College Principal’s Report

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU’RE TOLD YOUR CHILD HAS BULLIED ANOTHER STUDENT?

Stay calm and learn more about your child’s behaviour so that any bullying behaviours can be addressed. It can be upsetting to be told that your child has bullied others. Bullying is complex and changing. Children can do the bullying in one situation and be targeted by bullying in another. Discuss with your child why they might be behaving this way. Try to understand why they may be behaving in this way. Think about any issues or problems your child might be experiencing. Explain why bullying is unacceptable and help them understand what it is like for the person being bullied. Ask them how they would feel if they were being bullied.

Make clear rules and consequences for their behaviour. Acknowledge appropriate behaviour and be consistent when dealing with inappropriate behaviour. Seek professional help and support if you feel that your child’s bullying behaviour is part of a bigger behavioural or health problem. A consistent and co-operative approach by both the home and school is important.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Attending school every day promotes good habits which will assist students to be more successful at work or university. Students who have excellent attendance are more successful.

Illness is the main reason for absence. A few simple ways of avoiding getting sick are getting plenty of sleep, eating healthy food, drinking plenty of water, and exercising.

The school will SMS you if your child misses one or more classes. Please follow up with us if you get a message even if your child tells you that they were in class. In all systems there can be errors which we need to be aware of however there are also some students who will tell their parents incorrect information. Please contact us so that we can work together to make sure our system is working correctly and you child is at school.

I need to remind you that shopping or going to see your family and other such fun activities are not acceptable reasons for absence. Birthdays and other special events are important but are not an excuse for absence. Helping friends and family such as looking after brothers and sisters is also not a reasonable excuse for absence. Having just 1 day off makes it hard for your child to catch up.

EARLY LEAVERS

Parents are reminded to give their child a note in the morning if the child needs to leave school early for an appointment. This ensures the student is ready and waiting for the parent when they arrive to collect them. If there is no note, it can take considerable time for students to be located and brought to the office.

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

The Queen’s Birthday holiday is on Monday 9 June. As this is a public holiday, students will not be required at school.
REPORT WRITING DAY
A reminder to students that reports are fast approaching and students must ensure that they are up to date with the required work. A Report Writing Day will be held on Friday 13 June and students will not be required at school. Parents and Guardians will need to make alternative arrangements for their care.

Reports will be issued to students on the last day of term – Friday 27 June.

SENIOR GIRLS NETBALL
On Monday 19 May, the Senior Girls Netball team went to the Whittlesea Division Competition and won all 6 games with ease. They now advance to the next round to be played on Wednesday 23 July.

| Mill Park vs. Lalor North | 36-3 |
| Mill Park vs. Epping | 42-3 |
| Mill Park vs. Lalor | 27-9 |
| Mill Park vs. Peter Lalor | 33-6 |
| Mill Park vs. Whittlesea | 29-12 |
| Mill Park vs. Wallan | 27-8 |

FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION
Ever thought about fostering children or young people? Anglicare Victoria is looking for couples or single people who can provide a safe and secure home environment for local children or young people needing care weekends, or short term and long term.

Our next information session is on: Monday 2 June 2014
7:00pm—8:30pm
in the Preston area

Come along to find out more & have your questions answered.
To book or to receive an information package please contact: Lynette Tollit on 8470 9999 or lynette.tollit@anglicarevic.org.au

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD’S LIFE……AND YOUR OWN!
FROM SENIOR CAMPUS TO HIPPOCAMPUS AT THE MUSEUM

On Wednesday 21 May, our Year 10 ‘Psyched Out’ class attended an excursion to Melbourne Museum to explore the Psychology section. It was really interesting to see real, bisected human brains, the equipment they used in the 1950s, visual illusions and artwork by people suffering from mental illnesses. We also explored ‘The Human Body’ exhibition, as well as other parts of the museum. It was a great day!

Stefan Markovski

GET EXAM HELP FROM AUSTRALIA’S LEADING HISTORIANS

On the last weekend of the upcoming school holidays, Melbourne University’s Faculty of Arts are running a VCE Winter School for students studying Year 12 History: Revolutions. We highly recommend students attend two of these sessions (see below). There is also a VCE Literature Winter School. See link at bottom for further details and to book.

SATURDAY JULY 12
Session 1 - 10:30am—12:00pm
• On the nature of Revolutions with Professor Peter McPhee
• How to do well on the History: Revolutions Exam with Assoc. Professor Adrian Jones

SUNDAY JULY 13
Session 6 – 3:45pm—5:15pm
• Causes and Outcomes of the American Revolution with Professor Trevor Burnard

THE LECTURERS

Professor Trevor Burnard is Professor and Head of School, School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, University of Melbourne, and is an authority in American History.

Assoc. Professor Adrian Jones OAM (Latrobe University) is a leading historian who has received many awards for his teaching, including the Order of Australia Medal. He is a former Chair of the VCE History Examination panel, and a former VCAA Convener for all the Humanities subjects.

Professor Peter McPhee AM (University of Melbourne) has published many books on the social and political history of revolutionary France, including a recent biography of Maximilien Robespierre.

COST
Each session is $30.00. Registration is open to students in Years 10, 11 and 12, as well as teachers.

BOOK ONLINE at: http://arts.unimelb.edu.au/vce

Felicity Williams and Michael George
Year 12 History teachers
The VCAL gives you practical work-related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. Like the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), the VCAL is a recognised senior secondary qualification.

Students who do the VCAL are likely to be interested in going on to training at a Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institute, starting an apprenticeship, or getting a job after completing school. However, if you start your VCAL and then decide the VCE is the right option for you after all, it won’t be too late to change your mind.

The VCAL’s flexibility enables you to undertake a study program that suits your interests and learning needs. Fully accredited modules and units are selected for the following four compulsory strands: **Literacy and Numeracy Skills; Work Related Skills; Industry Specific Skills; and Personal Development Skills.**

If you successfully complete your VCAL, you will receive a certificate and a Statement of Results that details the areas of study you have completed.

### Why would I choose to do the VCAL?

While the VCE is a good option for students who would like to go on to further education at university, you might feel that this is not the right option for you. The VCAL is an accredited senior secondary qualification undertaken in Years 11 and 12. The VCAL is based on hands-on learning, also known as applied learning. If you choose to do the VCAL, you will gain practical experience and employability skills, as well as the skills you will need to go on to further training in the workplace or at TAFE.

### ARE THERE ANY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

No. You begin the VCAL at a level suitable to your capabilities. Your teacher or careers counselor will be able to help you decide which level is most suitable for you. There is, however, an application process detailed below.

### HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO COMPLETE THE VCAL?

The VCAL has been developed for Year 11 and 12 students. You can get a VCAL certificate and Statement of Results when you successfully complete your VCAL program for the level you have chosen. Many students complete a VCAL level in one year.

### WHAT DO I GET AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE VCAL?

If you successfully complete your VCAL program, you will receive a VCAL certificate at either the Foundation, Intermediate or Senior level, depending on the VCAL level you chose to complete. You will also get a Statement of Results listing all VCAL, VCE and Vocational Education and Training (VET) units.

### HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A PLACE IN THE VCAL?

There are a limited number of places available in the VCAL program. Interested students can find out more about the VCAL program on the [College website](#).

Students must fully complete and submit the ‘VCAL Expression of Interest’ form in order to be considered for a place in the VCAL program. Interviews will also be conducted to assess each applicant’s suitability to the program.

### KEY DATES:

- **Friday 6 June:** VCAL applications open. VCAL Expression of Interest’ form can be collected from the General Office.
- **Friday 18 July:** VCAL applications due. This is the final date to submit your VCAL Expression of Interest form.
- **Monday 21 – Friday 25 July:** VCAL interview times allocated to applicants and interviews held.
Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2014

There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Argentina, Finland and Austria hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.

Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator

FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN MELBOURNE

Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

Thursday, 5th June - 7.30pm
Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens
380 William Street

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for more information

Do you know the flags of these countries?

EXPERIENCE YOUR WORLD
Live and study in one of them

Mill Park Students compete in the Federal Court of Australia in the grand finals of the La Trobe University Mooting Competition.

Two teams of Year 10 and 11 Legal Studies students participated in a mock trial competition hosted by La Trobe University on Wednesday 7 May. The competition required teams to analyse the facts of a homicide, research cases and construct arguments for the prosecution and defence to present in court. Both teams were very successful against other schools. Mill Park 1 (Sneha Sharma, Maddie Bux and Mitchell Lee) won both of their moots and Mill Park 2 (Tyston Huang and Sammy Al Lahham) won their first moot and achieved a draw in their second. Sammy Al Lahham was also awarded best speaker.

All judges commented on how well presented and well prepared the teams were, congratulating students on their thorough research.

Mill Park 1 was selected to participate in the grand final competition based on the number of wins and their high scores at the Federal Court of Australia. Sneha Sharma and Maddie Bux presented the prosecution’s case in front of three judges to a very high standard, with judges noting their arguments were of university quality. Unfortunately, the girls narrowly missed out on winning the moot. Mill Park 1 were awarded a runners-up trophy and praised by the judges for their eloquence and professionalism.

Sneha and Madeleine in the Federal Court.
City School

The first City School experience of the year will take place next week from 2 to 6 June. Students attending are from 9CS, 9BW and 9AE. Information and permission forms have been sent home. Spare copies are available at the front office if forms have been misplaced. Students are to meet their teachers at South Morang Station on Monday morning at 7.30am sharp. All students will be required to be in full school uniform.

Immunisations

Another round of immunisations will be held for Year 7 students and Year 9 boys on Monday 16 June. If you wish your child to be immunised and have not returned the appropriate form, please do so as soon as possible. Contact Cathy Cranfield on 9407 9700 in the front office if you are not certain.

News from the Library

Congratulations to Mr Spiro Tsetsos from Science & Info Tech. Faculty who kindly constructed piece by piece this huge map of South America on one of the library walls. He decorated it with many photographs of international soccer teams and players.

Brazil is hosting the 2014 FIFA 20th World Cup which takes place every four years. The games start 12 June and conclude 13 July. There are 12 host cities with the final match taking place in Rio de Janeiro. Our students enjoy competing in finding the host cities on the map and get very excited forecasting the winner of the World Cup. Year 9 students Ioannis Blias and Noor Moneer, fans of soccer, had a go in guessing the names of our Socceroos. The final countdown for the 2014 World Cup has begun, and teams are in the process of finalising their preparations ahead of making the trip to Brazil.

We thank Mr Tsetsos for this interesting display which attracts a lot of attention and generates students’ interest in sports.

Stella Lambrou
MYC Librarian

TREATMENTS FOR HEAD LICE

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. Head lice are small wingless, blood-sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head, they will die very quickly usually within 24 hours.

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who had head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together. Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl. Many lice do not cause an itch so you have to look carefully to find them; it is a good idea to check your child’s hair periodically.

Treatment

A lotion can be used to treat head lice. This can be purchased at a Pharmacy. Another method is by using conditioner. According to the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001, children with head lice can be readmitted to school after treatment has commenced.

The following website offers resources and further information:

Debaters Association of Victoria (DAV)
Junior Public Speaking Competition

On Friday 23 May at Parade College in Bundoora, 6 students from the Middle Years Campus took part in the DAV Junior Public Speaking competition.

Congratulations to the following students for participating in this fantastic opportunity:
Leah McIntosh (9AW), Priya Rajiv (7BS), Sarah Bux (9BE), Jaslyn Rodrigues (7AE), Yasmin Chebbou (7AE) and Bhanu Wijekoon (8CW).

Those participating prepared a 4-5 minute speech on one of the following topics:
- Australia’s National Identity
- Environmental protection
- A world without hunger
- Women across the world

They also delivered two 3 minute impromptu speeches which they were only given 5 minutes to prepare for. All students spoke very well.

Thanks to Ms Elizabeth Ring for accompanying the students on the day.

If your child is in Year 7 or 8 and is interested in being involved in debating and/or public speaking in Term 3 & 4 please contact: mclroy.philippa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Miss Philippa McIlroy
Mill Park Secondary College
CareerNews No7; 30.05.14

Reminders
• ‘At Monash’ seminars on Biomedical Science, Radiography, Nutrition/Dietetics; Student Experience; Teaching, Sport/Outdoor Recreation; Book: www.monash.edu/seminars.
• UMAT – Registrations close: 6 June; UMAT test date: 30 July 2014.

pVICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) NEWS –
• LEADER IN SPORT - VU has an outstanding reputation in sport, exercise and active living. It has the largest number of sport related courses in Australia and is the only university with a dedicated College of Sport and Exercise Science. Courses cover exercise science and human movement, physical education, sport management, sports law, sports engineering, and osteopathy. The newly established VU Basketball Academy, under the Directorship of Andrew Gaze, enhances sport teaching, research and knowledge exchange. VU Partnerships provide excellent opportunities for students to learn from professionals.
• P-12 BACHELOR OF EDUCATION – VU is one of a few universities in Australia offering a Bachelor of Education (P-12) which allows graduates to teach at any school level, primary or secondary. At most other universities students must decide whether they want to teach at the primary or secondary level when applying for courses when in Year 12. VU education students can specialise in physical education, the arts, home economics, humanities, social sciences, mathematics, outdoor education and science.
• IS ORAL HEALTH A PATHWAY TO DENTISTRY AT MELBOURNE? The Bachelor of Oral Health does NOT qualify students as dentists and is NOT a pathway to the Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Melbourne. It is a 3-year degree with four main components: clinical and preventative dentistry, dental and health sciences, social sciences and health promotion, and vocational clinical practice. Oral health allows graduates to practice as an oral health therapist, a dental hygienist or a dental therapist. Info: www.dent.unimelb.edu.au Information about pathways to the Doctor of Dental Surgery see: www.coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/pathways/2/dentistry.

 WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROMOTION DEGREE? Public health and health promotion combine a range of activities directed at improving the health of people in the population. Some well-known activities include those run by organisations such as SunSmart, TAC, and QUIT. Public health seeks to understand and act on the social and environmental factors that cause poor health, with the factors that create and sustain good health. Those suited to this occupation have good communication and negotiation skills, can relate to people from different backgrounds and are able to work as part of a team. Graduates work for government, health agencies, community services, universities, aid and not-for-profit organisations. Suitable courses are Deakin University B. Public Health and Health Promotion, La Trobe B. Health Promotion, Monash B. Health Promotion, Swinburne B. Health Science (Public and Environmental Health), and ACU B. Applied Public Health. ATARs required range from around 55 to around 75. Pre-requisites vary from university to university.

 FIND OUT MORE ABOUT JOINING THE DEFENCE FORCES – Defence Force Recruiting holds regular information sessions on a number of topics. Coming up:
• One Year Roles and the ADF GAP Year: 5.30pm for 6-7pm session, Wed 4 June
• Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA in Canberra) – 6-7.30pm, Wed 11 June
• Army Officer (Royal Military College Duntroon) – 5.30pm for 6-7pm session, Wed 18 June.
All session are at Level 14, 501 Swanston St, Melbourne; Bookings: CPTVIC@dfr.com.au. Students/Families in Years 10-12 welcome.
LOOKING FOR A CARING CAREER?

Thinking of a career in disability, aged care or home and community care? Then, you may find assistance by going to: www.carecareers.com.au. This site provides assistance with jobs, information and career advice. There is also an interesting pictorial career quiz you might like to try.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) NEWS –

‘UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE’, is a program giving you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice. Get a taste of life at ACU by meeting academic staff and current students, and trying out the course you’re interested in studying. When/Where: Ballarat campus – Tues 1 July; Melbourne campus – Tues 8 July; Info/registration: www.acu.edu.au/uni-exp.

ACCESS SCHEMES & BONUS POINTS AT ACU – Boost your chances of entry to ACU through alternative entry and access schemes. These schemes include: subject bonus, schools relationship bonus, campus bonus, regional schools bonus, Elite Athlete Program and the Early Achievers’ Program. More Info: www.acu.edu.au/acu-access.

EARLY ACHIEVERS’ PROGRAM – ACU recognises that you have more to offer than your academic results. If you regularly contribute to your community – through school, workplace, community organisation, or cultural or religious group – you could be eligible for ACU’s Early Achievers’ Program. If successful, you will receive an offer of a place well before the usual tertiary admissions announcements. Applications open: 17 Aug, close 20 Oct; Info: www.acu.edu.au/achieve-early.

CAN’T DECIDE WHAT TO STUDY? Find the career that is right for you by using ACU Career Match at www.acu.edu.au/my-career-match.

ASPIRE – THE NEW LA TROBE UNIVERSITY EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

As mentioned previously, La Trobe has a new initiative for school leavers for entry to the university in 2015. The new Aspire Early Admissions Program recognises the positive impact that a student has had on their local community. Community engagement and objective school achievement forms a significant part of the assessment criteria of the Aspire program, not ATAR scores. Students will be able to apply across all La Trobe courses at all campuses, with offers of places being made to successful applicants as early as September. Applications open: 1 July, close: 31 August. Register now for program updates at: Aspire webpage.

SO YOU WANT TO GET INTO A TRADE?

Thinking of being a plumber, carpenter, electrician, motor mechanic, refrigeration mechanic, tiler, brick layer, auto electrician, lift mechanic, or one of many other trades people? Most students think first of being a carpenter, an electrician or a plumber. However, there are so many others to choose from. Apprenticeships generally take four years, but, if an apprentice is competent, they may be able to complete sooner. Plumbing and electrical apprenticeships take four years. Employers often look for three things in an applicant: Year 12 completion (VCE or VCAL), being 18 with a driving licence and vehicle, and completion of a pre-apprenticeship course. Pre-apprenticeships can be completed in about four of five months at TAFE (after finishing school) or sometimes while at school. Finding an employer can be a challenge. Suggestions are to try family contacts, sporting club contacts, letting people know that an apprenticeship is being sought. Alternatively, Group Training Organisations can often assist. These organisations employ apprentices and lease them to suitable employers. See: www.grouptraining.com.au. Also see: www.aapathways.com.au.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT – ICHM prepares students for careers at the top end of the international hotel industry. Located in Adelaide, it is the only Swiss Hotel Association School outside Europe, and offers internationally recognised qualifications (B. International Hotel Management and B. Business (Hospitality Management). If you would like to find out more about the College and its degrees, you can attend an ICHM Career Week at the College. When: 7-11 July or 29 Sept to 3 Oct; Where: ICHM, Days Rd, Regency Park, SA; Cost: $595 (deducted from first year fees if you enrol); Info: www.ichm.edu.au.

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Mill Park Secondary College Presents

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