

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

STUDENT FREE DAYS

- Monday 8 June Queen's Birthday
- Friday 12 June Report Writing Day

CONTACTING LILYDALE HIGH SCHOOL

You will find when contacting Lilydale High School by telephone that until 12.00pm each day you have three options from which to choose. We have administrative assistants located in each of our Sub Schools until this time to give clerical assistance to our coordinators and answer queries from parents.

The first option allows you to report an absence directly to our voicemail message system.

The second option is to make contact with coordinators and for queries relating to students in various year levels. The types of queries that are answered by the assistants relate to attendance, early leavers and late passes, phone messages for students, excursion/camp enquiries, and all general enquiries relating to the particular year levels.

The third option is to contact the General Office. The office can help you with information regarding payment of charges, phone calls for Principals and staff (other than Year Level Coordinators), and calls of a general nature.

STUDENTS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Parents/Guardians are asked to ring either the Junior, Middle or Senior 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**.

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 Junior, Middle or Senior School Office and provide a satisfactory written note of explanation.

A **lunchtime detention** will be given if such a note is not provided.

CARPARK ARRANGEMENTS

Parents/Guardians delivering and collecting students by car are reminded that safety considerations are paramount for all of us.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK (MELBA AVE) TO DROP OFF/COLLECT STUDENTS – THIS IS A STAFF AND SERVICE VEHICLE PARKING ONLY FACILITY.

There have been a number of near accidents with cars stopping near the school entrance and banking up other vehicles out into Melba Ave as well as blocking vehicles mid-way through parking. Students are weaving through cars parking. **The car park is out of bounds for students.**

The **STADIUM CARPARK** is designated for drop off/collection of students. There is room to park or drive through and students can walk/wait under cover for their transport. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this matter.

CONTACT DETAILS

Would all parents/guardians please ensure that **ALL** address and telephone contact details including Home/Work/Mobile and Emergency contacts are up to date. Thank you.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 2

Monday 8 June
Queen's Birthday – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 9 June
Semester 2 starts
VCE Exams
Year 8 Soccer, Badminton, Netball

Wednesday 10 June
VCE Exams
Year 10 Concert Music Evening

Thursday 11 June
VCE GAT

Friday 12 June
Report Writing Day – Student free day

Monday 15 June
Enviro Science Olinda Creek Excursion
Periods 5 and 6
Year 7 Soccer/Netball/Badminton

Tuesday 16 June
Year 7 to 9 PE Gatorade Sweat Force
Mid Year Instrumental Music Concert
7pm to 9pm in P1

Wednesday 17 June
Yr 7-9 PE Gatorade Sweat Force

Thursday 18 June
Yr 7-9 PE Gatorade Sweat Force
Year 12 English ACMI Excursion

Friday 19 June
Year 11/12 Hockey, Basketball, Table tennis and Squash

UNIFORM SHOP

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

- Tuesdays** 12.30pm to 5.00pm
- Saturdays** 9.00am to 11.30am

For enquires please ring the Blackburn store on 9877 8388.

Please note the **UNIFORM SHOP** will be **CLOSED**, **Saturday 6 June** – Queen's Birthday weekend.

CURRICULUM

2009 NAPLAN TESTING

All Year 7 and 9 students in Australia participated in NAPLAN testing during Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May. The tests covered the areas of English and Mathematics. Specifically, the following tests were completed:

- Language Conventions Test which focused on spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Writing Test
- Reading Test
- Calculator allowed and non-calculator Numeracy Test

Parents of students who sat the NAPLAN tests will receive a NAPLAN report later in the year.

Term 2 Programs and Activities

- Year 10 motivational guest speaker, Vinny Lawyers, who addressed the students in late May.
- Year 7 Leadership camp.
- The vibrant "Twilight" club.
- Club 40 – recent events included a lunchtime workshop during which prompt pieces responding to "Encountering Conflict" were discussed. This was aimed at further preparing students for their Area 2 English SAC.
- "Whatever it Takes" short story/comic book competition for all SEALP students.
- Vietnam Veterans addressed both the Year 10 History students as well as the Year 12 English students who are currently studying the context of "Encountering Conflict."
- "Oliver" Production rehearsals are well underway.
- The comprehensive GAT preparation program – this two day program involved all VCE students sitting a modified GAT. Humanities, Arts and Maths/Science teachers then guided students through sections of the 2007 GAT which the students completed earlier in the morning. English teachers, in their English class which immediately followed this preparation program, then guided students through the two writing tasks which also comprise the GAT.
- The Year 9 Drug Education Program – this highly successful program once again delivered important information in a sensitive and meaningful manner.

Education Week May 17-23

Every key learning area busily prepared a host of engaging activities which made this an extraordinarily exceptional week of celebration, learning and engagement. The activities included:

- Guest speakers – Maths Competitions – PASE, including golf and AFL drop punt competitions, Literary Luncheons – English, acknowledging both mainstream and SEALP students.
- Medieval Festivals – Humanities.
- Workshops and activities including cartooning, portrait drawing, motor mouse, and marshmallow catapult– The Arts, Technology and Science.
- Dance and Music, food tasting, cooking – LOTE.

Exams

Teachers have been preparing their students diligently. Following the GAT, some Year 12 students will be sitting official VCAA mid-year exams. Subjects such as Psychology, Biology and Chemistry have an

official VCAA June Exam. All Year 12 students will be sitting practice exams in subjects including English, Maths Methods and Further Maths. Year 9 students sat their official English exam in late May. Year 10 to 12 exams are currently taking place.

Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (S.E.A.L.P.)

During Education Week a Literary Luncheon was held in the Resource Centre during which the SEALP winners of the "Whatever It Takes" short story competition officially launched their prize winning story.

The competition was run by the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children. This literary luncheon recognised the in-house winners as determined by the SEALP English teachers. The winners of the official, external competition are yet to be determined.

The competition involved students producing a mystery story of no more than 1000 words OR a story presented as a comic with illustrations. Both options involved students having to incorporate a specific theme and topic into their entry. The theme of the competition was: "Whatever it takes". The Topic could be either "A Tale of Courage" or "Shining On!"

Congratulations are extended to the following in-house winners:

- Riley Shore – Level One winner
- Rachael Cole – Level Two winner
- Benjamin Karwan – Level Three winner

The winning students received a certificate and a Collins book voucher at the Literary Luncheon. Family and friends of the winning students also attended which contributed towards the event being highly successful.

Competitions

- Some SEALP students are vying for the Australian Language Competency Certificate – A LOTE initiative. We wish them luck.
- It is an expectation that all SEALP students participate in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition. Registration payment is currently being coordinated through the Head of Mathematics.
- The Level One students recently competed in an in-class theatre sports competition (Drama) and also entered a Food Design Challenge competition which was organised by Home Economics Victoria. The students designed, produced and evaluated muffins. Written work was submitted along with photos of the muffins that they designed and cooked in class.

MIPs Activity

The Level Three (Year 10) SEALP students recently participated in their initial Managed Individual Pathways activity. Kath Rudd, (MIPs Coordinator) spoke to the students and invited them to complete a questionnaire aimed at providing useful occupational and skills based information.

Exams

In late May, the Level Two students sat the Year 9 Mainstream English Examination.

Level Three students sat the recent NAPLAN tests and began their exam season with the English exam earlier this week. The English exam required students to display their abilities of texts such as Tim Winton's "Minimum of Two" (a former Year 12 text) which was studied exclusively by the SEAL students.

Joe Caruana,
Head of Curriculum and Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program

NEW SUSTAINABILITY SUBJECT

Lilydale High School is introducing a new Year 9 subject where students design and implement sustainable strategies around the school. One of the projects will be the planting and maintenance of native and vegetable gardens. We are looking for recycled materials which could be used to build garden beds, donations of old but sturdy gardening equipment, manure, mulch, sawdust, wholesale plant purchases etc. If you can donate or subsidise any materials or have expertise in the fields of horticulture or other related areas and would be willing to contribute time and expertise, please call Jodie Street on 9735 5644 or email her via Studywiz.

In addition the '**Greenhouse Games Challenge**' is coming up during Term 3. Please check Studywiz for more details.

Jodie Street

TECHNOLOGY

Technology subjects are in full swing, with students working hard to complete their final products for this semester.

Junior School classes will be introduced to a new technology subject next week in Semester 2. The four Junior School technologies are Systems, Wood, Materials & Design and Food.

Middle School students will also commence their elective technology subject next week. All Year 9 and Year 10 Technology electives carry a minimal fee to cover the materials used throughout the semester. Parents/Guardians are asked to please make it a priority to pay for the course promptly.

In Room 39/41 there is now a NEW school printer available for students to use. It is called RM-39-41.

The 90th Birthday celebrations were an absolute success. The cooking of the 3000 sausages, although hectic ran very smoothly, thanks to the Food Assistant staff. The student chefs of the day worked hard and were very responsible. A huge thank you is extended to them. The entire Food Technology staff and selected students contributed a huge effort to plan and prepare the catering for various functions throughout the week. Again, thank you to those who participated. Students thoroughly enjoyed their healthy treats of apple spirals on Thursday and they are congratulated for their patience and excellent manners.

Steve Peters, Head of Technology

LOTE

Curriculum Activities during Term 2

- Indonesian students had a student teacher, Callan McIntyre working in their classes for three weeks.
- Year 11 and Year 12 VCE French students have been preparing for their Units 1/3 SACs, which will finish by next week.
- Year 10 students have been busy making short films and advertising brochures about New Caledonia. They are now revising for their exams.
- We have been asked to be included in an application for a grant for Asian languages, which is being submitted by Yvelc.

Excursions and trips

- Twenty-four Year 10, 11 and 12 students went to the Melbourne French Theatre to see a production of *Chat et Souris*. It was a highly successful excursion, enjoyed by all the students.
- A school from near Lille has asked to visit Lilydale High School next year, with a view to receiving Lilydale High School students later the same year. Mrs Hastie is making inquiries as

to the viability of a return trip and will be putting the proposal to School Council.

- Unfortunately it appears that the Malaysia tour will not take place this year.

Professional Development

Mrs Hastie, Mrs Stoyanoff, Ms Rowson and Ms Smith attended the MLTAV conference during this term.

Frances Hastie, Head of LOTE

HUMANITIES

As we are nearing the end of Semester 1, I would like to congratulate all the Humanities students on having completed a very successful and eventful semester.

Year 8 students took part in the Medieval Festival. A lot of work happened in the Year 8 History classes in preparation for this. The visiting primary school students and staff were very impressed with the work that our students completed. They were entertaining, informative and great ambassadors for our school.

Year 7 History students visited the IMAX theatre as well as the Museum. What a great day. We saw 'the Mysteries of Egypt' on the huge IMAX screen. We soared over the Nile, we walked through the pyramids, we learnt about mummification and of course we learnt about King Tut's curse. The museum was fascinating. The Dinosaur walk was amazing and the bugs display was tantalising! The live spiders were creepy and crawly. The Mind and Body display was very informative as were the many other displays we visited.

Our **Middle School Legal Studies classes** visited the Law Courts this term. They were able to view an actual court case being tried which reinforced the learning happening in the class room. The **Middle School History classes** visited the Shrine for Remembrance Day as part of their studies. Again a moving experience which will be remembered by all the students involved.

I would like to wish all our VCE students good luck with their exams and to remind them that effective use of class time and effective study regimes will be beneficial.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Humanities staff for a very successful first Semester.

A reminder to parents and students, Semester 2 begins on Tuesday 9th June. This will mean that Humanities students will be beginning their new subjects. This is an exciting time and I'm certain that the students will enjoy their new subjects.

Henri Mouratidis, Head of Humanities

LIBRARY

THE VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier, John Brumby, has set Victorian school students another reading challenge in 2009: To read 15 books by the end of August

The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition, but an opportunity for students to stretch themselves and discover the pleasure and benefit of regular reading. Students who meet the challenge are rewarded not only with the intrinsic rewards of reading, but also with an official certificate and the opportunity of having their names published in a special supplement in *The Sunday Age*.

The Reading Challenge is open to all students in Year 7 to 10. All Year 7 students have already been registered for the Challenge. Students in Year 8 to 10 should register at the Library.

To meet the challenge a student must read 15 books by the end of August. Ten of the books should be from the Reading Challenge booklist, which can be found in the Library or on the VPRC website:

- www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

In order to receive a certificate each student should keep a record of their reading on their Challenge Record card and return the consent form which will be issued when they complete the Challenge. Students can also log in to the Challenge website and record their progress on their own progress page using their Challenge password.

This year's Premier's Reading Challenge is jointly promoted by the School Library and the English Department. Parents and Guardians are invited to support the Challenge to promote the development of literacy skills and a love of reading. If you are a parent/guardian of a student in Year 7-10 please encourage him/her to TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

Heather Bickerdike, Teacher Librarian

MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS

Year 10 and 11 students - Interviews

Year 10 and 11 Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs) interviews will be conducted at the Lutheran Church, Lilydale on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th August.

All students will have a 15 minute interview with a MIPs Counsellor present on the day. Parents and Guardians are encouraged and welcome to attend these interviews with their son/daughter.

An interview letter will be posted home early in Term 3 (July) to all parents/guardians informing them of their son's/daughter's interview time. The letter will also explain in detail the purpose of the interview process.

PLEASE NOTE it is compulsory for all students to attend their MIPs interview.

Kath Rudd, MIPs Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Yarra Group Cross Country

On Friday 15th May a number of students from Year 7 to 12 competed in the Yarra Group Cross Country at Lilydale Lake. The students competed very well with over 40 qualifying for the Eastern Zone Cross Country which is to be held on 17th June.

Congratulations to the following students who were placed in the top 3;

13 Girls	1 st Stephanie Butler	3 rd Bailey Stephenson
14 Girls	1 st Sammy Butler	2 nd Jaimi Schroen
	3 rd Shelley Hemmings	
14 Boys	1 st Zac Paterson	
15 Boys	2 nd Mitchell Shanks	
16 Girls	1 st Georgia Brock	
16 Boys	1 st Josh Paterson	
21 Boys	1 st Douglas Frogley	3 rd Grant Davis

Junior Boys Netball

After many early morning training sessions, 3 teams represented LHS in Junior Boys Netball at McDermott Avenue on Tuesday 26th May.

Team 1

Players - Taylor Hohepa, Daniel Chapman, Zak Kennedy, Rory Lehmann, Lalu Gautam, Troy Rimando, Mason Bartley-Rayner, Jack

Leithhead, Fraser Smith and Kyle Staples. Coaches - Jess Knight and Allie Grey-Smith.

Team 1 were undefeated the entire day, making it through to Eastern Zone. The boys played exceptionally well together with lots of great offensive and defensive play. Kyle Staples, Taylor Hohepa, Zak Kennedy and Lalu Gautam were on fire in goals. Our mid court players consisted of Troy Rimando, Rory Lehmann, Fraser Smith and Jack Leithhead who kept the ball out of harm's way. And our dynamic defenders for the day were Mason Bartley-Rayner and Daniel Chapman who kept many of the other team's goal less. MVP - Zak Kennedy.

Team 2

Players - Tom Boyd, Brock Cincotta, Nick Ruhl, Jordan Ludgater, Mitchell Haag, Luke Weavell, Jordan Hochkins and Josh Johnston. Coaches - Rosie Lawrence and Sharn Henderson.

After a pre-game warm up against LHS Team 1, Team 2 were ready to take on the rest of the competition. With a shuffle around of positions and a reminder about keeping their distance - this team advanced as the rounds went on. Our shooters were Brock Cincotta and Josh Johnston who were supported in the centre court by Jordan Ludgater, Tom Boyd, Mitchell Haag and Nick Ruhl. Down in defence was Luke Weavell and Jordan Hochkins. MVP - Josh Johnston.

Team 3

Players - Mitchell Groenewald, Jackson Turton, Bayley Peters, Sebastian Carr, Travis Lindeman Collins, Jacob Adams, Isaak Wyatt and Ben Thomas. Coach - Ms Cook.

It took this Year 7 team a few games to work out their positions and game play but by the last few rounds they played really well as a team. Mitchell Groenewald, Ben Thomas and Bayley Peters all played defensive positions well. Assisting in the centre court was Sebastian Carr, Travis Lindeman-Collins and Jackson Turton. Our goal shooters for the day were Jacob Adams and Isaak Wyatt. MVP - Jacob Adams and Mitchell Groenewald

Overall, a fantastic result and a lovely well mannered bunch of boys to take out on sport.

Year 8 Boys Yarra Group Football

On Tuesday 2nd June two teams of eager Year 8 boys headed over to Lilydale Heights to play against Mooroolbark, Lilydale Heights and Pembroke. The A side had very convincing wins during the pool matches while the B side also made it through to the semi final to play against the A side. The A side would win that one in their closest match of the day and go onto face Lilydale Heights in the final. Another convincing win by 8 goals propelled the team to the Eastern Zone final where they hope to continue their winning form.

Best Players

A's: Josh Johnson, Jake Clements, Sam Morton and Grant Filsell.

B's: Jayden Barker, Shane Richards, Christian Gerace and Daniel Sharp. Great job by all the boys.

Eastern Zone Junior Golf

On Monday 25th June, Brad Watson, Jason Kilby, Jack Garside and Dylan Hickey headed off to Churchill Golf course to compete in the Eastern Zone Finals for Golf. In tough windy conditions the boys tried their hardest battling against the conditions but could not produce their finest golf. However, they still managed to finish a very respectable 3rd in the team event. Brad Watson also managed to shoot a good enough score to gain entry to the State Finals which will be held during October.

Great effort by all the boys.

SUBSCHOOL NEWS

Friday 5 June

JUNIOR SCHOOL

End of Semester

Semester 1 officially ends on Friday 5th June.

Students will be issued with a new timetable and will notice that some of their subjects have changed. This is an ideal time to clean out lockers, folders and conduct a general tidy up. Students will need to think about textbooks and exercise books they can take home, and any new subjects that may require them to bring other resources to school.

Semester 2 will start on Tuesday 9th June.

Uniform

A reminder, that whilst girls may wear black tights with their winter school skirt, they cannot wear white socks over the tights. Black tights are also not to be worn with the summer uniform. Lilydale High School uniform policy is outlined in the school planner. Students are not permitted to wear an alternative jumper or jacket in place of their school jumper. A plain black jacket may be worn over the top of the school jumper when students are outside.

Leadership Camp

The Year 7 Leadership Camp took place at Oasis Mt Evelyn last week. The camp really was a worthwhile event for the forty students and four staff members who attended. The weather was kind; we were able to enjoy outdoor activities as well as some very productive indoor sessions. For those students who may have missed out this time, don't despair, there will be another camp running in September!

On Tuesday 26th May, a group of Year 7's left for Mt Evelyn to return on 27th May.

We all had great fun, doing activities such as: making a stretcher out of materials, ropes course, drama activities, bush walks, team skills, problem solving and many more.

As surprise guests, Mr Bishop and Ms Powson came to talk about leadership.

We learnt about being assertive, aggressive and submissive and how each of these emotions affects what we do.

We all enjoyed making damper over an open fire and then also enjoyed watching 'Remember the Titans', a great inspirational film using the line "actions reflect leadership" a lot.

We all returned home tired, but having had great fun.

Jack Van den Driest and Georgia Christou

Junior School Coordinators

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Important Dates

Monday 8th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 12th June

Report Writing Day – students not required at school

Semester 2 Starts

Tuesday 9th June

End of Term 2

Friday 26th June

Absences

As we head into the colder months and the winter flu starts to set in please contact us to let us know through the Middle School absence line that your child is away. Also if they are going to be absent for an extended period of time please contact us and we will organise some work for you son/daughter.

Laptops

Students are reminded to ensure that they are carrying their laptop in the bag supplied and follow teacher's instructions as to their use.

YEAR 9

Year 9 English Exam

Thank you to the Year 9 students for the way they conducted themselves during the English exam. It's a new experience for them and from all accounts they coped well.

Year 9 Meeting Melbourne City Experience

All Year 9 students (including Year 10 Accelerated students) will take part in a week long 'City Experience' around the city of Melbourne during the following dates;

- **20th July – 24th July** 9.17, 9.19, 9.21, 9.66
- **27th July – 31st July** 9.18, 9.20, 9.64, 9.65
- **3rd August – 7th August** 9.16, 9.22, 9.67, 10.15

The cost of the program is **\$115.00** and must be paid to the General Office by **Monday 22nd June**. Please enclose the payment in an envelope clearly labelled with the student's name, form group and 'Year 9 Meeting Melbourne City Experience'.

The **Student Confidential Medical/Permission Form** enclosed in the 'Student Information Booklet' (distributed to students in form assembly on Monday 1 June) must be completed and also returned to school by **Monday 22nd June**.

Please contact the Middle School Office on 9735 5644 if you have any questions or would like further information.

YEAR 10

Examinations

The Year 10 Examination period was held this week for all students. Year 10 students are to be congratulated on their efforts in getting work completed, studying for and demonstrating their achievements in the exams themselves. Well done.

Semester 2

New timetables start next Tuesday 9th June for Semester 2. Core subjects remain the same however elective classes change.

Outstanding Absence Letters

Earlier this week, outstanding absence letters were posted home to parents/guardians to sign and return to school via students to their form teachers. We ask that these letters be returned promptly to school. Thank you.

Has your child been successful?

If your child has done something that you feel we should be aware of, please drop us a line to ensure that we can congratulate them on their fantastic achievements.

Middle School Coordinators

SENIOR SCHOOL

IMPORTANT VCE DATES

June Exam Period

Thursday 4th June to Thursday 11th June

Theatre Studies Performance Night

Friday 5th June – 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Environment Science Revision Lecture

Saturday 6th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 8th June

GAT

Thursday 11th June

Report Writing Day

Friday 12th June

VCE Semester 2 Starts

Monday 15th June

Environment Science Olinda Creek Excursion

Monday 15th June

Year 12 English Excursion to ACMI

Thursday 18th June

VCE Sport

Friday 19th June

Airbrushing Course

Monday 22nd June

Physical Education RMIT Visit

Tuesday 23rd June

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 26th June

Term 3 Starts

Monday 13th July

VCE Ski Camp

Wednesday 29th July to Friday 31st July

2009 VCE team consists of the following teachers:

Head of VCE and Year 12	Mr Chris Cogan
Head of Year 11	Mrs Cathy Drury
Year 12 Coordinator	Miss Brooke Addison
Year 12 Coordinator	Mr Craig Harris
Year 11 Coordinator	Mr Tim Kogelman
Year 11 Coordinator	Miss Laura Barbuto

Important VCE Information

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 their issue with a VCE Coordinator, the sooner things can be resolved.

Student Attendance

Lilydale High School believes that there is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement. At both Year 11 and 12 we are running

monthly attendance competitions. At the end of each month the form with the highest attendance rate will receive a prize. The winning forms for March were 11.94 and 12.06. Congratulations to all the students in these forms on making attendance at school a priority.

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.

Study Periods

VCE students are also reminded that they are not to leave the school grounds during study periods. Study periods are to be used productively completing work, either in the Study Hall or in the Library. The only time students can leave the school grounds during study periods is if they have a double study during Periods 5 and 6, or a study period during Period 6. When a student has a double study during Periods 5 and 6 they are able to leave, once they have signed out, at the beginning of lunch time. When the study is Period 6 only, students are only permitted to leave the school grounds at the beginning of period six and once they have signed out. The sign out book is located outside the VCE Office. It is imperative that students sign out prior to leaving the school grounds, so the VCE team know that they have left.

June Exam Period

Our June exam period commenced yesterday with all VCE students undertaking their English Exam. The exam period continues next week and finishes with the GAT on Thursday 11th June.

You will find all the relevant information regarding exams, including the 2009 VCAA exam timetable and past exam papers, on the VCAA website; <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vce/exams/index.html>

All students completing a Unit 3 subject should have received a personalised exam timetable that lists all of their exams, the exam times and the exam location. If you have not received one of these you need to come to the VCE Coordinators Office immediately. There are also several internal examination timetables on display around all VCE areas. We hope that all the hard work you've put in over the semester pays off.

If students require any assistance with their exam preparation, they should come to the VCE Coordinators Office. We have many practical strategies to assist students with study habits, time management and effective exam preparation. Even if students believe that at this point they are up-to-date, there is always plenty of revision to be done for their exams. Students are encouraged to complete as many trial exams as possible and seek feedback from their teachers on where they might improve. Students should be in constant contact with their teachers about how they are progressing and what they can do in order to maximise their school year; your teachers are your best resource!

General Achievement Test (GAT)

The GAT is compulsory for all VCE students undertaking a Unit 3/4 subject. Although GAT results do not count directly towards VCE results, they do play an important role in checking that School-assessed Tasks, School-assessed Coursework and examinations have been accurately assessed. They may also be used if a student requires a Derived Exam Score due to illness, accident or personal hardship. This is why Lilydale High School considers the GAT to be just as important as other assessments undertaken during VCE.

Year 12 Badges

Year 12 badges can now be collected from the VCE Coordinators Office.

VCE Coordinators