

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 5

Friday, 29th May 2015

DATE	KEY EVENTS
Monday 1st June	Year 11 Exam week Year 7, 9 and 10 Immunisation Year 12 Tertiary Information Session (TIS) at Monash University Berwick Campus
Friday 5th June	Year 12 Exams Commence (Conclude Thursday 11th June)
Monday 8th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday—Student Free Day
Wednesday 10th June	Year 12 General Achievement Test (GAT) 10:00am—1:15pm
Thursday 11th June	Year 12 Formal & Dunlop Day
Friday 12th June	Report Writing Day—Student Free Day
Monday 15th June	Semester 2 Timetable Commences
Thursday 18th June	VCE Dance and Dance Academy Showcase, PAC, 7:00 to 9:00pm
Friday 19th June	Dance Academy Auditions 4:00—7:30pm—PAC
Monday 22nd June	Dance Academy Auditions 4:00—7:30pm—PAC
Thursday 25th June	Frost Day
Friday 26th June	Final Day for Term 2—Finishing Time 2:30pm
TERM 3 KEY DATES	
Monday 13th July	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 13th August	School Tours 9:30am
Thursday 20th August	O'Donoghue Day
Friday 18th September	Last Day of Term 3

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BERWICK COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Berwick College notifies parents by email when newsletters are published. Newsletters are published three times per term. Newsletters can be accessed on the Berwick College website. Please keep up-to-date with all College news by reading the Bulletin and following up with the appropriate Home Group Teacher if you have any concerns.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Berwick College “continues to provide opportunities for our students and staff to grow and learn”



Thank you to Mr Pat Mulcahy for capably acting as principal while I was on leave for the first three weeks of this term. Whilst on leave I toured two schools, Berwick Shire High School and Berwick Academy in Berwick Upon Tweed, located in Scotland. They were very interested in a sister school relationship which could provide opportunity for our students to visit, teacher exchange, literacy program initiatives and cultural exchange.

Term 2 continues to provide opportunities for our students and staff to grow and learn. Approximately 540 students in Years 7 and 9 undertook NAPLAN testing this week which will form one of our data sources to measure the progress of these students. We congratulated the Basketball Academy, Intermediate Girls and Junior Boys, who were featured in the local paper for winning two state titles at the Basketball Victoria State All Schools 3on3 Basketball Tournament. We were also victorious this term in the interschool sport, Casey North Division. Congratulations to our winning teams: Year 8 Soccer – coached by Mr Nick Costantino, Intermediate Netball – coached by Ms Ashleigh Manning, Senior Netball – Coached by Ms Jannelle Graham and Senior Football – coached by Mr Pete McCall.

Since 2010, we have been running ‘Kick Start’ - a Transition Program for Grade 5 and 6 students from our feeder Primary Schools. This program is held twice a year and one that is highly anticipated by the primary students. Next week over 100 students from Beaconsfield Primary School, Berwick Lodge Primary School and Beaconsfield Upper Primary School will enjoy Marvellous Maths, Food Technology, VET Outdoor Education, Sport and Scavenger Hunt activities around the school.

Our staff through focusing on improving student results and planning to meet the targets in our Annual Implementation Plan positively approached the new ideas and flipped learning strategies presented at our second professional development day held on Wednesday 6th May. Introducing a classroom teaching practice that is different from what teachers themselves experienced as students, requires learning opportunities that are more powerful than reading research papers and holding discussions in meetings. Significant time and resources were allocated to this full day of professional development and for a subsequent follow up day on Monday 2nd November.



We are currently in the middle of our exam period. Year 10 exams have been completed and Year 12 and 11 exams commence next week. I have been very pleased with our students’ approach to the exams and I am looking forward to their results. It was my pleasure to join parents and students for the Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday 27th May where we unveiled a plaque prepared at school by Mr Ian Venables, Technology Domain Leader to recognise the historical custodians of the land in which Berwick College is situated. An article and photos are in this newsletter.

There are two learning team days approaching with Dunlop Day on 11th June and Frost Day on 25th June. Teachers and students have been preparing a range of activities to celebrate these days and raise money for charities. Dunlop will be raising funds for the Mates4Mates organisation who support our wounded, injured and ill current and ex-serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and their families and Frost for The Leukaemia Foundation and the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation. The Learning Team competition at the 21st May sees Monash on top with 51 points closely followed by Chisholm at 50 points with O’Donoghue in third place. We have eight more learning team day competitions and other events still to be run this year, so any team can win the learning team trophy.

Our three recent Year 11 Presentation Balls were excellent evenings and the students did themselves, their families and the College proud. Our College Captains Grace McCoy, Liani Hedge, Nathan Aliotta and Mark Morante did a superb job announcing the debutantes and their partners. Over 1,200 people attended and we thank Ms Donna Marcus and Ms Kylie Duncan for their coordination and management of students, at many practice sessions, over the past few months. We also recognize and appreciate the continued support and assistance of Doug and Rhonda Anderson, and all of the Rotarians from The Rotary Club of Berwick in organizing this event and providing this experience for our students.

The upcoming Year 12 formal will be held on Thursday 11th June and I am sure this will also be an outstanding event. We have report writing day on Friday 12th June which is a student free day and our semester two timetable commences on Monday 15th June. Reports will be available online when the school term concludes, Friday 26th June. Although this term is very full, we will remain steadfast in our commitment to improving student learning and results. **Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal**

CELEBRATING OUR PAST STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS



Recently, it has been my pleasure to catch up with past students of Berwick College. In March 2014, **Nufar** listed her goal was to be a lawyer.

I was delighted to hear that Nufar was offered an Undergraduate Scholarship through Deakin University to assist in achieving her dream and is enjoying pursuing her Arts Law degree.

I was also privileged to see **Ella Noone** and **Jason Boler** recently.

Ella and Jason are volunteers with Bunyip CFA. Both Ella and Jason are past students of Berwick College and recalled their time at school with stories and anecdotes.

I am very proud of my students, both past and present.

Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal



RECOGNITION CEREMONY

On Wednesday, 27th May parents, our school Captains, Liani Hedge, Mark Morante and Grace McCoy, students and staff gathered at the flag poles for our Recognition Ceremony. The timing of this was significant as National Reconciliation Week (NRW) also commenced on this day to commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum, giving the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census and the High Court Mabo Decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land.

Regional Koori Engagement Support Officers, Travis Gardner, Lesley Gardener, Zoe Upton and Kelly Viney attended. Lesley opened with a 'Welcome to Country' and Zoe spoke about the significance of Reconciliation Week.

A spectacular plaque prepared at school by Mr Ian Venables, Technology Domain Leader was unveiled. Our students, parents and guests then enjoyed a morning tea together. The plaque can be viewed in the foyer of the Administration building.

The inscription reads:

'Acknowledgement of Country'
by Jonathan Hill

Today we stand in footsteps millennia old. May we acknowledge the traditional owners whose cultures and customs have nurtured, and continue to nurture, this land, since men and women awoke from the great dream. We honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in the imagination of this land and whose irrepressible spirituality flows through all creation.

Photography taken by Ms Philomena Henderson



FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE



IMMUNISATION UPDATE:

Just a reminder to parents that on MONDAY JUNE 1st there is immunisation of :-

- ◆ Year 7's for Gardasil and Boostrix.
- ◆ Year 10 for Gardasil
- ◆ Year 9's for Boostrix (these were omitted last round due to time restrictions)

PARENTS WE ARE REQUIRING YOU SUPPORT

When your child is unwell they are to ask the teacher to leave the class and then come to the Health Centre. You may be contacted and if necessary arrangements will be made to take your child home. If your child requires a medical appointment etc and you will be picking them up from school, **a letter needs to be written , this is signed by the Home Group teacher and they can sign out at the Learning Team Office or the student can be signed out by the parent at the main office.**

STUDENTS ARE NOT TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS TO GO HOME. AT times the office staff have had to find your child, this procedure can be quite time consuming. The College has a duty of care to the students, and these procedures must be adhered to.

Mrs Tracey Anastasi

School Nurse RN Div 2

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

International Nurses Day is celebrated every year all around the world on Tuesday 12th of May to commemorate the birth of Florence Nightingale and to mark the nurses contributions towards people's health. We acknowledge the care, support and valuable contribution that Tracey has made over 18 years to the students, parents and staff at Berwick College and asked her a few questions about her career.

Tracey always wanted to be a nurse, loved the excitement and constant busyness of the role and passionately wanted to be involved in the surgical area. Tracey received comprehensive training through a very strict Nurse-in-Charge (which she now appreciates) in England and a closer look at the picture above will reveal a badge from The General Nursing Council of England and Wales received when Tracey qualified in 1981.

Tracey cares for over 3,000 students in a year and says the best part about serving at Berwick is loving her vocation and that the students are great fun—"they trust me because they know me". Tracey passionately believes in looking after the whole person, educating and nurturing them. Tracey epitomises Val Satisbury words, "*Nurses dispense comfort, compassion and caring—with or without even a prescription*". Tracey is a member of the Victorian School Nurses Association (VSN), a special interest group, has a certificate in Counselling and Adolescent Health from Deakin and is currently studying a Diploma of Counselling. Not all schools provide a qualified nurse with extensive experience and we appreciate the work of our College Nurse very much.

CAREER NEWS

UMAT - Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test. The following Victorian Universities require applicants to sit the UMAT -

- ◆ La Trobe University - Health Science (Dentistry), Oral Health Science
- ◆ Monash University - Medicine

UMAT2014 will be held on Wednesday 29 July 2015. **Registrations are now open and close at 5.00pm 5th June 2015.** More information can be found at www.umat.acer.edu.au or please contact the Careers Centre.

BERWICK COLLEGE DANCE ACADEMY



Congratulations to all involved in Berwick College's very first choreographic competition! With over 50 competitors the day was a huge success.

A special mention to **Eliza Lee** who won the adjudicators award for the day. Students are already planning for next year's event.

If you missed out on being an audience member on the day come and join us on **June 18 at 7pm for DANCE NIGHT in the PAC** where you will be able to see winners from the competition perform their winning numbers. On this night you will also see what our BCDA and VCE students have been working on throughout the semester.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Term 2 BCDA Dance Captains Jaylee Vella and Eliza Lee (Year 7) and Abbey Johnson and Kate Porter (Year 8). These four students have been voted by their peers to fulfill leadership roles within the dance academy. Well done girls!



This Sunday, May 31st, our very talented BCDA students will compete in their first interschool competition. Students will be competing in a national competition against schools across Victoria and hopefully, we reach our goal of attending the final in Queensland!

Year 8 BCDA students attended a very entertaining Sydney Dance Company excursion on May 12th where they were not only able to watch very talented professional contemporary artists but were also able to meet the cast and choreographer and ask questions.

BERWICK COLLEGE PRESENTS....

DANCE NIGHT

A SHOWCASE OF
VCE DANCE AND DANCE ACADEMY WORKS
FROM SEMESTER 1.

7PM ON THURSDAY THE 18TH OF
JUNE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS
CENTRE @ BERWICK COLLEGE
GOLD COIN DONATION ON ENTRY

A large photograph of a female dancer in mid-air, performing a complex contemporary dance move. She is wearing a black leotard and her hair is flowing. The background is dark.

Our Year 7 contemporary students did a wonderful job performing their "Power of Love" troupe during our general assembly last week.

The feedback from students and staff were very positive and all involved loved getting up on stage and performing in front of the entire school.

Applications for our Year 7 course for 2016 are due June 2nd with auditions being held on June 19 and 22.

For further information contact Melissa Quenette at Quenette.melissa.c@edumail.vic.gov.au or 8768 1054.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK

Back Off to Gain Control

When we sense our child is lacking in motivation our natural instinct is to give them a push or a pull to get them to do their best, to achieve completion of the task. In some sense we take over a level of responsibility that is rightly theirs, we seize a portion [even maybe the majority] of control; in short, we take over. Whilst this is completely understandable it isn't the best approach.

At an extreme that allows our children to live their life putting their energy into all the things they enjoy to do and leave us worrying about their school results and where they will end up in life. A feature of growing into adulthood is the ability to understand that we are responsible for our own actions or inactions and that we will have to face the consequences. Just yesterday I heard of a young person who received a fine by travelling down the road in a car with their feet hanging out of the window – fun with an \$100+ price tag. I am sure he will be motivated not to do that again, but the point is that he made that choice and he paid the price.

When we jump in and rescue them it isn't healthy for anybody, no real learning takes place and no real benefits are gained.

Of course it is difficult to stand by and watch our children fail or suffer from their mistakes but, in a safe environment, failure is a great teacher. We will be serving their long term interests better by allowing them to experience the pain of their actions albeit by paying the price by thinking we could have saved them.

This doesn't mean that we don't give them the benefit of our experience and showing them an adult perspective on things but it means than when we have done that we step back and let them have control. In doing that we gain control of our lives and no longer feel the burden of responsibility.

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HELPFUL APPS FOR PARENTS

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day. The App, called **SchoolMate**, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets. **SchoolMate** is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10 and:

- ◆ Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- ◆ Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- ◆ Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.



Have you installed—TIQBIZ? Join the 290 people who have!

Tiqbiz is a supplement to our other forms of communication with parents, School Council, staff and students. This communication app is easy to use and will enhance your connection to our school community. You will receive reminders of special events, have quick access to key calendar dates and the ability to email attendance notification.

- o To get Tiqbiz onto your phone or ipad, go to the App store, and search for and download Tiqbiz.
- o Open Tiqbiz and register/log-in.
- o Click 'Find boxes' and search Schools, Secondary to find Berwick College. Select us from the results.
- o Tick the grey boxes that apply to you, when the box turns green you're connected.
- o Click on the Inbox icon and you will receive our instant messages.



SEMESTER 1 REPORTS—ONLINE

Semester 1 reports will be available on-line on **Friday 26th June**. They can be accessed via the Parent Portal. Go to our school web site: www.berwicksc.vic.edu.au and at the top right corner click on “Quick Links”, then choose Parent Portal from the list that appears. If you feel that you need assistance then please contact Mr David Goyen on 8768 1030, or goyen.david.j@edumail.vic.gov.au if you prefer email. The system has been set up so that parents can only see the information relating to their child.

YEAR 12 MID—YEAR EXAMS

All exams will be 1hour 40 plus 10 minutes reading time. Students will not be allowed to leave early. VCAL classes will not run during the exam period. All exams are linked to a required Outcome. If a student fails to reach a satisfactory level they will be required to re-sit the exam (open book) afterschool BEFORE THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

	SESSION 1 8.50 – 12.00 LC	SESSION 2 12.30 - 2.20 LC	SESSION 3 SENIOR SCHOOL
Thurs 4/6	ENG runs until 12.00	BIOL/WOOD/MM/ART IT APPS/TEXTILES	
	SESSION 1 8.50 – 10.40 Leisure Centre	SESSION 2 11.00 - 12.50 Leisure Centre	SESSION 3 1.10 – 3.00 Senior School
Fri 5/6	FM/PHIL/SPEC Spec will run for 1 hr 10	HEALTH/HIST/ PHYSICS/ INDO	CHEM/SAP/LEGAL Senior School
Tues 9/6	BUS/MM/PE/ MUSIC D3	FOOD/PSYC/VISCOM/ GERM/THEATRE STUDIES	OE/IT SOFTWARE Senior School
WED 10/6	GAT		
Thurs 11/6	LIT/SPEC will run for an extra 10 minutes Senior School		

YEAR 12 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

On the 14th of May 2015, our Year 12 Business Management class was very fortunate to be able to visit the Yakult factory in Dandenong. Everyone was very eager not only to learn how Yakult was made, but also to personally see the production processes in which a large organisation uses to produce goods.

Our excursion began with an insightful tour of how the uniquely shaped Yakult bottles were made. The tour guide explained how the manufacturing technology functioned and how many bottles it could produce per hour. It was amazing to see how many bottles were produced just with two machines.

We were then shown the Yakult bottles travelling across the assembly line. Here, the bottles were filled, labeled then packaged by the staff, ready to be shipped to various supermarket outlets around Australia.

After this we were taken to where the actual Yakult was made. Here we learnt about the bacteria used in Yakult products, and how they help to maintain our digestive health. We were also exposed to the effort in which Yakult take to make sure that their products meet the best possible standards. They have biologists of great expertise, who undertake numerous tests to make sure that families around Australia are drinking only the best Yakult.

Finally, we were debriefed about the man behind the invention of the long known family drink. We were also given an opportunity for a taste test. After taking a big slurp of Yakult, I must say that that I was very impressed with the flavour, and would recommend it to anyone; if you are not allergic to dairy products of course.

Overall, everyone enjoyed seeing the Yakult factory in action and learning about how large-scale organisations produce their goods. I hope that future Year 12 students also get the opportunity to go on this excursion.

Eren Tanyol
Year 12 Business Management Student

YEAR 12 LEGAL STUDIES EXCURSION

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On the 22nd of April, 2015, Year 12 Legal Studies students got the chance to visit the County and Supreme Courts in Melbourne. Everyone was excited to visit the courts because we were all very eager to see a wide range of court cases.

Fortunately for us, we were able to observe a murder case in the Supreme Court. Before the case, we were given some background on the case. This included why the accused was being prosecuted, what happened to the victim and other interesting factors. Once the case started, most of us were hooked; eagerly listening to the evidence of a witness.

At the Supreme Court, we were able to visit the Supreme Court Library, which was a rewarding experience. There was also time for the court staff to conduct a mock court trial in an empty courtroom. We were all allocated roles and read from scripts, which contained legal concepts learnt in class.



After this case we headed off to the County Court. Before the case, we were able to talk to a real County Court Judge. He explained to us what happens in the County Court and described where everyone sits. We were also given the opportunity to ask questions and he shared his experience of being a Judge.



After this, we watched a case in the County Court. This case was not as interesting as the murder trial but still a rewarding experience. The case was about drug laundering and unlike the Supreme Court; we were able to see the accused.

Overall this excursion was very, very entertaining and I highly recommend future Year 12 legal students to go! - **Sergei Evglevski**



YEAR 10 LAW AND ORDER EXCURSION

On the 27th of April we had a wonderful excursion to the Dandenong Magistrates' Court! It was such a great experience. We got to observe cases that I didn't even think were possible, including different cases of driving and drug offences. So much knowledge has been learned from this excursion; we all know where each person sits in the courtroom and what they do. This trip gave us a great insight about courtroom proceedings; we even learnt how to respect the court by bowing down before we enter and when we exit a courtroom. It was a great way to reinforce what we have learnt in Law & Order and totally recommend this subject to other students! My favourite subject! - **Leyton Abduli**

YEAR 11 LEGAL STUDIES EXCURSION

The Year 11 Legal Studies classes attended an excursion to the Melbourne Magistrates' Court. After having our bags checked for illegal items, we were able to enter the courtrooms. One of the Magistrates was kind enough to talk to us about the courts and his experience before actual cases started. We got to see a variety of cases throughout the day, including bail applications, with one person having over 100 previous offences! We also watched a case with a Macedonian lady who required an interpreter.



Lunch was a great way to finish our morning at the Magistrates' Court.

Josh Skinner

YEAR 11 MID YEAR EXAM TIMETABLE

Date	Venue	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Mon 1st June	Leisure Ctr	English (2 hrs)	Physical Education (1.5 hr) Wood (1 hr) Maths Methods 1 (1 hr) Legal Studies (1.5 hrs)	VET Small Business (1.5 hrs) Studio Art/Studio Art Photo (1.5 hrs) Design Tech Textiles (1.5 hrs)
Tue 2nd June	Leisure Ctr	General Maths (1.5 hrs)	Psychology (1.5 hrs) Info Tech (1.5 hrs) Chemistry (2 hrs)	History (1.5 hrs) Accounting (1.5 hrs) Biology (1.5 hrs)
Wed 3rd June	E2/3/6/7 B5	Philosophy (1.5 hrs) Indonesian (1.5hrs)	Maths Methods 2 (1.5 hrs) Dance (1.5 hrs) Media (1.5 hrs)	General Maths Advanced 1 (1 hr)
Thurs 4th June	E2/3/6/7/ B5	Literature (1.5 hrs) Art (1.5 hrs)	Food Technology (1.5 hrs) German (1.5hrs)	Outdoor Education (1.5 hr)
Fri 5th June	E6/7 D3	Health & Human Dev (1.5 hrs) GMA Exam 2 (1 hr)	Physics (1.5 hrs)	Visual Comm. (1.5 hrs) Music (1.5 hrs)
TIMES FOR YEAR 11 EXAMS				
Monday 1st June	Leisure Ctr	English	Wood/Methods 1	VET Small Bus
		Read 9.00	Read 11.50	Read 1.30
		Write 9.10	Write 12.00	Write 1.40
		Finish 11.10	Finish 1.00	Finish 2.40
			Legal Studies/P.E.	Studio Arts /Photography/ Textiles
			Read 11.50	Read 1.30
			Write 12.00	Write 1.40
			Finish 1.30	Finish 3.10
Tuesday 2nd June	Leisure Ctr	General Maths	Psychology/I.T.	History/Biology/Accounting
		Read 9.00	Read 11.20	Read 1.30
		Write 9.10	Write 11.30	Write 1.40
		Finish 10.40	Finish 1.00	Finish 3.10
			Chemistry	
			Read 11.20	
			Write 11.30	
			Finish 1.30	
Wednesday 3rd June	E2/3/6/7 B5	Philosophy Indonesian	Methods 2/Dance/Media	GMA 1
		Read 9.00	Read 11.20	Read 1.30
		Write 9.10	Write 11.30	Write 1.40
		Finish 10.40	Finish 1.00	Finish 2.40
Thursday 4th June	E2/3/6/7	Literature/Art	Food/German	Outdoor Ed
		Read 9.00	Read 11.20	Read 1.30
		Write 9.10	Write 11.30	Write 1.40
		Finish 10.40	Finish 1.00	Finish 3.10
		Finish 10.40	Finish 1.00	Finish 3.10
Friday 5th June	E6/7 D3	Health & Human Dev.	Physics	Vis. Comm
		Read 9.00	Read 11.20	Read 1.30
		Write 9.10	Write 11.30	Write 1.40
		Finish 10.40	Finish 1.00	Finish 3.10
		Finish 10.40	Finish 1.10	Finish 3.10
			GMA 2	
		Read 9.00		
		Write 9.10		
		Finish 10.10		
			Music	
			Read 1.30	
			Write 1.40	
			Finish 3.10	

YEAR 11 PSYCHOLOGY

All three classes of Year 11, Unit 1 Psychology, visited Edrington Park Childcare Centre and Kindergarten last week to consolidate their understanding of Paiget's theory of Cognitive Development of young children

Children ages 3—5 eagerly participated in a range of mini practical activities designed to test their achievement of cognitive milestones. This included students making predictions about how the children would respond to the tasks based on their age, and taking the data back to school to write a psychological report as part of their assessment.

The excursion was extremely successful, with all students showing a high level of maturity when interacting with the children.

Miss Manning, Miss Mihalos and Mrs Birkett



YEAR 10—THE AGE VCE CAREERS EXPO

As part of Berwick College's commitment to providing a comprehensive Careers Education program for all students, over 200 Year 10 students attended The Age VCE Careers Expo at Caulfield Racecourse on Thursday, 7th May.

They explored seminars on topics such as study techniques, choosing VCE subjects and volunteering abroad. They also spoke to representatives from a range of Universities, TAFEs and private institutions about courses, prerequisite subjects and ATAR scores.

This event, combined with two MIPs appointments, work experience in the last week of Term 3 and course counselling in August, forms an integral part of each student's pathway planning for 2016 and beyond.

Alison Birkett | Careers, VET and Business Partnerships Leader



MARKET DAY— VET SMALL BUSINESS

On Tuesday, May 12, the three Year 11 VET small business classes conducted the annual Market Day tradition at Berwick College.

The day brought excitement for the whole school community as a range of food stalls and other activities were run at lunchtime. The not-for-profit cause raised hundreds of dollars for various charities such as ALS and Breast Cancer.

Students who ran the stalls learned invaluable lessons of how to financially sustain a business and how to manage their time to meet deadlines. Our organisation skills were crucial to making sure everything was ready on for the day.

Overall, Market Day was a great opportunity for us students to learn the ways of how a small business can be established and everyone had a great time participating in the organising of the event.

We would like to thank all the students and teachers who came out at lunch time and supported us!



Mandeep Premi—Year 11 student



BASKETBALL ACADEMY—SUCCESS!

The Albert Park College vs Berwick College Friendly was held over the last two Friday's with students from Years 7-10 competing. We ended up winning the overall tournament with 25 wins to Albert Park's 20 wins across the two days. We retained the trophy again from last year and will play them at Pakenham Basketball stadium again in Term 4.

We also had the Year 9/10 Victorian College Championships held at Dandenong stadium last Thursday and had our Girls and Boys first sides qualify for the State VCC tournament division 1 which will be held early Term 3.

All other teams competed in Division 2 and competed at the level we expected.

Our Year 7/8 VCC teams will go to the qualifiers at Nunawading and Dandenong on the 11th and 17th June.

Congratulations to **Jazmin Shelley**, Year 9 student has been one of 23 players selected to the U17 Australian Sapphires squad, where 16 players will be selected to represent Australia in the Oceania qualification tournament.

Keep an eye out for the report in the local Berwick/Pakenham Gazette.

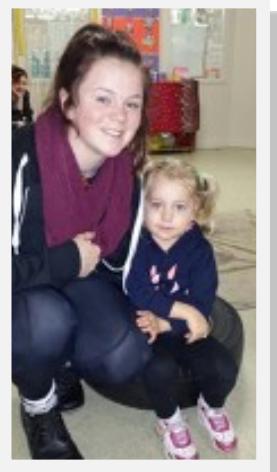
Mr Gerard Leonard

Physical Education Teacher/Assistant Basketball Academy Coach

APPLIED LEARNING—YEARS 9—12

STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING

All PRECAL and VCAL students should be currently participating in a work placement either on a Wednesday or Friday. If any student is wanting to change their work placement, new forms are required to be filled out and signed. These forms can be found in the Careers Centre and in the Senior School office. If you have any questions or need any assistance with work placement do not hesitate to contact Corinne Duhau on 8768-1072.



ALP



This week I visited ALP students at Chisholm TAFE in Dandenong. It was a pleasure to see the students working practically in the two rooms I visited. This term our ALP students are divided into two groups. One group is completing a robotics unit and these students are currently producing an electronic car. The other group is completing a building unit and they are producing a wooden pencil box. Next term our students will be involved in Hospitality and Small Business.

On the 6th of May our ALP students attended the Reach Heroes Day Workshop in Collingwood with nine other schools. They participated well in groups and some even volunteered to speak in front of all the students that were present. This was a wonderful experience for our students and we are really proud of their efforts. Thank you to Ms Angelidis and Paul Roberts for supervising our students on the day.



INTERMEDIATE VCAL



On the 27th of April our Year 11 students participated in an Amazing Race with St. Augustine's College in Kyabram. The students from both schools explored the city and looked at the history of Melbourne. Students worked in small groups and assisted each other finding check points. It was a fun and exciting day shared by both schools. Thank you to all our Year 11 students who participated enthusiastically in this activity.

Our Year 11 classes have been busy designing products and volunteering in the local community. The Year 11 students have designed and produced beautiful Mother's Day cards that were on sale for all staff and students to purchase. Congratulations to Ms Madden and Mr Black for organising this activity and producing cards at a great price.



Other Year 11 students have visited Edrington Park Child-care Centre to complete practical activities, such as creating cards and play dough making. At the centre students worked in small groups communicating and interacting with the kinder kids. Mrs Bates has worked hard preparing the students to undertake these practical tasks.



Mr Walton and Mr Costantino's Year 11 class have completed an observation of the playground at Berwick Primary school. The visit to the primary school allowed students to complete a hazard and risk analysis in preparation for tabloid sports. Mr. Walton and Mr.Costantino are busy preparing for Tabloid Sports with Berwick Primary School Grade 3 students. The Year 11 students are in the process of planning and organising activities for the 189 Grade 3 students to participate in. This is a major task for the Year 11 students to undertake and we wish them good luck. Thank you to Berwick Primary school for allowing our staff and students to complete this task.

APPLIED LEARNING FEES

ALP, PreCAL and VCAL fees are now overdue. Please ensure you have paid these fees, and if you are not sure what is owing, please call the Finance Office on 8768 1000.

Mrs Corinne Duhau

VET

COMMUNITY SERVICES EXCURSION TO FULHAM CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

On the 4th May Certificate II Community Services students travelled to Fulham Correctional Centre. On arrival students were briefed about the procedures of the prison and this was followed by a strict security check. Once in the prison students were put into groups and had the opportunity to meet four prisoners who were serving sentences for various crimes. Students listened to their stories and were able to ask questions. Students were engaged and genuinely participated in the group discussions. The prisoners talked about decision making, peer pressure and the importance of families. It was a memorable experience shared by all.

Mrs Corinne Duhau

This is Zoe Anderson's Reflection-

Our excursion to Fulham Correctional Centre was the most inspirational experience of my schooling. We learnt about how hard jail is and how the prisoners lose every right but their human rights. It was a huge wake up call, and made us realise we are blessed with so much freedom. The prisoners opened up to us and told us their stories.

They let us ask personal questions, they answered every question that was asked and as they said, "there are no silly questions". It felt like such a safe environment and being up close with prisoners was such a surreal experience. I would do this excursion 10 times if I could. I learnt that prison is hell, if you want to commit the crimes you'll realise it wasn't worth it. What we have is so much more, and we need to start being more grateful of the small things we have in life.

Thank you so much to everyone there, especially Mr Colin Holmes who was very professional throughout the whole time, and briefed us on everything. I would love to come back.—Zoe Anderson



FIRST AID TRAINING

Mr Garton's Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation class completed their first aid training today. This is a compulsory unit in their certificate, so if any students were unable to attend this training, please see Kate in Careers to reschedule.

First aid training for VET Building & Construction and Mr Antony's VET Outdoor Recreation class will be held later in the term.



UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER

Parents and students will have received a letter in the mail, explaining the Unique Student Identifier (USI) process. This is a government initiative to allow students to track their TAFE training records over their lifetime. To obtain the USI, you need to go to www.usi.gov.au and follow the prompts to create their USI.

Students will need either a Medicare card or their learners permit. If they have trouble, they can drop into the Careers Centre with their form of identification and we will assist them. Without the USI, students will not receive their TAFE certificate at the end of the year.

Please contact Kate in Careers if you would like further information on 8768 1073.



VET CONTINUED...

VET/TAFE FEES

VET Fees are now overdue. If you have not paid, or are unsure whether you have paid, please contact Kate in Careers on 8768 1073. These fees need to be paid in full in order for your student to receive their certificate at the end of the year.

VET CLASSES DURING EXAM TIME

As you may be aware the Year 11 and 12 VCE students will soon be having their examination period.

Year 11 Exams start on Monday June 1st and end Friday June 5th. Year 12 exams begin on Thursday June 4th and end on Thursday June 11th. During this period there are varying attendance requirements for students.

YEAR 11 EXAM PERIOD (June 1st-5th)

- ◆ Year 11 (Unit 1) VCE classes will not run for Year 11 students. Year 11 VCAL classes will not run. Students in Year 11 are only required at school for their scheduled examination times with the exception of VET classes (see below).
- ◆ Year 10 students who are undertaking unit 1 classes will be informed by their teacher whether their subject will run for them. If not, students will be required to be in the study area of the senior school building.

YEAR 12 EXAM PERIOD (June 4th-11th)

- ◆ Year 12 (Unit 3) VCE classes will not run for Year 12 students. Year 12 VCAL classes will not run. Students in Year 12 are only required at school for their scheduled examination times with the exception of VET classes (see below).
- ◆ Year 11 students who are undertaking unit 3 classes will be informed by their teacher whether their subject will run for them. If not, students will be required to be in the study area of the senior school building.

VET CLASSES DURING YEAR 11 AND 12 EXAM PERIODS

During this time all VET (Vocational Education and Training) classes at Berwick College will still run except for VET Small Business which will not run during the Year 11 exam week. VET classes that are dispersed through the timetable will still run and blocked VET courses on a Wednesday and Friday (which many VCAL students are enrolled in) will still run.

- ◆ Year 11 VCE students are not required to attend their VET classes during their exam period (1st-5th June) but may do so if they are not in an exam.
- ◆ Year 12 VCE students are not required to attend their VET classes during their exam period (4th-11th June) but may do so if they are not in an exam.

Students that access VET courses off campus will be required to attend unless they have an exam scheduled on that day.

VCAL STUDENTS AND VET

VCAL students **are required** to attend their regular blocked (Wed and Fri) VET courses. They are encouraged to attend their VET classes that run in the timetable, however we understand that this may be difficult logistically.

Mr Pat Mulcahy and Senior School Staff

LIBRARY NEWS

As all our resources are very important to the whole school community, it is imperative that items are returned by the due date. Due dates are stamped inside the front cover of each book.

As the weather is getting chilly, don't forget that the library is open at lunchtime for games, reading and study.

The Library Ladies

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS NETBALL CHAMPIONS!

On Thursday the 21st of May the **Intermediate girls** (Year 9 and 10) represented Berwick College in **Netball** at the Casey Regional Competition. As always, the girls showed great sportsmanship and skill on the courts, with the A team winning the tournament and coming home with the flag.



A Team's Shona Davis and **Caitlin Egan** dominated in the centre, whilst **Shayla Cosgrove, Jenna Bliss, Lauree Metcalfe** and **Hayley Rae** ran tight circles around the opposition in goals. Our defence didn't disappoint either, with **Sarah O'Hagan** and **Jamie Wills** blocking every ball that came their way.

B Team's Mel Loughridge, Rachel Macdonald, Ebony Pavanello, Tash Harris, Ally Carter, Courtney Tetof, Courtney Allan, Leah Gartside also sustained a strong defence on the court, whilst **Brooke Tetof** and **Sharna Perkins** did some star shooting down in the goal circle. Unfortunately however, their last game was a tight one, which they lost by a small margin against Fountain Gate.

Well done to all the girls, they should all be proud of their efforts. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the A team who will now be competing at region in the upcoming months.

Ashleigh Manning



VCE DANCE - Sydney Dance Company

On Tuesday May the 12th **VCE Dance** along with **Year 8 BCDA** students attended the Southbank Theatre to see Sydney Dance Company's performance of "Frame Of Mind". The performance went for over 2 hours and included an interactive questions and answer session with the dancers from the company and the company choreographer.

This has provided our dance students with a real insight into the industry and possibly pathways to work towards, whilst also reinforcing the technical and practical theory studied in VCE Dance.

VCE Dance teacher - Ashleigh Manning



CELEBRATING—POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

CHISHOLM Chargers—CHISHOLM DAY

On Friday, 1st May, Chisholm students hosted a fundraising event, selling cakes and slices for the Peter Mac foundation. This is the second year we have fundraised for Peter Mac foundation, which was chosen because of the number of students who could identify with someone who has been affected by cancer, either first hand or indirectly, so the group wanted to help contribute towards further research and treatment in this area. Through the group's baking sales, we gathered **revenue of \$436**, which was our most successful fundraising effort in five years.

The Chisholm home group activity this year was a Music Quiz run by the captains, featuring music, TV theme songs and sport anthems being played over the PA, with home groups attempting to guess and sing the lyrics to the songs played. O'Donoghue were the overall winners, with Dunlop finishing 2nd and Chisholm 3rd.

We would like to thank all the people who donated their time to bake home made cakes and slices for the Chisholm Baking Stall (and a massive thank you to the many parents/helpers who assisted with the baking and purchasing of ingredients at home!).

As learning team captains we couldn't be happier with this year's efforts. **GO CHISHOLM CHARGERS!**

Reiss Nicholson, Ash Mashado, Meg Hamilton and Alice Walters

Chisholm Chargers Captains



Mighty Monash

Mighty Monash students have again proved themselves as the sporting champions of the school! On Friday, 8th May all Year 7-9 students and those who opted to compete from Years 10-12 headed down to the wet and muddy track at Akoonah Park. Whilst some students chose to walk the course, it was pleasing to see a large number of Monash students racing their hearts out and 'giving it a go'. To celebrate our wins at the recent Athletic and Cross Country carnivals competitors will be invited to join us for a pizza lunch. Great work TEAM MONASH!!!!

Congratulations to **MONASH** Learning Team student **Jacob Reedy-Bartlett!**

Jacob has been selected to represent Victoria in the Rugby League U/15 age group in the upcoming NSW Country Championships to be held on May 9th and 10th. These championships act as a stepping stone for possible selection to play at the Australian Secondary Schools Rugby League National Championships in Sydney in June.

We wish him all the best at the tournament!!! **Mrs Stokes and Ms Marcus**



The Joy of Giving - Kenny Learning Team

Due to the support of the entire College and the hard work of the Kenny team the leadership students have decided where they wish to donate the profits from Kenny Day earlier this year.



This will be the third year that we have supported the **Cotland's Orphanage in South Africa**.

This orphanage houses children whose parents have been victims of the AIDS virus and have been born with some deformity as a result.

In the past we have helped to fund walking frames and hand rails to children at the orphanage to improve their quality of life. We will again **donate \$200**.

We are all aware of the tragic disaster experienced by the people of Nepal. The Kenny Learning Team is also committed to support a community in Nepal who have been devastated by this event. We will specifically support the Bright Future Community Centre where I have met Netra Basnet when in Nepal some years ago. He has devoted his time to help the people of Nepal in this time of crisis.

This is an excerpt from communication with Netra illustrating one instance of his support:-

"Namaste all I am trying to help new baby mum. This with yellow cloths wearing actually came from Humla District she have 2 days old baby when earthquick time. Humla district is western part of Nepal she stay in near I stay with tent no room. Very difficult life. I buy food for her and then she was very happy. She say 4 times thank you to me. Next baby I already explained that 7 month pregnant lady he is just about 25 days I think now 1 kg. I went to take care took the medical centre test for his health according to doctor he is OK. I bought enough for 1 month vitamin, some clean things for baby, some medicine for mum and baby and other things. Thank you so much for all helpers in here make easy life for lots people at this difficult situations thank you so much." Netra Basnet



Whilst Netra's English is not excellent it is very easy for us to interpret his meaning. The Kenny Learning Team is sending \$200 from our Kenny Day funds to help Netra continue with his fantastic work via the Bendigo Bank. The details are below if you would like to help out too.

- Bendigo Bank - BSB 633000 Account Number 144357050

Ms Jenny Hart—Kenny Student Learning Team Leader

SCIENCE DOMAIN—YEAR 9 HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

By Jess Makeham & Piper van Hout

As part of our Year 9 Science class, we each spent term one researching and preparing a small yet meaningful project on a topic of our choice, in preparation for a larger one that we will complete in Semester 2. This personal project was a stepping stone for the larger one to come.

Our second personal project is similar in that we choose what we learn about, however, it has to be somewhat based around community. These projects are designed to enable us to learn about things that genuinely interest us as well as teach us vital life skills.

Everyone had a unique idea; these ideas included painting, drawing, making models, photography and electronic games. They were displayed and presented to the class, so that everyone could share their projects. We asked a few people in our class to give us a brief comment in regards to what they thought of the project and what they got out of it.

Jordan said, “*My project has definitely prepared me for my next one, as they are both related to each other. For my next project, I will be holding a shoe drive and the donations will be sent to a remote community in the Northern Territory. For this project, I researched the evolution of shoes and now have a better understanding of shoes.”*



Christine and Kaitlyn said, “*Our plan for the next project is to fundraise for an animal shelter in Keysborough by holding a bake sale at school. We are doing this because we are both passionate about animals and our first project was about the make-up of a dog’s brain. We now have an understanding of their biology as well as their loving nature.”*



Aaliyah said, “*I’ve always loved drawing so I thought it would be fitting to do an art project. I was inspired and encouraged by my family. I’ve progressively been improving my art skills and wanted to present them. I love to learn and I was inspired when I found new art forms that I could practice.”*



Kithmi said, “*I learnt that it’s important to try new things and put your skills to something greater.”*



Everyone felt a sense of pride and accomplishment after completing their projects. We all agreed that we learnt planning skills, time management and organisation.

In conclusion, everyone gained valuable skills that can be put to good use in the next project.



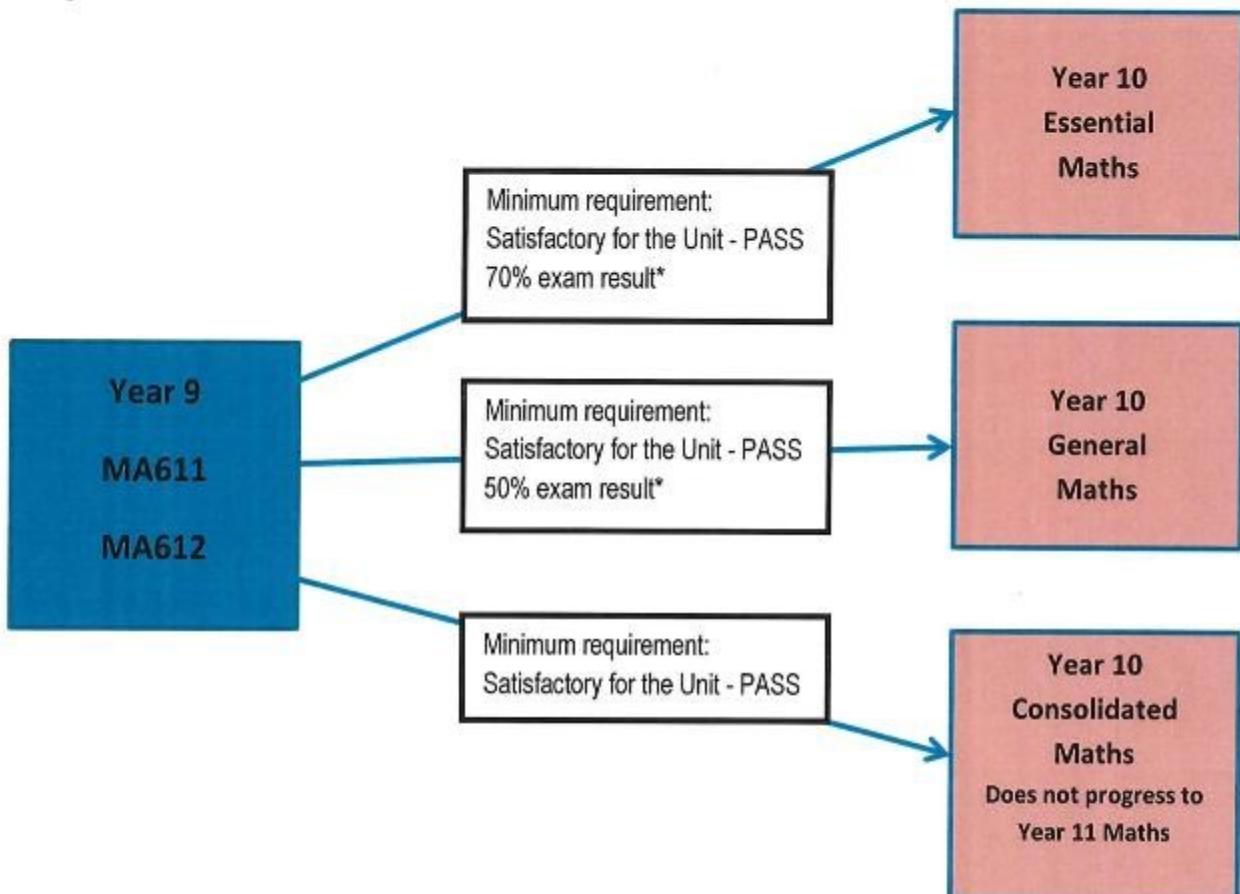
PROGRESS IN MATHS

Progress in Mathematics – Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have sat their Mathematics exams and results in these exams will have a bearing on Maths options for the following year.

The following flow chart outlines the requirements

Progress in Mathematics: Year 9 to Year 10



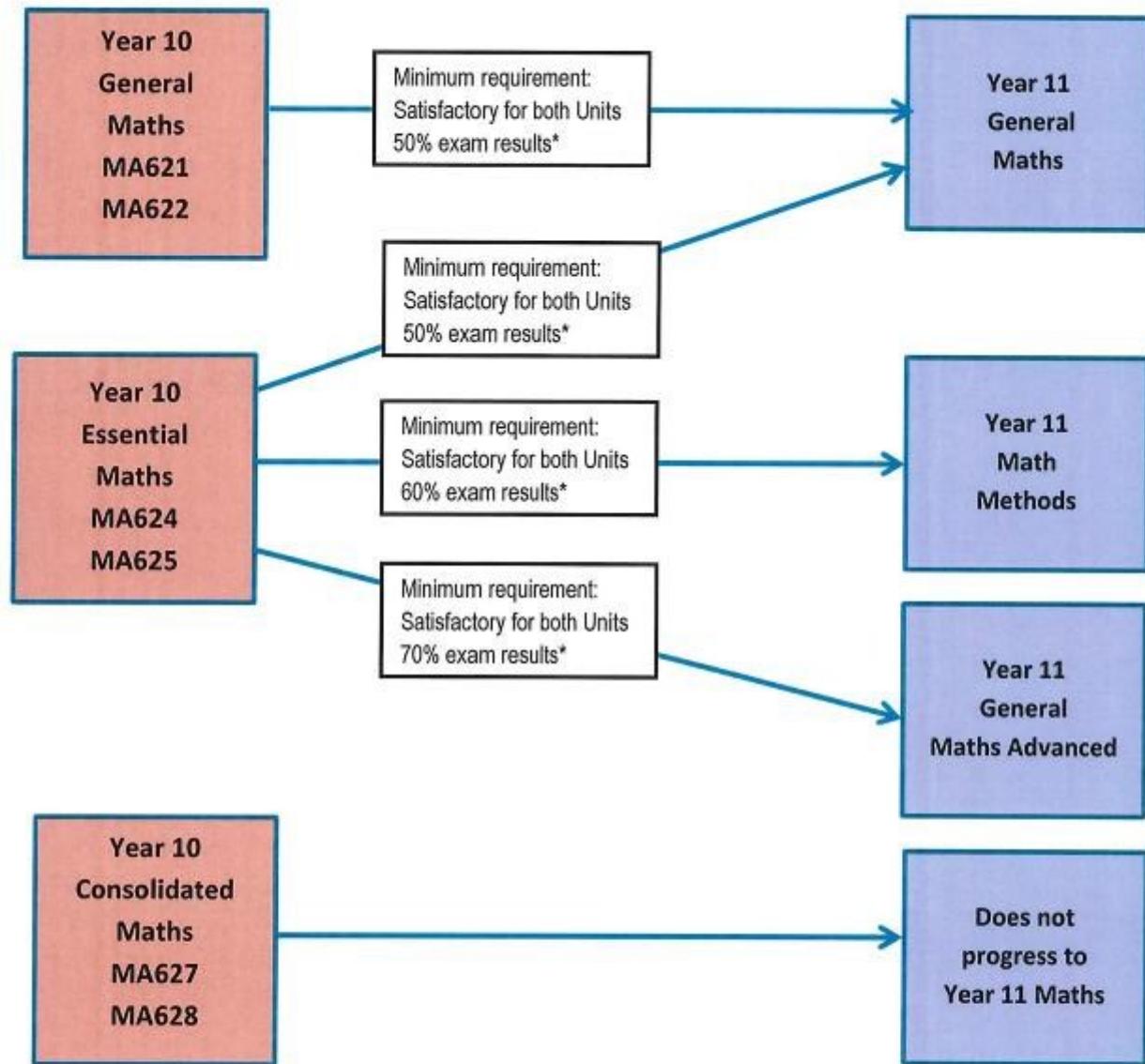
Note: * Students will have the opportunity to sit a supplementary exam if they don't achieve the required standard.

Supplementary exams will be held on:

- Thursday June 11th - 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the Senior School
- OR
- Friday June 12th - 9.30am to 10.30am in the Senior School Note: Friday June 12th is Report Writing Day and no formal classes will be held on this day. Students can leave school once they have completed the supplementary exam.

PROGRESS IN MATHS

Progress in Mathematics: Year 10 to Year 11



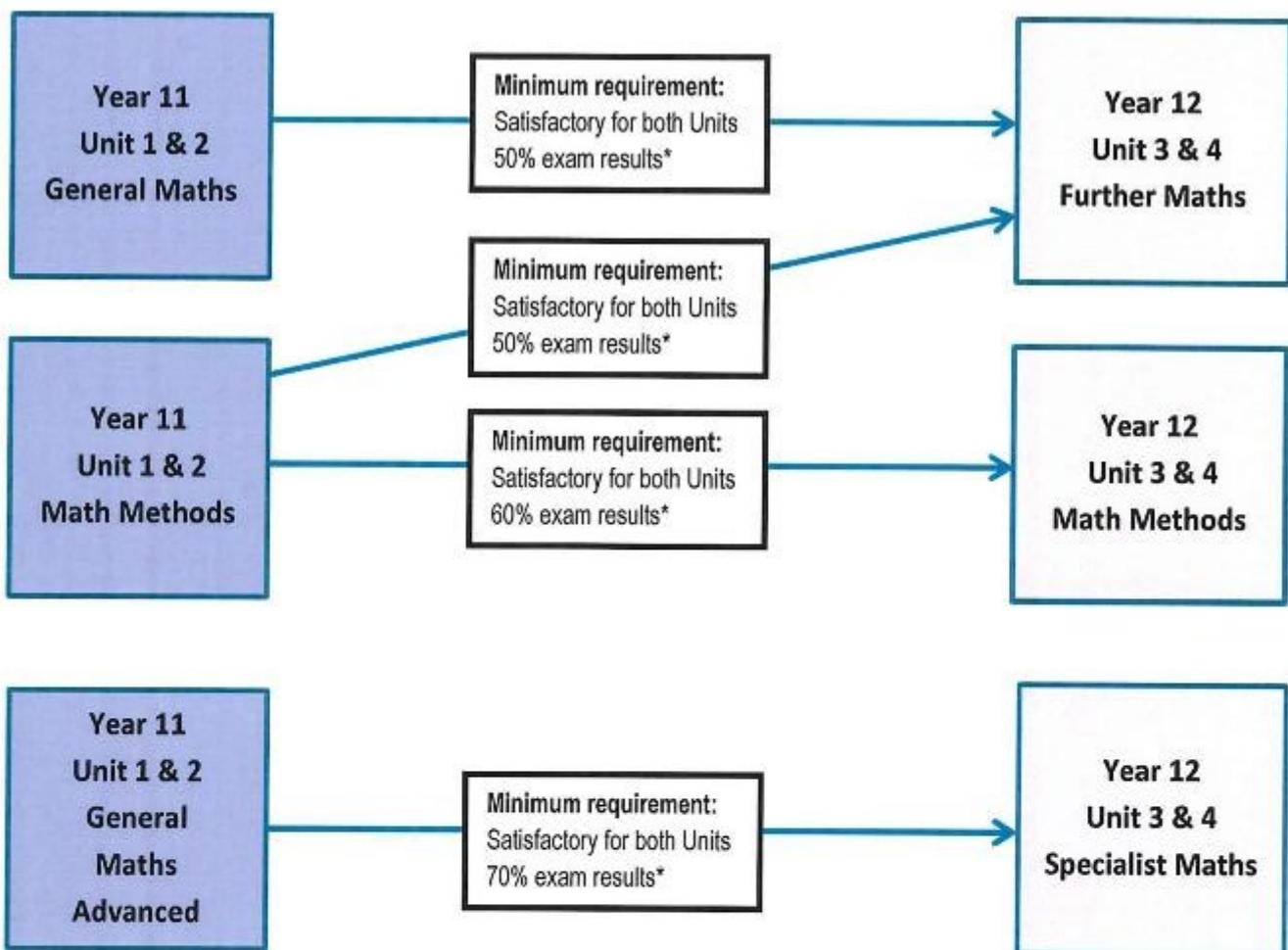
Note: * Students will have the opportunity to sit a supplementary exam if they don't achieve the required standard.

Supplementary exams will be held on:

- Wednesday June 3rd - 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the Senior School
- OR
- Friday June 12th - 9.30am to 10.30am in the Senior School Note: Friday June 12th is Report Writing Day and no formal classes will be held on this day. Students can leave school once they have completed the supplementary exam.

PROGRESS IN MATHS

Progress in Mathematics: Year 11 to Year 12



Note: * Students will have the opportunity to sit a supplementary exam if they don't achieve the required standard.

Supplementary exams will be held on:

- Wednesday June 10th - 1:30pm to 2:30pm in the Senior School
- OR
- Thursday June 11th – 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Senior School
- OR
- Friday June 12th - 9.30am to 10.30am in the Senior School Note: Friday June 12th is Report Writing Day and no formal classes will be held on this day. Students can leave school once they have completed the supplementary exam.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND —SUPPORT

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

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