

DATE	2018 KEY EVENTS
Tuesday 27th November	2019 High Achievers Program - Parent Information Evening 7:00pm PAC
Tuesday 4th December	Semester 2 Music Concert 7:00pm Emerald Secondary College
Monday 10th December	Year 7 2019 Parent Information Evening 7pm & Pasar Malam 5pm to 7:30pm
Tuesday 11th December	Year 7 2019 Orientation Day
Wednesday 12th December	Lamont 2019 Booklists last day for order of over\$70 to receive free home delivery
Friday 14th December	Year 7 to 11 End of Year Activity to Gumbuya World
Monday 17th December	Alternative Program for Students
Tuesday 18th December	Celebration of Achievement Evening Semester 2—Berwick Church of Christ
Friday 21st December	Final Day Term 4
DATE	2019 KEY EVENTS
Friday 11th January	Final day to place booklist orders for the school collection day
Saturday 19th January	Lamont Booklist Collection 10am—4pm Stadium
Wednesday 30th January	First Student Day Term 1
Thursday 7th February	School Photos
Tuesday 12th February	Class of 2018 (Year 12) Morning Tea 10:45 to 11:15am
Wednesday 13th February	Year 7 Wellbeing (Tribal) Day
Monday 25th February	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 28th February	Student Leadership Induction and Reward and Recognition Program Awards
Friday 8th March	Student Free Day (Staff Professional Learning Day)

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BERWICK COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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ACTING PRINCIPAL REPORT

“staff through their hard work and dedication, have helped shape the next generation to be the best they can be....”

Dear Community,

We have not quite put 2018 to bed but next year is alive and kicking with the commencement of the 2019 Head Start program. It is with a sense of appreciation and gratitude that I acknowledge the efforts of our staff in what they have accomplished this year, and the growth and wealth of experiences that they have offered to the students in their care, as every day they help to shape the next generation to be the best they can be.

In starting next year at this time it gives our staff the opportunity to establish early positive relationships and assists in building the frameworks around high expectations. It also assists in identifying the level of prior knowledge and understanding necessary to ensure we can maximise student learning growth in the coming months. This week we welcomed 33 new students to our College and we formally welcome our new Year 7 2019 parents on Monday 10th December for an information evening, and 315 Year 7 students on Tuesday 11th December for Orientation Day. My thanks to our Administration staff, Junior School Leader Ms Dee Longwill and Senior School Leader, Ms Erin McCarthy who have met and communicated with new parents and students regularly over the past two terms to ensure the transition process is as smooth as possible.

The prestigious 2018 Victorian Education Excellence Awards evening on Friday 26th October saw the nomination and successful recipient Ms Cassandra Marinopoulos awarded as the Victorian Outstanding Secondary Teacher of the year. The recognition of the effort and work that Ms Marinopoulos has undertaken at the College was acknowledged by a number of education leaders in being best practice, and we are extremely fortunate to have Cassandra teaching our students and building the capacity of our staff.

Last week saw the Grade 5/6 Kick Start program run with a number of our feeder primary schools attending to have a taste of what Berwick College has to offer. The experience was very positive with the creation of Lava Lamps in Science, Rum balls in Food Technology and Black & White photography in Art. The program has been running for a number of years now and has helped to cement the relationship with our feeder schools, to ensure a smooth transition to Secondary school. I would like to thank all staff involved in running the classes and Dee Longwill for coordinating the experience.

As you might be aware from our recent press coverage in the Gazette we have been lucky enough to have been awarded funding from the Les Twentymen Foundation (LTF), which has provided us the opportunity to employ an additional staff member to support the College's Wellbeing and Engagement team. The LTF has run its 'Leadership Program' for 10 years to assist with students at risk of disengagement from school and community. The LTF identified a gap, where typical wellbeing services within schools were unable to cope with challenging behaviours within changing cultural and societal demographics and we look forward to welcoming 'Dan' to the team in the coming weeks.

We are fortunate enough to be a partner in the new Casey Tech School which has now opened and over the last couple of weeks we have had 300 Year 8 students attend for the day, immersing themselves in the technology of the future. The high level systems and robotics that I witnessed as one element of a wider program, when combined with problem solving, team work and collaborative exercises should allow our students the opportunity to develop the capabilities necessary for the work place of tomorrow - they certainly enjoyed the experience!

This week sees the final step in acknowledging the Class of 2018. The Valedictory evening at the Pakenham Race course was an outstanding success, with over 500 guests in attendance to congratulate our graduates. I would like to thank Ms Stella Dikeos and Mr Gavin Watson for their efforts in organising this special night, as well as Senior School Leader Erin McCarthy and Assistant Principal, Mr Mark Woodbridge for their continued support in ensuring that they made it over the line in what has been an epic journey – but as the saying goes “the best is yet to come”.

We have a number of exciting events coming up in the run up to Christmas including our Semester 2 Music concert Tuesday 4th December, our Indonesian Food Festival Monday 10th December (5.00pm -7.30pm) and our Presentation night Tuesday 18th December. I would like to warmly invite you to attend and celebrate the success of our staff and students at this time of year. When we combine that with inducting six new staff, the implementation of the Specialist teacher roles to assist in reaching our future strategic targets, and starting the 2019 timetable - we are well and truly underway! Regards, **Mr James Doble Acting Principal**

MENTOR PROGRAM 2019

I am so excited to announce that after the rigorous selection process the Mentor Program has approximately 180 students across all of the Learning Teams for next year. There will be two training sessions in Week 8 of Term 4 during Headstart. Each session will run for a double period as set out below. Students will be exempt from their normal classes during this time. There will also be a pancake breakfast for all of the Mentors at the completion of their training, as well as a whole school assembly with their peers, teachers and parents. They will be presented with prestigious badges in recognition of this role throughout the broader College community.

Training Schedule - Week 8

Session 1 - Tuesday 27th of November

Location: Leisure Centre Lounge

Group 1- Period 1&2: Mentors from Frost, O'Donoghue and Chisholm

Group 2- Period 3&4: Mentors from Monash and Flynn

Group 3- Period 5&6: Mentors from Hollows, Dunlop and Kenny

Session 2 - Wednesday 28th of November

Location: Leisure Centre Lounge

Group 1- Period 1&2: Mentors from Frost, O'Donoghue and Chisholm

Group 2- Period 3&4: Mentors from Monash and Flynn

Group 3- Period 5&6: Mentors from Hollows, Dunlop and Kenny

Breakfast and Presentation - Thursday 29th of November

Location: Stadium

8:00am- 9:00am – Pancake breakfast at the Stadium

9:00-9:30am (Home Group) – Whole School Assembly to present badges

Ms Irena Arney

Frost Assistant Learning Team Leader

SECONDHAND TEXTBOOK AND UNIFORM TRADING

End of year is fast arriving and it's time to look for second-hand textbooks and uniforms.

Second-hand textbooks and uniforms in relation to the college are traded via the Sustainable School Shop website: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

This service provides access to second-hand textbooks, uniforms, calculators, musical equipment, etc all year

For the best results:

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- List your secondhand uniform items for sale
- List wanted ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The college's book & uniform lists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade.
- The school is not involved in the transaction
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop's telephone (0438 743 444) and email help lines
- The system is simple and easy to use - If you don't have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance

If you have books, uniforms, calculators etc you no longer need and are in good condition or better, then list them for sale on the website as this will help another family that is looking to buy.



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Buy and Sell second-hand textbooks

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

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BUY and SELL second hand textbooks, second hand school uniforms, calculators, musical instruments, sporting gear, electronics, dance; University & TAFE textbooks etc; anything students use can be sold. Items sell all year. Sell yours too. It works!

YEAR 10 LAW AND ORDER EXCURSION

On the 22nd of October the year 10 Law and Order classes were given the opportunity to experience the Old Melbourne Gaol. This excursion allowed them to partake in a mock trial where all students were assigned a role in a true account of a culpable driving trial. This was a highlight for the students and allowed them to give their own opinion of how the case of culpable driving should have been conducted.

Students also got to experience being inside the old Melbourne Goal which closed in 1924. This historical museum held one of Australia's most famous bush rangers, Ned Kelly, who was executed on the 11th of November 1880. This excursion allowed our students the experience of staying in the Old Watch House.

Students were placed into groups and then re-enacted being held as a person awaiting for their trial. This excursion showed our students how the legal system ran for so many years before the 21st century.

By: **Wenuka Bandara and Kristy Russell**



LIBRARY NEWS

It was spooky in the Library..... pumpkins, bats, eerie reads, a couple of witches and a student with a pumpkin head. Yes, Halloween hit our space. The students decorated pumpkin cut outs and had a lot of fun being a little crazy for a day.

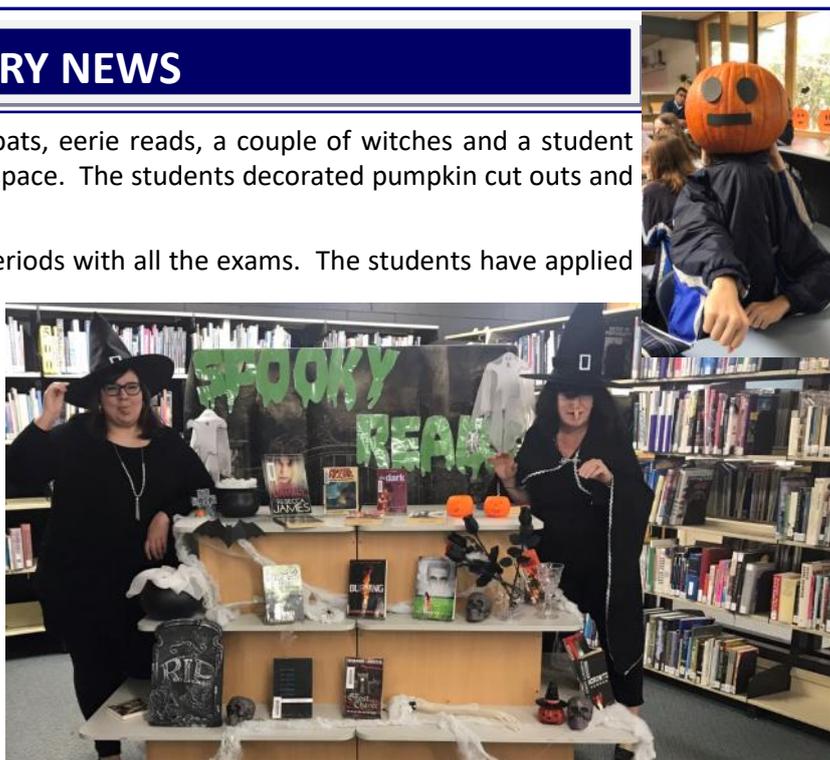
We have been accommodating lots of study periods with all the exams. The students have applied themselves so well, we are very proud of all of them.

Anime has been playing on Thursdays and is still as popular as ever.

Of course there is housekeeping to be done. We ask that all the books that have been borrowed, be located and returned please.

Don't forget to use our ebooks. You will be able to read throughout the holidays. If you have trouble logging on, come on in and ask.

The Library Ladies



STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lakeside Stadium was the venue for the 2018 SSV State Athletics Championships. Berwick had four athletes competing on the day. The sun was shining brightly as the girls took on the rest of the State in their distance events.

The girls competing were –

- J'Lee Code : Steeplechase **GOLD** – 3000m 5th – 1500m **BRONZE**
- Brianna Briet : 1500m Walk 5th
- Bec Henderson : 1500m Walk **GOLD** – 1500m 4th
- Hayley Woolfe : 1500m Walk **BRONZE**

Congratulations ladies on your terrific results and representing the school to the highest level. We are very proud of your achievements. And thank you to the parents who attended the day to cheer on the girls



SMR HOCKEY FINALS

On a very, very hot muggy day, the boys headed to the Hockey Centre in Hawthorn to compete in the Region Intermediate Boys Hockey Finals.

In our pool was Melbourne High who we played first and defeated 2-1. Our second match was against Kooweerup SC. It was a tough physical match that ended in a draw. But as we had the better goal rate Berwick now went on to the grand final.

The final match was against Frankston HS, who had had no goals scored against them thus far, so we knew it was going to be a tough challenge. At the end of half time we were 2-0 down. But in the second half we rallied and outplayed Frankston to score a goal. Alas time got us in the end and we went down 1-2.

The boys were so good all day, they listened to our specialist coach – Ms Mortimer (big thanks for coaching) – and put into action her instructions. They were also complimented on their good behaviour, sportsmanship and excellent hockey play. Well done to the following boys:

Trent Allen
Dasindu Amarathunge
Will Gardiner
Billy Hanrahan
Luke Hayden
Jesse Justice
Jack Lloyd
Alex Lowden
Lachlan Poretti
Mujtabba Waseem
Josh Westra

You were all great to take out to sports.

Bring on 2019 hockey.

Ms Jannelle Graham



MIGHTY MONASH



MONASH DAY – THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 2018

The Monash Learning Team Day was a huge success. The day started with a range of activities related to Sir John Monash and the Monash Learning team that all students across the school participated in during Home Group.

At lunch time, all eight Learning Teams competed in a building activity (as Sir John Monash was a civil engineer and an Australian military commander in the First World War). Five students from each of the learning teams were given a large box full of the same items and had 12 minutes to build the tallest tower using these items. This was definitely an activity for those students with an aptitude for problem solving skills.

Congratulations to all the teams for a wonderful effort. The towers were amazing. There are definitely a lot of budding civil engineers out there.

Also during the lunch break, the Monash students sold sausages in bread, cold drinks, held a bake sale and offered a “Guess how many lollies are in the jar” competition.

The Learning Team **raised just over \$600** with all the proceeds going to Legacy (this organisation’s aim is to care for the dependents of deceased Australian service men and women, along with supporting our injured soldiers). Thanks so much to everyone who came along to purchase items and support this worthy charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Please continue to let us know about your achievements. As your Monash teachers we are all very proud of you. We would love to celebrate them with you.

ATTENDANCE

Parents, please continue to use Compass to mark your child’s absence/s. Alternatively, please advise the Attendance Officer or your child’s Home Group teacher if your child is away and you cannot access Compass or require assistance.

A reminder that all students are now required to sign in and out from the Front Office if they are late to school or are required to leave school early. The Attendance Officer, is now located in Reception.

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SPOTLIGHT – YEAR 7 HAP

Our Year 7 HAP class have been busy creating alternate worlds in English this term! The students had to consider the rules, morals, language, history and cultural aspects of their new world. Working individually or in pairs, students put together PowerPoint presentations, short films and oral presentations, and shared them with the class. We are so proud of the amazing work they did, with the help of their dedicated and enthusiastic teachers Ms Adams and Ms Andersen! Thank-you for your amazing work with our students!



HEADSTART 2018

Headstart has officially commenced at Berwick College this week. It is a great opportunity for students to have a fresh start and begin meeting their teachers for 2019 and transitioning into the next year level.

If your son/ daughter wishes to change their subjects, they must see the Junior/ Senior school leaders. Students in years 8 & 9 in 2019, will need to see Miss Longwill in A7s, and students in years 10, 11 & 12 in 2019, will need to see Miss McCarthy in the Senior School in order to obtain a change of subject form. Ms Spinks and Miss Snowball are unable to facilitate any subject change requests.

A big congratulations to all Chisholm students who have successfully completed another year at Berwick College and to our Year 7 students who have officially completed their first year at the school.

We wish you all the best in your new classes.

ATTENDANCE – COMPASS

A friendly reminder to all parents and guardians to please log into the Compass App and approve any unexplained absences for your child. We would also like to remind you to notify the school if you know your child is going to be away, or alternatively send them with a note when they return. If you are having difficulty using the App, or require your login information or instructions on how to use the app, please contact Jocelyn Spinks

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FROST FALCONS



MENTOR PROGRAM

We had our last Frost Mentor Session on Tuesday the 30th of October. We spoke about achievable goals for next year while enjoying different flavoured muffins. The Mentors were all thanked individually by the Years 7s in their group and also by the whole cohort.

We also took a big group photo so that we could all remember how awesome these sessions have been and the friends that we have made. We would like to again thank all of the Year 7s for their enthusiasm over this year, it has been amazing to see them grow and flourish. We would also like to thank all of our Mentors for giving up their time to help the Year 7s and be a part of the Program to make a difference! We are so proud of you all!



FROST CAPTAINS FOR 2019

On Thursday, 15th of November we had an assembly to speak about the Frost Captain positions that are up for next year! In the next few weeks we will be meeting as a whole Learning Team to hear speeches from aspiring leaders and voting on our future captains!

EXAMS AND HEAD START

We are so proud of all of our Year 10 and 11 students who have been sitting their exams and showing how organised and dedicated they are to their studies. We are also looking forward to Head Start in Week 7 and watching all of our students prepare for next year!

Ms Brodie Andersen and Ms Irena Arney

Student Learning Leader and Assistant Student Learning Leader

KENNY CARERS



CHEER AND DANCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—HOPE WIGNALL

I have been doing cheer and dance for 6 years. I am a flyer at Starstruck cheer and dance academy.

On the 23rd November, my team are traveling to the Gold Coast for the National Cheer and Dance Championships where we will compete against teams from all around Australia.

We have worked hard on our routine throughout the year. We have competed in 4 competitions where we placed first, won Grand Champions overall and won a bid to the Pinnacle Cheer and Dance Competitions which is a huge achievement for my team. Wishing Hope all the very best this weekend.

Ms Rimma Campos

Assistant Kenny Student Learning Leader



HOLLOWS HAWKS



Headstart has commenced for all of our students. This period is pivotal and provides students with the opportunity to complete some coursework ahead of the 2019 academic year. It's hard to believe our Year 7s have already moved into Year 8. It's also hard to believe that our Year 11s are moving into Year 12 and will leave the learning team system from the start of next year. We will be hosting a pancake breakfast to farewell our Year 11s in their last week of Headstart.

Headstart is a fresh start for all of our students. They will have new subjects, new teachers and new coursework to complete. Everyone is up to date with their work and Headstart is a great opportunity to stay that way. Any subject change requests must go through the Junior School Leader (Years 8 and 9 in 2019) or the Senior School Leader (Years 10, 11 and 12 in 2019).

NEW LEARNING TEAM CAPTAINS

Congratulations to **Bhavna Maudhoo** and **Summer Vanstan** who will be the Hollows Learning Team Captains in 2019. We are sure they will do an amazing job leading the team.

Thank you very much to **Liam Egan** and **Taylah Lloyd** for their work in leading the learning team in 2018.



O'DONOGHUE OTELLA'S

FLYNN PHOENIX



The Flynn and ODonoghue Learning Teams were extremely proud this past week to have a special visit from Reg Ramsden, Founder of the Watarrka Foundation.

Reg came to speak with students about the amazing work of the Foundation and students proudly presented the Foundation with a cheque for \$3600 raised by the students.

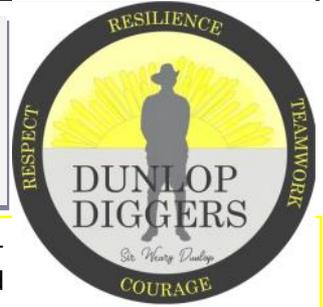
Reg met with students who had visited him and the Lilla community over the past three years to chat and have a yarn about the ongoing work. It was a fantastic morning.

Michelle Lewis, Adam Nettleingham, Jesse Nugent and Rebecca Abernethy on behalf of the Flynn and O'Donoghue teams.



DUNLOP LEARNING TEAM

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAM WORK AND COURAGE



This week officially marked the beginning of the 2019 school year with the commencement of our Head start program. We hope that our students are enjoying their classes and using this opportunity to 'get ahead' and make a positive start to their 2019 studies.

On the 31st of October, the Dunlop Leadership Team held its annual outing to walk the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk, more commonly known as the 1000 Steps. The day out involved walking the track in homage to Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop and the many Diggers that gave their lives to protect our country and freedoms. The team excursion was also an opportunity to reward Dunlop students who have participated and supported Dunlop Learning Team activities and events throughout the year, so after the exhausting walk up the 1000 steps, students were treated to a BBQ and were free to participate in various sporting activities. It was a great day for all students and teachers involved and we are looking forward to offering this experience to students in 2019.



Whilst we are nearing Christmas, the Dunlop Learning Team Home Group timeline is not short of events and activities over the next couple of weeks. Next week we will be hosting a farewell celebratory Pancake breakfast for our Year 11 students who are now Year 12 students and moving onto Senior School.

We also have a Reward and Recognition assembly where we will be celebrating the achievements of our students throughout Term 4, as well as recognising those student who have consistently showed leadership and been excellent role models to other students throughout the year.

On Thursday December the 5th Dunlop students will have the privilege of attending a very special presentation made by one of the last remaining War Veterans from the Burma Railway Prisoner of War Camp of which Sir Weary Dunlop was present at. In this presentation students will also listen to the stories from a War Writer who over the past 20 years has interviewed the soldiers who fought alongside Sir Edward Dunlop.



Finally, we would like to congratulate **Himeth Maputugala** who has been appointed College Captain for 2019. We are proud to have you represent Dunlop and wish you all the best in your role.

Notice



DECLARATION OF THE FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The Fire Danger Period will commence at 1am on 19 November 2018 for Cardinia, City of Casey, Frankston, Dandenong, Kingston (CFA Area), Mornington Peninsula Shire, Bass Coast Shire and French Island

CFA declares the Fire Danger Period at the onset of warmer weather when fires in the open air are legally restricted.

This is to help prevent fires from starting as dry vegetation and hot weather increase the incidence of fires accidentally starting and spreading.

Certain restrictions on the lighting of fires are in force during the Fire Danger Period. The CFA website provides information on

what people can and can't do during the declared Fire Danger Period and days of Total Fire Ban.

Residents who suspect illegal burning off during the declared fire danger period should report it to the Police on Triple Zero.

The penalties for lighting fires illegally during the Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban Days include large fines and possible imprisonment.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Vic Emergency Hotline
1800 226 226

Vic Emergency App
Download free from
cfa.vic.gov.au

CFA website
cfa.vic.gov.au

Can I or Can't I?
cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can

cfa.vic.gov.au

KEY DATES & REMINDERS

Holmesglen Institute

Remaining Open Day

When: 29th November. To register visit: <https://holmesglen.edu.au/opendays/>

SAE Quantum Creative Media Institute

Information Night

When: Thurs 13th December, 6pm – 8pm. Where: Melbourne Campus – 235 Normanby Road South Melbourne.

Price: Free.

Please register: <https://sae.edu.au/news-andevents/events/?campus=8&course=allcourses>

Chisholm Institute

Open Night - Berwick Campus

When: Wednesday 12th December from 5pm - 7pm.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.chisholm.edu.au/open>

YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEWS

Rotary Berwick were welcomed into our College to hold mock interviews with year 10 Game of Life students. They came with a wealth of industry knowledge and provided each student with positive and constructive feedback on their presentation, resume and communication skills.

Thank you to Rotary Berwick for providing our students with this great opportunity.



CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

During the month of December Berwick College will place a cage in the front foyer to collect packaged preserved food (within it's use by date) and children's toys in new condition.

Items will be put into a hamper by Casey North Community Information & Support Service for disadvantaged children & families within the Casey area at Christmas.

It would be greatly appreciated if each family could bring in a product to donate to The Benevolent Society. Dig deep this Christmas, every little bit counts.

HEADSTART – FLEXIBLE LEARNING AND VCAL

During Headstart (commencing Monday 19th November), all Flexible Learning (Year 10 only) and VCAL students will be given information about Structured Work Placement. This is a compulsory requirement of their course, and students are expected to find a placement (relevant to their VET course) over the holidays so that they can start by Friday 15th February. Please contact Careers for more information.

HEADSTART – GAME OF LIFE

All Year 10 students will be enrolled in Game of Life, and a compulsory part of this course is work experience. If your child has this subject in Semester 1, they will be given information to assist them in finding a work experience placement over the holidays. The work experience week will be Monday 1st April – Friday 5th April, 2019.

Our Work Placement Coordinator, Laura Germano has been visiting some employers to see how our students are progressing. Last week, she visited Erika Travaglini at Warners Nursery:

"It's been a pleasure having Erika working at Warners Nurseries. She's a hard worker who always listens to instruction well and gets along with all the staff." Paul – Supervisor Warners Nurseries



TAX FILE NUMBER

Are you looking for part-time work after school or on weekends? If so, you will need to provide the employer with a tax file number. Students can apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at participating Australia Post offices. More information on applying online can be found at www.ato.gov.au or you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

CAREERS NEWS—Information for current year 12 students

ADDITIONAL TESTING FOR EDUCATION

Year 12 students who have chosen any Education degrees also have to complete additional testing to be eligible. The testing is called CASPer and has been designed to measure traits like professionalism, ethics, communication and empathy. There is an additional cost of \$80 and all relevant students have been contacted to offer support, if needed.

The last testing date to receive an offer in Round 1 is Sunday 9th December at 1.00pm. Please contact Careers for more information.

ATAR RELEASE AND CHANGE OF PREFERENCE

Year 12 students will receive their ATAR score on Friday 14th December from 7.00am. Instructions about how to access their ATAR have been distributed in the Senior School, however if you student is still unsure, please ask them to see us in the Careers Centre.

Once students have their score, they will be given the opportunity to change their VTAC preferences if need be. This is called the Change of Preference week (14th – 19th December) and Careers Staff will be available during this time to assist students.

Students are also reminded to pay for their VTAC application. If this fee isn't paid by 19th December, they will not receive an offer!

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS (SBAT)

Students who are doing either Year 10 Flexible Learning or Year 11-12 VCAL have the opportunity to apply for a school based apprenticeship in their chosen field. This means that they can complete their TAFE qualification and receive on-the-job training in their chosen industry. There are very little out of pocket expenses, and students earn a decent wage.

As the name suggests, SBATs form part of an apprenticeship and can contribute 6 months credit to their full apprenticeship.

Applications are now open for the SBAT program, so please encourage your child to see Careers staff for more information.

FULL APPRENTICESHIP CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Ventura are offering full apprenticeships in Diesel Mechanic, Auto Electrician and Body Repairer at their Dandenong workshop. For more information, go to Ventura's website, www.venturabus.com.au and Select Careers, then apply from the link.

The Careers Centre also has a number of other apprenticeships that are available in a variety of industries, so please encourage your school leaver to come and see us for that information.



Bunyip Junior Netball Training Night

The Bunyip netball club invites all junior netballers (Under 13, Under 15, under 17) to attend a pre-season training session with new Bunyip Head coach Ben Dixon. After our successful 2018 season the Bunyip netball club welcomes both new and current players to join us as we prepare for an exciting 2019 season.

When: Tuesday November 27th

Where: Bunyip netball courts

Time: 5.00pm – 6.30pm

If you have any questions please email bunyipnetballclub@bigpond.com

VET (Vocational Education and Training)

VET BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

Update on our tool shed (mentioned in last month's newsletter). There was a lot of interest in the sale of this tool shed that our wonderful Building & Construction students have spent all year building. The successful bidder was By Jingoos Grove in Kooweerup, a not-for-profit organisation helping students with anxiety gain confidence by interacting with camels. Our tool shed will be converted into a cubby for visiting students. These funds will be used for some much needed machinery in our workshop.

SAW HORSES – FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Our 1st Year Building & Construction students have made saw horses as part of their course this year. A lot of students haven't taken them home, so we are offering them to our school families. Please contact Careers if you would like to pick up a pair.

WHITE CARD TRAINING

Students who are enrolled in VET Building & Construction for 2019 will be participating in White Card training on Wednesday 28th November and Wednesday 5th December. If your child is enrolled in this subject, please log into Compass for the consent form.

VET IN SCHOOLS COURSES FOR 2019

If your son/daughter selected a VET course for 2019 as part of their school program/timetable, please ensure they have completed a VET application form and it has been submitted to Amanda Wallace in the Careers Centre.

One third of the fees of the total amount due is payable at the front office to secure your child's placement.

Any queries, please contact Amanda on 8768 1073.



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HEADSTART PROGRAM

Friday November 16th was the last day of the 2018 academic year. On Monday November 19th students started the 2019 academic year. This program is called the **HEADSTART PROGRAM** and details are outlined below.

YEAR 12 (2019) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday 19 November to Friday 30 November 2018

All current Year 11 students intending to continue their studies at Berwick College in 2019 will complete a two-week Year 12 Headstart Program.

Program in preparation for 2019

Students will begin their 2019 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 Wednesday, as the VET course does not commence until 2019.
- ◆ **Students undertaking a VET course** that is scheduled **within the timetable** on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are **required to attend**.

YEAR 11 (2019) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday 19 November to Friday 7 December 2018

All current Year 10 students intending to continue their studies at Berwick College in 2019 will complete a three-week Year 11 Headstart Program

Program in preparation for 2019

Students will begin their 2019 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 Wednesday, as the VET course does not commence until 2019.
- ◆ **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 (2019) HEAD START PROGRAM - Monday 19 November to Friday 14 December 2018

- ◆ All current students in Years 7-9 are expected to attend school and begin their 2019 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 2019 and will have timetables that reflect the composition of classes for 2019.
- ◆ 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 2019.
- ◆ The teacher will assess the work completed during Headstart which will contribute 10% to 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 2019.

VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING (VCAL) & FLEXIBLE LEARNING PROGRAM (FLP)

Students moving in to **Year 10 – FLP, Year 11 VCAL or Year 12 VCAL in 2019** will be required to attend the Headstart program on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**. Students 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 2019. VET and Work Placement do not commence until 2019.

Students enrolled in **Year 9 FLP for 2019** will be required to attend the Headstart program on **all days of the week**.

HEADSTART PROGRAM

STUDENT INFORMATION & EXEMPTIONS

- ◆ Students must attend classes with workbooks or 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 2018 in preparation for the 2019 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 Student Learning Leader to exempt a student from the program at the end of the year. Student Learning Leaders will compile a list of exempt students and will provide written confirmation to parents.
- ◆ **Student Learning Leaders may grant exemptions for the following reasons:**
 - * new student to the College
 - * other educational activity – eg: World Challenge Program, Great Victorian Bike Ride, Sporting competitions/tours
 - * 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 Acting Principal – Mr Doble.**
- ◆ Students granted an exemption may choose to do the work provided at home either in 2018 or 2019 whichever is appropriate.

REDEMPTION PROGRAM

Students who do not satisfy the College’s Promotion Policy in 2018 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.

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.

To satisfactorily complete the Redemption Program students will be required to:

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

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR (Monday 17 December to Friday 21 December)

Friday December 14th is the last day of the Headstart program. From December 17th to 21st, 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 this week, teachers will be correcting Headstart work and finalising marks that are part of 2019 assessment. The Headstart work contributes 10% to the students’ overall 2019

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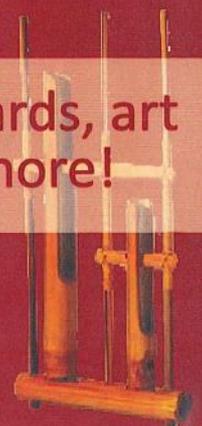
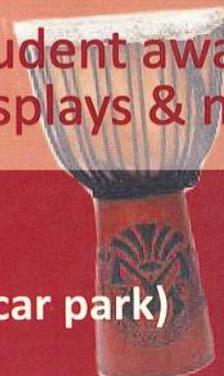
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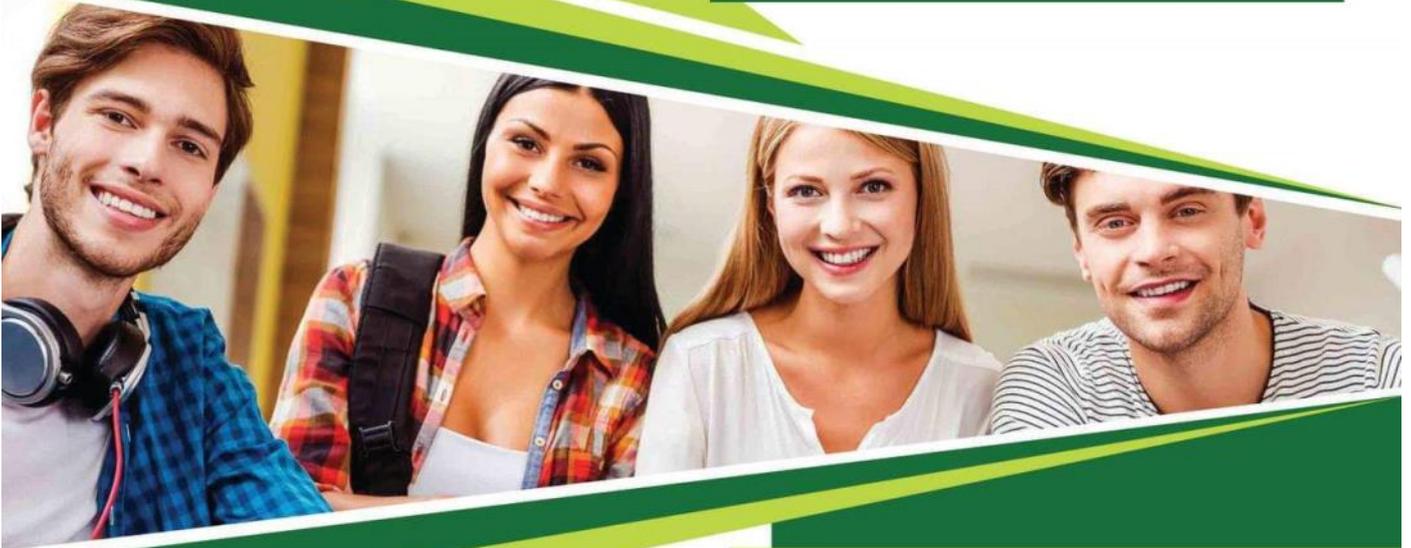
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