



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

Issue 6



DREAM IT - PLAN IT - PITCH IT

Two amazing year 11 business students – **JENILLE DIZON** and **APEKSHYA LAMA** participated in a mini version of shark tank at LaTrobe University.

There were many entrants across Melbourne, with some schools having as many as 40 students participating.

We entered 2 girls who stole the show - awarded first place, winning **\$1000 !!**



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Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

Friday 15

Interim reports uploaded on XUNO 4pm

Thursday 21 12-8pm

Friday 22 9.30-2pm

Student Conferences 2 days

Friday 22

Year 10 Formal

LAST DAY TERM 3

STUDENTS DISMISSED 1pm

OCTOBER

Monday 9

TERM 4 COMMENCES

Monday 23

Year 12 Celebration Day

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1

VCE Exams Begin

Music Concert 7.30pm

Tuesday 7

MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Monday 13

Y11 Exams begin

Wednesday 15

Y7 Immunisations

Friday 17

Valedictory Dinner

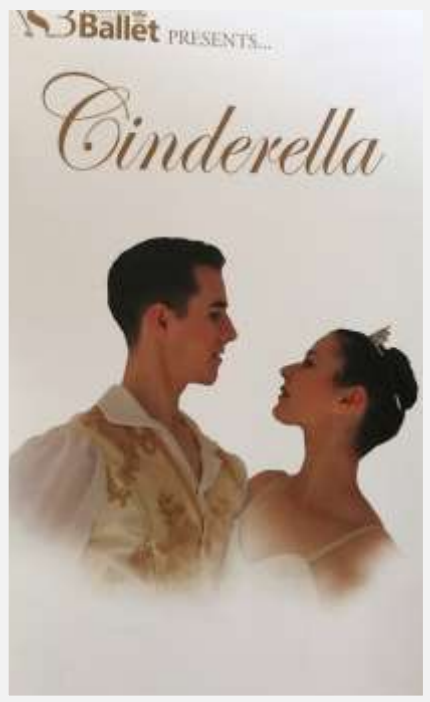
San Remo Ballroom

6.30pm

Monday 20

Y12 Commencement Program

September 2017



Jade Marangos has again been invited to perform with **THE VICTORIAN STATE BALLET** in the Disney production of **CINDERELLA**. This is Jade's 4th production with the ballet.



Cinderella





DREAM IT, PLAN IT, PITCH IT

DREAM IT: Students dream up an idea for a business or product individually or in teams of up to three.

PLAN IT: Students develop a business plan for their idea (1500 – 2000 words) and submit it to a panel of judges for review.

PITCH IT: On Showcase Day, teams bring their plan, supporting material, devices and/or prototype models to decorate their display stand and to enhance their presentation pitch. One stand per team.

Students have five minutes to present their business ideas to small groups of roving judges. They will present more than once.

PRIZES: Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand have generously donated \$1,000 for the first place winner. Second place receives \$500 donated by La Trobe Business School.

How are the students judged?

Students are judged on both the business plan and the pitch, with each receiving 50% grading. Students have to address all seven topics in their business plan and during the pitch.

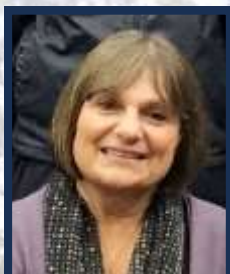
Super proud of my students who were exceptionally professional from the beginning until the end.

Sue Kanidiadis

VCE Business Management and Legal Studies Teacher



Principal's Report



One of the joys of teaching is observing the learning process in action and in particular hearing and seeing students sharing what they have learnt and what they have produced as a result of their learning. Providing students with authentic tasks and then exhibiting their work or presenting what they have learnt is an opportunity for them to own and value learning.

Our year 11 Business Management students, as part of their course work, are expected to make a particular product and then develop the marketing strategies for this product. They apply the many principles of effective marketing studied in class and the end result is presented for assessment. An integral part of their presentation is being able to articulate their ideas, the themes and the desired impact on the consumer that they are aiming for. The students' work is then assessed by volunteer staff. This is a very similar model to the Night at the Museum which is a key project in year 7 Humanities. I was very impressed not only with the standard of the work but also with the passion with which students discussed what they had done, how and why. The students produced outstanding displays of their work, spoke passionately and confidently about their products, their ideas and how these were developed. It was an absolute pleasure engaging with the different groups and learning about marketing principles from the students themselves.

Another highlight for me was the year 12 VCAL class presentations. As part of their Skills for Further Activity class students develop and deliver a presentation about themselves to present to an audience and I was invited along as one of the assessors. Each student shared with us their life journey so far, covering significant milestones and formative experiences both personal and educational.

Their presentations were so honest, enlightening and poignant and in many cases moved me to tears. They shared their experiences of escaping wars, coping with the impact of family break downs, losing close family and friends, dealing with the devastating effects of being bullied, struggling with school work and overcoming the many challenges that young people can face. What was most impressive was how each student had developed their resilience, came to understandings about life, were able to see how they have grown as a result of the hardships they faced and how important family, love and relationships were to them. It was also pleasing to hear that all of them felt that school has been a positive part of their lives and how grateful they were for the support and care their teachers had given them. This was one of the most emotional and beautiful experiences I have had. We have incredible young people in our school and we are blessed to have the chance to know them, be part of their lives and hopefully contribute to making them the fine adults they are becoming.

The term finished with our annual "Night at the Museum" which saw over 240 year 7 students along with their teachers and families acknowledging the importance of history. Our students did us proud with their wonderful costumes, their research projects, their artefacts and their engagement. The energy and excitement was contagious and their sense of pride and achievement was obvious to everyone and especially to their parents. It is these learning experiences that students remember years to come and add another dimension to their school life.

I want to commend and thank our senior VCAL students, Year 11 Business Management students and our year 7 students for their outstanding work and for sharing their learning and stories with us.

Helene Alamidis
Principal



Science Competition

Congratulations to the students from years 7 to 10 who participated in the 50 minute written test for the Big Science Competition on the 24th May. Students were tested on their critical thinking and problem solving skills in terms of the Australian Science Curriculum.

Year 7:

AARON PAUL
ALLANAH WATTS
CALEB PILLI
CHRISTIAAN ROETS
DEEPSHIKHA NOTTA
IMANI SUKHON
JAMESON HEATHCOTE
JEREMY BLACK
LEON ABYZA
LUCAS THOMSON
MAKENZY DAVIS
MARKO DIMOSKI
MATTHEW PULLAR
OKTAY SARAY
PRATYUSH ADHIKARI
SHAE LEIGH FARQUER
SHANIA GITTUS BOURKE
SHERIDEN D'AVOINE
TYLAH FOLAN
WILLIAM LONG

Participation award
Participation award
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Credit award
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Participation award
Credit award



Pratyush Adhikari
DISTINCTION



Lucus Thomson
CREDIT



William Long
CREDIT

Year 8:

DARCY CHRISTIANSEN
JACK CHRISTIANSEN
ORLANDO MURPHY
YI-YING CHONG

Participation award
Distinction
Participation award
Participation award

Year 9:

GEORGINA BAKOPOULOS
LUKA PILLI
THOMAS STOCK

Participation award
Distinction
Credit award



Jack Christensen
DISTINCTION



Luka Pili
DISTINCTION



Thomas Stock
CREDIT

Year 10:

ALEXANDER BEYER
AMY SHANAHAN

Participation award
Participation award

Student Conferences

Our semester 2 Student Conferences will take place on **Thursday the 21st and Friday the 22nd of September**. On the Thursday, conferences will run from 12.00noon until 8.00pm and on the Friday, conferences will run from 9.30am until 2.00pm. Students will **not** have timetabled classes for either of these days, but are required to attend with their parents as they will be leading the discussions in these conferences.

Student Conferences take the place of what was called "Parent Teacher Interviews" in recent years and they will be the culmination of the new Report Reflection Process. The Report Reflections give students the opportunity to articulate their strengths and areas for improvement for each subject they undertake.

Based on feedback from the school community these are the changes you can expect to see in 2017:

- Parent Teacher Interviews are now called 'Student Conferences', this was decided by the Student Working Party.
- **Interim reports will NOT be printed for parents to collect at the school.** You will be able to access your child's report through the XUNO Parent Portal from Friday 15th of September. You will need to print this and bring it with you or download it to your phone or child's laptop if you wish to view it during the conference. Your child can also print it off on the night of the conference at the library. Our office staff can also assist with this.
- Students will complete the Report Reflection before seeing their Interim Report. Therefore, students will make predictions of their scores and lead the conversations with parents/guardians and teachers at the Student Conference.
- An Interim Report Criteria Rubric was created by the Student Working Party last year. Students will use this rubric to predict their grades and to reflect. Teachers are also using this rubric when writing individual student Interim Reports. This will ensure that Interim Report grading across the school is consistent, transparent, and hence meaningful for students.

We look forward to having the whole school community involved in the Report Reflection Process. We are also looking forward to seeing how much more meaningful the Student Conferences will be for students, in terms of them being able to identify areas for their own improvement and being able to articulate this to parents, guardians and teachers. It will also ensure that students are taking responsibility for their own learning journey and academic achievement.

Please take the opportunity to look over the Interim Report Rubric below to see how students are being assessed on the reports. It would also be advantageous to look through the rubric with your child at some stage and discuss their aims and goals for their report.



To book your Student Conference with teachers:

The booking system will open on Monday 11th of September at 5pm.

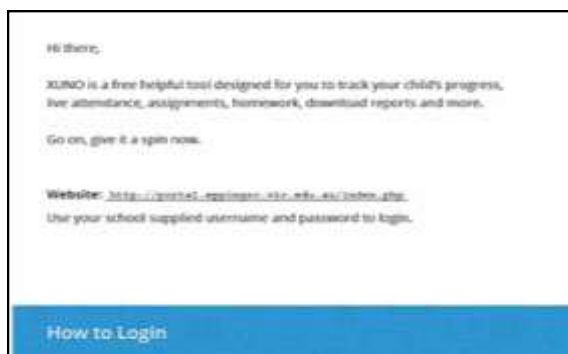
Only parents are able to make and remove bookings. You will need to use the password to the parent portal. If you are unaware as to what this is, how to access the portal or if this password needs to be reset please contact the office on 9401 2599.

Appointments with your child's teachers can only be booked through the online XUNO system. You will need access to a computer and the internet. If you don't have access to these, see instructions below.

Bookings will close on Wednesday the 20th of September at 5pm.

To book, go to <http://portal.eppingsc.vic.edu.au/index.php> log in to the XUNO portal and follow these simple instructions:

- Click on the **School** menu and then click **Parent Teacher Interviews**. (If you are using a mobile device you will need to tap on the menu icon in the top right corner before you can tap on the School menu)
- To make a booking, first select a specific child by clicking on the button labelled with your child's name. A list of available teachers will appear.
- Choose a teacher and a time from the corresponding drop-down list. Once you select a time your bookings will be moved to the "Confirmed Bookings" table at the top of the page. Bookings and available times are instant and you will not be able to 'double book' if that time slot has already been filled. Repeat these steps for all remaining teachers or, alternatively, you can use the **Book All Remaining** option to book all remaining classes for the selected student at one time. For this option your first booking will be your chosen start time and XUNO will automatically determine the best time slots for you.
- If you have more than one child, you will need to do this for **each** child.
- XUNO will not be able to automatically book with Year Level Co-ordinator or Careers Co-ordinator. You will have to book a separate time with each individual co-ordinator.
- Click on the **print icon** in the top header bar to print your confirmed bookings. The print icon is not available on mobiles and devices using small screens.

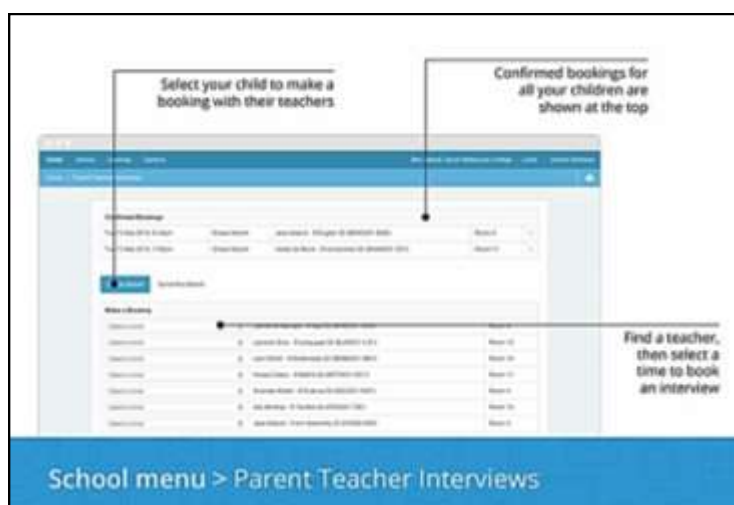


For families who do not have internet access, please contact the office staff to make bookings on 9401 2599.

Kerryn Sandford

Assistant Principal, Middle School

Teaching and Learning

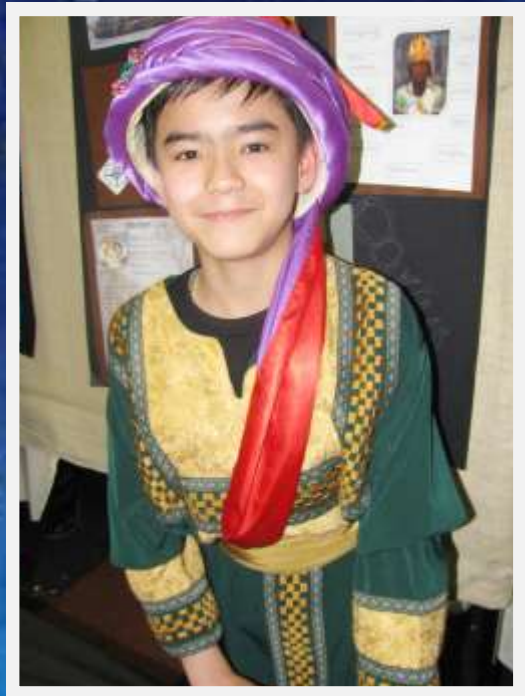


Night at the Museum

On the evening of Tuesday, 12th September, the Year 7 students took part in an extraordinary event called 'Night at the Museum'. The students each chose a significant historical figure from ancient times and arrived at school in costume similar to that worn by some of history's greatest names.

As part of their Humanities coursework, students undertook extensive research of their historical figure and set up informative displays. By the end of eight weeks of study, they were well versed in their figure's achievements.

On presentation night, students stepped into the shoes of their character for 90 minutes, presenting themselves in front of an appreciative audience before manning their information displays and answering questions from interested onlookers.





ABCN - Sydney Leadership Summit

Congratulations to Natali from Year 11 for participating in the ABCN Leadership Summit in Sydney

My name is Natali Curukovski, I am seventeen years old and I currently attend Epping Secondary College. I was one of five students from Victoria and one of sixteen in the whole of Australia, who won an ABCN Scholarship.

We have had a few functions thus far regarding the scholarship, with my favourite and the most crucial being invited to attend the Leadership Summit in Sydney on 8th August 2017. We were escorted to our hotel and everything was provided for.

On the day the scholars arrived in Sydney, we attended a leadership lunch with professional business people and entrepreneurs from Australia and around the world. They shared valuable information with us that would assist us with school, jobs and our future aspirations.

That evening on the highest floor of an exclusive building in Sydney, we had dinner with CEO directors of large companies that collaborate with ABCN. The scholars as well as the adults delivered speeches regarding their work and involvement with the scholarship.

All these people are donators to the ABCN foundation. We also had lunch and dinner with our mentors, which assisted us in our communication and goal achievement processes. The assistance from the mentors is more valuable than even the monetary reward of the scholarship.

Furthermore, on the subsequent day, we were all rewarded for our achievements by having the opportunity to explore Sydney's main tourist attractions. This enabled us to communicate and network with the other scholars as to how we could stay in contact in the following years.

I strongly recommend for every year ten student to apply for this scholarship and engage in their studies as much as possible. This scholarship is only awarded to hardworking and determined students who will maintain their efforts all throughout high school, even after they become recipients of the scholarship.

Natali Curukovski



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ABCN - Entrepreneurs Unearthed



Congratulations to Apeksha and Janelle from Year 11 for participating in the ABCN Program 'Entrepreneurs Unearthed' on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th, August 2017. The girls had the opportunity to present their business idea to representatives from EY and the Commonwealth Bank.

Mrs Hysen

ABCN's Entrepreneurs Unearthed Boot Camp was a hands on two day workshop, where we were able to meet like mind individuals who were passionate and full of innovative ideas from different schools. Each team was given a mentor who is a professional from EY or CommBank for a one on one mentoring session that consisted of insights into aspects of business such as value proposition and E D I P T model. We had guest speakers such as Bounce Inc's CEO Antony Morell, Chai Walli's CEO Uppma Viridi, Market Placer's CEO Jason Wyt and Hustle Time's CEO Spencer Porter who shared their entrepreneurial journey and gave us tips for our entrepreneurial journey ahead. At the conclusion of our second day we were given a tour of CommBank's exclusive pop up innovation lab where we had a sneak peek of what is next from Comm Bank. The program really gave us inspiration and encouragement to start our entrepreneurial journey!

Apekshya Lama



September 2017

World Challenge Practise Expedition

The first real physical challenge for the 2017 ESC World Challenge Team was during a 2 day practise expedition at Bunyip State Park, just over an hour and a half away, near a small town called Gembrook. Amy Shanahan, Emily Findlay-Parsons and Miss Holt road tripped to Monbulk on the Saturday night to meet up with our partner school group, Daylesford. The group spent the night getting to know each other and having a great time.

Sunday morning saw an early rise to make our way to Gembrook for a 9am start. The team met our Practise Expedition leader, Christian and began some of the important tasks in the chilly weather. Emily and Damon went off to shop for the food supplies for the 2 days. The meal planning had already been done in a previous meeting. On their return the group was pleasantly surprised with some upgrades the two had made to the menu. Amy and Max were on navigation duty, so once food was distributed into everyone's packs the group was nearly ready to set off. Firstly, hiking pack adjustments had to happen and boot checks done. It was the first time walking with packs for all of the Challengers and it was important to start the day well prepared.

On day 1 the challengers walked mostly along roadsides or walking tracks. There were a few wrong turns on the way but the navigators did a good job to get the group to our destination well before dark. The teams tents had already been erected but Amy and Inish had the job of selecting a location for the tents and securing them before the groups settled in. On expedition the Challengers will actually be sleeping in hammocks during their jungle trek, so Christian took the opportunity to show everyone how to set them up and also give everyone a turn at lying in them. Although there was originally some apprehension in the group about having to sleep a whole night in a hammock, once people tried them, we were all excited that we were getting to use hammocks in Cambodia rather than tents.

Emily and Damon were once again in charge of the food, so dinner prep and cooking was up to them to organise. In the end most Challengers chipped in and it ended up being a great team effort, which resulted in a yummy pasta meal. After dinner the team caught up to reflect on the day and learn a little bit more about what the overseas expedition had in store for us all. Team roles for the next day were decided and then it was time to snuggle up in the tents and attempt to get some sleep during a cold, cold night.

On day 2 of the training expedition the team got up at 7:00 and made breakfast which was oats with fruit. We then made sure everything was waterproof before starting the hike back. We travelled off route on the way back and used our compass and navigation skills to hike to the bus. On the trek back, the team helped each other through a small creek and through spikey bushes to get to the top of the hill. We had a few leaches stick onto our clothing and Damo even had one stuck on his forehead! After our 3 hour hike we sat down for lunch and had wraps with salad and salami, with some chocolate for dessert. After a final debrief from Christian and a little extra group planning, the team walked back to the bus, said our goodbyes and headed home to a shower and comfy bed.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Thanks to everyone at ESC who has been supporting Amy and Emily's fundraising efforts. There has been a Fairy Floss stall which raised over \$200 in profit and Cadbury Chocolate Box sales which have also raised a few hundred dollars so far. There will be more fundraising to come, so please be on the lookout to support the girls. If you are a local business owner, or know someone who is and would be willing to donate goods or services for a fundraising silent auction, please contact Samantha Holt via email at holt.samantha.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or call the school to get in touch. The Challengers will be spending a week in Thailand volunteering at two Save Elephant Foundation projects, called 'Journey to Freedom' and 'Elephant Nature Park'. The organisations are focused on rehabilitating poorly treated elephants and educating the local Thai people about how elephants should be treated. Sadly the use of elephants for tourist shows, rides and even in agricultural practises generally means many of these majestic animals are chained up in small pens. Our team would love to raise additional funds to donate directly to the projects, as well as purchasing some resources for the local school children we will visit in the area. Any donations, big or small, would be graciously accepted prior to our departure in November.

Ms Holt - World Vision Organiser

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World Challenge



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Science Week

From Monday 14th to Thursday 17th August, we celebrated Science Week. This was a chance for students to become involved in science beyond the class room and increase their understanding and appreciation of science at the college. The theme for this year was Future Earth and focused on sustainability and looking after our environment, as well as investigating possibilities for future energy sources.

Students were involved in a range of activities each lunchtime and it was great to see the high level of enthusiasm and excitement when participating in the activities.

Monday took us outside the laboratory near the synthetic oval to demonstrate some wonderful experiments such as elephant toothpaste, Mentos and diet coke and exploding lunch bag. Students were involved in a bouncy ball competition, where they had to make their own bouncy ball using household chemicals then run a course similar to an egg and spoon race. Congratulations to the students who finished 1st through to 5th and scored themselves a fun science prize.

Tuesday was science cinema where students had the chance to watch some great documentaries on sustainability and the environment, accompanied by some delicious popcorn.

Wednesday gave students a chance to build a solar powered robot. They could choose to build a robotic dog, car, boat, or windmill.

On Thursday students tested their Science knowledge with a trivia competition with some fun prizes on offer for those who performed really well.

We would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the fun and to the staff who helped out during the week.

Sarah Sharpley
Science Teacher



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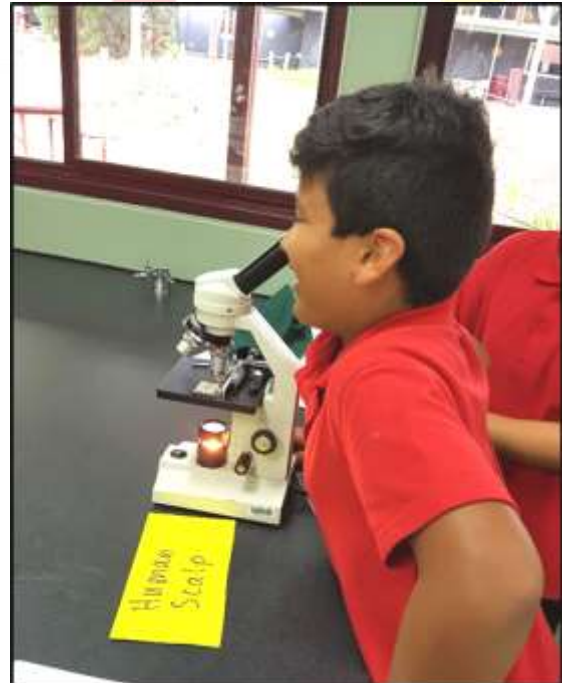
Meadowglen Science

This year the college has had the pleasure of hosting Meadowglen Primary School students for a brand new science program. Every Wednesday, a group of enthusiastic grade five and six students rode their bikes, rain, hail or shine, to our school to conduct a science experiment.

By far the most popular experiment was making ice-cream using salt and ice, although we also played around with chemical reactions and made rainbows with the light boxes!

We had a lot of fun and I really enjoyed the students' creative thinking and their interesting questions!

Miss Austin
Science Teacher



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Y11 La Trobe Water Chemistry



On August 30th, the year 11 Chemistry students travelled to La Trobe University to undertake a range of experiments, which included students testing water for a range of substances using a range of analysis techniques.

This is an enriching experience as the students do not have access to this type of equipment at school, so it allows them to not only experience the equipment but gain a better understanding of how chemistry techniques are utilised in a practical way.

Ms Anderson
Science Teacher



MACEDONIAN COMMUNITY WELFARE ASSOC.



On Monday, 31st July, the VCE Macedonian classes attended an excursion at a not-for-profit organization relating to the Macedonian community. The students were divided into four groups and rotated around each station where a different person with a different functional position would answer our questions regarding their mission and history as an organization.

The Macedonian organization was founded in 1983 by George Kostrevski, who identified the need to

provide welfare services to the Macedonian speaking community in Victoria. The main values demonstrated by the organization were dedication and creativity, patience, respect, team work and commitment. Our school demonstrates similar values to the organization and the students who learn Macedonian language at school continuously demonstrate a positive attitude towards their work and respect towards others.

The managers shared their long-term goal with us, which is to become leading providers of service that promote health and wellbeing in the Macedonian and wider community. I was inspired by their work and dedication to this mission. The Macedonian community including the elderly individuals, do not have their own nursing homes, feel lonely, disconnected and insecure as they cannot connect well with individuals from other places due to language or education barriers and cultural differences.

The employers at the association shared valuable information about the importance of living together as a community and they appreciated help of younger individuals who volunteer to spend time with the elderly. Activities include having a conversation and taking them to the park or out to lunch, to potentially gain a friendship with them and help alleviate loneliness.

The organization follows the footsteps of humanitarian work that I believe every individual should engage in at some point in their life. The staff were friendly, polite and very supportive of the fact that the students are studying another language other than English. I have studied Macedonian language for a number of years now. It has assisted in my English comprehension skills and communication with individuals in this language such as my family and friends. Students who speak another language have the advantage of additional job opportunities and wider communication with different people. Studying languages engages different areas of the brain, particularly the left hemisphere, meaning that it enhances intelligence and problem solving skills.

The opportunity to study Macedonian at school and from what I already knew at home, is what enabled me to effectively communicate with the staff of the Macedonian Community Welfare Association.

Natali Curucovska
Year 11



YEAR 8 ITALIAN CULTURAL IMMERSION CAMP VENETO CLUB



On Thursday, 10th August, 48 year 8 students studying Italian language at our college attended a cultural immersion excursion at the Veneto Club in Bulleen. All the students participated in a range of cultural enrichment activities such as learning how to play Italian soccer, mastering the art of playing Italian bocce and enjoying the experience of being part of a cooking class which enlightened our students on how to make traditional Italian pasta and pizza. All of them cooked "con gusto".



Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and their participation in the activities undertaken on the day was highly praised and commended by all the staff from the Veneto Club. It was great to see so many students get into the Italian spirit and being totally involved in all the activities.

The bocce competition was lead by an ex bocce champion Aldo Zaffala who passionately instilled a love for bocce amongst our students, together with all the soccer coaches who instilled a great sense of sportsmanship to all our students who played a rather competitive match of "calcio".

Of course the highlight of the day was having lunch where students served traditional pasta, pizza and gelato which they prepared in their cooking classes. The experience was absolutely "squisito".

I would like to thank all the staff of the Veneto Club, Melbourne, together with our LOTE teachers Ms Rehak and Ms Hart for their assistance on the day. Finally a big thank you to all the students involved for representing the college in such a wonderful manner. We are very proud of you all. Bravissimi.

Mr Ross Talarico - Italian Teacher



YEAR 9 ITALIAN HIGH ACHIEVERS IMMERSION WORKSHOP

This year the Languages faculty offered year 9 students of Italian a high achievers immersion program which ran over two days at Co.As.It. The immersion program provided students with an intensive and enriching Italian learning experience designed to improve their language acquisition skills and confidence. The program proved to be highly motivating and successful in extending students in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing in Italian.

Students followed a well organised program which involved language analysis tasks, listening and reading activities which required inferring knowledge, games, oral and cultural activities. Classes were largely conducted in Italian to increase students' vocabulary range and to improve their verbal confidence.

Ms Girolami

Italian Teacher



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Trade Fair

YEAR 11 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRADE FAIR Our Future Entrepreneurs

This year the Year 11 Business Management classes studied that in order for a business to be successful, it is important to develop a strong customer base. Students were given the opportunity to develop their understanding on what marketing encompasses. From this they researched a wide range of management practices, from identifying the needs of the target market and establishing a brand presence, through to considerations on price, product features and packaging, promotion, place, people, physical evidence and processes.

This year our Business Management students applied their marketing theory to a real life Trade Fair. The objective was for students to know the 7ps in marketing and then apply these by developing a marketing campaign that embraced all 7ps. Additionally there was some hot competition amongst the businesses that were also competing in the same market-producing the wonder chocolate bar. Students had to start from scratch with their market research right through to packaging in an environmentally friendly way. The teams have set a benchmark in team work. Some students collecting and analysing data, others designing websites, creating ads, designing eye catching logos, researching product benefits, ensuring their packaging was environmentally friendly and being ready and persuasive on the day. Not to mention the delicious product available for tasting.

We would like to also congratulate the year 11 Business Management students on presenting a wonderful exhibition of their Marketing Project. Students produced outstanding displays of their work; spoke passionately and confidently about their products, their ideas and how these were developed. It was an absolute pleasure engaging with the different groups and learning about marketing principles from the students themselves. There was a great buzz in senior school, with so many staff and students coming through to see amazing displays. A brilliant showcase.

Thank you also to all the staff that offered their time to assess as well as show an interest in the students and their work.

Congratulations and well done!!!

Sue Kanidiadis
VCE Business Management and Legal Studies Teacher



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Y12 VCAL Camp

Finally the day had come, Monday 4th September was here, the day we had been waiting for months. We began the morning by saying goodbyes to our families then departed for the airport. This was a big moment as some of us had never been on a plane before. We landed at the Gold Coast to be welcomed by the hot summer Queensland weather then headed to our penthouse at Circle on Cavill.

The penthouse was magnificent with one side overlooking the Surfers Paradise beach and the other the beautiful Gold Coast city with the hills of Tamborine in the distance.



On the first day we visited Sea World where we saw penguins, polar bears, sharks and one of the most mysterious sea creatures. The tour of sea world was a very informative experience. Later that night we cooked a BBQ dinner and then went to explore Surfers Paradise.

Next morning we cooked breakfast then headed to Movie World. Movie World was a spine chilling experience with hyper coasters that reached speeds of up to 115 km/h which is 4.3g force. That night we cooked a pasta bake for dinner.

The third day we visited Wet 'n' Wild where we went on some amazing and scary water slides including aqua loop, black hole and the tornado. We spent most of our time on the slides and sunbathing by the giant wave pool.

Later that night we had fish and chips by the ocean, then visited the beach night markets. There were different stalls selling different knick knacks, live performances and paintings for sale. We had hired the theatre room at our hotel to watch a movie and Silv even prepared lolly bags and popcorn for us!

We began the fourth day by visiting Q1's Sky Point Observation Deck for a buffet breakfast. The Q1 is the tallest building in Queensland and we stayed there for a couple of hours appreciating the beauty of Queensland's landscape and beaches. We finished the morning with a lovely walk along the beach, dipping our feet in the cool water. We spent the rest of the day shopping at Harbour Town and Pacific Fair.

Later that evening we had our final dinner at a restaurant in Broadbeach before flying home the next day.

After breakfast on our final day we tried to pack our bags which was very tricky as we had done too much shopping. We headed to the airport taking our flight back to the cold rainy weather of Melbourne. We were sorry to leave Queensland and the hot weather but happy to come home to our families.

We would like to thank Ms Mitrevski and Mr Chighine for their efforts ensuring this was an enjoyable and smoothly run camp and for assisting with meal preparations.

This was the best camp that I have ever been on and I wouldn't think twice if I ever get an opportunity to go again.

Bineet Gujral 12W VCAL
Vice School Captain

Queensland



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VCAL First Aid Training



On Friday, 11th August, students from 11G and VCAL participated in First Aid training. Students and teachers involved learnt about real life emergency situations and how to respond and deliver life saving first aid. Their learning included CPR, using defibrillators, dealing with shock, burns and open wounds. All involved were awarded first aid certificates.

Congratulations to the following students in completing their First Aid certificate:

Chelsea Condon
Heavenly Masoe
Mustafa Nur
Terri Potter
Dinah Reeves
Nathan Romeo
Alex Samela
Britney Taylor
Rheannon Tulloch
Ebru Zizovski

Mrs Hysen & Ms Rehak



September 2017

Year 9 Parent Information Night



Year 9 students and parents have attended a parent information night and individual interviews to discuss options for their child moving forward into Year 10. The message of this information night was to encourage students with the help of their parents to research their choices and work actively to achieve them. All students and parents have also had individual interview times to present their selections.

Thank you to all parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend this information night and interviews. Thanks also to the team of teachers who helped on both occasions.

Mrs Hysen



Money Minded Program



VCAL Speaker -
Angie van der Horst

On Tuesday 15th August 2017, VCAL students had a visit from Angie who spoke about financial issues that young people might face. Angie encouraged students to research phone plans, purchasing of motor vehicles, phones and saving. The main message was if you cannot afford to make the purchase then don't. Thanks Angie for your visit.

Mrs Hysen



September 2017

SRC Report

40 hour famine HOPSCOTCH-



On 11th August, students from Year 7 participated in a hopscotch race to raise awareness and funds for World Vision. The Year 7s drew hopscotch grids in chalk near the rotunda, as well as messages of solidarity and hope for those less fortunate than us. Each team of 10 Year 7s had to complete the hopscotch five times and the winners of the race will receive ice-cream on the last day of school.



Hopscotch Group Winners





On 25th August, the ESC Rainbow Alliance held an event for Wear It Purple Day and it was wonderful to see so many students and staff showing their support.

At lunch time we held a bake sale as well as a 'Guess the Lolly in the Jar' competition. Congratulations to Seb from Year 8 and Jacinta from year 12 who won the jars! Both of them were only 4 off the exact total of each jar.

A massive thank you to all students and staff who came to the event wearing purple. Also a massive thank you to the Rainbow Alliance and SRC members who assisted during lunch and also with the collection of donations.

The out of uniform day and the lunch time activities raised a total of \$900, that will be forwarded to Wear It Purple and Minus 18 groups, who provide resources and support for LGBTIQ young people.

We look forward to next year's events.

Tabitha Anderson
School Captain



Sport Report

Intermediate Netball Team Compete at State Finals

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys' Netball Team who competed in State Netball Finals on Monday, 4th September. The event was held at Waverley Netball Centre and schools from all corners of the State came to compete. The boys had a great start to their three pool games with a 19-9 win against Bendigo South East. The second match against St. Brigid's College of Horsham was tightly contested, with St Brigid's pulling away in the second half to win 12-19. The final pool game against Williamstown High School saw us play our best netball for parts of the game, however Williamstown were able to play their best for the whole game, resulting in an 18-9 loss.



Well done to Ben Rowan, Jye Barker, Lachlan Stavrevski, Caleb Kennedy, Issac Cannata, Marcus Sindrivanis, Daniel Sindrivanis, Jeremiah Tyrell, Cameron Tinsley and Lewis Paolinos for making it through the necessary rounds and competing as one of the top 8 schools in Victoria.

Well done boys!

Keresoma Keresoma & Stephanie Jacobson through to State Athletics

On 6th September, 25 of our students competed at the Northern Metropolitan Region Athletics Carnival. We had some excellent results, with two of our students winning their event and therefore qualifying for the State final to be held at Lakeside Stadium Athletics Track on October 23rd.



Keresoma Keresoma has qualified for two events. His 12.46m throw of the 3kg shotput in the 12-13 year boys age group was easily good enough to win him the first place medal. He also comfortably won the 12-13 year boys age group for javelin, with a huge throw of 28.76m.

Stephanie Jacobson won her 3000m event, in a time of 9:10.75. It was a tightly contested race with Stephanie able to hold off her opponent from Mill Park SC by 0.49 seconds.

We wish both students the best of luck on October 23rd, where they will be competing as one of the top 8 students in the state!



Sport Report

The **Annual Epping Secondary College Fun Run** is taking place again in term 4 on November 23rd.

It is a fun-run/cross country event for year 7, 8 and 9 students, which has a participation/physical activity promotion focus. It will also be our final house event for the year, with points being awarded to all participants, along with acting as a selection session for the 2018 X-Country team.



How to prepare for the Fun Run?

Friday Fitness!

This will continue to happen on Friday mornings from 7:30am.

Students from year 7-12 are encouraged to come along to Fitness Fridays. The fitness sessions will take place before school at 7:30am in the gym and will cater for students of all fitness levels. Students participating are encouraged to bring their PE uniform for the sessions. For further information, please see Mr Harper, Ms Privitelli or Mr Rogneda.

Whittlesea Division Winners

Well done to the following teams who have recently won the Whittlesea Division Round and will compete at the NMR Finals early in term 4.

- ⇒ Intermediate Girls' Basketball
- ⇒ Intermediate Boys' Basketball
- ⇒ Yr7 Girls' Table Tennis
- ⇒ Yr7 Boys' Table Tennis
- ⇒ Yr8 Girls' Table Tennis

State Badminton Coming Up – Friday 15th September

On the **Badminton** front last year's mighty ducks have now been upgraded to business class and been retitled 'The Super Ducks'. There's only 1 thing better than taking 1 team through to the State Finals and that's taking 2 teams through to the State Finals. Both the Year 8 Girls' & Year 8 Boys' teams have been lucky enough to earn the right to go through to the State Finals which will be played on Friday 15th September. Some new members into the squad are Rose, Tharosha, Ravyar and Anurag, blending in beautifully with the stalwarts of Hitaishi, Angelina, Mary, Devansh and the double Jack's.

Impressively, the Girls' team won 17/18 matches with a score line of 372 vs 170 and Boys' team went back to back from last year and won 23/24 matches with a score line of 502 vs 193. The next step is certainly the biggest with the squad just taking it one point at a time. There are some highly skilled

schools at this stage and hopefully all students come home very excited from the experience of competing at the State level against the best and reminiscing tales of exhilarating rallies!



Michael Rogneda - Sports Coordinator

September 2017

Senior House Futsal Competition



On Thursday 24th August, several year 10-12 students participated in the ESC Senior House Futsal Competition.

Our senior students eagerly approached their respective house captains in the lead up to the event to sign up for their house team. The students who participated on the day showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship which made the event such an enjoyable experience for all participants and spectators.

The highly skilled athletes on all teams produced close results throughout the competition which lead to a final 6 - 6 draw between Pindari and Scarborough. Both the Pindari and Scarborough senior futsal teams accumulated 300 house points for each of their houses.

Congratulations to Pindari and Scarborough and well done to our house captains for putting on a great event.

Ms Spiteri



House Totals

Pindari Panthers	Carlisle Cobras	Dalton Dragons	Tatlow Tigers	Findon Falcons	Scarborough Scorpions
2412	1866	1850	1815	1794	1638

Wellbeing Report

Year 9 Family Planning Workshop

All students in Year 9 had the opportunity to participate in the Family Planning Victoria Workshop on Wed 2nd August. Bonnie Lee from Family Planning Victoria covered and reinforced knowledge and skills from Year 8 in regards to relationships, consent, STI's and contraception. A few students took part in a role play and the audience were asked a number of questions to see if they understood key concepts.

The Family Planning Workshop reinforces important messages about respectful relationships, the right to say no, safer sex and enables students to make more informed choices and promotes safe behaviours.

Leanne Halsall
Student Wellbeing Coordinator



Cheap Thrills Incursion



On August 17th, the year 10's participated in a theatrical performance from Brainstorm Productions. In this one-man show, students were informed about risk taking behaviours, safe partying, drugs, alcohol and choices. Throughout the performance the students were engaged in the production which was based on true events. Students were able to answer questions about the choices that the characters were making and articulate what the alternative choices may be. They also asked fantastic questions to gain further knowledge about the story and characters.

Ms Anderson - Y10 Coordinator



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