

Importance of Healthy Eating and Sleeping

Although this may seem like an obvious piece of advice, eating healthily and having good sleeping habits isn't something that all of our students take as seriously as they should.

In our well being survey this academic year, 9.9% of our students who responded said that they did not eat breakfast in the morning and 21.5% said they sometimes did.

39.8% of the respondents said that they keep their phones in their bedroom when they sleep and 18.6% said they sometimes do. 38.2% of the respondents said that they do not have their phones in their bedrooms when they sleep.

If students have smart phones in their room, they may still be using their devices during the night which will impact on their sleep.

Eating healthily and having quality sleep is important for all our students. We are particularly mindful of our Year 11s who are entering their exam period. Some of the duration of the exams are very long - with English Language Paper 2 being 2 hours and 5 minutes (and some students will have extra time). Therefore, it is crucial to ensure healthy habits are adopted.

Sleep

Getting enough sleep is essential for students as it directly impacts their physical and mental health, as well as their academic performance. Satisfactory sleep helps in consolidating information learned throughout the day, improving memory, concentration, and problem-solving abilities. Students who are well-rested are more likely to be alert, attentive, and engaged during classes, leading to better retention of knowledge.

Healthy eating

Maintaining a healthy diet is crucial because it provides the necessary nutrients for growth, development, and overall well-being. A balanced diet ensures that students receive the essential vitamins, minerals, and macronutrients needed for optimal physical and cognitive functioning. A nutritious diet supports healthy brain function, enhances focus and attention, and boosts the immune system, thereby reducing absenteeism due to illness. Breakfast is a really important meal of the day and it is important to note that if some students skip breakfast, they are not eating from dinner time until 11.00 am the following morning. If students skip eating at breakfast, their next opportunity to eat is 13.20. We do see some of our students experience 'hanger' moments! Please do make sure your child has appropriate snacks / packed lunch / money for them to last throughout the day.



Avoiding energy drinks

It's important for students to refrain from consuming energy drinks due to their potential negative effects on health and academic performance. Energy drinks often contain high levels of caffeine and sugar, which can lead to increased heart rate, restlessness, and difficulty concentrating. They can also disrupt sleep patterns, leading to fatigue and reduced alertness during classes. Encouraging students to stay hydrated with water or natural fruit juices is a healthier alternative.

Energy drinks are banned at Langtree. If we see students consuming these drinks, we will confiscate them.