

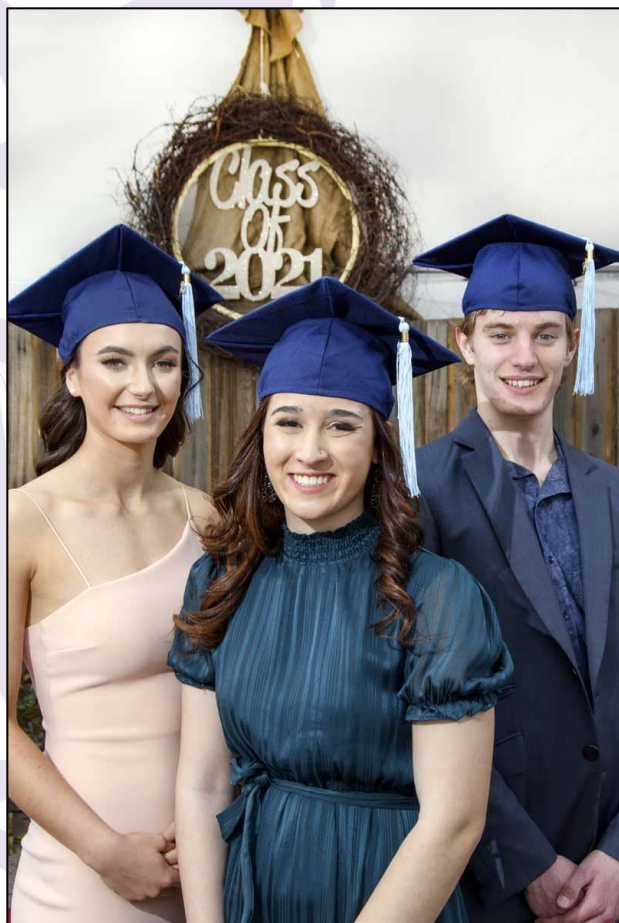
Congratulations to the Class of 2021

On Thursday last week we were finally able to celebrate the accomplishments of our Year 12 students. They have shown determination, resilience and compassion in what can only be described as a very challenging year. We were happy to be able to acknowledge this important rite of passage with a celebratory evening marking their finishing of secondary schooling.

Our celebration started with the formal presentation of awards and it was pleasing to see so many students receive awards. We then moved on to the dinner catered by a variety of food trucks and an opportunity for students to catch up with each other and the staff. Students also enjoyed the photo stations around the grounds. Finally we moved on the grand finale – our fireworks display which was a very fitting and bright way to end the year for our Year 12s.

We wish all of Year 12 students the best in the future and thank them for their contributions to the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community during their time here.

Mrs Erin Thornton – Head of Senior School



Year 12 Awards

Name	Award	Name	Award
Lachlan Beard	Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award	Sophie Parton	Duke of Edinburgh - Silver
Samara Peel	Future Innovators Award	Teodora Karlica	Duke of Edinburgh - Silver
Megan Llanaez	University of Melbourne's Principals Scholarship Award	Jessica Lillie	Double School Colours
Ella Phillipps	Federation Uni - Award for Excellence	Victoria Ly	Double School Colours
Abbey Knight	Duke of Edinburgh - Gold	Abbey Knight	Triple School Colours
Ella Noorman	Duke of Edinburgh - Silver	Zoltan Earnshaw	School Colours
Hayley Dangerfield	Duke of Edinburgh - Silver	Megan Llanaez	School Colours
Milla Rice	Duke of Edinburgh - Silver	Samara Peel	School Colours

Name	Subject Award	Name	Subject Award
Jaylan Altay	Health and Human Development	Ella Noorman	Biology, Chemistry, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics, English Language
Lachlan Beard	Drama	Emily Mills	VCAL
Alannah Burston	Health and Human Development	Krupa Panchal	Studio Arts
Madeline Chincarini	Psychology	Ruby Park	French
Hannah Conroy	Environmental Studies	Jake Pawar	Music Performance
Hayley Dangerfield	Hospitality	Benjamin Pridham	Applied Computing - Software Development
Zoltan Earnshaw	Literature	Megan Seric	French
Hannah Farmer	Business Management	Eloise Shirra-Gibb	Legal Studies & Visual Communications
Ella Grahek	Environmental Studies	Jack Prelec-Smith	Physics
Cole Healy	Economics	Claire Sutton	Product and Design
Ella Hindle	Art	Sophie Wall	Global Politics & History Revolutions
Samuel House	Music Performance	Catherine Walters	Literature
Abbey Knight	Geography	Zali Ward	Indonesian & Physical Education
Megan Llanaez	English & Japanese	Jaz Ward	Australian History
Braden McDonald	Media Studies		
Braedon Mulheran	Further Mathematics		
Claire Newcombe	Business Management & Food Studies		



Victorian Institute of Sport

Congratulations to Zali Ward on her scholarship into the Victorian Institute of Sport. A fantastic and well-earned achievement. Bacchus Marsh Grammar wishes Zali all the very best.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: Physical Education and Health

Reflection by Zali Ward:



Over the past two years I have been fortunate enough to train in an elite level hockey program as an emerging VIS athlete. During Covid, we were privileged to continue training to improve our fitness and refine our craft to hopefully be recognised for our future potential. I have been exposed to some very knowledgeable and admirable peers along the way. My team mates and coaches are so supportive and eager to get the most out of every session. Therefore, when I was officially offered a VIS scholarship, I was over the moon. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and cannot wait to start training. I have learnt many things along the way, especially the importance of developing as a person and an athlete. The team-oriented environment is one that develops important qualities to thrive in sport and life and include communication, resilience and leadership. Moving forward, I am hoping to study at university and pursue a career as a professional hockey player. Hopefully, one day I can represent Australia at an Olympic games.

The Podium

Achieving Optimal Academic Performance - Stillness

Our modern world is full of clutter, chatter, anxiety, stress and expectation. Throughout the day, we are pulled in all directions. Our mobile phones continuously demand that we look at our screens, work and school demands the meeting of schedules, social media hits us with messages and feedback that our dopamine-demanding brains crave. There is an expectation of success and failure is not seen as a positive, something that we can all learn and grow from, but something that we are ashamed of and embarrassed by.

Now more than ever we need to take the time to have stillness in our daily lives. In his New York bestseller "Stillness is the Key", Ryan Holiday explains that stillness is the key to self-mastery, discipline and focus - the very attributes our students require to achieve their Optimal Academic Performances and a happy, meaningful life.

The stoics called stillness "ataraxia" and history shows that the ability to slow the mind down, take stock, understand emotions, cultivate quiet and understand how our bodies are feeling has always been a great challenge.

Blaise Pascal said in 1654, "All of man's problems come from the inability to sit quietly in a room alone".

Some of us who are old enough will remember when taking a car, bus or train trip, we just sat and looked out the window. Contemplated our thoughts and feelings and did not feel the need to look at a screen or scroll through the dark hole of social media. That was stillness, and as Holiday says, "it inspired new ideas, sharpens our perspectives and illuminates corrections. It slows the ball down so that we may hit it again." In addition, most importantly, it makes space for gratitude and wonder.

During this busy time of the year, with the academic year quickly drawing to a close, prioritise the time to be still. Take a walk with the dog, sit quietly watching the waves, read in a park under the shade of a eucalypt or listen to the Eastern Banjo frog croak its song at a pond. Make it a habit so that in next year's academic year it will be second nature to have this most important time of the day - a time that will enhance and promote your learning.

In finishing, I retell the story of the stoic philosopher Epicurus in 270BC who on his deathbed passed on to his friends a letter of wisdom for the benefit of one of his most promising pupils. It read,

*Be Clear
Be Calm
Be Kind
Be Still*

Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal: Optimal Performance Learning

Music Department – Past Student Reflection

Caitlyn De Kuyper graduated from Bacchus Marsh Grammar in 2018 with big dreams, a burning ambition and an undeniable passion for the Arts. During her time at BMG, she achieved a host of Academic Achievement and Outstanding Effort awards, Triple School Colours, Dux of VCE/VET Music Units 3&4, was appointed as Year 12 Performing Arts Captain and was featured at the prestigious 2017 VCE Top Class Awards for VCE/VET Dance. She was also actively involved in school musicals, choirs and community performances.

Caitlyn went on to study Musical Theatre at Kelly Aykers' Full Time Dance under the mentorship of Kelly Aykers herself and many other industry professionals. After two years of intensive and competitive training, she was awarded a full scholarship to train at Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance, where she is currently completing a Diploma of Music Theatre and a Certificate IV in Dance Teaching and Management.

Caitlyn has also had the privilege of working professionally in some amazing productions such as A Midsummer Night's Dream, produced by the Australian Shakespeare Company, as well as the Stage School Australia's Production of Cats: the Musical, starring as the fierce leading feline Bombalurina. She was a member of the original cast of SUDDENLY: A Short New Musical (DHB Theatrical), lead dancer in Tones & I's 'Won't Sleep' music video, Charlotte/Grace in the original cast of 'You're a Catch! Why Are You Single?' (Sarah Wyhen), Lucy in the Short Film 'Prey' (Rain Arts Productions), opening vocalist for the Cats: the Movie premiere (Universal Pictures) and most recently, she appeared in the upcoming Shantaram movie, produced by Paramount Pictures.

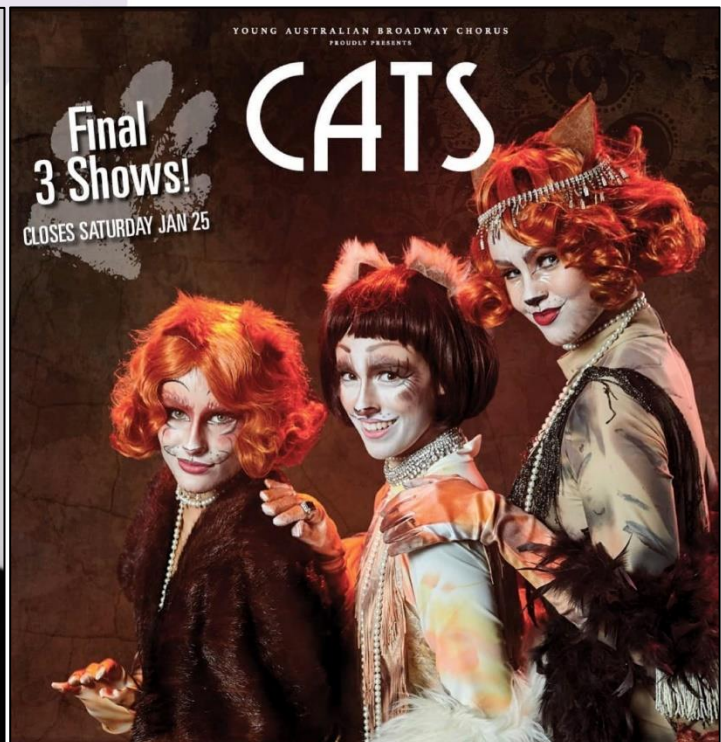
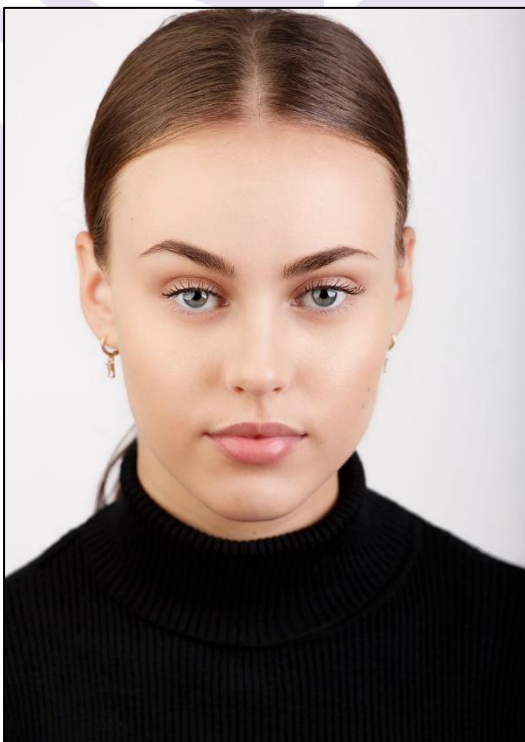
Caitlyn's biggest passion is performing, however, her second love is passing-on knowledge and skills to young artists, assisting and inspiring them to pursue their goals. She will be coaching at Sally's School of Performing Arts and the Young Australian Broadway Chorus in 2022, teaching musical theatre, jazz and private classes to all ages.

Caitlyn highlighted that both the most rewarding and challenging aspects of her schooling occurred in Dance, Music and Drama classes, as she was consistently supported and pushed by her teachers. She emphasised that experiences such as these truly set her up for success in the industry.

As the world begins to return to normal, Caitlyn is excited to continue to forge a career in the Arts. She highlighted that she will be forever grateful for the lessons taught to her by BMG Music and Performing Arts staff and she insisted that they be acknowledged for their unconditional support and guidance, and for always reminding her that with hard work and a positive mindset, anything is possible.

I recall identifying Caitlyn as a talented but apprehensive vocalist in Year 9. We rehearsed as an acoustic duo regularly and she fought through nerves and tears to 'bring the house down' at the Years 9 & 10 House Music and well..... the rest is history. We are all very proud of Caitlyn's achievements and look forward to celebrating her future success.

Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music



Junior School News

The end of the school year is fast approaching and it is with mixed feelings that we reflect on the short time we have had to reconnect with our peers at school while also looking forward to the summer holidays and the opportunity to catch up with family.

The final week of school for students is from Monday 6 until Friday 10 December. Throughout this week, students will be involved in Christmas themed activities including a Christmas Dress Up Day. On this day, students will have the opportunity to wear a Christmas t-shirt with their Bacchus Marsh Grammar sports uniform shorts and runners. Special hair decorations will also be allowed, however, no hair colouring or face paint. Meet the Teacher afternoon will also be held during this week giving students an opportunity to connect with their 2022 classroom teachers.

Meet the Teacher

Maddingley Campus: Tuesday 7 December

Woodlea Campus: Thursday 9 December

Christmas Dress Up

Maddingley Campus: Thursday 9 December

Woodlea Campus: Wednesday 8 December

**Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School: Woodlea Campus &
Mrs Lisa Foster – Head of Junior School: Maddingley Campus**

Spotlight on Maddingley Year 4

The Year 4 students have continued to show their independence and resilience throughout Term 4. They are beginning to develop their understanding of what to expect in Middle School as they prepare for 2022. In Mathematics, the students are learning about volume, mass, capacity and temperature. They have had hands-on experience with a range of equipment to estimate and calculate correct measurements. We look forward to seeing the students enjoy their last couple of weeks in Junior School.

Also during Term 4 in History and Geography, students have been learning about the natural environments of the continents of Africa, South America and Asia. To enhance their understanding of the vegetation and climate of Africa, students have commenced an inquiry project. The task involves students using their creativity and the knowledge they have gained about Africa to plan and design a zoo enclosure for an African animal. It is great to see students researching information about their chosen African animal to support them in designing a zoo enclosure where their animal will be safe, healthy and happy. Students are very excited to share their final designs with their class.

Maddingley – Year 4 Team



Woodlea Year 6 Global Studies



In Global Studies this term, the Year 6 students learnt about design and the creation of a business or product. The students focused on developing their product or business by using the design process (idea generation, researching, planning, prototyping, costing and commercialization). During Week 7, students were given the opportunity to present their product/business to their peers of all ages. They created a folio which included the stages of development, logos, advertisements, physical models and also reflected on the overall product/business. Students enjoyed learning about how businesses design and follow the same process they learnt. It was great to see the students engaged, excited and immersed which resulted in a great learning experience!

Miss Simone Kyle

Reflection from Natthanicha Mohan 6WA

The Year 6 Product Development Expo, in summary, was a fantastic achievement and used many useful elements that enhanced students' learning. The education and knowledge provided was shared largely with other students and teachers from different grades. The excitement and joy was outstandingly created due to the interaction between us and our teachers. Some important parts that led to a successful expo were the students' folios and ultimately the product that was produced. Product Development folios supported the students' understanding as well as summarising their learning as they perfectly contributed to the final product and Expo. In the end, every individual was satisfied with their accomplishments and was rewarded with a successful term of Global Studies.

Reflection from Tanish Krishna 6WD

The Year 6 Global Studies Expo was a stunning experience, for students and teachers alike. It provided a perfect opportunity to learn, while still having fun. It gave students a chance to showcase their hard work over the term, and allowed them to receive valuable feedback from people close to their age. New friendships were forged, while critical life skills were developed. Students were enabled to further their knowledge, through a sensational experience. Product development is a widespread industry, and it was amazing for students to learn about it at such a young age. A large quantity of students absolutely loved it, and it is obvious that we should have more Expos. Thank you to all the teachers for all the guidance and support, and for organising this Expo.

SRC News

During Term 4 Maddingley SRC supports *The Neighbours' Place* (<https://www.neighboursplace.org.au/home>) with the annual food train. They "aim to serve the people of the Moorabool Shire who are disadvantaged, at risk, or unable temporarily to feed themselves or their families, and happily assist with emergency food and referral information." The food train is currently in the Main Administration Office on South Maddingley Road at the Maddingley Campus.

The Woodlea Campus will also organise a food drive in support of Foodbank. Foodbank is Australia's largest food relief organisation, operating on a scale that makes it crucial to the work of the front line charities who are feeding vulnerable Australians. Foodbank provides more than 70% of the food gathered for food relief organisations nation-wide. <https://www.foodbank.org.au>. Details regarding items for donation will be sent to families through class communication. Donations can be delivered to the Main Administration Office on Frontier Avenue.

We look forward to getting back into the swing of things in 2022 - with some slight changes.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Miss Caitlin Bowers, Mrs Marija Barallon & Mrs Sarah Hunter

Maddingley 2021 Portrait Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021 Portrait Competition. Woodlea winners will be published next week.

Year Level	Winner	Honorable Mention	Honorable Mention
Prep	William Lee - Prep B	Reneisha Patidar - Prep B	
Year 1	Hamza Qureshi - 1B		
Year 2	Isabelle Gent - 2A	Lorelei Westphal - 2A	Jonathan Watret - 2A
Year 3	Mukunth Karthik - 3B	Dylan Coelho - 3D	
Year 4	Savannah Giani - 4A	Matilda Jewell - 4A	
Year 5	Koko Shand - 5C	Lucy O'Donnell - 5A	
Year 6	Tina Ma - 6A	Manraj Singh - 6A	
Year 7	Vansidhar Tanari - 7B	Ishnoor Dhillon - 7J	Mikaela Kerr - 7B
Year 8	Danisa Wongmongkol - 8F	Alkira O'Day - 8A	

Mrs Nicole Heywood - Head of Art - Years Prep to 8



Winner: Isabelle Gent - 2A



Winner: Danisa Wongmongkol - 8F

School Administration Information

2022 Booklists

The 2022 Booklists will be available shortly and information will be emailed home and the lists placed on the School's website.

The Booklist supplier for 2022 is Campion Education. All Booklists are to be submitted online to Campion Education.

There will not be a dedicated 'booklist collection day' at the Maddingley or Woodlea Campus in 2022. **Booklist Orders placed online by Wednesday 15 December will receive free home delivery.** Orders placed after this date will attract a postage charge.

Please contact Michelle Graham if you have any queries on 03 5366 4800.

Face Masks at School

A clarification in relation to wearing face masks at School. Masks **must** be worn:

- Indoors only for primary school staff and visitors, and for students in Years 3 to 6 (unless they have a medical exemption).
- All students travelling on a school bus, including for camps or excursions (unless they have a medical exemption). It is not compulsory for Prep to Year 2, but highly recommended.

If your child is required to wear a mask at school or for bus travel, please ensure they have a face mask ready to start the school day or before boarding the bus each morning.

Conveyance Allowance

Parents who had a claim in 2021 will receive their application forms via mail before the end of the year. These are due back at the school by Friday 4 February 2022.

Parents who did not submit an application in 2021 can access the application forms from either the Main Administration Office, Gatehouse or from the myBMG Parent Portal under 'Documents/Whole School'.

Conveyance Allowance Information

Families in rural and regional Victoria can get help with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest school or campus. This is known as the Conveyance Allowance.

The Conveyance Allowance is available to students travelling by:

- public transport
- private car
- private bus

and whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

The Conveyance Allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

Eligibility

The conveyance allowance is available to families who meet certain criteria. Students attending a school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible.
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary for 3 or more days per week.
- reside 4.8 km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended: and
- be of school age at the time of application and reside in Victoria.

Please note that a Private Bus or Private Car conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a free school bus or public transport service.

Following a recent decision by the Student Transport Unit of the Education Department, it appears that there may be some movement in the way the Department makes a judgement on what is the nearest appropriate school.

If your decision to send your children to Bacchus Marsh Grammar was because you felt that it was the nearest appropriate school that respected ecumenical values but did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration, then you may (subject to other Conveyance Allowance rules) be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance.

If this statement applies to you, whilst I can make no guarantees, I believe it is in your interests to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2022. Application forms are available from the Main Administration Office or myBMG Parent Portal. The application should be accompanied by a simple letter stating that you believe Bacchus Marsh Grammar is the nearest appropriate school because of its values and its lack of a requirement to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration of any particular faith.

Please contact Mrs Suzanne Pollard if you have any questions.

Mrs Suzanne Pollard - Administration Assistant: School Administration

Bus Information

2021 End of Term 4 Bus Departure times

On Friday 10th December, dismissal times for the last day of Term 4 will be normal school dismissal times.

All buses – (Private, Public and Country) will depart as per normal timetabled departure times.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Book Club News – Catalogue for Issue 8 is out now



Issue 8 catalogue is now out now!

Visit the [school website](#) for more information regarding the latest catalogue and how to order.

**Scholastic Book Club Coordinators - Mrs Diane Dunn (Maddingley Campus)
& Mrs Feona West (Woodlea Campus)**

BMG Community Contacts

An update to Noone Uniform shopping:

Please refer to the [school website](#) for the latest updates from Noone or visit www.noone.com.au.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Enrolments are completed online. For full information please visit the [school website](#).

Email: chrisie.ashmore@ymca.org.au **Phone:** 0490 178 638 **W:** www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

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0438 154 842

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Woodlea:

woodlea.oshc@ymca.org.au

0490 490 362

Located: 111 Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria 3336.

Events Calendar

Dates for upcoming events/excursions and day camps can be viewed via the events calendar on the [school website](#).

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Community News – A message from GSODA

Geelong Society of Operatic & Dramatic Art Inc (GSODA)



After two long years of not being able to perform live, this is a huge opportunity to get being this local community organisation.

The GSODA Junior Players take great pleasure in inviting you to our upcoming production **High School Musical 2 and Aladdin Jr**, on **Thursday 2nd - Saturday 4th December 2021**.

Disney's Aladdin JR. is based on the 1992 Academy Award®-winning film and the 2014 hit Broadway show about the “diamond in the rough” street rat who learns that his true worth lies deep within. The story you know and love has been given the royal treatment! Aladdin and his three friends, Babkak, Omar, and Kassim, are down on their luck until Aladdin discovers a magic lamp and the Genie who has the power to grant three wishes. Wanting to earn the respect of the princess, Jasmine, Aladdin embarks on an adventure that will test his will and his moral character.

High School Musical 2 JR. The gang is back for an action-packed summer extravaganza as Troy, Gabriella and the rest of the Wildcats finish junior year and blast onto the summer scene in Disney's High School Musical 2 JR. Based on Disney Channel's blockbuster TV movie, Disney's High School Musical 2 JR. can be performed as a follow-up to Disney's High School Musical JR. or as an introduction to everyone's favourite Wildcats. At the Lava Springs Country Club, popular girl, Sharpay, reigns supreme while the Wildcats get to work — literally! Featuring every ounce of the light-hearted fun that made High School Musical a household name, this buoyant sequel follows our East High favourites as they face the realities of the adult world and begin to grow up. Friendships are tested, summer romances go haywire and the meaning of success is redefined.

We would love you to join us for these Disney spectacular shows!

**All our shows will be held at the new and refurbished,
Palais Theatre Geelong
297 Moorabool Street
Geelong**

To purchase your tickets visit the Palais website or click on the link to order your tickets NOW!!!

<https://palais.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/sales/sales>

Tickets are \$40 per person and general admission only with NO allocated seating. Covid regulations require that all patrons over the age of 12 must be able to verify they are double vaccinated and sign in with QR codes.

Come along and enjoy two shows in one fun day out.

Performances will take place on:

- Thursday 2nd December at 7:30pm,
- Friday 3rd December at 7:30pm,
- Saturday 4th December at 10.00am
- Saturday 4th December at 2:00pm

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DOUG HAWKINS**

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182 Halletts Way Darley

Monday 13 December 2021
6pm - 8pm

For more info, please email
youthservices@moorabool.vic.gov.au
or call the Youth Services team on (03) 5366 7100

