



VUSC News Issue Ten

Year 12 Practice Exams

All Year 12 VCE students and Year 11 students studying a Unit 3-4 subject have the opportunity to sit a practice exam in each of their subject areas in the last week of this term and second week of the school holidays. The exam timetable has been posted on Compass and students should see Mr Sullivan if they have any queries.

Students are provided with an authentic exam experience. The purpose of the practice exams is to support the revision process, help build student confidence and maximise their performance. The practice exams are an effective way to develop a revision strategy for the final exams which begin in October, and to learn how to communicate knowledge to the examiner in an appropriate way.

***Orpheus and Eurydice* — College Production**

Congratulations to our 50 performing arts students who put on an outstanding performance recently for the College Production "*Orpheus and Eurydice*". After months of rehearsals, the students' acting was 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 Casey

Nicholls and Jonathon Polizzi for their passion, dedication and support of the students, as well as several other staff who dedicated their time in managing the production, music, art, singing, dancing and ushering. A massive thank you also goes out to the Western Edge Youth Arts who partnered with our school for this event and of course it goes without saying our brilliant students who spent many hours including nights and weekends practising their lines and performances. Well done to all for achieving such excellent standards and not accepting anything less!! It was a night not to forget. I am extremely proud of ALL involved.

Victorian Sister Schools Visit to China

On Tuesday 10 September, 17 students and 3 teachers departed for a 14 day immersion tour and sister school visit in China. Everyone was very excited at the airport! We wish them well on their adventure and look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.



RU OK Day

On 2nd and 9th September our Year 12 VCAL students presented and taught their RU OK lessons to our Year 7 students which they thoroughly enjoyed. The VCAL students used our current teaching strategies to teach the classes which was fantastic to see. As part of their project, VCAL students also held a fundraiser out of uniform day and sausage sizzle to celebrate the completion of their hard work and highlight the importance of mental health on RU OK Day last Friday. I would like to congratulate Miss Kelly and the VCAL staff and students for all their hard work throughout the year and making the RU OK lessons a huge success!

VET Fees

A reminder to students undertaking a VET Course next year that fees are due on the first day of Term 4, Monday 7 October to secure your place.

Parent Communication and Feedback

It's very important that the school has families' current contact details at all times, both in case of emergency and to keep parents informed of their child's progress and upcoming events. We also welcome parents' feedback about events and programs that we run each year.

Parents can update their contact details at any time on the Compass Parent Portal or by contacting the general office. You can also keep up to date with what's going on by liking our **Facebook** page (search 'Victoria University

Secondary College) and **Instagram** page (search 'vicunisecsecondarycollege'). This Newsletter can also be translated by using the **Google Translate** function at the bottom of each page.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder to families that parent teacher interviews will be held this Thursday 19th September at each campus from 1.00pm to 4.30pm and 5.30pm to 7.00pm. No classes will be held and students should attend interviews with their parents. Bookings for interviews are now open and can be made through the Compass parent portal.

Last Day of Term Arrangements

The last day of Term 3 is Friday 20th September. The College will run 4 periods and students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. Term 4 begins on MONDAY 7 OCTOBER at 8.50am. All students are expected to wear their full summer uniform next term.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing you next term.

Elaine Hazim

College Principal

Child Safety

Victoria University Secondary College is a child safe organisation committed to protecting students from all forms of abuse.

Our College has stringent protocols in place and endeavours at all times to be fully compliant with the Child Safe Standards set out under Ministerial Order 870.

Our College has the following documents and policies in place to achieve compliance with the Standards. All of these documents are available for downloading on our website or contact the school for a copy.

1. Commitment to Child Safety
2. Child Safety Policy
3. Child Safety Code of Conduct
4. Child Protection Policy and Procedures



Important Dates

10 - 26 September

Victorian Schools Visit to Jiangsu Province, China

17 students and 3 teachers will visit China for a cultural and immersion tour where they will visit our sister school, the High School Affiliated to Yangzhou University.

Thursday 19 September

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held at each campus from 1.00pm to 4.30pm and 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Bookings via the Compass parent portal will be opened closer to the date.

We encourage all parents to make appointments to discuss their child's progress with their teachers. Students are required to attend with their parents as there are no scheduled classes.

Friday 20 September

Last day of Term 3

Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm.

Monday 7 October

Term 4 begins 8.50am

Wednesday 16 October

Sports Academy Awards Ceremony

Thursday 17 October

Final VET class for Year 2 students

Tuesday 22 October

Last day Year 12 VCE classes

To view a full calendar, please click [here](#).



Annual Concert

A night of amazing performances!

Congratulations to the students and staff who performed an epic annual concert to a packed audience last month at the Brimbank Salvation Army hall. The concert was both a student performance and a staff tribute to our late colleague and friend, Christos Siamas. Our talented students excelled in their performances and made us all so proud! Well done to our music staff who have trained and supported our students to achieve their goals and also performed on the night.





College Production

Orpheus and Eurydice

"This is not the first time something like this has happened around here..."

Orpheus is the coolest guy in school, with a musical talent sent from the gods. Eurydice is his prize for being so great. Wait, what?

First told thousands of years ago, the Ancient Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice is one of male power, heroism and heartbreak. But what about the other characters in the story? What kind of world was Eurydice living in to be seen as a trophy wife, an object to possess, a beautiful flower to be picked, contained, owned? And is it really so different to our world now?

An original production featuring song, dance and even a bit of rugby that explores the slippery slope between pride and privilege, holding on and letting go and possession."

Enjoy the gallery below!





Calling local employers

Can you help build the next generation of tradies?

Head Start is a new model under the Department of Education and Training for apprenticeships and traineeships for secondary school students.

Head Start students spend more time doing important, paid, on-the-job training while completing their VCE or VCAL at school.

The program is designed to help students to develop skills and experience that employers value.

Head Start helps students to get the best start in their career.

If you're an employer looking for an apprentice or trainee in the Brimbank Melton area, please see the attached flyer for more information about the Head Start program.



Community News

Financial Capability Workshops

Good Shepherd and Brimbank City Council are presenting a number of Financial Capability workshops in August and September. Please see the flyer attached.

Sunshine Hospital Needs Volunteers!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT - Sunshine Hospital is seeking volunteers to assist their patients and staff in the following roles: helping people find their way around the hospital, gardening, meal time support and fundraising. We are also seeking volunteers who could assist with supporting our community in the Emergency department. All training, uniform and car parking is supplied. If you have 3 or 4 hours per week that you can offer, please contact volunteer@wh.org.au or call 8395 9092 - we would love to hear from you.



Parenting Ideas

Our school is a Parenting Ideas School

Parenting Ideas was founded by Michael Grose, author of nine parenting books and parenting educator to over 1500 Australian schools.

Parenting Ideas features up-to-date research, timely advice and inspiration, providing parenting strategies on everything from sibling rivalry, teen health and creating resilience in kids, for children of all ages.

Parents and guardians can access the [Parenting Ideas Blog](#) or view articles published regularly in our newsletter. The Blog is also available on our website at <http://www.vusc.vic.edu.au/college/parent-support/>.