

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Netball Winners

Congratulations to our Year 7 Girls' Netball team who became the Eastern Zone Champions last week. They now progress to the State Finals.

### Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs) Counselling Days

All Year 10 and 11 students developed a MIPs plan on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 August. Every student was given the opportunity to bring their parents/guardians to meet with a MIPs counsellor and to develop a plan of the remaining years of their school life. Students are given information and advice about their choice of studies in the VCE and about programs of further study that may be appropriate. These sessions were held at a venue outside the school and were organised by the MIPs team.

### School Website

A reminder, our school website [www.lilydale.hs.vic.edu.au](http://www.lilydale.hs.vic.edu.au) is updated regularly with information relating to school excursions, camps, notices, newsletters, Curriculum Happenings, Principal Page and much more. We encourage all parents and guardians to check the website for up to date information.

Leon Bishop, Principal

## 'THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE'

Tickets for the School Production, 'The Pirates of Penzance' go on SALE from the School Office **Monday 18 August**. Tickets are \$15 Adult and \$10 Children. Tickets can be purchased before school, recess, lunchtime and after school.

The School Production will be held on **Thursday 11, Friday 12 and Saturday 13 September at 7.30pm** in the **School Hall**. We'd love to see you there!

Miss Metcalfe

## 2009 MALAYSIA TOUR

There will be an 'Information Evening' for the **2009 Tour of Malaysia on Tuesday 19 August** in the Supper Room, commencing at **7.00pm**.

Students who are hoping to study Indonesian in Years 9 to 11 in 2009 are invited to attend with their parents/guardians. A representative from the tour company G.E.T. will be in attendance to discuss aspects of the tour, which will depart in the last week of Term 2. For further information, please see Mrs Stoyanoff in Staffroom 1.

Mrs Stoyanoff

## UNIFORM SHOP

Doncaster Schoolwear, the official uniform supplier, operates the Uniform Shop. The shop manager may be contacted on 9877-8388 or 9877-9188 during normal business hours.

The Uniform Shop (Room 53) is open:

- Tuesdays 12.30 pm – 5.00 pm      Saturdays 9.00 am – 11.30 am

For enquires during the above hours please ring 0417 6888 846.

## SPORT MONEY

A reminder to Parents/Guardians and students **SPORT MONEY MUST BE PAID** to the General Office **no later than 3pm the DAY PRIOR TO THE SPORTING ACTIVITY**. If your child is **absent the day prior to the sporting activity** and you would like them to attend please contact the General Office by **3pm** to confirm their inclusion in the activity.

Thank you Office Staff

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 3

#### Monday 18 August

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm  
 Year 12 Indo Malaysian Film Festival Excursion

#### Tuesday 19 August

Karate in Hall 6-8pm  
 Theatre Studies Monologue Rehearsal 3-5pm  
 Year 7-10 Airbrushing Course Pd 1-6

#### Wednesday 20 August

Year 8 Medieval Incursion Pd 1-4

#### Thursday 21 August

Apply First Aid Course 3-6pm  
 Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 12.30pm

#### Friday 22 August

Year 12 Motivational Session

#### Monday 25 August

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 12.30pm  
 Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm

#### Tuesday 26 August

Karate in Hall 6-8pm  
 Physics Melbourne Arts Centre Excursion  
 Theatre Studies Monologue Rehearsal

#### Wednesday 27 August

EIS Basketball Tournament  
 Equestrian Team Competition  
 VCE Theatre Studies – Cat on a Hot Tin Roof Excursion

#### Thursday 28 August

Apply First Aid Course 3-6pm  
 Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 12.30pm  
 Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm

#### Friday 29 August

Year 11 Victoria Police Talk Pd 4  
 Year 7 Interschool Sport

## OFFICE HOURS

The Office Hours at Lilydale High School are **8.15am to 4.30pm**.

# CURRICULUM NEWS

## ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM (S.E.A.L.P.)

### Mathematics Competition 2008

It is very encouraging to note that the overwhelming majority of participants in this year's Mathematics Competition were indeed from the SEALP program. There were no less than 22 students from the Level 1, ALP class. Well done! We wish all of the participants luck.

### Middle School Course Selection Information Night

SEALP students and their parents/guardians were invited to attend the recent Middle School Information Night (July 24) which was designed to assist with the process of Level 2 ALP students selecting their Level 3 electives. A gentle reminder was made that Level 3 SEALP students must undertake PASE and Maths Methods. General Maths is not an option.

### VCE School Course Selection Information Night

Similarly, SEALP students and their parents/guardians were invited to attend the VCE Information Night (August 5) which was designed to assist with the process of Level 3 ALP students selecting their VCE electives. ALP students are currently undertaking a VCE subject in Year 10 which should ultimately assist their 'Enter Score'.

### Showcase Night in November

Teachers of the Level 1 students are meeting to commence planning the first "SHOWCASE" night which is scheduled to take place on November 27. The purpose of the evening is to invite parents/guardians to experience a plethora of student work which will be on display. This will be done whilst enjoying light refreshments and finger food. Secondly, parents of the Level 1 students will be treated to a showcase of the students' classroom achievements. More to follow soon.

Joe Caruana, Coordinator Accelerated Learning Program

### Digital Portfolio

Year 7 to 10 classes have been assigned a teacher whose task it is to oversee the development of students' digital portfolio. Whilst one teacher is primarily responsible for the digital portfolios of each class, all teachers are encouraged to assist in this area.

Throughout this term the focus turns to evidence collecting. This will serve the purpose of demonstrating that student x has taken concrete steps towards achieving his/her personalised learning goals! Evidence can be both electronic or in "hard" copy form.

### Middle School and VCE Information Evenings

On July 24, Stuart Young (Head of Middle School) outlined to parents, guardians and students the guidelines that govern the selection of Middle School electives. Middle School Handbooks outlining all of the available electives in 2009 have been distributed to students and parents/guardians. Each faculty area prepared a room which was full of display work and course selection information. Teachers across all areas of study were at hand to answer questions once the evening's formalities were over.

Chris Cogan (Head of Senior School) coordinated the same dazzling service on August 5 for the VCE Information Evening.

### Team Teaching/After school classes

Students have indicated in recent surveys how much they enjoy team teaching. This initiative is gaining momentum with team teaching occurring in areas including: English, PASE and Mathematics. Similarly, after school classes are already occurring in some subject areas including English and will soon be operating in further areas, including Mathematics.

### Student Exchange Program

Students interested in going on an 'Overseas Exchange' were informed about an Information Evening at the Hawthorn Library Centre on July 30.

### A Synopsis of VCE and Middle School Happenings

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, all Year 12 students attended a road safety seminar presented by the Victoria Police. This session will be repeated for Year 11 students on August 29. Essentially, students were advised critical road safety tips including: the dangers of drink driving, drug driving, speeding, overloading cars.

All Year 12 students attended a Tertiary Information Session at Swinburne, Lilydale. All universities and TAFE colleges were represented, as were all components of the defence force: (army, navy and air force). Students were given a show bag as well as a lecture designed to assist with their post secondary choices.

Year 10-11 and Year 11-12 course briefings were held on Monday August 4. In these sessions Coordinators and Careers teachers outlined the process of selecting courses for 2009. Also in these sessions, students were trained to use the internet course selection process – EDVAL. The EDVAL period, during which students must lodge their course selection on-line, is August 11-19. Prerequisites for specific university course were also covered.

### School Representative Council

The SRC continues to involve students in ways that enrich their engagement with the school's curriculum. Some of their activities include;

- An assembly for students participating in the 40 Hour Famine – 5<sup>th</sup> August. Students' contribution will go towards supporting efforts to stop child labour, trafficking and slavery in India.
- Involvement in Jeans for Gene's Day – 1 August.

### School Production, Excursions/Incursions, Activities

A plethora of excursions continue to illuminate the curriculum – these include:

- Year 12 English students attending a Theatre production of Bolt's, A Man For All Seasons at Nunawading Theatre
- VCE Biology Excursion
- VCE Ski Camp
- Theatre Studies students undertook workshops at Drama Victoria, Abbotsford
- The "Rock the Schools" concert in early August which was followed with workshops focusing on the music industry and technical production
- A representative from Cheerleading Victoria conducting "Cheerleading" workshops aimed at Year 9 girls
- VCE PE students attending an AFL game in order to collect vital statistics for analysis back in the classroom

As always, one must fasten one's seatbelt because there is always so much happening curriculum wise.

Joe Caruana, Head Of Curriculum

## ENGLISH

The English faculty has again been a hive of diverse activity this term.

### VCE

Students in Year 11 and 12 have been busily completing SACs this term, as the VCE year nears completion. Over the next few weeks it is important for all students to begin revising their texts in readiness for the upcoming exams. They should also be writing practice essays and completing Language Analysis exercises in timed conditions to replicate the examination setting.

## Excursions

Friday 8 August saw Year 12 students captivated by the exploits of Sir Thomas Moore as he endeavoured to preserve his conscience whilst not causing any displeasure to his King that could result in his execution. Unfortunately for Sir Thomas, silence was not golden and he 'lost his head.' Robert Bolt's play 'A Man for All Seasons' was enjoyed by all and most certainly added to the students' already sound knowledge of the issues raised within the text. What better way to begin revising for the exams!

## Year 12 Special Events - Guest speakers

What could be more beneficial than getting exam advice from the experts? Indeed, that is what we are offering our students.

**Ross Huggard** former chief examiner; contributing author in the 'Insight' textbook and current VCE teacher will address our students on exam preparation and procedure. This is a once in a life time opportunity to gain invaluable guidance, tips and techniques for the upcoming English exam. Make sure you're there. Keep a keen eye out for the place and time!

**Robert Hillman** author and former teacher will no doubt engage the students with his erudite address on 'Encountering Conflict'. As a contributor to the new text on 'Encountering Conflict', the students will benefit from his knowledge and expertise on this new aspect of the Year 12 Study Design. Using the text currently being studied by Year 12 students, *The Crucible*, Robert will examine such philosophical quandaries such as 'conflict is inevitable' or 'conflict brings out the worst in people.' Hmmm! Where and when can you hear his invaluable insight? All will be revealed shortly. Stay tuned.

## SAC redemption

Parents and guardians are reminded that English has a SAC Redemption Policy. Students who are deemed to have been legitimately absent during a SAC, have the option of completing the assessment task after school in SAC/Examination conditions. It is imperative that students avail themselves of this opportunity, as in the interests of equity; it is the only means through which missed SAC time can be redeemed.

## Writing Workshop

Esteemed author Arnold Zable conducted a three hour group workshop on 2 August for approximately 30 students, assisting them in the development of their pieces for the upcoming publications entitled 'Boys Write Back' and 'Girls Write Back.' His expertise was very much appreciated by the students as he tutored them on the art of story writing.

Indeed, Matt Petrie from 8.59 concluded that 'he really enjoyed the experience and would recommend something like this to anyone interested in writing!' Well done everyone, we look forward to your stories!

## Debating News

It is not often that students have the opportunity to become involved in a mock Security Council debate with the United Nations Youth Association. On 31 July that is exactly what Hailey Woollard and Stephanie Paras did. These students represented Italy and spoke on the introduction of a tax and the need to stabilise World oil prices.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Valerie Mayer who accompanied these girls to the Malthouse Theatre. Mrs Mayer was thrilled with the level of commitment these girls demonstrated in researching their subject and their ability to speak with great confidence. Moreover, Lilydale High School was one of only three state schools represented in this competition. Well done, girls! You have done Lilydale High proud.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Matthew Marsden. Matt recently undertook Work Experience with the AFL as a junior journalist. So impressive were his

journalistic talents that an article written by Matt was published in the July 25 Record. His piece entitled 'Spreading their Wings' regarding the new talent emerging in the All-Australian Under 18 team. Terrific work, Matt!

Janine Sayers, Head of English

## LOTE

### The Korean Visit

Thank you to all the staff and students and their families who participated in the hosting of the Korean students who have been visiting the school. During their stay the Korean students visited Healesville Sanctuary, Melbourne Aquarium, the MCG together with Fitzroy Gardens, Lilydale SES and the CFA. They have also explored Lilydale and had the opportunity to try their hand at snooker.

Lilydale High School students have accompanied the students on many of these excursions and looked after them in school, where they have visited their classes.

The visit has been valuable in that it has given both the Lilydale High School students and the Korean students the opportunity to learn more about each other's culture and to develop strategies to bridge the communication gap.

Thank you to the host parents for welcoming the Korean students into their families. Also thank you to the Lilydale High School staff who have included the Korean students in their classes and escorted them on various excursions.

### Why Learn Indonesian

Kaitlyen Ludgater 10.14 wrote the following report:

On Thursday 24 July, the Year 9 and 10 Indonesian classes attended the Dallas Brooks centre to listen to the "Why Learn Indonesian" forum. We caught the train from Lilydale to Parliament Station and walked to the Dallas Brooks Centre. We listened to many different people who had studied Indonesian and were using it as part of their careers. There were students who are currently studying Indonesian at university, lawyers, defence force officers and many other people who had used Indonesian language skills as part of their careers and everyday lives. We also saw many videos and photos of people who had been to Indonesia and had used their language knowledge to gain a different and rewarding career. They gave us many different reasons and inspired us to continue studying Indonesian through to Year 12. They explained the huge door that studying a language opens up to you and why it is so important in this day and age to be able to have at least one second language. There was also a Balinese dancer, followed by two people performing a candle dance. The forum was the highlight of the day.

### The Australian Malaysian Film Festival

Year 12 students and Mrs Stoyanoff will be attending the Australian Malaysian Film Festival on 18 August at ACMI.

### Year 9/10 French Film Day

On August 12, Mrs Hastie and a group of Year 9 and 10 French students attended a special screening of the film "Mon Meilleur Ami" (My Best Friend) at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image. The cinema was packed with students from all over Victoria, indicating the popularity of the French language in Victorian schools. The students enjoyed the film, which raised some interesting questions about the meaning of friendship.

### Curriculum

Information regarding class work and assignments is now being uploaded to Studywiz. Students and parents are now able to access work sheets and information on Studywiz and email any questions they may have directly to their student's teacher.

## Le Français Pour Tous- French For Everyone

Mrs Hastie attended the Association of French Teachers in Victoria's Biennial Conference, Le Français Pour Tous- French For Everyone, at the University of Melbourne on 25 and 26 July. It was emphasised by many of the eminent speakers, that it is increasingly important for students to learn a second language. This is a distinct advantage when applying for university courses, particularly those requiring a high ENTER score as languages other than English are generally marked up increasing the study scores by as many as 10 marks in some cases and raising the student's ENTER score.

Students who have continued their LOTE studies to VCE are looked upon favourably as having highly developed lateral thinking and problem solving skills. Many students are opting to continue their LOTE studies at University as a diploma running alongside their degree course or as part of their degree course. More and more employers are looking for people with French language skills as the number of French companies taking over Australian companies and businesses is increasing and the number of Australian companies doing business with France grows. Advertisements appearing in the Age have included demands for people in the finance, engineering, medical and commercial sectors who can speak French and who are needed for positions in Australia.

Frances Hastie, Head of LOTE

## MATHS

Term 3 is off to an excellent start. All students are working well in classes and many competitions and activities with a Mathematical focus are in progress.

### Logsheets

Please continue to check your child's logsheet for teacher signatures. This is a good indication of how your child is progressing and what work is being completed in and out of the class.

### Catch Up Class

'Catch Up' continues to run twice weekly throughout the term in Room 31. Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes have been allocated for these sessions and they are run by a rotating roster of staff members. This is also announced in the Daily Bulletin. These classes are open to all students and provide an opportunity for extra tuition and assistance. Please encourage your child to make the most of these classes throughout the semester. Extra VCE classes are held in V6 during Thursday lunchtimes and are again open to all VCE Maths students.

### Numeracy and Literacy Week

This exciting educational extravaganza will occur in the first week of September. English and Maths are combining forces to provide all Year 7 students with a highly entertaining and educational activity co-curricular activity involving both subject areas in one for a day of 'Scrabble Mania'. Students will be provided with all the details closer to the day – stay tuned for more information shortly.

### Australian Maths Competition

37 students participated in this competition held on 31 July at school. Their papers are now being assessed in Canberra and the results will be forthcoming shortly. We wish these students well in their endeavours.

### VCE students

VCE students have their logsheets for the year and will be working through these. We would expect that Year 12 Maths students will complete the required course work during this term so as to be able to start revision and continue this during the next term break and into Term 4 in preparation for their final exams. The first after school Year 12 Further Maths exam revision class will commence next week on Thursday 21 August in Room 15. Students will be notified of scheduled times for other such classes via the Daily Bulletin and Studywiz.

Students are working rapidly towards the end of their courses. It is a good time to now start some revision in preparation for their final exams.

### Some Study Tips

Ensure that your summary notes books are very detailed and complete. Annotated examples can be added to their notes to aid with understanding and explanation of the topic. Additional work sheets can be found on the CD in the back of their text books. Past papers have been ordered for all Year 12 Maths students and these will be available by the end of term.

The Maths Association of Victoria (MAV) is conducting revision lectures in Further Maths, Maths Methods, and Specialist Maths.

### COST (Including GST)

- \$38 for ONE lecture
- \$66 for TWO lectures (morning and afternoon)

The registration fee includes a three hour lecture and comprehensive and detailed revision lecture notes.

Lecture	Brunswick	Glen Waverley
Maths Methods	Sat 20 Sep, 2008 9.00am - 12.00noon	Sun 21 Sep, 2008 9.00am - 12.00noon
Specialist Maths	Sat 20 Sep, 2008 1.00 - 4.00pm	Sun, 21 Sep, 2008 1.00 - 4.00pm
Further Maths	Sat 20 Sep, 2008 1.00 - 4.00pm	Sun 21 Sep, 2008 1.00 - 4.00pm

You can register on-line at the following link or see Ms Legg for further information in the Ramp Staffroom.

<http://www.mav.vic.edu.au/studact/vce-revision-lectures/index.html>

### Calculators for 2009

We are looking to recommend a new calculator at Years 7 to 10 for 2009. We are suggesting that students purchase the TI 30 XB Scientific calculator, which will sell for \$20 each. Your child will be able to purchase these from the School Office by bringing a named envelope, including form group and money. The calculator will then be delivered to the student in class via their Maths teacher.

### Course Selection for Year 9 and 10 students

Students are currently engaging in course selection for next year at Years 9 to 11. We are looking forward to the introduction of the new CAS N-spire calculators at Year 10 and 11 in Methods. The course will remain the same with the addition of a variety of interesting activities based on the CAS calculator so that students become proficient in their use. We are currently sourcing a supplier for the calculators to do a bulk order and will be sending out an order form to students enrolling in Year 10 and Year 11 Math Methods for 2009 later this term. We expect the calculators to cost around \$185 per unit.

Please note – Year 12 VCE students in 2009 will be able to retain their current graphics calculator for their courses.

Amanda Legg, Head of Mathematics

## CAREERS

### Motor Mechanic Work Experience

Craig Greene, the Service Manager at Yarra Ranges Ford is offering Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to complete Work Experience this year as a Motor Mechanic or Parts Store person. Suitable students will then be offered Apprenticeships at the end of the 2008 school term.

Please see Mrs Haritonidis for further information in the Careers Office.

# SUB SCHOOL NEWS

FRIDAY 15 AUGUST, 2008

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### ▪ YEAR 7 & 8

This fortnight we would like to encourage parents to access our school website on a regular basis to keep informed of current activities, download recent notices and to have a look at your student's attendance and progress.

The Learning Management System "Studywiz" is well underway with many staff uploading information for student access. Please be aware that this information, however, will roll out progressively and it will take some time for students, parents and teachers to become accustomed to using the program. Year 7 students do have access to their Digital Portfolios through Studywiz and should be considering developing evidence to prove the achievement of their learning goals this term. The 3 way conferences, which enable students to present their portfolios to their parents/guardians, will take place later in the term

### Up-Coming Events

Year 7 Sport Day (Hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis and Squash)	29 <sup>th</sup> August
Yarra Group Athletics	1 <sup>st</sup> September
2 <sup>nd</sup> Leadership Camp	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 8 Activities Day	12 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 7 Science Zoo Excursion	17 <sup>th</sup> September
3 Way Conferences	18 <sup>th</sup> September
Last Day of Term 3	19 <sup>th</sup> September
First day of Term 4	6 <sup>th</sup> October

### New Class Representatives

Junior school students will be electing new class representatives to stand for Semester 2. This is a good opportunity for your child to take on some leadership responsibilities, particularly if they have attended a Leadership Camp. All Class representatives are expected to attend Focus Group meetings once a month and may be called upon to do special tasks as a result of their position/role.

### 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. Although we endeavour to call as many homes as we can, it is not always possible due to our own teaching commitments and other matters which may arise and need our urgent attention.

### Leadership Camp 2

This Camp will be run at the Oasis Youth Camp on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September. New and interested students will be given the opportunity to attend. If you have any questions or concerns related to this initiative, please call Ms Knight.

### Principal's Competition

The enormous success of the Principal's Basketball and Netball Competition last term has encouraged us to do it again. The competition will be running at lunchtime in the Stadium every Wednesday.

### Year 8 Activities Day

Year 8 students will have the opportunity to participate in one of two activities to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> September. The two activities are:

- Aquatic Adventure activities at the Casey Arc Aquatic Centre. Activities include; wipe out in the wave pool and wrestling the giant inflatable slide, aqua volley ball, relay boat races and raft building.

Or

- An advanced screening of the new Disney movie 'Wall-E' (From the Director of finding Nemo).

The students will also spend the afternoon at the Patrick Northeast Reserve having lunch and playing games. Notices were distributed earlier this week. For more information please contact Mr Reedyk on 9735 5644.

### A Quote to Ponder:

*"You can never solve a problem on the level on which it was created"*  
- Albert Einstein

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,  
Lucy Ford, Adam Sherwin and Brent Houghton  
Year 7 Coordinators

Michael Schultz,  
Angela Louis, Jonathan Reedyk, Darren Strachan  
Year 8 Coordinators

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### ▪ Year 9 & 10

#### Year 9 Camp

A reminder the **final payment \$150.00** for students going on the Year 9 Camp to Queensland from Sunday 26 October to Friday 31 October must be paid to the General Office by **Monday 25 August**.

#### Year 10 Formal

The 2008 Year 10 Formal has been organised. If your son/daughter wishes to attend the night please return the permission form to the Administration Office, along with the payment of \$48.00 in an envelope **by Friday 22 August**. **No payments will be accepted after this date.**

Venue	Lilydale International
Date	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Time	7.00pm – 11.00pm
Cost	\$48.00

**The cost includes:** 3 course meal, soft drink, DJ and decorations.

#### Absences

Parents and Guardians are asked to ring the Year 9 and 10 Absence line between **8.30am and 9.30am** when a student is **absent from school** and explain the reason for the absence (illness, holiday, family reasons etc). The school should also be advised if a student is expected to be absent for more **than two days**.

Year 9 and 10 Coordinators

# SENIOR SCHOOL

## ▪ Year 11 & 12

### Upcoming VCE Events

#### Friday 22 August

- 'Achieve Your Best' Talk - Year 12, Periods 5 and 6

#### Friday 29 August

- Year 11, Period 4, Police Road Safety Talk

#### Thursday 18 September

- 3 Way Conferences

### VCE Ski Trip

All students and staff who attended the VCE Ski trip to Mt Hotham returned safe and sound, and injury free. A great time was had by all and the students' behaviour throughout the duration of the camp was exemplary. While weather conditions were not perfect, there was plenty of snow and everyone made the most of the fresh powder that fell throughout the day.

### VCE Course Briefings

Last Monday, Year 10 and Year 11 students underwent an intensive VCE Course information briefing. Here they were given a thorough run down of how VCE works and how they go about selecting their subjects for 2009. This was followed by the VCE Information Evening, which was well attended and an opportunity for students and parents to seek further information on specific VCE subjects.

This past week has been a critical time for Year 10 and 11 students, as they have had to select their subjects for next year, online. The online selection process has been open from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August and will close on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Once students have selected their subjects online, they need to print off their selection sheet and have a parent or guardian sign it. The final step in the process is to hand their signed selection sheet into the VCE Coordinators Office. Please consult the VCE handbook during this process as it contains important guidelines and information relevant to the selection of subjects.

### Student Attendance

With the removal of PM Form Assembly, students and parents are reminded that all VCE students must be at school until the end of Period 4 (12.28pm), if they have 'Study Periods' during Periods 5 and 6. Even if students have a 'Study Period' during Period 4, it is expected that they will utilise this time studying in the Library or the VCE Study Hall.

Further to this, all VCE students must be in AM Form Assembly, every morning, even if they have a 'Study Period' during Period 1 and 2.

### Motivational Seminar

Coming up in VCE, our Year 12 students will be attending a 'Motivational Seminar' aimed at helping them stay focused during this busy time of year. 'Achieve Your Best' will be held during Periods 5 and 6 on Friday 22 August.

Also, following on from the 'Police Road Safety' talk our Year 12 students attended on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, our Year 11 students will be attending the 'Police Road Safety' talk during Period 4 on Friday 29 August.

VCE Coordinators

# WORK EXPERIENCE

Students can choose to commence Work Experience in Year 9, 10, 11 or 12. Students must be 15 years of age.

At Lilydale High School it is usually undertaken during the school holidays or towards the end of the school year, after exams have finished and students are not required at school. Students research their own Work Experience contacts, as it shows they are committed to the task and want to perform this activity.

As part of the Work Experience Program, students are required to show some understanding of Occupational Health and Safety issues.

**Safe@work** is a web-based Occupational Health and Safety Program developed by the Department of Education that all Work Experience students have to complete before placement. This program will assist students in their preparation for Work Experience and increase their awareness of Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace.

Students can practise the multiple choice test at home and then undertake the test at school, so it can be verified that the student is able to complete it successfully.

There are two tests to undertake: The 'General Test' which all potential Work Experience students have to undertake, and an 'Industry Specific' one. This is determined where the student is to work, be it in retail, automotive or hairdressing, etc.

The **Safe@work** tests are supervised each Thursday in Room V12 at lunchtime; this is when most students complete this initial task.

Students have to complete a preliminary form with the Work Experience details and then the official form is generated using this information. The official Work Experience form needs to be signed by the student, parent or guardian, the employer and finally returned to Lilydale High School for the Principal to sign. Copies are made and given to the student, employer and the original is kept for the school records.

Usually Work Experience is undertaken for one or two weeks depending on the dates specified by the employer. At the end of the Work Experience placement, the employer fills out an evaluation form for the student and this is a useful addition in the student's resume.

Some large companies have specified dates when Work Experience is able to be undertaken and some companies do not participate in the program. The Victorian Police only allows one student per school year to be involved in their Work Experience Program. Some companies have minimum age restrictions so may not allow students Under 16 years to participate.

For further information please see Mrs Haritonidis or Mrs Dowsett in the Careers Office.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Mooroolbark Cricket Club

### Junior Registration Day

- Sunday 24 August
- 9.30am – 11.00am
- Mooroolbark Club Rooms, Mooroolbark Heights Reserve, Longfellow Ave, Mooroolbark
- Under 10 - Cost \$50
- Under 12, 14, 16 - Cost \$70
- Enquiries – John Kilby 0421 346 001