

Contacts 2011

Personal Difficulties
College Support Team:
Sue Bull / Karen Dale
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Absences: (03) 4433 4911

Katylil
Learning Community
James Ginnivan / Bree Franks

Merin Learning Community
Leanne Miller / Tim McInnes

Kappen
Learning Community
Sue Pollard / Trent Bysouth

Wannop
Learning Community
Monica White / Paul Ellis

Advisory Teachers:
Merin MCE Leanne Miller
MCH Christine Henty
MCT Christine Toose
MHP Helen Peppink
MJS Jean Stephens
MKD Karen Dale
MLS Leigh Schroeter
MRJ Ron James/Abby Shay
(Fridays)
MSM Shawn McCormick
MTJ Therese Johnston

Katylil LBM Bettina Morrison/Kirsty
Seipolt (Wednesdays)
LCJ Carolyn Jones
LCN Chris Novak
LDA Dianne Andrea
LGD Geoff Dempster
LJG Jaime Gray
LJM Jill McKenzie
LMA Mark Adams
LMR Matthew Reeves
LSB Sue Bull
LTL Tim Lawrance/Bree
Franks (Mondays)

Wannop WBL Ben Lee
WDC David Crowley
WMG Michelle Griffin
WKP Kristen Purden
WMH Meryl Hayes
WRL Ron Llewelyn
WRJ Raelene Jeffrey
WSS Sarah Smith
WTC Tarli Capicchiano
WTL Tracey Lee
WQU Linda Quarrier/Monica
White (Fridays)
WCN Chloe Neath

Kappen KAA Alan Aylward
KAS Amanda Southcombe/
Sue Pollard (Mondays)
KBE Brian Edebohls
KDS Debbie Shipp
KEP Erin Pilkington
KGS Gary Schroeder
KJG James Ginnivan
KJM John McIntosh
KMM Madeleine Munger/
Trent Bysouth (Fridays)
KMS Marion Stewart
KPO Paul O'Shea
KRC Ryan Currie
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Leanne Preece

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Weeroona College Bendigo

NEWSLETTER

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Start: 9.00am

Lunch: 11.46am—12.34pm

Recess: 1.47pm—2.07pm

Finish: 3.20pm

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

8.15am—4.00pm

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What's Happening Semester 2....

Calendar

August

16th:: Final Course Counselling for Year 10 students with BSSC / W C B Staff
1pm—6.30pm—Wannop Learning Community

September

5th:: College Council—7.00pm
23rd:: Last day of Term 3, 2.30pm Dismissal

October

10th:: First day of Term 4
26th:: Bendigo Cup Day Holiday (no school)

November

7th:: College Council—7.00pm
23rd:: Year 7 Boys & Girls Immunisations
23rd & 24th:: Year 10 Exams
25th—30th:: Year 10 BSSC Transition Day

December

1st & 2nd:: Year 10 BSSC Transition Day
5th:: College Council—6.30pm
6th:: 2012 Year 7 Transition Day
22nd:: Last day of Term 4

Absence Line: 4433 4911

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

August is Education Support Staff Month where we recognise and celebrate the fantastic work that our ESS staff do to support Teaching and Learning @ WCB

In our school we have the following fabulous ESS team:

Janine Payne - Library Leader
 Sonya Fergus – Business Manager
 Di Waddington – Foods/Hospitality Support
 Susanne Jones – ESL Learning Support and Attendance Administration
 Jo Absalom – Laboratory Technician
 Trudy Llewelyn – HR Manager
 Beth McKerlie – Integration Teacher Aide
 Andrew Walker – Library Support
 Louise Giuliani – Office Administration
 Bronwyn Hopcott – Canteen Manager
 Ivan Kitt – Facilities & Technology Department Maintenance
 Geoff Ellett – ICT manager
 Ashley Jefferis – IT Trainee
 Zac Arnold – IT Trainee
 Ricky Hayes – IT Trainee
 Chris Skinner – TSI Support
 Peter Lennon- Grounds Maintenance
 Bree Hodge – Pathways, Transitions & Assessment Administration
 Sandy Shields– Integration Teacher Aide
 Matilda Mawby– Integration Teacher Aide
 Margaret Blake– Integration Teacher Aide
 Kyle Walsh– Integration Teacher Aide & After School Care Program Leader
 Priscilla Randall – Canteen Assistant
 Sei Sei Mu Thien - Multicultural Education Assistant
 Elise Bennett - Office & Attendance Administration
 Lisa Oliver – Library Assistant
 Gill Miller – Integration Teacher Aide
 Francine Callanan– Integration Teacher Aide
 David Doolan– Integration Teacher Aide

Course Counselling for current Year 8 & 9 students

As we have almost completed Year 10 course counselling it is time to move to counselling for our current Year 8 and 9 students about their transition to Year 9 and 10 and the fantastic program that we have on offer where students are able to choose from a whole range of elective subjects to study in addition to their core subjects. Teacher Advisors will be working with their students in these two year levels to go through the selection process and we encourage all parents to spend time at home doing the same thing. Parents please note the following critical dates in relation to this process for 2011:

Monday 15 August

Teacher Advisors to distribute handbooks and subject selection sheets and speak to current Year 8 & 9 Students during Teacher Advisory Time.

Wednesday 17 August – Wednesday 24 August

Teacher Advisors to work with current year 8 & 9 students and to make contact with home if required.

Thursday 25 August

All year 8 & 9 students to return their subject selections to Teacher Advisors.

La Trobe University Survey

As part of the ongoing evaluation of the Bendigo Education Plan, the four 7-10 colleges are working with La Trobe University on a variety of pieces of research. One component of this research is a survey that is to be conducted with students in the four schools. The survey is intended to identify students' views about their learning opportunities and processes at school and their sense of wellbeing. The survey will be conducted once a year for 3 years in the four 7-10 schools in Bendigo to monitor larger patterns. Results of this survey will be analysed by the research team and also provided to staff in each school for their analysis. This research has the ethics approval of both the University and DEECD.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Weeroona College Bendigo is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. This year, they are giving away more than \$5 million worth of educational resources for Primary and Secondary schools all over Australia, including ours! From July 18th to September 18th, 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets. All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to the General Office where there is a special Woolworths collection box at school. At the end of the 9 week program, we can redeem our collection points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art and craft materials and much more ...

There's no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order!

Coles Sport For Schools Program

Coles has launched their 2011 Sports for Schools program and we are excited to announce that Weeroona College Bendigo will be participating and collecting vouchers for much needed sports equipment. Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from 11 August to 19 October and we ask that you get involved to help collect vouchers for our school. There is a special Coles collection box at the General Office at school. We are appealing to parents and guardians to collect as many vouchers as you can. By donating and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education for our children.

Please visit www.coles.com.au/sportsforschools for more information about the program and you can also browse the sporting gear available to see what equipment we are aiming for.

Leanne Preece
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Community Wellbeing Policy - 2011 (Anti Bullying & Harassment Policy)

Weeroona College Bendigo is committed to ensuring a harmonious and safe environment for all members of the College community, where students, teachers and parents work co-operatively to ensure the college values can be successfully upheld. *Please see the policy attached at the end of this newsletter.*

Weeroona College Bendigo Personal Excellence Program

A whole school excellence program was introduced to the college at the start of the year with the purpose to reward students for exemplary attendance, behaviour and uniform compliance. The program is based around 4 levels:

Blank on Student ID card **Bronze**
Silver **Gold**

The following students deserve congratulations on a fantastic effort of attendance. They are –

Gold Awardees

Nakita L	Kellie F
Maraia M	Breanna B
Kaw Tha B	Kaeleb B
Eh Hser P	Nathan H
Yo Shu N	Laura H
Francois S	Sarah R
Tori B	

Silver Awardees

Perrin L	Ben M
Monique H	Bridie L
Zachary S	Mia P-R
Stephen R	Emily I
Billie R	Ethan C
Carli S	Trent D
Brett M	Leigh R
Nikita T	Nyot S
Baillie B	Emily B
Aung Kyaw Son P	Samuel B
Tha Zin Oo P	Brooke E
Lacey G	Bridget S
Pan Mar Lar P T	Chloee B
Eh Soe Klan P	Zachary K
Jazmin H	Catelyn S
Timothy P	Stephanie S
Brianna B	Emily H
Rachelle T	Sarah L
Tallis M	Chelsea S
Alannah S	Curtis McD
Ryan F	Ashleigh M
Lauren McA	Aleesha M
Karly M	Joel S
Alice G	Jorden S
Brock B	Matthew B
Allison T	Connor F
Mathew R	Madison F
Alice G	Harley L
Alyssa S	Favian W-T
Isobel K	Hannah L
Tara G	Nathan S
Harrison W	Rose D
Sarah T	Kyle M

Kyle M
Emma S
Chelsea H
Ashlee R
Todd S

Georgia C
Lucy H
Georgia R
Adam J

Helen Tuohy
Assistant Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE...

Absence Line

Please note the phone number to directly call the college absence line (to leave a message) is **4433 4911**.

College Newsletter

Our College newsletter is available on the college website www.weeroona.vic.edu.au on Friday's fortnightly. We will send a reminder SMS out to families who have given a mobile number each fortnight. Printed copies are available at the office for any families that do not have access to the internet.

Leaving the College

Students who need to leave the College during the day **MUST** bring a note signed by a Parent / Guardian to their child's Learning Community Leader or Parents can phone the College to give permission for their child to leave.

It is now a DEECD requirement that when picking up a student from school that identification be shown i.e. Drivers licence. This will be completed at the General Office. Please understand that this is now a directive of the Department of Education for schools, for the protection of your children.

Late Arrivals

If students come late to school, they **MUST** sign in at the GENERAL OFFICE. They should have a note signed by a Parent / Guardian or a Parent can phone the college letting us know their child is late; **otherwise** they will be marked 'late unexplained' and you will receive a text message from the college.

WCB UNIFORM SHOP HOURS – DOBSONS

Please Note: The Uniform Shop is now in the portable opposite the school canteen.

Phone: 4433 4947

Term 1 SHOP HOURS:

Mon - 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Thurs - 8.30am – 12.00pm

Lay-by and Credit Card facilities available. Some items of second-hand uniforms available.

PARENTS' CLUB

Cadbury Chocolate Raffle

The Parents Club will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 each for one lucky winner to receive a huge 10kg block of Cadbury's Chocolate. Small books of 10 tickets will be distributed from advisory sessions in the next few weeks with the raffle to be drawn on Friday the 23rd of September. All money raised will go towards the purchase of a new TV for each of the learning communities. Sold tickets with money can be returned to any Learning Community or the General Office.

Next Meeting

Our next Parents Club meeting will be held in the Merrin Community on Wednesday the 14th of September at 9.15am. Leanne Miller one of the community leaders will be our guest speaker at this meeting. All college parents and guardians welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

Father's Day Stall

Once again we will be holding a Father's Day Stall for all College students at Lunch time on Friday the 2nd of September.

Gifts will be priced from \$2 and can be purchased from the Father's Day gift table next to the covered basket ball court near the Wannop community.

Brick BBQ/Selkirk Named Pavers

The Parents Club main focus this year will be the construction of a brick BBQ in the college grounds with the area surrounding to be landscaped with the Selkirk named pavers that have been purchased by past and present students and staff. The opportunity still exists to purchase a named paver for \$30. The order form can be downloaded from the college website.

2011 Committee - President Kym Blume, Secretary Joanne Kingdon, Treasurer Gay Huggard. Ph 54412715

SCHOOL WELFARE TEAM

August is Alateen awareness month for Al-Anon Family Groups. Alateen being the junior segment of Al-Anon. For Alateen and Al-Anon phone Helpline 1300alanon (for more information and for Local Contact Number)

When someone you love has a drinking problem, you can see what it's doing to them. But can you see what it's doing to you and/or your family?

Alateen Meetings Mondays 6.30 pm to 7.30pm

DOXA School 118 Hargreaves St Bendigo

Al-Anon Meetings Mondays 8pm

DOXA School 118 Hargreaves St Bendigo

Al-Anon Meetings Thursdays 12.30pm

Randles Room, St Andrews Church Hall

24 Myers St Bendigo

For further information about Alateen and Al-Anon you can speak to the Welfare Team at Weeroona College Bendigo (Karen Dale, Carl Rusbridge, Sarah Warburton & Sue Bull).

LOTE NEWS

"Berita" Indonesian Language speaking competition

Last Saturday 6th August was the "Berita" Indonesian Language speaking competition at the new Language centre at BSSC. This year we only had two participants in this competition from Weeroona College Bendigo, Tiana D of W7A WSS, and Georgia C W7B WBL.

These two girls gave up part of their Saturday to attend this competition achieving excellent results. Georgia received a Distinction and Tiana placed Equal First with a student from Catholic College Bendigo whose mother is a teacher of Indonesian. Both girls showed exemplary skill in their language speaking going up against students from all of the local secondary schools of Bendigo.

Sarah Smith
LOTE Coordinator

"On Saturday I went to the Indonesian competition and I was a bit nervous. I was hoping that I could pronounce everything right because I had just got my braces the day before. We had about 10 questions that we were asked and 8 of them we got to practice. I practiced with Bu Smith before I went in and when I went in and was tested I felt fine. I am really happy with my result and will be doing it again next year."

Tiana D W7A WSS



CANCELLATION OF PLANNED YEAR 7 SNOW TRIP

Due to recent warm weather and lack of sufficient snow cover to safely operate the toboggan run for a large school group, we have had to cancel the planned Year 7 day trip to the snow.

While we understand this news may be disappointing to some, it can be difficult to predict if conditions will improve or continue to deteriorate over the next month.

Trent Bysouth
Camps Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Timeline for BSSC Course Selection / Enrolment

Tuesday 16 th August (1.00pm to 6.30pm)	Final Course counselling combined BSSC/Weeroona Staff 1pm – 6.30pm (Wannop - Weeroona College Bendigo) PtO Booking Online on Weeroona College Bendigo website. Logon details sent to parents
Thursday 18 th August	BSSC enrolments submitted to BSSC for processing.
Friday 25 th November – Friday 2 nd December (6 days)	BSSC student transition days. Students go direct to BSSC for all days.
Monday 28 th and Tuesday 29 th November (Appointment bookings on BSSC website)	Parent Information Sessions at BSSC. Students must attend with parent/guardian.
Monday 5 th and Tuesday 5 th December (Appointments on BSSC website)	Subject change day. BSSC staff available to discuss changes with students and families during this time

Online Enrolment Assistance for Year 10 Students at BSSC

The college is offering another session to assist parents and students to navigate the new Online Enrolment Process. This will be an opportunity to talk about any issues you are having and get on the system to complete your son/daughter's enrolment with them.

The session will be at Bendigo Senior Secondary College in the Multimedia Centre on:

**Wednesday 17th August, 2011 from 4pm – 7pm
(during Parent Teacher Interviews)**

Please make sure you bring you username and password to be able to access the Online Enrolment System. You may also want to bring completed Trial Program Selection Sheets (VCE or VCAL) to make the process easier. It is strongly recommended your son/daughter attends these sessions with you.

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact BSSC on 5443 1222.

Apprenticeships

Bendigo Stadium has 2 Commercial Cookery Apprenticeships (Cert.III) available for an immediate start. The key requirement is a genuine interest in a career as a Chef and a passion for cooking. Students will need to send a resume to Ken McCartney at CVGT – his email is kmccartney@cvgt.com.au or it can be delivered to Ken at CVGT, 56 – 60 King St Bendigo as soon as possible.

A Front of House apprenticeship (Cert.III) at another Bendigo restaurant is available for an immediate start. Interested students should send a resume and a brief letter outlining why they are interested in this position to Andrea Carolan, Business

Development Officer, CVGT– email: acarolan@cvgt.com.au , again as soon as possible.

All of the above positions are full time apprenticeships.

Bendigo TAFE Open Day

Open Day – Sunday 28th August, 2011

For more information visit: www.bendigotafe.edu.au

Latrobe University Open Day 2011

Mildura 14th August

Aulbury-Wodonga 21st August

Bendigo 28th August

www.latrobe.edu.au/openday ph: 1300 135 045

ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH BBQ

Trading their cycling gear for BBQ tongs the Energy Breakthrough team sizzled some sausages for their latest fundraiser. On Saturday 6th August, the team spruiked sausages at the Long Gully IGA and raised \$450 to help maintain and upgrade the energy vehicles. Thanks to IGA for donating the use of their BBQ and donating the bread. Thanks to the students who participated and the teachers who helped set up, transport the equipment and clean up afterwards.



SCIENCE

National Science Week 13th – 21st August

Next week is National Science Week and the theme for this year is:

'React to Chemistry!'

2011 has been designated the International Year of Chemistry to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the awarding of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Marie Curie. Marie Curie played a fundamental role in the development of nuclear chemistry by discovering the radioactive element *radium*. She was the first female to be awarded a Nobel Prize.

Chemistry is all around us

- Every time we start our cars in the morning we are using a chemical reaction to help us get to school.
- Every time we bake a cake we are using chemical reactions to make a yummy treat.
- Every time we put on sunscreen we are using chemistry to protect our skin.

During this week take time to have a look around your house, garden, school rooms and yard, shops and parks and see if you can identify the chemistry in your world.

Here is a special recipe that uses chemistry to make a fun and fizzy chemical reaction in your mouth:

HOMEMADE SHERBERT

All of these ingredients are available at your local supermarket.

- ½ teaspoon bicarb soda
- ¼ teaspoon citric acid
- 2 teaspoons jelly crystals
- 1 teaspoon icing sugar
- 1 plastic cup
- 1 icy pole stick stirrer

Mix all of these ingredients together. Once well mixed put a teaspoon of the powder and enjoy the experience. Now investigate what caused that fizzy sensation!!

<http://www.csiro.au/scope/activities/e44c02activity.htm>

To learn more about the chemistry and science in our world have a look at these websites:

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/>

<http://www.abc.net.au/science/>

<http://www.lbl.gov/MicroWorlds/tour.html>

<http://www.csiro.au/services/DoubleHelixClub.html>

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/scienceworks/discoverycentre/>

HUMANITIES

The Spirit of Anzac Study Tour

The entries have opened for Year 9 and 10 students to submit an entry for the Spirit of ANZAC study tour. The Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize is an annual competition held to select 10 students to participate in an all expenses paid study tour of important sites where Australians have served in war, centered on Gallipoli or the Western Front. The study tour will take place during the Term 1 school holidays in 2012.

The competition is open to students in Years 9 and 10 currently enrolled in Victorian Government, Catholic and Independent schools. Students need their parents' permission and the endorsement of their school principal to enter the competition.

Students are invited to submit an entry that addresses the topic, "What does the 'spirit of ANZAC' mean to you? Are the values displayed by the ANZACS at Gallipoli and the Western Front still relevant today?"

Entries must be received by Friday 21 October, 2011.

For more information see Erin Pilkington (DLG Leader), Ben Lee or your Humanities teacher.

LIBRARY NEWS

MOST POPULAR WEEROONA READS IN JULY





1	Eighth Grade Bites	by Heather Brewer
2	Hush, Hush	by Becca Fitzpatrick
3	Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Last Straw	By Jeff Kinney
4	Chinese Cinderella	by Adeline Yen Mah
5	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief	by Rick Riordan



Weeroona College Bendigo School Community Wellbeing Policy- 2011 (Anti Bullying & Harassment Policy)

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Definition

Being bullied or harassed means that someone is subjected to deliberate behaviour which is hurtful, threatening or frightening and this behaviour may be an isolated incident or repeated over time. Any behaviour, which sets out to cause other people pain or unhappiness, may be regarded as bullying.

Bullying is not in the intention (e.g. just mucking around) but in the perception of the behaviour. Bullying or harassment may involve students, staff or other members of the College community.

Bullying can take many forms, and without limiting its forms may include:

- **Physical bullying** - any intentional and unwelcome use of physical contact or deliberate property damage. It includes fighting, pushing, interfering with another's property by stealing, hiding, damaging or destroying.
- **Verbal bullying** - use of language to threaten or hurt. This includes name-calling, offensive language, putting people down, back stabbing, making degrading comments about another's family, religious, social or racial background.
- **Exclusion bullying** - leaving someone out on purpose to cause feelings of non-acceptance. It includes spreading malicious rumours, writing on poster/walls/books etc.
- **Extortion bullying** - use of threat or power to obtain favour or goods, e.g. bullying others to provide food, money, or schoolwork.
- **Racial/Religious bullying** - antagonism or prejudice directed towards someone on the basis of their race/religion.
- **Sexual bullying** - Homophobia, unwelcome and uninvited comments, attention, contact or behaviour of a sexual nature that is found to be humiliating, offensive or intimidating.
- **Gesture bullying** - use of non-verbal signals to cause intimidation or fear.
- **Electronic bullying** - use of language or images to threaten and hurt by electronic means. (SMS text, emails, web sites, MSN etc)
- **Psychological bullying** - spreading rumours, excluding, stalking, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions.
- Any other conduct that is intimidating, unwelcome or uninvited - e.g. "Just Joking", which causes discomfort to others.

Harassment is any behaviour, verbal or physical which is:

- unwelcome;
- degrading, intrusive, violent, abusive, sexual in nature;
- offensive to a person.

Some examples of harassment may include:

- unwelcome physical contact;
- unwelcome questions about a person's private life;
- comments about a person's sexuality or sex life;
- sexual jokes;
- wolf whistles, cat calls or unwelcome noises;
- graffiti about people;
- offensive pictures and written materials;
- suggestive or offensive comments about a person's appearance or lifestyle;
- racist comments.

Effects of bullying and harassment

Some signs that a child is being bullied may include:

- An unwillingness or refusal to go to school;
- Feeling ill in the mornings;
- Doing poorly in their school work;
- Becoming withdrawn, starting to stammer, lacking confidence;
- Suffering sleep difficulties, feeling ill in the mornings;
- Desire to avoid social contact;
- Disrupted relationships with family and friends;
- Asking for money or starting to steal (to pay the bully)
- Having unexplained bruises, cuts, scratches or damaged clothes or property;
- Becoming aggressive and unreasonable;
- Refusing to talk about what's wrong.

College Values

Each student at Weeroona College Bendigo has the right to feel safe, happy and supported. The college is against bullying in any form. Emphasis is placed upon:

1. **Respect** - accepting difference and treating others with empathy and tolerance.
2. **Integrity**- behaving truthfully, in a trustworthy manner and taking responsibility for one's actions.
3. **Personal Excellence**- seeking to perform at one's own highest possible standard.

Advice to Students/What to do -

If bullying is a problem for you, there are things you can do. Listed below are a few examples.

1. Don't give the bully opportunities. Whenever possible, have others around for support.
2. Remain calm (no reaction means no power for the bully).
3. Ignore the bully or walk away calmly.
4. Try to respond to the bully with confidence. Look at him/her in the eye and hold your stare for a few seconds. Gather up all the strength and power you have! It's in there!
5. Use strong body language. That means stand up tall and straight. Try to look confident even if you feel scared. You will feel strong if you think strong!
6. Assertive "I" statements will work in many situations Use your loud voice and say something like *"I'm tired of this teasing and I want you to stop!"* *"I do not like you saying that to me."* or *"I do not like you doing that to me."* Keep the eye contact for a few more seconds.
7. If the bully is not backing off, you could use another response before you walk away. *"Don't you have anything else to do?"*
8. If these do not work – Seek help and report the incident.

If this does not work - seek help

- From another student.
- Speak to your Advisor, classroom teacher or Learning Community Leader.
- Speak to a member of the College Support Team- chaplain, Student Welfare Coordinator or School Nurse.
- Tell an adult everything
- Decide with the adult upon a plan
- Your plan of action may include speaking with someone in the college or speaking to a parent/s.
- Persevere until you find an adult who will help you with your problem.

- If you feel unable to speak to an adult, you can email the college – Weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
- If you feel unable to speak to an adult face to face, you can contact **Kids Help Line** on 1800 55 1800 www.kidshelp.com.au or www.reachout.com.au

Consequences

Any student found to be bullying another person may face a range of consequences. These range from detention to suspension/expulsion for severe repetitive offences. The College will deal very seriously with those who retaliate against someone for reporting incidents of bullying.

The specific types of consequences include:

- Restorative Discussion
- Parent notification and involvement
- Formal apology- recorded on RISC
- Name removed from 'It's My School Too' board for a period of time.
- Counselling
- Exclusion from school yard/areas of the school yard
- Exclusion from class/classes
- Withdrawal of privileges
- After School Detention
- Police involvement
- Suspension (in serious or repeated instances)
- Expulsion (in cases of aggravated or persistent harassment)

If you are aware of other students being bullied or harassed, then encourage them to speak to their teacher advisor, learning community leader a staff member, member of the college support team or their parents.

What we do to prevent bullying -

Staff will:

- Include material on bullying, tolerance and assertive behaviour in the curriculum.
- Provide a safe environment for students, teachers, other staff and visitors.
- Provide a supportive environment which encourages positive relationships between students, their peers and teachers.
- Implement College policies in a consistent and fair manner.
- Respond to all reports of bullying by students.
- Model appropriate behaviour on a consistent basis.
- Arrive at classes on time and move promptly between lessons.
- Use Restorative Practices to assist students to develop skills for resolving conflict and dealing with bullying behaviour.

NB: This policy should be read in conjunction with the WCB Student Code of Conduct

Students will:

- Sign up to the WCB 'My School Too! Belief Statement' ...All members of the Weeroona College Bendigo community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.
- Refuse to be involved in any bullying situation;
- Report any incident or suspected incident and help break down the code of secrecy.

- Respect the rights of all students and recognise their differences;
- Speak out and report incidents of bullying as it could ease a student's pain and prevent other students from being bullied;
- Be helpful bystanders. When you see bullying going on, ask yourself: *"What can I do to help stop it?"*

Parents are encouraged to:

- Watch for signs of distress in your child;
- Advise your child to tell a staff member about the incident. Encourage their child to report and deal with the problem themselves as this empowers them to deal with the problem without parental involvement;
- Inform the College if bullying is suspected and continuing, even if your own child is not directly affected;
- Assist your child to develop positive strategies and encourage them not to retaliate;
- Do not directly approach any other students who they believe may be involved in bullying their child or the parents of other students. This may make the situation worse;
- Communicate to your child that parental involvement may be deemed necessary by the College to fully address the problem;
- Work with the College to solve the problem. The College takes our responsibilities in relation to bullying seriously and will have more success when parents work with the college to establish a plan for dealing with the current situation and future bullying incidents.
- Attend interviews at the College if your child is involved in a bullying incident as a victim or perpetrator.
- Support your child to sign up to the WCB 'My School Too! Belief Statement' ...All members of the Weeroona College Bendigo community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed.
- Make use of the college email address to contact the College about bullying- weeroona.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

Further useful links:

- **Kid's Help Line** website (www.kidshelpline.com.au)
- This site provides information about the Kids' Help Line free 24 hour telephone and online counseling service. Other useful information can also be accessed through this site, including strategies to help children and parents deal with bullying ([click here](#)).
- **Beyond Blue** website (www.beyondblue.org.au)
- This site provides contact details and professional advice for people who feel as though they may be suffering from depression.
- **NetAlert** (www.netalert.gov.au)
Advice about protecting children online. Particularly relevant for parents and teachers.
- **The Reachout Foundation's** site (www.reachout.com.au)
An excellent site which provides advice about a range of youth related issues including bullying.
- **Evelyn Field's** site (www.bullying.com.au)
This site contains valuable information for parents, teachers and students.
- **Kidsmart** (www.kidsmart.org.uk)
Award winning website providing practical advice about internet safety. Specific sections for students, teachers and parents are included on this site.
- **Cybersmart Kids Online** (www.cybersmartkids.com.au)
A great site with plenty of fun links for young people, as well as a section for parents and teachers.
- **Bullying – No Way!** (www.bullyingnoway.com.au)
Plenty of useful information and fun resources for young people and adults can be found on this site.
- **Friendly Schools and Families** website (www.friendlyschools.com.au)
Another site containing valuable information with sections for young people, parents and teachers.