

Semester 2 – Term 3, 5th August 2015

Term Three Important Dates

Junior Campus		Senior Campus	
5 Aug	TEAM 9 Reach Excursion	6 Aug	Y10 Course Counselling 2016
19 Aug	TEAM 9 Party Safe Workshops	7 Aug	Y11 Aspirations Program
25 Aug	Annual Music Concert	10 Aug	Y11 Fit to Drive Program
		19 Aug	Rugby Academy Info Evening

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College Principal's Report

Congratulations to our performing arts students who put on an outstanding performance of 'Grease' the musical last week at Altona Theatre. After months of rehearsals, the students' singing, dancing and acting were highly polished and it was clear that they all had a great time performing the show to enthusiastic and appreciative audiences. A special thank you and congratulations to the following staff, parents and past and present students who spent many hours including nights and weekends supporting our performing arts students to *Aspire to Achieve, Strengthen our Community and Respect Ourselves and Others*:

Chris Magilton – Director
 Andre Vikas – Music Director
 Casey Nicholls – Stage Manager
 Karen Steele – Choreography
 Matt Iliff – Sound/Set
 Victoria Webster –
 Costume/Props/Hair and Make up
 Debbie Clayton – Costume/Hair
 and make up
 Vanessa Street – Costume/Hair and
 make up and backstage
 Luke Iliff – Set
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 Simon Iliff – Set
 Construction/Backstage



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Kyle Clayton – Backstage
 Fiona Morris – Saxophone
 Adam Grech – Drums
 Sam Oliveri – Drums
 Kaliopi Stavropoulos – Vocals assistant
 Anita Stanley – Poster/Flyers/Promotion
 Jim Ulker – Organising access to the school for rehearsals
 Office Staff – For selling tickets and for help with printing of the program

Staff that helped out with Front of House duties on the nights of performance:

Tracey Grant
 Ros Osman
 Barbara Goad
 Rob De Gabriele
 Rob Bertagnolio
 Sue Atzarakis
 Bev Baka
 Lorie Miller

Course Counselling

Course counselling is a very important part of ensuring that students achieve academically, as being in the right course enables students to achieve to their best standard. Over the past few weeks we have had course counselling appointments with all students and parents who are making the transition from Year 9 into 10 and from Year 10 into 11. As part of preparation for this and to help students think about what they'd like to do when they leave school, students work on developing their understanding of a variety of careers in Industry and Enterprise.

Jennifer Nguyen 10D, wrote the following article to express her thoughts about this process:

“Before year 10, I had no clue about the education and training required for any jobs. All I knew was that you had to have a good ATAR, go to uni and it was that simple.

My major lightbulb moment was when we had to investigate 3 career pathways. Things I noticed when investigating:

- There are so many jobs out there that I haven't even heard of
- The process to becoming a psychologist is long and hard
- An ATAR is not really a score but a ranking
- What you do now really affects your future
- Planning ahead and knowing your pathway is a major advantage.

Seeing how Senior students work/operate at the Senior campus made me realise that I have to take my education seriously to have a long life learning career.

Desired pathways don't come easily and you have to work hard and stay motivated to do well in VCE. Discovering more about how to become a psychologist really made me more determined to do well and succeed in life in general. Six years of training and education is a long time but I have to love my job to be able to stay motivated. Industry and Enterprise was very useful for me because before this I was clueless on the process of obtaining a life-long learning career.”

It is very pleasing that we are able to assist students in this way to think about their career options and make good choices for their future.

Sister School Visit

Our recent sister school visit was extremely successful with the Chinese students and teachers commenting on how much they enjoyed visiting our school and staying with our host families. At the welcoming assembly at the Junior Campus, our students introduced the visitors and presented them each with a double sided Chinese/Australian flag that our students had made. At lunchtime our concert band played and two of the Chinese students got up and did some impromptu Chinese karaoke!



They also made boomerangs with our students in class after lunch. Over the weekend the students thoroughly enjoyed doing some activities with their host families including a visit to Eureka Skydeck, going to AFL games, go-karting and laserforce games, going to church, and one of our teachers, Andrew Cordell, took the three Chinese teachers for a trip down the Great Ocean Road to the 12 Apostles which included fish and chips for lunch.

On Monday and Tuesday they were separated into small groups and attended senior classes with our students, including Accounting, Maths, Chemistry, Geography and English. They loved the staff vs students volleyball game on Monday and we had a traditional Aussie sausage sizzle for lunch on Tuesday followed by the farewell assembly.



At the assembly the students and teachers were presented with gifts and certificates, as well as a commemoration plaque to take back to their school in China. One of the Chinese teachers did a thank you speech, and said they noticed how different Australia is to China – namely the “blue skies and clean air”!! At the end of the assembly all the Chinese students got up and did some amazing performances – Tai Chi, an Eminem rap, a flute performance and a traditional Chinese dance, to the claps and cheers of the senior students and teachers.

The Chinese students bonded with our students in a very short time, and would like to stay in touch with their host families.

Many said that they didn't want to leave! We will be applying to the Department of Education to send another group of Year 9 students to China next year for the Victorian Young Leaders to China program, and will most likely include a visit to our sister school as well.



Staff Professional Learning

On Monday the staff were involved in professional learning that explored new and exciting ways of teaching. It was very pleasing to see many of our own teachers sharing their innovative teaching practices with others. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of teachers and ES staff who ensure that our college provides an excellent educational experience to our students.

Genevieve Simson

College Principal



VUSC News

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is now available for eligible families. The fund will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid concession card, temporary foster parents or students 16 and over with Health Care Card may apply. Eligible secondary school students receive \$225 per year of eligibility. Payments will go directly to the school and be used to cover expenses for the student. **To apply, please complete the CSEF Application Form attached to this newsletter and return it to your campus office as soon as possible.**

Pick up and drop off

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

Literacy News

On July 27, a special assembly was held to recognise the following students who have demonstrated the greatest effort and improvement in reading in semester one. These students were nominated by their English teachers for meeting at least two of the following criteria:

- **Development of reading goals and commitment to practice of strategies suggested by the teacher throughout the year**
- **Ability to read a variety of texts - both fiction and non-fiction and maintain a consistent reading log**
- **Commitment to reading in 10 minute blocks, and effective use of library time to read and reflect on reading in reading conferences with teachers and library staff**
- **Depth and development of reading journal responses**

Congratulations to the following students who received a Certificate of Achievement for their terrific efforts:

Year 7	Surname	Given Name	Year 8	Surname	Given Name	Year 9	Surname	Given Name
7A	Lawrence	Carter	8A	Ulduru	Sadi	9A	Bhardwaj	Tejasvi
7B	Given	Tara	8B	He	Zoe	9B	Sali	Jaymir
7C	Tran	Thien Lam	8C	Carroll	Felicia	9C	Dominic	Kaychia
7E	Le	Casey	8D	Le	Jason	9E	Chua	Kimie
7F	Vitiello	Jordonn	8E	Buahn	Lisa	9F	Mumtaz	Shahiq
7G	Larsen	Gemma	8F	Grech	Jennifer	9G	Anevaska	Katerina
7H	Stacey	Liana	8G	Rabino	Meynard			

A huge thank you to the English teachers and the library staff for providing a selection of reading material to cater for all reading interests and putting the time and effort into the improvement of reading.

One student from each year level was also nominated to receive an **Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievement in Reading**. Students were nominated by their English teachers and selections were made in consultation with the Campus Principal and Village Leaders. These students were found to uphold the college value of **ASPIRE TO ACHIEVE** and **STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY** - they have worked above and beyond expected levels.

A huge congratulations goes to the following recipients of this award: **Huy Ly 7B, Lisa Nguyen 8A and Jessica Nguyen 9E**.

The college is extremely proud of your achievements! Huy, Lisa and Jessica all received a certificate for the Outstanding Achievement Award in Reading and an Asus Tablet that was kindly donated to the College by our computer suppliers Centre Com.



Ms Vass and Ms Hazim

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 a tertiary education 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 www.ato.gov.au or go to the link on the school's Career Website (under Important Info).**

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 on, instructions on how to get onto the student secure area are included in this newsletter.

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

VTAC Dates

Course applications open

Change of preference open

SEAS and Scholarships applications open

STAT and ALSET registrations open (interstate applications)

Timely course applications close

SEAS applications close

Scholarships applications close

Change of preference closes

Change of preference reopens

Release of ATARs

Change of preference closes

Release of main round undergraduate offers

Release of second round undergraduate offers

Monday, 3 August 2015

5pm, Wednesday 30 September 2015

5pm, Tuesday 6 October 2015

5pm, Friday 16 October 2015

5pm, Friday 30 October 2015

Monday, 23 November 2015

Monday, 14 December 2015

12pm, Monday 21 December 2015

Monday, 18 January 2016

Thursday, 4 February 2016

VCAL Happenings

Fundraiser

On Wednesday 22nd July a fundraiser for families in need was held at both campuses. It was organised by VCAL students and teachers and an enjoyable day was had by all involved.



SCHOOL ABSENCE HOTLINES

JUNIOR CAMPUS 9363 9727

SENIOR CAMPUS 8312 0243

Please contact the school if your child will be away to ensure all absences are accounted for.

TEAM 9 Escape 2015

On Wednesday 22nd July, 7 staff members and 52 students rolled out on the bus to The Summit camp in Trafalgar East to attend what students are calling a life-changing experience and the best thing they have ever done....this is the TEAM 9 Escape!!

Challenged to step outside of their comfort zone to discover what they are truly capable of, students used leadership, encouragement, determination and creativity to conquer a huge number of activities from the giant swing, the sky bridge, laser tag to a ride in a real army tank - just to name a small selection!

The TEAM 9 Escape proved yet again to be an excellent experience for our young people, guiding them in their journeys in becoming leaders of our community.

Ms Steele
Learning Village Leader



Sports Corner

AIS CAMP – DO NOT MISS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SCHOOL YEAR!!!!

A reminder that progressive payments need to be made to the Office for the Australian Institute of Sport Camp. If students/ families have any questions regarding the AIS camp, please contact your academy coach. Please also note that **places to attend the camp have been limited to 20 students and staff**, so as you could understand we have many students missing out on this fantastic opportunity. Therefore, to assist the college in preparing for the AIS Camp, we ask that a minimum of \$550 (or full payment) be paid to the General Office at your child's campus by **Friday 14th August**, this will help secure a spot on the camp. If you would like to organise a payment plan, please contact Mr Marshall at the Senior Campus. .

Note: as bookings will be confirmed by the date provided, no refunds will be provided after this date.

Training:

Our Sports Academy programs have been busy preparing our students athletes physically and mentally for their sports. Our compulsory training sessions have been buzzing with excitement!!! We thank our student athletes who continue to commit to their personal gains and the program.

VUSC Track and Field Squad Training Days

- Training Day 1 @ Keilor Park Athletics Centre – Friday 7th August (10:12am – 3:00pm).



- Training Day 2 @ Keilor Park Athletics Centre – Wednesday 26th August (10:12am – 3:00pm)

(Please see your campus Sport Coordinator for a permission form for all events)

KEILOR DIVISION TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

- Friday 4th September @ Keilor Park Athletics Centre

Student Athletes are reminded to always adhere to the school Codes of Conduct. All Student Athletes (including emergencies) must be sure to complete all school work, attend all classes and fully commit to the process and the journey ahead. ALL TRAINING SESSIONS ARE COMPULSORY!!!!!!!!!!!! NO EXCUSES!



Rugby Academy Information Night

Our Rugby League Program is conducted in conjunction with the **Melbourne Storm Rugby League** and **Melbourne Rebels (Union) Football Clubs** and is aimed at increasing the students' skills and knowledge of the game to perform at a level which is needed to gain selection in representative teams.

At VUSC we have students presently playing for the Victorian under 15 and 18 state sides and are very proud of our student who play in the SG ball side. All these students are a part of our Rugby Academy Program.

We would like to invite all interested students in Year 9-12 (current and external students), both males and females, to attend our Rugby Academy Information Night on Wednesday 19th August. If you would like to attend please contact Ms Julie Foley at VUSC on 9363 1155.

VUSC Rugby Academy Information Evening Details:

Date: Wednesday 19th August

Location: VUSC Senior Campus, Jamieson Street, St. Albans.

Time: 6.15pm – 7.15pm

Rugby League Report

U18's – GIO TROPHY

On Thursday 23rd July our Senior Boys Rugby League competed in the finals of the GIO Country Cup held in Cootamundra, NSW. After 3 hard fought and closely contested games, VUSC finished a very credible 2nd in this prestigious competition. This was a fantastic achievement given it was VUSC's first ever exposure to playing at this level and the obstacles the students had to overcome to compete (6 hour bus trip + overnight stay).

All players in the team can be very proud of the way they played and conducted themselves and the standard of football they were able to achieve. WELL DONE BOYS!!

Team members were: Tiui Misi, Job Baboth, D'Antre Peni, Ualia Salia, Nikau Williams, Wes Sisifa, Noa Aho, Epati Misi, Ben Aho, Ralph Lafituanai, Jeremiah Muriwai, Leo Fifita, Christian Mua, Darrel Tai, Tee Beasley, Carl Pale-Afualo, Ia Mika, Masi Aholelei,

Results:

VUSC lost to Red Bend College (Forbes) 20 - 0

VUSC defeated Holy Spirit (Wagga) 12 - 6

VUSC defeated Canberra College 38 - 8





Good Deed Day



On Wednesday 12th August a group of Year 11 VCAL students will be holding a “Good Deed Day” with the aim of raising money and awareness for the homeless, living on the streets of Melbourne.

We are collecting unwanted items such as clothes, blankets and household items, new or used in good condition. We would appreciate it if all students and teachers could donate some of these things for us to give to “Tin Shed”, the homeless shelter.

We will also be selling donuts, mini muffins and drinks on the day. The money raised will be donated to “Second Bite”. Donuts will be sold for \$1 each or two for \$1.50, two muffins for \$1 and drinks for \$1. Please bring some money in support of our project and a worthy cause.

We hope you all can get involved.

Sincerely,

The Good Deed Day group.



SCHOOL CAREERS WEBSITE

Entering student secure area

The first time you need to access student secure area:

- You can access our school's career website through your Moodle page then Student Links (Careers) or by the link <http://www.vusecondarycollegecareers.com/>
The website is accessible from any computer, anywhere, that has internet access.
- Open upper tab "For students" then "Student's secure area" then once page open click "Registration"
- Email address: use an address that you open frequently and remember when you log in your email address becomes your user name.
- Remember to use the drop down to put your form in.
- You will be provided with a password. Write that password down so you will remember it. You will need it to log in to the student secure area.

Once you have registered:

- Open upper tab "For students" then "Student's secure area" then once page opens-will take you straight to log in page.
- User name is the email address you registered with
- Password is the password you were given when you registered. Once in, you can change your password to one you will remember.

www.vusecondarycollegecareers.com

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GAP YEAR

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DEFENCE CAREERS

YOUTH ALLOWANCE

I've put together a new website.

It's a "One Stop Shop" for everything you need with Career Planning and help.

CHECK IT OUT NOW!

Mr Robert Bertagnolio

Careers Practitioner



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