



ADVANCE COLLEGE CHRONICLE

TERM 3 HIGHLIGHTS

It's been another action-packed term at Advance College, full of learning, achievements, and plenty of fun along the way. Here are just some of the standout moments:

Industry Expo at Mornington Racecourse – Students explored an incredible range of career and study pathways, collecting resources (and a few goodies!) while chatting with industry reps.

Gymnastics Program – A hit with our Hastings VPC crew, where some surprise gymnasts revealed hidden talents and plenty of enthusiasm.

Circus Program – VM 1+2 students embraced balance, coordination, and a few daring tricks while learning circus skills that brought out confidence and creativity.

City Scavenger Hunt – VM 1+2 adventured into Melbourne, uncovering landmarks, ticking off clues, and snapping selfies all around the city.

Student-Led Careers Expo – Our senior VM 3+4 students took the reins and delivered an outstanding expo, complete with interactive info stands and activities that impressed us all.

Info Nights at Rosebud & Hastings – Both evenings were a huge success, with lots of interest and enrolments already flowing in for 2026... and yes, plenty of donuts were enjoyed along the way!

Shared Lunchtimes – Community spirit was alive and well, with highlights including Clare's famous lasagna and Bridget's much-loved meatball subs.

CoRE Program – Over 8 weeks, VPC students worked with Blue Light Victoria, shining as they engaged with local community groups and collaborated for the greater good.

Interschool Sports – From Pickleball and Basketball to Chess, our students showcased their talents, teamwork, and sportsmanship, representing Advance College with pride.

Farewell to VM 3+4 Seniors – A huge congratulations to those who have now completed their schooling. Your hard work and dedication have paid off – we are so proud!

What a term! A massive thank you to staff, students, and our wider community for making Term 3 such a success.

CORE PROGRAM - BACKPACKS 4 KIDS EXCURSION

Backpacks 4 Kids is a foundation that helps kids and adults in need. The organisation brings together lots of caring people from the community, as well as big companies, to give important items to people who are struggling. Even well known brands get involved, which means the backpacks have good quality stuff inside. Our school took part by going to Kmart to shop for items. We were only meant to spend about 15 minutes, but it ended up being more like an hour because we were all so focused on choosing the right things. For me, it was a new experience because I wasn't shopping for myself, it was all about thinking of what others need. It was really eye opening to see how much work and thought goes into helping people who are homeless. It made me realise how much of an impact something small, like a backpack filled with supplies, can have on someone's life. I thought it would be a good experience, but it actually turned out even better than I expected. It felt amazing to know that I was helping improve someone's life, even in a small way. The whole experience was not only meaningful but also fun. One of my favourite parts was making fun memories with my friends while we were shopping. It wasn't just about buying items, it was about sharing the experience and working together to do something good. That made it even more special. I also learned that you can never really know what's going on in someone else's life. On the outside, they might look okay, but they could be struggling with really hard things. Something as simple as a backpack of essentials could make a huge difference and give them hope. This activity also showed me how important it is to respect and understand people who come from different situations. Not everyone has the same opportunities or even the basics that we might take for granted. Realising that made me feel more grateful for what I have and more aware of how important it is to give back. I would definitely want to do something like this again in the future. Seeing how much of a difference it makes in people's lives motivates me to stay involved. Helping others doesn't just make them feel better it makes you feel proud and happy too. Overall, Backpacks for Kids was not only a fun experience but also one that taught me valuable lessons about kindness, community, and how even small acts can make a big impact. - **Chloe, VPC Hastings**

CIRCUS

Hi, I'm Ruby and I'm from VM 1+2. This term we went to Soul Circus every Thursday for 4 weeks. As a class we learnt how to appropriately use silks and trapezes. I personally had a lot of fun. I got to know my strengths more and what I am capable of as a person. We were split up in 2 groups, girls and boys, us girls spent a lot of the time on the silks. On the last day we did a lot of fun activities, including jumping from a box onto a trapeze and swinging across 8 different trapezes like monkey bars which was my favourite because at first I didn't think I was capable of it but I succeeded and was very proud of myself for giving it a go. Overall I had a lot of fun and it's something I am looking into doing again.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

Term 4

Hastings Bowls Club - Oct 14th + 28th - Hastings VPC

Rosebud Bowls Club - Date TBC - Rosebud VPC

Funky Farm Excursion - Oct 23rd - All VPC

End of Term Activity - Date TBC - Whole school

Headstart Program - Nov 24th - Dec 5th - Whole school

