

KEY DATES	
Friday 29th November	Headstart ends for Year 12, 2020
Saturday 30th November	USA Basketball Tour departs
Friday 6th December	Headstart ends for Year 11, 2020
Monday 9th December	Year 8 Canberra Tour departs Indonesian Night Market 5:00pm—7:00pm Year 7 2020 Information Night 7:00—8:00pm
Wednesday 11th December	Final day for Year 7-12 Booklist Orders to receive free processing and handling—orders placed on or after 12th December will have charges applied
Thursday 12th December	Headstart ends for Years 8, 9 & 10, 2020
Friday 13th December	Whole school excursion
Monday 16th to Friday 20th December	Alternative Program will be put in place for students. Program finishes at 2:30pm on Friday 20th December
Tuesday 17th December	Presentation Evening 7:00pm Berwick Church of Christ
2020	
Thursday 9th January	Final day for Year 7-12 Booklist orders for collection from school on 16/01/20
Thursday 16th January	Booklist Collection 2pm to 6pm Stadium Foyer
Wednesday 29th January	First Student Day—Assembly Period 1
Tuesday 18th February	Swimming Carnival
Friday 6th March	Professional Learning Day - Student Free Day
Monday 9th March	Labour Day—Public Holiday

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FINANCE OFFICE: Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 4:00pm

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE:

Monday to Friday: 8:15am – 4:00pm

BERWICK COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Berwick College notifies parents by email when newsletters are published. Newsletters are published three times per term. Newsletters can be accessed on the Berwick College website.

Please keep up-to-date with all College news by reading the newsletter, following us on Facebook and contacting the appropriate Home Group Teacher if you have any concerns.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*...guiding students in their inquiry,
problem solving, critical thinking...*

This week, College Council had the pleasure of receiving a report from our S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology Engineering, Arts and Maths) Program. It was impressive to hear from **Anthony and Lachlan** who presented on Formula 1 in Schools and **Leisha and Sarah** who presented on Submarines in Schools. Students attend the STEAM Club on a volunteer basis after school on a Monday. Council Members were also very interested to see the Virtual Reality Headset in action, Robotics and hear of the intentional community approach as part of STEAM in classrooms. My thanks to Mr Brendan Allen and Ms Amanda Fester for guiding the students in their inquiry, problem solving, critical thinking and the construction of their projects. It can be up to a two year process to be at the level to get a working prototype to competition standard and our students are to be congratulated for their work so far. The DET and Australian Government regard this area as critically important for current and future students to have these skills which will provide employment and career opportunities in emerging STEAM related pathways.



Preparation for 2020 is well underway. The preparation of the 2020 timetable is an extremely complicated process and my thanks to Mr Ben Plant for his hard work to ensure it was ready for the staff and students to commence their 2020 Academic year, (Headstart) this week. Headstart 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.



We have welcomed 26 new students for Headstart and are looking forward to the Grade 6 Parent Information Evening, Monday 9th December at 7:00pm and the Indonesian Pasar Malam Festival which is from 5pm and 7pm. This festival is a wonderful way to welcome new families to the College as they enjoy performances, food and displays. The following day, Tuesday 10th December we welcome 290 year 7 (2020) students for their Grade 6 Orientation.

Last week Grade 5/6 students from Beaconsfield Primary School participated in our Kick Start program to ensure a smooth transition to secondary schooling and also for students to experience what Berwick College has to offer. My thanks to Ms Dee Longwill for coordinating this program and to Ms Amy Hooper, Ms Carla Diaz, Mr Brendan Allen and Mr D'Arcy Garton for their preparation of specialist activities for the children to enjoy.

This week students have participated in numerous excursions, seven students left on their World Challenge Tour to Malaysia and Borneo, Basketball Academy students competed in the Albert Park Friendly Tournament and many are looking forward to leaving on their USA Tour Saturday week.

We have also farewelled the Class of 2019. The Valedictory evening was an outstanding success with over 500 guests in attendance to congratulate and farewell our Class of 2019. 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.

College Council was notified by The Hon James Merlino, Deputy Premier and Minister of Education, in a letter to Gary Maas MP, that the DET have provided an additional \$200,000 to support the completion of the future Health and Wellbeing Centre and also have been approved for \$75,000 funding to contribute to security to store mobile phones as per the new DET mobile phone policy guidelines for 2020.

We are looking forward to celebrating with parents, students and staff, Presentation Night, the Semester 2 Music Concert and our students performing in The Rotary Club Carols – these are wonderful highlights in our College calendar. **Kerri Bolch—Principal**

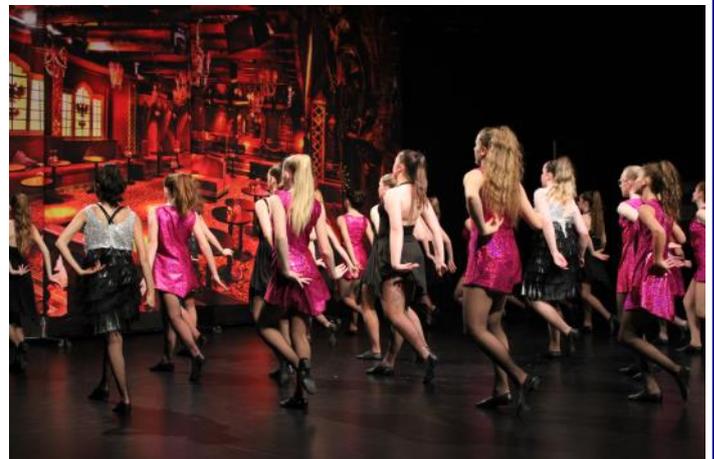
DANCE ACADEMY NEWS

BCDA JUNIOR PRODUCTION

We hope you enjoyed the production of the Golden Age of Hollywood. The Golden Age of Hollywood was a period of great growth, experimentation and change in the industry that brought international prestige to Hollywood and its movie stars. We wanted to show you a production that was fun and light hearted. In the BCDA we try to expose the students to a lot of different styles and eras. This is a good opportunity for the students to research an era that started around 100 years ago. It is so important for the students to know where dance comes from and to learn about the trends throughout history.

The production requires the students, to work as a team, problem solve, communicate and negotiate. These skills are required for life. As adults you know that you deal with different people every day, people that you get along with and unfortunately people that you don't always get along with. The students in our classes are no different, they don't always all get along, but we have to teach them to be respectful, appreciate others opinions and compromise.

We believe these experiences taught through dance enable these students to grow to be amazing adults that contribute to the world in a positive way.



VSSS PRINCIPAL AND ENSEMBLE ROLES

Congratulations to the students took up the experience to audition with Deon Nuku (VSSS Dance Director). We had nine students take up this experience and it is great to see the talent that is blooming at BCDA.

We also loved seeing our senior students mentor our younger students. They shared advice, stories and their experience this year with VSSS. They also gave them some pointers for the audition!

DANCE CAPTAINS

In 2020 we are reintroducing Dance Captains. One leader for Year 7-9 and one leader for Year 10-12.

Their roles would involve presenting at our dance events, running rehearsals, student advocacy and voice and much more. This will be a great achievement and experience for our students. The process of application will begin next year.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS HOCKEY

On a very hot day, the Berwick Intermediate Boys Hockey team headed out to play in the Southern Metro Region Final at the Hawthorn Malvern Hockey Centre ... hoping to go one better than last year.

Our Pool consisted of four teams. The first game was against Rosebud. It was a game where we dominated the attack and scored 5-0 to take out the win. Next came Keysborough Banksia who were quick and agile. Berwick won this match 5-0. Lachie Poretti scoring 4 goals in these matches. Going into the last pool round against Melbourne HS, the school who would go through would come from this match. At the end of full-time it was a draw. Berwick went through into the Grand Final based on goal difference ... phew.

Once again we met Frankston HS in the final. It was a really exciting game from beginning to end. We thought we had scored a goal off Stacey but alas, it was disallowed. At the end of the game it was 0-0 so extra time was played. This too saw it still 0-0. The dreaded penalty shoot out then began. Each team had five players try to score. At the end of four players it was 2-2 (Alex and Stacey scoring). On the final Frankston attempt, they scored. Berwick finished runners-up 2-3.

It was a great day, the players were amazing. Always trying to implement strategies, supporting players in tight situations and cheering loudly during the penalty shoot out. Days like these are why I love teaching. A big thank you to Ms Jodie Mortimer who stepped in as coach on the day (as Mr Doble could not attend). Special congrats to Stacey who showed she can match it with the boys and be a force to be reckoned with. And very well done to the players – you were ace! **Ms J. Ms Graham**



Trent Allen – Tyler Campbell – Jack Edwards – Will Gardiner – Jesse Justice – Stacey Langeveld – Rex Lazaros
Jack Lloyd – Alex Lowden – Lachie Poretti – Mujtabba Waseem (goalie) – Josh Westra

LOST PROPERTY—JACKETS

Has your child lost a spray jacket?
We have a number of unnamed sports jackets in lost property.
Please call Mrs Thomas 8768 1000 if your child has lost one.



HEADSTART PROGRAM

On Monday November 18th students will start the 2020 academic year. This program is called the **HEADSTART PROGRAM** and details are outlined below.

YEAR 12 (2020) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday 18 November to Friday 29 November 2019

All current Year 11 students intending to continue their studies at Berwick College in 2020 will complete a two-week Year 12 Headstart Program.

Program in preparation for 2020

Students will begin their 2020 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 2020.
- **Students undertaking a VET course** that is scheduled **within the timetable** on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are **required to attend**.

YEAR 11 (2020) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday 18 November to Friday 6 December 2019

All current Year 10 students intending to continue their studies at Berwick College in 2020 will complete a three-week Year 11 Headstart Program

Program in preparation for 2020

Students will begin their 2020 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 2020.
- **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 (2020) HEAD START PROGRAM - Monday 18 November to Thursday 12 December 2019

- All current students in Years 7-9 are expected to attend school and begin their 2020 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 2020 and will have timetables that reflect the composition of classes for 2020.
- 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 2020.
- 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 2020.
- On Friday December 14th a whole school excursion will be held. Details will be made available closer to the date.

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 2020** 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 2020. VET and Work Placement do not commence until 2020.

Students enrolled in **Year 9 FLP for 2020** will be required to attend the Headstart program on **all days of the week**.

HEADSTART PROGRAM CONTINUED...

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 2019 in preparation for the 2020 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, 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 Principal – Ms Bolch.

- Students granted an exemption may choose to do the work provided at home either in 2019 or 2020 which ever is appropriate.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR (Monday 16 December to Friday 20 December)

Friday December 13th is the last day of the Headstart program. From December 16th to 20th, 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 2020 assessment. The Headstart work contributes 10% to the students' overall 2020 assessment.

LIBRARY NEWS

This month we have focussed on 2 issues that affect many people. ‘*Movember*’ was one of these and well done to the Surf Rescue Class and Mr Costantino for their fund raising efforts. The *Movember* Foundation is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as anxiety, prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's suicide. The goal of *Movember*'s is to "change the face of men's health."

We also remembered the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month and the significance of 100 years from the first Remembrance Day. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

The Secret Storytellers Society has been meeting the last 4 weeks in the Library, with a fantastic group of enthusiastic young writers! The group is open to all students interested in writing and storytelling! So far the group has learnt the art of brainstorming, worked on writing prompts, competition entries and has been challenged to write a story in 200 words or less! The group meets every Friday lunchtime with sweet snacks and fun writing games in the Library. All creative minds welcome.



EDROLO - YEAR 12 VCE RESOURCE IN 2020

Edrolo is an important resource that will form an integral part of Year 12 in 2020.

What is Edrolo?

Edrolo is a comprehensive, premium, interactive online video and exam simulation resource for the VCE, providing our students with the best opportunity to perform to their potential throughout the year. We have extensively assessed the resource and are confident it is an extremely valuable investment for our Year 12 students. You can find out more about how Edrolo will support your child in their VCE in this short video: edrolo.com.au/parents/

How do students use Edrolo?

High quality VCE teachers (including exam assessors and textbook authors) have built the resource in accordance with VCAA Study Designs; its curriculum-specific and engaging content will provide our students with a differentiated and targeted level of support as they prepare for their most important examinations.

How will our students and teachers use Edrolo?

We will use Edrolo as a tool to further enhance what our teachers are doing day-to-day.

Our teachers are provided with training on how to best utilise the resource, and you should expect them to guide students to make full use of Edrolo in a range of ways across the year, including:

- holiday homework;
- pre-class work;
- post-class consolidation;
- assessment preparation; and exam revision

We are actively communicating with students regarding how to access Edrolo. Edrolo is an outstanding VCE resource, providing our students with the best opportunity to perform to their best with the support of our fantastic teachers.

The subjects that Edrolo offer and costs are listed below. Although, the overall cost can be quite expensive, I want teachers and students to have the best possible Year 12 resources. **Edrolo fees will be added to family statements and we ask parents to pay as soon as possible.**

EDROLO VCE Course and cost for 2020

Subject	Cost per subject
Accounting, Biology, Business Management, Chemistry, English, Food Studies, Further Maths, Health and Human Development, Legal Studies, Maths Methods, Media, Physical Education, Physics, Specialist Maths, Studio Arts, Visual Communication Design	\$30
History Revolutions	\$15
Psychology – Extended version Textbook and Digital resource	\$100

Edrolo – activation instructions - students

1. Go to edrolo.com.au/berwick
2. Enter your surname and check that it recognises your correct first name
3. Enter your email address and choose a secure password that you will remember
4. Click 'Let me in'
5. Edrolo will send a confirmation email to the email address you used above – head to this email and click the activation link
6. You'll then be logged into your account!

If you're still having trouble give us a call on 1300 EDROLO (1300 337 656).

Mr Mark Woodbridge

Assistant Principal

LEARNING TEAM ART COMPETITION

The Arts Department would like to thank all the students who participated in the Learning Team Art Competition during Arts Week. The winners of the Learning Team Art Competition:

- 1st Prize is awarded to **Ruby Coupar of Kenny (below)**



- 2nd Prize is awarded to **Aimee Hyde of Chisholm (bottom left)**
- 3rd Prize is awarded to **Alyssa Nowak of Hollows (bottom right)**



BASKETBALL ACADEMY—6TH STATE TITLE

We would like to congratulate the Year 7 Boys on taking out the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Year 7 State Championship. The boys dominated the day before having a closer contest in the final against Rowville where they came away with a hard fought 39-25 victory. We also had our Year 9/10 Boys, Year 8 Boys and Year 9/10 Girls and Year 8 Girls compete in their State Finals. All teams competed extremely well, with the Year 9/10 boys going down in the final to Doncaster, the Year 8 Boys and Girls both finished 3rd, the boys being extremely unlucky, going down to Horsham by just 1 point. The year 9/10 girls competed really hard, however, finished ranked 7th. The school was extremely successful in the SSV tournament with 7 of our 8 teams winning regional titles and finally coming away with 1 State Title, 3 runners up and 2 teams finishing 3rd. **Mr Chris Pentland**—Academy Director



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

STATE BASKETBALL FINALS

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the School Sport Victoria State Basketball Finals this week. We wish them all the best and hope they can bring home a win for Berwick College.

Year 7 Boys: Ryan Baker, Luke Fennell, Cedric Rault, Phoenix Windsor, Truman Byrne, Tyler Langston, Seb Van Den Brink, Jordan Waters, Wade Balaba, Jai Hendriks.

Year 8 Boys: Ethan Bolton, Brian Vengesayi, Kynan Auhl, Lachlan Coverdale, Rio Lazaros, Noah Mraz, Jake Wood-Sutherland, Sam Woodward, Harry Baker, Rylan Burchall.

Year 8 Girls: Breana Granger, Javan Hawkins, Meg Robertson, Kiana O'Neill, Preslie Johansson, Tamsyn Carr, Lauren Langeveld, Katie Granger, Dallas Ray, Summer Garrett.

Intermediate Boys: Kayne Taylor, Riley Browne, Aaron Davidson, Callum McNiff, Jake Thompson, Jak Morris-Burney, Daniel Mazur, David Amum, Jonno Fennell, Drue Maher.

Intermediate Girls: Sienna Anderson, Chloe Crockford, Lauren Hull, Taleah Read, Lani Burrell, Shaylee Stringer, Josie Parlapiano, Rania Edwards, Malena Edwards, Caitlyn Crockford.

SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION FINALS

The following students competed at the SMR Regional Finals for their respective sports over the past month. While we may not have brought home a win, students tried their hardest on the day, with many making the grand finals on the day.

Year 7 Table Tennis: Abhinandan Chandran, Dalsten Chung, Kane Hurst, Matthew Nunn, Jake Oost and Mason Williams.

Year 7 Cricket: Pamod Amarasekera, Abhinav Balaji, Abhinandan Chandran, AJ Claxton, Lokeshvaan Ganesan, Matheesha Hewa Battage, Tadhg McCurrin, Sarvesh Sai Murali, Jake Oost, Hasith Peiris, Dulana Ranaweera, Bamina Hennadige Rathnabharathie and Mason Williams.

Year 8 Cricket: Nishka Abhayawansa, Samantha Dickinson, Phoebe Gorozidis, Breana Granger, Ella Hibberson-Dumergue, Preslie Johansson, Lauren Langeveld, Meg Robertson, Samantha Sellers, Zoe Sier, Jemma Szybkowski, Sawani Wickramarachchi and Ella Wilson.

Year 8 Table Tennis: Emily Dundon, Hadar Flenner, Tanis Mills and Ella Taylor.

Intermediate Cricket: Trent Allen, Brayden Balasuriya, Mitchell Bourke, Pallidora Fernando, Ethan Lee, Alex Lowden, Shesh Sai Murali, Pritesh Narayan, Sayed Ahmad Quraishi, Omair Rana, Mujtabba Waseem, Itizza Waseem, Sienna Anderson, Jette Bradshaw, Chloe Crockford, Emily Cvetkova, Natasha Ford, Lauren Hull, Stacey Langeveld, Taleah Read, Abby Shadwell and Hayley Woolfe.

Intermediate Hockey: Trent Allen, Tyler Campbell, Jack Edwards William Gardiner, Jesse Justice, Stacey Langeveld, Rex Lazaros, Jack Lloyd, Alex Lowden, Max Taylor, Mujtabba Waseem, Lachlan Poretti and Joshua Westra.

Intermediate Table Tennis: Roche Espanillo, Mitchell Hendricks, Pritesh Narayan, Isaac Rawlins, Yajurv Seth and Mujtabba Waseem.

SCIENCE INCURSION

This week in Science the year 7 students had the opportunity to attend an incursion. Students have been learning about classification, food chains and food webs, taking into consideration physical attributes. Students got to meet and touch a selection of Australian animals, such as a green tree frog, frill-neck lizard, barn owl, shingleback lizard, sugar glider, bettong, olive python, spiny stick insect, crocodile, turtle and a black cockatoo.

“My favourite animal would be the little, wittle, itsy, bitsy fluffy fellow- the sugar glider. I would recommend keeping him. Please!” **Aiden Vanderzee.**

“I enjoyed the experience of touching and learning about the Australian animals. Everybody got the opportunity to learn something new and interesting and I would love to do it again.” **Jordan Hillbrick.**

“The experience was very educational for all ages, it was also very interactive so I would recommend it for all ages. I think that all of the animals were really friendly and I would do it again.” **Mia Culverwell.**

“I hope to do this again. The presenter was very clear and fun. Overall the experience was fantastic and I enjoyed every second of it.” **Melia Monteith .**

“This week all the year 7 students were lucky enough to meet some amazing animals thanks to Reptile Encounters, wildlife up close. We met Kermit the green tree frog, Sammy the red tail cockatoo, Julia the stick insect, Tiny the olive snake and Charlie the salt water crocodile, we also learnt some amazing facts about all the animals. We learnt that insects body’s are made of three parts the head the thorax and the abdomen we also found out that female sticks insects don’t need a male to breed but when they do they basically make a clone of themselves right down to the DNA. Another cool thing we found out was that snakes have 88 teeth and they also have holes along their mouths to know if their prey is warm or cold blooded and much, much more but a big thanks to Reptile Encounters who gave us a chance to meet all these amazing and beautiful animals.” **Samantha Sellers.**



CAREER NEWS



THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE VISITS BERWICK



SAVE THE DATE!
**Melbourne ADF
 Careers Expo
 Education Day
 Friday, 21st
 February 2020
 9am – 3pm
 Melbourne Convention
 &
 Exhibition Centre**

The Australian Defence Force is an inclusive, supportive, people-focused and forward-thinking organisation with over 200 careers across a wide range of specialist military positions, support roles, traditional and technical trades, and professions that range from medicine to engineering. Many of these jobs will suit students from diverse backgrounds and those who are not thought of as likely candidates for the ADF. They include jobs for the future aimed at those looking to make the most of their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths skills.

Last month we had ADF staff give a presentation to students, who were able to ask a wide range of questions about the different roles in the Army, Air Force and The Navy. There are wide range of careers and programs available to students through to adults. For more information go to <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/>

YEAR 12 – VTAC CHANGE OF PREFERENCE DATES

Many Year 12 Students have now completed their applications and have selected courses. ATAR rankings will be released on December 12th. First round offers will be released on 18th December. For any students not sure about this part of the process, please visit the Careers Department for a chat.

IMPORTANT VTAC CHANGE OF PREFERENCE DATES – CURRENT YEAR 12 STUDENTS

December offer (New)	Released: 18 th December at 2pm	
Change of Preference	Open: 18 th December at 4pm	Closes: 20 th December at 4pm
	Open: 2 nd January at 10am	Closes: 2 nd January at 4pm
January offer	Released: 15 th January at 2pm	
Change of Preference	Open: 16 th January at 10am	Closes: 24 th January at 4pm
February offer 1	Released: 3 rd February at 2pm	
Change of Preference	Open: 4 th February at 10am	Closes: 4 th February at 4pm
February offer 2	Released: 10 th February at 2pm	
Change of Preference	Open: 11 th February at 10am	Closes: 12 th February at 4pm
February offer 3	Released: 17 th February at 2pm	
Change of Preference	Open: 18 th February at 10am	Closes: 19 th February at 4pm
February offer 4 - Final	Released: 24 th February at 2pm	

CAREER NEWS

INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT VET IN SCHOOLS (VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING)

VCAA are in the process of producing a short video designed to help parents better understand the popularity and importance that VET in schools. These programs (listed below plus many more!) can positively impact your child's future career. Watch this space!

The most popular VET courses according to enrolment this year were:

Top Certificate Enrolments		QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
1	Certificate III in Sport and Recreation	6,658	
2	Certificate II in Building and Construction Pre-apprenticeship	5,526	
3	Certificate II in Business	3,405	
4	Certificate II in Kitchen Operations	2,851	
5	Certificate II in Hospitality	2,500	
6	Certificate III in Community Services	2,418	
7	Certificate III in Music Industry	2,161	
8	Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation	2,089	
9	Certificate II in Engineering Studies	1,980	
10	Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance	1,792	
11	Certificate III in Screen and Media	1,780	
12	Certificate II in Applied Language	1,526	
13	Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology	1,298	
14	Certificate II in Sport and Recreation	1,227	
15	Certificate III in Business	1,225	
16	Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship)	1,166	
17	Certificate II in Animal Studies	1,141	
18	Certificate III in Beauty Services	1,040	
19	Certificate II in Salon Assistant	949	
20	Certificate II in Electrotechnology Studies (Pre-vocational)	915	

Interim data Sep 26 2019

VET at a glance

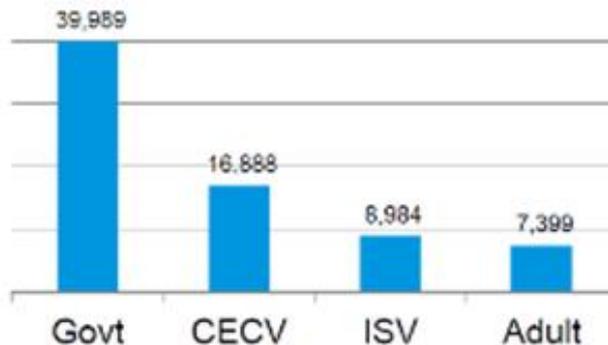
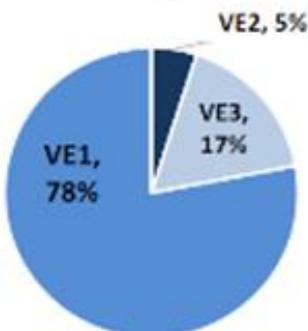
70,306
Total VET Enrolments

3,390
Total SBAT Enrolments

46%
Year 11 Students

18% of all
Enrolments with one RTO

Total VE1 Enrolments
Approved VCE VET Programs
55,037



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Interim data as at Sep 26 2019



MIGHTY MONASH



TERM 4/HEADSTART

The Headstart period has commenced (Week 7, Monday 18th November) and all students have made a positive start. During this time students commence their next year of schooling in advance, giving them an opportunity to begin their learning for the following year early. Therefore, it is important that students stay on track over these new few weeks when assessments for their subjects will be finalized for this current year level.

MONASH DAY – TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

The Monash Learning Team had a wonderful day of celebrations related to all things concerning Sir John Monash, their namesake. The whole school participated in Home Group activities related to Sir John Monash which was great fun for everyone. We sold pizza and cans of soft drink at lunch time to raise money for Legacy (a charity who provide services to Australian families suffering after the injury or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service). We raised \$550! In addition at lunch, there was a Learning Team versus Learning Team building competition (as Sir John Monash was a Civil Engineer and an Australian Military Commander for the First World War) to create the most structurally sound and best decorated Gingerbread House. The day was a great success and lots of fun for everyone.



YEAR 11 STUDENTS – 2019 – FAREWELL

All Year 11 students are invited to a breakfast during Home Group on Thursday 28th November. This will be an opportunity for them to celebrate their achievements for the year and say farewell.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A new uniform system has been implemented on Compass to assist in maintaining our uniform policy that is similar to the phone system via Compass where two warnings and then an Afterschool detention will be issued for students who are consistently breaching the uniform policy. Thank you to the students who have been wearing the correct school uniform, and to parents for providing notes when necessary.

Please remember that hoodies, runners and track pants are not part of the school uniform and therefore not permitted at any time.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Unexplained absences – please ensure you send your child with a note and/or medical certificate if they are absent from school and ask them to hand it to their Home Group teacher. Alternatively, you can update this on Compass.

We wish all the Year 11 and 12 students all the very best in their upcoming VCE exams. Further, to the Year 12 students, we wish you all the very best with your future endeavors. Please keep in touch.

Ms. Karen Crawley & Ms. Lucy Tusan—Monash Learning Team

CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE—SIR GENERAL JOHN MONASH

Early in 2018, Anthony Byrne member for Holt, obtained a grant through the "Australian Governments Armistice Centenary Grants Program."

Local Artists Group, "Provenance Arts were invited to create artwork depicting Australia's involvement in the four-year brutal conflict that cost the lives of 60,000 Australians, and to honour their memory, displaying 30 paintings in various locations around Berwick on the Centenary of Armistice. Mr Anthony Byrne then advised schools and local groups that he would make these paintings available to schools and public locations, if security could be provided. Berwick College was made aware of this project and History Teacher, Ms Jodie Owen, made an application to secure a painting for the College. The painting of **Sir General John Monash** painted by **Mr Peter McLean**, was the painting applied for due to the Monash Learning Team being named after him, and students learn about the unique qualities of this very special Australian.

This painting was presented to Berwick College on Thursday 14th November at Monash Learning Team Assembly. The College is so very grateful for this remarkable piece of art and it will take pride of place in the foyer of the Administration Building.

Ms Jodie Owen—Humanities Faculty



FLYNN PHOENIX - WATARRKA FOUNDATION



A couple of weeks ago Flynn held an assembly to celebrate Halloween, students who had displayed the school values as recognised by their teachers and a farewell to Mrs Lewis as the Flynn Learning Team Leader. In the assembly we had lots of fun as students competed to dress the best 'mummy' for their home group; all done with toilet paper.

Last term, Mr Uhlenberg ran a competition between the Learning Teams where budding writers were to come up with a novella, based on a theme The competition was titled 'Book in a Day'. The theme for Flynn was horror. Our budding writers were **Maddy Lane**, **Emma Guthrie** and **Isabella Johnson** worked hard to create an exciting and well written novel. After many weeks of deliberation, last week Flynn was announced as the winner. Well done to all three girls, you have done Flynn and yourselves very proud. If any students would like to read the novel they can come and see Mrs. Lewis or Mr. Nettleingham in room C1s to borrow a copy or alternatively it is also housed in the school library. Thanks Mr. Uhlenberg for running such a great competition.

Mrs. Lewis is taking on the role of Junior School Co-ordinator next year. A new staff member, Mr. Vaughan Chaplin will take on the role of Flynn Learning Team Leader for 2020 and Mr. Adam Nettleingham will remain as Assistant Learning Team Leader.

Flynn staff and students would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Lewis for 6 years at the helm of Flynn. She has worked tirelessly to support and encourage our students and to guide them on the path to success, in whichever field that would be successful for them. Mrs. Lewis has always had the welfare of Flynn students close to heart and has put in many hours behind the scenes to provide the best possible outcomes for students.

Her enthusiasm, fun nature and at times 'crazy' antics will be missed by all. Even though she will not be the Flynn leader in 2020, Mrs. Lewis will always be part of the Flynn Learning Team and Flynn students should not fear; you will still see and hear her around the school. Thank you Mrs. Lewis.

Mr Adam Nettleingham.



KENNY CARERS

Congratulations to our new 2020 School Captains. Kenny are particularly proud of **Samantha Buntrock** and **Tia Church** who are the two female captains. They will do a fantastic job representing the students and College next year.



We welcome our two new Kenny students who have joined the Kenny Learning Team for Headstart. **Rhylee Lucas** and **Chase Williams** are both in year 8.

We have kicked off to a good start with Headstart seeing students settling in well with their new subjects and teachers. Next week there will be an opportunity for students to request changes to their timetable, so they need to listen out for announcements made.

As part of Headstart, 8.10 are studying Geology. We are learning about the different types of rock and how they are formed. We started off the topic by looking at the properties of rocks, such as whether they have layers or crystals are shiny or dull etc.. The students participated in a practical activity where they use these properties to identify the rock.

Ms Jenny Hart and Ms Rimma Campos—Kenny Student Learning Leaders



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 2020 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 to join the Year 12 cohort with their new coordinators.

We will be hosting a pancake breakfast to celebrate the end of the 2019 academic year and to also 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 should ensure that they stay up to date with their work and Headstart is a great opportunity to set some individual goals and expectations both academically and socially. Any subject change requests must go through the Junior School Leader (Years 8 and 9 in 2020) or the Senior School Leader (Years 10, 11 and 12 in 2020).

In the coming weeks, we will also hold an assembly for prospective Hollows Learning Team captains to present to the team before voting for who will lead our team in 2020. Well done to all our students on successfully completing the 2019 academic year. We have enjoyed working with all our wonderful Hollows families and looking forward to our on-going partnership during Headstart and into next year.

Ms Deana Mihalos & Mr Neil Gould—Hollows Student Learning Team – (03) 8768 1094

O'DONOGHUE OTELLAS



This month O'Donoghue have been busy celebrating some great achievements from our hard-working students. All O'Donoghue students who were awarded with school value awards over the year received a pizza lunch for their great contribution towards a positive school community and academic achievement. Students were able to enjoy a few slices of pizza and a drink whilst interacting with other conscientious O'Donoghue kids.

Another great accomplishment was our year 8 girls winning their Southern Metropolitan Regional Finals basketball tournament whilst representing Berwick College. The girls who include; **Tamsyn Carr, Summer Garrett, Breana Granger, Katie Granger, Javan Hawkins, Kiana O'Neil and Dallas Ray**, displayed great skill and athleticism to come away with several wins on the day. We are very proud of their efforts and look forward to more victories to come!



The year 7's were also in for a great experience with a wildlife encounter incursion occurring at school throughout the week. The incursion was part of their Science topic of classification where students were able to learn about different animals and some were even lucky enough to hold a few.

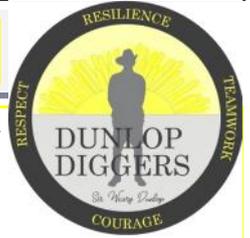


As head start begins, we are now looking towards 2020 and preparing to nominate our future O'Donoghue leaders. Throughout the next few weeks O'Donoghue students will decide who they would like to lead them through the next year. We wish the future candidates the best of luck and hope all our students are enjoying their new classes.

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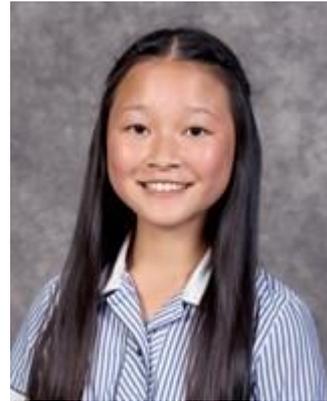
DUNLOP DIGGERS



This week we held an assembly to celebrate Dunlop students who have demonstrated our school values throughout the year.

Congratulations to the following students:

- **Grace Marandawela** for demonstrating RESPECT
- **Lachlan Guy** for demonstrating PERSEVERANCE
- **Andrea Liew** for demonstrating INTEGRITY
- **Elvin Cehic** for demonstrating PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
- **Jordan Do** for demonstrating RESILIENCE
- **Kadin Langthaller** received an award for 100% attendance without being late once throughout the year.
- **George Du Bois** received an award for enthusiasm in the 'write a book in a day' competition



Next week on Thursday 29/11 we will be hosting a farewell celebratory Pancake breakfast for our Year 11 students who are moving onto Senior School for year 12.

Next week will mark the beginning of the 2019 school year with the commencement of our Head start program. We hope that our students enjoy their classes, and that they use the opportunity to make a positive start to their 2019 studies.

Rebecca Hann and Rafal Kaplon
Dunlop Learning Team

FROST FALCONS



HEADSTART

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NEW LEARNING TEAM CAPTAINS

On Tuesday we are holding a Frost Learning Team Assembly. During this assembly all students who have applied for the position of Frost Learning Team Captain 2020 will have a chance to deliver a short speech to our students. Following this assembly all students will vote and our captains will be elected. All the best to students who have applied!

MONASH DAY

Monash day was a great success and lots of fun! At lunch time **Phoebe Gorozidis**, **Sadina Nuhanovic** and **Ella Hibberson-Dumergue** represented Frost in the Ginger-Bread-House competition. While Frost may have only placed 6th in the competition, we think they did an amazing job designing and constructing a master piece!



REPTILE ENCOUNTERS – WILDLIFE UP CLOSE

Our year 7s were lucky enough to participate in the Reptile Encounters incursion. They had the opportunity to hold different reptiles and learnt lots of new interesting information! It was an afternoon full of fun! Mr Oke was very proud of the way our year 7s were engaged and participated in the discussions and activities.



Mr Matthew Oke & Mrs Eve Eddison - Frost Student Learning Team

HEADSTART 2020

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 2020 and transitioning into the next year level.

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 would also like to wish our year 11 students well, as they embark on their final year of schooling and move from the Chisholm Learning Team to the year 12 cohort.

We wish you all the best in your new classes.

MONASH DAY

The Chisholm Chargers represented our team well on Monash day, coming 5th overall in the homegroup activities. Furthermore, three of our year 8 students, represented the learning team in the inaugural Monash gingerbread house building competition, these students were **Hadar Flenner, Tanis Mills and Emily Dundon**, coming third overall! Fantastic effort girls, and well done Chisholm Chargers.



Left: Hadar Flenner, Tanis Mills and Emily Dundon work on their gingerbread masterpiece

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: THOMAS VANCE

Chisholm Charger student **Thomas Vance** has had an incredible year competing in several off-road motorcycle championships. Tom was crowned the new Victorian champion in the J2 Class in which he dominated the total season, 14 races in total throughout Victoria. He is also the Motorcycle Racing Club Victoria J3 class champion and 5th overall Australian Champion in the J2 Class. Congratulations Tom.



L - R) Tom Vance at the finish line, competing and with his team.

ATTENDANCE – COMPASS

A friendly reminder to all parents & 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.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Berwick College is partnered with DBT in Schools.

They are providing psychological services to our school, placing a school psychologist in our school one day a week. This is very exciting for our school to help student's develop resilience, and coping skills for a range of challenges they may be facing. This may include challenges such as; anxiety, difficulty coping with friendships, grief, and dealing with parents separating, for example. The Psychologist will focus on helping student's build important life skills. For students with a mental health care plan from their GP this service is no cost to the parent. The sessions are confidential and provide an affordable and convenient service. If you would like your child to have some sessions with the DBT in Schools Psychologist, you should contact Kyra from wellbeing (8768 1022) or your students Learning team leader, who can help you engage with this service. For more information about DBT in Schools you can visit their website at dbtinschools.com.au



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