

Keeping In the loop



Introducing the Urban College News Bulletin for 2025!

Urban College is evolving, and our students are at the heart of it all! We're transforming how we share events, news, and updates to keep you better informed and more connected than ever. Our website is undergoing an exciting redesign, and soon, you'll have access to regular blog updates showcasing student achievements, campus events, and important announcements. We're also expanding our social media presence, bringing you the latest from Urban in fresh and engaging ways. Stay connected, stay inspired, and be part of our journey as we grow together!



TERM 2 DATES

First Day Term 2	Tuesday 22/4
ANZAC Day	Friday 25/4
Wellbeing Day	Monday 2/06
King's Birthday	Monday 9/6
Last Day Term 2	Friday 4/7

Wellbeing Day Cultural Safety and Awareness Day

On Monday, March 17th, Urban College hosted a vibrant and educational Cultural Awareness and Community Connection Day. The event began with a cultural safety survey, followed by an introduction from College Counsellor Jen. Aunty Julie and Rick Baldwin delivered a heartfelt Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, with Rick showcasing traditional artifacts.

Students engaged in diverse activities, including Origami, Celebration Art, and Cultural Bingo, fostering creativity and cultural understanding. The Tasting Around the World event at lunchtime offered international flavors, while an AFL activity kept students active.

In the afternoon, Shae, a proud Kamilaroi woman, led a session on Indigenous languages, followed by the "Where Are We From?" activity, encouraging students to reflect on their heritage. The day concluded with a second cultural safety survey to assess learning outcomes.

Thanks to the dedication of staff, volunteers, and students, the event was a great success, strengthening cultural awareness and community connections. We look forward to our Term 2 Wellbeing Day!

CAREERS EXPO- YR 11 & YR 12

On March 20th, our Year 11 and 12 students attended the Victorian Careers and Employment Expo at the Melbourne Showgrounds as part of their VCE VM Work Related Skills units.

Before the event, students created a personalised plan to maximise their experience, selecting exhibitors to visit and seminars to attend. Throughout the day, they engaged with industry professionals, explored career pathways, and gained valuable insights into job opportunities and training options.

The expo provided students with practical knowledge, career resources, and inspiration for their futures, reinforcing the importance of informed career planning. It was a valuable experience that will help guide their next steps!

- E Morris – Career's Advisor & Year 12 Teachers

**Year 12 Senior Jumpers**

Year 12's have received their long-awaited senior year jumpers! After 6 weeks of hard work and collaboration, from choosing fonts to perfecting the layout, they've finally got their hands on the final product. A true reflection of their effort and teamwork throughout the design process. So proud to see them rock their custom creations!



Meet Jen!

Our Wonderful College Counsellor

2025 saw the introduction of a college counsellor. How lucky am I that I get to make such a difference to student's lives everyday at work?

My first term as the college counsellor has been very rewarding, with a noticeable positive impact on the students. I've been able to create a safe and supportive environment where students feel comfortable sharing their thoughts, feelings, and concerns. By offering individual counselling sessions I've seen students develop better coping strategies, improve their mental health, and enhance their communication skills.

Additionally, our college therapy dog, Bear, has been hard at work not only with the students, but also with his training. Both Bear and I are incredibly thankful for the support from the staff and students around helping him succeed in his role.

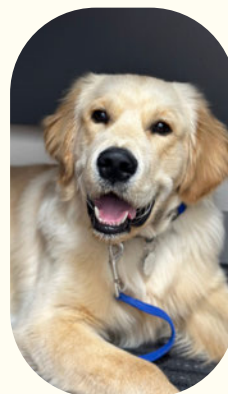
- Jen Anderson – College Counsellor



What's up with Therapy Pup, Bear?

Bear has been in full working dog mode since the commencement of 2025. He has started his therapy training which commences as a 'Visiting Dog' Certification, prior to moving into his 'Wellbeing Dog' Certification. I think Bear is the most loved dog in the world, receiving regular affection, walks and treats from students all day long. Whilst Bear is still testing his boundaries as a 9-month-old puppy, students have been great at following all guidelines and supports to assist with his training. Keep up the great support everyone!

- E. Hopkins – Principal

**Year 11 Students Engaging with the Community!**

Our Year 11A students recently visited our neighbor school, Dillbadin Primary in Boronia, as part of their PDS – Community and Volunteering unit. They designed and facilitated interactive games and creative art projects, fostering fun and engagement with the primary school students.

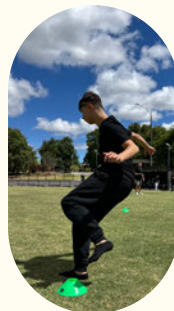
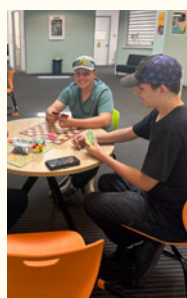
This hands-on experience left many of our students feeling fulfilled and inspired, strengthening their connection to the community. They're already looking forward to future opportunities to support and give back!

- N. Harris Year 11A Teacher

Highlights from our Year 10's First Term at Urban College

Our Year 10 class has been working hard across a range of foundational learning areas this term. In English, we've focused on building key skills in reading and writing, while in Maths we've been tackling the fundamentals of Algebra. Science lessons have involved hands-on experiments to build confidence in scientific thinking, and in Art we've been exploring different styles and techniques, including creating our own pinch pots. In Humanities, we've delved into the Interwar Years, developing a deeper understanding of global events and their impacts. We've also made time for Health and PE, where students designed their own fitness activities and are now leading these sessions with the class to support personal fitness goals.

- C. Levell & E. Harley – Year 10 Teachers



Happy Easter Holidays! 🐰🌸

As the school term comes to a close, we want to wish all our students, staff, and families a joyful and restful Easter break! May your holidays be filled with relaxation, and plenty of chocolate eggs.

Take this time to recharge, enjoy special moments with loved ones, and return refreshed for the next chapter. Stay safe, have fun, and we look forward to seeing you all soon for Term 2!

Happy Easter! 🐣✨

Term 2 Return Date Tuesday 22nd April



COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

Eastern Access Community Health (EACH) Child, Youth & Family Mental Health 1300 003 224	Lifeline: Anyone having a personal crisis 13 11 14 Suicide Line Victoria 1300 651 251	Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) Child and Youth Mental Health Services 0-18 years 1300 342 225
Headspace – Knox Counselling and free GP services 2 Capital City Blvd, Westfield Knox Ozone (03) 9801 6088	Eastern Community Legal Centre Free Legal Advice 1300 32 52 00	Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault Ringwood East (03) 9870 7337
Knox Infolink Emergency Relief 136 Boronia Road Boronia (03) 9761 1325	Uniting Vic Tas Community Support & Family Services - Homelessness 291A Maroondah Hwy Ringwood (03) 8870 4020	Child Protection CP Box Hill 1300 360 452
Kids Helpline Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25 1800 55 1800	Youth Support & Advocacy Service (YSAS) Mental Health, AOD, Crime Prevention Ringwood – (03) 9890 7855 Dandenong – (03) 9701 3488	LGBTIQA+ Services Rainbow Door 1800 729 367
Sexual Health Vic Sexual Health Care and Education 901 Whitehorse Road Box Hill (03) 9257 0100	Family Violence The Orange Door Croydon - 1800 271 150 Box Hill - 1800 354 322	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support 13 YARN (13 92 76) VACCA – Chirnside Park (03) 8727 0200
Outer East Crisis Assessment Treatment Team (CATT) 1300 721 927		Is it an emergency? If you or someone you know is at immediate risk of harm, Call triple zero (000)