

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to 2009

A particular welcome to new members of the Lilydale High School community. I trust that your relationship with the school will be a happy and productive one. Staff have been busy over the vacation preparing the school for the first weeks of the year. Extensive cleaning, painting and work on the gardens has taken place and further development of the wireless internet infrastructure is almost complete. A new outdoor reptile enclosure has been built by science teacher, Marcus Whitby which will complement our already extensive reptile displays.

First Day

The first day for students went very smoothly with classes beginning in Period 2 of the normal weekly timetable. For our new Year 7 students, the day began with an assembly and form assembly followed by regular timetabled classes. At lunchtime, Year 7 students, staff, parents and guardians enjoyed lunch together and an opportunity to meet in an informal atmosphere.

Contact with the school

We welcome contact from parents/guardians at all times and will make every effort to address your concerns promptly. Questions of a general nature can be directed to the School Office on 9735 5644. If you would like to meet with me, appointments can also be made through the School Office. I am usually able to meet with parents on the same day or within 24 hours. More specific questions will often need to be directed to the relevant Sub school Offices - Junior (Years 7 and 8), Middle (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12).

Head of Senior School and Year 12	Chris Cogan
Head of Year 11	Cathy Drury
Head of Middle School and Year 10	Stuart Young
Head of Year 9	Genaha Thompson
Head of Junior School and Year 8	Michael Schultz
Head of Year 7	Hilda Knight
Student Wellbeing	Shirley Watson and David Bromilow
Business Manager	Dawn Collins
Bus Coordinator	Brooke Addison
Student Notebook Computers	Chris Stebbing

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2009

Please see separate notice distributed with this newsletter regarding School Council Elections.

Leon Bishop, Principal

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.

PARENT PAYMENTS 2009

The School Council has set the parent payment for 2009 as follows;

Year	Parent Payment	Locker/Service Fee	Total Payment
Year 7	\$295.00	\$50.00	\$345.00
Year 8	\$315.00	\$40.00	\$355.00
Year 9	\$315.00	\$40.00	\$355.00
Year 10	\$315.00	\$40.00	\$355.00
Year 11	\$340.00	\$45.00	\$385.00
Year 12	\$340.00	\$50.00	\$390.00

Please note that unless the Locker/Service Fee is paid by April 3, 2009 - the last day of Term 1 2009, access to lockers will be withdrawn.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

Monday 9 February

Year 7 Getting it Right Program

Tuesday 10 February

Year 7 Getting it Right Program
 DOE Morleys Track Excursion
 Meet the VCE Teachers Evening
 Year 12 Darren Pereira 'Shape Your Destiny' Seminar

Wednesday 11 February

Year 7 Getting it Right Program

Thursday 12 February

OE Moondah Track Excursion
 Presentation Ball Practice, Hall

Friday 13 February

Year 8 'Morning Tea'

STUDENT NOTEBOOK PROGRAM 2009

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 in the next two weeks.

If you wish to be considered for an offer in 2009 please contact the School Office.

Johanna Walker, Assistant Principal

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

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

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BUS TRAVEL

Information from the Department of Transport advises that there are a number of changes with student concessional cards for transport travel this year.

The pass will now be called the 'Victorian Student Pass' and this pass allows for travel in all of Zones 1 & 2 and Regional towns in Victoria. **This also includes the 'Country Fare' area for students travelling on route 683.**

Students will have the opportunity to purchase these passes upon presentation/purchase of a 'Student Concession Card' at Lilydale Station. **Cost** = \$213.50 for 6 months and \$410.00 for 12 months plus processing fees. For further information please access the link.

www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/assets/images/PDFs/2009-Student-concession-form.pdf

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 PARKING-ONLY FACILITY.

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.

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.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$443 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. \$155.50 is paid to both the school and parents for the first instalment and \$66.45 each for the second instalment.

TECHNOLOGY HOME ECONOMICS FOOD FEE

The food fees are as follows for Semester 1, 2009 and payable by **Monday 2 March, 2009**. A cheque or payment can be made at the General Office and a receipt will be issued.

Year 7 and 8 (7.37, 7.49, 7.54, 8.63, 8.39, 8.28, 8.61)	\$ 45.00
Year 9 TH1, TH2	\$ 50.00
Year 10 TH1, TH2	\$ 50.00
VCE Food Technology Units 1 & 2 (Year 10 & 11)	\$120.00
VCE Food Technology Units 3 & 4	\$140.00

Home Economics fees are used for the purchase of food items, etc for practical classes. Fees not paid by the due date will result in non-participation in practical classes for the relevant students until fees are paid. For any further enquiries, please contact Mrs Southall, Mrs Dowsett, Ms Lloyd and Ms Legg on 9735 5644.

Food Allergies – Home Economics and Food Technology

Students with food allergies need to inform their Home Economics teacher and obtain an information form to be completed. This will help to ensure that those foods are avoided or recipes modified.

VET STUDENTS 2009

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.

SICK BAY PROCEDURES

If a **student is feeling unwell** or has **been injured** in any way they **MUST** report to the **SCHOOL'S SICK BAY**. Students are **NOT PERMITTED** to **RING** their parents/guardians (via a mobile telephone) themselves **OR** leave the school **without permission**.

If the student feels they are too unwell to remain in class, the First Aid staff will contact their Parents or Guardians to collect them from school. To this end it is vital that student contact details are up to date.

There are times when a student will need a Panadol tablet or other medication. These must be supplied to Sick Bay by parents/guardians and will be named and stored in a locked cupboard. This medication can then be given and monitored by Sick Bay staff when needed.

If your child has another medical condition needing medication please supply Sick Bay as soon as possible. Students with Asthma and Allergies are required to have a management plan.

Each student who is at risk of anaphylaxis is required to have a management plan that has been developed in consultation with the parents/guardians and medical practitioner. Prevention strategies for each student at risk of anaphylaxis must be developed for both in school and out of school settings.

STUDENT WELLBEING

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

Thank you to all those families who make uniform and book donations to Student Wellbeing during the year. We are able to pass these on to many grateful families during the course of the year.

Shirley Watson and David Bromilow

CURRICULUM NEWS

Teaching Staff - January 28-30

Whilst the blistering sun delivered three consecutive days above 40 degrees, teachers actively participated in three days of intensive curriculum planning for 2009. The collaborative refining of course work and review of assessment practice made this professional development time exceedingly rewarding. Our teachers are once again at the forefront of the latest education initiatives.

Education Initiative – The 5 Es

A current education initiative gaining momentum across the state is: The 5 Es. What are the 5 Es? For the purposes of building suspense, I'll reveal one at this stage; **ENGAGE**. 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 **engaging** students. The best knowledge in the world will go to waste if it is delivered in a manner which is not **engaging**. Stimulating professional development along these lines took place amidst the extreme heatwave and will continue to do so throughout the year.

The Illuminate On-line Professional Development Program

The three day curriculum enhancing program culminated with teachers participating in two interactive on-line professional development seminars. The first was delivered by Laura Barbutto and focused on explaining and demonstrating useful classroom features associated with Web 2.0. The second seminar, delivered by Joseph Caruana, stimulated discussion on the vital topic of how to cater for individual differences in the classroom in order to improve student connectedness. Both seminars were highly interactive and indeed a huge success.

The Notebook Program officially debuts in 2009

- A review of the Year 8 class which piloted this program last year is drawing to an end. This data will contribute towards the development of a protocol which will clearly outline classroom expectations regarding this learning tool.
- The notebooks will have plenty of memory for school work. Furthermore, students will be able to save their work in their Studywiz folder in the school network.
- Lilydale High School has invested in a comprehensive wireless network which will allow for internet coverage throughout the school.
- This program is not designed to drive curriculum change, rather to empower students and teachers with another tool through which a meaningful curriculum can be delivered.
- Students not participating in this program will not be disadvantaged.

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Henri Mouratidis as the new Head of Humanities. Already she is doing a stunning job. A big welcome back is also extended to the returning Heads of Department. What an exciting year lies ahead.

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

We welcome students to Level One of the SEALP program. These students will commence work at Year 7 level and swiftly move onto Year 8 level work.

Level Two SEALP students will be operating at Year 8 level and will swiftly move onto Year 9 level. Level Three SEALP students are now operating at Year 10 level. There's no holding back of these academically gifted/talented students.

Joseph Caruana, Head of Curriculum

ENGLISH

The English Department welcomes students, families and teachers to yet another exciting and challenging year of learning. We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to Year 7 and other students joining us for the first time at Lilydale High School. All the best to all for 2009.

The English department is delighted to introduce Claire Pritchard who is joining our wonderful group of teachers. We'd also like to welcome back Ceridwen Message and Sean Salkin to the English faculty. Great to have you both back with us at Lilydale High School.

Year 7

We trust students have enjoyed their 'Top Stories' anthology and would encourage all students to continue reading at home on a regular basis. Indeed, reading is without a doubt the best way to improve results in English! This year, Year 7 students can look forward to lots of fun educational activities. From delving into ancient Myths and Legends to considering the plight of refugees in Boy Overboard, students will be encouraged to explore different cultures and times and to present their findings and ideas in a variety of ways.

We wish our Year 7 students all the best as they begin this exciting phase of their educational journey here at Lilydale High School.

VCE

VCE is an exciting if very busy year and we wish our Year 11 and 12 students all the very best as they embark on this final stage of their secondary education.

The VCE year is already well underway. Holiday homework for both Year 11 and 12 was due the first lesson back. Success at this level is dependent upon students completing all work requirements on time and to the best of their ability. As such Year 12 students who do not submit the holiday homework by this Monday 9 February will be

required to do so in an after school class next Tuesday. We urge students to take advantage of our clemency on this particular occasion and ensure their work is in to their teacher by Monday.

Of course learning is not just done in the classroom. VCE students will be expected to partake in the following most worthwhile extra-curricular activities: Film studies at ACMI, excursions and incursions of plays studied. For Year 12 students a lecture in September from former chief examiner, Ross Huggard. Stay tuned for more information on these fantastic learning opportunities.

Year 12 students take heed. Units 3 and 4 Orientation lectures at Melbourne University will be held on Saturday 28th February. More details shortly.

Year 8, 9 and 10 students

We trust our students have enjoyed reading their 'Bookvember' novels over the holidays and are ready to embark upon exploring the themes and ideas raised in them. A reminder that Year 8 students are to have read 'Falling from Grace'; Year 9 'The Black Dog Gang' and Year 10 'Animal Farm.'

Students at these levels will have the opportunity to participate in a plethora of exciting educational activities throughout the year both inside and outside the school. We encourage our students to take advantage of these invaluable opportunities to enhance their learning and understanding.

Buy Back Books

Do you have copies of Making Stories, Myths and Legends or Go Grammar on your book shelves you'd like to sell? If they're in perfect condition, bring them to Ms Sayers in the ramp staff room by February 27 for reimbursement. Those students who returned books for payment before the holidays can collect their money from the School Office.

Janine Sayers, Head of English

LOTE

Congratulations and best wishes to the successful VCE LOTE students of 2008.

Year 11 and Year 12 VCE French students have handed in their holiday work and should ensure that their work requirements are kept up to date. They should be aiming at a high score for all their SACs and exams. In order to do this they need to revise new vocabulary and grammar rigorously between lessons. They should also use the media and the Internet to improve their opportunities to listen to and read French.

Students in Year 11 and 12 who wish to study Indonesian VCE need to see Mrs Hastie in order to enrol with the Victorian School of Languages.

Any students studying Indonesian in Year 9 upwards who wish to go on the Indonesian study tour to Malaysia, who have not registered their names, should see Mrs Stoyanoff as soon as possible.

All LOTE students should make sure that they keep their note books tidy and that all their LOTE work is kept together in order to compile a workable grammar and vocabulary reference. They must bring the required pens, work book and text or their computer with access to an electronic version of the text book to every class. They will be told when to use their laptops.

Anne-Claire Gabiron has been appointed French Language Assistant for 2009 and will be in school on three days per fortnight.

The LOTE department would like to take this opportunity to thank Colette O'Reilly for her great contribution to the LOTE program at Lilydale High School over a significant period of time. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Frances Hastie, Head of LOTE

HUMANITIES

Welcome back to our students and our parent community.

2009 will once again be a great year for the Humanities faculty. We will have a big variety of activities, excursions, incursions, guest speakers and visitors to the school across all year levels and subjects.

We welcome the new laptops into our classrooms and look forward to incorporating them into our curriculum as an exciting tool for our teachers and students.

Our VCE teachers are once again ready for the big year ahead and are very eager to present their interesting courses and to help their students achieve their best!

Henri Mouratidis, Head of Humanities

MATHS

Welcome to Semester 1, 2009.

Tips for Parents

Please ensure that your child has two A4 workbooks for use in their Maths classes. One will be used for class and revision notes, the second one is for class work. Please ensure that your child has all the required books and materials to facilitate a smooth start to the year.

Logsheets

All students from Year 7 to VCE are to use logsheets as a record of their completed class work. All VCE students will be given a hard copy of their required logsheets for the year by their teacher in the first lesson of the year. Students are familiar with the use of these sheets.

All Year 8 to 10 students will be able to access their appropriate logsheets for Semester 1 on Studywiz. All Year 7 students will be directed to the appropriate intranet folder to access theirs. Students are then to print out their own logsheets and name and place them in a plastic pocket in their Maths folder or glue them into the back of their Maths workbook. These are to be brought to class each lesson for a teacher signature when an exercise is completed and self corrected. Parents are requested to check their students' logsheet at regular intervals to see that these are being signed and that work is being completed. A parent signature would also be appreciated so that the classroom teacher can see that the logsheets are being viewed by parents.

Homework

All students in Years 7 to 10 need to have purchased the appropriate homework book. Teachers will set one sheet a week to be submitted on an agreed day for marking.

EBooks and Notebook computers

We are very excited about these new initiatives at Lilydale High School and all teachers are ready for the extensive use of this technology in Maths classes. EBooks should now be available for students. Please ensure that they upload the first chapter to be studied – as indicated on their logsheet, to facilitate learning in class.

Calculators

The new calculators for Year 7 students and the remaining CAS TI-Nspire calculators that were ordered last year, have arrived at school and are being distributed to students via the School Office. Please ensure that your student has collected theirs.

All Year 10 and 11 Maths Methods students are required to have the new CAS TI-Nspire calculator. It is imperative that they do so, as they will be severely disadvantaged by not having one. Teachers have commenced instruction in the use of these in classes and students will fall behind quickly if they do not have the correct calculator. We have a

few extras for sale through the School Office at a cost of \$185.00. Please pay at the Office if you wish to purchase one through the school.

Lunch time catch up classes

The Maths Faculty runs bi-weekly lunch time extra assistance classes in Room 31 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please suggest to your student(s) that they attend these if they would like some extra help. Even 15 minutes can make a difference to their understanding of a topic or a particular problem. These sessions are staffed by members of the faculty who willingly give up their lunchtimes to help students, so we would like to see as many students as possible attending.

Amanda Legg, Head of Mathematics

ARTS

The Arts department are looking forward to a great start to 2009. Lots of creative endeavours are planned for the year and we are all looking forward to a great year ahead. We welcome back one returning staff member Kate McAlister who will be working in the Music Department.

The two new Arts clubs which formed last year will soon be running again.

The 'Art Club' will run again on Thursday lunchtimes and will give the students a chance to spend more time in the Art Room working on class work or private art works.

The 'Theatre Appreciation Club' will also run again this year. Last year the group went to 'Wicked' which was a very successful excursion. Look out for notices in the Daily Bulletin for details of this year's first excursion.

Coming Activities

Instrumental Music Information Evening	17 February, 7pm
Airbrushing Courses	To be advised
VCE Drama performance Evening	21 May, 7-9pm
VCE Theatre Studies Production Evening	4 June, 7-9pm
Production Auditions	To be advised
Instrumental Mid Year Concert	16 June
VCE Arts Portsea Camp	13 and 15 May

Sarah Hardy, Head of ARTS

PASE

The School Swimming Carnival, compulsory for Year 7 students and encouraged for all other swimmers, will be held on Wednesday 25 February at the Ringwood Aquatic Centre.

Students should consult the Daily Bulletin for information regarding Interscholar Sport. Sports this term are Cricket, Softball/Baseball, Tennis and Volleyball. All students are encouraged to try out for these teams.

The PASE uniform for Lilydale High School is a yellow LHS polo shirt, maroon shorts and non-marking runners. If your child does not have any part of the uniform because it is in the wash or lost please send them to school with a note and with a different pair of shorts or shirt.

The wearing of hats in Terms 1 and 4 is compulsory and sunscreen is also provided in every class. We encourage students to wear hats all year round in PASE classes.

CURRICULUM NEWS

SCIENCE

Welcome back to what is going to be an exciting and challenging year. With the advent of the laptop program and greater access to computer technologies the Science department will be going through a rate of change.

We have planned to present the usual cohesive and practical based activities, however, are now incorporating new challenges with the use of computerised tools.

Year 7 and 8 students will have the Science Quest text as an "Ebook" which gives greater access to simulations and information utilising the Internet and Jacaranda's web base. Those students who have not taken up the lease program still have the same access in class time to explore the scientific world.

All students are encouraged to pursue the quest for knowledge and participate in all extra curricula activities being offered. It is hoped that the competitions such as The Great Australian Science Challenge, Science Talent Search and Rio Tinto Big Science will continue to be offered and taken up by all.

We have been involved in the standardising process for PAT testing by ACER in establishing a science analytical tool to help students and teachers identify strengths and weaknesses in understanding of scientific process and knowledge. The feedback should be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

Year 9 students will be trialling our own "Ebook" which staff have developed over the past years. We still will be using the themes of Oceans and Forensics, however, the booklets can now be downloaded onto a laptop and have hyperlinks between reading and practical components. I would like to give a special thank you to the staff that have spent many hours trying to get things working.

Students can purchase the booklets through the School Office at a cost of \$18.00. Once paid, your child is to see Mr Newman who will give you an appropriate copy. Students are still expected to maintain a class notebook, hand written, to document their practical observations and thinking responses.

Our VCE classes are running to a tight schedule and can I strongly recommend that all set up study timetables and set clear timelines for the completion and preparation of assessment tasks. Read ahead, ask questions and pace yourself. It can be a stressful year for some, but more so if you are disorganised and not planning carefully your time management.

If you need help, any of your teachers will be more than happy to help you. I wish all a productive and successful year.

Ian Newman, Head of Science

2009 TERM DATES

Term 1	2 February to 3 April
Term 2	20 April to 26 June
Term 3	13 July to 18 September
Term 4	5 October to 18 December

SUBSCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome to all of our Year 7 students and welcome back to our Year 8 students. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to those Year 8 students who are new to Lilydale High School.

It has been great to see our Junior School students beginning to settle in at the start of the school year. A reminder, the key to success is being organised. Now that students have had the opportunity to meet most of their new teachers and begin work in their classes, they are aware of what the requirements for each of their classes are. Students should ensure that they have purchased what is needed and that they take all the correct books to their classes. They must also ensure that their lockers are well organised. The school planner must be taken to every class and I would like to take this opportunity to remind students and their parents that the school planner is an official school document which is to be used to record homework, important events and excursions. It is also a means of communication between parents and teachers. It is not a private diary and should not be used as one. Misused planners will need to be replaced.

YEAR 7

Great start for Year 7 students

On Monday 2 February our Year 7 students completed their first day of high school. It was good to see everyone arrive on time and happily move off with their form teacher to their home room. At lunchtime we all met for a hotdog and an icy pole, after which many Year 7 students wandered off to explore their new environment. Thanks to all of the parents who joined us for the lunch. It was the first opportunity of many, for us to get together. The Year 7 students were allocated lockers, and by the end of this week the lockers should be stacked with books and ready for serious study in the weeks ahead. To ensure the smooth transition into high school continues, we ask that students and parents carefully consider the following points.

Naming all belongings

Please make sure that all books, clothing items and other items are clearly labelled with your name and form group. We ask students to take particular care with their books and belongings and to not bring any valuable items to school.

Lockers

We have asked all Year 7 students to make sure that they **DO NOT GIVE ANYONE THEIR LOCKER COMBINATIONS**. The lockers are a safe place for books and we encourage them to keep their locker space confidential so that it remains in a place that only they can access.

Folders – Setting them up

In the booklet, which was distributed to all Year 7 students on Orientation day, there was a section in the back explaining how to set up folders. Please refer to this to ensure books and folders are set up correctly from the start. Form teachers will be monitoring folders throughout the year to ensure they remain organised and tidy. Being organised is one of the keys to a successful year.

Hats - Sun smart

We strongly encourage students to ensure that they apply sunscreen in the morning and then throughout the day whilst at school for those times when they are involved in outdoor activities. We also encourage the wearing of a hat at lunchtime and recess through the summer months. In Physical and Sport Education classes (PASE), it is essential that a hat be worn when participating in outdoor sporting pursuits.

'Getting it Right' Program

During Week 2, all Year 7 students will be participating in the 'Getting It Right' Program which involves providing important information to students about the schools 'Code of Conduct' and 'Anti Harassment' Policies. Some time is spent in goal setting and organising folders and lockers to assist with their organisation for high school. We also extend a warm invitation to all parents and guardians to spend the morning with us to view the information sessions and partake in some morning tea with the teachers.

Council's School Immunisation Program

An information letter and two immunization consent cards will be distributed to the students during Week 3 regarding The Hepatitis B vaccine and Chicken Pox vaccine. Please return the signed consent cards to your form teachers as soon as possible.

Coming Events

Week 2	'Getting it Right' Program
Week 3	Year 7 School Photos (Monday 16 February)
Week 3	Immunisation information and consent cards distributed
Week 3	Year 7 Camp notice distributed

To ensure that parents/guardians are fully informed, we distributed a timeline of events for Term 1 on Orientation Day last year, however, if for any reason you do not have a copy, you may access one on the Lilydale High School website to keep you informed as to what is coming up this term.

Included in it are the dates of events and also the dates on which your child will come home with important information. Please keep it handy in order to refer to it regularly.

Finally, please don't hesitate to call us or your child's form teacher with any questions or queries in relation to our program this term.

Hilda Knight, Head of Year 7

YEAR 8

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please ring us and let us know. An absence note for your child's absence is still required for your child's form teacher. If the absence will be an extended one, we are happy to organise work for your child if it is required.

Uniform

It is wonderful to see the majority of Year 8 students in the correct uniform. The school planner has the uniform requirements clearly listed, so if in doubt please check the planner. If your child is not in the correct uniform a note is required. If you have any queries regarding uniform please don't hesitate to call.

Camp Wilkin

The two Year 8 Camps to 'Camp Wilkin' in Anglesea will be run during the week beginning 16 March. Notices will be distributed soon asking for the final payment of \$140 to be made in early March. If parents need to pay in instalments please contact the school's Business Manager Dawn Collins for arrangements to be made.

Year 8 Morning Tea

The Year 8 'Morning Tea' will be held on Friday 13 February. This is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to meet the teachers of their children. Notices will be distributed soon asking for a return slip to be filled in so we can arrange catering.

Michael Schultz

Head of Junior Sub School and Head of Year 8

Jane Hemmings, Donna Oberdorfer, Tim Beale, Darren Strachan,
Adam Price

Junior School Coordinators

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 9

We're back

Welcome back to all our Year 9 students. We hope you had a great holiday and are looking forward to a very busy and productive year in 2009.

Year Level Captains

Congratulations to our Year level Captains; Emma Van Den Driest and Nathan McCulloch. We look forward to working with them over the year as they perform their duties, representing all Year 9 students.

Queensland Camp

For those who paid the deposit last year, there will be a second notice issued next week regarding the follow-up payment.

Year 9 Coordinators

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Year 9 Coordination Team for 2009 and we would encourage parents/guardians to contact us with any concerns that they may have.

Head of Year 9

- Genaha Thompson

Year 9 Coordinators

- Mark Beatson, Matt Saunders, Jonathan Reedyk

Middle School Coordinators

YEAR 10

Welcome back to all Year 10 students. We hope all had a happy and rewarding holiday.

Year 10 Coordinators

We are more than happy to answer any queries at the Middle School Office. Please feel free to speak to Stuart Young, Head of Middle School and Year 10 or Jamie Lyons, Dianna Moore and Matt Saunders, Year 10 Coordinators.

2009 Year 10 Central Australia Trip

Year 10 students have the opportunity to go to Central Australia from Monday 20 April to Tuesday 28 April. The cost of the trip is \$1,118.00 which includes transport, admissions, accommodation and most meals.

The cost may be reduced depending on how many students wish to attend. If you wish your son/daughter to go on this trip, please pay a deposit of **\$250** to the General Office by **Thursday 12 February, 2009**.

Lateness

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.

Subject Changes

Requests for subject changes (**in writing**) will not be accepted until next week at the Middle School Coordinators Office. Please note; there are no guarantees subjects can be changed.

Middle School Coordinators

SENIOR SCHOOL

Welcome back

The VCE team would like to welcome back all of the VCE students of 2009. We hope you had a fantastic break and have returned refreshed, revitalised and motivated for a great year ahead.

This year, your 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

We would like to say farewell and good luck to Melissa Crotty who left the VCE team at the end of 2008, as she is preparing to welcome her first baby in March. We thank her for all the hard work she put into VCE Coordination and wish her all the best during this exciting time.

Important VCE Dates

Year 12 Darren Pereira 'Shape Your Destiny' Seminar
Tuesday 10 February

VCE Meet the Parents Evening
Tuesday 10 February, 6.30pm onwards

Year 12 Elevate Education
Friday 20 February

Year 11 Elevate Education
Monday 23 February

Meet the VCE Teachers Evening
On Tuesday 10 February, parents/guardians have the opportunity to come to the school from 6.30pm onwards and meet their student's VCE teachers.

The VCE Coordination team and VCE teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have, or simply explain the Unit/s your student is studying. The evening will commence in the VCE Study Hall at 6.30pm.

YEAR 12 NEWS

Shape your Destiny

This year we are once again fortunate to have Darren Pereira coming to talk to our Year 12 students. His seminar, '**Shape Your Destiny**' will be held at Swinburne University in Lilydale, on **Tuesday 10 February**. Students will be required to meet at the Atrium at Swinburne Lilydale at 8.45am. During his seminar, Darren Pereira provides workbooks with notes, practical tools and proven strategies to help students with their VCE, advice on goal planning and tips on motivation and how to keep motivation during Year 12.

Elevate Education

On **Friday 20 February**, our Year 12 students also have the opportunity to participate 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 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.

It is vital that students attend both the Darren Pereira seminar and the Elevate Education workshops to strengthen their opportunity to succeed in 2009. The **cost of both programs is \$45** and we ask that you put payment in a clearly marked envelope with your student's name, '**Year 12 Study Strategies**' and your student's form group on the front. **The final date for payment is Friday 6th February.**

YEAR 11 NEWS

Presentation Ball 2009

Practice for the 2009 Presentation Ball commences on Thursday 5 February in the School Hall. There are two groups:

Night 1: 4.15pm- 5.30 pm (arrive at 4 pm)

Night 2: 5.30pm- 6.45 pm (arrive at 5.15 pm)

Students may wear casual clothes and comfortable shoes to dance in. Practice will run every Thursday until Thursday 26 March as well as a final rehearsal on Sunday 29 March (time to be confirmed later).

The dates for the two Presentation Ball evenings are as follows:

Night 1: Wednesday 1 April

Night 2: Friday 3 April

The venue is '**The Centre**', Ivanhoe.

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

The final payment is due on Friday 13 February.

Girls: \$140

Boys: \$125

All deposits of \$100 should have been finalised by now.

Ticket sales will commence Monday 9 February. Cost per ticket is \$80.

Elevate Education

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 is due Monday 9 February. Attendance is compulsory.

VCE Coordinators

MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS

Year 12 Interviews

Beginning Monday 9 February until the end of Term 1 **ALL Year 12 students** will be scheduled to meet with a MIPs counsellor in order to ensure that every student has begun to think about possible pathways, and begin planning for next year. Students will be advised of their interview time in form assembly.

Please contact Kath Rudd, MIPs Counsellor on 9735 5644 for any enquires.