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Berwick Secondary College Newsletter

Berwick Secondary College notifies parents by email when newsletters are published. Newsletters are published three times per term.

If you missed a notification, all this year's newsletters can be accessed on the Berwick Secondary College website.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

DATE	EVENT
22 nd November	Last VCE exam
29 th November	Headstart ends for 2014 year 12 students
6 th December	Headstart ends for 2014 year 11 students
9 th December	Year 7 2014 parent information evening in PAC
10 th December	Grade 6 orientation day
13 th December	Headstart ends for 2014 Year 8-10 students Year 7-9 Reports distributed at end of day in Home Group meetings Closing day for booklists
16 th – 20 th December	Alternative Program will be put in place for students Program finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 21 st December
17 th December	Year 10 and 11 reports posted home Awards Evening 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start at Berwick Church of Christ, Centre Road Berwick
20 th December	End of 2013 school year
30 th January 2014	Students resume school



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to all who were involved with the spectacular *Berwick to Broadway* performance last week. It was a credit to the students and the teachers who worked so hard to bring it all to fruition on both nights. Spearheading the production was Miss Mel Quenette, Miss Ashleigh Manning and Mrs Corinne Duhau along with Ms Jess Adams, Mr Michael Couche, Ms Lexie McGill, Mr Chris Sacco, Mr Oliver Bellingham and Mr Andrew Tomlin, lighting, sound, front of house and backstage crews of students. The talent was fantastic and I am eagerly looking forward to next year's show.

Our VCAL students have been working with our local kindergartens and some very young visitors came to school to try their hand at technology with the assistance of the 'big kids'. I saw at least one big thumb hammered by an enthusiastic youngster, with an extraordinarily restrained response. Our students also visited the kindergarten to read stories to the kinder kids and they have also led sporting activities with some local primary students from Berwick Primary, Berwick Lodge Primary and Beaconsfield Primary schools. Thank you to Mrs Alison Birkett for organising these visits.

On Saturday night the first of the Annual Foundation Dinners for past students, teachers and council members was held. We have had ten year reunions occurring regularly, however we didn't have a structured way of keeping in touch with the many thousands of students who have passed through the doors of Berwick High School, Berwick Secondary College and soon to be Berwick College. The dinner was held at Slippery Jack's and one of the speakers was David Rogers, from Challenge Foundation who is an ex-student and has an extraordinary story to tell. We hope that the Alumnus will continue and grow. Our thanks go to Mr Rob Hansen who has been the main organiser of this event, and is heavily involved with the reunions.

The Year 12 exams finished yesterday and have gone very smoothly, organised by Mrs Anne Osborne and Assistant Principal Mr Patrick Mulcahy. I am looking forward to great results from our students.

Our new school captains for 2014 have been elected from a very strong field and they have pretty big shoes to fill. Congratulations go to Danielle Galea, Aaditya Singh, Luke Artner and Mikaela Vincent.

Headstart has begun, and we had a large number of new students arriving, mostly from Timbarra P-9 College into Year 10. It appeared to be a very smooth start to the senior years for these new students, and we are very happy to welcome these students to our College. Some are already in the new uniform and it looks fantastic. It is exciting to be starting the new year in advance in so many ways.

We are rapidly moving towards the end of the year, and it is important that students continue to wear their uniform well, and focus their attention on the new work they have begun. This work does contribute to 2014, and gives each student a head start on their learning. As always, we are focussed on the learning.

Ms Kerri Bolch
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE!!



Congratulations to Mr Ray Allen on attaining 50 years' service with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

UNIFORM SHOP INFORMATION

Due to the lack of business and the time of year, the second hand Uniform Shop will only be open for **one hour** from now until the end of the year. The shop is situated in a portable classroom - entry is via the top driveway (entrance 3).

Please note amended second hand uniform shop hours

Thursdays only 3.30 to 4.30 pm

Longer hours of opening in January 2014 will be published during December. Appointments can be made outside this time by phoning Diane on 9707 2605.

The Uniform Shop is now selling only second hand uniform items. The only items required by the second hand shop are **blue polo jumpers, jackets and grey boys pants**. All items must be in good, clean condition however, there is no guarantee of sale due to the change of uniform in 2014.

Refunds for sold second hand uniform will be made directly into your bank account if over \$25.00; amounts less than \$25.00 will be given in cash.

The Uniform Shop has been holding second hand **polar fleece jumpers** for sale. However, as the new uniform is being brought in in 2014, these are unlikely to sell. If you would like your jumper returned, please call Diane on 9707 2605. Uncollected jumpers will be donated to an appropriate charity at the end of the year.

There are still some **new 2013** uniform polar fleece jumpers in stock (both royal and navy blue) which will be sold off for **\$15.00 only** – good for any outdoor activity!!



All new uniform (both 2013 and 2014) can only be purchased from Noone Imagewear (formerly Graeme Boothe), Shop 4, Beaconsfield Hub, Princes Highway, Beaconsfield. Telephone 9769 9093.

Trading hours: **Monday to Friday 9am till 5pm, and Saturdays 9am till 1pm.**

NB: **NOONE IMAGEWEAR** has 30% off all **2013 uniform** items. For more information, please contact Noone Imagewear.

YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY NIGHT

This year's Valedictory Night will be held on Wednesday December 11th. Students will be presented with their VCE and VCAL completion certificates. There will also be the presentation of subject awards and speeches from the College Principal, Ms Kerri Bolch and the College Captains, Corey Spencer, Liam Donovan, Madeleine Williams and Emily Brook.

DATE: Wednesday 11th December

TIME: 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start

VENUE: Casey Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham

ATTIRE: Semi- formal

Students are permitted to bring 2 guests.

BERWICK TO BROADWAY GOES OFF WITH A BANG!

On Thursday 14th and Friday 15th November over seventy of our talented performing arts students, ranging from years 7 – 12, performed in the schools twilight 'Berwick To Broadway' production. The showcase exhibited many of our talented drama, dance and music students who enthusiastically performed in a diverse range of acts and performances. Berwick To Broadway was a huge success, with over three hundred students, teachers, parents and members of the school community attending the performances.

Throughout the year, the students have been attending weekly rehearsals and working closely with their teachers to put on a night full of entertainment for all. Berwick to Broadway has been a rewarding experience for both students and teachers alike, whereby teachers and students have been able to come together to do what they love – perform!

We are so incredibly proud of ALL our students for their dedication to the production, and most importantly, having the confidence to perform as well as they did on each of the nights.

Well done!!

Miss Ashleigh Manning and Miss Melissa Quenette

Berwick to Broadway performance coordinators



Indonesian Language Student of the Year nominee



Last month Berwick Secondary College proudly nominated Piper Van Hout of Year 7 as nominee for the inaugural Deakin University Indonesian Language Student of the Year Award. This award is a national award and Piper received special commendation for her efforts.

The award recognizes:

- Outstanding learning and participation ability as reflected in classroom behaviour and student achievement;
- Commitment to the learning of Indonesian;
- Encouragement and support for peers to begin and maintain the study of Indonesian.
- Contribution to the profile of the Indonesian language within the local community and in creating a favourable impression of the language and culture;
- Generation of a spirit of excitement and accomplishment among peers of learning Indonesian and promoting a real desire to study and master the language.

Congratulations Piper from the Indonesian faculty and all the staff at Berwick College.

Mrs Michelle Lewis

Flynn Learning Team Assistant

Indonesian Teacher / NALSSP Project Leader

APPLIED LEARNING NEWS

NAB Seed Funding Award

Well done to Ms Alison Birkett for obtaining a NAB Schools First National Awards Scholarship valued at \$15,000 to develop a relationship between Berwick Secondary College VET and VCAL students and Edrington Park Childcare and Kindergarten.

So far VCAL students in their VET elective have completed the following:

Certificate II Outdoor Recreation students organised a fun run for 120 kindergarten children and assisted with pushing babies in strollers, erecting gazebos, supervising road crossings and organising activities during the day including face painting, hair spraying and medal presentations. These students in particular, gave up much of their own time planning and organising such a successful event.

Trent Stokoe	Aaron Clarke
Reece Barbar	Jayce Valentine
Kayla Foster	Courtney Eangland
Adam McDonald	Luke Vilarino
Connor Quinn	Aaron Campbell
Shelby Mack	Daniel Howe
Grace Wilson	Laura Pirrotta
Courtney Howard	



Certificate II Building and Construction and Engineering

Over the past two Thursdays, kindergarten children from Edrington Park Childcare and Kindergarten caught the bus to our school and took part in a construction and engineering project with students in these classes. The construction students helped the kindergarten children nail a star shape and colour it with wool, while the engineering students helped the children make a wind-up toy. Our students explained safety in the work shop and helped the little “handy manny’s” and “Bob the Builders” manoeuvre the large equipment.

Certificate II Community Service students have completed a simple cooking task with the kindergarten children and have also taken their favourite childhood books to the Child Care Centre and read to the children in all rooms, ranging in age from 6 months to 5 years, to celebrate Book Week in September.

So far the pilot program has been really successful with students from our school enjoying the responsibility and using their skills in a practical and hands on sense. The Edrington Park Childcare and Kinder staff have also enjoyed the interaction with their children and the diversity of the program. With many more ideas for 2014, we are looking forward to building the partnership with more regular activities and partner projects.

Year 11 VCAL Project for Corner Stone Dandenong Refuge for Homeless

Over the past four weeks the year 11 VCAL students and staff have been tirelessly working on an integrated project to raise money for Cornerstone in Dandenong.

Cornerstone is a not for profit organisation based in Dandenong which assists homeless people in the area with regular hot meals and swags to sleep in as a source of emergency accommodation. Students in year 11 VCAL extensively researched the program and studied the topic in term 4. They have enriched their understanding and empathy for others with practical, hands on tasks involving cooking and serving food for the homeless in Dandenong, having a “Sleep out for Swags” on Wednesday, 30th October and a staff versus student football match on Thursday 31st October. The Team has raised over \$1400 with the sleep out and football match which will provide 15 swags to keep fifteen homeless people sheltered for the night. A further twenty VCAL students have volunteered their own time to return to Cornerstone to serve more food on the days they are not required at school during exam week.



This project has been hugely successful and thoroughly well received by the students due primarily to the hard work and dedication of the Year 11 VCAL Personal Development teachers.

Thank-you so much to Ms Corinne Duhau, Mr Adam Nettleingham, Mr Julian Walton, Mr Ben Craddock and Ms Carolyn Bates who slept overnight at the school for the sleep out. Supervising nearly sixty year 11 students meant there was not a lot of sleep that night. Thanks Corinne and Adam for helping the students cook, deliver and serve the food, and organise the sleep out so efficiently, and thanks Julian for organising the successful footy match. Thanks to the other staff for supporting both events, including everyone who played in the footy match or umpired.



Ms Fiona McNeal
VCAL Coordinator

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HOMELESSNESS

At the beginning of 2014, my year 11 VCAL class was introduced to the topic 'Homelessness'.

We first learnt and brain stormed reasons why there could be homeless people, eg addiction, loss of job, abuse etc. We also researched about charities that help homeless people and what they do for them; charities like the Salvation Army (Salvos) and Cornerstone.

Later in the year we continued our research on the homeless and community organisations that assist them.

Don from Cornerstone then came out to talk to us. Don told us why he helped the homeless and what he did at Cornerstone: handing out swags, finding suitable accommodation, serving out food etc. He also showed us a slide show and told us stories about the people he has been working with. He brought in some swags to show us as well.

My year 11 VCAL class baked desserts; cookies, cupcakes etc. Then fifteen students from my class went and served them at Soupstone. The students who went there had a real eye opening experience.

We then decided to raise money so we could donate swags. The whole of year 11 VCAL participated in sleeping overnight at the school in sleeping bags with each student donating \$20. The following day, Mr Walton's class had organised a student vs. teacher football match. Unfortunately the teachers won. It cost \$1 to come watch and over \$1400 was raised, with which we were able to buy seventeen swags. On 15th November ten students went to Soupstone to help serve food and hand over the swags.

Learning about this topic has had an impact on every student involved in the project; I know it has for me. It has taught us how bad living conditions are for some people, how good it is to help people less fortunate than ourselves and how much of an impact we can make on someone's life just by giving them a swag.

Holly Kidd
Year 11 VCAL student

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the armistice, which ended the First World War (1914–18).

On Tuesday, 11th November students Mark Morante and Amy Lane represented Berwick Secondary College at the Remembrance Day service held on Berwick Main Street by the Berwick RSL.

As expected the ceremony was emotionally charged and illustrated the journey from war to peace and provided a touching tribute to those who fought hard to give us the safe and war free place we live in.

Ms Lexie McGill
Student Leadership Coordinator

Indonesian Language Teacher of the Year Award



This year Ms Michelle Lewis was nominated for Deakin University's *Indonesian Teacher of the Year Award* – an accolade designed to recognise the effort of teachers who positively contribute to language learning across the country.

Michelle was nominated for her work with the Asia Education Foundation (AEF) and National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program (NALSSP), as well as her cross-curricular project with the Flynn High Achiever Program (HAP) group. This earned Michelle special recognition from Connie De Silva, the Project Coordinator for the Centre for Teaching Asian Language and Cultures (CTALC) at Deakin University.

Although Michelle was not the eventual recipient of the award, the Indonesian Faculty is immensely proud of her passionate efforts to improve language learning at Berwick Secondary College. She is a continual inspiration to us!

Ms Liana Mannens

Domain Leader (Indonesian)

CAREERS NEWS

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

First Aid Certificates are available for those students who completed First Aid Training earlier in the year.

Please collect your certificate from the Careers Office.



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Casual Positions available in December

Sportsgirl and **Sussan** are looking for passionate, inspired Christmas casual team members to join their fashion universe during the Summer! All Christmas Casual positions are a 3 month contract period.

To apply, visit their careers website at www.sportsgirl.com.au or www.sussan.com.au

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A POTENTIAL APPRENTICESHIP IN HAIRDRESSING?

Contact Denise on 0419 400 414 at

GOSH HAIR

Berwick

Or email goshhair@hotmail.com for an interview.

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL FROM THE KENNY LEARNING TEAM

We would like to wish all our year 11 students the very best for their final year at school next year and all the best in their future studies and careers to those students who are leaving. You have been a terrific group of students and remember

“Once a Kenny always a Kenny”

We would also like to thank our Kenny captains, Grace McCoy and Mark Morante, for a great job well done. Farewell to Emily Brook who has been one of our school captains this year. We were very proud to have a Kenny girl in the job and she was excellent!

Ms Jenny Hart and Mr Jim Lees

Kenny Leaders

O'DONOGHUE

Thank you to the students and staff who donated money to support Melbourne City Mission and the New South Wales Bushfire Appeal on O'Donoghue's Pyjama Day. We raised just over \$100 which will be split between these worthy causes.

Ms Rachel Edwards

O'Donoghue Learning Team Leader

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA.

The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; **uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery**. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; **or**
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; **or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

\$200 for prep students

\$150 for students in years 1 to 6

\$300 for year 7 students

\$250 for students in year 8 up to age 16*

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.



Closing Date: **26 February 2014**

For more information about the EMA, visit

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx>



Description of College Uniform and Grooming

The uniform should be worn correctly, neatly and in clean condition. All students from Years 8 - 12 are expected to wear full school uniform. Uniform is to be worn from the time the student leaves home to the time the student returns home.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS - YEARS 8-12				
The uniform should be worn correctly and neatly. No notes are accepted for incorrect jackets or school jumpers. Due to safety issues, staff must be able to recognise Berwick Secondary College students.				
ITEM	BOYS		GIRLS	
JACKET	Regulation BSC Jacket only. Logo and name of sanctioned sporting team or leadership position allowed.		Regulation BSC Jacket only. Logo and name of sanctioned sporting team or leadership position allowed.	
SCHOOL JUMPER	Year 8 - 10	Year 11 - 12	Year 8 - 10	Year 11 - 12
	Royal blue V-neck pullover OR royal blue school polar fleece top	Navy blue V-neck pullover OR navy blue school polar fleece top	Royal blue V-neck pullover OR royal blue school polar fleece top	Navy blue V-neck pullover OR navy blue school polar fleece top
SHIRT	Sky blue polo shirt with school logo OR regulation sky blue shirt - summer and winter.		Sky blue polo shirt with school logo OR regulation sky blue shirt - summer and winter.	
T-SHIRT (Short sleeve)	A white t-shirt may be worn under regulation sky blue shirt. No collars allowed. Sleeves are not to be visible under shirt.		A white t-shirt may be worn under regulation sky blue shirt. No collars allowed. Sleeves are not to be visible under shirt.	
TROUSERS	Regulation college tailored grey pants– “Hard Yakka” type		Tailored navy cotton/polyester blend bootleg pants.	
SHORTS	Regulation grey tailored shorts Longer leg style only		Regulation navy tailored shorts Longer leg style only	
SKIRT			Regulation BSC	
SUMMER DRESS/SKIRT			Regulation BSC summer dress (Year 7-12) Regulation BSC summer skirt (Year 11-12 only)	
SPORTS UNIFORM	Regulation BSC top Regulation BSC shorts Navy track suit pants (optional) Hat/cap for sun protection		Regulation BSC top Regulation BSC shorts Navy track suit pants (optional) Hat/cap for sun protection	
SOCKS	Grey OR white (above ankle)		Navy OR white (above ankle)	
TIGHTS			Navy blue - worn with winter skirt only.	
HAT (Recommended)	Navy wide brim hat with BSC logo OR navy surf hat		Navy wide brim with BSC logo OR navy surf hat	
FOOTWEAR	Traditional black hard leather ‘oxford style’ round toe school shoe. Black laces. No other style of footwear is acceptable. 		Traditional black hard leather ‘oxford style’ round toe school shoe OR buckle style. Black laces. No other style of footwear is acceptable. 	
NB: In technology classes strong leather shoes are required to protect feet from falling objects				
TIE (optional)	School tie		School tie	
PERMISSIBLE JEWELLERY	All allowable jewellery is worn at the owner’s risk. Students are permitted to wear: one watch, one plain bracelet (removable), one plain finger ring (removable), one neck chain (worn under clothing), one plain ear stud or sleeper per ear. One piece of discreet facial jewellery, as defined by the Principal class of the college, such as eyebrow studs, chin studs, nose studs – no rings or sleeper Note: Jewellery that does not comply with the above or is considered a health and safety risk will be required to be removed, eg. large rings, jewellery with spikes.			
PERMISSIBLE MAKE UP/HAIR COLOUR.	Natural coloured cosmetics only. Excessive make-up is not permitted. Only natural hair colour tones are acceptable.			

NEW BERWICK COLLEGE UNIFORM - Compulsory for new students in 2014

Students enrolled at the College in 2013 can wear the previous uniform in 2014

ITEM	Boys – Academic uniform	Girls – Academic uniform
SCHOOL JUMPER	Pullover or Vest with Berwick College logo Royal blue: Year 7, Year 8 & Year 9 Navy blue: Year 10, Year 11 & Year 12	Pullover or Vest with Berwick College logo Royal blue: Year 7, Year 8 & Year 9 Navy blue: Year 10, Year 11 & Year 12
SHORTS	Grey Melange shorts with Berwick College logo	
DRESS		Berwick College Summer Dress
SHIRT	White Short Sleeve Shirt with Berwick College logo OR White Long Sleeve Shirt with Berwick College logo	Long Sleeve White Opaque Blouse with Berwick College logo. To be worn with the skirt
SKIRT		Berwick College Winter Skirt
TROUSERS	Grey Melange Trousers with Berwick College logo	Navy Slacks with Berwick College logo
TIE	Tie with Berwick College logo Not compulsory but recommended	Tie with Berwick College logo Not compulsory but recommended
SOCKS / TIGHTS	Plain short grey socks (above ankle)	Plain short white socks (above ankle) with the summer dress Navy Tights or short plain navy socks (above ankle) with winter skirt Note: Tights or navy socks are NOT to be worn with the summer dress
BLAZER	Blazer with braid and Berwick College logo Not compulsory, but highly recommended	Blazer with braid and Berwick College logo Not compulsory, but highly recommended
JACKET	Navy / White / Royal Jacket with Berwick College logo	Navy / White / Royal Jacket with Berwick College logo
SHOES	Traditional black hard leather 'oxford style' round toe school shoe. Black laces. No other style of footwear is acceptable. 	Traditional black hard leather 'oxford style' round toe school shoe OR buckle style. Black laces. No other style of footwear is acceptable. 
NB: In technology classes strong leather shoes are required to protect feet from falling objects		
	Boys – Sports Uniform	Girls – Sports Uniform
TOP	Navy / White / Royal Sports Polo with Berwick College logo	Navy / White / Royal Sports Polo with Berwick College logo
SHORTS	Navy Sports Shorts with Berwick College logo	Navy Sports Shorts with Berwick College logo
TRACKPANTS	Navy/ White / Royal Microfibre Trackpants with Berwick College logo	Navy/ White / Royal Microfibre Trackpants with Berwick College logo
RUGBY TOP	Navy / White / Royal Rugby Top with Berwick College logo	Navy / White / Royal Rugby Top with Berwick College logo
FOOTWEAR	Appropriate sports footwear e.g. runners (not skate shoes)	Appropriate sports footwear e.g. runners (not skate shoes)
SPORT HAT	Hat or cap for sun protection	Hat or cap for sun protection
SCHOOL BAG	Navy school bag with Berwick College logo No other bag allowed – Compulsory for Yr 7 in 2014	Navy school bag with Berwick College logo No other bag allowed – Compulsory for Yr 7 in 2014
PERMISSIBLE JEWELLERY	All allowable jewellery is worn at the owner's risk. Students are permitted to wear: one watch, one plain bracelet (removable), one plain finger ring (removable), one neck chain (worn under clothing), one plain ear stud or sleeper per ear. One piece of discreet facial jewellery, as defined by the Principal class of the college, such as eyebrow studs, chin studs, nose studs – no rings or sleeper Note: Jewellery that does not comply with the above or is considered a health and safety risk will be required to be removed, eg. large rings, jewellery with spikes.	
PERMISSIBLE MAKE UP/HAIR COLOUR.	Natural coloured cosmetics only. Excessive make-up is not permitted. Only natural hair colour tones are acceptable.	

HEADSTART PROGRAM

Friday 16th November was the last day of the 2013 academic year. On Monday 18th November students started the 2014 academic year. This program is called the HEADSTART PROGRAM and details are outlined below.

YEAR 12 (2014) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday 18th November to Friday 29th November 2013

All current Year 11 students intending to continue their studies at Berwick Secondary College in 2014 will complete a two week Year 12 Headstart Program.

Program in preparation for 2014

Students will begin their 2014 studies during this time and will have the opportunity to use the holiday period to reflect, review and continue with this work.

As some programs are run outside the College the following expectations apply:

- **Students doing a complete VCE course** will be required to attend Monday to Friday.
- **Students doing VCAL** will **not** be required to attend on Wednesday **and** Friday as these are the days their VET study and Work Experience is scheduled.
- **Students doing VET within a VCE course** will **not** be required to attend on **either** Wednesday **or** Friday as one of these days will be the day their VET study is scheduled.
- **Students undertaking a VET course** that is scheduled **within the timetable** on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are **required to attend**.

YEAR 11 (2014) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday 18th November to Friday 6th December 2013

All current Year 10 students intending to continue their studies at Berwick Secondary College in 2014 will complete a three week Year 11 Headstart Program.

Program in preparation for 2014

Students will begin their 2014 studies during this time and will have the opportunity to use the holiday period to reflect, review and continue with this work.

As some programs are run outside the College the following expectations apply:

- **Students doing a complete VCE course** will be required to attend Monday to Friday.
- **Students doing VCAL** will **not** be required to attend on Wednesday **and** Friday as these are the days their VET study and Work Experience is scheduled.
- **Students doing VET within a VCE course** will **not** be required to attend on **either** Wednesday **or** Friday as one of these days will be the day their VET study is scheduled.
- **Students undertaking a VET course** that is scheduled **within the timetable** on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are **required to attend**.

YEAR 8, 9, 10 (2014) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday 18th November to Friday 13th December 2013

- All current students in Years 7-9 are expected to attend school and begin their 2014 program during these four weeks. Students will do the next year's work.
- Students will be in their Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 classes for 2014 and will have timetables that reflect the composition of classes for 2014.
- The College will try to keep staffing changes to a minimum but some will be inevitable due to staff leaving the College for employment elsewhere in 2014.
- The teacher will assess the work completed during Headstart which will be 10% of the student's grade. Teachers will then file the work and the grades so that the work and the grades are readily available for use in 2014.
- Students must attend classes with folder (paper) and pen/pencils.
- Students will not be expected to have textbooks at this time. Teachers will provide resource material for students.
- There will be NO opportunity for students to "catch up" on work missed in 2013 in preparation for the 2014 year unless the student has been granted an exemption from the program.
- **There needs to be a good reason provided before an exemption is granted.** Parents may ask the appropriate Learning Team Leader to exempt a student from the program at the end of the year. Learning Team Leaders will compile a list of exempt students and will provide written confirmation to parents.
- **Learning Team Leaders may grant exemptions for the following reasons:**
 - new student to the College
 - other educational activity – eg: World Challenge Program

- serious medical issue – eg: student has a medical condition supported by a medical certificate to explain any on-going absence during this time.
- urgent or serious family related issue – eg: death in family.
- **All other requests for exemptions should be directed to the College Principal – Ms Kerri Bolch.**
- Students granted an exemption may choose to do the work provided at home either in 2013 or 2014 whichever is appropriate.

Students moving in to **Year 10 PreCAL 2014** will be required to attend the Headstart program on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. They will not be required to attend school on Wednesdays or Fridays, as these are the days they will be at VET or Work Placement in 2014.

Students enrolled in **Year 9 ALP for 2014** will be required to attend the Headstart program on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Students will not be required to attend school on Thursdays, as this is the day they will be at their TAFE program in 2014.

REDEMPTION PROGRAM

Students who do not satisfy the requirements to pass 2013 will not be directly promoted to the next year level. These students will have the opportunity to redeem their results by undertaking a Redemption Program during the Headstart Program. The program will provide students with the opportunity to prove they are capable of advancing to the next year level with the real potential for success. During this program students will be under direct supervision of the Principal class and will be required to work independently.

Students will be required to satisfactorily complete the program in order to be considered for advancement to the next year level.

This will include:

- Complete all set work
- Arrive on time for all classes
- Follow all teacher instructions the first time they are given

For students who are not meeting the expectations of the program a place will be held for them in their current year level. Students who are clearly meeting the expectations during the redemption program may be promoted to the next year level.

LAST WEEK OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Friday 13th December is the last day of the Headstart program. In the last week, 16th to 20th December, students will undertake work set by teachers however no new work will be introduced and the work the students undertake will not be included in assessment.

During the last week teachers will be correcting Headstart work and finalising marks that are part of 2014. The Headstart work contributes 10% to the students overall 2014 assessment.

The week is not an activity week as some schools run where students go out to theme parks, the beach etc. From past experience when we ran such a program we found the expense of activities was an additional financial burden that parents didn't need at this time of the year.

KEY DATES

Friday 29 th November	Headstart ends for Year 12 2014
Friday 6 th December	Headstart ends for Year 11 2014
Friday 13 th December	Headstart ends for Yr 8-10 2014
Friday 13 th December	Year 7-9 Reports distributed at end of day in Home Group meetings
16 th – 20 th December	Alternative Program will be put in place for students. Program finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 21 st Dec.
Tuesday 17 th December	Awards Evening 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Berwick Church of Christ, Centre Rd Berwick
Friday 20 th December	Last day of 2013
Thursday January 30 th	First day of 2014

If your child needs medical attention at school

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Early Child Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of DEECD, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

Parents please note

- parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs; and
- reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.

The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

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