

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to invite you to attend the Scoresby Symposium at Scoresby Secondary College.

What is the Scoresby Symposium?

The UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child emphasises the right for children to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them and to have their opinions taken into account. This Convention also encourages adults to listen to the opinions of children and involve them in decision-making.

To ensure that our students' voices are heard, Scoresby Secondary College is hosting a symposium. Our students will outline how they think we can ensure that Knox is a community which thrives. The prompt that our students were tasked to respond to was 'How can we ensure that our people and our environment are safe, supported and have every opportunity to thrive?'

They will present their views in the form of political campaigns, complete with slogans, speeches, posters and other persuasive mediums, aimed at convincing the community to adopt their informed views.

When and where will the Scoresby Symposium be held?

The symposium will be held Tuesday 26 July 2022
Time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Where: Student Centre, Scoresby Secondary College, 2 Cavell Street Scoresby 3179
Parking is available on site via the staff car park on the day. Please report to the General Office upon arrival.

Why attend the Scoresby Symposium?

As a future generation of residents, we see the forum as an opportunity for our community to hear different viewpoints and consider in detail what our community can look like in the future. Our students would welcome this opportunity to share with you their vision for the future.

If you have any queries please contact Kathleen Shirer or Emily Phibbs <u>Kathleen.Shirer@education.vic.gov.au</u> <u>Emily.Phibbs@education.vic.gov.au</u>

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