

Semester 1 – Term 1, 5th February 2018

Important Dates

Junior Campus		Senior Campus	
19 Feb	School Photos	19 Feb	School Photos
20 Feb	Y7 Meet the Teachers Evening 6pm	19 Feb	Y12 Success Information Evening 6pm
21 Feb	Swimming Carnival	21 Feb	Swimming Carnival
28 Feb	Staff Professional Development Day – no classes	28 Feb	Staff Professional Development Day – no classes

Next Newsletter: 26th February 2018

College Principal's Report

Welcome back to school for 2018. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year at VUSC this year. I spoke to the students at their first assembly about making the most of their talents and doing their best throughout the year to achieve success. Last year our results again improved and I fully expect that we will continue to see better and better results from our students.



School Council Election – Parent Nominations Now Open

If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students.

Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

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For more information on what's involved, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/involve/Pages/parent.aspx.

The College Board meets on two Wednesday evenings per term and memberships are for two years. There are five parent vacancies open for nomination with a term of office from 14th March 2018 to 14th March 2020.

Nomination forms may be downloaded from Compass or obtained from the office at each campus. All nominations must be lodged at your campus general office by **4.00pm on Friday 16th February 2018**.

If you would like to find out more about the College Board, please contact a member of the Principal team on 9363 1155 or 8312 0200.

College Captains 2018

I am pleased to announce the following students have been elected by their peers and teachers as College Captains and Junior Campus Captains and Vice Captains for 2018. Together with the Student Representative Council, I'm sure they will proudly embody our school values as they represent the school as our leaders this year. Congratulations!



Steven Ho
College Captain



Yedidya Ephrem
College Captain



Jaymir Sali
College Vice
Captain



Jessica Nguyen
College Vice
Captain



**Mariana Fajardo
Valencia**
Junior Campus
Captain



Tyla Rodrigues
Junior Campus
Captain



Regi Cruz
Junior Campus
Vice Captain



Dang Minh Ngo
Junior Campus
Vice Captain

Continuous Reporting

This year we are moving to continuous reporting through the Compass system. All common assessment tasks for each unit in the school will be published on class Compass pages by 16th February. These tasks will include the due dates so students (and their parents if need be!) can track upcoming assessments and make sure they are handing in everything on time. Final grades for each assignment or test will be published within two weeks of the submission date. Every student in Year 7-10 will have at least one piece of assessment due by 8th March, which means you will be able to see at least one grade for each subject by 22nd March. Grades for our first Binder organisation check will also be up from 26th February.

We are hoping that this new system will enable students and parents to keep on track of academic progress and address any problems early in the year so everyone achieves to their highest aspirations. If you have any technical difficulties or notice information missing from Compass please let us know so that we can follow it up.

Important Dates

We hope to see all Year 7 and 12 parents at these meetings. Please make a note of them in your diaries:

- Monday 19th February – Year 12 Success Information Evening @6pm in the Senior Campus Study Centre
- Tuesday 20th February – Year 7 Meet the Teachers Evening @ 6pm at the Junior Campus (BBQ provided)

Whole School events:

Wednesday 21st February – Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 28th February – Student Free Day (staff professional development day)

Cheers,

Genevieve Simson

College Principal

VUSC News

AVID Ambassadors

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed as our college AVID Ambassadors for 2018:

- Haonhi Nguyen
- Donald La
- Chloe Woods
- Sahil Narayan
- Chantel Moncur
- Thea San Jose



As representatives of the AVID program, these students will have the opportunity to **strengthen the community** through sharing their learning, experiences and strategies for success with others.

Kristy Muratore, AVID leader

Bell Times 2018

A reminder that all classes will commence at 8.50am each morning and Home Group has been moved to 11.14am (before recess). There is no Home Group on Wednesdays. Students will be dismissed at 2.08pm every Wednesday and 3.03pm on all other days. Please ensure you arrive on time for your Period 1 class!

Student Wellbeing at Victoria University SC

For a number of years now, our College Principal Mrs Simson and the School Council have made an ongoing commitment to employ designated Student Wellbeing staff at our college. This year these staff members are:

- Michael Donnelly and Jess Smith (youth workers at our Senior Campus)
- Monique Pulo (youth worker at our Junior Campus)
- Gail Inniss – Student Wellbeing Leader (works across both campuses)
- Pam Smith (secondary school nurse employed by the region who works with the team on Tuesdays and Fridays).



Campus youth workers are available to meet with students every day before and after school, and during recess and lunchtimes. Teachers may refer students to Student Wellbeing and families may also contact us to make referrals. Our college commitment to Student Wellbeing is a whole school commitment, that includes every staff member and a number of external support agencies.

This year is the International Year of the Reef (IYOR) where for the third time, the international community is working together to proactively protect and maintain some of our most precious and unique natural wonders. For me, that resonates with what our whole school commitment to student wellbeing is about: the school community working together to support our biggest resource (your children/our students) so that they remain happy, safe and healthy and can discover and build on their talents, to create a future for themselves, and their local and global communities.

Ellen de Genres in signing off on her TV show says “*Be kind to one another*”; I’d like to add: “*Be kind to one another, be kind to yourself and if someone is kind to you, [pay it forward](#).*”

Gail Inniss
Student Welfare Leader

LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AT VUSC

Victoria University Secondary College offers students the opportunity to learn a wide variety of musical instruments. This opportunity takes place in the form of a 35 minute lesson each week. Students are able to learn any brass, woodwind or percussion instrument, as well as piano, vocals, guitar and bass guitar. Our experienced teachers will work with students of any level, from beginner to advanced. In order to learn an instrument, a small fee

of \$100 is required to be paid for the year. Please contact Miss Orford through the school with any questions about Music lessons or ensembles at the College. Application forms are available at the office.

Ms Orford
Head of Music



EDROLO for VCE Students

Edrolo is an important resource that is provided by the school to all VCE students.

What is Edrolo?

Edrolo is a comprehensive, premium, interactive online video and exam simulation resource for the VCE, providing our students with the best opportunity to perform to their potential throughout the year. It is an extremely valuable investment for our teaching and learning culture. Past VCE students at our school have used Edrolo and found it to be a very helpful and useful resource. You can see Edrolo in action by visiting this link: www.edrolo.com.au/parents/

How do students use Edrolo?

Edrolo is currently used by over 500 schools and 60,000 students. Created by outstanding teachers (including exam assessors and text book authors) and built in accordance with VCAA Study Designs, its curriculum-specific and engaging content will provide our students with a differentiated and targeted level of support as they prepare for their most important examinations.

How will our students and teachers use Edrolo?

We use Edrolo as a tool to further enhance what our teachers are doing day-to-day. Our teachers are provided with training on how best to utilise the resource, and you should expect them to guide students to make full use of Edrolo in a range of ways across the year, including:

- Holiday homework;
- Pre-class work;
- Post-class consolidation;
- Assessment preparation; and
- Exam revision.

Students will receive training on how to get the most out of Edrolo. It's an outstanding VCE resource, providing our students with the best opportunity to perform their best with the support of our teachers.

FREE STATIONERY

All students paying Essential / Optional items and Electives will receive the FREE stationery pack to the value of \$49.65.

All stationery listed on the 2018 booklist under the heading STATIONERY is included in the FREE pack.

ESSENTIAL / OPTIONAL ITEMS

The 2018 Essential / Optional items lists are now available from the General Office at both campuses. On receipt of deposit (or payment in full) students will receive their College Planner.

All students have received a copy of the College Essential / Optional items list. Spare copies are available at the office.

BOOKLISTS and E-BOOKS

The booklists for students in years 7-10 in 2018 includes e-books instead of textbooks for core subjects. The College has negotiated a discounted price of \$120 with Jacaranda for the full suite of e-books. Teachers will train the students on how to use the e-books in class. Please ensure your child has a laptop computer ready for 2018 and they bring it with them to school every day.

Computers are available via the CentreCom portal at <https://eduportal.centrecom.com.au/Account/Signin> and use our school identification code *vusc8891*.

Instructions for accessing the E-Books is available on Compass. Access details and passwords have been sent by Campion to each student's Compass Email address.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

To be eligible for the CSEF fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government school must be a holder of either a Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC).

The CSEF Payment amount for students in Secondary school's is \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

CSEF must be applied for every year. Forms are available at each campus office and must be returned to the General Office of either campus with the original HCC/PCC. **Applications must be received by 29th June 2018.**

Before School Supervision

Parents are reminded that students should not be brought to school before teachers are supervising the school grounds. Supervision begins at 8.30am. Students at the senior campus are welcome to study in the study centre as they arrive at school.

Insurance and Ambulance Cover for Students

Parents and guardians are reminded that the Department (and the College) does not provide personal accident insurance, personal property insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Parents and guardians can purchase insurance policies and ambulance cover from commercial insurers if they wish for their child.

**As part of our Sun Protection
Policy,**

SUNSCREEN

**is available for student use at the
General Office throughout the year.**

Sustainable School Shop
Buy and Sell Second Hand Items

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

- ✓ Uniforms
- ✓ Textbooks
- ✓ Calculators
- ✓ Musical instruments
- ✓ Sporting equipment

Brochures are available at the general office.



Sports Corner

Welcome to Sports Corner for 2018. This year we will be sharing and celebrating many success stories about individual and team achievements and how teams have represented and competed for VUSC.

Inter-School Sport Timetable

VUSC has a proud history of competing in the Keilor Division School Sport Victoria program. We generally enter teams in most competitions subject to student interest and participation. Our goal this year is to achieve a top 3 finish. This would be a wonderful achievement and reflect the hard work and many hours of training our students undertake. We look forward to the year ahead!!

Note: Students who have signed up to represent the college in interschool sport competitions are asked to please check Compass or see your campus Sport Coordinator for more information about upcoming events.

Term 1, 2018

Week	Date	Sport	Year Level	Location	Coach
3	Wed 14 th Feb	Lawn Bowls	IBG/SBG	Deer Pk Bowls Club	
4	Monday 21 st Feb	VUSC Swimming Carnival	All	St Albans LC	All staff
4	Friday 23 rd Feb	Cricket	SBG	Fairbarin Pk	
5	Wed 28 th Feb	Futsal	SBG	Derrimut	
5	Friday 2 nd March	Cricket	IBG	Fairbarin Pk	
6	Wed 7 th March	Rugby 9's	IBG SBG	Keilor Park Reserve	VUSC students LMA,
6	Fri 9 th March	Keilor Division Swimming Carnival	Year 7-12	St Albans LC	LMA
7	Tues 13 th March	Futsal	IBG	Derrimut	
7	Thurs 15 th March	Rugby League 9's	U/18's	Werribee	
8	Wed 21 st March	Softball/Baseball	SBG / IBG	Keilor Pk	
		Tennis	SBG / IBG	Taylors Lakes TC	
8	Thurs 22 nd March	Rugby League 9's	U/16's	Werribee	
8	Fri 23 rd March	Volleyball	SBG/IBG	Copperfield & Gilson	
9	Thurs 29 th March	WMR Swimming	All	Geelong	

Term 2, 2018

Week	Date	Sport	Year Level	Location	Coach
1	Mon 23 rd April	Soccer	SB	Keilor Park	
2	Fri 27 th April	VUSC Athletic Carnival	All	Keilor Park Reserve	All Staff
2	Fri 27 th April	Soccer	SG	Keilor Park	
3	Tues 1 st May	Soccer	IB	Keilor Pk	
4	Wed 9 th May	Badminton Netball	SBG/IBG SBG/IBG	Altona BC Altona SC	
4	Thurs 10 th May	Soccer	IG	Keilor Pk	
4	Fri 11 th May	VUSC Cross Country	All	Junior Campus	
6	Wed 23 rd May	AFL	SB / IB	Keilor Pk & Overland Res	
7	Fri 1 st June	KD Cross Country	All	VUSC Deer Pk	

Senior = Year 11/12

Intermediate = Year 9/10

Junior = Year 7/8

VUSC House Swimming / Athletics Carnivals

Victoria University Secondary College believes it is important to strengthen our school community by celebrating as a College at our two major college events each year – our annual Inter-House Swimming Carnival and Athletics Carnival. These events continue to be an important part of our College development, as it provides an opportunity for our College to come together to build relationships and to strengthen the student and staff relationships, while promoting a healthy and positive community.

Year 7-12 College Inter-House Carnival Dates:

- **Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 21st February at St Albans Leisure Centre**
- **Athletics Carnival – Friday 27th April at Keilor Park Athletics Centre**

The total cost for both events is \$20, which will include transport fees, entry fee, awards, use of recreational activities and an icy-pole at swimming and a BBQ lunch at athletics.

Sports Academy

Training:

Our Sports Academy programs will commence training week 2 and will be busy preparing our students athletes physically and mentally for their sports. Our compulsory training sessions will see students actively engaged in their sport of choice and hopefully buzzing with excitement!!! We thank our student athletes who continue to commit to their personal goals and the program.

NOTE: Training is **COMPULSORY** for all student athletes (please let your coach know if you cannot make training).

Students **MUST** have the following items with them to participate in training sessions:

- Fitness Centre (FC) Waiver Form completed and handed into the Strength and Conditioning Coach,
- A towel,
- A water bottle,
- A change of clothes, and
- Runners (Football boots for outdoor sessions).

Training Schedule:

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
Before School 7:30 – 8:30			Rugby S&C Senior Campus	ADP Junior Campus			ADP Junior Campus		Rugby S&C Senior Campus
Period 1 8:50 – 10:02					Rugby Codes (Junior Campus) 8:30 – 10:02				
Period 2 10:02 – 11:14									
Period 3 11:49 – 1:01	Rugby Codes (Junior Campus)						VCAL Rugby Weights Training		
Lunch 1:01 – 1:51									Netball Program Junior Campus
Period 4 1:51 – 3:03					Rugby Conditioning 2:30 – 3:30	Sports Academy			
After School 3:15 – 4:30	Rugby Academy Skills Senior Campus 3:15 – 4:15	Netball Program Senior Campus 4:30 – 6:00	Sports Academy S&C Senior Campus	Soccer Development Junior Campus	Rugby Weights 3:30 – 4:30	Strength & Conditioning 2:30 – 4:30	Sports Academy S&C Senior Campus	Soccer Development Senior Campus	

VUSC Sports Academy Programs:

- Rugby League Academy (Year 7-12)
- Soccer Development Program (Year 7-12)
- Netball Development Program (Year 7-12)
- Athlete Development Program (Year 7-12)

Sport-Coordination and Sports Academy Staff

If students and parent would like further information about the College Inter-School Sport Program, please contact the below staff members:

VUSC Senior Campus Sport Coordinator – Mr. Wayne Adams

VUSC Junior Campus Sport Coordinator – Mr. Lee Maieron

VUSC Senior Rugby League Coordinator – Mr. Tony Adam

VUSC Junior Rugby League Coordinator – Mr. Wayne Adams

VUSC Netball Coordinator – Ms Abbey White

VUSC Soccer Coordinator – Ms Carle Rooks

VUSC Athlete Development Program – Ms. Hogarth and Mr Tony Adam

VUSC Sports Academy Strength and Conditioning Coach – Mr Lee Maieron

Lastly, we look forward to the continued support and dedication of our student coaches and helpers.

Mr Tony Adam

Sport Program Development Manager

Victoria University Secondary College

Open House

Tuesday 20th March 2018

Junior Campus, 88 Billingham Rd, Deer Park

Morning Campus Tours

9.15 – 10.00am

10.05 – 10.50am

Presentation by College Principal

6.15pm

Welcome and Information

6.00pm

Interactive Tours

6.30pm

Questions and Supper

7.30pm