At Epping Secondary College our relationships and behaviours are guided by the values **RESPECT, COMMITMENT, HONESTY, FAIRNESS AND PERSEVERANCE**

**Issue 2**

**Student Leadership Induction Evening**

On Tuesday, 17th March, the prestigious Student Leadership Induction Evening was held at Epping Memorial Hall. This year due to an increase in both student leaders, parents, family and friends who wanted to be a part of this fabulous evening, we had to change our venue. We had over 80 student leaders and 300 guests. Students were presented with their leadership badges and were introduced to teachers, parents, family and friends as official leaders and ambassadors, as well as College Captains, Home group Captains, House Captains, Student Representative Council Members, Area Captains and Peer Support Leaders. It was so exciting to see parent and community involvement in the Student Leadership Program at Epping Secondary College. All our student leaders will also be undertaking some intensive training this Friday to further consolidate the skills they received at our camp earlier this year.
The school enjoyed excellent weather on Athletics Day, Tuesday, March 4th. The Athletics Carnival is a special day that creates a sense of community and builds school spirit and an appreciation of physical activity. It was wonderful to see so many students dress up in their house colours and support and encourage each other through the many athletics events. There was face painting, hair spraying and house chants. Some students broke records and achieved some outstanding results and others improved on their personal best. All students who participated walked away on the day feeling a sense of achievement and we all enjoyed the time we spent talking, cheering on our peers and enjoying each other's company.

The Year 10 Pathways Camp to Ballarat was an excellent opportunity for students to participate in many activities that helped them build personal skills as well as strengthen team skills and students' motivation. The camp was also designed to further explore several concepts being studied in their classes including History, Industry & Enterprise, Personal Development and Health and Leisure. Students visited the Museum of Australian Democracy, took part in the Hall of Debate role play at the Ballarat Art Gallery and then finished the day off at Sovereign Hill for the Eureka Sound and Light Show. On Friday students travelled to Ocean Grove where they were given a surfing lesson.

Planning has begun for the 2016 Trip to Italy. We hosted the first parent and student meeting to gauge interest and this was very well attended. There is most definitely a lot of interest in this trip and it seems very promising that we will have enough participants for the trip to go ahead. Next year this international camp will involve 3 schools as Lalor North SC joins the partnership with Epping SC and Lalor SC. The trip in 2014 was an outstanding success and the decision was made to offer this wonderful opportunity every 2 years. If you are interested it is very important to contact the school and ask for Melissa Foresio (the main organiser) as deposits need to be finalised very soon.

The Student Leadership Induction evening is always such a rewarding experience. Epping Memorial Hall was full of mature, responsible and committed young leaders and very, very proud parents and teachers. As I said on the night, when I was first appointed as principal one of my key goals for the school was to build a strong culture of academic achievement and a powerful student leadership program was one of the ways in which this would be achieved. There is no doubt that giving students leadership responsibilities and a strong voice and role in the school has contributed to our excellent academic achievements and positive school culture.

It is hard to believe that the term is over. I would like to remind parents that the parent/teacher interviews will take place on the first Tuesday back, 14th March, from 11.00 till 8.00pm. It is extremely important that parents attend these interviews with their children and take on board both the positive feedback as well as the strategies for improvement that can be supported at home as well as at school. The partnership between family and school is critical in ensuring that students develop good learning approaches and the right mindset in order to achieve their full potential.

I hope that staff and students enjoy a relaxing and rejuvenating term break and return energised and ready to take up the opportunities and challenges of term 2.

Helene Alamidis
PRINCIPAL
Below are key snippets from the speeches our College Captains presented to the Epping Secondary College community welcoming and congratulating our 2015 leaders. All the students involved in the leadership program should be extremely proud of their achievements and embrace their new responsibilities and duties within their role with commitment, honesty, fairness, respect and perseverance.

**Key snippets from the student leaders on Induction Night:**

“Recently, a large proportion of the student leaders who are being inducted into the school with their new positions tonight came up with a remarkably mature motto to reflect their interpretation of what it means to be a leader, which is “I is no longer an option. Together we grow, together we lead”. This demonstrates their practical thinking and profound ability to recognize that holding such prestigious positions requires an innate sense of teamwork to be successful.”

Daniel Pietrobuona (College Captain)

“John Maxwell once said ‘Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.’ Leadership requires being strategically focused and applying behavioural techniques to build commitment and attain the best from your people. For as long as I have been a student at Epping Secondary College, I have seen these traits of leadership develop in my fellow peers.”

Deesha Verma (Vice Captain)

“Our senior leaders are hardworking, studious and conscientious and our young leaders are confident, reliable and show great spirit for our college. It is these people that influence the pupils in their individual classes and ultimately influence the whole school community.”

Chloe Rogers (VCE Excellence Captain)

“At Epping Secondary College, with the continuous help and support of teachers and peers, students are able to explore opportunities of leadership to see for themselves what positive impact they can have on the people around them. The young people of today will be the world leaders of tomorrow and so it is important that our school supports and encourages students to take their first steps into leadership and allow them to see who they can become.”

Courtney Holmes (Social Justice Captain)

“From now on, you are all leaders that have been formally acknowledged by Epping Secondary College. On this note, fellow leaders, “Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flow charts. It is about one life influencing another.”

Belvinder Singh (College Captain)

“As one of the College Captains at Epping Secondary personally I would like to congratulate all students on their appointment as leaders and hope that leadership at Epping Secondary College will only grow and become even better.”

Robert Jovcevski (Vice Captain)
March 2015

Student Leadership 2015

Year 7 SRC

Teesha Billman
Year 7D

Natalie Carroll
Year 7F

Joshua Gonzalez
Year 7C

Jacinta Ilievksa
Year 7F

Lourdes Lagatule
Year 7F

Chloe Ploughman
Year 7D

Alex Strates
Year 7A

House Captains 2015

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### Year 7 Captains:
- **7A:** LEILA MAJEDY, EMILY VALERI
- **7B:** VICTORIA CONFORTO, ETHAN KUNELIUS
- **7C:** JOSHUA GONZALEZ, MARLINA KAPOULAS
- **7D:** SIMAPREET SINGH, TEESHA BILLMAN
- **7E:** JARROD DISHINGTON, JACQUELINE PEZZIMENTI
- **7F:** JACK GRINTER, NATALIE CARROLL
- **7G:** KAIL GOODWIN, LEA KARAVESOVSKA

### Year 8 Captains:
- **8A:** CAITLIN WILSON, BAILEY GOODWIN
- **8B:** SIBEL KAYA, DION ZOTO
- **8C:** MEDIKA BONNEY, AYYAAN ALI
- **8D:** PAIGE RICKARD, RILEY ALMOND
- **8E:** DEKLAN HEDDERICK, NAOMI TAYLOR
- **8F:** OLIVIA LANZETTI, RHYS HODGSON, HERTA FEIJOLLI
- **8G:** BRADLEY TUROCZI, GAURAV THAKKAR
- **8H:** LACHLAN STAVREVSKI, SHANIYA KUMAR, COSTAS LAMBROU
- **8I:** RACHEL STEVANOV, ARASH EHSAN, BETH WOODWARD

### Year 9 Captains:
- **9A:** ASHLEE HABY, TAYLOR SANTAGUIDA, SHOKRY ELGHANMA
- **9B:** AARON COLLISS, ISIAH HALE
- **9C:** HANNAH FITZGERALD, AYDEN MUSTEDANAGIC, SHALYN SHAW
- **9D:** TAYLA WESTGARTH, BRITNEY TAYLOR, CODY WINCHCOMBE
- **9E:** CASEY KINGI, DEVON THOMAS
- **9F:** COURTNEY HEDGER, ANGIE GIANG, SAHIL MEHMI
- **9G:** ALICIA TENACE, JOSH GROGAN
- **9H:** TONI LYNCH, TAYLOR RUDSTON-BROWN

### Year 10 Captains:
- **10A:** EBONY ATTARD, TAYLOR SANTAGUIDA
- **10B:** HABIB MUSA, JASMINE HUYNH
- **10C:** ALANA BERNARDONE, BONEESHA SINGH
- **10D:** BINEET GUJRAL, EUGENE CASSAR
- **10E:** BRITTANEY HOPKINS, JOSHUA THOMSON
- **10F:** STEPHANIE CATANIA, KYLE GORGIJEVSKI
- **10P:** DAELAN MITCHELL, ERIN WHITFORD
On 3rd March, Epping Secondary College students rallied at the Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium for the Annual Athletics Day competition, where students competed in a series of events to earn points for their House team. It was an amazing day, the atmosphere electric as students came with the aim to dominate.

For 5 hours each team pushed themselves to the limit giving it their all, house spirit blossomed and the cheers and chants of Tigers, Dragons, Scorpions, Cobras, Falcons and Panthers could be heard from miles around. But in the end there could be only one victor, on 944 points, The Mighty Dalton Dragons.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the events and earned points for their houses. A special thanks to all the staff on the day including a massive thank you to Mr. Hose and Mr. Rogneda for organising the day. Without you none of it would have been possible.

Molly Lynch
Dalton Dragon House Captain

Special thank you to media teacher Nikki Bonfanti and students Harry Vo, Mary Schalken and Shokry Elghanma for the terrific photography on the day.
House Athletics Day

Scarfborough Scorpions 648 Points

Carlisle Cobras 659 Points

Pindari Panthers 806 Points
Term 1 has seen the Peer Support Program swing into action. After extensive training last year, the year 10s have jumped into their roles with enthusiasm and commitment.

The program runs for three weeks and sees the year 10 Peer Support leaders enter year 7 classes and run workshops with them. This is entirely student lead, with the year 10s acting as teachers and directing the sessions. They have covered important issues such as college values, communication, positive relationships and being effective leaders.

In addition to this, they have become acquainted with the year 7s and allowed the newest members of our college community to become more comfortable and familiar with the school.

Both the year 7s and the year 10s have thoroughly enjoyed the program and I commend all parties for their involvement and real leadership.

Jessica De Bono
Student Development Coordinator
2015 is off to a great start in the Art Department. We have enjoyed meeting all our new year 7 students who are learning about colour and they have also been excited to view last year’s student work in our exhibition space.

Our year 8s are in full swing and coming out with some very strong portraits from our drawing unit.

The year 9s are cutting stencils and learning about street art in Melbourne. Some classes are making large paste ups based on Lewis Carroll’s, “Alice in Wonderland” that will create a new mural space in the Arts/Technology entrance and enhance the school environment.

Community Arts students are busy painting quite a large and colourful outdoor mural to decorate our pizza oven area. The mural celebrates the sense of community, fun and cooperation that occurs whenever the pizza oven is fired up at the school.

Finally our year 11 and 12 Studio Arts camp approaches and we will be flying off to Tassie on March 20th for an amazing weekend of contemporary art at MONA Gallery. Students and teachers alike are excited about this trip and we will make sure to bring back all our art news. This camp will enhance the folio work in our senior school studies.

We would also like to encourage parents to talk to their children about a favourite painting or artwork of theirs. It’s great for students to hear what sort of art their parents like and it helps develop an art vocabulary that is so important in their written work. A family trip to the National Gallery of Victoria is also a great way to engage students interest in the arts and the entry is free.

We are looking forward to a very positive and creative 2015.

Kerry Kaskamanidis
Art teacher
On the 12th and 13th of March, we participated in an overnight camp at Ballarat to learn about the Eureka Stockade. Our class was divided into two groups, travelling in mini vans driven by Ms Mitrevski and Mr Williams. During our trip we were able to listen to music and talk which made the journey enjoyable.

Once we arrived at Pax Hill Activities Centre, we settled into our cabins and explored our environment. The camp site was a great place with open spaces and lots of wildlife, however the odour from the animals was a little overwhelming.

After shopping for groceries, we returned to the cabins and unpacked the items. We then headed for the museum where we learnt about democracy and the union flag, which was very interesting. Following this, we went to the Fine Art Gallery where we had to perform a role play. We were all reluctant to participate but in the end we had fun and lots of laughs whilst performing.

At the end of the afternoon we headed back to the cabins for dinner, which was prepared for us by Silvia and her mother. While eating we discussed the Eureka Sound and Light Show at Sovereign Hill which we would be attending that night.

Upon arrival at Sovereign Hill, we sat in an indoor and outdoor theatre with students from other schools, where we learnt about the history of the Eureka Rebellions which was really interesting.

We were woken the next morning by a yelling Mr. Williams. It was so cold we felt like ice cubes but we could still hear the chirping of birds outside. After breakfast we cleaned up the kitchen and the cabins and started the journey to Torquay beach. Most of the class went surfing which was a challenging but fun experience, while a few were allocated to buy lunch. After lunch we boarded the mini vans for our return trip.

We had fun and learnt a lot about the Eureka Stockade and the history of Ballarat. The role play at Fine Art Gallery helped many of us step out of our comfort zones and the surfing most definitely boosted our confidence.

An experience and camp enjoyed by all.

Erin Whitford 10P
Tuesday, February 24th saw the Year 9 City Experience students embark upon their first excursion into the CBD. This excursion was a city discovery tour, where students went for a ride of the City Loop tram and experienced the city from a tourist’s perspective. We noted Melbourne’s largest tourist attractions, famous icons and popular precincts. For many students, this was their first glimpse of what Melbourne has to offer. We shared lunch at Melbourne Central before heading back to school. The students represented the college in an exemplary fashion and were very enthusiastic about their trip into the city. We are looking forward to exploring all that Melbourne has to offer in the coming weeks.

Jessica De Bono
City Experience Teacher

By participating in the City Experience Program, we were given the opportunity to explore Melbourne. We went to the Eureka Skydeck on March 10th. We went there to have a birds eye view of Melbourne and all of its landmarks. We saw the Art Centre, Federation Square, Melbourne Park, the Yarra River and much more! Some students went on ‘The Edge’ which is a moving glass cube carrying passengers out over Melbourne. Some people were excited and others were terrified but in the end they were able to conquer their fears and enjoy the spectacular views. After that, we went to lunch at South Gate. Overall, we all had a great time!

By Jenille and Bashaer
The VCAL Community class is running a Soccer Tournament, which has been very successful thus far. In the first week, we were very surprised at how many students were keen to participate in the tournament. The tournament is running over 8 weeks, which we are halfway through. Early next term we will play the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and then the Final, with each member of the winning team receiving a trophy.

By Jordan, James, Luke and Bojan (12V/12W)

As part of our VCAL Community Elective, we decided to hold a basketball program for the Year 7, 8 and 9 students. This program encourages the students to meet new people and also gives them the opportunity to learn new skills. So far our basketball program has been a great success and we look forward to continuing the program in Term 2.

By Brayden, Emily, Dion and Mikayla (11V)
On behalf of the SRC we would like to inform everyone about the changes that are happening at the college. We have a new SRC President Ayesha Ahmad and Vice President Tabitha Anderson. They are both fitting into their roles with enthusiasm and are determined to help the college become the best school it can be.

In February students involved in leadership roles were given the opportunity to attend a 3 day camp at the Coastal Forest Lodge in Anglesea. While at this camp students learnt new strategies and ideas on how to become a better leader as well as making new friends. Students pushed their boundaries by learning how to surf, manoeuvre a low ropes course and develop team leadership skills by building bush shelters and making sure they didn’t fall or break when tested. The archery students learnt to focus and persevere, even when they weren’t doing well. The students had a great time at the camp and we want to thank all the teachers for ensuring the camp ran smoothly.

SRC would like to thank everyone who helped contribute on Athletics Day. It was a great day and students were trying their best with Dalton Dragon ran out winners. We would also like to thank Ms Kaska and Ms Butera for their amazing effort with face painting. We made $95 from the face painting along with the hairspray and nail polish.

SRC has also put together a facilities audit to assist with ongoing issues such as having clocks in each class room and better hygiene in the toilets.

The SRC Cluster is a meeting of all the SRC representatives from different schools to discuss various issues in the community that they can help to improve. They also play games and participate in leadership activities. Our students, along with Whittlesea and Lalor Secondary Colleges, attended the first meeting which was held on Thursday, 12th March, where they started making plans for a Youth Week occurring in Term 2.

Overall it has been a very positive start to SRC 2015 and we encourage you to become involved and tell us what you want!

Mackenzie Fisicaro & Jessica Lord
Newsletter Team

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PARENTING WORKSHOP

Free workshop for parents who live in the City of Whittlesea which focuses on helping parents to understand their teenager better and develop basic strategies for dealing with challenging behaviours.

- Understanding adolescence
- Understanding your job as the parent of a teenager
- Choosing your battles

When: Tuesday 21 April 2015
Where: Edge Services for Young People
      Shop MM1 – Westfield Plenty Valley
      415 McDonalds Rd, Mill Park (Melway Ref: 183 B 11)
Time: 7pm – 10pm

http://www.baselinewhittlesea.com/whats_happening/dealing_with_adolescents

Tennille Alivizatos | Youth Services Coordinator
Youth Services, City of Whittlesea
The School for Student Leadership (S.S.L.) is a 10 week camp that is running for most of term 2. Only 45 students from schools all over Victoria are selected to go. It’s a life changing experience as students learn new things such as: facing your fears, being pushed to the limit, living independently and much more. The leadership skills we gain are taught through adventure-based activities such as surfing, canoeing, bridge-building, cycling, hiking and camping expeditions.

The cost to go on this camp is about $1200 and this is the reason you may have seen the chocolate boxes being sold around the school, as well as the pizza days we’ve had. The profit from these fundraisers has been deducted from the total amount.

While we are attending the SSL, we will be conducting a Community Learning Project (C.L.P.), which is something we will do to improve an aspect of our home community, whether that be a part of the school or the broader community. The campus is about 3 hours away and we will only see our parents on one weekend over the 10 weeks. We are understandably both nervous and excited! I look forward to reporting back to you in Term 3.

Josh Grogan 9G

On 12th March, 4 SRC students Lachlan, Tabitha, Joshua and I, went to the SRC cluster. The cluster is a meeting where SRC’S from around the area meet to discuss and exchange ideas to help their schools. We met some people from Whittlesea who showed us presentations about things we can do. We discussed our ideas and problems and found out what other schools issues were as well.

We had a lot of fun doing activities and sharing our thoughts and opinions. We look forward to next terms meeting where we will do an amazing race, share our ideas as well as completing ‘kids teaching kids’ activities.

The Src cluster is beneficial to the school as it provides its members with ideas and strategies to assist solving issues within the school. If you would like to be part of this group, see Ms Smith in the junior unit and remember you need to be a SRC member to participate.

Alex Strates
SRC Representative
Epping SC participated in the National Ride to school day on Friday 13th March.
Students were encouraged to ride, walk, scoot, or skate to school in a bid to encourage all students to use active transport as their preferred means of travelling to and from school.
Of the 725 students surveyed about their mode of transport on the day 277 students, 38% of students chose to arrive at school by bike, foot, on a skateboard or scooter.

Interestingly year 7 students had 52% who chose active transport, Year 8 - 38%, Year 9 - 35%, Year 10 - 42% and VCE students - 29%.

As a whole school cohort we now have an objective of trying to achieve 50% of the whole school choosing to get to school via active transport.
A good start would be to sign up for the Premier’s Active April campaign where prizes and incentives are offered to encourage all Victorians to be more active.
The Premier’s Active April encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It’s free, it’s fun and it’s part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to encourage more people to be active and healthy.


Yours in health
Sandro Biscaro
Physical Education & Health Teacher
Intermediate Volleyball Teams Victorious!

On Friday, 27th February, the intermediate girls’ & boys’ volleyball teams headed to Darebin to compete against other local schools. The selection process started a few weeks prior, with a large number of year 9 and 10 students trialing for the teams. After final selections, the girls’ team included: Adot Deng (captain), Pearl Matautia, Courtney Hedger, Martha Hangar, Alana Bernardone, Tara Leuatea, Corrina Alolupotea, Shona Sofe and Ashley Semu.

As the coach of the girls volleyball team I wanted to highlight the dominant performance the girls produced against four of the six teams they faced. The girls won in straight sets against Lalor North, Mill Park, The Lakes and Whittlesea. The most competitive games of the day came against Thomastown and Lalor. The girls lost the first set to Thomastown and credit to them, they held their focus and stepped up their performance to win the second and thirds sets. In similar fashion the team lost the first set to Lalor and had a massive comeback in the second set to claim a one set all draw. For the majority of the time, the girls played as a team, showed focus and demonstrated some exceptional skills. One of the umpires even commented, ‘Wow, these girls have some serious power.’ Specific mention must go to Ashley Semu for producing some big serves, desperate saves and tactical taps over the net at crucial times in the sets. Corrina Alolupotea also deserves an individual mention for winning about 15 points in a row during our last match against The Lakes. I would like to thank the girls for making my job a relatively easy one and congratulate Adot Deng on her captaincy. Everyone played a part in contributing to the team’s success and I look forward to working with you all in the lead up to Regionals.

Miss Holt

The boys’ team comprising of Lee Samau, Orlando Lopesi, Aydin Mustedanievic, Tijay Semu, Fiso Pritchard, Jarrod McNeil, Edward Lauron, Daelen Mitchell, Ojay Aiupotea and Nathan Fitzgerald, also had a most successful day in which they won 5 matches and drew in their 6th.

It was encouraging to see players implement game strategies and tactics during the games that had been practiced throughout the past 3 weeks of training. Both teams will now look forward to the Northern Zone playoffs early in Term 2 and will continue to train to improve all aspects of their game.

Mr. Biscaro

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Biology Excursion

On Thursday, 26th February, all Year 11 Biology students attended an excursion to the La Trobe University Wildlife Sanctuary in Bundoora. The aim was to study the ecology of the native ecosystem and use the information collected from field work to complete a field report SAC at school. The excursion was highly successful and engaging and the students gained valuable knowledge from highly skilled ecologists who took them on a tour of the sanctuary. The students were also able to practice using ecological sampling techniques such as quadrats and transects, which formed the basis of their field report and I was very impressed with their eagerness to participate. The students spotted many native animals throughout the day including kangaroos, bats, birds and huge spiders! Thank you to all students involved – it was a great day!

Madeline Austin
Biology teacher

ACE Program

This year we launched our new ACE program to cater for students needing additional challenge in the classroom. We have a number of students engaged in this program across years 7 and 8 and are now beginning to look towards students for next year.

The next round of testing for this program occurs on 14th April (Parent teacher interview day) in week 1 of term 2. The testing session is open to students in grade 6, year 7 or year 8 who are interested in joining the program in 2016. Further details regarding the testing session are found on our ACE program information pamphlets which are available at the office.

For parents interested in learning more about parenting gifted and talented children, the Victorian Association of Gifted and Talented Children (VAGTC) is holding a conference in May and are hosting a session specifically for parents on Thursday 21st May. If you are interested in attending, please use the form attached to this newsletter to register.
VAGTC EXTENDED Parent Seminar
THURSDAY 21ST MAY, 2015

The VAGTC is delighted to be able to invite parents to an extended parent seminar

PART 1 - As previously advertised ....
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...Ask the Experts!
A Question and Answer Session - Come along with all the questions you ever wanted to ask and have them answered by the experts including an Educational Psychologist, and educators from Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary settings.

Cost: For Session 1 Only $25.00 (GST Inc) VAGTC members
     $30.00 (GST Inc) non VAGTC members
     Includes light morning tea

PART 2 - New ....
Gifted and Happy?

Investigating What Happiness Means for Gifted Children
Presented by Michele Juratowitch, Director of Clearing Skies, Queensland
Michele Juratowitch provides services to meet the needs of gifted children, their parents and teachers. She provides counselling for gifted youth and their parents; has been a lecturer in the postgraduate course in Gifted Education at GERRIC, UNSW. Michele was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the counselling and intervention needs of gifted children.

Cost: For Session 2 Only $25.00 (GST Inc) VAGTC members
     $30.00 (GST Inc) non VAGTC members
     Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

SPECIAL OFFER: Stay for both sessions and enjoy lunch with conference registrants.

Cost: For sessions 1 & 2, including lunch $30 (GST Inc) VAGTC members
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Go Overseas or Host an Exchange Student with WEP

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Imagine:
- Hopping on a yellow school bus and dressing up in preparation for Friday night football games
- Making friends with people from all corners of the world
- Becoming a member of an overseas host family

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Join our activities and find ways to contribute to the community. Well-forming and engaging people to volunteer or to find ways to help the community.

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Community Transport Service

Transport for the people of Whittlesea who have trouble getting to health appointments, social groups and other important appointments.

Whittlesea Volunteer Resource Service

We help find volunteering to suit your skills and interests and provide training to develop your volunteering skills.

Settlement Services

We support migrants and refugees who are newly arrived in Australia with:
- Health checks
- Finding accommodation
- Finding a job
- Finding English
- Keeping family together
- Establishing new community connections
- Supporting new families
- Helping to establish an education

Settlement Youth Service

Support for young people who need help with school, family, friendship and finding money.

Groups and activities

- English classes
- Martial arts
- Creative workshop
- Women's support group
- Men's support group
- Youth Group

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- Support for older people
- Community activities
- Dinner club
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- Free access to computers and the internet, with use of laptops and training for beginners.

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Study Tour to Italy 2016

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Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday the 4th March
Epping Secondary College Library at 6pm

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March 2015

TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 21st March 2015
6:00 - 9:30 PM
Venue: Galada Community Centre
Epping North

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Book at event@aurora.asn.au
www.aurora.asn.au/events/trivanight
Enquiries: 0490 146 078

Would you like to be involved in a plan for cycling, skateboarding and scooting in Whittlesea?
Visit our webpage www.leisureplanners.com.au to fill in a quick survey or leave your comments on the Facebook page.

We want to know:
- Where you do these activities
- What would help these activities grow
- What you like and don't like about cycling, skating and scooting in the City of Whittlesea
- How we can improve facilities for all types of cycling and skating
- Where facilities are needed in the future.

MORE INFO:
ea.leisureplanners@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
p - 9404 8857

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Advanced Dental Prosthetist onsite for your denture and mouth guard needs. Prosthetist is a Medibank preferred provider.
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All sorts of people make great Foster Carers. They are tradesmen, nurses, sales reps, shop assistants, teachers etc. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Our next information session is on
Wednesday 15th April 2015
7pm-8.30pm
in the Preston area

Come along to find out more & have your questions answered. To book or to receive an information package please contact Lynette Tollit on 8470 9999 or lynette.tollit@anglicarevic.org.au

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Year 6-10

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Friday 13 March – 15 May, 1pm – 4.30pm
or
Saturday 18 April – 20 June, 9.30am – 1pm
Edendale Farm, Eitham

This course is subsidised by the Adult Community and Further Education Board to assist people to make informed career choices and support their return to study.

For more information and bookings please contact:
Living & Learning Nillumbik – 9433 3744
living.learning@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au

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• excursions and camps
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Contact: Christian Unger, your local Saver Plus Worker:
03 9483 2416 / 0407 817 758 or cunger@bsl.org.au

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The program is funded by JAX and the Australian Government.

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OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 24th March 7pm

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