Serpell Primary School
NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 17th November 2026

DIARY

Wednesday 18th November
Year 6 Excursion: Shrine of Remembrance

Friday 27th November
School Disco

Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December
Year 6 Camp Howqua

Thursday 17th December
Last Day of Term 4
Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 28th January 2027
Start of Term 1 (Years 1 – 6)

Thursday 4th February 2027
First Day of Prep

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From the Principal

OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN ICAS ASSESSMENTS

Serpell students have achieved exceptional results in the 2026 ICAS assessments across English, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies. The average score for Serpell students at every year level exceeded the Australian average in each subject. These results are particularly impressive given that many participating schools enter only their highest-achieving students.

ICAS provides students with the opportunity to challenge themselves through rigorous assessments and measure their achievement alongside students from more than 41 countries. We congratulate all students who participated and are proud of their willingness to take on these challenges.

Certificates will be sent home this Thursday, with medals to be presented at a special Presentation Assembly on the 14th of December.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEDAL WINNERS

Adrian A	Year 4	Digital Technologies
Austin Z	Year 4	Writing
Mia L	Year 2	Spelling

SCHOOL RESULTS

English

Achievement	Number of Students	Percentage Rank
High Distinction	15	Top 1%
Distinction	62	Next 10%
Credit	98	Next 25%
Merit	28	Next 10%
Participation	138	54%

Spelling

Achievement	Number of Students	Percentage Rank
High Distinction	7	Top 1%
Distinction	40	Next 10%
Credit	89	Next 25%
Merit	26	Next 10%
Participation	105	54%

Mathematics

Achievement	Number of Students	Percentage Rank
High Distinction	19	Top 1%
Distinction	80	Next 10%
Credit	137	Next 25%
Merit	24	Next 10%
Participation	113	54%

Science

Achievement	Number of Students	Percentage Rank
High Distinction	13	Top 1%
Distinction	40	Next 10%
Credit	80	Next 25%
Merit	17	Next 10%
Participation	110	54%

Writing

Achievement	Number of Students	Percentage Rank
High Distinction	15	Top 1%
Distinction	47	Next 10%
Credit	71	Next 25%
Merit	22	Next 10%
Participation	56	54%

Digital Technology

Achievement	Number of Students	Percentage Rank
High Distinction	6	Top 1%
Distinction	32	Next 10%
Credit	70	Next 25%
Merit	25	Next 10%
Participation	66	54%

CELEBRATING PRINCIPAL WILMA CULTON PSM – A SPECIAL FAREWELL

A sincere thank you to everyone who attended Wilma Culton's farewell assembly and helped make it such a memorable occasion. It was wonderful to see our students come together to celebrate Wilma Culton's 30 years at Serpell, with a particularly special performance by all of the students of 'You've Got a Friend in Me'.

Thank you to our orchestra and choir, and to Sue Wuttke, Carol Zhong and Bella de Castella for their work in preparing the students. We also acknowledge our Greek and Chinese Language students for their presentations, our Prep and Year 1 students for their performance of Better When I'm Dancing, and our Aerobic Performers for bringing energy to the Collingwood theme song! A special thank you to our School Captains for hosting the assembly.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Shona Stanford and Mrs Hellene Nicolaides for their wonderful organisation and for bringing this special celebration together. It was a fitting tribute to our Principal and her contribution to our school community.



















YEAR 5 CAMP: ADVENTURES AND MEMORIES!

Our Year 5 students had a wonderful camp, full of adventure, teamwork and new experiences! Enjoy these photos capturing the fun and special memories they made together.

Kristele Efthimiou
Acting Principal













CAMPS, SPORT AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

A reminder to existing and new holders of a Commonwealth Government Health Care Card that you will need to complete a new application form for 2027 and provide a copy of your valid Health Care Card to the office before 11th December 2026.

Health Care Cards must be valid on the first day of the school year (27th January 2027) to be eligible to receive the CSEF benefit.

The CSEF benefit can only be allocated to Excursions, Incursions, Camps and Swimming. It cannot be used for Books and the Voluntary Parent Contribution.

Please see attached, the 2027 CSEF Application Form. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

HAY FEVER

Dear Parents,
Hay fever season is upon us. In particular children are suffering from itchy, red, swollen eyes.

Can I suggest that if your child is prone to hay fever you could:

- Check the pollen count in the morning and if high or moderate, give an antihistamine at home. There are many pollen count sites. This is the one recommended by Asthma Australia: https://www.melbournepollen.com.au/
- Ask your child to avoid the oval or playing around plants.
- If your child is prone to itchy eyes, please provide me with eye drops. A Medication Authority form can be found on the school website and also the school office. The medication needs to be in the original box. Single use eye drops seem to be the most popular one as they come in small containers, resulting in less waste. Purchase the box with the longest expiry date please.
- If your child has symptoms other than itchy eyes, e.g., sneezing, you could provide an antihistamine. A Medication Authority and the medication in the original box is required.

If your child presents with hay fever and they do not have medication provided, I will provide them with a wet face cloth to take back to class.

They will also have a note requesting some medication be provided to keep at school.

Nurse Mary

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Our School Disco is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a fun and memorable event for our students!

The Disco is one of the highlights of the school year, and it can only happen with the support of our wonderful parent community. Every helping hand makes a difference.

Volunteer roles may include:

- Decorating and setting up before the event
- Assisting with student check-in
- Helping at activity stations
- Packing up after the disco

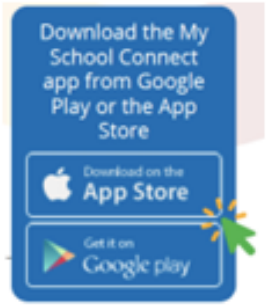
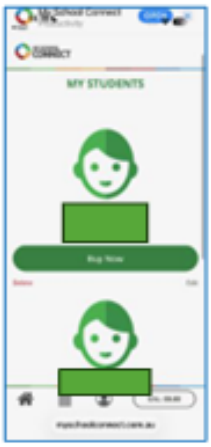
No experience is necessary, and it's a great opportunity to meet other families and be part of a fantastic school event.

If you're able to help, please sign up using My School Connect app.



Serpell Primary School
Parents' Association Fundraising App

Follow these quick & easy steps to get started:
https://myschoolconnect.com.au/register?t=parent

Step 1. Download the My School Connect app from your app store or visit		**Step 2.** Create your account & register your Serpell student/s	
Step 3. Select **Serpell Primary School 'My School Event'**		**Step 4.** Select Disco **Step 5.** Select number of tickets @ $7 each	**Step 6.** For each ticket, write your child's full name and class **Step 7.** Pay
The Disco will be held during school time on Friday 27th November in the Stadium			

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Parents' Association Fundraising App
EVENT VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these quick & easy steps to get started:

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Log in to your 'My School Connect' app

Select the 'My School Volunteer' icon at the bottom of the screen</td>
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My Rosters page will appear.
You can now select 'View * sign-up'</td>
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Select the 'Sign up' time you are able to volunteer and complete the details.

Remember to include your Working With Children Check number</td>
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You will receive an automated reminder 7 days prior to the event and another reminder 2 days prior to the event.</td>
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TERM 1

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

SERPELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CHESS

Think Smart, Play Smart!

Children build confidence, strategy, focus and problem-solving skills while learning the exciting game of chess. From first moves to clever tactics, every session challenges young minds and makes learning fun.

- FRIDAYS
  STARTS 5TH FEB
- 12.30 - 1.30 PM
- Years 1 - 6
- Library
- $185 (7 weeks)

WHY KIDS UNLIMITED?

- Child safety comes first
- Building creativity and confidence
- Passionate, experienced coaches
- Easy online enrolment

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info@kidsunlimited.com.au

Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club

Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 09 Nov - 12 Nov

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	**Serpell Shimmer**	**5**	4	Marwal Magic 6
	Serpell Swans	2	**5**	**THPS HOOP STARS**
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	11	**15**	**Birralee Bears**
	Serpell Skyhawks	16	**20**	**Mariners - Bulls**
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	**20**	0	Boroondara Park Echidnas
	Serpell Spartans	**12**	9	Serpell Slam Dunk
	Serpell Super Sonic	**14**	8	Marwal Magic 4
3/4 Girls	**Serpell Stars**	**28**	7	Boroondara Park Bears
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	16	**26**	**THPS Taco Tuesday Slammers**
	Serpell Samurai	14	**16**	**Marwal Magic 3**
	Serpell Shooters	**36**	17	DGPS Supersonics
	Serpell Scorpions	**29**	10	Mariners - SC Sonics
	Serpells Seekers	26	**49**	**Birralee Blazers**
5/6 Girls	**Serpell Snipers**	**18**	15	Saints - Storm
	Serpell Storm	**16**	14	OLOP Angels
5/6 Boys	**Serpell Spiders**	**36**	27	The Great Sonics
	Serpell Savages	**36**	8	BP Ballers

VICTORIAN SCHOOLS
ONLINE ORDERS
END OF YEAR UNIFORM DELIVERY TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD

2026/2027 SUMMER BREAK

8 DEC

FINAL DELIVERY TO SCHOOL ORDERS
need to be placed by Tuesday 8th December
LAST DESPATCH TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 9th December

Uniform items required prior to school returning in January should be ordered by 8th December for free delivery. Alternatively, home delivery service is available during the break. (charges apply)

11 DEC

LAST DELIVERY TO SCHOOL FOR 2026
Friday 11th December (approx ETA)

There is no uniform delivery to school in the last week of term.

BREAK

HOLIDAY BREAK

Please refer to our website for Spartan School World Christmas closure dates. spartanschoolworld.com.au

Delivery to School orders placed during the break will be held for despatch when school reopens

29 JAN

FIRST 2027 DESPATCH TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 27th January
FIRST 2027 DELIVERY TO SCHOOL
Friday 29th January (approx ETA)

During the Holidays

SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD STORES
Trading as normal (except during Christmas Closure period)
Extended January hours available (please refer website)

HOME DELIVERY / CLICK & COLLECT
Available as normal (except during Christmas Closure, refer website)
Home Delivery. Your order will be despatched within 48 hrs. Please allow 3-4 additional days for Australia Post delivery

Need Help? Please contact us at:
onlineorders@spartanss.com.au

Welcome to school!



Need care before or after the school day?

Camp Australia is here to help.

We provide care for children at Serpell Primary School before school, after school and during the school holidays.

Before School Care

Start the day ready for school. Enjoy a healthy breakfast, enriching activities and time to connect with friends before the school day begins.

After School Care

More to explore after the bell. From creative activities and active play to science, construction and snack time, children can follow their interests, connect with friends and learn through experience.

School Holiday Programs

Make school holidays extraordinary. Rocketeers brings a new adventure every day, with creative projects, active challenges and exciting experiences to explore.

Child Care Subsidy

Our programs are eligible for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), which may help reduce your out-of-pocket care costs.

Find out more about CCS

campaustralia.com.au/childcaresubsidy

Get ready for 2027

Register with Camp Australia now so you're ready to make bookings when you need care.

Scan to register

pp.campaustralia.com.au

Camp Australia

FUN AWAITS!

YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ROCKETEERS
Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

Serpell Primary School

Address: 13 Tuckers Road TEMPLESTOWE VIC 3106

Phone: 0424 454 961 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:30 pm

Mon 04 Jan — Operation: Summer Spectacular

Sunshine, smiles, and summer fun are here! Celebrate the start of an amazing season with games, creativity, laughter, and plenty of unforgettable moments.

Full Fee $80.56 | After Max. CCS* $8.06



Tue 05 Jan — Project: Rocketeers Space Academy

Report for Space Academy training! Build, create, play and explore through astronaut challenges, cosmic games, drama missions and a space-themed immersive art board. Train like a cadet and discover a universe of fun and imagination!

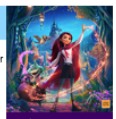
Full Fee $114.56 | After Max. CCS* $11.46



Wed 06 Jan — Adventure: Disney's Hexed

Unlock a world of magic in Disney's Hexed, where an impulsive and unconventional teenager named Billie discovers secret magical abilities which, once unleashed, hurtle her from suburbia into Hexe, a vast and spectacular witch realm.

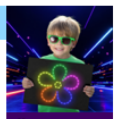
Full Fee $139.86 | After Max. CCS* $13.99



Thu 07 Jan — Project: Neon Dreams

Light up your creativity! Design and build your own neon light board, then watch your glowing masterpiece shine bright in a burst of colour.

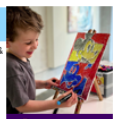
Full Fee $107.56 | After Max. CCS* $10.76



Fri 08 Jan — Experience Takeover: Pop Art Legends

Shine like an artist! A special guest from Sossy & Canvas is coming to help you create a bold pop art masterpiece using colourful designs and dazzling foil effects.

Full Fee $116.56 | After Max. CCS* $11.66



Mon 11 Jan — Project: Disc Dash

Aim, throw, and score! Test your disc golf skills, then design your own awesome frisbee to take home and keep the fun flying.

Full Fee $110.56 | After Max. CCS* $11.06



Tue 12 Jan — Special Event: Scrumptious Summer at Grill'd

Step behind the counter, unleash your inner chef and craft your very own delicious burger from bun to bite in this hands-on food experience packed with flavour and fun!

Full Fee $138.06 | After Max. CCS* $13.81



Wed 13 Jan — Experience Takeover: K-Pop Power Crew Challenge

Form your crew and own the ring! A special guest from Star Time is coming with K-pop-inspired moves, power challenges and team missions as you prepare for an epic Crew Battle.

Full Fee $117.51 | After Max. CCS* $11.75



Thu 14 Jan — Adventure: Arcadia Fest at Timezone

Ready, player one? Let's enjoy ourselves to the max as we play a Smörgåsbord of our favourite arcade games, including the new, the classic and the totally awesome!

Full Fee $140.06 | After Max. CCS* $14.01



Fri 15 Jan — Operation: Centre Stage

The spotlight is waiting! Share your talents, celebrate what makes you unique, and discover new ways to shine from centre stage.

Full Fee $80.56 | After Max. CCS* $8.06



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- **BUILD FRIENDSHIPS**
- **DISCOVER ADVENTURE**
- **CREATE MEMORIES**
- **VARIETY** Over 300 experiences
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- **VALUE** Child Care Subsidy for eligible families

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

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Mon 18 Jan — Project: Table Tennis Titans

Serve, spin, and smash your way through exciting table tennis matches, then take home your very own table tennis set to keep the rallies going!

Full Fee $114.84 | After Max. CCS* $11.48



Tue 19 Jan — Adventure: Treasure Tide Quest at Mini Boss

Set sail for an ocean-sized challenge! Explore the Beach Bonanza, tackle the Island Shipwreck and crack the Pirate's Treasure Mystery through teamwork, puzzles and adventure.

Full Fee $146.66 | After Max. CCS* $14.67



Wed 20 Jan — Project: Tastes of Summer

Adventure awaits! Choose your own path through fun games, outdoor adventures, and creative activities. Then settle in for a relaxed picnic day, complete with delicious food made right here in your Base Camp.

Full Fee $108.56 | After Max. CCS* $10.86



Thu 21 Jan — Experience Takeover: Heroes & Legends

Choose your destiny! A special guest from Party Higher is bringing wireless headphones, music, dancing, puzzles and epic team missions in an immersive fairy tale adventure.

Full Fee $120.56 | After Max. CCS* $12.06



Fri 22 Jan — Adventure: The Angry Birds 3

Get ready for feathers flying, laughter soaring and plenty of pig-powered chaos as your favourite flock returns for another hilarious mission packed with action, surprises and fun in The Angry Birds Movie 3.

Full Fee $139.86 | After Max. CCS* $13.99



Mon 25 Jan — Operation: Beat Brigade

Turn up the volume and join the band! Clap, stomp, shake, and groove your way through a day filled with rhythm, creativity, and musical fun.

Full Fee $80.56 | After Max. CCS* $8.06



Wed 27 Jan — Operation: The LEGO® 100 Challenge

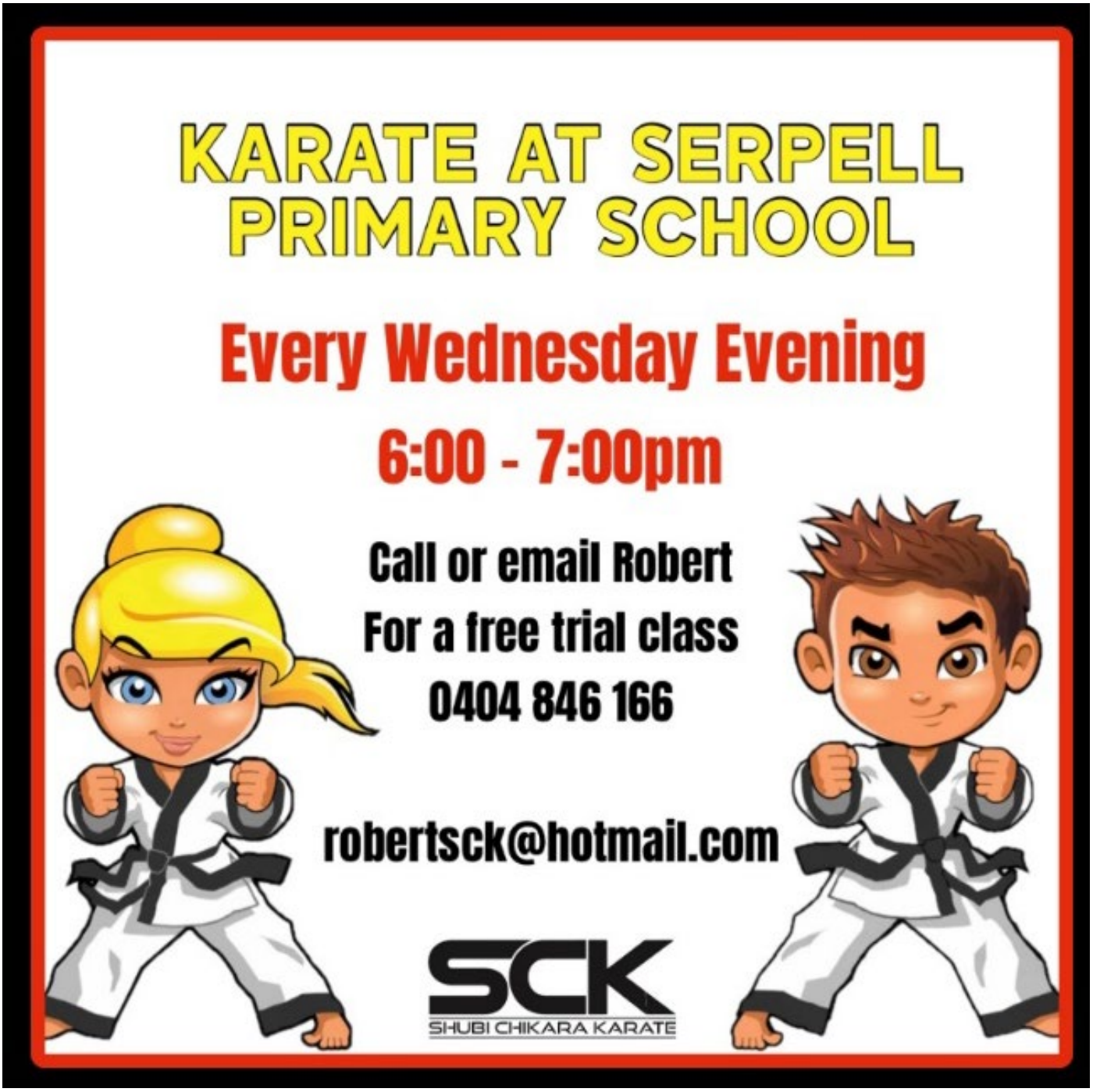
Are you up for the LEGO 100 Challenge? Grab your mates and take on all 100 build challenges. From easy through to the legendary expert builder challenges. Do you have what it takes? Plus, go back to school in style with your brand new LEGO pencil!

Full Fee $85.56 | After Max. CCS* $8.56



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KARATE AT SERPELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Every Wednesday Evening
6:00 - 7:00pm
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For a free trial class
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