



Join a community
of Yarra Volunteers

Enhancing the Yarra Spirit

VOLUNTEERS

We are very flexible in our arrangements so you can volunteer on your own terms at a time and frequency that suits you and for a project or activity that interests you.

BENEFITS

By partnering with the School and like-minded people as a Yarra Community Volunteer, you will find that:

- You are seen by your children as a positive role model by showing your involvement and support of their school.
- It's enjoyable! It's fun!
- It gives you a sense of fulfilment as our volunteer roles offer a worthwhile and rewarding experience.
- It is a great way to be part of the *Yarra Spirit* and feel the sense of community.
- It gives you the opportunity to meet other families, share common experiences and make new friends.
- It provides a fun way for you to learn more about the School and an invaluable opportunity in getting to know both teaching and support staff.
- It helps to settle your children into the School; whatever their year, they love the fact that you are involved and interested.
- You can use your time and skills to support your children.

OPPORTUNITIES

Our volunteers help us in a range of ways, including:

- Event assistance at a variety of social and fundraising events at the School and off-site at different times of the day/week.
- Idea generation, research and input into one of our Yarra Community group committees.
- Customer service/sales assistance in our Yarra Parents & Friends Second-Hand Uniform Shop or the Pavilion Cafe on a Saturday during Winter Saturday Sports or in Junior School at the Mother's Day or Father's Day stalls.

You might like to find a friend to buddy up with and volunteer together!

SUPPORT

Yarra's Development Office supports the work of the Yarra Community Volunteers. It is a properly structured Volunteer Program with a Code of Conduct for our volunteers, information about each role, volunteer training, and support and assistance from the School's Development Office.

If a volunteer's role includes interacting with Yarra students, it is a legal requirement that the School receives a copy of the volunteer's Working With Children Check (WWCC). This is to protect all our children and volunteers alike. It is easy to apply for a WWCC at Australia Post and it is FREE for volunteers.

We invite you to join us and get involved at www.yvg.vic.edu.au/volunteers

YARRA COMMUNITY GROUPS

Yarra Valley Grammar has an amazing community of groups providing a range of rewarding opportunities that enhance the *Yarra Spirit*.



YARRA FOUNDATION

The Yarra Foundation encourages giving back, beyond school fees, to bring the future forward and support our innovative people, program and places. It has a bold vision, 20 in 20, raising \$20 million in 20 years for Yarra's future. It welcomes anyone to join to benefit all in our community.

Contact: **Gary Pratt**
Email: foundation@yvg.vic.edu.au



YARRA PARENTS & FRIENDS

Yarra Parents & Friends provides an important forum in which parents and friends of the School are able to meet and work together to support the School's programs. Some activities include the Junior School Disco, Mother's and Father's Day stalls and celebrations, the Second-Hand Uniform Shop, and family support and functions. We have a committee that meet once per term and every parent at Yarra is welcome to attend.

Contact: **Elizabeth O'Callaghan**
and Waye Wynn Lee
Email: parentsandfriends@yvg.vic.edu.au



YARRA OLD GRAMMARIANS

Past students of Yarra Valley Grammar can become life members of Yarra Old Grammarians (YOG). YOG's mission is to inspire Yarra's past and present students to connect, benefit and contribute. YOG organises Year Out Reunions, an annual Golf Day and Cricket Match, Speed Careering and Tertiary Insights events with our current students and much more!

Contact: **Andrew Gaythorpe (YOG 1982)**
Email: yog@yvg.vic.edu.au



YARRA HEARING UNIT

The Yarra Hearing Unit group organises social events to benefit both parents and students of the School's Hearing Unit. It builds a vital support network for all involved in the Hearing Unit and assist families to successfully integrate into the whole school community.

Contact: **Rachel Wilson,**
YVG Head of Hearing Unit
Email: hearingunit@yvg.vic.edu.au



YARRA TENNIS

Yarra Tennis provides support for the long term success of tennis at the School and creates an environment that is open, successful and encouraging for both students and parents.

Contact: **Wissam Al Azzeh**
Email: tennis@yvg.vic.edu.au



YARRA DRAMA

The Yarra Drama parent group provides support and assistance to the School's Drama department. They also provide a kiosk at each production so parents, students and visitors have access to delicious treats. All money raised supports drama at Yarra.

Contact: **John Luan**
Email: drama@yvg.vic.edu.au



YARRA PRAYER GROUP

The Yarra Prayer Group meets weekly in the School Chapel. Members gather for a cuppa and a chat before prayer. All members of the past and current School community are welcome to join us with no obligation to lead us in prayer.

Contact: **Rev Paul Joy, YVG Chaplain**
Email: prayergroup@yvg.vic.edu.au



YARRA MUSIC

Yarra Music is the parent support group for the Music Department at Yarra Valley Grammar. It offers support to our talented young musicians and our dedicated music staff and meets at the School approximately eight times a year. Becoming a member of Yarra Music is a great way to feel part of the School community. Meeting other music families is also a highlight as many lasting friendships have been forged through this community.

Contact: **Ben Vella**
Email: music@yvg.vic.edu.au



YARRA EQUESTRIAN

Yarra Equestrian provides important support to the Equestrian Coordinator and students in the lead up to and on the day/s of an event. Events cater for riders of all skill levels across Dressage, Show jumping, Games, Eventing and Showing. Members of the committee provide valuable support through administration, team management and safety/gear check assistance.

Contact: **Felicity Kearton**
and Melissa Shacklock
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YARRA SNOWSPORTS

Yarra Snowsports is a group of interested parents who support the Yarra Valley Grammar Ski team as they prepare for and compete at the annual InterSchools' Ski Championships. Yarra Snowsports meet regularly and support the students on clinics and trial days, as well as at the State and National Inter-Schools' Ski Championships.

Contact: **Lu Degenhardt**
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"Volunteers are an important part of the culture here at Yarra Valley Grammar – they enhance what we refer to as the *Yarra Spirit*, the camaraderie of the community enjoyed at Yarra. I would like to thank each and every parent and friend who gives their time, energy and enthusiasm to help support the students and staff through volunteering. Your contribution is significant and does not go unnoticed!"

Dr Mark Merry
Principal



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