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WRAP UP OF 2025

2025 was a year that went by too fast, especially for the newsletter team as we scrambled to report on the many events that were held here at Wantirna College. So, with one final edition before the year comes to an end, let's look back at the amazing things we've done this year as a community. And don't worry, for those of you still planning your holidays and trying to figure out what to buy your loved ones for Christmas, we've got some ideas for you!

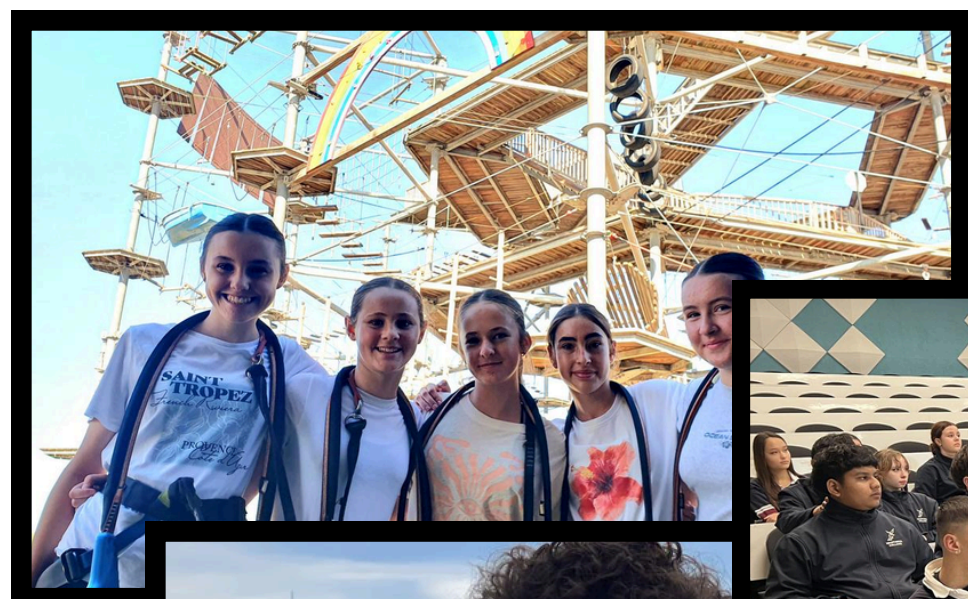
HIGHLIGHT REEL



YOUR HOLIDAY HELPLINE

GET BUSY, NOT BORED.

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HIGHLIGHT REEL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 7

Leaping into their first year at high school, our Year 7s took on many a challenge, activity and team building circuit. Taking on the start program, Kiosk programs and Year 7 camp, it's safe to say our seven's have more than enough to talk about. But what stood out? We spoke with Year 7 student; Lola Hale Moore, who gave us the inside scoop.

"I enjoyed kiosk best because of the interactive activities and atmosphere. My favorite session was the space one as we got to use drones, VR headsets and robots." - Lola

Seems like our Year 7s have had their fair share of fun events throughout the year - no doubt helping them get excited as they move on to Year 8 next year.



YEAR 8



Getting cozy in their second year at high school, the Year 8s had another smashing year, filled to the brim with excitement. A standout from this could be nothing other than the **Challenge Week** - key word there, *Challenge*.

These Year 8s partook in bike riding, bush walking, laser tag, tree surfing, high ropes, aquatic challenges - this author wonders how they even made it through. All this in one week? It's certain the year 8's will be set to handle anything the rest of high school will throw at them now.

YEAR 9

On the cusp of the top end of school, our Year 9s have been getting busy seeing the world outside, and beyond school. Getting prepped for a first job with mock interviews, venturing into the world of university with the Swinburn campus days... but if they had to pick just one highlight? One cannot look past the highly anticipated **Year 9 City Experience**.

This event sees our Year 9's journey into inner Melbourne, where they then break off into groups and complete challenges, go on tours, and even get free time to really bring out their explorer spirit.

Getting too and from the city in itself is a huge step - not to mention navigating the streets of Melbourne - which these Year 9s took on without batting an eyelid. They're ready to take on the world. Next step, take on year 10.



HIGHLIGHT REEL

SENIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 10

Kick-starting their journey into seniority at school, the Year 10s learnt, and experienced all things trades, university and work life. A highlight in particular being the full week of **Work Experience**. As the Year 10s no doubt found out, work experiences offers hands on, real world placement in a job. Students have to seek out their own place of work for the week across a whole range of different sectors!

These Year 10s took a leap of faith into the working world and came out even stronger - it's impossible to put a limit on what these students will achieve, both in their remaining years at Wantirna, and beyond into their futures. Onwards and upwards!



YEAR 11



The 2025 NT Tour. What's more to say?

This year our Year 11s boarded a flight out of Victoria, and into the Northern Territory for their 18 day trip to "The Top End". An absolute highlight from this year, and for good reason! With a jam-packed itinerary covering all aspects of land, water, and life, the group of 86 got comfortable setting up camp, and learning the ways of bush tucker.

Surrounded by sunsets, waterfalls, and the NT tour's "swear jar", it's no surprise the Year 11s returned wealthy in memories, stories and new bonds... and light pocketed as they rid themselves of their coins along the way.

Name a better way to move up into Year 12.

YEAR 12

With it being their last year as high schoolers, it's no surprise the Year 12s had their agendas locked, loaded, and ready to enjoy. Whole school events wait with bated breath for the Year 12s to parade in their costumes - soaking in the spotlight at our swimming and athletics carnivals.

Keeping the theme going, the Year 12s dressed up for their themed free dress days.... get it? The glitz and glamour continues through their Year 12 formal & Valedictorian evening.


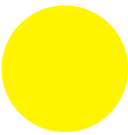

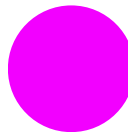
The year 12s also grew closer in their Senior sunrise and sunset, coming together once again at the end of the year with their celebration day, a day where uniforms are sliced, diced, dyed and glitter-fied. One thing for sure, our 12s love to dress up, and while we still pat our tears from their goodbye, we can wait to see them go out and make their mark on the world.




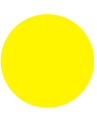



YOUR HOLIDAY HELPLINE

STUCK FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS?


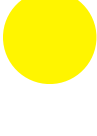


BELIEVE ME BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. FIND GIFTS FOR EVERY BUDGET, FOR EVERY PERSON.

PRICE KEY: Under \$10 =  Under \$20=  Under \$40=  Splurge \$(40+)= 


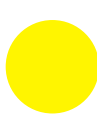


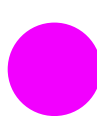
TECH, GADGETS & GAMES

-  • **Kmart** - Nintendo Super Mushroom Icons Light - Super Mario: \$4
-  • **JB Hi-Fi** - Laser Portable Bluetooth Karaoke Speaker: \$15
-  • **JB Hi-Fi** - Fortnite Balance Card: \$25
-  • **TYPO** - 1000 Pce Puzzle - Stranger Things: \$29.99
-  • **TYPO** - Table Top Game: \$59.99





BEAUTY, SELF-CARE & WELLNESS

-  • **KAISERCRAFT** - Reeded Range Diffuser 75ml - Sweet Vanilla: \$9.99
-  • **Priceline Pharmacy** - Blissful Moments 12 Months of Hand Creams: \$15
-  • **KAISERCRAFT** - Gelato Series Beauty Organiser: \$23.99
-  • **THE BODY SHOP** - Caramel Cuddle Essentials Gift Set: \$59

COZY, CREATIVE & AESTHETIC GIFTS

-  • **Kmart** - DIY Strawberry sundae candle Kit: \$9
-  • **KAISERCRAFT** - Paint by numbers A4 canvas: \$12.99
-  • **TYPO** - Flip It Memo Board : \$29.99
-  • **TYPO** - 2026 B5 12 Month Box Set: \$34.99
-  • **Peter Alexander** - Slippers/ Home boots (some are cheaper than 40!!)

FOOD, DRINKS & FUN TREATS

-  • **TYPO** - Daily Mug: \$3
-  • **TYPO** - Ice Cream Platter: \$20
-  • **TYPO** - Feed Me Bowl: \$29.99
-  • **Snack BOX HAMPERS** - Stocking Chocca Christmas Chocolate Box Gift Hamper - Small: \$49.99 (check out site)

GET BUSY, NOT BORED.

MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY WHEN YOU'RE ASKED ABOUT YOUR HOLIDAYS DURING THE ICEBREAKERS NEXT YEAR.

THINGS TO DO OVER CHRISTMAS:

Festive Baking

- **Get weird:** try a Christmas recipe from the 1800s (and report back to us)
- **Get connected:** do a baking/decorating challenge with friends/family - maybe a blind, deaf, mute challenge, or a bake off where you compete and serve your Christmas dish to a panel or judges (your family)
- **Get creative:** Try your hand at some Christmas dessert decorations - pro tip, the more ambitious the starting goal, the more fun & hilarious the outcome

Christmas themed games:

- **Charades** (acting out christmas movies)
- **Heads-up** (sticky notes on foreheads w/ christmas character names)
- **Christmas themed scavenger hunts**

THINGS TO DO OVER THE HOLIDAYS:

With friends → \$

- Escape room
- Tree surfing
- 1 Day course/masterclass in a skill of your choice (check out ClassBento!!!!)

With friends (little/no money required)

- Hit the **beach**
- Explore the **city** (free museums, events, activities etc)
- **Game night** (board games, video games - bonus points for a whole game show set up w/ dedicated host)

Alone (no money required)

- Come back from holidays having mastered a random skill - why not upgrade your character? (the more niche and random your skills, the better, e.g. learn how to perform a "human flag", learn basket weaving, learn Hellströmism etc)

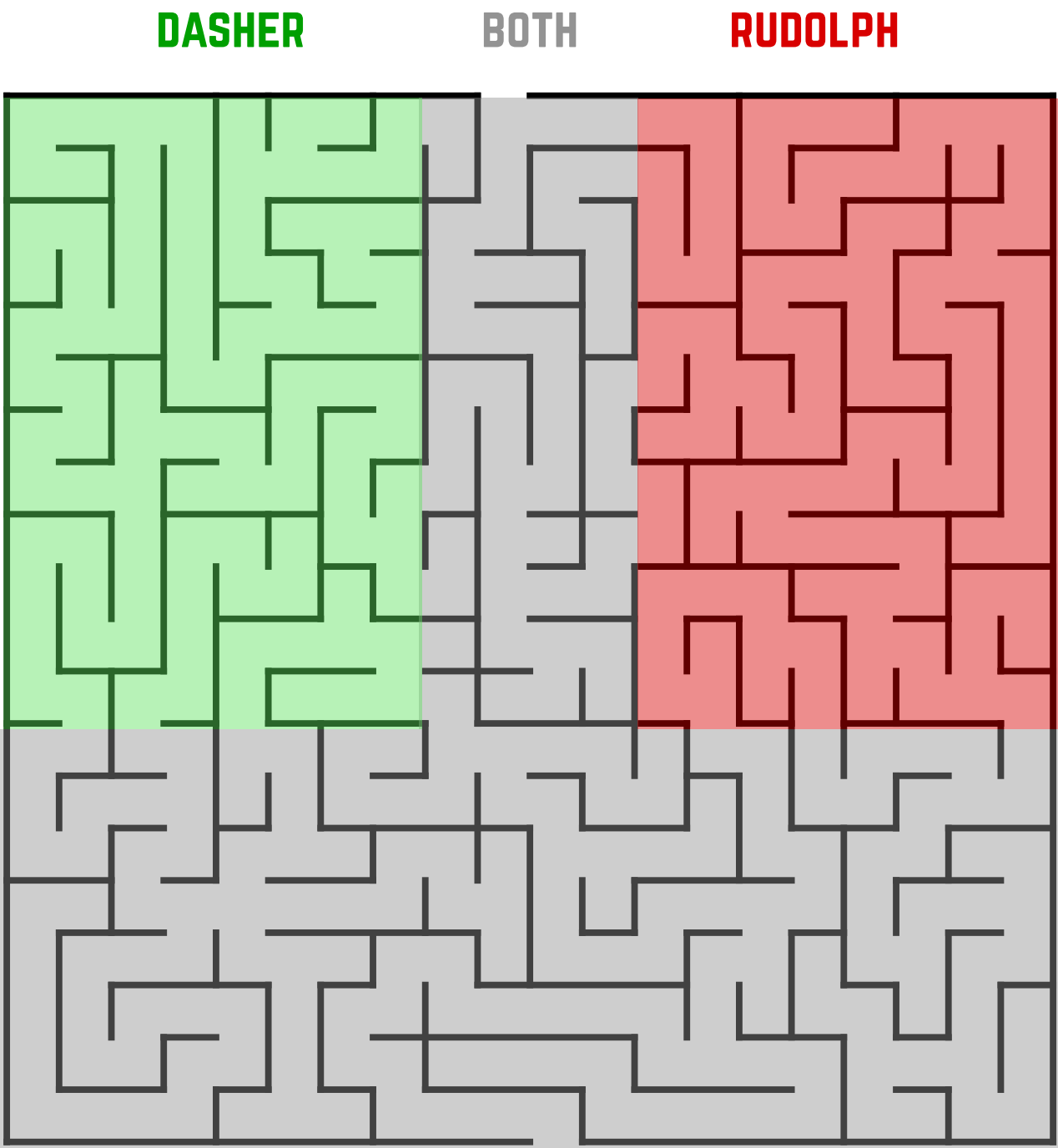
THE BREAKTIME BULLETIN



WHO GOT THROUGH?



BUT THEY CAN'T ESCAPE THEIR DESIGNATED AREAS.



HOT TAKES - CORRECT OR NOT? YOU DECIDE.



1. GINGERBREAD HOUSES ARE BETTER BUILT THAN EATEN
2. THE HOME ALONE SEQUELS ARE BETTER THAN THE OG
3. THE GRINCH DESERVED A SECOND CHANCE
4. ELF IS OVERRATED. IT SUCKS
5. UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS ARE STYLISH AND SHOULD BE WORN EVERYWHERE
6. GREEN, RED, AND GOLD THEMED TREES ARE BETTER THAN WHITE, BLUE AND SILVER ONES

A NOT SO FINAL GOODBYE THE STUDENT CHRONICLES WRITERS

Dearest readers,

We've loved writing for you this year - keeping you updated on all things school, popculture and holidays, so for our final edition of 2025 we'd like to say a **big thank you** for all our dedicated readers. But fret not, put away those tissues, as we'll be back next year (and better than ever). With our holiday acquired tans, and our new years resolutions set, you'll be in for some top quality writing.

To keep things democratic, and give an opportunity to grow this beautiful beast you know as The Student Chronicles, we'll be opening up positions for new resident journalists, formators and head editors. Think Gilmore Girls - Paris Geller & Rory Gilmore style. Keep your eye out for the applications and secure your spot reporting on student-centric stories.

See you next year!

xx Kendra Prothero (Head of the Newsletter)

Come up with any dazzling ideas you'd like to see in T.S.C 2026 over the holidays?

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