been around how respect looks, feels and sounds. I encourage you to chat with your child/ren around what respect means for them and how they can show respect outside of school.

Our final assembly for the term was held early this week, led by our 3-4D class. They did an amazing job given the trouble with the PA/microphone and the late change in location, moving from the hall to the deck. I want to congratulate the students for their calmness and persistence. Well done to our Award recipients for their display of our school values.



On Friday, we will end the term with our School Cross-country event. It will start with our 12/13 year olds running at 11:50am. Parents are welcome to come along to cheer students on and should be there from 11:50 to ensure they don't miss a race. The course is inside the school yard and viewing is best done from the Primary School oval. Please park outside the school grounds if you are attending. Students are encouraged to wear house colours for the day, remembering to be sun smart with a hat and appropriate clothing for protection please. A free sausage from the BBQ is on offer to all students for lunch. The café will only be open for drinks and ice-poles, **NO LUNCH ORDERS**. Students are welcome to go home after they race but must be signed out via the office please. As it is the last day of the term, School will finish at 2:30pm. Buses will therefore be an hour earlier than normal.

Next term's calendar is in the newsletter, with plenty of dates to add to your home calendars. We will do our best to inform you of changes to this ASAP, but you are best to keep across the Compass calendar and notifications also.

Next term's teaching and learning focus is on how we document and store our curriculum. With the new Victorian Curriculum 2.0 and the Department's Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0, there are some slight changes to the sequencing of the skills and knowledge taught at each level of your child's learning. Our goal is to deepen our understanding of these changes and ensure that we are documenting our practices to create greater consistency for now and the future.

Alongside the teaching and learning focus, we will also be drawing on the expertise of our two Learning Specialists, Claire Watson and Petra Beekman, to support staff to embed the recent changes to Literacy practices. We are always aiming to improve our practice to improve student learning.

Next term starts with only three school days in week 1, with Easter Monday and ANZAC Day being public holidays. The following Monday is our Open Night – Timboon on Display. If you

know of any new families, particularly those with Foundation students for 2026, please welcome them to the event. Details can be found on our Facebook page, on posters around the town or by contacting the office.

I hope Easter Bunny is able to find you all with some yummy goodies and to those travelling over the holidays, stay safe.

GILL HAMPSON P-6 ASSISANT PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL PHOTOS – 2025

Our annual school photos have been taken and are now ready to order.

Arthur Reed Photos uses an online ordering system where you can view your photos prior to ordering.

On or near photo day all students received a flyer which includes a code unique to them.

You will require this 2025 code to register online and view your photos.

If you have already registered, you will receive an email or SMS from Arthur Reed Photos with a link to view your photos.

If you have not yet registered, please go to <u>order.arphotos.com.au</u> and enter your code to complete your order.

If you have misplaced your registration code, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 (option 1) or customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Please note that you will need to register online with your **2025 photo code** to gain access to this year's images.

All photo packages will be sent directly to your nominated address, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

If you require any assistance ordering your photos, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly on 5243 4390 (option 1) or email <u>customerservice@arphotos.com.au</u>



VET Music Group - 10 Minutes

L-R: Howard Guillermo, Finn Baxter, Jada Mahoney Leilah Bateman and Nancy Leonard-Pekin.



Congratulation to Callaway for winning our 2025 Athletics Carnival.

Age group Champions

9 yr old girl: Isla Dickinson

9 yr old boy: Nelson Cook, Callum Nicholls & Emilio Haig

10 yr old girl: Esther Couch 10yr old boy: Jack McKenzie 11yr old girl: Elise Nicholls 11 yr old boy: Xavier Richardson

12-13 old girl: Charlotte Couch & Madeline Spokes

12-13 old boy: Rory Hollick

Year 1 and 2

Well done to all our students who have been working well this term



Above: Respectful Relationships – self portraits



Above: Wabi Sabi - response to text



Student Leaders Congress

Last Thursday, our six house captains from the P-6 area travelled to Deakin University in Warrnambool to attend the 2025 Student Leaders Congress. As part of this day, the students listened to a variety of guest speakers who shared their learnings and experiences regarding leadership. They shared some amazing stories about their journeys in life and what qualities they feel are important for leaders in our society.

The speakers included Dale Sidebottom & Paul Campbell (The School of Play), Tom Richardson (Find Your Voice Choir), Matty Stewart (Standing Tall) and Paul Watkins.

As part of our participation in the Congress, our leaders will now develop a project to support the Congress' 2025 theme of — *Making a Difference to Mental Health and Wellbeing in your community.* Our leadership group have decided to focus on creating a buddy bench program for our school, as a way of supporting the wellbeing of other students at our school. We will be looking forward to giving you some further updates as this project starts to take shape.



TAPping into Babche Wines

As a focus of the TAP is contextualizing the learning that is undertaken in the classroom, to better understand entrepreneurship, goal setting and establishing a business, our Year 11 Business Management students reached out to Niki Nikolovska from Babche Wines. Hosting us at the cellar door in Timboon, Niki outlined the difference between living and working as an employee or entrepreneur and that the latter meant that you had to be more accountable, with more responsibility but greater freedom. After working for 12 years as a dentist in Canada, Niki explored wine making as an experience working in harvests around the world before moving to Australia where she met her husband, Tim Byrne, an oenologist/viticulturalist. Wine making is part of a generational family culture for Niki and Tim, and 'Babche' meaning Grandmother in Macedonian, is on ode to making wine in an old fashioned way resulting in a handmade style of wine produced with minimal technological equipment, hand cranked presses and zero additives. Goal setting was important as it kept them aligned to their values with a reference to the way their grandparents produced wine when in doubt of how to proceed in their own business with integrity and the promotion of certified organic viticulture. Niki encouraged the students not to be deterred by rejection, but if they have an idea that they believe in, to approach it from another angle. Thanks for your sharing your insights and passion Niki!



Induction at Iona

As part of our Vocational Major (VM) students preparation for a world of work, the staff at Lochard Energy, specifically the Iona Gas Storage Facility, recently hosted our group. Students were onboarded as "Site Visitors" - and completed a Site Visitor Induction and were given swipe access cards which they used to enter through the facility's turnstiles. Valuable learning conversations were conducted over lunch, enjoyed by students and Lochard Energy staff members about the plant and their hosts' roles at the storage facility. Matt Eddy, the Operations Manager, delivered a presentation on Gas Processing and answered questions from the students about the site and the gas storage process. Jonathan Croft, an Electrical and Instrumentation Technician, spoke to the students about his career as he started in the electrical field he has progressed to his current role at Lochard Energy. Thank you to Grace Rose for facilitating this introduction to the oil and gas industry and we look forward to a full site tour in the future.



MAGAZINES WANTED PLEASE



Our students enjoy creating vibrant collages and unique gel prints as part of their art projects.

To support their creativity, the secondary art department is seeking magazine donations.

If you have any unwanted magazines, we would greatly appreciate your contribution.

They can be delivered to the school office or the art department with a student.

Thank you for helping us inspire creativity in our students.



Timboon Library

Opening Hours (school term)

Monday 1.30 - 5 pm Tuesday 1.30 - 5 pm 1.30 - 5 pm Wednesday 10 am - 2.30 pm Thursday

Friday 10 am - 2.30 pm Saturday

10 am - 12 noon

Opening Hours (school holidays)

Monday 2-5pm Wednesday 2-5pm 10 am - 2.30 pm Friday 10 am - 12 noon Saturday



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FAMILY STORYTIME

When and Where First Saturday of the month Timboon Library 10.30 am February to December

Ideal for 0-6 years old.

You and your child will love Storytime at the library! Enjoy a fun time with stories, songs and rhymes. Storytime helps develop

language, literacy and communication skills, and provides an opportunity to socialise with others.

Stay after the session to play and meet other families in a welcoming environment.





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CANTEEN

TERM 1 Volunteer Roster *Please register your WWC at the office Shifts are 12:30pm to 2:30pm

TERM 1 2025

WEEK 9 24 th – 28 th March	12:30pm – 2:30pm	
Mon 24 th		
Tues 25 th	Tony Bird	
Wed 26 th	Amber Donahue	
Thurs 27 th	Holly Bell	
Fri 29 th	Kelly Knight	Renee
		Whitehead
Am Kylie	Kylie	

WEEK 10 31st March – 4th April	12:30pm – 2:30pm	
Mon 31st	Linda Whiting	
Tues 1st	Olga Caltino	
Wed 2 nd	Indrid Rial	
Thurs 3 rd	Naomi Lewis	
Fri 4 th	Bonnie Doolan	Jen Trigg
Am Kylie		

WEEK 1 22 nd – 25 th April	12:30pm – 2:30pm	
Mon 21st	Easter Monday	
Tues 22 nd	Erin Gardner	
Wed 23 rd	Sharyn Ferguson	
Thurs 24 th	Jamie Barry	Sheryn Vogels
Fri 25 th	ANZAC DAY	
Am Kylie		

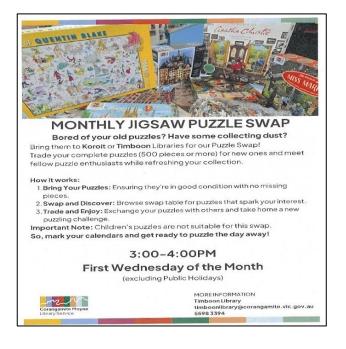
WEEK 2 28 th April – 2 nd May	12:30pm – 2:30pm	
Mon 28 th	Bryan Ward	
Tues 29 th	Tony Bird	
Wed 30 th	Kelly Knight	
Thurs 1st	Toni Russell	
Fri 2 nd	Nicole Uebergang	
Am Kylie .		

WEEK 3 5 th – 9 th May	12:30pm – 2:30pm	
Mon 5 th	Crystal Johnson	
Tues 6 th	Maryann Pender	
Wed 7 th	Camille Nicholls	
Thurs 8 th	Scott Munro	
Fri 9 th	Tanya Campbell	
Am Kylie		

We are still looking for Volunteers for Canteen help. 12:30pm - 2:30m Contact Cheryl at the Café if you can help







Corangamite Volleyball

AUTUMN LAUNCH
7pm, Tuesday 22nd April
Cobden Tech Gym
All ages and genders
10-week season
Contacts:
0431 231651
0428 799690

0429 921876



TIMBOON LIONS CLUB CAPSULE

The Timboon Lions Club time capsule that was lifted from its location outside the Timboon & District Town Hall during the Timboon 150 Year Celebrations will again be reburied there. There is still some time for anyone who wishes to have an item buried or reburied in the capsule to do so. For this purpose, a container has been placed in the Timboon Pharmacy until 24th April.

For any queries, please ring Timboon Lions Club President Owen Wallace on 0409 516 777



SIMPSON AUSKICK

For boys and girls aged 5 to 12

Kicks off Sunday April 27th, 2025, 11am At Simpson Recreation Reserve

Register at play.afl/Auskick

For more information contact David Costin – 0427 750 750



TIMBOON SQUASH CLUB Inc

Mixed Squash Pennant Tuesday Nights 7.00 p.m. New Players welcome

Men, Ladies & Juniors

Contact: Katrina Currell 0439 995 010





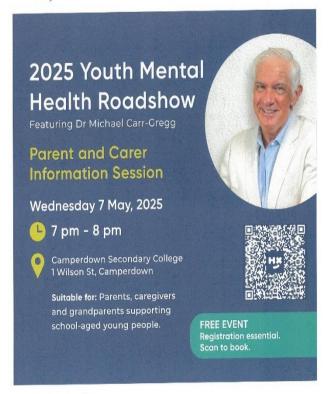


ABOUT ARCAIM: Arcaim joined the Seahawks for the 2025 Big V men's division after spending three years with the division two side Wallan Panthers, where he was named in the division's all-star five in 2025.

TO BOOK AND FIND OUT MORE: CONTACT ANGE ON 0476 214 205

















ACTIVITIES



7.30 to 8.15 am

YOGA AND PILATES with Bree Harrison Aged 15+ | Max 20 people | BYO mat/towel



9.30 am to 12.30 pm TENNIS with Ben O'Brien Aged 12+ | Max 20 people | BYO tennis racquet



1 - 3.30 pm

BASKETBALL with Bobby Cunningham
Aged 12+ | Max 40 people

Register for as many as you like!

BBQ breakfast and lunch included.

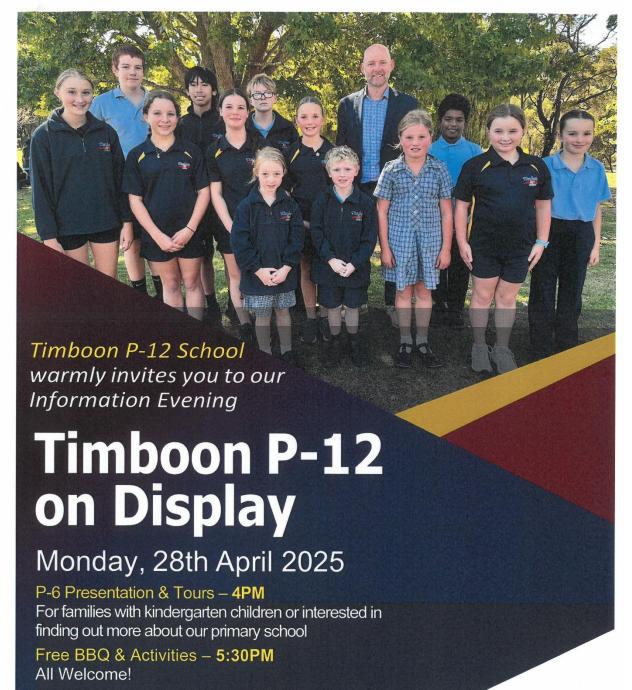
For young people aged 12 - 25. This is a fully-supervised event and is drug, alcohol and smoking free.





Term 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	21st April	22 nd April	23 rd April	24 th April	25th April
	Easter Monday	Start of Term		P-12 Assembly @9am (ANZAC Ceremony)	ANZAC DAY
2	28 th April	29 th April	30 th April	1 st May	2 nd May
	Timboon on Display (Open Night) HSSSD all Girls footy, all Boys netball Camperdown	7A science guest speaker – Sam Andrews P4	3-4B+C Earth Ed excursion Yr 11 Sailing Colac Shooting	Yr 11 Sailing State Swimming 3-12	Primary Division Athletics, W'bool 3-4A+D Earth Ed excursion Yr 11 Sailing
3	5 th May	6 th May	7 th May	8 th May	9 th May
	CCC year 7 science – calves arrive P5	3-6 CDDSA Cross Country Noorat CCC 7A science guest speaker Peter Fulton P4 Pat Cronin Presentation - Year 9			P-6 Assembly (3-4A host)
4	12 th May	13 th May	14th May	15 th May	16 th May
	HSSSD Cross Country Camperdown Time TBC	7-12 Assembly	HSSSD Snr Boys footy & Int Snr girls netball - Terang		Primary Division Cross Country Warrnambool
5	19 th May	20 th May	21st May	22 nd May	23 rd May
	Earth Ed webex yr3-4				P-6 Assembly (5-6C host)
6	26 th May	27 th May	28 th May	29 th May	30 th May
	Primary Regional Cross Country Warmambool				CDDSA 5/6 Tri Sports Camperdown Presentation Ball
	Warrnambool	3 rd June	4 th June	5 th June	6 th June
7	2 nd June	3. June	CDDSA AFL 9s Noorat?	HSSSD Jnr Footy & 7-8 Netball	P-6 Assembly (3-4B host)
8	9th June	10 th June	11th June	12 th June	13 th June
	King's B'DAY	Pupil Free Day (tbc) Reporting & Assessment for staff Yr 12 Practice Exams	Deakin Uni - Yr 10 Immersion Day	GWR Jnr Girls Footy Yr 9 Exams	Yr 9 Exams
9	16 th June	17th June	18 th June	19th June	20th June
y	Yr 11 Exams Yr 9 Exams	GAT All Day (Yr 12 subjects) Yr 10 Exams Yr 11 Exams	Yr 10 Exams Yr 11 Exams	Earth Ed excursion Yr 5/6 Yr 10 Exams Yr 11 Exams	Earth Ed excursion Yr 5/6 Yr 10 Exams Yr 11 Exams
10	23 rd June	24 th June	25 th June	26 th June	27 th June
	Start of Semester 2 Yr 10, 11, 12			-	
11	30 th June	1 st July	2 nd July	3 rd July	4 th July
			7-12 Assembly - P2		Last day Term 2 P-6 Assembly (3-4C host)



7-12 Presentation & Tours – **6PM**For families with students interested in secondary school



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