

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Sportsman's Night

The first Lilydale High School Sportsman's Night was held on April 22. There were many sporting activities set up in the town centre area of the school where students could test their skills. The most popular was a radar device that measured the speed of a thrown ball. (PASE teacher Michael Schultz was hard to beat.)

Later, a panel of successful sportsmen discussed their careers with an emphasis on the influence of male role models in their lives. The panel included former Principal and Fitzroy footballer John Benison, former Dockers coach Chris Connolly, footballers Kelvin Moore, Leigh Adams and Nathan McLean. Mick Hill, a Brisbane Bullets basketball player rounded out the panel. It is hoped that this very successful night was the first of many to come.

Federal Funding

The school's application to the federal National School Pride program has been successful with a grant of \$200,000 to be paid later in the year. Projects under consideration for spending this grant include covering the Junior School deck area, artificial turf for several outdoor playing areas and an outdoor amphitheatre.

Grade 6 Information Night

A very successful Grade 6 Information Night was held on April 28. The evening was attended by a large number of parents and students who listened to presentations, viewed dramatic and sporting performances and were accompanied on tours of the school.

Leon Bishop, Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 2

Monday 11 May

Year 10-12 Boys Netball/Girls Football
 Year 11 Chemistry CSIRO Incursion

Tuesday 12 May

NAPLAN Testing
 Year 11/12 Soccer/Netball/Badminton
 Reserve Day

Wednesday 13 May

NAPLAN Testing
 Portsea Arts Camp
 LHS Cross Country Periods 5 & 6

Thursday 14 May

NAPLAN Testing
 Portsea Arts Camp

Friday 15 May

Portsea Arts Camp
 Yarra Group Cross Country

Monday 18 May

Enviro Science Wilsons Prom Camp
 VCE Top Arts Excursion

Tuesday 19 May

Enviro Science Wilsons Prom Camp
 Back to School Day
 VCE Drama Ensemble Performance Dress
 Rehearsal 3 - 7 pm
 Year 9/10 Soccer/Netball/Badminton

Wednesday 20 May

Enviro Science Wilsons Prom Camp
 Year 8 Medieval Festival Periods 1 - 4
 Year 9 Meeting Melbourne City Experience
 Information Evening

Thursday 21 May

Unit 1/3 Drama Ensemble Performance
 Night
 Yarra Group Cross Country Reserve Day
 Year 7/10 Immunisations

Friday 22 May


Year 7 & 8 Maths Rod Quantock Incursion

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

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EDUCATION WEEK 17 – 23 MAY 2009

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF QUALITY EDUCATION

Monday 18 May	9.00am - 10.30am 11.00am - 12.30pm 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Happy Birthday Lilydale High History: Vietnam Veterans visitors Whole of School Birthday BBQ lunch AFL: Longest Drop Punt Competition on the School Oval.
Tuesday 19 May	7.30am - 8.15am 9.30am 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Whole School Birthday Breakfast "Back to School" tours and morning tea for ex-students RSVP 9735-5644 Science: Motor Mouse Activity
Wednesday 20 May	11.00am - 12.15pm 12.30pm - 1.00pm	History: Year 8 Medieval Festival in the School Hall. Golf: Closest to the Pin Competition on the School Oval.
Thursday 21 May	12.30pm - 1.00pm	English: A Literary Lunch in the Resource Centre to winners in the "The window was shut to keep out the cold....." short story writing competition. Science: Marshmallow Catapult for Years 9 and 10 students
Friday 22 May	9.15am - 10.15am 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Maths: Comedian Rod Quantock to speak with Year 7 and 8 students about the History of Maths. English: A Literary Lunch in the Resource Centre to winners in the "The window was shut to keep out the cold....." short story writing competition. Technology: Pinball Construction Basketball: Three Point Shootout in the Stadium

Enjoy a range of further activities that run all week including...

Languages Other Than English: Enjoy Indonesian dance and music, learning to play the angklung, experience Indonesian cuisine, enjoy French films, learn to play French games and cooking French crêpes.

Art: Activities and Workshops every lunchtime, all week long!

Please contact Brent Houghton on 9735 5644 for further details.

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CURRICULUM

Curriculum Matters

The 2009 NAPLAN National Testing

All Year 7 and 9 students in Australia will be participating in the NAPLAN during Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May. The tests cover the areas of English and Mathematics.

Specifically, the following tests will be completed:

- Language Conventions Test which focuses on spelling, grammar and punctuation - duration: 45 minutes
- Writing Test - duration: 40 minutes
- Reading Test – duration: 65 minutes
- Calculator allowed numeracy test – duration: 40 minutes
- Non calculator numeracy test – duration: 40 minutes

The Numeracy tests will cover areas of: Number; Algebra; Space; Change and Data; Measurement; Function and Pattern.

Currently, all Year 7 and 9 students (and the Level 3 SEAL students) are experiencing the 2008 NAPLAN tests as part of our comprehensive preparation program.

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

SEALP TESTING DAY – Saturday 2nd May, 2010 students

This was a highly successful morning with over 60 candidates trying out for entry into next year's program. We expect to finalise the selection process by early June. If you had intended to attend our testing morning but were unable to do so, please contact us urgently on 9735 5644. Places are limited.

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

Joe Caruana

Head of Curriculum/Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program

ENGLISH

Year 12

The pace continues unabated in Term 2 for our Year 12 English students. Persuasive Oral Presentations are taking place after school until Thursday 14th May. Students will have thoroughly researched and developed their chosen topic and honed their skills in public speaking, perhaps by enthraling family and friends with their erudite and compelling presentations based on a media issue from the last six months.

Students should now be preparing for their 'Creating and Presenting' component of the Study Design beginning next week. They would be well advised to be rereading 'The Line' and considering how the protagonists in this text cope when 'Encountering Conflict'. Whilst reading, students should also be contemplating how they and those around them manage conflict. This will, without a doubt, give students plenty of scope for the philosophical musings required for their next writing task.

Year 11

Macbeth and his partner in crime, Lady Macbeth, entertained and enlightened our Year 11 students in the Hall on Tuesday 28th April. Six students had the opportunity to join Macbeth and his lady in their murderous jaunt on stage and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to demonstrate their dramatic talents. Two of the student performers

remarked upon the palpable 'buzz in the air...as the actors from Theatreworks productions introduced themselves accompanied by an intriguing and rhythmical opening.'

The following students must be congratulated on their terrific performances in 'Macbeth'; Jack McClure who played Malcolm; Aaron Muys who played Donalbain; Ricky Di Maio who played Ross and Tatiana Maggi, Lily Somers and Tiana Bedwell who played the 'Wicked Witches'. Well done to you all.

Year 11 students are also immersed in assessment tasks over the next few weeks in the lead up to the exam period. Weeks 4 and 5 will see Year 11 students deliver their Persuasive Orals on 'Justice in Australia.' These presentations will take place after school to replicate the conditions students can expect next year in Year 12. Students will also have a written Context SAC to complete in class in Week 5, again drawing on the theme of 'Justice in Australia'.

Debating

Year 11 students Emma Thurkle and Tayla Lane competed last weekend in a Model United Nations Assembly. The girls represented the country of Saudi Arabia and were required to debate a range of resolutions which examined issues of human rights; social, economic and environmental issues and international peace and security. Prior to the debate the girls were busily researching their assigned nation's stance on these issues and presented their views at Parliament House.

Emma and Tayla are to be congratulated on their fine efforts and commitment to debating. From all accounts they did a magnificent job. Ms Laura Barbuto and Mrs Valerie Mayer must also be commended for their support of these girls and their preparedness to accompany them to Parliament House on both Saturday and Sunday.

Many thanks to Lilydale Rotary who are sponsoring our students' involvement in this competition.

Years 7-10

Education Week is almost upon us and as such all students have been involved in a short story competition with the opportunity to win terrific prizes. Furthermore, the successful authors from each year level will be invited to join in the celebrations for Education Week at a delicious Literary Lunch. Students have been asked to open their creative stories with the line: 'The window was closed to keep out the cold.....' Winning stories will also be entered into the Funstory Competition. Stay tuned for the announcement of winners, shortly.

Year 7

The Premier's Reading challenge is well underway. Students have been reminded that they need to read fifteen books by the end of August. A pizza lunch will be the reward for the form group reading the most books. Indeed, this initiative supports the endeavours of our school, and in particular the English department, to encourage everyone to read more for pleasure. So get reading, everyone.

Janine Sayers, Head of English

MATHS

NAPLAN Testing

All students in Years 7 and 9 will take part in the National testing for Numeracy next week commencing Monday 11th May. As previously indicated, there will be two assessment tasks, one with a calculator and one without a calculator. Students must bring their own calculator to the tests as none will be provided on the day. Please make sure that your student has the correct equipment.

Please note: The recommended Ti-30 XB MultiView Calculators for Years 7 to 10 are available for sale from the School Office for \$20.

Reminder - Education Week

On Friday 22nd May, as part of Education Week, comedian Rod Quantock will grace us with a talk titled 'A Brief History of Maths'. This will be for students in Years 7 and 8 and there will be a charge of \$3.

Maths Competition

The Australian Mathematics Competition 2009 will be held on Thursday August 6 at School and across the State. All students who have paid their \$4.95 entry fee have been entered for this competition.

Lunchtime catch up classes

The Maths Faculty continues to offer bi-weekly lunchtime extra assistance classes in Room 31 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The roster is advertised in the Daily Bulletin. Please suggest to your students(s) that they attend these if they would like some extra help. Students who are availing themselves of this service are noticing an improvement in their results.

A Year 10 and 11 Maths support lunchtime catch up class is now being offered to students and commenced on Monday 4th May in Room 68.

Year 11 students

We are actively requesting Year 11 students to volunteer to assist with Year 7 students in the Task activity Centre for one period a week.

Please let myself in the Ramp Staffroom or Ms McColl in Staffroom 4 (behind the Library) know if you are interested in assisting.

Amanda Legg, Head of Maths

TECHNOLOGY

All Technology staff members are working diligently by continuing their high teaching standards and adapting existing coursework to achieve improved student enthusiasm and outcomes.

The Food Technology team have developed new recipes for Year 9 classes, which are proving to be very popular amongst the students. They are currently developing new recipes for Years 7, 8, and 10 which may be trialled during Semester 2.

The Technology department received delivery of a sandblasting unit on Tuesday 28th April in preparation for the commencement of a newly developed Middle School, Materials and Design course by Mr De Gama. The 2010 course will involve students working with various glass products, including mirror etching / sandblasting.

The Technology team are offering two activity sessions throughout Education week; pinball making and apple spirals, which are guaranteed to please. The activities will be conducted at lunchtimes during Education Week, with the main focus to develop Junior School students interest in Technology subjects.

The Grade 6 Information Evening held on Tuesday 28th April was a tremendous success. Many parents were extremely impressed, not only with the Technology displays, but with the entire school.

The Food Technology team will be working extremely hard in the coming weeks in preparation for the 90th Birthday celebrations of Lilydale High School. They will be working with many classes, cooking delicious recipes such as muffins, Anzac cookies, mini pizzas and many more mouth-watering treats.

Steve Peters, Head of Technology

CAREERS NEWS

VET

The VET program for Year 11 and 12 students is going well with our students settled into their courses and enjoying the VET experience.

GAP (Growth and Pathways) at Box Hill and VIP (Vocational Introductory Programs) at Swinburne have been popular with the Year 10 students. The applications for Semester 2 are beginning and it is expected that strong interest will be seen once again for the many and exciting taster programs being offered by these TAFE's. Students who are a part of this program are out one day a week.

VIP Programs at Swinburne, available Semester 2, for Year 10 students are: Retail Skills for the Cosmetics Industry, Laboratory Skills, Native Animal Conservation, Visual Arts – Studio Photography, Flash, Theatre Make-Up, Screen Production/Visual Storytelling, Computer Aided Drafting (CAD), Flowers Galore, Landscape Initiatives, Automotive Taster, Welding and Fabrication, Carpentry, Brick and Block laying, Plumbing. **Applications due by 12th June.**

GAP Programs at Box Hill available during Semester 2 are: Automotive, Building Trades Experience, Child Care, Electrical, Engineering and Manufacturing, Engineering CAD, Engineering Graphics, Extreme Engineering, Fashion Design, Hairdressing, Hospitality – Cookery, Hospitality – Restaurant and Barista, Welding and Fabrication. **Applications are online and due, May 2009.**

Any students interested in the above programs should see the Careers Office for an application form and more detailed information on each of these courses.

Some of our Year 11 and 12 students went out on Work Experience during the holidays and are reporting back that this was a positive and rewarding experience. Any students who are 15 can undertake Work Experience and should see the Careers Office for further information on this invaluable experience.

Year 12 Careers information sessions have been run during Year 12 English classes. These sessions have informed students about what 'Careers' is and the different pathways they can choose.

The Careers Resource Centre has recently had a revamp and is now a resource that is student friendly with up to date information available. Any student who would like to make a booking with Careers can come into the office to make an appointment. If parents would like to speak with a Careers Coordinator they can contact the school on 9735 5644 and ask for Sara Hack or Michelle Dowsett to arrange a suitable time.

We have a very busy Term 2 ahead with many decisions and exciting careers choices to be made.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION 'Oliver'

We would like to inform all parents/guardians and students the changes to the School Production performance dates of 'Oliver'. The new dates are;

Matinee Performance	Wednesday 12 August
Evening Performances	Thursday 13 August
	Friday 14 August
	Saturday 15 August

Helen Nicholas and Jane Hemmings

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

As part of Lilydale High School's 90th Birthday celebrations we are organising a whole school photograph. This involves all students being photographed on the oval on Thursday 21st May at 12pm.

We would love all students to be at school to be a part of this. Mark it in your calendar.

Johanna Walker, Assistant Principal

SPORTS REPORT NEWS

Recent Sporting Results - Term 1 and 2

State Swimming Titles

Congratulations to Douglas Frogley on competing in the State Swimming Final in the 50m Breaststroke. Douglas was placed 7th overall, less than 2 seconds behind first place. Great Effort!

Also a belated congratulations to Nick Lindsay on winning the 'Age Group Champion' at the 'Eastern Zone Swimming Titles' for Under 17 Males.

Year 9/10 Girls Softball

On March 17th, the Lilydale Heights Year 9/10 girls team we played, had played together since Year 7 and won every year. Our girls had never played together and were unsure of the rules, but that didn't stop their enthusiasm. The first innings was a huge learning experience of all the rules for our girls. We lost 7 -1. The next 2 innings were much closer, worrying the opposition. The final score was 25-18, with the Heights winning.

As well as learning on the spot, the girls were playing in heavy rain at times but never gave up and certainly had great fun. A most rewarding game. I'm sure next year they will give the Heights a real run for their money.

MVP on the day was Ashlee Shanks of 10.08. Her pitching was fantastic and she certainly learnt on the spot. Jess Howell of 9.17 was also MVP. She was 'Captain' for the day and team organiser. Jess also made our first home run which was very exciting and she was an all round player. Well done to the whole team who were a great representation of the school.

Penny Connolly

Year 9/10 Girls Cricket

In overcast conditions Lilydale Heights batted first, making 3/141 off 20 overs. Morgan Wyatt was the best of the bowlers without luck. She was well supported by Holly Allen and Brittany McManus. Gabby Clark did an excellent job behind the stumps, taking a great catch off Christine Fenton's bowling. To Lilydale High's innings, Tania Hoare carried her bat making a very well crafted 64 not out. Fiona Gessey helped to finish the game off in style with a quick-fire 25 not out to seal the game. The girls passed Lilydale Heights score with eight balls remaining. Well done girls! MVP Tania Hoare.

Trent Silk

Year 9/10 Boys Cricket

Year 10 boys won 2 out of 2 matches

- MVP Kallan Walker Captain Daniel Fraser

Year 9 boys won 1 out of 2 matches

- MVP Brad Watson Captain Ben Ashton

Thanks to Tim Christou, Taylor Gibson and Jayden Pobke for scoring. The boys were great on the day and played fairly and professionally.

Jacki Goode and Olivia Fraser

Year 8 Girls Volleyball

After 6 games of Volleyball, our girls finished equal 4th in their competition. Well done girls, and excellent effort. MVP Jaimi Schroen

Year 8 Boys Volleyball

Our team was convincing winners, beating all the opposition in the tournament. Taylor Hohepa setting up many shots for his talls including Jake Clements, Kyle Staples and Zac Grenfall. Overall an excellent team effort. MVP Taylor Hohepa

School Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 30th April, the school House Athletics Carnival was conducted under perfect blue skies at Knox Athletics track. Our overall winners for the day were Cummins house. Cummins also collected the trophies in the senior and junior competition while Tate house collected the intermediate trophy. Congratulations to all the students who participated and big congratulations to the age group champions listed below.

13 Female: Stephanie Butler	13 Male: Lucas Taylor
14 Female: Samantha Butler	14 Male: Zak Paterson
15 Female: Belinda Comerford	15 Male: Evan Thompson
16 Female: Tania Hoare	16 Male: Joshua Paterson
17 Female: Amy Baird	17 Male: Mark Bennett
20 Female: Kirsty Walker	20 Male: Michael Annand

Intermediate Girls Eastern Zone Tennis

The girls played on Friday 1st May at Ringwood Tennis Club. The girls came up against Balwyn in their first game and without much of a warm-up, they were convincingly beaten. The next two games the girls found their feet and played really well to beat both Ringwood and Vermont with ease, but unfortunately they missed the finals. Congratulations to Fiona Geesey, Amy Jordan, Allie Gray-Smith and Jess Knight.

Senior Eastern Zone Golf

On Thursday 23rd April, Daniel Case, Tyson Lehman, Ryan Thomas and Melissa Taylor headed to Eastern Golf Club to play in the Eastern Zone finals. The team had a great day with Melissa Taylor finishing third to see her progress through to the State Finals on Monday 11th May. Congratulations and best of luck to Melissa.

School Cross Country

- Wednesday 13th May

MIPs NEWS

Managed Individual Pathways Program

The MIPs program ensures that all students 15 years and older have current individual pathway plans and associated support to enable a successful transition through the post-compulsory years to further education, training or full-time employment.

As a MIPs counsellor our role is to help our students identify their educational goals, employment goals and the pathways that can travel along to achieve these goals. Information is an important tool when it comes to making choices and decisions.

During Term 1 and the first 3 weeks of Term 2, all Year 12 students were individually interviewed by one of our MIPs counsellors. The purpose of the interviews is to review the students pathway plans, and discuss their future pathways. For most of our students this is their third MIPs interview, and for most, it will be their final interview.

Year 11 and 10 students are now having interviews to review their current pathway plans and discuss their future pathways.

On August 6 and 7, all Year 10 and 11 students and parents will be invited to attend an interview on our MIPs days. Letters will be posted home to parents/guardians advising the student's interview time.

In Term 4, all Year 9 students will be involved in group interviews designed to get them started on their pathway.

For more information about the MIPs program please contact Kath Rudd, MIPs Coordinator on 9735 5644.

SUBSCHOOL NEWS

Friday 8 May

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Lilydale High School Athletics Day

It was heartening to witness the involvement of the Year 7 and 8 students at the Athletics Carnival on Thursday April 30th. All students enjoyed the carnival atmosphere and the opportunity to represent and support their House.

Congratulations to Lucas Taylor 7.37, Stephanie Butler 7.56, Samantha Butler 8.69 and Zak Patterson 8.39 who won their respective age levels.

We wish all of our students the very best as they move onto the Yarra Group competition.

YEAR 7

NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) for Year 7 students will take place during Week 4 this term. Students are busy preparing for this assessment in their English and Maths classes.

NAPLAN will be administered Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. Students have been allocated rooms in the new buildings. Please note that form assembly on the Wednesday will take place in the NAPLAN room.

Leadership Camp

The Year 7 Leadership Camp will be held at Oasis Mt Evelyn on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th May. Students have been nominated by their teachers to attend the camp. There will be another camp running in September.

Philip Island and Anglesea Camps

There are still some left over clothing, toiletry and bedding items from the Year 7 and Year 8 camp which will be kept in the junior school office for a limited time. Please come to our office to check if you misplaced items from one of the camps in Term 1.

YEAR 8

School Planners

We would like to remind the students that they should be using their planners to help keep them organised with all their homework and to record any outstanding work which needs to be completed.

We ask students to use their school planner for school matters ONLY. Parents can ask to see the planner as it is an official school document.

If students have lost their planners a new one can be purchased from the School Office for \$10.

Absences – Phone calls

We appreciate the support that parents and guardians have given us when phoning home to establish the cause of your child's absence. We are interested to know that your child is happy here at school. We also like to know if your child is going to be away for an extended period of time so that we can let their classroom teachers know and gather work to send home if appropriate.

A reminder that a note is required to cover the absence upon return to school.

Junior School Coordinators

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 9 AND 10

Important Dates

Year 9 NAPLAN

Cross Country

Year 9 Melb City Experience

Information Evening

Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 May

Wednesday 13 May

Wednesday 20 May

Year 10 Camp

The Central Australia Tour went off without a hitch and was an amazing experience for all involved. Well done everybody for making this year's trip so wonderful.

Absences

Thank you to parents and guardians who contact the school to notify a student's absence. **A reminder that a note is required to cover the absence upon return to school.**

Students who did not attend the Year 9 or 10 Camps and were absent from school are required to bring a note from home covering their absence.

If you know that your child is going to be away for more than a day or two, please let us know so that we can organise work to be sent home if required.

Year 9 Meeting Melbourne City Experience

All Year 9 students (and Year 10 Accelerated students) will take part in a week long city experience around the city of Melbourne in either Weeks 2, 3 or 4 of Term 3.

Students and parents/guardians will receive additional information at an **'Information Evening'** on **Wednesday 20th May**, starting at 7.30pm in the school Hall.

Outstanding Achievements by our students

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

Middle School Coordinators

SENIOR SCHOOL

Important VCE Dates

CSIRO Visit for Year 11 Chemistry Students

Monday 11th May

VCE Arts Camp

Wednesday 13th May to Friday 15th May

VCE Environmental Science Camp

Monday 18th May to Wednesday 20th May

GAT Preparation Day

Tuesday 26th May (periods 1 to 4)

June Exam Period

Thursday 4th June to Thursday 11th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 8th June

GAT

Thursday 11th June

Report Writing Day

Friday 12th June

VCE Semester 2 Begins

Monday 15th June

Year 12 English Excursion to ACMI

Thursday 18th June

VCE Ski Camp

Wednesday 29th July to Friday 31st July

VCE Coordinators

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

2009 School Captains

School Captains

- Ash Beekman Devon Harrison

Year 12 Captains

- Caleb Boehringer Kristy Budden

Year 11 Captains

- Sam Weavell Melissa Thomas

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

With only FOUR weeks until the VCAA exams and school based exams commence, students need to be utilising their study time wisely. This includes study periods here at school and study time at home. Students should not only be completing current coursework for their subjects, they should also be revising for their upcoming exams. We recommend that students have regular contact with their teachers regarding revision tasks and access the VCAA website to download past exam papers. 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>

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.

General Achievement Test (GAT)

In the lead up to the GAT, which is compulsory for all VCE students undertaking a Unit 3/4 subject, students will be undertaking workshops to assist with their understanding of the GAT. These workshops will outline what will be expected of students during the GAT, as well as providing students with practical strategies that can be employed whilst answering essay and multiple choice questions. 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.

VCE Sport

Our VCE students were dressed to impress in their house colours for the Lilydale High School Athletics Carnival that was held at Knox Athletics Track on Thursday 30th April. The students endured the cold to participate in all the events and certainly should be commended for the school spirit they displayed throughout the day. A special thanks to all of our VCE House Captains and Vice House Captains that made the running of such a great success.

On Tuesday 5th May many of our VCE students participated in an interschool sports competition, playing a range of sports including; football, netball, soccer and badminton. It was fantastic to see so many students embracing all that VCE has to offer. While academic achievement is a priority at Lilydale High School, we also encourage all of our students to participate in all the facets of VCE that we offer here at Lilydale High School.

Year 12 Badges

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

VCE Coordinators

TERM DATES

Term 2 20 April to 26 June (12 June, student free day)

Term 3 13 July to 18 September

Term 4 5 October to 18 December