



EDGARS CREEK SECONDARY COLLEGE

The new Edgars Creek Secondary College will provide a co-educational Years 7-12 school for the Epping North community. It will cater for 1,800 students, and will open in term 1, 2018.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What year levels can attend the school in 2018?

Edgars Creek Secondary College will be open to Year 7 students in term 1, 2018.

Why is the school opening before it's ready?

We committed to opening Edgars Creek Secondary College in 2019. The delivery of the school will be fast-tracked to allow families to access to a local secondary college as early as possible.

How will the staged opening affect my child?

Because of the fast-tracked delivery, Edgars Creek Secondary College will open in two stages from term 1, 2018.

Year 7 foundation students will be taught at Mernda Central P-12 College for terms 1 and 2, 2018. They will then transition, with all teaching staff, to the new Edgars Creek Secondary College in term 3, 2018, once it is fully operational.

We will support students and families during the first two terms by providing student transport between Edgars Creek Secondary College and Mernda Central P-12. We want to ensure a smooth transition for students.

Will transport be available?

Yes. As an interim measure we will provide student transport for the commute between

Edgars Creek Secondary College and Mernda Central P-12 College.

Parents will be able to drop off and pick up their children at a designated drop off point from day one, so their routine won't need to change.

What is the estimated commute time?

The commute may vary between 15 – 50 minutes each way, depending on traffic.

Will there be a designated bus stop at Edgars Creek Secondary College? Will there be dedicated staff to assist students getting on and off the bus?

There will be a designated bus area within the vicinity where students can be picked up and dropped off. Once a principal is appointed, they will decide how best to staff the student transport.

How will Edgars Creek Secondary College fit within Mernda Central P-12 College? Will they operate separately?

Edgars Creek Secondary College will operate separately to Mernda Central P-12 College. Both schools will have their own entrance, staff car parking area and a separate part of the school buildings to operate within. We are considering different lunch and play times to ensure all students

have access to play areas, and any specialist areas as required.

What facilities will be accessible at Mernda Central P-12 College to students of Edgars Creek Secondary College?

Mernda Central P-12 College has a range of facilities used by the school and wider community groups, including a performing arts theatre, gymnasium, learn-to-swim pool, and kitchen. We are working with the principal of Mernda Central P-12 College to ensure students of both schools will have access to these facilities.

When will a principal be appointed?

A principal will be appointed later in 2017. The principal will then recruit staff during term 4, 2017 ahead of the 2018 school year.

Is there a risk that the permanent school will not be complete by term 3, 2018?

We are committed to delivering Edgars Creek Secondary College by term 3, 2018. The project is on schedule to be delivered in this timeframe.

What facilities will be available at Edgars Creek Secondary College when it opens?

Edgars Creek Secondary College will open with multi-purpose learning areas, STEM building with specialist facilities in science and technology, and a main administration and library building.

What are the teaching arrangements while students are placed at Mernda Central P-12 College?

Edgars Creek Secondary College will operate as an independent government school. The principal will recruit staff in term 4, 2017, who will teach students from term 1, 2018. This means your child will have the same teachers, regardless of location.

Will I be able to enrol my child at this school?

All schools in Victoria have a designated neighbourhood area and a corresponding boundary. The enrolment boundaries for Edgars Creek Secondary College will be determined later in the year, and announced in the second half of 2017.

Why is the school only opening with Year 7 enrolments in 2018?

Opening a new school with just Year 7 students helps grow the culture and community of the new school; these students will be the foundation students and leaders. Additionally, opening with just Year 7 students means that the following cohorts of students can be of a similar number, meaning there will be a balanced number of students throughout the future cohorts. It also means that similar high schools and colleges in the area can retain their students.

