



## What's On?

Each Wednesday  
Canteen \$6  
Minestrone Soup  
& Garlic Bread

25 August  
Musica Aviva Concert

26 August  
Book Week Parade

29 August  
Pupil Free Day

11 September  
R U OK? Day

12 September  
Footy Day

16 September  
Last day Term 3

3 October  
First day Term 4

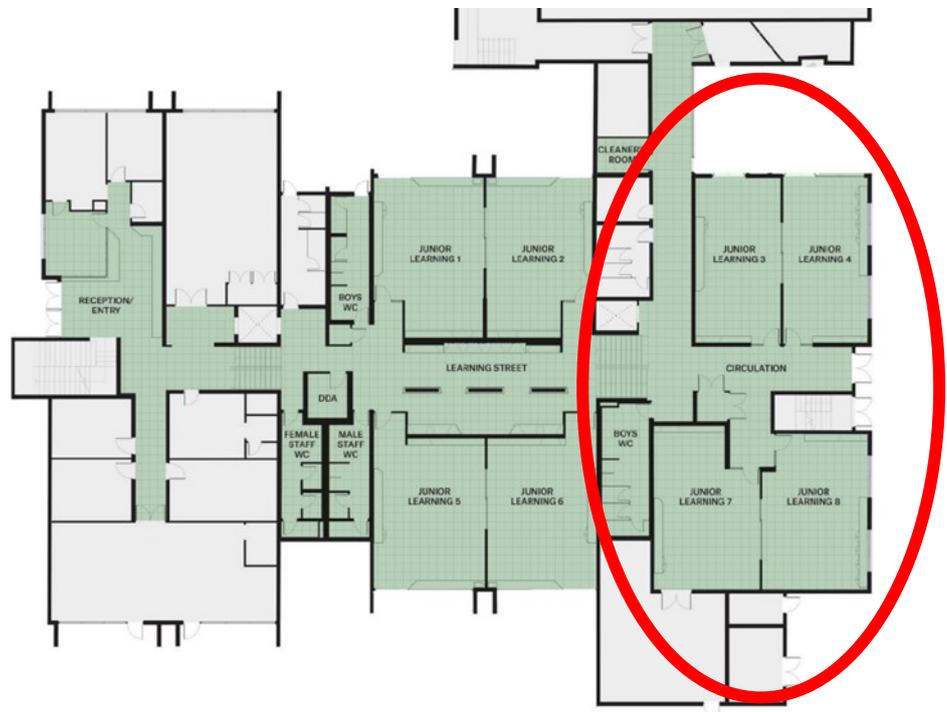
Dear Parents and Carers

In the Bulletin this week, I would like to provide the school community a brief on the various Stages of building works. I would like to run you through from Stages 1, 2 and 3 with photos of the completed section (Stage 1), the works underway (Stage 2) and Stage 3 which is due to commence on the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

As part of the Flemington Education Plan, the Victorian Government invested \$4.3 million in the 2020–21 State Budget to upgrade and modernise the main building at Ascot Vale Heights School. This is a portion of the complete aspirational plan which can be found [here](#).

AVHS secured Capital Grants funding for three Stages in building design. The funding type is called an 'Upgrade and Modernisation'. The planning commenced in 2020 and contractors engaged in 2021. Works commenced in October 2021, labelled as Stage 1. See area in red.

### STAGE 1 - completed



Ground Floor Plan

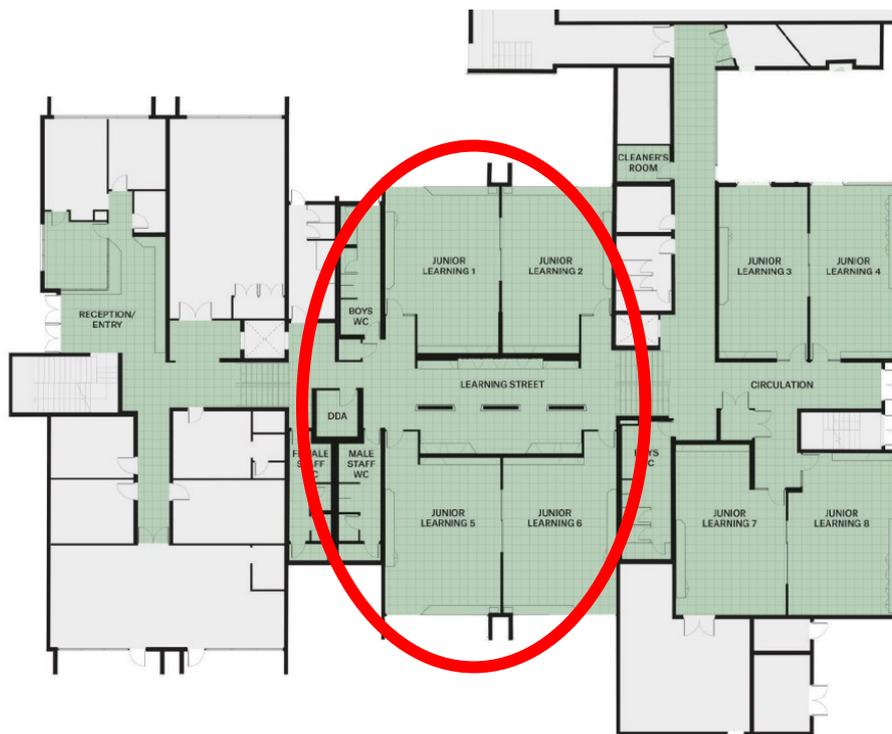
Stage 1 is a dedicated Junior Primary Area (in red). I have included photographs of the learning spaces that are currently in use for Rooms 1 (Zoe), 3 (Ash) and 4 (Olinda).

The design elements incorporate break out play areas and renovation of the foyer which leads to the gymnasium. See photos below:



## STAGE 2 A – in progress

Works for Stage 2 (in blue) commenced on 26<sup>th</sup> April. It is expected to be completed by 19<sup>th</sup> September. This is a dedicated middle/junior learning space. Whilst the design features are similar to Stage 1, all four learning spaces have access to a designated 'learning street'. Flexible walls will allow the school to create multi-use spaces to accommodate sensory withdrawal, as well as individual and group work areas — all universally accessible to the school community. While I'm unable to show actual photos, I have included the architects design which capture quite realistic snaps of the learning spaces.



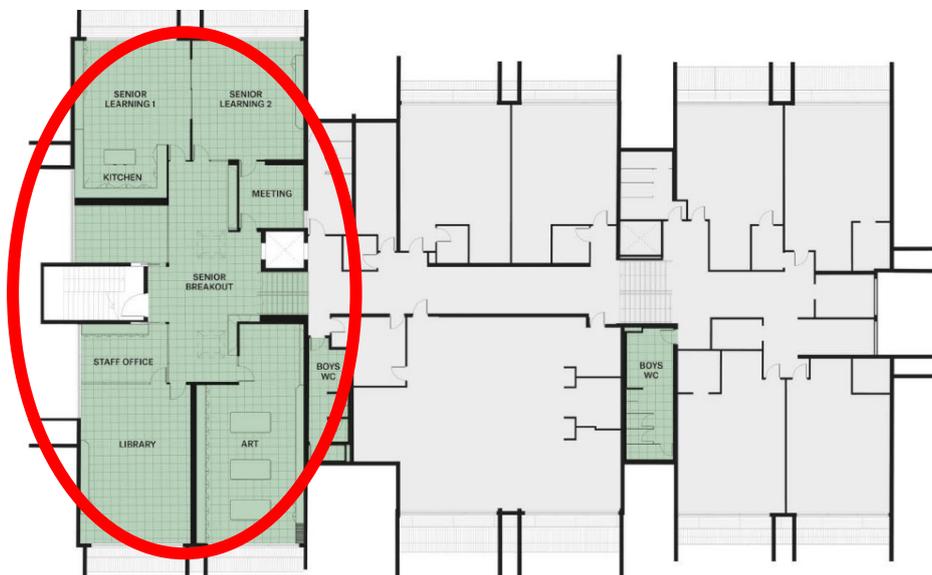
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**STAGE 2B – to be completed over the September break**



As part of the building works renovation and modernisation of the main reception and foyer area is planned (2B). This allows the new design to connect and flow from the three Stages. I am sure you agree this is much needed. This work is planned to take place over the school holidays from 19 September to 30 September.

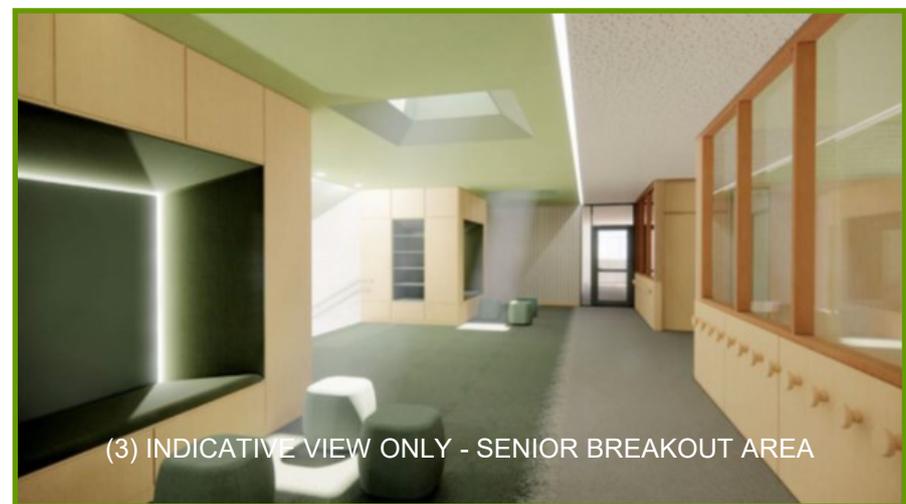




(3) INDICATIVE VIEW ONLY - LEVEL 01 VCAL ROOM



(3) INDICATIVE VIEW ONLY - LEVEL 01 ART ROOM



(3) INDICATIVE VIEW ONLY - SENIOR BREAKOUT AREA

Stage 3 building works will commence on the 17 September, 2022. This renovation creates a new senior learning zone. This is currently where the secondary classes are located. The new Senior spaces include dedicated VCAL classrooms and an art classroom. Stage 3 is due to be completed in time for the start of the 2023 school year.

I hope that you have found the building information helpful in the way I have set it out.

Describing it for the newsletter has helped me as well. Being part of the building works, seeing how each section unfolds is exciting, and I am thrilled for the students, staff and school community. Our students deserve the best facilities and I believe that these new learning spaces are a great start.

### Decanting

In preparing for the move into the new Stage 2 classrooms, we have had to consider several complex factors. As the secondary classrooms (11, 13 and 14) are needing to vacate due to the commencement of Stage 3 works, it is most practical at this stage to have these classes move directly into one of the new 4 classrooms in Stage 2. This move considers reducing the number of moves in winter and during a staffing shortage. Included in the move will be Room 16 as this is their dedicated learning space.

We will be back for a final decant in December/January, once all of the building works are completed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

Cheers, Nance



## INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA INQUIRY UNIT

ROOM 14 IS CONTINUING TO STUDY THE CULTURE AND TRADITIONS OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS. WE LEARNED ABOUT YARNING CIRCLES AS MEETING PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO SHARE FEELINGS AND IDEAS WITH EACH OTHER RESPECTFULLY.

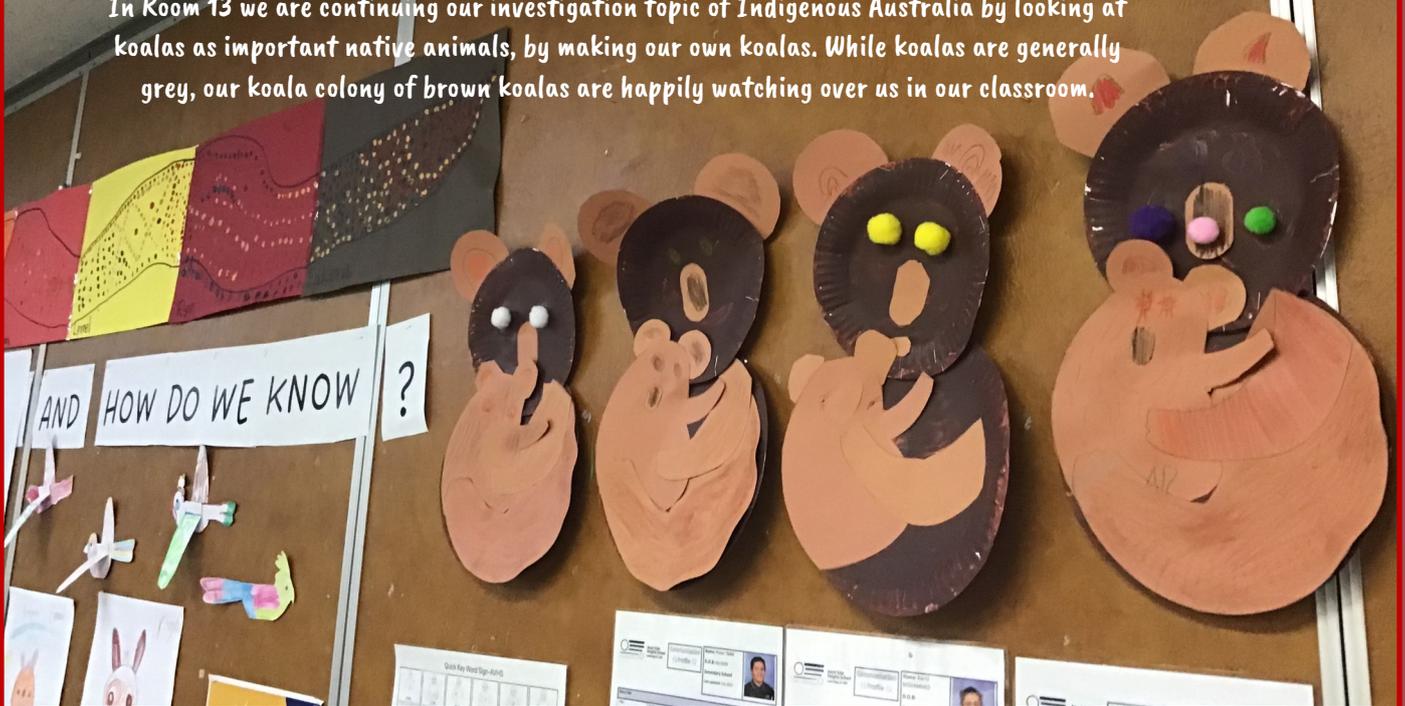
We made our own Yarning Circle Well-being Cards about important words to help us share what these words mean to us with our classmates.





# Room 13

In Room 13 we are continuing our investigation topic of Indigenous Australia by looking at koalas as important native animals, by making our own koalas. While koalas are generally grey, our koala colony of brown koalas are happily watching over us in our classroom.



# Dreaming with eyes open



**BOOK WEEK PARADE**

**WHEN:** FRIDAY 26TH

*DRESS UP IN YOUR FAVOURITE CHARACTER FROM A BOOK*

## Get the facts about smoking and vaping

### What are your kids breathing in?

E-cigarettes and vapes are not safer than cigarettes



There are no quality or safety standards for e-cigarettes or vapes



Vaping liquids contain nicotine, heavy metals and cancer-causing chemicals



### What it does to your body:

Vaping can cause vomiting, nausea, coughing, shortness of breath, mouth irritation and asthma



Long term use can cause lung damage, heart disease and cancers



Nicotine harms the brain development of children and teenagers



Young people who vape are more than three times more likely to move onto smoking cigarettes



### Talk to your kids about the risks of smoking and vaping

- Contact Quit at [www.quit.org.au](http://www.quit.org.au) or phone 13 78 48
- Visit the Royal Children's Hospital website [www.rch.org.au](http://www.rch.org.au) and search 'vaping'

- Scan the QR code for more information



[www.quit.org.au/articles/teenvaping/](http://www.quit.org.au/articles/teenvaping/)

### All Abilities Auskick Centre at Essendon Football Club!

Essendon Football Club in collaboration with AFL Victoria will be running an all abilities Auskick centre for participants aged 5-12 living with a physical or intellectual disability.

This is a **FREE** 5 week program commencing on Monday the 15th of August

**To register, scan the QR code below**

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**Dates:** 15th August - 12th September  
**Time:** 5:00-6:00pm  
**Location:** Essendon Football Club - NEC Hangar, Melrose Drive, Tullamarine, 3043

\*All participants receive a participant pack\*

To register, scan the QR code or click the link and quote the code: **CBC72234**

\*Please note: Participants capped at 30\*

## Smoking and Vaping

[Research from the Royal Children's Hospital](#) shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping.

The Department of Education and Training has collated [resources](#) to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping, and some suggestions about how to talk to your child about vaping, and where to get support.

This includes a [video](#) from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne with tips for parents for starting a conversation with teenagers about vaping.

