

Keeping U in the loop



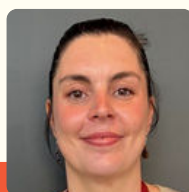
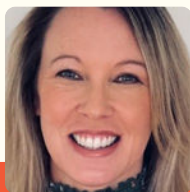
What has been happening during term 2!

Term 2 at Croydon has been fantastic so far, with students and staff already creating many wonderful memories together. From our Year 11 and 12 students enjoying mini golf and escape rooms, to our Year 10 students participating in driving education, there has been plenty of excitement and learning happening both inside and outside the classroom. We also loved welcoming parents, prospective students, and staff to our Open Night and sharing what makes our school community so special. Now, with a term and a half behind us, everyone is settling in well and enjoying their time at Croydon. We are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities and experiences that the second half of the term will bring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 26/05- Careers Expo
- 28/05- Yr. 10 Sealife excursion
- 01/06- Yr.11/12 1000 steps excursion
- 05/06- Student Free Day
- 09/06- Term 2 Wellbeing Day
- 15-19/06- Yr.10 Work Experience

A Note from Wellbeing



Meet Bec, our Wellbeing Coordinator, and Hannah, our Wellbeing Support team member, the friendly faces behind the Wellbeing Team at Urban College Croydon! With the team continuing to grow over the coming months, we are excited to keep building a safe, supportive, and positive environment for all students.

The wellbeing team supports students through regular wellbeing check-ins, spending time with students during breaks and lunchtime, attending school excursions to provide additional support where needed, and building positive relationships so students feel safe, comfortable, and confident reaching out for support.

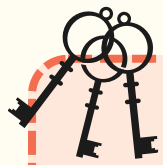
At Urban College Croydon, we understand that every student is different, and we support students based on their individual needs and what they feel will best support their wellbeing and learning journey.

Careers Expo Coming up!

Next week, all students will have the exciting opportunity to attend a Careers and VET Expo, where they can explore a wide range of career pathways, speak directly with industry representatives, and gather information to help shape their futures. This is a valuable experience designed to broaden students' understanding of the options available to them as they plan their next steps.



Following the Expo, students will return to school to complete a Career Action Plan with the guidance and support of their classroom teachers. They will then have dedicated time with a Careers Counsellor to discuss their individual interests, strengths, and the pathways that may best suit them. We encourage families to begin having these important conversations at home with your young person - exploring their aspirations and what excites them about the future. Further information, including resources to support these discussions, will be made available via Compass in the coming weeks.



YEAR 11 ESCAPE ROOM EXCURSION



On Tuesday, May 19th, us year 11/12 students went to Ringwood to do an escape room and walk around Eastland. It was a really fun experience, and for some of us it was our first time doing something like that. We spent the day working together to solve puzzles, find clues, and help each other understand it all, having to figure out how to do tasks, learn how to connect things to open up hatches and escape. All up it was a good day and we can say it was a fun experience.

(Zander, year 11)



METEC

Our Year 10 students recently visited METEC, where they gained valuable hands-on driving experience in a safe environment. Students practised basic driving skills on the track, learned road rules, and took part in classroom sessions about road safety, common mistakes, and the dangers faced by drivers. It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence and awareness as future road users.

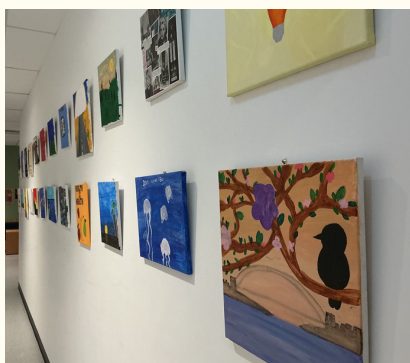


22nd May 2026

OPEN DAY



We held our very first Open Day on the 16th, and it was a wonderful success. Some of our talented Year 10 students prepared delicious slices for guests to enjoy, which were a big hit! It was fantastic to welcome prospective students and families into our school, but the highlight of the day was hearing our current students speak so proudly and enthusiastically about their experiences at UC!



Student Work Showcase A poem by Jess Thomas



*Desolate abyss, seemingly never-ending,
gawking at the view of an intruder*

*Winding tentacles and a manipulating glow,
bringing apprehensive serenity*

*Radiance shines through her,
peculiar beauty, she pivots through the ripples.*

*Theatrically captivating, all attention is drawn
to the elegance she inspires.*

Celebrating our LAs!

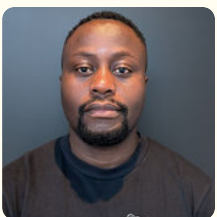
On May 16th, we proudly celebrated our Learning Assistant staff here at UC Croydon. Our LAs are an integral part of our school community, providing ongoing support, encouragement, and care to our students every day. Their dedication helps create a positive and inclusive learning environment where all students can thrive. We are incredibly grateful for the important role they play both in and out of the classroom. Thank you to all of our wonderful LAs for your hard work, patience, and commitment to our school community.



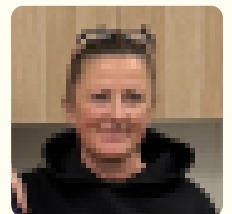
Brinta



Carissa



Raji



Sam



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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH DYSLEXIA

A Parent Fact Sheet

WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?

Dyslexia is a learning difference that affects how children read, write and spell. It does not mean low intelligence. With the right support and tools, children with dyslexia can build confidence, develop their strengths and achieve their goals.



YOUR CHILD MIGHT...

- Read slowly or with effort
- Struggle with spelling and writing
- Mix up letters or sounds
- Avoid reading aloud
- Get tired or frustrated with reading/writing tasks
- Have great ideas but find it hard to get them on paper

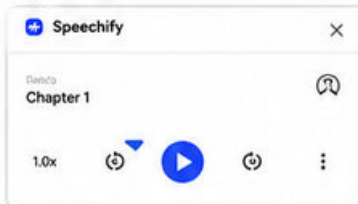
Every child is unique. Focus on their strengths, celebrate small wins and be patient with the process.



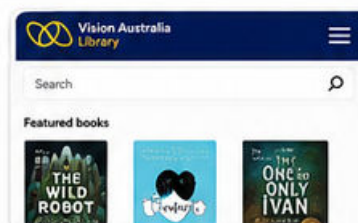
TOOLS THAT CAN HELP



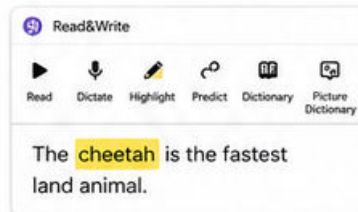
Text-to-speech tool that reads digital text aloud. Helps with reading comprehension and reduces reading fatigue.



Provides free accessible audiobooks and learning materials for eligible students with print disabilities.



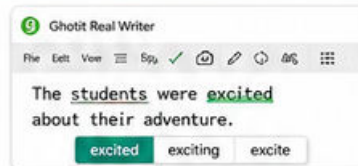
A literacy support extension with text-to-speech, word prediction, dictionary, picture support and speech-to-text.



Reads text aloud and improves readability by adjusting text size, spacing and background.



Writing support tool that helps with spelling, grammar and word prediction.



HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME



Encourage reading in ways they enjoy (audiobooks, comics, magazines).



Praise effort and progress, not perfection.



Allow extra time for reading and homework tasks.



Work with teachers to use the right strategies and tools.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH DYSCALCULIA

A Parent Fact Sheet

WHAT IS DYSCALCULIA?

Dyscalculia is a learning difference that affects a child's ability to understand numbers, learn maths facts and solve mathematical problems. It is not related to intelligence. With the right support and tools, children with dyscalculia can develop confidence and succeed in maths.



YOUR CHILD MIGHT...

- Find it hard to understand number concepts
- Struggle with times tables and basic facts
- Lose track of steps in multi-step problems
- Have trouble estimating or judging quantities
- Find word problems challenging
- Feel anxious or frustrated with maths tasks

Maths can be challenging, but with the right support, your child can build skills and confidence.

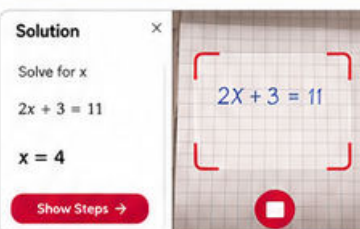


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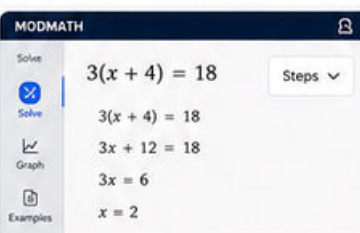
Photomath

Use your phone camera to scan a maths problem and get instant step-by-step solutions and explanations.



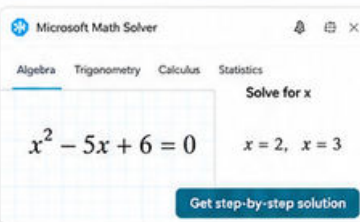
ModMath

An easy-to-use tool that helps solve and understand maths problems in real time, including algebra.



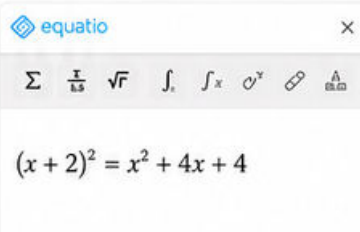
Microsoft Math Solver

Take a photo, type or write a maths problem and get step-by-step solutions with helpful explanations.



Equatio

A digital maths tool that allows children to write equations, solve problems and access them in any digital document or online.



HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME



Use everyday maths (cooking, shopping, time) to build skills.



Break tasks into small steps and use visual aids when possible.



Encourage effort and progress, not just the answer.



Keep in touch with teachers and celebrate achievements.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

With understanding, the right support and the right tools, your child can thrive and achieve their potential.



KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE

A PARENT GUIDE

Stay involved.
Stay informed.
Keep the
conversation
going.



THE ONLINE WORLD

Children and young people are online every day — using social media, games and messaging apps.

Just like in real life, **laws apply online** and behaviour has consequences.



WHY ONLINE SAFETY MATTERS

Online laws exist to:

- Protect young people from harm
- Prevent bullying, threats and abuse
- Hold people accountable for their actions

Without rules, online spaces would become unsafe and unpredictable.



COMMON ONLINE RISKS

Be aware of:



Cyberbullying
(harassment, fake accounts, mean comments)



Sharing inappropriate images (sexting)



Online threats or intimidation



Spreading rumours or false information (defamation)



IF YOUR CHILD MAKES A MISTAKE

Support them to:

- ✓ Apologise
- ✓ Remove the content
- ✓ Talk to a trusted adult
- ✓ Learn and move forward

*Focus on
guidance,
not
punishment.*

WHAT TO DO IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

1



Report the issue to the platform

2



Take screenshots or save evidence

3



Block the person

4



Report to eSafety
[esafety.gov.au/report](https://www.esafety.gov.au/report)

5



Contact police (000) if there is immediate danger



PROTECTING YOUR CHILD ONLINE

- Talk regularly about online safety
- Reinforce: never share personal or private images
- Use privacy settings on apps and devices
- Encourage critical thinking about who they are talking to



START THE CONVERSATION



What apps or games are you using right now?



Have you ever seen something online that made you uncomfortable?



What would you do if someone asked for a photo?

IMPORTANT TO KNOW



Some online behaviours can lead to:

- School suspension or expulsion
- Police involvement
- Criminal charges (especially related to image sharing)



For more information visit:
www.esafety.gov.au

eSafety Commissioner

Helping young people
have safe, positive
experiences online.

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

Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS)
0-18 years
1300 342 225

Headspace – Knox Counselling and free GP services
2 Capital City Blvd,
Westfield Knox Ozone
(03) 9801 6088

Suicide Line Victoria
1300 651 251

Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault
Ringwood East
(03) 9870 7337

Knox Infolink Emergency Relief 136
Boronia Road Boronia
(03) 9761 1325

Eastern Community Legal Centre
Free Legal Advice
1300 32 52 00

Child Protection CP
Box Hill
1300 360 452

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

LGBTIQA+ Services
Rainbow Door
1800 729 367

Sexual Health Vic Sexual Health Care and Education
901 Whitehorse Road Box Hill (03)
9257 0100

Youth Support & Advocacy Service (YSAS) Mental Health, AOD, Crime Prevention
Ringwood – (03) 9890 7855
Dandenong – (03) 9701 3488

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

Family Violence
The Orange Door
Croydon - 1800 271 150
Box Hill - 1800 354 322

Is it an emergency?
If you or someone you know is at immediate risk of harm,
Call triple zero (000)



Urban College acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land where we live, learn, and work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging, and we recognize their enduring connection to Country.



Urban College celebrates diversity and is committed to inclusivity and equity for all members of our community, including our LGBTQI+ students, staff, and families.