

CRAIGIEBURN SECONDARY COLLEGE

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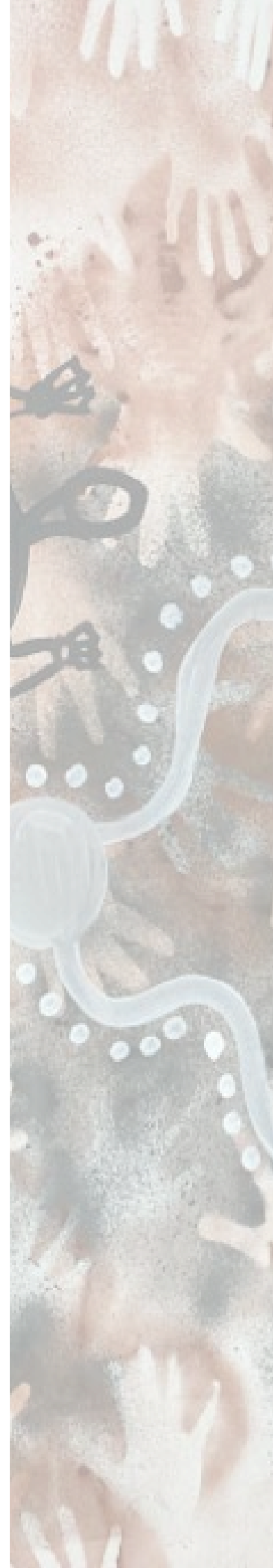
Καλώς ήλθε

We acknowledge the Indigenous lands, waters, and gathering places on which we live, learn, and thrive.

We value the commitment and knowledge of Indigenous peoples, and we honour their teachings from the past that now inform our future.

We pay our respects to all Elders of the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation and extend that same respect to Elders of other Indigenous communities with us today.

As a College, we make a commitment to taking a step forward in reconciliation and to the preservation of Indigenous cultures in Australia.



A Message from the Principal Team

This term has been a true reflection of the strength of our community, and we are filled with pride and gratitude for all we have achieved. Throughout term 1, our school values;

– belonging, understanding, respect, and growth–

Have been at the heart of everything we do, shaping the way we interact and grow together.

We welcomed our newest Year 7 students and families at our Family Welcome evening and made it a priority to create an environment where all students and families feel included and valued. Students showcased samples of their work to their parents and had the opportunity to meet with form teachers and other families. With classes now well underway, students are beginning to explore extracurricular activities, helping them to build friendships, develop skills, and engage with the broader school community.

Our specialist programs are now in full swing. Both the Business Academy and the Rugby Academy programs have begun, with students participating in a range of practical learning and development sessions. These programs provide excellent opportunities for students to develop and apply their skills to situations which push them outside of their comfort zone, build resilience and foster excellence.

We continue to build understanding with all members of our school community through open conversations, empathy, and a deeper appreciation for the perspectives of others. Students and staff at our school listen and learn from one another. This term, we have witnessed countless acts of kindness, consideration, and respect in both big and small moments. Whether it's offering a word of encouragement to a peer or collaborating respectfully in team projects, these actions highlight the importance of treating one another with thoughtfulness and respect.

The recent parent-teacher interviews were another important opportunity for us to strengthen the connection between home and school. These conversations allowed us to celebrate successes, discuss challenges, and set goals for the future together. By working together, we can ensure that every student has the support they need to thrive.

As we look ahead to Term 2, we will continue to nurture our school values, deepen our connections, and create an environment where every student can succeed. We want to express our gratitude to all of our students, staff, parents, and caregivers for your ongoing dedication and support. Your commitment helps make Craigieburn Secondary College a place where excellence, inclusivity, and growth are celebrated.

Wishing you all a well-deserved and restful break.

The Principal Team

CRAIGIEBURN SECONDARY COLLEGE

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Absence Communication:

Automated Messages: Parents receive text messages at 10 AM and 3 PM for absences.

Weekly Emails: Unexplained absences trigger Monday emails via Compass.

Reporting Absences: Use Compass, email, or call 9308 1144 to provide reasons and estimated return dates.

Attendance Expectations:

DET requires a **90%** attendance rate for student success.

School events and sports days are compulsory.

The '2-hour rule' means students must attend at least two hours in the morning and afternoon to be marked present.

Managing Lateness & Truancy:

Chronic lateness can lead to disengagement.

Unexplained lateness results in Compass emails and demerits.

Truancy notifications are sent if students are out of class without permission.

Support for Attendance Concerns:

Students with attendance below **90%** will receive; Compass alerts, support plans, and school interventions.

Chronic absenteeism may involve DET referrals for further support.

For assistance, contact the Attendance Team at;
attendance@craigieburnsc.vic.edu.au or call 9308 1144.

Let's work together—Every Day Counts!

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS (SSB) – HOW IT CAN HELP OUR FAMILIES

The School Saving Bonus program provides a one-off \$400 support to Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 for the 2025 school year.

Parents and carers received an email from the Department of Education starting on **November 26, 2024**, containing a unique code to access the bonus via an online system.

Families can allocate the funds towards school activities, uniforms, textbooks, or a combination of these.

Online access to the School Saving Bonus will expire on **June 30, 2025**. Any unspent balance after this date will automatically transfer to the family's account at the school for future use.

If you are yet to receive your bonus, please proceed to the following link to access support.

Make sure to allocate the funds before the deadline!

<https://www.vic.gov.au/receiving-school-saving-bonus>

The Community Team

*"THE SCHOOL SAVING BONUS WAS SUCH A BLESSING!
I HAVE **3 CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (GRADE 2, YEAR 7, YEAR 8)** AND HAVING THIS AVAILABLE TO ME
HELPED ME SO MUCH.
IT WAS SIMPLE TO USE AS WELL.*

*I HAD TO LOCATE THE EMAIL I RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND EACH OF MY CHILDREN HAD THEIR OWN
UNIQUE CODE (I JUST SEARCHED IN MY EMAIL 'DEPARTAMENT' TO MAKE IT EASIER TO FIND). ONCE I LOGGED IN,
IT GAVE ME THE OPTION OF USING IT ONLINE OR INSTORE. I CHOSE IN STORE AND SO I SAVED THE QR CODE FOR
EACH OF MY CHILDREN.*

*WE THEN WENT INTO THE UNIFORM SHOP AND CAMPION. ONCE WE WERE READY TO PAY, THEY
SCANNED THE QR CODE AND THEN THAT WAS IT. EASY.*

*THE DEPARTMENT SENT ME A BALANCE OF WHAT IS REMAINING FOR EACH OF MY CHILDREN WHICH I
WILL USE WHEN I NEED TO"
- CSC PARENT*

MEET OUR YEAR 12 CAPTAINS



The Year 12 Team would like to congratulate Lisa, Zak, Giovanni, and Tina on being the successful applicants for the 2025 School Captain positions. Lisa and Zak have been selected as the Year 12 College Captains and are joined by Giovanni and Tina as the Year 12 Vice College Captains.

The Year 12 Captains are excited to make a positive change in our school community. With the support of the Year 12 students, our Student Leaders have led various initiatives to foster respect, understanding, belonging, and growth.

One initiative is the development of the Gratitude Wall. This is an opportunity for students to acknowledge the positive impact students and staff have made to one another. This initiative has significantly improved the sense of belonging in our Year 12 Study Centre.

The Year 12 Leaders have also collaborated to develop a childhood photo wall. This has been used to celebrate all the achievements our students have made over the many years of schooling. We hope that this initiative has brought joy and motivation for our students to continue achieving success!

We look forward to seeing all the fantastic initiatives our Year 12 Student Leaders will bring to the school community.

Congratulations and all the best for the remainder of the year.

Year 12 Team

MEET OUR YEAR 11 STUDENT LEADERS

I am pleased to announce our 2025 Year 11 student leadership encompasses of four amazing individuals with a wide range of skills and experience.



**William
Hendo**



**Antonius
Shafeeq**



**Teriza
Mati**



**Ezrah Forbes-
Lealiifano**

With his passion for soccer, and a wide network of friends, Mr. William Hendo will champion our year level for greater sporting achievements!

Mr Antonius Shafeeq is a soft spoken student who is very popular amongst his peers . He will advocate for the true student experience by listening to student feedback.

With a strong passion for academics, Miss Teriza Mati is committed to helping students enhance their study focus, while also supporting teachers in building stronger and more meaningful relationships with their learners.

And finally, as a veteran of the 2024 student leadership, Mr. Ezraha Forbes-Lealifaano he will guide and mentor our new student leaders on enhancing our CSC community.

Our Year 11 Student Leadership group look forward to an exciting and busy year ahead!.

Year 11 Team

Kia ora, Malo ni, Bula vinaka, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Wominjeka, and Welcome back to Mana Pasifika 2025!

“Through education, we gain the mana to make change for ourselves, our families, and our culture.”

PASIFIKA STUDENT FONO 2025

On the 26th of February 2025, our Craigieburn and Roxburgh College Pasifika students came together at Hume Global Learning Centre for a day of learning, building relationships, and reaffirming a sense of pride in their growth and commitment to education.

Students engaged in conversations with our first Mana Pasifika alumni panel which saw former school captain Dakota Ioane and Mickey Lilo, who provided real world insights into life's challenges and how they built grit to push through to achieving their dreams. Dakota and Mickey shared that in their experiences, many doors will close and often it can get you down, but to remain optimistic and positive that another door will open - we just have to embrace those chances.

Students were excited to have Melbourne Storm representatives from Community, Coaching and Player Wellbeing attend and share their words of wisdom in the professional pathway through Rugby League. Many of our Year 7 and 8 students shared their aspirations for rugby and netball and had the courage to ask more questions about the coaching pathways. Students and staff were treated to a beautiful lunch from the local Middle Eastern restaurant - Samoon Bakery.

It was an honour and exciting opportunity to have a cultural workshop for our students at the Fono. Students were treated with a taste of Samoa, with a workshop facilitated by Oriana Siva Academy's director and founder - Faleulu Ane, and accompanied by Painuulasi. The OSA team took the students through a traditional Samoan action dance called a sasa. What a day to remember - what a day to be a proud student of Craigieburn Secondary College!



Mana Pasifika

Student Fono 2025



“Through education, we gain the mana to make change for ourselves, our families, and our culture.”



MEET OUR CSC MANA PASIFIKA ALUMNI

Mickey Lilo

“Talofa lava,

My name is Mickey and I am 22 years old. I am a graduate of the class 2020, and I am a proud flight attendant for Virgin Australia .

I once sat where you were and never did I think I would be able to see so many parts of the world. I highly value being family oriented, a firm believer of Christ, and am very passionate about our Pasifika cultures”.



“go forth and chase your dreams”

Dakota Ioane



“Talofa Lava,

My name is Dakota Palepa Ioane, and I am a Craigieburn Secondary College graduate from the class of 2022. Since graduating, I have been working, studying and focusing on religious studies. I am currently in my third year completing a Double Bachelors Degree in Law and Criminology at Victoria University.

My journey into this field of study has been driven by a desire to increase Pasifika representation in the legal and political sectors. I aspire to show younger Pasifika people that we are able to do whatever we want in this life.

Currently, my goals and endeavors include being able to graduate from my degree, and to start my career; to serve a full-time mission for my church; and to be able to continue to grow and learn keeping the people that I love close by”.



IMMUNISATIONS YEAR 7 & 10

The secondary school vaccine program helps ensure students and communities are protected from diseases such as Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Human Papillomavirus and Chicken Pox.

All Victorian secondary students can receive these vaccines free through the school-based program.

The schedule of the immunisations for 2025 is as follows:

Year 7 Immunisations: Monday 12th of May 2025
Type: HVP & dTpa

Year 10 Immunisations: Monday 12th of May 2025
Type: Meningococcal A, C, W, Y (Nimenrix)

Your child's school Immunisation Program has gone digital.

The system the Hume City Council are using is called VaxApp and is simple to use and update your children's information at any time.

To get started you need to provide consent for Immunisations
Please use the link provided or use the QR code

<https://hume.book.vaxapp.com.au/school/CraigieburnSecondaryCollege-AywrcR>



For further information please visit the following link:

[https://www.hume.vic.gov.au/Residents/People-Services/Children/Child Immunisation](https://www.hume.vic.gov.au/Residents/People-Services/Children/Child%20Immunisation)

If you have any enquires regarding the immunisation program please contact Hume City Council's population Health Unit at immunisation@hume.vic.gov.au or 9205 2523.

The School Nurse

DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS

HELPING VICTORIA'S YOUNG PEOPLE ACCESS HEALTH CARE

The Doctors in Secondary Schools program funds an adolescent health-trained GP and a registered nurse to visit Craigieburn Secondary College once a week, offering medical advice and healthcare services to all our students.

The Doctors in School program is a free -Bulk Billing service.


Dr Vajna Rafeek is at Craigieburn Secondary College every Friday from 10 AM – 2 PM.

The doctor is a great place to start if you are concerned or needing help.

Services Include but are not limited to:

- Information or advice about any health issue.
- Medical and Health check-ups.
- Information or advice about your physical wellbeing.
- Healthy eating and exercise advice.
- Advice on relationship issues.
- Asthma Management & Action Plans.
- Mental Health & Wellbeing.
- Vision Checks.

The School Nurse



To book an appointment or for
more information
- please visit the sick bay

<https://www.vic.gov.au/doctors-in-secondary-schools>

DENTAL CARE IN OUR COMMUNITY



Dental Hygiene Tips:

For Students:

- Brush teeth and tongue twice daily.
- Floss daily to remove plaque and food.
- Visit the dentist every 6-12 months.
- Make healthy food and drink choices.
- Wear a mouthguard during contact sports.

For Families:

- Encourage daily brushing and flossing for strong teeth.
- Help schedule dentist visits or access school dental programs.
- Limit sugary foods and drinks at home.

**By following these tips, we can support healthy smiles
and ensure gum disease prevention!**

Adolescent School Nurse

YEAR 7'S FIRST TERM AT HIGH SCHOOL

We are thrilled to share that Year 7 cohort has had a fantastic start to the school year. It's been wonderful to see our Year 7 cohort settle into their new routines, engage in classroom activities, and become part of our school community.

As parents and/or guardians, we thank you for your continued support in helping make this transition from primary school to CSC successful.

Merit Award Program

We are excited to announce that we have commenced our Merit Award Program, which aims to acknowledge students' efforts, behaviours, and academic achievements. Students receive merits for positive behaviours.

NAPLAN and PAT Testing

A major milestone this term was the completion of NAPLAN and PAT testing. These assessments allow us to gain valuable insights into the progress of our students and identify areas where additional support may be needed.

Year 7 Open Night

We were particularly excited to welcome families to our Year 7 Open Night, where parents and/or guardians had the opportunity to come to the school and to preview incredible work that the students have been completing.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and for being a part of your child's educational journey.

Warm regards,

The Year 7 Team



NRL 9s TAG BOYS & GIRLS

On March 14th, students from Year's 9 to 12 participated in a NRL 9's tag tournament against other schools in the northwest region. 4 CSC teams participated in the tournament.

The under 16's Girls played 3 games in their pool finishing third with 1 win, 1 loss & a draw. A shoutout to Rayaana and Angelica who participated in their first rugby game.

The under 16's Boys played 3 games in their pool and won their division. Psalmz and Phillip lead from the front, in scoring as well as assisting tries.

The under 18's girls played 3 games in their pool finishing first with 2 wins & a draw. Jada, Miah & Angel all scored tries during the tournament.

The under 18's boys played 3 games in their pool finishing first. Kaleb, Dylan & Junior all scored tries on the day.

All in all, the skills and behaviours displayed by the students on and off the field were exceptional.

Monty Spitzenberg

“
*‘Since it was my last year, I liked
that all of my peers got involved
and had fun playing along side
each other’*
- JADA YR 12

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Volleyball

Year 8

This year, our Year 8 students attended the Northern volleyball tournament, making their mark as fierce competitors.

From the very first serve, the atmosphere was electric as our students displayed not only skill but also a remarkable sense of camaraderie.

Each match was a rollercoaster of fast-paced action, with powerful serves, impressive digs, and team strategies.

The highlight of the day was just watching the students stick together and support one another despite winning or losing, they still walked out with their heads held high.

Congratulations to our Year 8 volleyball stars for their hard work and dedication — this is just the beginning, and we can't wait to see what they'll achieve next!

Monty Spitzenberg



Cricket

Year 7 & 8

The year 7 and 8 boys went to a cricket tournament. The boys played 2 games, and unfortunately fell short in both games. Spirits remained high as the boys enjoyed the day and tried their hardest.

Corey H from 8E was appointed Captain by the team, and he showed his excellent leadership skills all day.

The captain, was on the ball in all regards, even snagging himself a wicket and scoring a few runs.

The boys had a great time and handled themselves with class and respect at all times.

Overall a great day, regardless of the results.

Monty Spitzenberg



HARMONY WEEK DAY 1

Harmony Week Kicks Off with Culture, Connection, and Celebration

The opening day of Harmony Week at Craigieburn Secondary College was a vibrant start to celebrate culture, belonging, and shared traditions. As CSC tradition, student leaders and First Nation and Torres Strait Islander students were invited to the Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony facilitated by First Nations Elder uncle Colin. The atmosphere was created to lead reflective thoughts on tradition and culture through a mesmerising didgeridoo performance.

As the day unfolded, students and staff came together for a cultural fashion show, showcasing an incredible array of traditional attire from around the world. The display of colorful garments and pride in heritage highlighted the diversity that makes our school community so special.

During this time, our college staff came together for a cultural shared lunch bringing together traditional and family recipes of their favourite foods to share amongst each other.

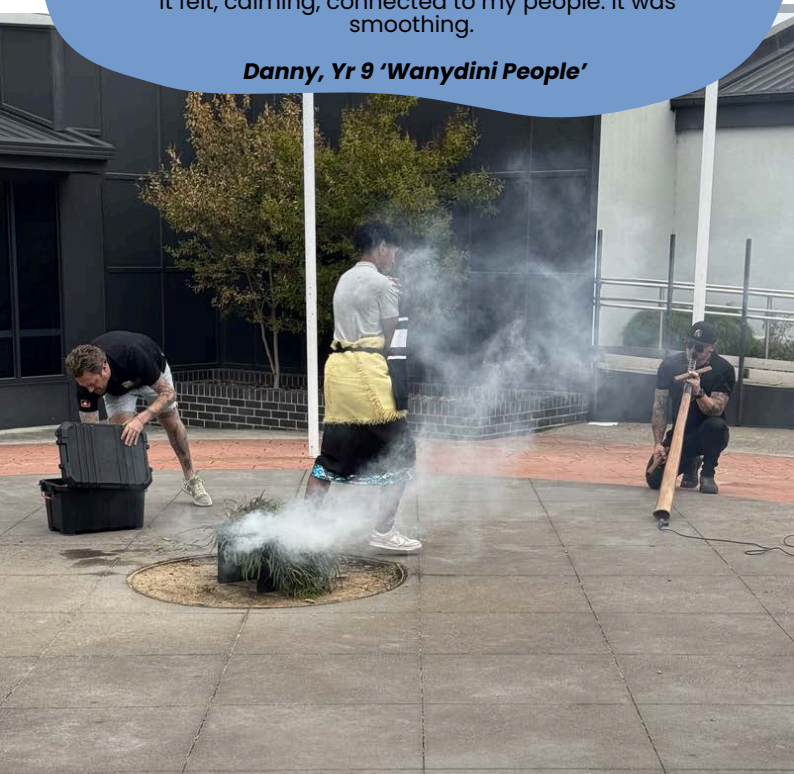
The celebrations continued with the loudest cultural cheers—an electrifying moment that brought everyone together in excitement and support.

The festivities reached a high point with an energetic Greek dancing performance from staff, filling the space with music, movement, and unity.

"During the smoking ceremony I learnt native history, of my people, learning about the smoking ceremony isn't just about healing yourself, its about healing others, and the spirits around us.

It felt, calming, connected to my people. It was soothing.

Danny, Yr 9 'Wanydini People'





HARMONY WEEK DAY 2

PASIFIKA DAY

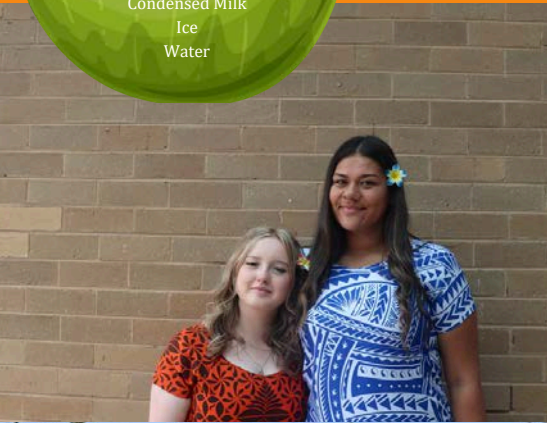
Embracing Culture in Dance, Song and Sharing Traditional Beverages

Pasifika Harmony Day was a spectacular success, bringing together students and staff members together to honor the vibrant cultures of the Pacific Islands. The event featured outstanding student performances, including traditional dances. While lively music and group singing filled the air with joy and unity, a highlight of the event was the shared experience of enjoying a traditional Tongan beverage called Otai. Our college leaders Jada and Jacque welcomed our students and staff with a serving of the Tongan watermelon Otai - a sweet and delightful taste of the Pacific.

It was a lovely day with vibrant flowers, prints and symbols from across the Pacific. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated and contributed to making this event truly special. Your enthusiasm and support helped strengthen our sense of community and appreciation for Pasifika traditions.

'It was a beautiful opportunity to dance with my sister being in my last year of high school. It was the first time we had ever danced together'
Faith - Year 12

We look forward to celebrating again in the future!



HARMONY WEEK DAY 3

MIDDLE EASTERN DAY

On March 19th, our community came together for a vibrant celebration of Arabic culture as part of Harmony Week. The day was filled with energy, tradition, and a true sense of unity, as students and community members immersed themselves in the different Middle Eastern cultures and heritage through dance, music, and shared experiences.

A highlight of the event was the incredible performance led by professional Arabic drummer, George. With his infectious energy, he not only showcased the power of traditional Arabic drumming but also coached students, allowing them to perform alongside him and even take the stage on their own. George also supported and guided the talented Carlos Yousif in Yr 9 to perform in front of his peers.

His passion for music brought people together, inspiring even those unfamiliar with Arabic culture to join in and enjoy the rhythm.

The atmosphere was electric, with traditional dances filling the space and people coming together to celebrate and appreciate the richness of the different Middle Eastern cultures. The event was a true testament to the power of culture in bringing communities closer, making it a day to remember for everyone involved.

Laurence Joseph - Yr 12 Community Captain



HARMONY WEEK DAY 4

INDIAN/BOLLYWOOD DAY

Harmony Week Day 4 at our school was a spectacular showcase of cultural pride, unity, and celebration. Our students dressed in stunning traditional Indian clothing including vibrant sarees, performed rich rhythms and storytelling of Indian culture leaving everyone in awe.

Adding to the cultural pride, staff also embraced the spirit of the day by wearing traditional attire, creating a beautifully diverse and colorful atmosphere across the school. Their participation highlighted the inclusivity and appreciation of different cultures, making the celebration even more special.

To top off the festivities, an ice cream van arrived, bringing smiles to students and staff alike. With a variety of delicious flavors to choose from, the sweet treat was perfect to enjoy the joyful occasion.

Harmony week is all about embracing diversity and coming together as a community, and this year's celebrations truly reflected that spirit.

From dance, music to ice-cream, it was a day of joy, learning, and cultural appreciation.



***ARE YOU LOOKING FOR
EMERGING TALENT?***

***HOST A BUSINESS ACADEMY
STUDENT***



BUSINESS ACADEMY



What have we been learning?



Self-Awareness (Year 12)



Communication/Problem Solving (Year 12)



Leadership



Feedback



Conflict Resolution



High Performing Teams



Accountability (Year 11)



Non-Negotiable Behaviours



Activities

Business Academy launch

Year 11 and Year 12 Business Academy were invited to a Business Academy introduction by guest speaker David Buttifant.

Guest Speaker- Ronson Allos

Year 11 and Year 12 students participated in a guest speaker presentation by ex-Craigieburn Secondary student Ronson Allos.

A Craigieburn Secondary student in 2015, Ronson has since started a domestic electrical services company with his brother.

Guest Speaker- Con Pedis

Year 12 students participated in a guest speaker presentation by Con Pedis. Con was our first guest speaker in 2024 ever and has since come back as Director of Harcourts Real Estate.

Guest Speaker- Dania Chehaita

Year 12 students participated in a guest speaker presentation from 2024 Business Academy student, Dania Chehaita.

Guest Speaker- Nour Ali Syed and Tyson Cliff

Year 12 students participated in a guest speaker presentation from 2024 Business Academy students, Nour and Tyson. Nour shared his new business ZonedOut and Tyson shared his successful work placement experience.

Year 11 Digital Boss

Year 11 students begun the Digital Boss program. The digital boss program teaches students how to start a digital business.



What's New

Business Academy has expanded

The Business Academy has expanded in 2025.

The Business Academy is now delivered in Year 11 and Year 12. There is high demand for places in the VCE VM select entry program. If you wish to apply, students are required to apply through an application process for 2026 in August/September 2025.



Reminders

Uniforms

Students are required to maintain school uniform standards at all times.

Excursions

Students are required to obtain signatures and sign-off before attending. Full uniform is required, uphold school values and behaviours and engage with the activities.



Upcoming

Business Workshops

1. Create a Smoothie Business
2. Create a Podcast

Year 11 Amazing Race

Business Academy and Year 11 VCE VM participate in an Amazing Race city experience

Year 12 Salvation Army and Strike excursion

Students travel into the city to meet CEO of the Salvation Army and build teamwork and communication skills playing laser tag and bowling

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents are encouraged to book for a parent teacher interview with Business Academy leader Damien Stingell

Business Academy Launch



Year 11 and Year 12 Business Academy students participated in a guest speaker presentation as part of the Business Academy launch. Guest speaker, David Buttifant, shared his life and professional experience as a resilience coach to high performing individuals. David left students feeling motivated and feeling privileged to have received entry into the Business Academy. David has been a key member of the Business Academy and one of the biggest supporters within the community.



Guest Speaker

Ronson Allos



Year 11 and Year 12 Business Academy students participated in a guest speaker presentation from Ronson Allos. Guest speaker, Ronson Allos, was a student at Craigieburn Secondary College in 2015 and has since created his own electrical services company. Ronson shared his life and professional experience and provided advice to students wanting to pursue a career or pathway into a trade. Students also learnt about Ronson's mindset and how he became successful to some of his friends who did not become successful. Ronson is a supporter of the Business Academy and appreciate his time and advice to the Business Academy students.

Guest Speaker Con Pedis



Year 12 Business Academy students participated in a guest speaker presentation from Con Pedis. Guest speaker, Con Pedis, was the Business Academy's first ever guest speaker. He has since returned in 2025 to further share his life and professional experience at Harcourts Real Estate and provided advice to students wanting to pursue a career or pathway in Real Estate. Students also learnt about Con's mindset and how he became successful and how he developed such a positive view on life. Con is a supporter of the Business Academy within the community, generously providing signage at the front of the school to promote the Academy. We appreciate his time and advice to the Business Academy students.



Guest Speaker

Dania Chehaita



Year 12 Business Academy students participated in a guest speaker presentation from Dania Chehaita. Guest speaker, Dania, was one of the first Business Academy students selected in 2024 and received Business Academy student of the year. Dania returned to share her schooling experience, Business Academy journey, work placement and her life post-secondary. Students learnt about Dania's mindset and how she used her work placement to further her career and decide what she wanted to do post-secondary. Dania is a supporter of the Business Academy within the community and further believe the Business Academy provides students unique opportunities.



Guest Speaker

Nour Ali Syed & Tyson Cliff



Year 12 Business Academy students participated in a guest speaker presentation from Nour Ali Syed and Tyson Cliff. Guest speaker, Nour, has since created a clothing brand 'Zonedout' and has launched 3 different clothing products. Nour shared his school and professional experience in starting a clothing brand and how students in Year 12 can begin a start up business. Nour also brought samples of his clothing for students to view.

Tyson reflected on his school journey and how the Business Academy motivated him to pursue a work placement in Pest Control. Tyson revealed that he was able to obtain a full time role and company car as a result of his work placement whilst in the Business Academy. Both Nour and Tyson are supporters of the Business Academy within the community and further believe the Business Academy provides students unique opportunities.



Year 11 Digital Boss



The Digital Boss is a funded scholarship program provided to Year 11 Business Academy students. Students work on creating a digital business in class throughout the year and present their business at the end of the year.

The Digital Boss program empowers students to take leadership roles in digital content creation, marketing, and online business strategies, equipping them with 21st-century skills.

By participating, students gain hands-on experience managing social media, branding, and digital communication, preparing them for future careers in business and technology. This initiative enhances the school's curriculum by fostering creativity, entrepreneurship, and real-world digital literacy.

Applied learning in the classroom

The Business Academy/VCE VM emphasises applied and hands-on learning, ensuring students develop practical skills relevant to real-world careers. Through projects, industry partnerships, and experiential learning, students engage in problem-solving, leadership, and teamwork while applying business concepts in authentic settings. This approach enhances engagement, confidence, and career readiness by bridging the gap between education and industry expectations.



Message from the Business Academy Leader- Damien Stingell



Merits

The Business Academy offers Compass Merits to students for demonstrating positive actions and behaviours in class reinforcing their efforts and encouraging them to continue making constructive choices. . This system helps build a culture of accountability and appreciation, where students feel valued for their contributions.

NUMBER OF MERITS AND REASONS

- 2 x Handing in phone before class**
- 2 x Not using phone during class**
- 1 x Bringing learning materials to class**
- 1 x Participating in class activities**
- 1 x Seated when bell rings at end of class**
- 1 x Being present in class**

Attendance

The Business Academy aims to engage students by catering to their interest in entrepreneurship, business and applied learning. In 2023, there was a need to cater for this as class attendance in VCE VM was low. Since the introduction of the Business Academy, attendance has risen by 36% . Further demonstrating the need to cater to students interests and linking the learning in the classroom to the real-world.

Business Academy modules

In 2024, the Business Academy was launched with one class in Year 12 VCE VM. In 2025, the Business Academy expanded into Year 11 and Year 12 VCE VM with one class in each year level. As such, the modules that students complete have also been adapted. In Year 12, students complete all 8 modules whereas Year 11 students complete 4 modules in Year 11 and 4 modules in Year 12. This allows for further exploration into the topics and greater range of activities.

Business Academy behaviour

Craigieburn Secondary College records and reports on student behaviour through the Grade Point Average (GPA). Similar to school process, the Business Academy also record and report student behaviour through the GPA. It is an expectation before students are accepted into the Business Academy that they will maintain a 3.0 GPA. Since the introduction of the 3.0 GPA expectation as part of the application process, Business Academy students GPA has risen by 25% year on year and observations regarding Business Academy student behaviour has been positive. This has also been reflected in student engagement and academic performance. Congratulations to several students who have received above a 3.0 GPA for the first time as well as students who have increased their GPA's from 2024.



**Craigieburn
Secondary College**

BUSINESS ACADEMY

Opportunities to
develop skills and launch
your future pathway.

What we offer:



Business Experience

Access to a work placement
and industry mentor.



Guest Speakers

Entrepreneurs sharing their
advice to help you succeed
in work and business.



Industry Connections

Build relationships with
business owners and
industries.

21st Century skills that you'll develop:



Leadership



Communication



Collaboration



Creativity



Critical Thinking

Silver Award 2024

We are proud to announce that Craigieburn Secondary College has achieved **Silver Accreditation** in **School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)**!

This milestone reflects our commitment to fostering a positive school culture where all students feel supported to learn and succeed.

At CSC, our core values of **Belonging, Respect, Growth, and Understanding** are at the heart of everything we do.

Through SWPBS, we have strengthened our focus on clear expectations, positive reinforcement, and the merit acknowledgment system to celebrate students who demonstrate these values every day.

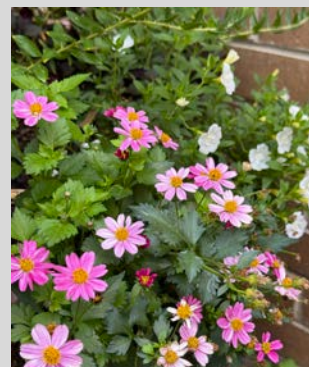
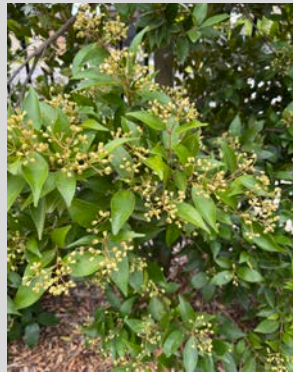
Earning Silver Accreditation means we have strong systems in place to support student wellbeing, behaviour, and learning, but our journey doesn't stop here! We will continue working towards Gold Accreditation, ensuring Craigieburn remains a place where every student feels a sense of belonging, is treated with respect, grows in their learning, and understands their role in our school community.

The SWPBS Team



WHATS BLOOMING AND BUZZING – FIND OUR LOCATIONS

BE THE FIRST 10 STUDENTS TO NAME OUR LOCATIONS AROUND THE SCHOOL TO WIN HOUSE POINTS – BRING YOUR ANSWERS TO THE COMMUNITY HUB. BONUS POINTS IF YOU CAN NAME WHICH PLANT IS EDIBLE.



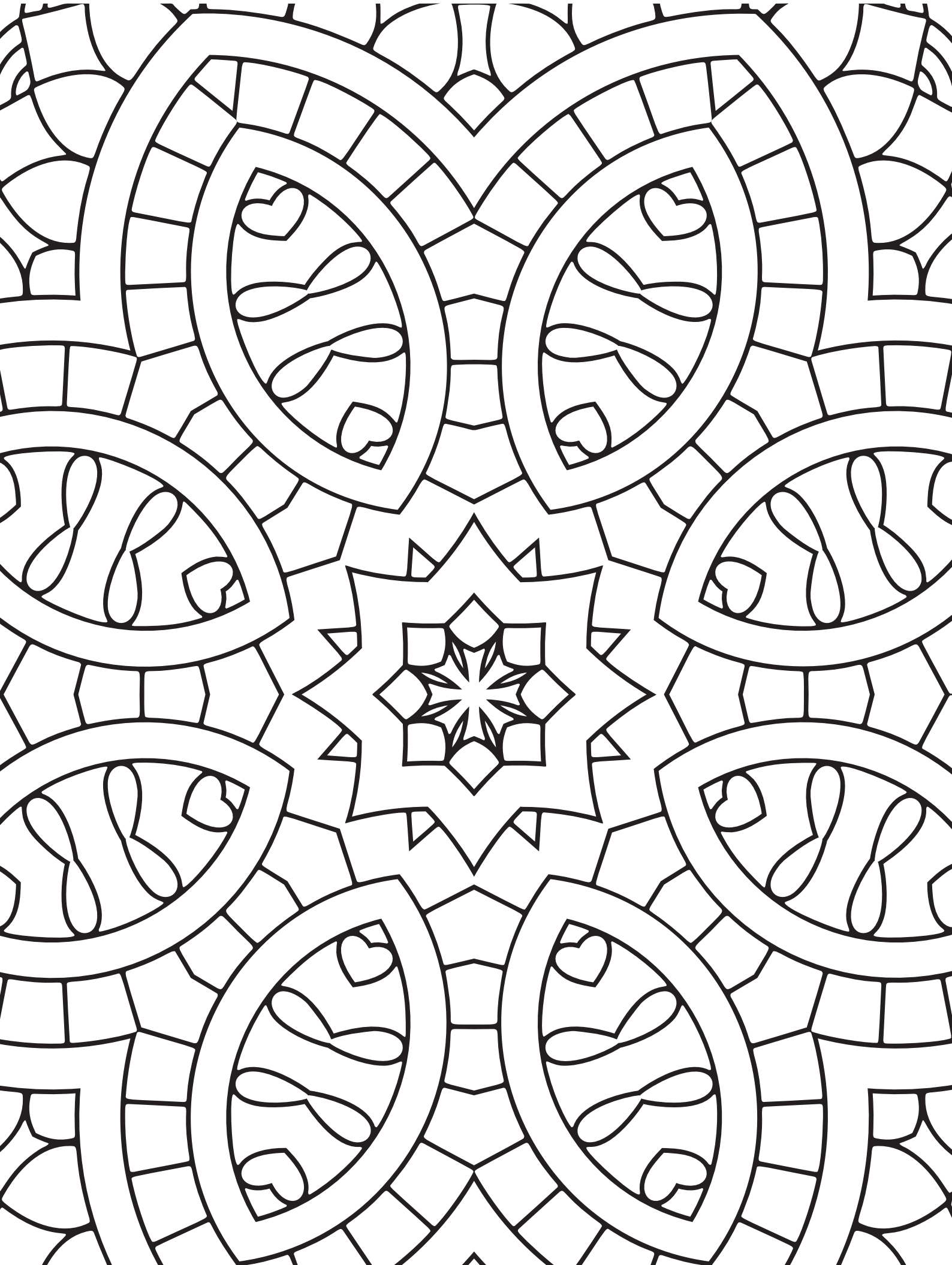
*Mindfulness
creates
opportunities to
learn, reflect
and grow*

Please have a go at these mindful
colouring activities.
Submit for house points



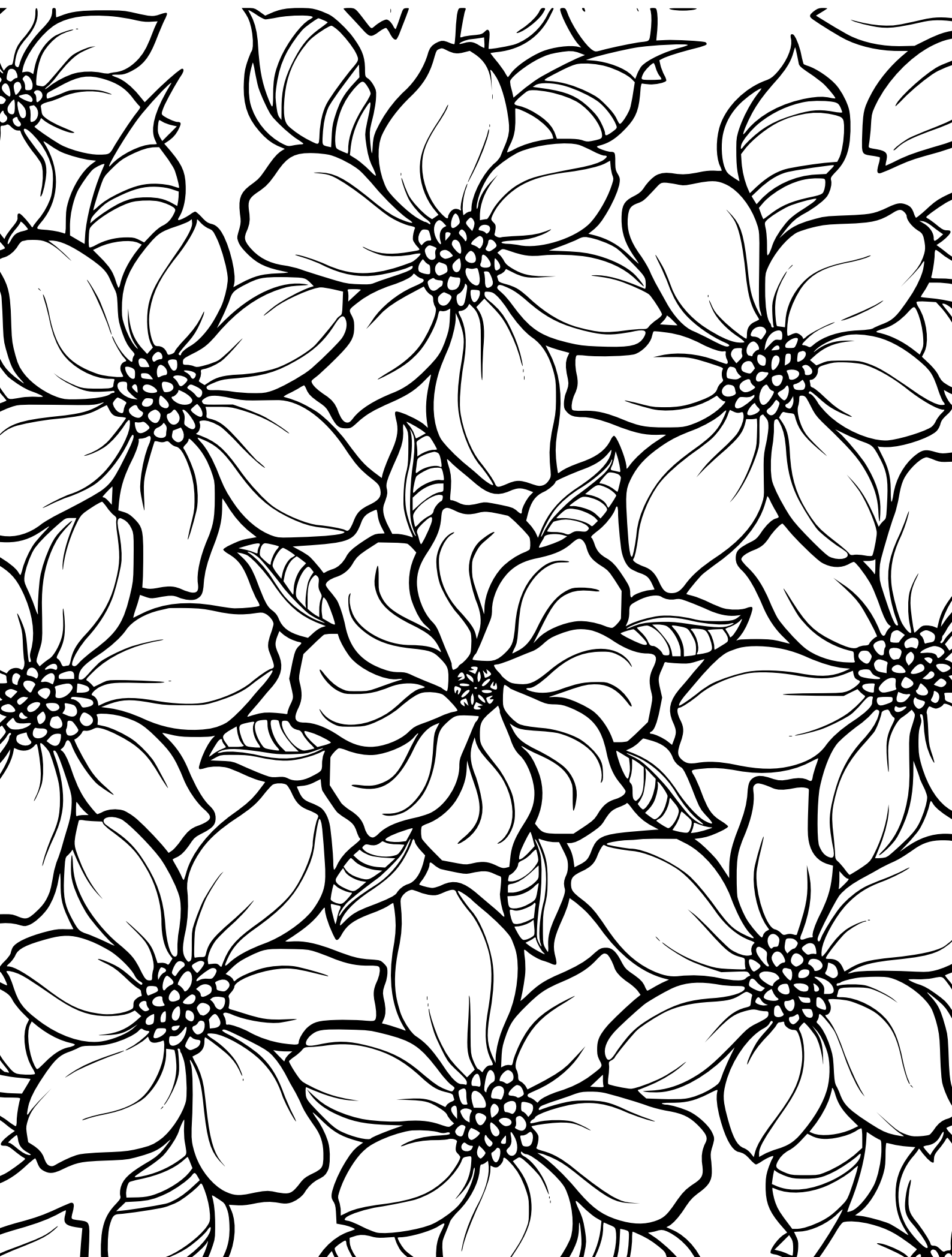
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Thank you.



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