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- **Implementing an engagement program with a whole school approach**
Altona College



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We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians the wadawurrung people on whose lands we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders- past and present.

We take this opportunity to reflect on the important role of education in providing opportunities for students to learn about both ancient and contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

We encourage everyone to nurture culturally safe environments which maintain respect and equity for all.



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Session Abstract

**One schools journey to student engagement.
Innovative strategies to support students to be
more active and engaged during extra-
curricular times. A reflection of Altona
College's approach to impact their student's
educational outcomes and the benefits to their
health and wellbeing.**



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Unofficial Start

**1 strength you bring to this
session**

**1 thing you'd like to learn / take
away**





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Our Journey

- Moved from a P-9, to a P-12 in 2021.
- Small cohorts
 - Grown from a school of 385 students across P-10 in 2019, to 668 in 2023
 - 18 Year 10 students in 2019, to 140 students across 10-12 in 2023.
- Our strength- staff having a strong connection with students – everyone knew everyone!
- Concern around becoming a larger school and losing that familiarity (and the challenges that can come with it!)
- We already had informal activities during lunchtime, but we we had a vision to embed school and house culture.



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**What programs do you
implement during
recess/lunch already?**



Why did we want to implement a structured EC program?

- Return from COVID
- Disengagement from school
- Lack of social interactions/awareness
- Poor behaviour during break times
 - Lack of physical activity
 - Low attendance
 - Low engagement

Sense of connectedness for students in Years 7 to 9

54%

Your school

43%

Similar schools

53%

Network

49%

State

Sense of connectedness for students in Years 10 to 12

56%

Your school

38%

Similar schools

47%

Network

47%

State



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The program - Refer to the handouts on your tables

LUNCHTIME SPORTING ACTIVITIES- return from remote learning

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NAME	Miss CJ	Miss CJ	Mr D	Mr McGee & Ms Wiffen	Mr D
SPORT	Netball	Volleyball	Weightlifting	Tag Rugby	Weightlifting
SPACE	Gym/ outside court	Gym/outside net	Upstairs in gym	Oval	Upstairs in gym
NAME	Mr T	Shaun	Mr T	Shaun	Mr McGee & Ms Wiffen
SPORT	Volleyball	Basketball	Volleyball	Basketball	Tag Rugby
SPACE	outside net	Gym/outdoor courts	Gym/outside net	Gym/outdoor courts	Oval



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Week Four B	16th May					17th May					18th May					19th May					20th May				
	Year	Activity	Time	Space	Staff	Year	Activity	Time	Space	Staff	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Activity	Time	Space	Staff	Year	Activity	Time	Space	Staff
	All	Reading Club	Lunch	Lib	SC	Y10-12	Weight Lifting	Lunch	Gym	RD	All	Quiet Activities	Lunch	D3		Y7-12	Basketball	Lunch	Gym	TT	Y7-12	Diversity Club	Lunch	P4	JS
	YP-2	Pod	Lunch	Pod	SM	All	Orchestra	Lunch	D1	JF&CM	YP-2	Mini-Music Makers	Lunch	D1	RF	Y7-12	Walking Club	Lunch	Gate	BT	Y7-12	Rockband	Lunch	D1	RF
	Y7-12	Concert Band	Lunch	D1	CM&RI	All	Table Tennis	Lunch	Gym	SM	All	Klezmer Kapelye	Lunch	OSCH	RI	Y7-12	Softball	Lunch	Oval	AE	All	Quiet Activities	Lunch	D3	
	Y7-9	House Netball	Lunch	Gym	BCJ	All	Quiet Activities	Lunch	D3		All	Volleyball	Lunch	Gym	FT	Y10-12	Weight Lifting	Lunch	Gym	RD	All	AUSLAN	Lunch	E4	LD
	Y10-12	House Netball	Lunch	Gym	BCJ											All	Commendations Exch	Lunch	Office	FT	All	Drawing Club	Lunch	D2	JS
		Yalukit-William		Langhorne												Y5-12	E-Sports	Lunch	E4	SM					
	Y5-12	Ultimate Frisbee	Lunch	Oval	KL											All	Choir	Lunch	D1	JF					
	All	Quiet Activities	Lunch	D3												All	Quiet Activities	Lunch	D3						
Week Five A	23rd May					24th May					25th May					26th May					27th May				
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How can you build on what you already do?



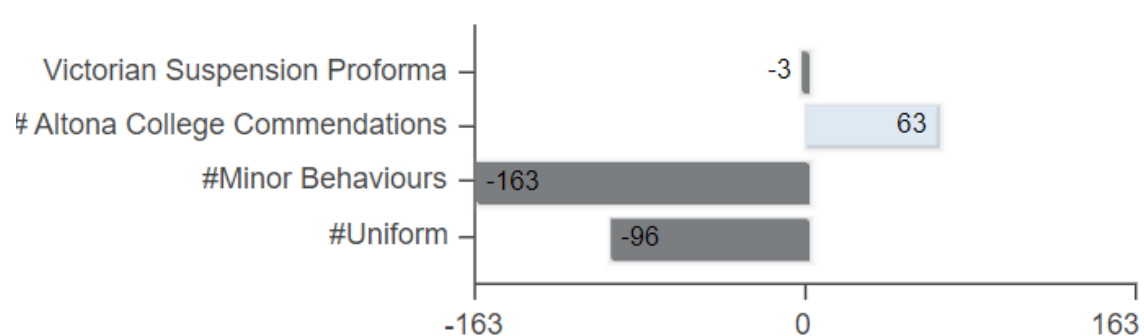
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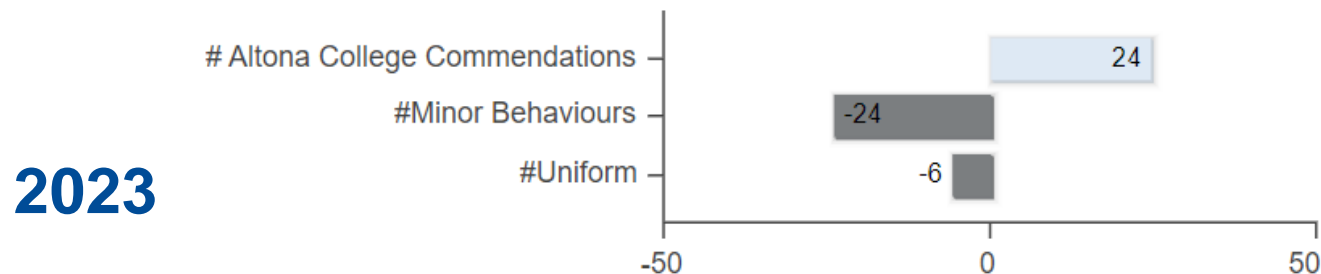


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Improvements



2022



2023



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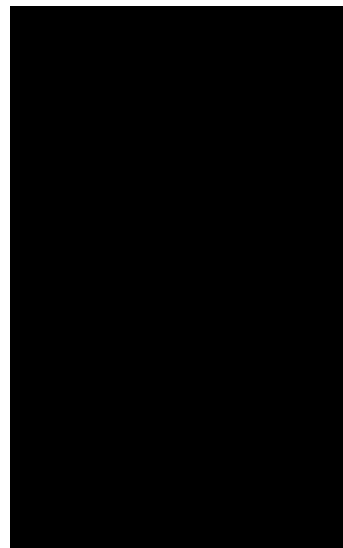
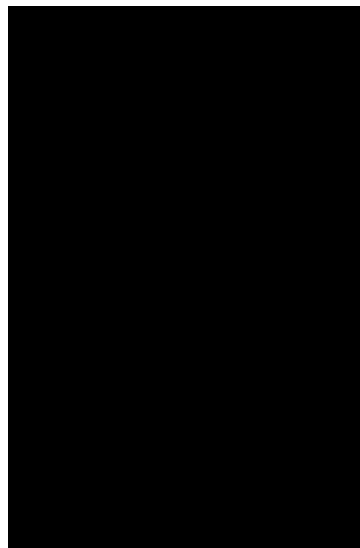
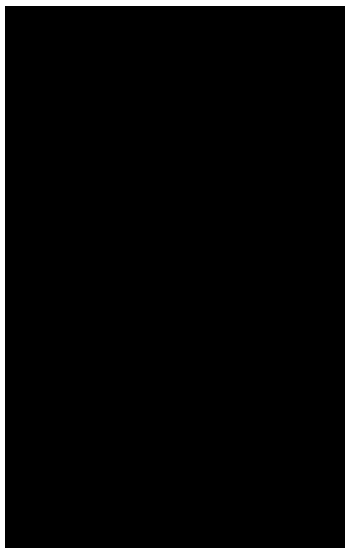
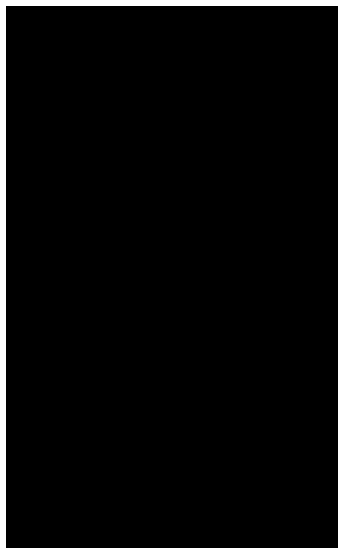


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Strengths of our EC Activities

- Positive change in student's behaviour
- Staff buy in
- Student voice
- Increase in House culture
- Students being more active
- Students getting involved in community sport
- Students thriving and wanting to be at school

Challenges at the beginning

- Pilot program
- Lack of house culture
- Yard duties for teachers
- Engaging the students
- Equipment
- Spaces/Areas for Activities



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THANK YOU!

Did we 'make the basket'

Questions?

Action Document!

