WORKING TOGETHER ON 6 – 7 TRANSITION WITH A FOCUS ON IMPROVING MATHEMATICS

The Rolling Hills Primary School & Mooroolbark College P22 Partnership







The Rolling Hills Primary School Craig Bradley - Principal

**Mooroolbark College** Ann Stratford – Principal James Taylor – Senior School Leader (Maths KLA Leader - previous) Jade Hubben – Numeracy Learning **Specialist** Abbie Hansen – Year 7 Transition/Community Relations Leader Kara Salmon – Maths KLA Leader (current)







# **Learning Intention**

By the end of this workshop, participants will have:

- An understanding of the way schools working together (networking) between Year 6 and Year 7, can improve student outcomes.
- The opportunity to reflect on their own practices in mathematics transition.
- Learnt from our mistakes and our successes.
- Recognised the importance of leadership in making real networks work at a school level.

### THE POWER OF NETWORKING



### ACADEMY LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK

A yellow arrow indicates which domain we were working in at the time

A red circle indicates which capability we were using at the time.





A green tick indicates which disposition of the framework we were working in at the time.



# Activity





We needed to use the dispositions of 'Open Mindedness' from leadership to try something different.



# Activity





We needed to use the disposition of 'Empathy' from leadership to understand the mathematics experience for students and the experience of staff.

# Background - Why Mooroolbark College and Rolling Hills Primary School? The Principals needed to work tog

In 2022, School Education Improvement Leaders (SEIL) were asked to nominate a primary and a secondary school to work together to improve Numeracy outcomes through the Communities of Practice model, (CoP). This was called Project 22.

Deidre (Dee) Deklijn the Lilydale Network SEIL opted to choose two schools that were already performing above similar schools, based on NAPLAN results over the preceding years. The Principals needed to work together to use their capacity to 'build relational trust' between the staff of the two schools.



# Background - Why Mooroolbark College and Rolling Hills Primary School?

With the support of Dee, both Principals, Ann Stratford and Craig Bradley, were keen to find out what High Impact Teaching Strategies and mathematical pedagogies were commonly being used across the schools that supported higher outcomes for students.

Rolling Hills Primary School has around 30% of the grade 6 cohort attend Mooroolbark College. Helping support a smooth transition was also a project aim.



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# Building relational trust in a school partnership involving two school teams



Accountability



Peer observation



**Resource sharing (regular)** Data sharing (regular)





Inquiry/Openness





Joint reflection using protocols









### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM STRUCTURE 2024

#### School Improvement Team

The School Improvement Team (SIT) builds teacher and leadership capacity and drives a culture of learning at Mooroolbark College. It undertakes the crucial role of developing, overseeing, and evaluating the effectiveness and impact of the College's Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) from a whole school perspective.

#### Led by: Ann Stratford - Principal

Members: Principal Class, Director of Curriculum, Student Achievement Leader, House Leaders, Senior School Leader, Transition and Community Engagement Leader, Timetable and Data Leader, Student Welfare Leader, Learning Specialists, Link Leader, Business Managers, Curriculum Support Leader

### School Improvement Team Executives

The Executives have responsibility for leading the strategic planning process and providing clear and achievable goals and targets.

Each executive is a subgroup of the SIT and has a focus on leading and evaluating the high-level actions (Key Improvement Strategies) to achieve the Strategic Goals of the College and the AIP on an annual basis. The Improvement Team Executives are responsible for recommendations of policy changes.

Teaching and Learning Executive	Professional Learning Executive	Wellbeing Executive	Education Support Executive
Led by: Rachael Williams Members: Assistant Principals, Director of Curriculum, Learning Specialists, Senior School Leader, Student Achievement Leader, Transition and Community Engagement Leader, Senior School Implementation and Pathways Leader	Led by: Samantha McIntosh Members: Principal Class, Learning Specialists, Director of Curriculum, Senior School Leader, Senior School Implementation Leader Student Achievement Leader and the Transition and Community Relations Leader.	Led by: Adam Lorkin Members: Principal Class, House Leaders, Senior School Leader, Student Wellbeing Leader, Curriculum Support Leader	Led by: Samantha Mcintosh Members: Principal Class, Human Resources Manager, Canteen Manager, Carteen Manager, Curriculum Support Leader, ICT, Daily Organiser, Science
			Technician,

### Improvement Teams

Improvement Teams have the function of managing the planning, implementation and review of operational functions at the College in consultation with the School Improvement Executive Teams. Their purpose is to support the goals and targets of the Strategic Plan and AIP

Curriculum Improvement Team	Senior School Improvement Team	SWPBS Team	Administration Improvement Team
Led by: Matthew Coghlan -		Led by: Adam Lorkin -	
Director of Curriculum	Led by: James Taylor – Senior	Assistant Principal – Student	Led by: Office Manager
Members: Principal Class, KLA	School Leader	Wellbeing and Engagement	Members:
Leaders and the Senior School	Members: Principal Class.	Members: Principal Class.	Office/Student
Leader	Director of Curriculum,	House Leaders and Student	Administration staff
	Student Programs Leader and	Services Leader	
	Senior School Implementation		
	and Pathways Leader		
Literacy Improvement Team		House Meeting	
Led by: Tyrone Ingham – Learning Sp	ecialist – Literacy	Led by: Adam Lorkin	
Members: Principal Class, English KL4	Leader, Director of Curriculum	Members: Principal Class,	
and teaching staff as required.		Student Wellbeing Leader and	
Numeracy Improvement Team		House Staff	
Led by: Jade Hubben - Learning Speci	alist – Numeracy		
Members: Principal Class, Mathemat	ics KLA Leader, Director of		
Curriculum and Maths KLA staff as rec	quired.		
Curriculum Lead Team			
Lead by: Rachael Williams			
Members: Principal Class, Transition,	Senior School, and Curriculum		
Director			

	Operational Te	ams	
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EAL Team Led by: Multi Cultural Inclusion Leader Members: Principal Class, Student Wellbeing Leader, MEA(s)	Professional Learning Communities Led by: PLC Link Leader Members: All teaching staff	House Teams Led by: House Leaders Members: Cluster Leaders, Pathways Counsellor and Learning Mentor	Administration Team Meetings Led by: Kellie Preyer - Office Manager Members: Function specific team members
KLA Teams	Pathways Team	Student Wellbeing Team	Facilities
Led by: KLA Leaders Members: KLA Staff	Led by: Jenny Roache – VCE Implementation and Pathways Members: Principal Class and Pathways Counsellors	Led by: Sarah Coghlan – Student Wellbeing Leader Members: Principal Class, Mental Health Practitioners, Counsellors and Chaplain	Led by: Jodi Mathieson – Business Manager Members: Principal Class, Business Managers, Facilities and Grounds Staff
Intervention Team Led by: Belinda Cannington – Student Achievement Leader Members: Principal Class, MYLNS Staff, Tutors and Learning Mentors Led by: Abbie Hansen – Transition and Community Relations Members: Principal Class, Social Media Coordinator, Student Agency and Leadership and other invited staff	Events Team Led by: Naomi Hocking – Daily Organiser Members: Principal Class, Student Administration and Business Manager		Curriculum Support Improvement Team Led by: Curriculum Support Leader Members: Principal Class, and Curriculum Support Staff Information Communication and Technology Led by: Nicole Davis – Business Manager Members: Principal Class, Business Managers

Developing self, others and leading teams -Numeracy Improvement Team provides opportunities for participation and growth OPEN Leading, teaching, ning and wellbeing Developing self, others and leading teams Leading improvement, innovation and change Engaging and working with the community ent of the school Leading the Leading and Managing the School – SIT Structure and alignment Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership

# Our Numeracy Journey – Mooroolbark College

- Mooroolbark College Numeracy Program
  - Launched in 2017
  - Year 7 and 8 Mathematics and Numeracy split into separate classes
  - Provided protected time for teaching Numeracy
  - Numeracy team worked extensively with Emeritus Professor Peter Sullivan
  - Development of Open-Ended Numeracy tasks and student reflection in Numeracy Journals
  - Students developed Learning Goals to help differentiation and increase student agency in Mathematics
  - Incorporation of OnDemand testing to improve teacher judgements on Victorian Curriculum Continuum

# Year 7 Transition – Mooroolbark College

Discovery Centre: Dedicated year

# 7 learning space



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Interpersonal Courage – We had the courage to have faith in the relationships built within the school to take a resource away from another stakeholder.





# **Transition Mentors**



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# **Supporting student transitions**



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# **Year 7 Transition**

- 3 day Year 7 start-up initiative
- Year 7 Ready to Learn Program



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3 11.19am	The Maths Show	Literacy Activity IR – Books setup	The Maths Show
4 12.16pm	ICT Setup Session	ICT Setup Session	Literacy Activity IR – Books setup
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5 1.58pm	Year 7 stu Schoo	Inter House competition dents to earn the first house p ol Wide Positive Behaviour –	1 ooints for 2023. Resilience

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Leading Teaching, Learning and Wellbeing – We knew it would result in improved outcomes



### READY TO LEARN

### PREPARING STUDENTS

In an effort to help our year 7 students stay organised, each student will recieve 5 coloured folders for a designated subject

All materials such as their exercise book and textbook can be placed inside

### **THE COLOURS**

The GREEN folder is for SCIENCE

### The RED folder is for Mathematics

The BLUE folder is for ENGLISH

The BLACK folder is for

everything else

The ORANGE folder is for HUMANTIES

### Maintaining engagement and resilience during the Year 6-7 Transition





Leading Improvement Innovation and Change – New processes and faced with resistance.

Students complete a Pre-test to gain an understanding of their prior knowledge. This also aids with differentiation in the classroom.

At the end of the teaching unit, students complete a Post-test and receive their VC Level, as well as the overall growth shown for the unit.

### Growth is celebrated as all students can achieve growth!

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		Purple	Level 6	10
		Orange	Level 7	10
and -	25	Blue	Level 8	10
			TOTAL	40

A shift away from "I'm bad at Maths" to "If I work hard, I can get better victorian Academy at Maths" of Teaching and Leadership

# **Celebrating Growth – Mooroolbark College**



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# Learning Goals - supporting growth

- $\,\circ\,$  Promotes student voice and agency.
- Using the pre-test, teacher feedback and student interest, students develop their own SMART goal.
- Work independently on their goal using a variety of resources and teacher support.
- Self-reflection on their achievement/success.
- Celebration of completion using House-coloured leaves.



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# **Celebrating Achievements**



Capability – Solving Complex Problems.

Why students lose mathematics confidence between Primary & Secondary school is a complex problem. We haven't given up trying to solve it.



# **Curriculum Changes – Assessment**

**Develop Confident and Resilient Learners** 

"Max, you have shown an increase in an understanding of your Number skills this term, this is evidenced by the growth you have shown this term."

Assessment changes

- Students are assessed against progressive developmental rubrics.
- Students and parents are aware of current levels of understanding.
- Growth is celebrated at any level.

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Chloe	4.4	4.6	0.2	9.0						
Jacinta	5.9		-5.9			7M/	TA			
Taylah	7.6		-7.6	8.0						
Alysia	5.3		-5.3	7.0					Chloe	
Archie	6.0		-6						lacinta	
Olivia	4.0		-4	6.0					Toulah	
James	5.3		-5.3	5						
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Cooper	6.9		-6.9	439					-Archie	
Sophie	6.5		-6.5	3.0					Olivia	
Shayla	7.0		-7						James	
Max	5.7		-5.7	2.0					Badan	
Ella	7.3		-7.3	1.0					baden	
Ryley	6.6		-6.6						Cooper	
Marllon	7.7		-7.7	0.0					Sophie	
Sarah	5.0		-5		1		2		Shayla	
Josh	8.2		-8.2						Max	
Amber	6.3		-6.3							
Charlotte	8.3		-8.3							

# **Curriculum Changes – Mathematics at Mooroolbark**



# Curriculum Changes – Numeracy Program

Develop confident and resilient learners

Dedicated Numeracy Program

- Critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Connection to real world
- Differentiation between Maths and Numeracy
- Understanding the importance of Numeracy

Numeracy Lessons

- Reflection journals
- Open ended tasks
- Hands-on problem solving and reasoning
- Differentiated tasks low floor, high ceiling



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# Curriculum Changes – Professional Development

Professional Development (Numeracy across the curriculum)

- Built on previous professional learning (Peter Sullivan)
- Increase staff confidence and understanding
- Modelling the learning process
- Tackling Maths Anxiety
- Shared value of Numeracy skills
- Common language

Numeracy Across the Curriculum DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY (GRADHICS)

### Scale and Scale Factor

In D&T plan drawings, showing a view from above looking down, are often used for room plans, site plans and maps. They should include compass directions, a key and a scale.

The scale on this plan drawing tells us that each centimetre on the drawing, represents 0.5 metres of the actual length of the building.

1 m = 100 cm therefore 0.5 m = 50 cm So the actual building's dimensions are 50 times bigger than those on the drawing, i.e. the scale factor is 50.

From North to South the length of the building on the drawing measures 7 cm. Therefore to work out how long this is in reality we simply multiply by 50.  $7 \times 50 = 350$  cm = 3.5 m







We needed to use the disposition of 'Perseverance' to keep building on previous professional learning.

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Prices by Country of Potato (1kg) (Markets) This page allows you to see current prices by country. You can see prices only for countries with a decent number of contributors

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2	Puerto Rico	3.30
3	Japan	3.24
4	United States	2.74



# FINALLY – DATA IMPROVEMENT

# PIVOT Data – Year 7 Goal Setting





# NAPLAN Data – Year 9

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Year level

Year 7

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Further Support

Reading

Writing

Spelling Numeracy

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# **VCE** Data

VCE Further/General Mathematics Data – Average Study Scores 2017 - 2023



# **VCE** Data

VCE Mathematical Methods Data – Average Study Scores 2018 - 2022 Report 9 Mathematical Methods: (VCAA Study Score x Time) MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE Home School Data



# **VCE** Data

VCE Further/General Mathematics Data – GAT Differential 2017 - 2023

Report 12 General Mathematics (Adjusted) x Time MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE Home School Data



# What next?

### Panorama (NAPLAN – Students by bands dashboard) - NAPLAN Year 7 (Numeracy)



Percentage of students achieving in the Top 2 Bands in 2022 is higher compared to most previous years

# Our Numeracy Journey – Rolling Hills Primary School

- High percentage of students with strong numeracy skills based on grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN results
- Increased teacher data literacy, tracking student growth over time using benchmark testing.
- Use of data to inform planning
- Planning moving from individual responsibility to collaborative approach through privileged time > whole day supported planning
- School agreed instructional model based on explicit instruction
- Differentiation in each lesson for all students
- Options to move to extension and support when key topics arise, example Time
- Reciprocal teaching approach to problem solving
- Weekly guided homework approach for 3-6 squizya

**Documentation** is clearly **differentiated** and decided on in collaborative planning sessions. The differentiated groups are data driven and created by Essential Assessment.

We create time for support staff to unpack planning, so they know who they are working with in class.

We have extension and early finisher tasks.

Using the capability of 'using relevant knowledge' was important. Craig having a secondary background/maths was a large advantage.



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whiteboard, alternatively, demonstrate this Level 6: on an anchor chart to be displayed in the classroom.

Alternatively, here is a video: https://www.voutube.com/watch? v=TLktfswm54A

### Level 6.pdf

### Level 7:

Level 7.pdf

### Early finisher tasks:

Enabling (Level 3-4): Draw a number line from 0-1 and compare and order the following fractions: 1/2, 1/4, 3/4, 1/5, 2/5, 3/5, 2/3, 1/3. Encourage students who need additional support to highlight half, quarter, third and fifth sections on the number line in different colours for accuracy.

At (Level 5-6): Draw a line from 0 to 1 and compare and order the following fractions: 1/6, 5/7, ¾, 6/12, 8/10, 6/8, 3/12, 5/15. Simplify fractions where necessary.

Extending (Level 7-8): Draw a number line from -2 to 2 and compare and order the following fractions: 4/9, 3/10, 6/8, 7/9, 1/6, 5/7, 1 ¼, - 1/5, -5/4, 1 4/5, 1 2/9, - 4/10. 4/10 to be 2/5, making it easier to compare Remind students to list 0 as the mid-point of their number line, followed outwards by -1 and 1. finishing with -2 and 2.

### At (Level 5-6): Show clip to demonstrate equivalent fractions on a number line

https://www.khanacademv.org/math/ccfourth-grade-math/comparing-fractionsand-equivalent-fractions/imp-equivalentfractions-2/v/equivalent-fractions-onnumber-lines

### Extending (Level 7):

When comparing fractions with different denominators, it is important to consider how they are related and simplify them before considering where they belong on a number line. When considering the fractions 4/5 and 4/10, we can simplify and represent these fractions on a number line. You may wish to model further comparisons of fractions:

**Student Goals setting** through 'My Numeracy' feature on Essential Assessment. They are able to work on their goals independently throughout the week.

At grade 3 to 6 they **choose** to participate in a **differentiated homework** approach using software called 'Squizya'

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Annabe	lle GRASBY	Eden HARTLEY
Emily SC	CHILLE	Nevaeh TCHARKHEDIAN
	SG: ROSE 4	
Jacob B	EASLEY-BROWN	Annabel HAMILTON
Cooper	PECCENINI	Blake RAY
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**Problem Solving** through a 'Reciprocal Teaching' approach happens weekly. Students use their data to choose a partner to work with on problems that are set to their agreed level.

The students follow a set of problem solving steps. The questions are often misleading. This helps with NAPLAN and later in VCE math's subjects.



Mini-Spotlight and Spotlight sessions are held each week. These are for students identified through teacher judgements.

The students participate in weekly withdrawal classes and have 'different' maths work to undertake. This creates the same feeling that students in support groups have. The students are pushed beyond the comfort zone, and they encouraged to be comfortable with mistakes.

Student **'support'** groups happen before school and during lunchtimes.





# What changed at Rolling Hills Primary School



The introduction of Spotlight and 'extension tasks' each lesson so that students are ready for year 7.

A focus on growth of all students.

Outcomes for students have continued to be strong in numeracy and we can see that the students transitioning to Mooroolbark College have continued their love of mathematics.

The chance to expand the learning walks process to see another school environment.

Exploring reflection journals for 2025.

The partnership between our schools has strengthened and has seen some additional 'bonus' connections like our Brass Band.



# **Outcomes for Rolling Hills Primary School - Year 3**



# **Outcomes for Rolling Hills Primary School - Year 5**



\* Maintaining Ton 2 Bands % is only displayed for year 5, 7 and 9

# Our learnings – nothing new!

# Sustainability is hard

- Staff changes.
- Competing priorities.



## **Finding Time**

# Keep it simple

 Time away from classes is hard to accommodate because teachers do not want to leave their classes as the learning stops.



• Keep it small, keep it achievable.



# Questions



# Thank you

