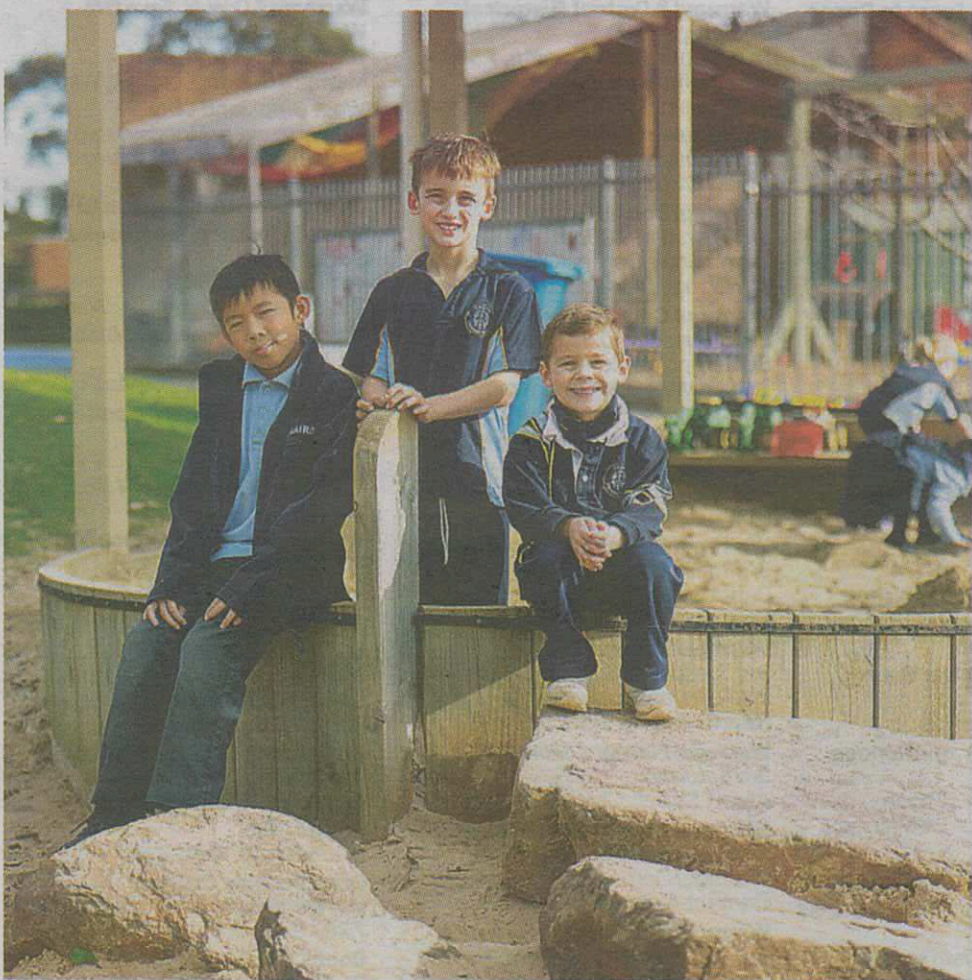


Education Week

Free short courses target local skill shortages



Community College Gippsland Individual Support students practising in class.



The sandpit and other playground facilities at Chairou Drouin East are popular with the Prep to Year 4 Students.

Equipping students at Chairou

There are many ways in which students at Chairou Christian School can develop their God-given gifts, whether they are academic or sporting, or in the areas of visual arts or performing arts, or in cultural endeavours or leadership.

Ben Smith, one of this year's school captains, said: 'I value being part of a community where Christian education is prioritised and I can be taught by people who also value this. It supports my hopes to work with people in service, ministry or physical education after I complete school.'

In Junior School at the Drouin East campus, there are nurturing and caring classrooms in which Kinder to Year 4 students are encouraged to be curious about the world, to develop a love of learning and to establish friendships while discovering all about God's creation.

In Middle School, a unique Years 5 to 8 program at the Drouin campus, students continue in a core classroom whilst having all the benefits of specialist programs, teachers and facilities, including the state-of-the-art theatre and music complex.

For Years 9 to 12, students transition into Senior School, where they focus their learning interests and strive to achieve their personal best. Students and staff members are very much looking forward to the construction of extensive new VCE buildings during 2025.

Drouin Principal, Meg Steenholdt, commented: 'Chairou equips students to be positive about their futures.'

A high number of our students attain excellent VCE results and then undertake university courses, or successfully complete the VCE Vocational Major program, or obtain apprenticeships.

Mrs Steenholdt continued: 'Chairou offers a wonderful array of extra curricula activities, including our IGNITE program for high-ability students, instrumental music program, camps, theatre productions, interschool sport, chess and craft clubs, Bible groups and more.'

There is something for everyone, all available within a caring, Christ-centred school!

Community College Gippsland (CCG) is helping Gippslanders build brighter futures with a suite of FREE short courses aimed at tackling local skill shortages and supporting people into meaningful employment.

Whether you're looking to upskill, explore a new career, or improve your language, literacy, and digital confidence, CCG offers practical training options to suit every learner, including in-class learning, traineeships, and apprenticeships.

Since 1975, CCG has delivered accessible education to people of all ages and backgrounds.

Today, the focus remains clear: provide industry-aligned training that prepares people for real jobs in high-demand sectors like early childhood education and care, individual support, aged care and disability, hairdressing, horticulture, and business.

As an ACFE Learn Local provider, CCG offers welcoming, supportive environments

that help adults build confidence and take the next step into further training or employment.

Free programs are now running at CCG's Warragul and Morwell campuses, thanks to strong partnerships with local employers including West Gippsland Health Care Group, Little Saints Early Learning Centre, Signature Care, Latrobe Regional Health and Latrobe City Council.

'Our programs are crafted to meet the needs of both learners and the local workforce,' said Dale Gemmell, CEO of CCG. 'By offering courses that are tailored to address skill shortages and industry demands, we aim to facilitate career development within the community.'

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THE DETAILS

- Starts Monday 2 June
- 3 days a week x 4 weeks
- 9.30am to 3pm
- Warragul campus
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