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GREY STREET PRIMARY



Grey Street School Portal



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Grey Street Primary School



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Compass Connect is now live! (Seesaw is NO LONGER in use.)

To start receiving Push Notifications, please make sure you update your Compass app.

Contact hours are between 8:30am & 3:30pm. Our teachers will endeavour to respond throughout the day during break times, please be patient for a response. Teachers are not required to respond outside of Business Hours.

Please be respectful with all communication.

If you require log in details for Compass, please contact the office on 5174 2055

KEY DATES TERM 1

7-9/2/2024—Grade 6 Camp

13/2/2024—STUDENT FREE DAY

6-8/3/2024—Grade 5 Camp

13-25/3/2024—NAPLAN G3 & G5

28/3/2024—Last Day of Term 1
Early Dismissal 2.25pm

CompassConnect

Communications with your child's teachers just got easier with Compass Connect!

How can Compass Connect benefit parents and carers?



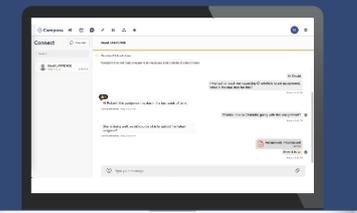
Communicate with teachers in a timely manner.
90% of messages are read within minutes of delivery. Compass Connect will allow you to promptly share and receive the information you need.



Feel more engaged with your child's learning experience.
In making it more convenient to communicate with teachers, you can receive more insights into your child's performance and experience at school.



Use a channel you are familiar with.
Most of us use chat platforms each day to communicate with our friends and family - so why should it be different when reaching out to your child's school?



How does Compass Connect work?



If Compass Connect has been enabled for parents the chat feature can be accessed via the speech bubble icon in the navigation bar.



Parents and carers will be able to create a chat only with teachers who are currently teaching their child, or have taught them in the past.



You will be able to send messages, images and files.

Student Enrolment Information Forms

Student Enrolment Information Forms:

Student enrolment information forms were sent home with students last week.

Please take care when checking the information in the forms. The information you provide, particularly around parent education and occupation has a significant impact on funding allocation for our school. Please return the completed forms at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions or require assistance with completing these forms, please contact the office.

Even if NONE of your details have changed, we still require you to send back your signed form.



Example form



STUDENT ENROLMENT INFORMATION – 20__	Computer Generated Student ID: _____
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STUDENT DETAILS

PERSONAL DETAILS OF STUDENT

Surname:		Title: (Miss Ms, Mrs Mr)	
First Given Name:			
Second Given Name:			
Preferred Name (if applicable):			
❖ Sex (tick):	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Birth Date: (dd-mm-yyyy) _____ / _____ / _____
Student Mobile Number:			

PRIMARY FAMILY HOME ADDRESS:

No. & Street: or PO	
Box details	
Suburb:	
State:	Postcode:
Telephone Number:	Silent Number: (tick) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Mobile Number:	Fax Number:

OFFICE USE ONLY

Child's Name and Birth Date proof sighted (tick)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Enrolment Date:	
Year Level	Home Group	Timetabling Group	House	Campus	
Student Email Address:					
Immunisation Certificate received?: (tick)		<input type="checkbox"/> Complete	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sighted		
Is there a Medical Alert for the student? (tick)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Does the student have a Disability ID Number? (tick)		<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Disability ID No.:	
Has a Transition Statement been provided (either by the Early Childhood Educator or parents)? (tick) <small>For prep students only</small>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	

FAMILY DETAILS

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION



2024 SCHOOL
COUNCIL

ELECTION

NOMINATIONS
OPEN NOW!

**NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON
COMPASS OR FROM THE FRONT OFFICE.**

Remember

- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.



School Council contd..

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category according to Ministerial Order 1280. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school employee member category – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.



School Council contd...

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*. School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- act with honesty and integrity – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- use the position appropriately – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law.
- demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.



School Council contd...

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.



TRARALGON OLYMPIANS SOCCER CLUB

COME AND TRY

DATE **TUES 6TH
FEB @ 4.30PM**

Boys & Girls
6-15 Years Old

Location

Traralgon Olympians SC

Harold Preston Reserve - 2 Davidson
st, Traralgon

Registration Link

<https://forms.office.com/r/gc48UAb7UV>

***Free sausage
sizzle with Q&A at
5.30pm***

All enquiries, contact Belinda 1300 665 201
traralgon.olympians.jnrs@gmail.com

Lunch Orders



MUNCH LUNCH

**You MUST update
your child's
classroom to their
2024 classroom on
the APP ASAP!!!!
Wrong rooms are
causing mass
confusion!**

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