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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to term 4. There is a buzz of excitement around the school as our Year 12s finish and begin their exams, the production 'Born This Way' is on this week, we are preparing for our new Year 7s on Orientation Day, and the sun is shining!

We were really pleased to have Beaconsfield Upper Primary and Beaconsfield Primary over to view the matinee performance of 'Born This Way', another fantastic show led by Miss Mel Quenette and Miss Ashley Manning assisted by Mr Andrew Tomlin and Mr Michael Couche. I am so proud of our talented students and their wonderful teachers. I hope you were able to see the show.

We also had the art and technology exhibition recently with an extraordinary display of art, photography, food, music, woodwork and visual communication. Congratulations to Mrs Dannii Edwards and all of the teachers and students involved in this fantastic exhibition.

We have received our School Review report, which commends the school in many areas and gives recommendations for the construction of our new Strategic Plan.

The report recognises the improvements at Berwick College in the mean VCE study score, our study scores of 40 or above, our outstanding VET and VCAL completion rates, and reaching our targets in NAPLAN writing and numeracy.

It also mentions the greatly improved attendance data, along with our Student Attitude to School data. The panel paid tribute to the consistency of approach to student wellbeing, behaviour and high expectations for student learning. We are fully compliant with VRQA registration requirements.

Recommendations were largely around improved communication with parents particularly around learning requirements and monitoring student progress. While we have our Parent Portal, staff emails readily available and contact people for each child in our Learning Teams, I would be very interested to hear of any ways we can further improve our communication with our families.

We will also continue our focus on the further development of excellent curriculum planning and instructional practice along with an increased focus on student leadership and student voice which will contribute to positive engagement and wellbeing.

Enrolments are very healthy at this time for 2015, Year 7 numbers are strong, with great interest in the Basketball Academy and the Dance Academy. Year 10 enrolments from Timbarra have also increased for 2015.

Our Chaplaincy fundraiser drive-in is on this Friday, you will see more about this in this newsletter, I hope you can come and support this most worthy cause. All students in the school will have experienced at least one of the programs organised by Frank, our Chaplain.

Most Year 12 formal exams begin next week and we wish all our Year 12 VCE students every success. Exams continue for Year 11 and 10 in the following weeks, leading to Headstart which begins on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

The final assembly for Year 12 students was held on Wednesday this week, and their last day was Thursday. It is always sad to see these young people we have watched grow from little Year 7s in too big uniforms, to young adults, through all the turmoil of teenage years, and we wish them every success in the future.

Our 2015 School Captain candidates will be presenting to the school on 6<sup>th</sup> November, with the new School Captains being chosen during the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> November. Our esteemed 2014 Captains, Danielle Galea, Mikaela Vincent, Luke Artner and Eddie Singh will hand over the reins towards the end of the year.

Our Year 12 teachers have been working very hard to support our students and I wish to publicly acknowledge their work and thank them for all the extra hours they put in to help our students. Not only the year 12 teachers, but all teachers and support staff who have supported these young people throughout their time at Berwick, along with the parents, guardians and families, my thanks to you all.

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On Cup Eve we will be concentrating on feedback strategies, as recommended by John Hattie, and we will also look at flipped classrooms. As always, we are very strongly focussed on improving the learning.

**Ms Kerri Bolch**  
Principal



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## MELBOURNE CUP EVE—MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2014

Over the last number of years we have had a declining number of students attending on Melbourne Cup eve and as such have made the decision to run a special program of instruction on that day in place of the normal timetable. Students will attend the classes listed below.

HOME GROUP	P.E.	MATHS	ENGLISH
Periods 1 & 2	Year 7	Year 9	Year 8
Periods 3 & 4	Year 8	Year 7	Year 9
Periods 5 & 6	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7

**Year 7, 8 and 9 students are expected to bring their PE uniform.**

Year 10 and 11 students have a scheduled **STUDY DAY**. This is in preparation for their forthcoming exams. A supervised study area will be available for all students who attend on this day.

**Mr James Doble**  
*Assistant Principal*

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## YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY NIGHT

This year's Valedictory Night will be held on Wednesday 3rd December. Students will be presented with their VCE and VCAL completion certificates. There will also be the presentation of subject awards and speeches from the School Captains and the Principal, Ms Kerri Bolch.

DATE: Wednesday 3rd December

LOCATION: Berwick Church of Christ, Centre Road, Berwick

TIME: 5.30 for a 6.00 pm start

DRESS: Semi-formal

The students' last day of classes will be Wednesday 22nd October.

Their celebration day will be on Thursday 24th October at the school from 9am to 11.30am.

The celebration day will consist of breakfast followed by an assembly in the Stadium to celebrate the students' successes throughout the year. Students are encouraged to dress up on the day.

**Ms Erin McCarthy and Ms Lexie McGill**  
*Senior School Coordinators*

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## UNIFORM 2015

At the beginning of 2014 a new uniform was introduced at Berwick College; the first time a major change had occurred in over 15 years. The feedback from the community has endorsed the new uniform and the comments we have received indicate it has made the students look smarter, well presented and reflects the values of the College.

With the introduction of the uniform, ambiguity arose over the intended purpose of the rugby top. Students have taken to wearing it as an item of everyday clothing, as opposed to being part of the P.E. uniform, as was intended.

From January 2015, the rugby top will not be allowed to be worn outside of a P.E. class, sports class or sports related excursions. Students found to be wearing it as part of their everyday attire will be asked to remove the top. We are providing this information at this early stage to ensure parents have time to purchase the correct uniform.

Noone Imagewear supply a Berwick College jumper as part of the uniform and this should be worn in place of the rugby top.

If you require any clarification, please contact Mr James Doble, Assistant Principal on 8768 1000.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

**Mr James Doble**  
*Assistant Principal*

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## STUDENTS REQUIRED TO WORK AT BERWICK COLLEGE FOR THE VICTORIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

The Victorian Electoral Commission is looking for young people aged between 16 to 18 to assist with the Election process on Saturday 29th November. They are looking for young enthusiastic students who are willing to work and understand the importance of the role.

The positions are:-

**Voting Centre Assistant** – this role is at the individual voting centre (Beaconsfield, Berwick, Pakenham Hills).  
Main duties are unfolding ballot papers, packing up voting centre and other duties as directed.  
Hours: 5.30pm to 9.30pm.  
Remuneration: \$105

**Scrutiny Assistant** - location Gembrook Election Office, 122 Old Princess Highway, Beaconsfield  
Main duties are unfolding ballot papers, assist carrying boxes from cars to office and other duties as requested.  
Hours: 5.30pm to close (could be as late as 1.00am but hopefully earlier)  
Remuneration: \$20.10 per hours worked (min 3 hours)

**Scrutiny Assistant** – location Gembrook Election Office 122 Old Princess Highway Beaconsfield  
Main duties are unfolding ballot papers, re-sorting stationery and other duties as requested.  
Hours: 5.30pm to close (could be as late as 1.00am but hopefully earlier)  
Remuneration: \$20.10 per hours worked (min 3 hours)

Students interested in any of these roles please contact Mrs Kate Rolls in the Careers Office. Students will also need to register on the Victorian Electoral Commission website <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au> from where I will make the necessary appointments.

**Kate Rolls**  
*VET/VASS Administration*

## VTAC APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

All Year 12 students have been briefed at an assembly about the requirements of applying for university and TAFE courses through VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre). The main dates to be aware of have been published for the students to note and all Year 12 students have been invited to make an appointment with the careers staff if they would like assistance in completing their VTAC applications. These appointments will be open until the end of term.

Applications can be completed at any time until 5<sup>th</sup> December, however it is advisable to complete applications by 30<sup>th</sup> September. Students should also check whether the courses they are applying for require additional information such as supplementary information forms or compulsory attendance at information sessions.

Students applying for courses that are not through VTAC will need to check the requirements and deadline with the relevant institution.

The major dates for VTAC are outlined below:

### VTAC DATES 2014

Timely applications	Open- August 4 <sup>th</sup> 9am Close- September 30 <sup>th</sup> 5pm \$28.00
Late applications	Open- September 30 <sup>th</sup> 7 pm Close- November 7 <sup>th</sup> 5pm \$93.00
Very late applications	Open- November 7 <sup>th</sup> 7pm Close- December 5 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm \$119.00
Supporting documentation for course applications (if required)	By December 5 <sup>th</sup> 5pm (unless otherwise stated)
SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme)	Open- August 4 <sup>th</sup> 9am Close- October 7 <sup>th</sup> (5pm)

### VCE RESULTS AND ATAR

	ONLINE	POST
VCE results and ATAR	December 15 <sup>th</sup> (7am)	December 16th

***The Careers office staff at Berwick College will be available to assist with change of preference after your results have come out (during school term). Change of preference closes December 22nd at 12 noon.***

### VTAC OFFERS

	ONLINE	EMAIL
Round 1 offers	January 19th 2 pm 2015	January 19 <sup>th</sup> 2015
Round 2 offers	February 5 <sup>th</sup> (2pm) 2015	February 5 <sup>th</sup> 2015

## PRESENTATION NIGHT PHOTOS

Colour or black and white photographs of students presented with awards are available for purchase from [rainerkphotography](http://rainerkphotography.com).

Simply log onto [www.rainerkphotography.com](http://www.rainerkphotography.com) and click on the "school pix" tab to view your student's award portrait.

To order photograph/s of your child/ren, please contact rainerkphotography on 0401 413 504 or email at:

[info@rainerkphotography.com](mailto:info@rainerkphotography.com)

The cost for one 8"x10" plus two 5"x7" prints is only **\$20.00** with delivery within 7 -10 days.

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## YEAR 11 VCAL PROJECT

As part of Personal Development this semester, Year 11 VCAL students have been investigating homelessness in the local community. On 16th September students participated in a workshop on homelessness run by the Big Issue. The Big Issue workshop focused on reasons why homelessness occurs and the impact on individuals. Students were fortunate to hear a real story about a person who survived homelessness.

On 9th October, Don Cameron from Cornerstone Mission Centre in Dandenong visited students to discuss the work of Cornerstone and the benefits of swags to homeless individuals. This has become the basis of the students' major community project. Students aim to raise money to purchase swags to donate to Cornerstone. Their fundraising will consist of an overnight sleep out on 29th October and a staff vs student football match on 6th November.

This project allows our VCAL students to give back to the community and assist those less fortunate. Should you wish to support the students' with a donation please contact Mr Adam Nettelingham on 8768-1060 or Ms Corinne Duhau on 8768-1081.



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## G'DAY USA - JANUARY 2016 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TOUR.

The G'Day USA Program provides students currently in Years 7 to 11 with the opportunity to travel to the USA as part of a supervised group, with teachers acting as Group Leaders. The tour duration is just under 3 weeks.

Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. A feature of the tour is that students spend 10 days living with an American host family, as well as visiting an American school.

The basic tour cost is currently \$5,495, which includes afares, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance, breakfasts and admissions to most attractions. Additional costs include government taxes and airline surcharges (approximately \$795), some optional group tours which could include a San Francisco Bay cruise and a Hollywood day tour as well as other activities, some group meals, and tipping (between \$300 to \$500 for all optional activities). Optional tours and costs are discussed with the group, and the actual activities and costs are decided by the group's parents and students. You will also need to take some spending money for gifts and some meals. In the past students have taken anywhere between \$500 and \$1,000 as personal spending money.

If you are interested in being part of this tour please see **Mr Goyen in room A6s** for further information and a detailed brochure. The brochure includes a tear-off slip to register for a no-obligation information evening, where a representative from **Educational World Travel** will provide more details of the tour, as well as answer any questions you may have.





# Noone Imagewear

## **BERWICK COLLEGE** PRICE LIST VALID UNTIL 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015

<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>	
<b>Blazer</b> (Navy with Braid and logo) All Sizes	\$164.00	<b>Blazer</b> (Navy with Braid and logo) All Sizes	\$164.00
<b>Pullover</b> – Royal (Yr 7-9) Navy (Yr 10-12) with logo 75-80	\$72.00	<b>Pullover</b> – Royal (Yr 7-9) Navy (Yr 10-12) with logo 75-80	\$72.00
85 - 90 – 95	\$77.50	85 - 90 – 95	\$77.50
100 – 105	\$83.00	100 – 105	\$83.00
110+	\$87.50	110+	\$87.50
<b>Vest</b> – Royal (Yr 7-9) Navy (Yr10 – 12) with logo 75-80	\$67.00	<b>Vest</b> – Royal (Yr 7 – 9) Navy (Yr 10 – 12) with logo 75-80	\$67.00
85 – 90 - 95	\$72.50	85 – 90 - 95	\$72.50
100 - 105	\$77.50	100 - 105	\$77.50
110+	\$83.00	110+	\$83.00
<b>Shirt Long Sleeve</b> - white with logo All sizes	\$28.75	<b>Opaque Blouse Long Sleeve</b> – white with logo	\$35.95
<b>Shirt Short Sleeve</b> – white with logo	\$26.75	<b>Summer Dress</b> 6A – 12A	\$66.50
<b>Trousers</b> – with logo All Sizes with logo	\$41.00	14A +	\$72.00
<b>Shorts</b> – with logo Patent waist - Tailored – All Sizes	\$42.50	<b>Winter Skirt</b> All sizes	\$61.00
<b>Tie</b>	\$19.95	<b>Slacks</b> – navy with Logo All Sizes	\$61.00
<b>Socks 3 Pack</b> - grey	\$10.95	<b>Tie</b>	\$19.95
<b><u>Sports Uniform - Unisex</u></b>		<b>Socks 3 Pack</b> - white	\$10.95
<b>Sport Jacket</b> – Microfibre with polar fleece lining	\$87.50	<b>Kneehi Socks</b> (White summer, Navy winter)	\$ 4.50
<b>Trackpants</b> – Microfibre with logo	\$61.00	<b>Tights ( Navy )</b> Opaque (70 Denier) from	\$12.95
<b>Sports Polo</b> – Cool Mesh with logo	\$41.00	Winter Cotton Tights from	\$15.95
<b>Sports Shorts</b> – Cool Mesh with logo	\$29.95	<b>Scarf</b> – Royal	\$ 8.50
<b>Rugby Top</b> – with logo	\$82.00	<b><u>Tailor Alterations</u></b>	
<b><u>Accessories</u></b>		<b>Blazer Sleeves</b> – Lengthen / Shorten	\$26.00
<b>School Bag</b>		<b>Skirt Hem</b> (with lining)	\$27.00
<b>Seniorpack L</b> – with logo	\$61.95	<b>Dress Hem</b>	\$22.00
		<b>Trouser Hems</b>	\$16.00
		<b>Iron on Name Labels</b> (pack of 50)	\$20.95

**NOONE IMAGEWEAR** has reduced the price of ALL new items of the 'old' school uniform (jumpers, skirts, trousers etc) to \$10.00 per item.





# **A NIGHT AT THE DRIVE IN**

**FRIDAY October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**AKOONAH PARK BERWICK**

**\*\* Guardians of the Galaxy \*\***

**GATES OPEN AT 6.00PM**

**WILL BEGIN SCREENING AT 7.45PM**

**\$25.00 PER CAR**

**(TAX DEDUCTIBLE / RECEIPTS SUPPLIED)**

**EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL October 17th \$20.00**

**(Call Geoff Dunn 0448 962 673 OR frank Jetmar  
8768 1019)**

**Wood Fired Pizza...Sausage sizzle...Popcorn  
...Drinks**

**This event is sponsored by the Berwick College Chaplaincy Support Group, with all  
profits going towards the Berwick College Chaplaincy Program**



# OCT 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> BORN THIS WAY

## *Semester Two Performing Arts Night*

Students have been working hard every Monday after school to put together this year's Performing Arts Night which celebrates and displays skills learnt from performing arts classes as well as their natural talent. This year showcases songs and numbers from FAME the musical, A Chorus Line, Michael Jackson, Chicago and Sweeney Todd (just to name a few!).

So add it to your calendars and keep an eye out for ticket sales because BORN THIS WAY is bound to be one not to miss!



**Performing Arts  
Night Semester 2  
2014!**

**After last year's  
sell out  
performances you  
will not want to  
miss this year's  
talent.**

**A showcase of  
song, dance,  
music and drama.**

**It's not too late to  
be a part of it!**

**Tickets on Sale  
September 2014**

### **CONTACT**

Melissa Quenette

8768 10 54

[Quenette.melissa.c@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Quenette.melissa.c@edumail.vic.gov.au)

You are invited to

## The Parenting Teenagers Course

For parents, step-parents, or carers of children aged 11 – 18 years.



### Why do this course?

- Parenting teenagers is harder than ever for most parents today.
- No role we undertake in life is more important than parenting.

**Join other parents** in a friendly, open and dynamic atmosphere over five weekly sessions, to learn, share and discuss topics of interest to any parents of teenagers.

### SESSION TOPICS

- Keeping the End in Mind;
- Meeting our Teenagers' Needs;
- Setting Healthy Boundaries;
- Developing their Emotional Health;
- Helping Them Make Good Choices.

We are the main influence on our teenagers' future. Discovering we are not alone in the challenges we face and picking up ideas from other parents can make a huge difference in the way we parent our teens.

**Dates:** 5 consecutive Friday nights starting 24/10 and ending 21/11

**Location:** Berwick College in Classroom D2

**Cost:** Free Course with a \$10 charge to cover materials

**Contact:** Flory Bradea 0410 911 193 for enquiries and to register by 22/10

**Time:** Arrival at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Finish by 9:30pm

More details about the course at: <http://www.relationshipcentral.org/parenting-teenagers-course>



VICTORIA POLICE

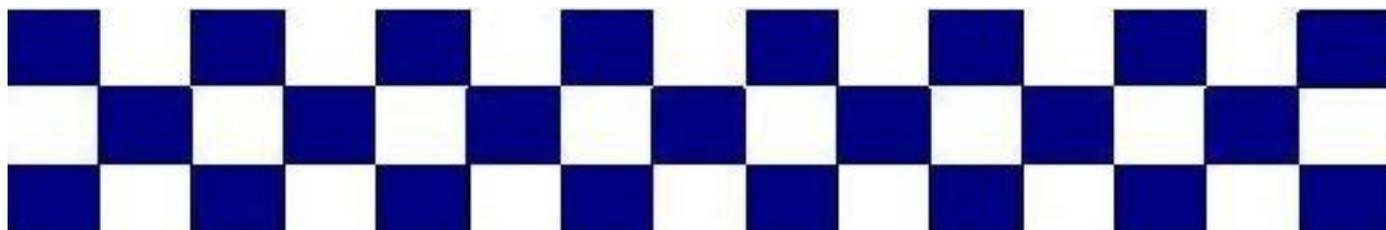
## Bicycle Thefts

In the Casey Police Service Area, bicycle theft has increased 130% this financial year. Half were from residential locations. The bikes were stolen from the front of the house and were not locked up at the time.

### Police Advice:

Secure your bike with a lock

- Do not leave bikes in the front yard - Move to a secure location out of sight (garage, shed)
- Engrave the underside of the bike frame with the letter V followed by the owner's/parent's drivers licence number to assist police in returning located bicycles



**Attendance—reporting your child's absence**

We have updated our contact details for reporting a child's absence from school.

The contact details are as follows:

**Chisholm, Frost, Hollows, Monash, Year 12**

Absence line: 8768 1051 (24 hours) to speak to Sharyn or leave a message

**OR**

Go to the website <http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au> and scroll down to Attendance – learn more and provide details and email will be forwarded to Sharyn

**OR**

Email directly to [berwick.college.attendance@gmail.com](mailto:berwick.college.attendance@gmail.com)



**Dunlop, Flynn, Kenny, O'Donoghue**

Absence line: 8768 1086 (24 hours) to speak to Robyn or leave a message

**OR**

Go to the website <http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au> and scroll down to Attendance – learn more and provide details and email will be forwarded to Robyn

**OR**

Email directly to [berwick.college.attendance@gmail.com](mailto:berwick.college.attendance@gmail.com)

**Remember, student attendance makes a difference to student learning outcomes.**

**PARENTS – ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?**

It is very important that Berwick College has up to date contact details for all families.

If you have changed your home address, email address, emergency contacts or telephone number since your student's enrolment, please call in or contact the school on 8768 1000 to advise the College of any changes.

It is especially important that the Reports are mailed home to the correct address and that emails and telephone numbers are up to date for the College to be able to contact parents when necessary.



**GREAT PRIZES**

CREW ENTRIES FOR FINALS CLOSE 26 SEPTEMBER

City of Greater Dandenong and City of Casey Youth Services FReeZA Projects in partnership with Replay Dance Productions proudly present...

# FIRED UP! 2014

## HIP HOP & BREAKDANCING TOURNAMENT FINALS

**Saturday 18 October 2014**

Springers Leisure Centre  
400 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough

**5PM-9PM**

Junior, varsity and open hip hop dance divisions.  
Plus breakdancing showcase battle.

**SHOWCASES**  
Rewind, Kstar, YKC  
A2D Varsity, Babysteps

**MC Yung Philly**

**HIP HOP & BREAKDANCING TOURNAMENT FINALS**

**GENERAL ADMISSION**  
\$12 - 13 YEARS AND OVER  
\$6 - 12 YEARS AND UNDER  
3 YEARS AND UNDER FREE

THIS TOURNAMENT IS FOR NEW AND EMERGING CREWS WHO HAVE NOT WON A MAJOR COMPETITION.



**REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEBSITES:**  
[www.greaterdandenong.com/youthservices](http://www.greaterdandenong.com/youthservices) • [www.casey.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/youth)

**CHECK OUT:**  
[www.facebook.com/CGDyouthservices](https://www.facebook.com/CGDyouthservices) • [www.facebook.com/replaydanceproductions](https://www.facebook.com/replaydanceproductions)  
[www.facebook.com/caseyyouth](https://www.facebook.com/caseyyouth)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**  
City of Greater Dandenong 9793 2155 • City of Casey 9705 5200 • Replay Dance Production 0402 452 489



## ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE ?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2015, **please telephone Carry On (Victoria) on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.**

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and **applications should be submitted by 30 October 2014.**



Neighbourhood Watch Casey  
with Victoria Police  
Presents

# Community Safety Family Fun Day

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October

10am until 4pm

Cranbourne Racing Centre

Grant Street, Cranbourne

FREE Entry  
and Entertainment



KC  
The Neighbourhood Watch Dog

and much more!

Crime prevention information ♦ CFA ♦ SES ♦ Community Groups

More information at: [www.facebook.com/nhwcasey](http://www.facebook.com/nhwcasey)



..... need assistance for **Education Costs??**

You could be eligible for a **NO INTEREST LOAN!**

Do you...

- Live in the City of Casey?
- Have a low income or a CentreLink Health Care Card?
- Receive payments from Centrelink?

**Primary, Secondary School and TAFE (VCE/VCAL)** students can get *flexible, affordable,*

**interest-free** loans for purchasing: *Books, Uni forms, School camps, Fees* and other items... (eligibility criteria applies)

For more information contact a No Interest Loans Officer today!

Loans are also available for essential household items and some health aides.

**Casey North Community Information & Support Service: 9705 6699**

Suite 1&2, 90-92 Victor Cres, Narre Warren

Email: [nils@caseynorthciss.com.au](mailto:nils@caseynorthciss.com.au)

The Casey No Interest Loan Program is available to all eligible residents in the City of Casey. The program is managed by Casey North Community Information and Support Service.