



# FIRST CLASS EDUCATION WITH NO FEES



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**Outstanding NAPLAN results for  
Literacy & Numeracy across  
the School**



**High level whole school approach to  
Literacy and Numeracy**



## VICTORIAN EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD FINALIST 2019

Cobram Primary School was recognised for outstanding school improvement in 2019. The results of the school's improvement journey were clear. Many students across the school showed dramatic improvement achieving high relative growth in reading and numeracy. The Attitude to School Survey data was also extremely positive, with Effective Teacher Practice and Effective Classroom Behaviour both over 90 percent.

## VICTORIAN EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS 2020

Cobram Primary was awarded a Victorian Education Excellence Award in 2020 for outstanding school improvement. Since 2017, Cobram Primary School has been on a journey of whole-school improvement. A truly collaborative approach led by a highly-skilled leadership team and supported by teachers and educational consultants, has enabled an evidence informed, team-driven transformation of the school.

## WE OFFER:

- Highly committed and friendly staff
- Large classrooms equipped with first class resources
- Specialist programs including: Art and Physical Education
- Qualified social worker
- Extensive reporting program
- Exceptionally well resourced school
- Vegetable garden and chickens
- Camps and excursions
- Incursions
- Daily Breakfast Club
- Pre - Prep Program
- Library
- Canteen
- Extracurricular activities: Blueearth, Skillzone & Buddies
- Lunchtime activities - Library activities, Art Club & Structured Play
- Comprehensive discipline and anti - bullying policy
- Whole School Mindfulness program
- Swimming program with qualified swimming instructors





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**HIGH QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING IN A FUN, SAFE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT.  
THAT'S OUR COMMITMENT TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS.**

**Cobram Primary School has a wealth of tradition and holds a special place in the history of Cobram. The School commenced on its present site in 1964 with our current enrolment being approximately 280 students.**

All staff at Cobram Primary School realise the joint responsibility we share with parents in helping children grow and develop academically, socially and emotionally.

At our school you will be encouraged to participate actively in the education of your children. We believe, and research strongly suggests, that children develop more meaningful and positive attitudes to school and learning if parents and teachers work as a co-operative team with a common purpose in mind.

## **FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT - 10 MILLION DOLLAR UPGRADES!**

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We've recently been awarded a \$10,000,000 grant for facilities and resources upgrades. This means we will be receiving a whole new school for our students and teachers. We will have the latest, state of the art facilities to match our award winning teaching and learning programs.

A walk through our school will excite you. You will see our “state of the art” facilities and innovative programs in action. I’m sure you will be impressed. I feel very privileged to work with such a wonderful group of professionals and I have no doubt that you will love working with us during your child’s educational journey.

We are fresh, exciting, and we will do everything in our power to ensure your child is exposed to the highest quality of teaching and learning.

**"AT COBRAM PRIMARY SCHOOL -  
OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR  
INDIVIDUAL NEEDS ARE OUR  
HIGHEST PRIORITY"**

**Claye Runnalls - Principal**





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## VALUES - COURAGE, LEARNING, INTEGRITY & ACCEPTANCE

### MISSION

To empower all children, by providing them with the skills and knowledge required, to be enthusiastic, lifelong learners who are socially, emotionally and academically resilient.

### VISION

Our vision is to have a school community characterised by a strong sense of belonging and pride, where individual and collective achievements are celebrated and where diversity and creativity are valued. We invite you to share our values, mission and vision.

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## 2024 DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>30TH JANUARY TO 28TH MARCH</b>
<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>15TH APRIL TO 28TH JUNE</b>
<b>TERM 3</b>	<b>15TH JULY TO 20TH SEPTEMBER</b>
<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>7TH OCTOBER TO 20TH DECEMBER</b>

**During February**, Prep children have **EVERY WEDNESDAY** at home to assist with their transition into the busy life at school.

**School Newsletters** are released electronically via email, compass and facebook fortnightly. These Newsletters give parents an insight into what is happening within the classroom and the programs the students are partaking in throughout the year.

## SCHOOL HOURS

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>9:00AM TO 11:00AM</b>
<b>1ST BREAK</b>	<b>11:00AM TO 11:30AM</b>
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>11:30AM TO 1:30PM</b>
<b>2ND BREAK</b>	<b>1:30PM TO 2:20PM</b>
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>2:20PM TO 3:20PM</b>

**HATS MUST BE WORN IN TERMS 1 & 4**

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## ENROLMENT PROCESS

- A **Birth Certificate** or proof of date of birth is required in order to enrol to start school.
- An **Immunisation Certificate** is also required upon enrolment.

If you need to obtain one, contact the Immunisation Centre on 1800653809 and quote your Medicare number.

When enrolling your child, we will talk to you about our school and answer any questions you may have. It is a good opportunity for you to share information with us about your child's health, their friends and any other factors that will support us in settling her/him into our school.

## CHANGED INFORMATION

In order to keep school records up to date, please advise the school of any changes in the following:

- **Your address or phone number — home and mobile**
- **Any medical condition affecting your child**
- **The person who can be contacted in an emergency**

## COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

Regular communication between parent and teachers is very important to the educational progress of your child. When dropping off, or picking up your child, please feel free to chat to the class teacher about the daily events etc. As you will understand, it is not convenient for interviews to be held during teaching sessions or right on bell times, however, these can be arranged for a mutually acceptable time. All teachers will be happy to communicate with you via email or text message. Please discuss this possibility with your child's teacher. We encourage families to give their email addresses and mobile phone numbers to the class teacher as this will allow for quick and easy communication on a regular basis.

If you have concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school as we can only help when we are aware of the problem. By working together with the school we are sure you will find that your concerns are more easily solved.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Our school welcomes parent involvement and is fortunate to have active participation by parents at both a formal and informal level. School Council, its sub committees and Parents and Friends are formal areas of involvement. Participation is also experienced in areas such as reading in classrooms, sport, canteen and social/fundraising activities.



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## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### What does the Parents and Friends do for you and the school?

The P&F is run by a small army of parents and friends volunteering their time to make our school awesome for **EVERYONE**. Our volunteers don't just concentrate on areas that benefit their own children; they work tirelessly for the whole school community.

**Fundraising** – without the P&F there would be no disco, Mother's day stall, Father's day stall and no fundraising to purchase extra supplies or equipment for the school. The profit generated by the P&F at our school has greatly benefited all our students in a huge way. The P&F was able to donate \$20,000 of fundraising money to assist in the purchase of the spider web in the playground. It was one of the many great things P&F has been able to donate to the school amongst other things.

We would **LOVE** to see some new faces come and join the P&F. New faces mean new ideas, it eases the workload of our current volunteers and it means we can do more for all of the kids at our school. We hold meetings once a month and it only costs \$1 to join the committee. If you are unable to make all of the meetings but would still like to be a volunteer to help out at events it would be very much appreciated.

If you are interested in joining the Parents and Friends, please leave your name and contact number at the school office and it will be passed on.

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In 2011 we opened our brand new BER (Building Education Revolution) Building. This is a state of the art complex building, which houses Grades 3/4 and 5/6. This complex features a semi-open learning environment, withdrawal spaces, community areas and the latest in ICT facilities. All Junior rooms have been extended and upgraded. Feel free to come along for a tour and have a look at the wonderful facilities we have on offer!





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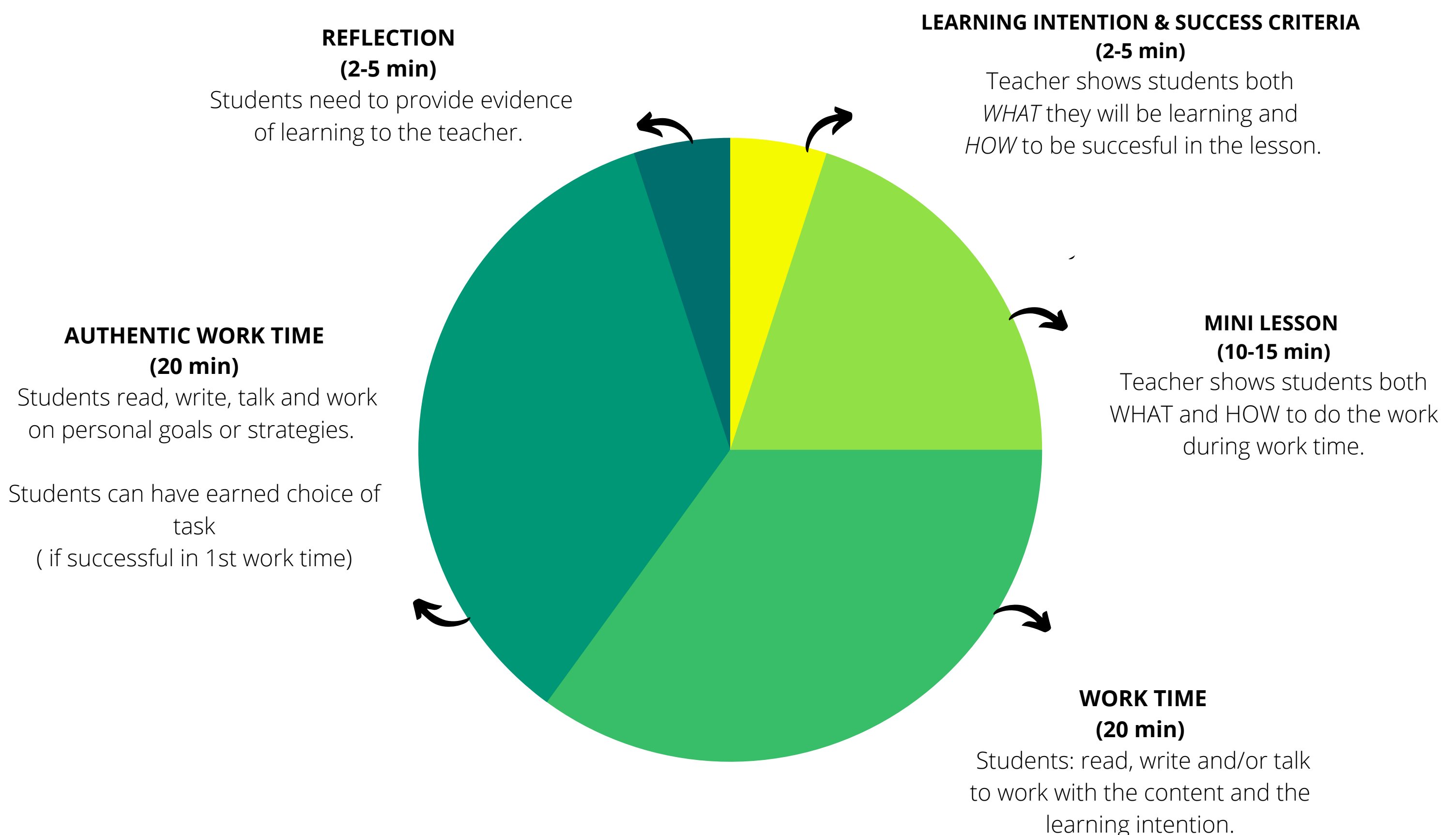
## HOW WE TEACH

### THE WORKSHOP MODEL

Children **NEED** time to practice new learning to transfer new information to long term memory.

**Therefore,** across the entire school we use the Workshop Model Structure to maximise time in the classroom!

#### 1 HOUR LESSON



**Cobram Primary** uses the workshop model across all year levels in Literacy and Numeracy.



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## A MINDFULNESS APPROACH TO LEARNING

Mindfulness is defined as “a mental state achieved by focusing one's awareness on the present moment, while calmly acknowledging and accepting one's feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations.”

In simple terms, we use a mindfulness approach to ensure that children are calm and ready to learn. Mindfulness activities usually take place during the transition into a classroom. The activities only take a few minutes – however, the impact that this effort can have on a student's ability to learn and retain information is really worthwhile. It's also a fantastic way for children to learn to self-regulate and learn about their own cognitive processes.

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING OFFICER

CPS has employed a Wellbeing and Engagement Officer. Jessica Bruce (a qualified Social Worker) works extensively with children and their families who may be requiring additional support, either on a long term or short term basis. This form of support may be through, specialised counselling, engaging support services or counselling sessions. Any time you would like to make an appointment, just give our friendly office staff a call.



## PREP - GRADE 6 BUDDY SYSTEM

Having a special buddy helps the new Prep children settle into their new environment more quickly and it helps them feel safe and special. Year 6 students pair with their Prep Buddies in activities such as “getting to know you” lunches, weekly games, listening to them read, helping in the playground and some excursions and lunchtime activities.





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## CANTEEN

We have a menu that supports healthy food with a large range of choice. Children are able to order from a wide range of foods on the menu for lunches. To order lunches please write the lunch order on a brown paper bag (orders on envelopes will not be accepted) with the child's name, grade and the correct money if possible. Orders are sent to the canteen each morning and collected again at lunch. The canteen operates Tuesday – Friday.

We welcome the assistance of parent volunteers.

For more information about becoming involved, please contact the school.

## LIBRARY

The Library is a well-stocked school resource that is always open during school hours, and during lunch times. Weekly library lessons are conducted where children learn borrowing and research skills and a love of literature is always encouraged.

## HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We have a specialist Physical teacher/co-ordinator employed to ensure the best quality health and PE program. It incorporates athletics, gymnastics, dance, ball handling, fitness, swimming, outdoor education and minor and major games. The program allows opportunity for all students to develop skills that will lead to participation in sports and leisure activities. Emphasis is placed on introducing the Fundamental Motor Skills Program and developing acceptable sporting behaviour and attitudes 1 hour per week. All junior grades also receive 1 hour of Perceptual Motors Skills program. Opportunities to represent our school and extend students in a variety of sporting fields are provided through inter school sports and zone & regional level competitions. We participate in various sporting clinics including T20 bash Cricket, Netball, AFL and Soccer.

Cobram Primary School also provides PE and sport specialist classes with the expertise of Skillzone coaches.





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## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

At lunchtime we have Structured Play and Garden Activities. Also the Library is open every lunchtime. When the weather is extremely hot or wet, a movie is run for the students in either the multi-purpose room or one of the classrooms.

## THE ARTS

Each class has an hour per week with a dedicated Art Teacher in the Art Room. It aims to develop creativity and appreciation by encouraging children to acquire and refine skills, techniques and attitudes. Activities are geared at the development of skills appropriate to children's needs, interests and abilities.

## CAMPS PROGRAM

### 2024

<b>PREP, YEARS 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>EXCURSION (1 DAY)</b>
<b>YEARS 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>EXCURSION (1 DAY)</b>
<b>YEARS 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>4 DAY CAMP</b>

### 2025

<b>PREP, YEARS 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>EXCURSION (1 DAY)</b>
<b>YEARS 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>3 DAY CAMP</b>
<b>YEARS 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>PRODUCTION</b>

## EXCURSIONS PROGRAM

A range of local and educational excursions will also be available each year at each year level. These excursions will complement work being done in the classroom and are not seen as part of the school camps program. As the cost of camps and excursions grows and can at time cause difficulty, CPS actively encourages families to begin to make payment for such events over a period of time / payment schedule. You will always receive plenty of prior notice of upcoming events via both the newsletter and individual notes.

All camps will comply with DET guidelines. A written report will be presented at the end of each activity. Parents will be notified by newsletter or meeting as soon as possible regarding each year's commitments. All excursions will be either preceded or followed up by appropriate classroom activities.



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## WE'RE TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2024



*Victorian  
Education  
Excellence  
Awards*

*Winners*

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