



Create The Future

Semester 2 – Term 4, 16th November 2015

Term Four Important Dates

| Junior Campus | | Senior Campus | |
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| 25 November | Team 9 Big Idea Walk | 16 - 27 November | Y10-11 Step Up Program |
| 1 December | Campus Assembly P4 | 16 – 20 November | Y11-12 Step Up Program |
| 2 - 4 December | Year 7-9 Exams | 20 November | Year 12 Formal |
| 8 December | Year 7 Orientation Day | 1 December | VET Orientation Day |

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College Principal's Report

I would like to let parents and students know that next year the Principal team will be restructured at the college, as we now have three campuses to look after. The structure will be as follows:

Junior Campus – Sue Atzarakis, Campus Principal and Jim Dowie, Assistant Principal

Senior Campus – Elaine Hazim, Campus Principal and Amanda Mullins, Assistant Principal

Trade Training Centre – Neville Box, Campus Principal.

Our partnership with the Chinese Provincial Education Directorate goes from strength to strength as we have again been successful in gaining funding to send a group of Year 9 students for a six week study tour to China in March/April 2016. This is part of the Victorian Young Leaders to China program sponsored by the Department of Education and Training. This opportunity is available to students in Year 9 next year who elect to study Chinese. It is fantastic once again to receive this funding and be able to give this unique experience to our students to live in and experience another country's culture. In addition, next week a small group of Year 9 and Year 10 students will participate in a 12 day cultural immersion program in the Jiangsu Province in China, where our sister school is situated. I also attended a forum on internationalising education last week which further consolidated our vision to broaden our students' experiences and their aspirations to potentially live and work in China in the future.

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Over the next few weeks, students are completing exams and beginning their orientation programs for next year. On Tuesday 8th December we will welcome over 160 new Year 7 students for their Orientation Day at the Junior Campus. Our Presentation Night is coming up on Tuesday 14th December at Flemington Racecourse. Students from years 7 to 12 will be awarded certificates for outstanding efforts and achievements on this night, as well as scholarships from local organisations and businesses. Our Year 12 graduating students will also be presented with their graduation certificates. The Sports Academy Dinner is also coming up on Tuesday 8th December where we celebrate the achievements of our sports academy students. We would like to see as many families as possible attend these events and celebrate with our students. We have a number of celebratory events scheduled this term – please keep an eye out for parent notices, the event calendar on Compass and the website, and important dates on the front of the newsletters.

Cheers,

Genevieve Simson



VUSC News

Pick up and drop off

Could parents/guardians please refrain from parking in neighbours' driveways when dropping off and picking up students.

VET Payments for 2016

All VET Payments for 2016 are due now for students to secure a place in 2016.

National Consumer and Financial Literacy Program visits VUSC Junior Campus.

START SMART

We recently welcomed Start Smart to deliver their free, financial education workshops to our Year 7 and Year 8 students. Delivered in class to students by a facilitator, Jaimie Robertson, Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money. Jaimie helped them to consider influences on their choices which relates to our Humanities studies in this term.

Our school has proudly joined the Commonwealth Bank's Start Smart Program in its mission to improve the financial literacy of Australia's young people. The program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all of the staff involved in supporting our classes while attending the program.



Yr 7 & 8 students with Jaimie Robertson from the CBA.

For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit www.startsmart.com.au.

Ms Sally Pardew
Humanities/LOTE Domain Leader

SCHOOL CAREERS WEBSITE

Our school's Careers website is an invaluable resource for students and parents to access. Students should have logged into the student secure area where there are many important resources including newsletters, resume builder, cover letter builder, practise on-line job application, career interests test etc. If students have not yet logged in, please see the Careers team for assistance.

Current Year 12 students in particular should be consulting current newsletters and open day information.

VTAC Dates

Change of preference reopens
Release of ATARs
Change of preference closes
Release of main round undergraduate offers
Release of second round undergraduate offers

Monday, 23 November 2015
Monday, 14 December 2015
12pm, Monday 21 December 2015
Monday, 18 January 2016
Thursday, 4 February 2016

Tax File Numbers

Any student will need a tax file number if he/she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on going on to tertiary education will require one when they start.



Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university without a Tax File Number, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. **To apply and find out about participating Post Offices, visit Tax File Numbers at www.ato.gov.au or go to the link on the school's Careers Website (under Important Info).**

DET Student Scholarships 2016

Students in Years 4 – 12 are invited to apply for student scholarships administered by the Department of Education and Training. The scholarships are now open and range in value from \$300 to \$2400. Applicants will be required to submit their 2015 end-of-year results, which must be verified by their Principal.

Many of the scholarships identify financial need as an eligibility criterion. Students on Youth Allowance, or whose parents/guardians hold a Health Care Card, a Low Income Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card, meet this criterion.

Students must lodge their application online by **1st February 2016**. To apply or obtain more information, please visit www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/.

It's that time of year again we are offering all students a

FREE STATIONERY PACK

Pay Essential/Optional Items and Electives and receive your FREE Stationery Pack.

Pack includes all stationery items listed on 2016 Booklist under the 'Required Stationery' section.

Stationery is to the value of \$43.75.

Sports News

| TERM 4 | | | | | |
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| Week | Date | Sport | Year Level | Location | Coaches |
| 9 | 4-Dec | Lawn Bowls | Y7-9 | Deer Park Bowls Club | RGI, SFL |

Year 7 Girls Volleyball

The Year 7 Girls Volleyball team travelled to Dandenong on Friday 13th November to compete in the Victorian Schools Volleyball Championships. The girls got off to a shaky start with a near defeat to Kew High school in 3 sets. With this first game behind them the girls managed to find their feet and proceeded to win their next two games 2-0 and 2-0 against Lakes Entrance SC and Bendigo SC with some exemplary performances by Tara Savavau, Joleen Lotima and Lavinia Nonu. The other games in the pool round matches produced a number of interesting upsets and it so happened that we finished in place for Pool A; this set us up for a show down with Eltham SC in the semi final. Unfortunately the girls were beaten by a better team on the day and we managed to finish 3rd in the State. The girls represented the school as a cohesive team that showed sportsmanship and courage beyond their years. We will look forward to training hard next year and hopefully making a final in 2016. Congratulations girls!



A huge congratulations also to the Year 7 Girls and Year 8 Boys Volleyball teams and coaching staff for winning the Western Metropolitan Division Championships earlier this month. Well done students and staff!!

Sporting Quote of the Month: “The mind is the limit. As long as the mind can envision the fact that you can do something, you can do it, as long as you really believe 100 percent.” – **Arnold Schwarzenegger**

Mr Dale Marshall
Sport Promotion Leader

Schoolies 2015

Advice for school leavers and parents

While it's good to encourage young people to celebrate the significant achievement of finishing Year 12, it's also essential to help make sure they do it safely.

The Department has provided advice to school leavers and their parents to make the end of year celebrations safe and hassle-free.

School leavers are encouraged to register where they are going to celebrate and parents are advised to know: where their child is going, the names of their friends who they are travelling with, and how to get in touch with them.

**School leavers can register where they are going at: www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/schoolies
Know someone having a party? Register it with Partysafe at www.police.vic.gov.au/partysafe**

The factsheet '**Looking after yourself and your friends**' is attached to this newsletter.

Youth Central provides information to young people about a wide range of issues – from accommodation to transport, entertainment and safety, which will be of use during school leaver celebrations and events. It also provides school leavers with information from coastal councils about staying safe at the beach.

Sports Academy

Celebration Dinner

Tuesday 8th December at 6:30pm at the St Albans Sports Club.

This celebration and awards dinner will give us an opportunity to formally recognise and celebrate the success of individual student athletes and our sporting teams who have demonstrated commitment to our College Sports Academy Programs and their own personal aspirations.

VUSC Sports Academy – Celebration Dinner Details:

Location: St Albans Sports Club, 96A Gillespie Rd, Kings Park

Time: 6.15pm – Guest Arrive
6.30pm – Welcome and Refreshments

Cost: Sports Academy Student Athletes - \$15
Adults (16 years+) - \$25
Children (5-15years) - \$20

Money must be paid to your Sports Academy Coach before the night.

RSVP: Attendance and Money due Friday 20th November

Please confirm your attendance and number of guests by calling Julie Foley at our Junior Campus on 9363 1155 or email foley.julie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au before **Friday 20th November.**