

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Federal Funding – Digital Education Revolution

We were excited to learn last week that Lilydale High School had been funded as part of round one of this federal program. The school has been allocated a maximum of \$465,000 to improve the computer access ratio for students. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> largest amount allocated to any school in Victoria and the sixth largest of any school in Australia. Details of how and when funds will be distributed are still a little unclear at this stage but students can certainly expect to enjoy the effects of this program within the next six to twelve months.

### Former student to compete at Beijing Olympics

Former Lilydale High School student Tarren Otte has been selected to represent Australia at the Beijing Olympics as a member of the synchronised swimming team. Tarren competed in the World Championships in 2007 and is currently participating in a number of training camps around the country in preparation for the games in August. Congratulations to Tarren on her great achievement. We look forward to following her progress at Beijing.

Leon Bishop, Principal

## END OF TERM 2 Friday 27 June 2.30pm Finish

### Report Distribution

Reports will be distributed to students during a special **Period 6** form assembly on the last day of Term 2, **Friday 27 June**. School will be **DISMISSED** at **2.30pm**.

**\*\*\* REPORTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THIS TIME \*\*\***

A reminder that this is a normal school day and students are expected to attend in full school uniform. Reports will **NOT** be given to students who have been **absent during the day** and arrive at the **General Office after school**, UNLESS they are accompanied by a parent.

### Bus Departures

**Martyrs, McKenzies** and **Invicta Buses** will commence departure from the school from **2.30pm** onwards, with the **exception of public buses**, which will follow their normal timetable.

## IMPORTANT BUS INFORMATION

Students need to ensure that they are making their way straight to the **bus bays** after school to wait for their bus to arrive. Many Lilydale High School buses pick up students at other schools, so it is vital that the buses leave our school on time. Also, students are reminded that they are only permitted to travel on their allocated bus and they must carry a valid bus pass at all times.

Brooke Addison, School Bus Coordinator

## TECHNOLOGY HOME ECONOMICS FOOD FEE - Semester 2

As has been the case in the past semesters, the Home Economics food fee is payable in advance. A cheque or payment can be made at the General Office and a receipt will be issued. The food fees are as follows for Semester 2, 2008 and payable by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2008**.

Year 7 and 8	(7.37, 7.46, 7.51, 7.55, 8.28, 8.30, 8.31, 8.61)	\$35.00
Year 9 TH1, TH2		\$40.00
Year 10 THF, THC		\$40.00

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 Haritonidis, Ms Dowsett, Ms Lloyd and Ms Legg on 9735 5644.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 2

#### Monday 23 June

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm

#### Tuesday 24 June

7.21 McDonalds Excursion

9.22 McDonalds Excursion

Karate in Hall 6-8pm

#### Wednesday 25 June

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 12.30pm

Year 10 Maths McDonalds Excursion

Year 7 Football/Netball

#### Thursday 26 June

9.19 McDonalds Excursion

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm in Hall

LOTE Noumea – New Caledonia Tour

#### Friday 27 June

LOTE Noumea – New Caledonia Tour

Last Day of Term 2 – Reports distributed

### TERM 3

#### Monday 14 July

START OF TERM 3

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 3-5pm

#### Tuesday 15 July

Karate in Hall 6-8pm

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 12.30pm

Year 7 Awards Assembly Periods 1 & 2

#### Wednesday 16 July

Media Camp

Year 7 Code of Conduct Periods 1 & 4

Year 8 Awards Assembly Periods 1 & 2

#### Thursday 17 July

Pirates of Penzance Rehearsal 12.30pm

Year 11 Business Management Queen

Vic Market Excursion

Year 7 Code of Conduct Period 1 to 4

#### Friday 18 July

Media Camp

Year 7 Code of Conduct Periods 3 & 4

Indonesian Mask Performer Periods 1 & 2

# CURRICULUM NEWS

## ART

Term 2 has been a busy time in the Arts Department with lots of activities.

### Education Week

As part of Education Week Rondito Gigantor, a group of staff and students performed their original piece at lunchtime in the Hall on Tuesday 20 May.

'Art Club' ran every lunchtime during Education Week with a different theme each day ending in Portrait Drawings of volunteer staff on Friday 23 May.

### Photographic Competition

The photographic competition on the theme 'What school means to me' was won by Year 8 student Jasmine Pryor for her work titled 'Look to the Light'.

### School Production

This year's production 'Pirates of Penzance' is coming along very nicely and is promising to be a great show. Halley Metcalf, Coordinator of the production, is working with the students during lunch times and after school rehearsals. A team of volunteers for backstage is currently being put together.

### Portsea Arts Camp

The VCE Portsea Arts Camp was held during Wednesday 14 May to Friday 16 May. 47 students attended the camp and spent three days working on folios and theatre productions. It was a wonderful opportunity to be able to work for a concentrated period on these set work requirements and was very productive.

### Medea Performance

The VCE performance of Medea was held on Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 May. The students in the Theatre Studies course did a great job with staging and costumes. A large audience of parents, staff and students attended each night and were rewarded with great performances.

### Instrumental Music Evening

The Mid Year Instrumental Music evening was held on Thursday 19 June. It was a great success and showcased the musical talents of the students who performed on the night.

### Airbrushing Course

The first Airbrushing course for the year ran on Tuesday 17 June. It was very popular, with 24 students attending from a range of year levels. The students spent the day working through various airbrushing tasks and received a 'Certificate 1' at the end of the day. Due to popular demand another course will run in Term 3 and will include 'Certificate 2'. Students who have completed the first course and wish to attend the next level will be able to join in. Once again there will only be 24 places so the first 24 students to return money and forms will receive a place. Please watch out for notices in the Daily Bulletin and Newsletter for the proposed date.

Sarah Hardy

## ENGLISH

### Much Ado about Nothing

A huge thankyou is extended to the senior Literature department for organising a mesmerising incursion celebrating the current text being studied, Shakespeare's 'Much Ado about Nothing'. It was a stunning event. But don't take my word for it...

On Wednesday 21 May VCE Literature students participated in a Bell Shakespeare workshop on 'Much Ado about Nothing'. Students completed a range of activities to creatively engage with the play. After some fun warm-up games students focused in on a key scene; producing storyboards that reflected their own interpretations of the text.

The workshop leader helped students tap their unique creativity through some fast, free association around major themes. Students incorporated their ideas into their storyboards which ranged from traditional interpretations to more abstract, symbolic creations. Students responded positively to the workshop, as reflected in the following comments:

*Overall I found the Much Ado incursion very helpful, particularly in preparing for the creative SAC. By combining drama-based activities with literature studies, we gained an excellent understanding of the text. Great fun!!! (Kate McAlpin 11.17)*

*The Much Ado incursion was an insightful and fun experience. We participated in many activities that helped to further our understanding of the play. It was great fun and it will help us to complete our upcoming SAC.*

*Thanks to Miss Barbuto for organising it all. (Beth Finger 11.92)*

### Examinations

Students from Year 9 through to Year 12 recently completed mid year examinations! Most remembered to bring a fat, comprehensive dictionary. It is critical that all students remember at the end of the year to come fully armed with a respectable dictionary.

### Looking for Ali Brandy

Year 10 students will now be launching into a comprehensive study of Orwell's Animal Farm and the film text; Looking for Ali Brandy.

### Montana

Year 11 students will now be launching into their Unit 2 Context study with the novel, Montana 1948 serving as the main text.

### Look Both Ways

Year 12 students will now be launching into a comprehensive study of the film text: Look Both Ways, which will indeed be one of their end of year examination writing options!

### English and the GAT

On Friday 13 June, all students completed the General Assessment Task (GAT). This is a three hour paper. The first hour comprised two, half hour English writing activities. All Year 11 and 12 students were treated to a practice GAT a week earlier. This practice program extended towards a review and discussion session which took place in an English class, hosted by their English teacher! We wish our students the very best of luck!

### Year 12 Excursion

On Thursday 19 June, the majority of Year 12 English students went to see the film text, Look Both Ways, at ACMI which is located in Federation Square. It was an exceedingly successful day which began early – students had to materialise at school at 8am for form assembly in order for us to board the 8.35am city bound train! The film screening was followed by a one hour lecture by esteemed ACMI officer, Gary Simmons. This lecturer has published study guides on this and other film texts. Thus we were very fortunate to secure his services. Students took copious notes during his lecture which will no doubt assist their school assessed coursework relating to this text!

**A Man for All Seasons** - a performance at the Whitehorse Theatre in Nunawading. Year 12 students will be treated to a live production of this play. This was studied at the start of the year. It is an end of year examination option, thus how clever we are to schedule

this production in August! This should both consolidate students' understanding of the play and assist students with their plight of keeping the play firmly in their mind. How magnanimous and considerate we are, no?

### **Martin Flanagan**

On Monday 19 May - Author and The Age journalist, Martin Flanagan, came to Lilydale High School and addressed Year 12 students who are studying his book, The Line – a poignant piece of writing focusing on his father's experiences as a POW forced to work on the Burma Railway. The Line is one of two texts students are studying as part of their "Encountering Conflict" context study. The other text is Author Miller's The Crucible.

Martin Flanagan spoke about his motivation for writing the book and then invited students to ask questions. Students seized this opportunity, keeping Martin speaking for another half an hour.

Former POW, Charles Edwards, who lives in the Lilydale area was also in attendance as was Aunty Dot and her brother Eric, both of whom lost their indigenous father to the Thai-Burma Line. These esteemed guests also answered questions and complemented Martin Flanagan's visit considerably.

### **Year 7**

Year 7 students will, this semester, be completing a comprehensive study of Morris Gleitzman's novel, *Boy Overboard!* This poignant tale about Afgan refugees attempting to reach the safe haven of Australia will offer students ample opportunity to voice their viewpoint on current issues such as Australia's policy governing asylum seekers. This approach to learning is in wonderful keeping with the VELS (Victorian Education Learning Standards). In particular, it is in keeping with the Civics and Citizenship dimension of "Community Engagement."

### **Year 8 Student writing to Newspapers**

As part of the Year 8 English VELS curriculum at Lilydale High School, the students study and respond to a variety of texts, with an assortment of audiences in mind. One of the forms of writing is persuasive, with the audience being 'The Editor' of a newspaper. As part of this unit, Brooke Addison's 8.27 class wrote letters to the Herald Sun, giving their opinion on an issue that has been in the media over the last six months. The issues they chose ranged from the dredging of Port Philip Bay, to Whaling, and the ban of the television series, *Underbelly*, in Victoria. The students sent their letters off to the 'Learn' section of the Herald Sun, so keep your eyes peeled for their amazing persuasive letters that may be published in this section of the newspaper.

**Brooke Addison – 8.27 English Teacher**

Like we always say, there is always a plethora of activity occurring in the English Faculty!

**Joe Caruana, Head of English**

## **LOTE**

### **Exams**

The LOTE students have successfully completed their SACs and school exams. Congratulations on the excellent results.

### **Masks of Indonesia – International Tour**

All students studying Indonesian have the opportunity for a once in a lifetime experience to see *Ary - Indonesian Mask Puppeteer*, who will be bringing Bali's 'Topeng Pajegan' Mask Puppets to life to tell a renowned Indonesian tale. He combines dance, music and song, and performs in traditional masks and rich costumes.

- Friday July 18, 2008
- 9.15 – 10.20 am
- \$6

The completed indemnity form and payment of \$6 must be returned to the Administration Office Wednesday by June 25, 2008.

### **Year 9 and 10 Excursion**

An excursion to ACMI for Year 9 and 10 students will take place on August 12. The film being shown is "Mon Meilleur Ami" (My best Friend).

### **Year 12 Students**

The Year 12 students will be attending the Association of French Teachers VCE Preparation Day on Sunday 31 August.

### **New Caledonia**

The preparations are now complete for the 2008 Study Tour to New Caledonia. The students going will be meeting at the group check in at the Qantas domestic terminal at Tullamarine at 8am sharp on Thursday 26 June. Don't forget your tickets and passports!

### **Korean Students**

Once again we shall be hosting a group of overseas students at the end of July and beginning of August. This time the students are coming from Korea. Parents who host the students will be paid \$200 a week for each student.

Many families who have hosted students in the past have found it to be an interesting and worthwhile experience. Families who would like to host a student should contact Mrs Hastie on 9735 5644 as soon as possible.

**Francis Hastie**

## **HUMANITIES**

What a busy term! The Humanities Department has been working extremely hard to put together a fantastic program for our students.

### **Year 7 Geography**

"The Sustainables" came to visit Lilydale High School. The group performed skits about day-to-day life in order to highlight issues to do with sustainability in the home. Our Year 7 Geography students and teachers were busy preparing for their visit by studying this topic. The staff and students enjoyed this visit and much discussion and learning resulted.

### **Excursion**

Staff in our Economics Department are taking students to Lilydale fruit shops and then to Chirnside Shopping Centre to compare prices in similar businesses. This is a great way to illustrate the concept of competition in small and large scale businesses. Staff are also taking our Year 8 Economics students out to Main Street, Lilydale to examine the local businesses and discuss the types of businesses that we use everyday.

### **Year 8 Medieval Festival**

History teachers of our Year 8 students can breathe a sigh of relief because our wonderful medieval festival went off without a hitch! 120 students came from Montrose Primary School to take part in the fanfare. This took place on Thursday 22 May and was our contribution to the fun and entertainment organised for Education Week. It was a fantastic effort and everyone enjoyed themselves.

### **VCE Business Management Students**

Our VCE Business Management students are busy planning their business for the Small Business Market Day. They are currently learning about packaging, marketing and creating interest in a good or service. This will help them make a profit on the day, all of which goes to a charity of their choosing.

## Exams

Exams are now over for another semester and our Year 10 students and VCE students should be congratulated on a fantastic effort. Thank you to staff who ran extra classes and revision sessions.

## Grade 6 Information Evening

A big thank you to the Humanities staff who helped prepare and attended our Grade 6 Information Evening. Well done to them on a fantastic effort.

## Activities

Our staff meetings are busy hives of activities. We have completed an information session on Study Whiz and I have run a Professional Development session on Strategic Questioning with material taken from the Curriculum Corporation and another session on use Thinking Keys. Many staff in Humanities also had student teachers these past couple of weeks which are also a great form of Professional Development.

## Thank you

Thank you to all staff and students who contributed to creating such a diverse and exciting learning program in Humanities. Enjoy the July holidays and keep tuned for more exciting updates!

**Angela Marsden**  
Humanities Key learning Area Coordinator

## PHILOSOPHY

### **NEW subject for 2009 - Year 10 & Year 11 Students**

Philosophy is a subject that has grown in popularity in Victorian schools in the last few years. In Philosophy classes students sit in a circle and discuss BIG ideas like "What is happiness?" and "How do I know that other people are experiencing what I am experiencing" and "If I have changed since yesterday, am I the same me?"

Students learn about great philosophers from the past, write dialogues, create reports and learn about argument mapping on the computer. Students make a special study of critical thinking and logic, which can help them with all their other subjects. It is an accredited subject for VCE.

You can read more about the proposed Philosophy courses on the Lilydale High School website, under the heading of Curriculum Happenings. If you are interested in trying this subject next year, please see Mr Matcott in Staffroom 2.

## EQUESTRIAN NEWS

### **Show Jumping at Glenbrae**

- **Wednesday 28 May**

The competition on this day included three different show jumping events. They were:

- AM7
- Top Score
- Equitation

Our team consisted of Kim Conder and Tanya King (Year 11), Kelly Morgan and Catherine Comerford (Year 10), Tania Hoare and Melinda Vainoras (Year 9), Belinda Comerford, Becky Caudwell, Olivia Costello and Jacqui King (Year 8), Taylor Hague (7.52) and Leah Montebello (7.53).

It was great to have Leah and Tania ride in the team for the first time. Both girls had a really enjoyable day.

Thanks to Kim and Tanya who managed to fit the competition in, along with their VCE commitments.

## Results

Jacqui	1 <sup>st</sup> Top Score, 3 <sup>rd</sup> AM7
Kelly	1 <sup>st</sup> AM7, 6 <sup>th</sup> Equitation
Kim	2 <sup>nd</sup> AM7
Taylor	4 <sup>th</sup> Equitation
Olivia	4 <sup>th</sup> Equitation
Becky	6 <sup>th</sup> Equitation

Apart from these results, our team achieved many clear rounds and several results just out of the placings. Overall, it was an exciting and long day. Well done to all of our riders.

## Victorian Inter-School Horse Trials Championship

- **Saturday 10 May and Sunday 11 May**

This competition included a Dressage Test, Show Jumping and Cross Country events at the picturesque grounds at Wandin Park.

Taylor Hague was our only competitor, riding her young appaloosa called Cuppacino. This was quite a big event with entries from schools throughout the state and the class sizes were large to accommodate the many entries. Horses and riders needed to be "competition fit", especially for the cross country run which covered a long distance. Much riding and training was required to be ready for these events.

After riding in her three events Taylor was 13<sup>th</sup> in her section which was a remarkable achievement considering the large class sizes and the very high standard of competition. Well done, Taylor!

**Jeanette Kimball**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### YEAR 10 CONFIDENTIAL DETAILS FORMS

Recently the Administration Office posted home confidential details forms for all Year 10 students for parents/guardians to amend/update records for their students. Thank you to the parents/guardians who have already returned these forms.

If you have not received a form would you please contact the office, as it may be that we have an incorrect address for the family. Would you please return the forms even if there are no changes so we can verify our records accordingly. Thank you Office Staff.

### 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**) will be open:

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

For enquires during the above hours please ring 0417688846.

### LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a large amount of uncollected items from the Year 7 and 8 Camps held early this year. This property will be held until Friday 27 June. Students are asked to check Lost Property adjacent to the General Office for their items after 8.30 am, recess, lunch and after school. Thank you.

# SUB SCHOOL NEWS

▪ Friday 20 June

## YEAR 7

### Gardasil Immunisations

The second Gardasil immunisation was distributed on Thursday 12 June. Girls who were absent on the day will need to see their local doctor to receive their immunisation.

### Reports

Students will receive their semester report in a special Period 6 form assembly on the last day of term, Friday 27 June. No reports will be available before this time.

### Library Books

Students are reminded to return all overdue library books before the end of term. Any student who has overdue library books will have their report withheld by the office until the books are returned.

### Uniform

The new winter skirts are looking great at the moment and we thank the parent community for assisting us in supporting the schools uniform policy. As the colder weather is upon us we would like to remind parents that students are only allowed to wear plain black jackets as part of the school uniform.

### Absences

If your child is going to be absent please call the school in the morning on our absence line phone on 9735 5644. We are happy to organise work for students who will be away from school for an extended period of time. Please contact a Year 7 Coordinator. Students are also required to bring a note to their form teacher following an absence.

### Jump Rope for Heart

Year 7 students will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program for the remainder of the term in their PASE class. Students will receive a sponsorship booklet to raise money for the Heart Foundation. All students will need to return their sponsorship booklets and any money raised in their last PASE lesson for the term.

### Up-Coming Events

**Last Day Term 2** Friday 27 June

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.

**Lucy Ford, Adam Sherwin, Brent Houghton and Darren Strachan**  
Year 7 Coordinators

## YEAR 8

### Semester 2

Semester 2 has started and Junior School students have begun their new electives but are continuing with their core subjects. It is a fresh start for all students. We encourage our students to take advantage of the fresh start to reassess their study habits and work ethic and strive to achieve their best in every class. Now is the time to develop their skills in all subjects to enable them to enter the Middle School as well prepared as they can be.

We reminded all Year 7 and 8 students to organize their books, folders and lockers in readiness for Semester 2. There were a number of students who allowed their lockers and folders to become untidy during Semester 1, which left them feeling as though they didn't have control

over their workload. The secret to success is to BE ORGANISED and STAY ORGANISED!!!!

### Planner

We would like to remind the students that they should be using their planner to help keep them organised with all their homework and to record any outstanding work which needs to be completed. We asked all students to use their school planner for school matters ONLY. Students should have a separate social diary. We have noticed that some students have inappropriate writing on and inside of their planners; these students will be asked to clean them up or buy a new one from their own money (not their parents). If parents and guardians can also regularly check their child's planner to ensure that they are using it properly, it would also be helpful.

### Absences

We would like to thank parents who are ringing us to advise us when their child is absent from school. This means that we don't ring parents as we make our daily courtesy calls to ensure that all our Junior School students are safe if they are absent from school. Please be aware that an absence note for your child's absence is still required for your child's form teacher's records.

### Lockers

We have noticed that a lot of Year 8 students do not have a lock on their lockers or if they do have one, they are leaving it unlocked. The school will not take responsibility for items lost in this situation. We would appreciate parents support on this matter. If your child does not have a lock, they are available from the school office at a very reasonable price.

### Reports

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### Important dates

End of Term 2 Friday 27 June

### Principal Awards

8.27	Jason Curley
8.28	Laura Bennett
8.29	Mitchell Shanks
8.30	Chantelle Ashby
8.31	Jack Garside and Justin Paull
8.40	Holly Allen
8.41	Ashleigh Crampton
8.44	Lauren Hewish
8.61	Ben Clarke
8.62	Kelsey-Mae Wallis and Ashleigh Holmes
8.63	Joshua Braidner
8.69	Matt Petrie

8.27	Emma Polanske
8.29	Josh Oliver
8.30	Chantelle Ashby and Phys Kung
8.31	Kyiema Jackson
8.40	Zoe Myring
8.42	Megan Walker
8.44	Fiona Gessey, Emma Kastes, Carly McNiff, Allysse Smith
8.61	Robbie Carter
8.63	Carlin Jackson
8.69	Zoe Howard

Henri Mouratidis  
Head of Junior Sub School and Year 8 Coordinator

Trent Silk, Angela Louis, Jonathan Reedyk  
Year 8 Coordinators

# YEAR 9

## Semester 2

Students have jumped into Semester 2 with enthusiasm. We would encourage all students to approach their new and old subjects with a renewed energy and willingness to try their best. We are encouraging all students to ensure that they have the correct materials for their new electives.

### Has your child been successful?

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

### Good Luck

**Gus DiGiorgio** of Year 9 will be representing Australia at the upcoming **World 8-Ball titles in England**. We wish Gus the best of luck at the titles.

### Player Profile - At 15 years old, Gus has

- Been playing since 11 years old
- Played in 5 consecutive National Titles
- Victorian State Champion (3 times)
- Australian National Champion
- Australian Sportsmanship Award
- Australian Umpires Choice Award
- Is now representing Australia as Captain of the Junior Team (under 18's) going to the world titles in England
- The youngest ever Australian 8-ball captain
- One of the best examples of the Rack-em-up Junior program
- And a true gentleman of the game, with a very high popularity amongst the 8-ball community

### Absences

As we head into the colder months and the winter flu starts to set in please contact us to let us know through the Year 9 absence line that your child is away. Also if they are going to be absent for an extended period of time please contact us and we will organise some work for your son/daughter.

### School Holidays

We wish all the Year 9 students a very safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing them back and refreshed after a two week break.

Year 9 Coordinators

# YEAR 10

## Semester 2

New classes have started for the semester and everybody is getting used to the new timetable.

### Student materials

Year 10 students are reminded that class texts, materials and planners need to be taken to each class. Lack of preparation with regard to this makes it hard to achieve success in class.

### Gardasil Immunisations

Year 10 girls had their Gardasil Immunisation on Thursday 12 June. Thanks to all who assisted and to the students who faced the needles bravely.

### MIPs Interviews

Year 10 Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs) interviews will be conducted at **the Lutheran Church, Lilydale on Thursday 7 August**.

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

An **interview letter** will be **posted home the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Term 3** (Wednesday 23 July) to all parents/guardians informing them of their son's/daughter's interview time. The letter will also explain in more detail the purpose of the interview process.

It is compulsory for all students to attend on this day.

Year 10 Coordinators

# VCE

## Semester 2

Semester 2 is underway! We welcome back our VCE students and congratulate them on their efforts in the exams. The importance of these exams cannot be underestimated. Indeed, the manner in which the students generally applied themselves was reflective of the significance they placed on them. Furthermore, the experience will be invaluable as we head into the business end of the year. Well done everyone!

Despite the overall excellent attitude and application demonstrated by our students throughout the exam period, we would like to reiterate the importance of the following:

- Students need to arrive **15 minutes prior** to the start of the exam.
- They **must** ensure they have their student numbers for VCAA exams or library cards for internal exams as attendance is recorded.
- Students **must** have correct equipment with them.
- Mobile phones and other electronic equipment are not to be brought into the exam.
- Students need to be in **full school uniform at all times**.

**Students not adhering to exam etiquette risk not being permitted to enter the exam.**

Students are reminded and encouraged to continue their hard work for this final week of term. Moreover, holiday homework and revision will continue throughout the holidays.

### MIPs Interviews

Year 11 Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs) interviews will be conducted at **the Lutheran Church, Lilydale on Friday 8 August**.

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

An **interview letter** will be **posted home the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Term 3** (Wednesday 23 July) to all parents/guardians informing them of their son's/daughter's interview time. The letter will also explain in more detail the purpose of the interview process.

It is compulsory for all students to attend on this day.

***We wish all our students a relatively restful break. Work hard but remember to relax and come back fresh and rested ready for third term!***

VCE Coordinators

## PARENTS ARE YOU WANTING TO RETURN TO WORK?

### BOX HILL INSTITUTE

#### ▪ BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COURSES

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- Do you need to upgrade your skills?
- Would you like to attend during school hours for four days per week over six months?

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If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Centre for Business Programs at Box Hill TAFE on 8892 2121 OR check the website;

[www.bhtafe.edu.au/Centres/BusinessPrograms/businessAdmin.htm](http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/Centres/BusinessPrograms/businessAdmin.htm)

**Enrolments are being taken on 23 June for a 21 July start.**

### BOX HILL INSTITUTE

#### Parent Information Evening

- Tuesday 24 June
- 6-9pm
- Building 4 Auditorium
- Supper provided

To Register call Jenny on 9286 9987 or email

- [j.underwood@bhtafe.edu.au](mailto:j.underwood@bhtafe.edu.au)

#### Victoria Police Recruitment

A Victoria Police Recruitment Brochure is available from the Careers Office. It assists individuals aspiring to join the Victoria Police Force.

#### Apprenticeship Information Evenings

**William Adams Pty Ltd (Caterpillar equipment dealer for Victoria and Tasmania)**

- Tuesday Evenings
- 1 July, 15 July and 5 August
- 6-8pm
- 17-55 Nantilla Road, Clayton

If interested in attending call Lorna on 9566 0710 to register for one of the dates. Prior registration is required.

#### Sport & Recreation Australian School based Apprenticeship

##### ▪ Yarra Glenn Primary in Term 3

The apprenticeship involves one day a week during school days over 12 months and structured training in school holidays. At the end of the

12 months, students will have gained a Certificate III in Sport & Recreation. Apprenticeship is suitable for current Year 10 students before commencing Year 12. For more information please see the Careers Office.

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## MIPS

### MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS

#### What are pathways?

After leaving school, our students can choose between:

- continuing further education and training through TAFE or University
- undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship
- finding employment
- taking a gap year where they may participate in employment, community or volunteer work and/or travel

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

#### How can parents help?

As a parent, you play a key role in helping your child make career choices. To provide the best possible support and guidance, you need current information on the many pathways available to your children.

You can help your child by being positive about their ideas and chances of finding a satisfying career path. Consider the suitability of different jobs and help them identify their ATTRIBUTES, INTERESTS, LIKES and EXPERIENCES. Talk about their HOPES and VISIONS for the future and where they want to work and study. Talk about the world of work, share some of your own work and life experiences and ask some questions, such as:

- Do you want to go to university/TAFE?
- How would you and your friends decide what courses to take?
- Have you thought about an apprenticeship?
- What have you learned at school about making career choices?

#### Where can you find information?

All Year 10 students receive a 'Job Guide'. This is more than just a book about jobs. It has information about choosing a job type, matching likes/dislikes to a range of jobs as well as the levels of training needed. It also contains a pull-out parent guide. There are a number of good websites that you can access that will give information.

- [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au),
- [www.mycareer.com.au](http://www.mycareer.com.au),
- [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au),
- [www.newapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.newapprenticeships.gov.au),
- [www.jobsearch.gov.au](http://www.jobsearch.gov.au),
- [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

Parents are welcome to contact the school and arrange an interview with a MIPS counsellor, particularly if your child is experiencing difficulties and needs assistance in succeeding at school, completing their schooling to the highest level possible (Year 10 as a minimum), and in gathering information about potential careers.

Your MIPS counsellors for 2008 are **Kath Rudd, Sharon Wall and Leigh Callander**.