

**IB LEARNER
PROFILE
ATTRIBUTES**

- INQUIRERS
- KNOWLEDGEABLE
- THINKERS
- COMMUNICATORS
- PRINCIPLED
- OPEN-MINDED
- CARING
- RISK-TAKERS
- BALANCED
- REFLECTIVE

Kororoit Creek Primary School respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pays respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

What a start to the year it's been! We are incredibly proud of our students and how they have settled into the new year so seamlessly. As the second week of school draws to a close students will be finishing our START Program. This program is especially designed to support students to get to know one another and their new classroom dynamics as well as build their new learning community. Students have spent time determining their learning goals, establishing classroom agreements, and setting themselves up for a successful year of learning.

A special welcome to our wonderful prep students and families, our preps have transitioned so beautifully over the last couple of days, and I look forward to meeting our new prep families during our meet and greet morning that will be coming up in a few weeks so watch this space.

Introducing our fabulous Student Leadership Team...

All of our applicants went through a very rigorous process late last year and should be incredibly proud of themselves. Yesterday I had the honour of officially announcing our 2024 Student Leadership Team, I look forward to working with them throughout the year.



School Captains <i>Rafael & Eleora</i>	SRC Captains <i>Cienna & Apeksha</i>	Sport Captains <i>Nadia & Jack</i>
Batman House Captains <i>Tasha & Yajas</i>	Leichhardt House Captains <i>Noah & Maya</i>	Cuthbert House Captains <i>Alison & Sanjana</i>
Goldstein House Captains <i>Tiasha & Cooper</i>	Art Captains <i>Ruby & Mila</i>	Music Captains <i>Izaak & Viraj</i>
Environment Captains <i>Isaac H & Ava</i>	French Captains <i>Tiya, Karaj & Siddhi</i>	



Introducing our 2024 Teams...

Prep	
H01	Norel Sawan
H02	Jane Ding
H03	Stephanie Troiano
H04	Maddy Fryer
H05	Vanessa Sawan
H06	Hayden Dunlop
H09	Lan To

Grade 1	
H10	Natalie Modric
H11	Jasmine Keating
H12	Abbey Dalrymple
H13	Ana Hodak
H14	Renee Grixti
H15	Amanda Turner/Laura Duke
H16	Jade Keller

Grade 2	
H17	Preet Kaur
H18	Rebekah Clayton-Randall
H19	Emily Kalaitzis
H20	Eleanor Veitch
H21	Monique Zammit
H22	Cassie Chappell
H23	Taylah Lind

Grade 3	
H24	Jayde Szabo
H25	Jamila Abou-Baker
H26	Anne Le
H27	Yasemin Ozsoy
H28	Kafa Zoghaib
H29	Bianca Gavin
H30	Sam King
H31	Giorgia Chapman

Grade 4	
H32	Clayton Bonello
H33	Escher Richter/Ashlee Bray
H34	Gabriel Luzar
H35	Deanna Osman
H36	Dharma Haluska
H37	Beth Warne
H38	Krystal Dennison
H39	Chloe Bajada/Romy Mulcahy

Grade 5	
H40	Ashleigh Krajnc
H41	Hang Mai
H42	Olivia Ha
H43	Abbey O'Mara
H44	Molly Robertson
H45	Kimberly Santalucia
H46	Jess Dominko
H47	Vanessa Conia

Grade 6	
H48	Daniel Barraza-Purcell
H49	Simon Nikolov/Mel Reinmuth
H50	Sarah Simmons
H51	Shannon Anderson
H52	Shana Tenace
H53	Bernadette Smedley
H57	Elyse Shellie/Ash Findlay
H58	Bryoni Ramsey

Specialist	
Physical Education	Chris Wilkolawski
Physical Education	Jackson Lesko
Physical Education	Josh Pizzo
Art	Jessica Swallow
Art	Katy Maximos
Art and Tutor	Tanya Lee
Art and LOTE	Marine Schreyer
LOTE	Anne-Laure Preaudet
LOTE	Hanaa Tarabichi
Music	Eddy Markovican
Music	Jason Koris
Music	Krystal Sauvarin
Tutor	Andrew Jackson
Tutor	Stephanie Tabone

Student Wellbeing	
Brooke Brown	PSD & General Wellbeing Support
Carina Pereira	Student Wellbeing
Emily Hogan	Student Wellbeing Counsellor
Maria Luca	Student Wellbeing Counsellor

KCPS Policies

We invite you to view our school's policies should you wish to. They are available on our website at the following link: <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/about-kcps/#policies>

Mobile Phone Policy

As you may be aware, the Victorian government introduced a mobile phone policy that took effect in 2020. Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours, including recess and lunchtime. The policy is designed to support teaching and learning in an environment that is free from distractions, disruptions and student inattention caused by the urge to check their phones. Please know this also includes 'smartwatches'. At recess and lunch times, students are encouraged to communicate with each other face to face and/or be involved in activities rather than being focused on a device or on social media.

2024 School Council Notice of Election/Call for Nominations

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

We currently have 3 available positions in our parent member category. Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of our school. This position will be for the 2024 and 2025 school years.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by Tuesday 13th February 2024 by 4:00pm. A list of candidates and nominators will be shared on Thursday 15th February after which, ballot papers for all parents will be prepared and distributed so that our community can vote for the parent members they would like to see on School Council. This ballot will close on Tuesday the 27th of February at 4:00pm and the votes will be counted on Wednesday the 28th of February 2024.

There is a display in our office area which explains the election timeline. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another parent, please obtain a form from the office.

Below is a Department of Education link which outlines further information about the operation of a school council. <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/school-council-powers-and-functions/policy>

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5- 7 February** – Prep students finish at 1.50pm
- 8 February** – Prep students finish at 3.15pm from today
- 9 February** – Interschool Sports Round 1 (Home)
- 12 February** – Assembly at 9.00am. Prep-Grade 3 in the Gym
- 12 February** – GRIP Student Leadership Conference (Student Leaders Only)
- 16 February** – Interschool Sports Round 2 (Away at Movelle Primary)
- 21- 22 February** – Individual student photos
- 23 February** – Interschool Sports Round 3 (Away at Resurrection Primary)
- 26 February** – Assembly at 9.00am. Grade 4-6 in the Gym
- 1 March** – Interschool Sports Round 4 (Home)
- 1 March** – Sibling photos
- 8 March** – Interschool Sports Round 5 (Away at Derrimut Primary)
- 11 March** – Labour Day Public Holiday, no school
- 15 March** – Interschool Sports Round 6 (Away at Deer Park West Primary)
- 27 March** – KCPS Family Picnic and Community Market
- 28 March** – End of Term Assembly at 12.45pm. Prep-Grade 3 in the Gym
- 28 March** – Last day of Term 1, students are dismissed at 1.30pm



For more dates, please view our School Calendar via Compass or the homepage of our website <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/>

Please check our Parents Page for our weekly year level updates, swimming timetables, camp dates, Curriculum Days, and more! <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/parents/>

Visit our Community Page for local community events and business flyers <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/community/>

Support Services

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific support services can be found at the following link:
<https://www.vacca.org/page/contact/needing-help-now>



Lifeline

13 11 14 (24 hours, seven days a week)

Online Chat: www.lifeline.org.au

Lifeline is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

Region: National



Kids Helpline

1800 551 800 (24 hours, seven days a week)

Online Chat: kidshelpline.com.au

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25

Region: National



1800RESPECT

1800 737 732 (24 hours a day, seven days a week)

Online Chat: www.1800respect.org.au

A confidential information, counselling and support service for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

Region: National



Beyond Blue

1300 224 636 (24 hours, seven days)

Online Chat: www.beyondblue.org.au

Beyond Blue provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health.

Region: National



ParentLine Victoria

13 22 89 (8am - midnight, seven days)

Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old. They offer confidential and anonymous counselling and support on parenting issues.

Region: Victoria

Do you hold a concession card? If so, you may be entitled to Camps, Sports & Excursion Funding.

The CSEF program for 2024 is now open until 28 June 2024.

If are eligible you will receive \$150 per student that can be used to contribute to any costs relating to a camp, sporting activity or excursion your child attends. Payments are made directly to the school and are linked to the student. Unused funds are carried over each year.

If you have applied for CSEF previously, you do not need to apply again.

If you think you might be eligible, please complete the attached application form and return to the office with a copy of your concession card. Please refer to the attached flyer from the Department of Education for further information on eligibility.

If your Concession card is in your child's name, they are not eligible for this funding.

School Photos 2024

Annual school photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd February 2024 and sibling photos on Friday 1st March 2024.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information

School Photographs will be taken at

Kororoit Creek Primary School

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd February 2024

Sibling Photos - Friday 1st March 2024

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

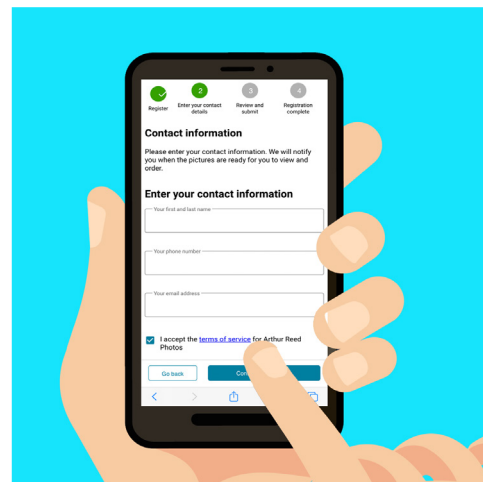
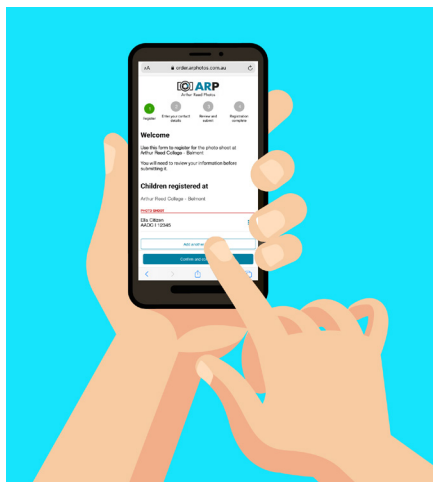
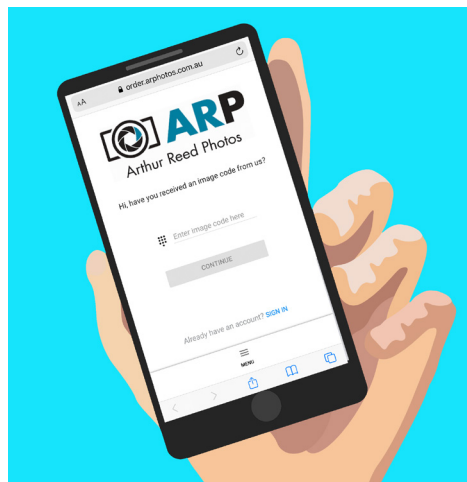
When you receive your child's 2024 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's **2024 image code**

2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings

3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

- **Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads**
- **Order on any mobile device**
- **Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024****

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/payment-amounts)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.



READING TAILS

Help your reluctant reader build their confidence with the support of a furry friend! In this 8 week program, primary school aged children (Grade 2+) will have the opportunity to choose, read, and talk about books at a gentle pace with plenty of encouragement from our reading dogs.

Places are limited. Please email libraryschoolyears@melton.vic.gov.au to express your interest.

The Reading Tails program runs during school terms.

TUESDAYS | 4PM TO 5PM | MELTON LIBRARY

THURSDAYS | 4PM TO 5PM | CAROLINE SPRINGS LIBRARY



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