

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

### STUDENT WELLBEING

Thank you to all those families who have made uniform and book donations to Student Wellbeing during the past week. We will be able to pass these on to many grateful families, especially families affected by the Victorian Bushfires.

If you would like to donate any books and/or uniform please place items in a plastic bag and label it with 'donation'. It would also be appreciated if you could include your name so that a thank you can be passed on.

**Parents and guardians are advised; counselling is available at school for students affected by the current bushfires.**

Shirley Watson and David Bromilow have the responsibility of Student Wellbeing Coordination. If you have any concerns about your child's social development, Educational Maintenance or the recent impact of the bushfires, please feel free to give them a call on 9735 5644.

Shirley Watson and David Bromilow

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

- Monday 16 February Year 7, 9 and 10 students
- Tuesday 17 February Year 8, 11 and 12 students

Photo envelopes (**money enclosed**) are to be brought to school **on the photo day to be handed to the photographer**. The School Office is **UNABLE** to supply change for photo envelopes.

### VET STUDENTS

A reminder to parents/guardians and students, **VET payments** are due by **Friday 20 February**. Should the payment not be made by this date, students will be withdrawn from VET classes.

### EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

A reminder, EMA application forms must be submitted to the school by **29 February 2009** for the first payment and **7 August 2009** for the second payment.

### LOCKER/SERVICE FEE PAYMENT

A reminder the Locker/Service Fee payment must be paid by April 3, 2009 - the last day of Term 1 2009. Payments not received by this date will result in access to lockers and internet being withdrawn.

### 2010 SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

Year 7, Select Entry Accelerated Learning enrolments for 2010 at Lilydale High School are now being accepted.

**Register your Grade 6 child NOW for our 'Testing Day' on Saturday 2 May, 2009.**

For more information regarding the program, please visit our school website [www.lilydale.hs.vic.edu.au](http://www.lilydale.hs.vic.edu.au) **Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program** on the home page, or contact Joseph Caruana or Sandra Smith (SEALP Coordinators) on 9735 5644.

Joe Caruana, Head of SEALP

### 2009 STUDENT NOTEBOOK PROGRAM

The school is currently investigating options for students who wish to enter the 'Notebook Program' for 2009. This includes students on the waiting list. Any new offer of notebooks will be advised shortly. If you wish to be considered for an offer in 2009 please contact the School Office.

Johanna Walker, Assistant Principal

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### TERM 1

#### Monday 16 February

School Photos

#### Tuesday 17 February

School Photos

Year 7 Music Recruitment Night, 7pm

#### Wednesday 18 February

Year 8 Getting It Right Program

#### Thursday 19 February

Year 8 Getting It Right Program

Middle School Morning tea, 10.15am

Presentation Ball Practice

VCE Studio Arts Excursion

Year 11/12 Cricket Reserve Day

#### Friday 20 February

Year 8 Getting It Right Program

Year 12 Elevate Education

Year 7 Interschool Sports

#### Monday 23 February

Year 11 Elevate Education

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop located in **Room 53** is **OPEN** during the following times;

<b>Tuesdays</b>	12.30pm to 5.00pm
<b>Saturdays</b>	9.00am to 11.30am

Payments for uniforms can be made by credit card, cash or eftpos.

For enquires during the above hours please ring 0417 688 846.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Due to the current bushfire situation please note, **all** Duke of Edinburgh Award and Outdoor Education trips have been **cancelled until further notice**. Students will be notified as soon as possible with advised program for practical trips.

Johanna Walker, Assistant Principal

# CURRICULUM NEWS

## AN education initiative – The 5 Es

As mentioned in last week's newsletter – The 5 Es are an education initiative gaining momentum across the state. You will recall last time we spoke about **Engage**. For the purposes of building suspense, I'll reveal the second of the 5 Es at this stage: **Explore**. As professionals, teachers always willingly seek to review and enhance their craft. This particular Education Department initiative invites teachers, both independently and as faculty members, to keep in mind the importance of providing opportunities for students to **explore**. Only when students have the opportunity to really **explore** the implications of the content they are learning, both independently and collaboratively, will they be genuinely interested for sustained periods. Teachers are indeed encouraging students to generate questions and prompting enquiry where applicable to further stimulate their interest and thirst for learning. Stimulating professional development along these lines took place amidst the extreme heatwave of late January and will continue to do so throughout the year.

## Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Trent Silk as the new Head of PASE. Already he is doing a stunning job. A big welcome back is also extended to my curriculum associate – Brent Houghton. What an exciting year lies ahead.

## VCE Activities

**Shape Your Destiny** - such was the title of the Year 12 Motivation Day Program which students found rewarding on February 10. Motivational Speaker Darren Pereira did an excellent job of motivating our Year 12 students towards success.

**VCE Meet the Parents Evening** – took place on the evening of February 10 and was a huge success. Indeed parents and guardians were able to chat informally with the Year 12 teachers and seek advice regarding study expectations and subject requirements.

## YEAR 7 Activities

**Instrumental Music performance** – a stunning ensemble performance dazzled our Year 7 students earlier in the week and successfully promoted the vast instrumental music learning opportunities that are available. Interested students are encouraged to contact the Music Department for further details. Many application forms were collected on the day.

**Getting it Right** – Junior students also began participating in the highly successful "Getting it Right" program which is designed to assist Year 7 students with their homework planning, study habits, locker management and their laptop management (if they have subscribed into the Notebook Program). The program is underway and enjoying tremendous success.

**Joseph Caruana, Head of Curriculum**

## HUMANITIES

### Humanities News

As Term 1 is now underway, the Humanities faculty is in full swing. Courses are in progress and activities which are engaging the students are being presented. Excursions have been booked and many more are in the pipeline;

- Year 10 students visit the law courts
- Year 8 Medieval Festival
- 8.69 visit Victoria Market as part of their Economics lessons

### Year 7 students

We would like to welcome the new Year 7 students. I know that they will enjoy studying the History of Ancient Civilisations as well as learning all about geospatial skills in Geography. We wish them all the best of luck as they undertake their first year at high school.

## Welcome

I would also like to welcome Claire Pritchard to the Humanities faculty. She joins a group of fantastic and enthusiastic staff.

## Laptops

The new laptops are being utilised in our classrooms very successfully, as yet another tool for our students. The teachers and students are quite excited to have them in classes. The students are enjoying having the latest recourses available at their fingertips.

## VCE students

Our VCE classes are buzzing with a wide range of activities. Students are reminded to stay organised and ensure they complete all homework by due dates. Good time management is a key to success.

Our VCE teachers have organised dates for the students SACs and are well into preparing them for these important pieces of assessment. We encourage our VCE students to always aim high and complete their work to the best of their ability. We wish them all good luck in these final years of their schooling.

**Henri Mouratidis, Head of Humanities**

## SCIENCE

It has been a tremendous start to the year by all, with students finalising timetables, books, lockers, computers, their access codes and much more. There is much to think about and establish routines.

## Science News

We will have many Science competitions starting to come into the school, so please ask your student to take an interest and seek the challenges that they provide. I will publish these as they arrive. This is especially important for the VCE contingent who must be diligent in their study approach right from the very beginning. SAC work will have been set and they should have set outlines for what needs to be completed and when. Hopefully, all students have a **quiet**, well lit space to work with little or no distractions.

## Ebooks

Students will need to establish an account with Jacaranda using JacPlus before they can begin to download the Ebook onto their computers.

- Go to [www.jaconline.com.au](http://www.jaconline.com.au)
- Then go into jacaranda plus (bottom left hand side). Click on this icon.
- Create account using YOUR name, (your valid email address so that Jacaranda can send you the appropriate link and register you into their data base) as they have been configured to you.
- Put in a password you will remember (bottom of screen).
- Proceed following the prompts and when it asks for the code put in, the set of numbers and digits inside the package purchased.
- Then, look for your email emailed by Jacaranda to your address. You will need to enter your email address and password and then you can follow the prompts to download the entire text to your computer. This should be stored as a PDF file on your hard drive with an appropriate heading. (Science eBook Quest?). Don't place it on your desktop as it will clutter your computer and slow things down. Use a short cut instead.

If you are having any difficulties, please send your student to their science teacher or to contact Mr Newman the Head of Science for some advice.

**Ian Newman, Head of Science**

# SUBSCHOOL NEWS

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

School Photos - Year 7 students	Monday 16 February
School Photos - Year 8 students	Tuesday 17 February
Inter-House Swimming Carnival	Wednesday 25 February

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform and has their envelope ready to hand to the photographer on the day.

### Parents visiting the school

Parents are reminded to visit the Administration building on arrival at school and a member of the Junior School team will come up and meet you. Parents are also encouraged to call in advance to arrange a meeting which will ensure staff availability.

### Uniform

Students are reminded that they must wear their uniform correctly at all times. Female students need to ensure their shoes are buckled up, all buttons are done up on their dresses and that they don't tie the back of their dresses. Male students should ensure they are not wearing coloured t-shirts underneath their school polo shirt.

### Laptop Computers

Students should ensure their **laptop computer bag** has a recognisable ribbon, tag or key ring attached to avoid confusion and prevent another student taking the incorrect bag.

### Lunchtime Activities

Year 7 Book Club	Wednesdays (Library)
Computer Club available to all students	Thursdays

We will keep you informed when more activities are organised for lunchtimes.

## YEAR 7

### Getting it Right

We have had a busy second week of high school. All Year 7 students, and many parents, participated in the 'Getting it Right' program. Students now know the importance of the school's code of conduct and their rights and responsibilities. We were treated to a fine drama performance by some of our Year 8 Accelerated class who acted out bullying scenarios. We discussed the appropriate action to take and the importance of informing a teacher or Coordinator if bullying takes place. As well as discussing sanctions and consequences for breaching the code of conduct, the role of rewards and positive encouragement for excellence in behaviour and attitude was emphasised to the students.

### Immunisation

Hepatitis B and Chicken Pox Immunisation cards will be distributed by **Monday 16 February**. Girls will also be offered the Gardasil injection. Immunisation cards must be **returned by Friday 20 February** so that we can inform the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

### Year 7 Camp to Philip Island

Excitement mounts as we draw nearer to the Year 7 Camp. We will be distributing Camp notices next week. Full payment of approximately \$180 will be due by Friday 6 March. More details to follow next week.

### Year 7 Morning Teas

Thursday 5 March	7.41, 7.46, 7.48, 7.49, 7.50, 7.51 and 7.52
Friday 6 March	7.53, 7.54, 7.55, 7.56, 7.57 and 7.37 (ALP)

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's teachers, Junior Coordination team and the Management team in an informal setting over a 'cuppa'.

## YEAR 8

### Getting it Right

The Year 8 'Getting it Right' program will run next week. Students have been notified of when their form group is participating. We will revisit the schools code of conduct and anti-harassment policy. Students must bring their planner and pen to this session.

### Year 8 Camp

The final Year 8 Camp notice has been distributed and the balance of \$140.00 needs to be returned to the School Office no later than Friday **27 February**, together with the confidential medical form. Students will be asked shortly to nominate cabin groups.

### Year 8 Morning Tea

Thank you to those parents who attended the morning tea today.

Michael Schultz

Head of Junior School and Year 8

Jane Hemmings

Head of Year 7

Donna Oberdorfer, Tim Beale, Darren Strachan, Adam Price  
Junior School Coordinators

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

## YEAR 9

### Robbie Carter – National Archery Champions

Congratulations to Robbie who competed at the National Archery Competition in the Diamond Valley during January this year. He won Gold in both the 'Field Archery' competition and 'Teams Event' and Bronze in 'Target Archery' competition.

### Outstanding Achievements by our students

Please let us know if your child does something special – we would love to know!

### Absence line

Parents/Guardians are asked to **ring** the Middle School Absence Line between **8.30am and 9.30am** when a student is **absent from school** and advise the student name, form group and reason for absence (illness, holiday, family reasons etc). ***The school should also be advised if a student is expected to be absent for more than two days.***

### Year 9 Morning Tea

- Thursday 19 February
- Supper Room
- 10.15am to 11.00am

To assist in planning for this, students are asked to return the morning tea slip indicating whether or not parents/guardians will be attending.

Middle School Coordinators

## YEAR 10

### Year 10 Level Captains

On behalf of the Year 10 Coordination team we would like to congratulate our successful applicants for year level captaincy. We look forward to working closely with these students in 2009 and would like to remind all year ten students that if they have any concerns or specific interests that they would like to be addressed at the Year 10 level they can discuss this with their level captains.

Female Morgan Wyatt

Male Mitchell Peters

## Immunisation

All Year 10 students will have the opportunity to receive vaccinations for Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis on **Thursday 19 March**. Any female student who did not receive the Human Papillomavirus Vaccine last year may wish to do so this year. If so, please inform Mrs Moore in the Middle School Office when the immunisation information is distributed. Parents and guardians will receive more extensive information regarding the immunisation program later in February or early March.

## Year 10 Morning tea

On **Thursday 19 March** parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet Year 10 teachers at a morning tea, starting at 10.15am to 11.00am. Students have received return slips to indicate whether or not parents/guardians are interested in attending. We look forward to meeting as many parents as possible on this day.

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## Late arrivals

Students are expected to be punctual for the start of school (**form assembly 8.40am**) and each lesson. A student who is late for school must sign the latecomer's book in the Middle School Office and **provide** a satisfactory **written note of explanation**. A lunchtime detention will be given if such a note is not provided.

## Middle School Coordinators

# SENIOR SCHOOL

## Important VCE Dates

Year 12 Elevate Education	Friday 20 February
Year 11 Elevate Education	Monday 23 February

## Student concerns

We encourage all students who have any concerns or are experiencing any difficulties to come to the VCE Office and speak with the VCE Coordinators. It is important that students are aware that assistance is always available to them and that the sooner they come and discuss it with a VCE Coordinator, the sooner things can be resolved.

## Attendance

For all VCE students, attendance at morning form assembly is compulsory. Students receive many important messages and copious amounts of information during form assembly, making their presence essential. Students who have study periods during Periods 1 and 2 are still expected to be at school and in form assembly by 8.40am.

## Elevate Education

On Friday 20 February, our Year 12 students will be participating in study workshops with the Elevate Education team. Elevate Education are a young, dynamic and successful VCE graduate team, who are currently engaged in further study. The program involves important tips and strategies that the Year 12 students can employ during their final year of schooling, such as; note taking, time management, recall learning strategies, exam techniques, organising study habits and so on. The cost of this program is \$25 and includes a hotdog lunch and drink. Payment should have been made with the Darren Pereira payment, however, if you did pay for these activities separately, we ask that you put payment for Elevate Education in a clearly marked

envelope with your student's name, 'Year 12 Elevate Education' and your student's form group on the cover. The absolute final date for payment for Elevate Education is Monday 16 February. Attendance on the day is compulsory.

## Shape Your Destiny

On Tuesday 10 February, all Year 12 students attended Darren Pereira's 'Shape Your Destiny' seminar at Swinburne University. The VCE team hope that the students will keep Darren's words in the back of their minds during their final year of schooling. The valuable information and the workbook provided to students should be used throughout the year to motivate students and keep them on track.

## Meet the VCE Teachers Evening

'Meet the VCE Teachers' evening, which was held on Tuesday 10 February in the VCE Study Hall, was once again a great success. Parents who came along had the opportunity to speak with the VCE Coordination Team, as well as their student's teachers. Head of Senior School, Chris Cogan, highlighted some of the main issues that arise in Year 11 and 12 and also outlined the high expectations we have of our students. These expectations were also sent home in writing, via students, on Monday 9 February. Should you require another copy of the letter, please send your student to the VCE Office to collect one, or a copy can be downloaded from the School's website under; 'School Notices', 'Meet the VCE Teachers Evening.'

## Year 11 Study Skills

On Monday 23 February, presenters from Elevate Education will be assisting the Year 11 students with study skills, note taking, memory techniques and organisation. The cost is \$25 including a hotdog lunch with a drink. Payment was due on Monday 9 February. If you have not yet paid for the Elevate Education workshops, could you please do so as soon as possible, as attendance is compulsory.

## Presentation Ball

This year the Year 11 Presentation Ball is being held at 'The Centre', Ivanhoe. Ticket went on sale for the two evenings on Monday 9 February. The cost per ticket is \$80 and currently students are able to purchase 10 guest tickets. Should you require more than 10 tickets, please contact one of the Year 11 Coordinators. **Please note; when purchasing tickets, please specify either Night 1 or Night 2.**

The dates for the two nights of the Presentation Ball are:

- Night 1 Wednesday 1 April
- Night 2 Friday 3 April

Year 11 students involved in the Presentation Ball commenced dancing practice on Thursday 5 February. Both groups did exceptionally well and it was great to see that the students approached their dance lessons with such enthusiasm and maturity. Practice for the Presentation Ball will remain on the same schedule until Thursday 26 March. Night 1 couples rehearse every Thursday afternoon from 4.15pm to 5.30pm. Students are required to be in the Hall by 4pm. Night 2 couples rehearse every Thursday evening from 5.30pm to 6.45pm. Students are required to be in the Hall by 5.15pm. Students and parents should also be aware that a final rehearsal will be held on Sunday 29 March, with a time to be confirmed closer to the date.

The final payment for the Presentation Ball is due TODAY Friday 13 February: Girls \$140, Boys \$125 (this does not include the deposit of \$100 which should have been paid previously). Any student, who has not yet submitted their final payment, needs to do so as soon as possible.

Trevor Dudley Menswear of Main St Lilydale will be in at one of the practice nights shortly to measure the boys for their suits. The cost for suits is additional to the fees and is payable directly to Trevor Dudley.

**VCE Coordinators**