# WEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO

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## WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH**
- 7th: Immunisation’s for Year 7’s only
- 11th: WCB Athletics Carnival – Flora Hill athletics track
- 14th: Labour Day Holiday - No School
- 15th: Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
- 16th: Year 7 Welcome BBQ - Wannop Basketball Court 5:30pm-6:30pm
- 17th: Year 8 STEM Grand Prix Excursion
- 21st: School Council Meeting
- 24th: Last Day of Term 1

**APRIL**
- 11th: First Day of Term 2
- 15th: Next WCB Newsletter
- 18th: School Council Meeting
- 21st: Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences – pm
- 22nd: Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences – am
- 25th: Anzac Day Public Holiday

**MAY**
- 4th: WCB Cross Country
- 6th: Grade 6 Information Evening
- 9th: Professional Learning Day for staff – Pupil Free Day
- 10th: Immunisation’s for Year 7 Only

## SCHOOL TIMES
- Start 9.00am
- Lunch 11.45am - 12.35pm
- Recess 1.45pm - 2.05pm
- Finish 3.15pm

## OFFICE HOURS
- Monday – Friday
  - 8.15am – 4.00pm

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
- Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
- Thursday 8.30am – 12.00pm
- *EFTPOS facilities now available*

## Weeroona College Bendigo Vision Statement
- Students at Weeroona College Bendigo are actively engaged in their learning which is personalized according to their needs and interests. Our students are independent; know what they need to learn and our teachers challenge and support them to achieve personal excellence.
FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Weeroona College Bendigo School Council
A school council’s objectives are to:
• Assist in the efficient governance of the school
• Ensure that its decisions affecting students of the school are made having regard, as a primary consideration, to the best interests of the students
• Enhance the educational opportunities of the students of the school
• Ensure the school and the council comply with any requirements of this act, the regulations, a ministerial order or a direction, guideline or policy issued under this act.

To assist us at Weeroona College Bendigo this year, I would like to inform our school community that we have successfully filled all vacancies.

I would like to declare that the number of nominations matched the required number of vacancies in the parent and DE&T membership categories for the 2016 school year.

Congratulations to the following people:

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On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the following outgoing council members: Danielle Duval, Brian Stratford, Tim Lawrance and Michelle Griffin, and students Mariah Miller and Tes Carter for their contribution.

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting when we will seek to co-opt two community members and elect office bearers.

Volunteers Required
Are you interested in being a volunteer for our Weeroona Additional Learning Support (WALS) Program to assist our Karen students with their school work? The Program will operate at Weeroona College Bendigo each Wednesday during the school term and will commence at 3:45pm and end at 4:45pm. Please contact Leanne Preece if you are interested on 5443 2133.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Ready to Learn
Students at Weeroona College Bendigo are actively engaged in their learning which is personalised according to their needs and interests. Our students are independent; know what they need to learn and our teachers challenge and support them to achieve personal excellence. Our role as a learning community is to equip our students with the skills necessary to achieve their full potential. Part of this is ensuring that students arrive to classes ready to learn. This means that our students arrive to class on time and with all of the equipment that they will need to effectively participate in the learning that will take place. This means that students arrive with:
• Books relevant to the subject being studied
• Pencil case (with pens, pencils and calculator)
• Charged computer/tablet device
• Ready to Learn Journal
• Appropriate uniform for the subject being studied.

I would like to encourage parents to have a conversation with their children to ensure that they have the required equipment to be successful at school. Students who are not arriving ready to learn will be receiving conduct entries on dashboard and appropriate follow-up. As a result of feedback from students and staff we have introduced a Ready to Learn Journal. The Ready to Learn Journal has been introduced in order to help students become more organised, reflect on learning and ultimately improve student outcomes. The journal is a compulsory item and is available from the General Office for $22.00.

Curriculum Day Tuesday 15th March
On Tuesday 15th March, WCB staff will be undertaking an intense Professional Development and training day on a new education support platform and parent portal, which will replace our existing system. From next term, Weeroona College Bendigo will be utilising a parent portal called Compass School Manager. This portal will be used by our school community – teachers, student’s families and administrators and provides immediate, real time information.

Leanne Preece
Principal
The benefits of Compass are:

- Improved communication throughout the school community by way of a single point of contact that can be accessed via computers, smart phones and iPads.
- Improved attendance management. Teachers mark rolls electronically and parents or teachers can approve absences online.
- Access convenience. Information will be available 24 hours/day from anywhere with internet availability.
- Improved excursion management, event information and permission is (mainly) submitted online.
- Student Reports are accessible through Compass
- Live updates of newsletters and school news.
- Your child’s timetable can be viewed in a two week glance.

Parking around the school
When picking students up at the end of the school day it is important that parents/guardians adhere to all parking signs. Knight Street has some parking bays that are 2 minute drop off and pick up zones during the beginning and the end of the school day. Napier Street is very busy at the end of the school day. Both the town bus and country bus stops located at the front of the school in Napier Street.

Parking is not permitted at the front of the school as indicated by the no stopping signs. If parking on the other side of Napier Street, please encourage students to cross at the traffic lights. It is very dangerous to be crossing the busy road at that time of night. Parking in the staff car parks (both Knight Street and Napier Street) is not permitted at the end of the school day; this poses a safety risk for students that are leaving the school grounds.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

Instagram
Don’t forget to follow Weeroona College Bendigo on Instagram: @weeroonacollegebendigo
We post information about events, camps, awards, fundraising activities etc…

Students signing in and out
Just a reminder to parents/guardians that if your child arrives late or leaves early that they must sign in/out at the General Office. Please provide them with a note or a phone call to the office if you are not coming in in person.

Student Accident Insurance
Please note the College is no longer offering the option of purchasing Student Accident Insurance through the Curriculum Resource Levy.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund
Those parents with a healthcare or concession card are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. This amount is $225.00 and can be used for any camps, sports or excursions throughout the school year. Please note this money cannot be used for other school charges.

Application forms must be filled out and returned to the General Office with a copy of your health care or concession card by 3rd June, 2016. Application forms can be found at the office.

QKR App
Did you know that the QKR App can be used to pay any school charges and order your child’s lunch?

We’ve had lots of positive feedback around this App and it is really easy to use!

For more info and how to download and start using the App please see our college website www.weeroona.vic.edu.au.

SPORT

Athletics Day- Friday 11th March
The WCB Athletics Day will take place next Friday 11th March at the Flora Hill Athletics Complex. Students will travel to and from the track by bus. The cost per student will be $7.50 – THIS CHARGE IS CALLED “2016 SPORTS DAY” ON FAMILY STATEMENTS AND SOME STUDENTS MAY HAVE ALREADY PAID. If you have not already paid this levy, please do so by Thursday 10th March. ALL STUDENTS MUST COME TO THE COLLEGE BEFORE GOING TO THE ATHLETICS TRACK.

Come prepared with sunscreen and hats. We encourage students to support their particular house by displaying their particular House colours (Wannop = Red, Katyil = Blue, Kappen = Green, Merin = Yellow). Students do not have to wear college uniform on this day. Kiosk facilities will be available at the track.

Weeroona College Bendigo Swimming Carnival Results
Weeroona College Bendigo held their swimming sports on Friday 12th February at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool. It was fantastic to see many students wearing their community colours which added to the atmosphere of the day. Well done to all competitors and congratulations to all those who won events.
The results from the day were:

### Junior Aggregate Results
- 1st – Wannop (139)
- 2nd – Kappen (106)
- 3rd – Merin (81)
- 4th – Katyil (54)

### Senior Aggregate Results
- 1st – Kappen (96)
- 2nd – Wannop (53)
- 3rd – Katyil (37)
- 4th – Merin (19)

### Overall Results
- 1st – Kappen (202)
- 2nd – Wannop (192)
- 3rd – Merin (100)
- 4th – Katyil (91)

### Individual Age Group Championships – Boys
- 16 Boys – Riley Leary (Kappen)
- 15 Boys – Brenton Hawthorne (Katyil)
- 14 Boys – Ethan Arnold (Kappen)
- 12-13 Boys – Taine Lang (Merin)

### Individual Age Group Champions Girls
- 16 Girls – Irene Makriopoulas (Wannop)
- 15 Girls – Caitlin Jackson (Kappen)
- 14 Girls – Abbey Hromenko (Wannop)
- 12-13 Girls – Justyce Crossman (Wannop)

Event winners then represented the college at the Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival swimming carnival which was held on Thursday 25th February at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre.

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**Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival**
The Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival took place at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre on Thursday 25th February with over 40 Weeroona College participants. Although we did not achieve ultimate success, it was pleasing to see all competitors do their best and be prepared to have a go.

Well done to each and every student who was involved in the day. Special thanks to the VET Sport and Recreation students from WCB who all did excellent jobs in official roles throughout the activities of the carnival.
Congratulations Lewis Dune and Abbey Hromenko
Special acknowledgement to Abbey Hromenko and Lewis Dunne who both have achieved outstanding results in relation to school based sports.

Abbey is very strong athlete who has achieved very good results in relation to the High Jump at the Victorian Junior Athletics Championships. Consequently Abbey has gained selection in the Australia Junior Athletic Championships to be held in Perth in March. A fantastic achievement.

Lewis has gained selection in an Australian squad in Futsal where he will participate in the United Kingdom in April. His journey to this selection began by representing Weeroona College Bendigo at a local school based competition last July.

We are running some small fundraisers in relation to their efforts in the college community. Again well done to both Lewis and Abbey.

Upcoming Events
March:
- Tuesday 8th – Athletics Throwing Events.
- Friday 11th – WCB Athletics Day.
- Tuesday 15th – Loddon Mallee Swimming Carnival.
- Wednesday 16th – Year 7 & 8 Sports Day. Cricket, Tennis & Volleyball.

SRC Leadership Day
On Monday 29th of February the SRC participated in a Leadership Training day led by Ian McBurnie and assisted by Rory White.

During the leadership training day the students participated in a number of activities on how to become a better leader and what being a leader should look like. Students also learnt on how small decisions and influences can have on the social networks. The SRC also learnt the five Ps of presentation and how you present yourself to a crowd or audience.

All in all the Leadership training day was an interesting and eye opening experience which helped us learn what a leader looks like and what attributes a leader needs, it also helped us help bond as a committee.

By Madeline Betts, K1A.
KAREN NOTICE FOR STUDENTS

Homework Club

Homework Club, organized by Weeroona College Bendigo, will be held on 9th March Wednesday at 3:45 pm.

CHAPLAIN’S CHATTER

Sometimes it can be easy to get bogged down in the mundaneness of everyday life and think that we live in an entirely disenchanted world. A sure antidote to this is to look skyward for refreshment; the heavens are awe-inspiring, mysterious and uncontrollable. I love the below piece of writing from Tim Winton in which he perfectly captures this sentiment. Enjoy! Carl 😊

In the semi-arid range country where I live these days the heavens draw you out, like a multidimensional horizon. For most of the year the arrival of a cloud is something of an event. Along the south coast where I spent my adolescence, the air boils with gothic clouds. There the sky’s commotion renders you so feverish your thoughts are closer to music than language. In the desert the night sky sucks you, star by star, galaxy by galaxy, until you begin to feel you could fall out into it any moment….In our hemisphere the sky stops you in your tracks, derails your thoughts, unmoors you from what you were doing before it got you by the collar.

Tim Winton
Island home: a landscape memoir
The Bendigo Suicide Prevention Awareness Network walk on Sunday, March 20, allows people touched by suicide (and those who want to show support for them) to remember loved ones, friends, work or school mates and to raise more public awareness of the issue of suicide across the Central Victorian community.

8.30am: Breakfast for Black Dog Riders.
9.30am: Live entertainment in Dai Gum San precinct.
Official SPAN T-shirts $15, bandanas $5 and caps $8 for sale on the day.
10.50am: Official welcoming ceremony.
11am: SPAN Suicide Awareness Walk starts (approximately 2 kilometres).
11.45am: SPAN walk ends back at the Dai Gum San Chinese precinct.
Noon: Butterfly Remembrance ceremony.
12.15pm: Free sausage sizzle lunch served and live entertainment.

The SPAN Suicide Awareness Walk also incorporates the annual Central Victorian Black Dog Ride (raising awareness of depression and suicide prevention)

Can you help us?
If you are interested in sponsoring SPAN Central Victoria or have a question about the group or annual awareness walk, please contact Alannah McGregor on 0408 541 082 or email alannah.m.15@gmail.com
Get active and WIN with Premier’s Active April

Calling all students and teachers – it’s time to get on board with Premier’s Active April, an exciting and fun way to get active, stay healthy, and enjoy time with family and friends. Not to mention to WIN some awesome prizes for yourself and the school.

Premier’s Active April encourages all Victorians to commit to doing 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It’s free, it’s fun and it’s part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to get more people active and healthy.

Anyone can participate in Active April – friends, students, families, workmates or individuals, and it’s FREE. Register today via the Active April website www.activeapril.vic.gov.au. Look for the dedicated schools page and follow the step-by-step instructions. You can create and join teams and compare the progress of team members for some friendly competition! Registrations are now open and will stay open until 30 April 2016.

Make sure you nominate your school when you register as a teacher or student and you’ll increase your school’s chance of winning one of the many fantastic prizes! There are Sportsmart vouchers, sports clinics with high-profile athletes, and the most active school will win a cool $2000 Sportsmart voucher! The more students and teachers who register, the more chances your school has to win.

There’s also a handy online Activity Tracker to log your daily activity, plus your own personal Trophy Cabinet when you meet activity goals.

Just by registering every participant will receive*:

- 10 free YMCA passes or access to a local government facility
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- one free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- one free Get into Cardio Tennis session
- a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2017 Australian Tennis Open Finals*, a $1,500 bike voucher or a GoPro Camera

Join Active April on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to increase your chances for winning more great prizes. You’ll be kept up-to-date on all the latest Active April news and events, meet the Active April ambassadors, receive weekly recipes plus loads of handy health, exercise and nutrition advice.

So what are you waiting for? Register today at www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

*Terms and conditions for all prizes and offers apply. Visit activeapril.vic.gov.au for details. ^ Winner receives two tickets to each of the 2017 men’s and women’s finals.
National Home Doctor Service is Australia’s largest network of afterhours home visiting doctors. We have over 400 doctors providing after hours care to patients at home and in aged care facilities across Australia.

National Home Doctor Service provides the community access to medical care in the comfort of their home when their regular GP is unavailable. The service is fully bulk billed and all doctors are appropriately qualified and trained general practitioners.

The mission of National Home Doctor Service is to deliver the highest quality patient care to private homes and aged care facilities throughout Australia.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

National Home Doctor Service provides after-hours care to patients in their own home when their regular GP is not available. For routine consultations, we encourage patients to attend their regular GP.

After-hours doctors are fully equipped to treat urgent problems in the home. The afterhours doctors carry a fully equipped doctor’s bag, which includes a range of equipment and supplies to provide appropriate treatment after-hours.

A detailed medical report for each after-hours consultation is prepared by the after-hours doctor. This is electronically transferred, faxed or posted to reach the patient’s nominated daytime GP the following day.

If the afterhours doctor refers a patient for any pathology/radiology tests, the after-hours doctor will ensure the patient’s regular GP receives a copy of the results. This ensures the patient’s regular GP is fully informed about any required follow-up. All patients are advised to attend to their regular GP for the follow up of any test results.

CONSULTING HOURS

Home visits can be booked within the afterhours period as defined by Medicare Australia.

- Monday to Friday: 4:00 pm to 8 am the following day (doctors commence work at 6:00 pm)
- Saturdays: from 10:00 am onwards (doctors commence work at 12:00 midday)
- All day Sunday
- All day on public holidays

For general enquiries during standard business hours, please call 13 SICK that’s 13 7425.

Outside the above operating hours, patients are reminded of the National Home Doctor Service operating hours and are encouraged to contact their regular GP if they require an appointment.

If patients have any questions or queries regarding a recent afterhours consultation provided, please contact the administration staff on 13 7425 or email info@homedoctor.com.au.

FEES AND BILLING ARRANGEMENTS

National Home Doctor Service after hours doctor visits are bulk billed to all Medicare and DVA card holders. We also cover all Allianz OHSC members. Patients who do not have a Medicare or DVA card can pay by credit card. A fee will be quoted at the time the booking is made.

PRACTITIONERS

National Home Doctor Service engages appropriately qualified and trained general practitioners with a demonstrated commitment to continued medical education.
MANAGEMENT OF PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Medical records are confidential and the management of personal health information is regulated by the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 (Privacy Act). This information is only made available to authorised personnel. If you need a copy of your health information held by National Home Doctor Service, please contact the administration staff via telephone 13 7425 or email info@homedoctor.com.au. The Privacy Act can be viewed at: www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-act/the-privacy-act.

FEEDBACK

National Home Doctor Service policy recognises that feedback is a valuable quality improvement mechanism. National Home Doctor Service strives to provide patients and their GPs with the very best afterhours care and it has systems in place to ensure that any concerns, suggestions or complaints are given serious and prompt attention. Patients are encouraged to provide feedback via email to info@homedoctor.com.au or in writing to one of the nominated addresses below.

- Sydney
  PO Box 5545, West Chatswood NSW 1515

- Brisbane, Toowoomba
  PO Box 528, Spring Hill, QLD 4004

- Gold Coast
  Unit 1/14 Ivan St, Arundel, QLD 4214

- Melbourne
  PO Box 5074, Garden City, VIC 3207

- Adelaide
  PO Box 882, Kent Town, SA 5071

- Canberra
  105/15 Trench Street, Kingston ACT 2604

PATIENTS WISHING TO TAKE THEIR CONCERNS FURTHER MAY CONTACT THE RELEVANT STATE BODIES LISTED BELOW

National Home Doctor Service engages appropriately qualified and trained general practitioners with a demonstrated commitment to continued medical education.

New South Wales
Health Care Complaints Commission
Telephone – 02 9219 7444
Toll free – 1800 043 159
Mail – Locked Mail Bag 18, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Queensland
Office of the Health Ombudsman
Telephone – 133 OHO (133 646), (07) 3349 6350
Email: complaints@oho.qld.gov.au
Mail – PO Box 13281, George St Brisbane Qld 4003

Victoria
Health Services Commissioner
Telephone – 03 8601 5200
Toll free – 1800 136 066
Mail – 30th Floor, 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

South Australia
Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner
Telephone – 08 8226 8666
Toll free – 1800 232 007
Mail – PO Box 109, Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000

ACT
Health Services Commissioner
Telephone – 02 6205 2222
Mail – GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601

TAS
Ombudsman Tasmania
Telephone – 1800 001 170
Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.tas.gov.au
Mail – GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601

If you require any assistance with understanding any part of this patient information sheet, please contact administration staff on 13 7425 who will provide appropriate support.
As part of the Year 7/8 STEM Class Showcase for 2016, we are inviting parents/guardians and community members to participate in the inaugural event *The Marshmallow Challenge*.

**When:** Thursday 24th March, 2016 from 12:30-2:30 pm.

**Where:** Weeroona College Bendigo Gym.

**What to bring:** Friendly competition.

**Prize for winning team:** Tallest team member’s height in Toblerone Chocolate.
You can make a child feel special by doing small everyday things like going to the beach together. If you could do something this small, but this amazing and you’re interested in relief, weekend or long term foster care, visit fosteringconnections.com.au or call 1800 013 088

Open your heart. Open your home.
January 20, 2016

The Principal
Weeroona College Bendigo
PO Box 566
BENDIGO VIC 3552

Dear Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PASS ONTO PARENTS

Please find below some important information regarding Victoria’s student and concession travel ticketing arrangements for 2016, which will be of interest to your school community. We encourage you to make this information available by inclusion in your school newsletter or intranet page.

Proof of concession entitlement

All students aged 17 years and over, or those requiring a half yearly or yearly Student Pass (regardless of age), are required to obtain a 2016 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement. Application details and a copy of this year’s form are contained within this letter. It is important to note that school issued student identification cards are not accepted as entitlement to concession travel on public transport.

2016 Victorian Student Pass

The Victorian Student Pass provides travel for students on all metropolitan trains, trams and buses, all regional bus services and all V/Line train and coach services operating wholly within Victoria. The Victorian Student Pass is issued on a myki.

2016 Regional Transit Student Passes

Regional Transit Student Passes provide travel for students on buses in the Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo Transit Systems and limited V/Line rail services in these transit areas. The Regional Transit Student Pass is issued on a concession myki. Regional Transit Student Passes for Southwest Transit, Colac Transit and Portland Transit will continue to be issued as paper passes.

How to apply for a 2016 VPT Student Concession Card and/or a Student Pass

The 2016 VPT Student Concession Card & Student Pass Application Form (enclosed) can be obtained from:

- metropolitan premium train stations
- PTV Hubs (Southern Cross Station, Docklands, Geelong & Bendigo)
- V/Line staffed stations and ticket agents
- PTV Call Centre by calling 1800 800 007
- online at ptv.vic.gov.au.
- Students wishing to purchase a Half Yearly ($255.00) or Yearly ($546.00) Victorian Student Pass will be required to obtain a 2016 VPT Student Concession Card, regardless of age, as proof of their concession entitlement. The standard $9 fee applies. Students can have their 2016 Yearly or Half Yearly Victorian Student Pass loaded to their existing myki card at a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled V/Line staffed station or from a PTV Hub (located at Docklands, Geelong or Bendigo). If the student does not already have a myki, the Student Pass will be loaded onto a new myki. This myki will be issued on the spot with the myki card fee waived.

- Students 16 years and under, who do not wish to purchase a Student Pass are not required to obtain a VPT Student Concession Card but can still get a child myki for concession travel by visiting a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled staffed V/Line station, a myki retailer, visiting ptv.vic.gov.au, or calling 1800 800 007. A $3 card fee applies.

- Students 17 years and over, who require a VPT Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement can obtain a VPT Student Concession Card and apply for a free concession myki (if required) at the same time. Students will need to complete the enclosed form and lodge it at a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled staffed V/Line station, the PTV Hub at Southern Cross Station or the PTV Hub at 750 Collins St, Docklands. They will then be issued with their 2016 VPT Student Concession Card ($9 fee applies) and a free concession myki (if required). Those students who already have a concession myki can continue to use it and only need to renew their concession entitlement by completing the 2016 VPT Student Concession Card form.

Registration

Registration is optional for students that hold a student pass. It is, however, strongly recommended that students register their myki online at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007. Benefits of registering a myki include:

- The balance on the myki is protected if it is reported lost or stolen
- Option to manage myki with an online account
- Option of auto top up for 'set and forget' convenience

If a myki is not registered, there is no way for a student to recover the value held on the card in the event it is lost or stolen.

Further information specific to student travel arrangements under myki can be obtained by visiting ptv.vic.gov.au and going to the student area under the Tickets > Concessions > Students on the website. For information about non-myki Regional Transit Student Passes, visit http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/regional-fares/ under the section 'Student concessions'.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with your staff and students.

Yours sincerely

Alan Fedda
Director, Customer Experience
Public Transport Victoria
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Bendigo VIC and Maitland NSW are linked through the works of the region’s best emerging artists. Are you one of them?

Be mentored by professional artists to design a poster inspired by GTM’s 2016 theme INTERSTELLAR. Workshops will take place throughout March & April at the COG Youth Innovation Centre & La Trobe VAC.

The completed works will then be on display at GTM Bendigo and the COG Youth Innovation Centre as part of the Sister Cities Art Exhibition.

All participants will receive free entry to GTM Bendigo and one artist will win a trip to GTM Maitland to exhibit their work!

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Make up a table of six or less.
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Major and minor prizes
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Admission: $15.00 each

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