



Heatherhill Highlights

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Foundation 2027 enrolments

Enrolments are now open for Foundation 2027! If your child will turn five by April 30, 2027, they are eligible to enrol in Foundation next year. Enrolling your child is essential for their participation in our term four transition program.

If you need any support or have questions about the enrolment process, please contact Ms Jan, our school's enrolment officer, who will be happy to assist you.

Children's Book Week – August 22 - 28

The 2026 Children's Book Week theme is 'Symphony of Stories'. Students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Tuesday, August 25. Students will share their creativity in a parade and participate in Book Week activities in the afternoon. To make this celebration accessible and fun for everyone, we encourage students to create their costumes using items found at home, rather than purchasing new ones.

Here are some ideas to help you get started:

- Use a scarf, hat, or old glasses for classic characters like Harry Potter or Matilda.
- Transform a cardboard box into a book, a treasure chest, or even a robot.
- Repurpose a striped shirt, apron, or sports jersey for characters like Where's Wally, Mary Poppins, or sports stars from favourite stories.
- Use face paint or paper masks for animal characters, superheroes, or fairy tale creatures.
- Accessorise with everyday objects; umbrellas, toy wands, capes made from towels, or handmade crowns.



Remember: *creativity is key! Have fun bringing your favourite story to life.*

STEM family afternoon

A reminder that our STEM afternoon is coming up on Thursday, August 20, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. We invite all students and their families to attend and enjoy a range of hands-on STEM activities together.

Please note that all students must be accompanied by a parent or a sibling who is 18 years or older for the duration of the event. We look forward to seeing you there for an afternoon of discovery, collaboration, and fun!

Italian Festa – Wednesday, September 2

Get ready for a taste of Italy! Ms Zaban is thrilled to invite all students to the annual Italian Festa. Students are invited to experience a lively one-hour bilingual Italian/English performance, then treat themselves to mouthwatering pizza and authentic cannoli! To ensure your child does not miss out, orders and payments are due by Friday, August 28. For catering purposes, orders cannot be taken after this date. Secure your spot for this unforgettable celebration!



Amanda McLean

Principal

Visual Arts



SS Puffing Billy Excursion

Written by Maryam (and Reinjella)

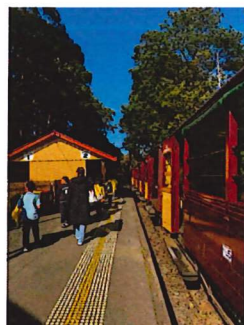
On the 28th of July, senior school had an excursion to Puffing Billy. We started the day off by leaving on the bus at around 8:30 since the ride was about an hour to our destination. When we got there, we lined up at the lobby of the train station so each group could get sent to each of their activities. One group went to morning tea. Another group went to the workshop, where we created our own circuits and lights. The last group learnt about the history of Puffing Billy. At the STEM workshop we were able to create our own circuit and lights. It had to operate like a real machine and had to stand up using Lego pieces to connect the wires together. We had lots of fun making our own form of electricity and it was a great experience.

After all classes finished, we came together and the staff members talked about what we should and should not do on the train. We had lots of fun making our own form of electricity and it was a great experience. The train came and all the senior school got on the train. Each class got in one carriage, SSC on the first, SSB on the 2nd and SSA on the third one. When we were all ready, the Stationmaster rang the bell that meant we were about to go. When the train started to move, we saw lots of houses, animals and there were lots of trees. As the train was going to Belgrave station, they stopped at the middle station to have a break. After the break, the train continued going until we arrived at Belgrave station. When we got on the bus to come back to school we were all very tired, including the teachers.

Written By Gifta SSC

Puffing Billy railway was created in 1900, it is the oldest train in Australia, yet it is still working perfectly.

Long ago, Puffing Billy railway was used for carriages like carrying food, but now Puffing Billy is a tourist train.





Visual Arts



2026



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 20th August 2026	Special Lunch
Thursday 20th August 2026	STEM Family Event 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August 2026	Book Week
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Italian Festa Day
Friday 18th September 2026	Last Day of Term 3 Early Dismissal at 2:30 pm
Monday 5th October 2026	Term 4 School starts at 9:00 am

KEYSBOROUGH COLLEGE EXTENSION AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

2027 KEEP PROGRAM

The Keysborough College Extension and Enrichment Program is designed for our most ambitious students and is a Select Entry Program for eligible Year 7 students that possess high potential to excel in English, Math and Science. Further Enrichment opportunities are offered in other Learning Domains at KSC.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATHWAY

We understand that choosing the right pathway for your child is a critical decision. Our program is designed to provide your child with the skills and knowledge they need to excel in their future endeavors. We invite you to explore the opportunities our program offers and to consider how it can help your child realise their full potential. To find out more about the program, please visit our College website or contact the school directly, request to speak to our High Abilities Leader:

Indra Wallia de Leon.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

There is no cost associated with the Keysborough College Extension and Enrichment program, however your child must be enrolled at Keysborough Secondary College for the 2027 school year to be eligible to undertake the Edutest exam, a requirement that will determine your child's suitability for the program. Registrations open 01.06.26. Please scan the QR code to register.



Registrations close on 24th August, 2026

The exam will run 9.00am—11.45am

Saturday 29th August 2026

Keysborough College Banksia Campus

8-20 Janine Road

Please arrive by 8:45am for a prompt start

AWARDS

Congratulations to the children
who have received Awards

Perseverance

Pauline H	SSA
Danich L	MSA
Vioneta D	SSA
Soriya K	SSB
Asia Y	SSA

Getting Along

Uriana I	JSD
Gurjesh S	JSC
Mohammad J	JSB
Ocean M	JSC

Organisation

Yuvraj D	JSD
Charley M	JSD
Danilo B	SSC

Confidence

Jebediah I	SSC
Rinlanee T	MSC
Ellizandra G	MSA
Odilia I	JSA
Awiz B	MSA
Sophie H	JSB
Than O	SSA
Makayla T	SSA

Resilience

Stefan H	JSD
Bella H	MSC

Respect

Sufang H	SSC
Ava S	JSD
Ezekiel L	MSB
Austin B	SSB

Doing Your Best

Gursahib J	SSC
Araf A	JSA
Vichea S	SSB
Aliyah S	JSD
Yang C	MSA

Trust

Austin U	MSB
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