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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Vision
Mercy Regional College serves a wide rural community which values growth and diversity in Catholic Education in the Mercy tradition.

Our Mission
In the Spirit of the Gospels we commit ourselves to the core values of community, inclusiveness, learning, care, justice and mercy, excellence and achievement.

Our Focus for 2007
Community

Through the Mercy tradition we promote the uniqueness of the community and its heritage.

Education and Training Reform Act 2006
I wish to advise that the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (the Act) came into effect on 1 July 2007, along with the associated Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007.

The Act which updates and replaces twelve separate education and training Acts, includes a number of important changes that are of relevance for Catholic schools in Victoria. These changes include:

- Raising the school leaving age from 15 to 16 years
- Establishing a new statutory authority - the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VQRA) - responsible for the regulation and accreditation of government and non-government schools, training and higher education providers (except established universities)
- Enshrining parents’ right to information about their child’s education, e.g. that all schools provide information regarding a school’s performance to the school community at least once a year
- Guaranteeing a place in a TAFE institution or other participating public training provider for young people up to the age of 20 who have completed Year 12 or its equivalent.

The Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007 (the Regulations set out the minimum standards for the registration of schools, vocational education and training providers and senior secondary education providers. A copy of the Act and Regulations can be obtained at <http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au>.

Building Works
Significant progress has been made on the building front. The electrical upgrade is now complete and the contractors have been on site for the last week with much of the preparation and foundation works having now been completed. The bus shelter is also nearing completion [see photos on page 7].

As the building works progress there will be a number of opportunities provided for parents and students to walk through the building site and have a look at the progress being made. I will advise in due course when these opportunities will be made available. In the interim it is important that we adhere to the builders request to remain outside the fenced areas. Parents must not drive their car up the driveway or park in the Admin car park at any time. There are significant Occupational, Health and Safety requirements that need to be followed.

PTFA Meeting
The last PTFA meeting was on Monday 30th July at the McAuley Campus.

The discussion on possible uniform changes continued with some progress being made. However it will not be possible to come to a final decision about any changes to the uniform before the end of the year. Therefore the uniform requirements for 2008 will be as per our current requirement. In short no change in uniform for next year. Our uniform suppliers have been informed about this. We will continue to discuss the uniform at future PTFA meetings and I hope that parents are able to come along and have input into this process.
**Student Achievements**

I am delighted to announce that Libby Buchholz and Scott Gallichan have been selected to be part of Melbourne University’s Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholarship Program. Named in honour of the university’s former vice-chancellor, Kwong Lee Dow, the program gives high achievers access to the university library, tailored year 12 VCE subject lectures and use of a dedicated portal on the University of Melbourne website.

But there is a bigger prize on offer for those students who achieve an ENTER score of 95 or 90 plus for students from an underrepresented schools with Melbourne University offering program participants a prized scholarship.

Matilda Anders is one of four Terang Athletics Club members to be inducted into the South West Sports Athletics Academy. Thirty-five of the best athletes from across the region were selected and the main focus is on track and field with access to top level coaches. It is a pathway from local to state and national level participants and hopes to develop athletes to their full potential.

Congratulations to all of the abovementioned students!

**Football and Netball**

Congratulations to our netballers and footballers for their recent performances on the sporting courts and fields. Our Netballers did well in recent competitions winning the majority of matches and our Footballers are once again through to the Grand Final and will play Brauer College in early term 4.

**Parents as Career Transition Support - (PACTS)**

This year in conjunction with the South West Local Learning and Employment Network the College is pleased to offer parents (mainly Year 9 & 10) Parents as Career Transition Support (PACTS) Workshop will be held at Mercy Regional College on Monday 20th August 2007 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and places are limited to 12-14 per workshop. Please note the change from what was previously advertised. The presenters have found that one evening session is sufficient.

The PACTS project is a workshop and resources developed to provide parents with up-to-date information about career transitions that enables parents to support their child effectively when they’re making career transition decisions. A workshop is offered that aims to provide basic information to bridge the gap between what parents did when they left school and what happens when children leave school now.

Some of the workshop topics include:
- Learning to use the job guide
- Simple careers assessment tools
- Understanding the Job Network, New Apprenticeships and Group Training
- What are VET, VCAL, and VCE?
- Communicating with teenagers about career transition
- Career services at school and outside
- Further education options
- Preparing for employment

Key features of a PACTS workshop:
- Interactive facilitated workshops with limited visual aids - the focus is on discussion and participation
- Workshops are limited to two hours duration
- Maximum of 12 parents in a group
- PACTS Liaison parent – the connection between school, PACTS and parents
- Simple, easy to understand workshop handbook
- Networking and forming relationships with other parents
- Increased understanding about the school, its people and services.

If you are interested in being part of the PACTS workshop, please register your interest by phoning the College on 5593 2011

**Walls Street School Crossing**

At the end of last term I received correspondence from the Corangamite Shire in relation to the Walls Street School Crossing. The letter detailed concerns relating to the lack of use of the crossing by both students and adults. I would ask that all members of the Mercy community use the school crossing located in Walls Street and that the Crossing Supervisor is treated with respect and courtesy at all times. The failure of our community to use this crossing appropriately could results in the loss of this service.

**Uniform**

With the cold weather well and truly upon us, I would like to remind parents and students that casual jackets, coats and tracksuit tops are not to be worn with the school uniform. A College spray jacket is available from our uniform suppliers for students to wear in the cold weather. I would ask for parents and students support in this matter

**Correction of Published Date for Year 7 -10 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews**

The date published in the school calendar for Year 7-10 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews is incorrect. The date for these interviews needs to occur after the issuing of Semester 2 Interim Reports. Therefore the date for Year 7 -10 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be **Wednesday 17th October, 2007**.
Procedures for reporting absences to the College
The Registered Schools Board requires all schools to mark a student’s attendance twice a day, before and after noon. The Register Schools Board also requires a reason for absence to be noted. Therefore the College requires **ALL** absences are to be reported to the College on the day of absence by 9.00am. The College switchboard opens at 8.15am. Absences then need to be followed up with a note to the homeroom teacher the next day that students are at school. A note in a student diary prior to an absence is certainly appreciated by the homeroom teacher; however it still requires a phone call to the College on the day. Also students who arrive late to school need to have a note from parents explaining the reason for late arrival. If a student is absent from school and no reason has been provided this will necessitate a phone call from the College. Parents’ co-operation in these matters will eliminate the need for the College to make calls later in the morning. Your understanding of the reason for a phone call will also be appreciated by our office staff.

**Coming Events**
*Tuesday 14th August*
- Middle School Information Day

*Wednesday 15th August*
- Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews
- Feast of the Assumption

*Saturday 18th August*
- Science week commences

*Monday 20th August*
- Mid Term Break - no school for students

*Wednesday 22nd August*
- Year 7, 2008 Enrolment Interviews at McAuley Campus

*Thursday 23rd August*
- Year 7, 2008 Enrolment Interviews at O’Keeffe Campus

*Friday 24th August*
- Frayne Speech Festival - Geelong

**Mercy Awards**

**VCE (Yr 11 & 12) Mercy Award**

Sinead O’Connor for singing with the Choir of Hard Knocks at the Youth Forum.

**Middle School (Yr 9 & 10) Mercy Award**

Alex Place for his enthusiasm and support of the students in the transition day with the Grade 6 students.

**Junior School (Yr 7 & 8) Mercy Award**

Siobhan Bond for her commitment to the Social Justice Group

**MRC ORATORY COMPETITION**

*Reminder to parents*
This annual event will be held on Tuesday 28th August in the de Chantal Stadium commencing at 7:30pm. Students who are participating in the Oratory Competition are busily preparing their speeches for the night. Come along and enjoy a very entertaining evening.

**CHOCOLATE FROG FUNDRAISER**

Parents and students are reminded to return their money and any unsold chocolates no later than next week.

ANDREW WATSON
PRINCIPAL

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS**
Monday 13th August will be a pupil free day at Mortlake College, but arrangements have been made for our students to be bussed to both campuses from Mortlake.
From the Wellbeing Coordinator
Kerin Glennen

Youth Drinking:

One young Australian aged between 14 and 17 years of age dies every week as a direct result of alcohol. (National Alcohol Indicators Bulletin No 7 November 2004 "Underage Drinking, among 14-17 year olds and related harm" Curtin University of Technology.)

Alcohol can be as dangerous poison. When a person drinks enough to raise the blood alcohol to 0.2%, (4 times the legal driving limit in Victoria) alcohol poisoning occurs. If too much is absorbed death is possible. Binge drinking can lead to alcohol poisoning. The effects of alcohol depends on the concentration of alcohol in your blood (blood alcohol level).

Your blood alcohol level is affected by:
- how much is drunk
- how strong the alcohol content is.
- how quick you drink it
- how much food is in your stomach at the time you are drinking.

Signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning include:
- confusion
- vomiting
- seizures
- slow or irregular breathing and snoring
- blue tinged skin or pale
- passing out

Alcohol is a stomach irritant and may cause vomiting. It also affects the central nervous system, slowing your breathing, heart rate and gag reflex. This increases the risk of choking on vomit if you're passed out from excessive drinking. If you suspect that some one does have alcohol poisoning, seek immediate care. Blood alcohol level can continue to rise even after the person has passed out, which means their level of risk continues to increase.

If you are concerned that a person has alcohol poisoning you need to act quickly. Try and wake a sleeping or unconscious person and CALL an ambulance or IMMEDIATELY take them to hospital, do not wait do not 2nd guess what parents/guardians may say. Delaying help may make someone a statistic that was mentioned earlier.

Once again I ask parents to discuss these issues with their son/daughter, it may save a life.

Middle School Information Evening
Lachie Lee - Year 9 and 10 Co-ordinator

The middle school information sessions will be held on Tuesday 14th August. The Year 10 (2008) session will be held at O'Keefe Campus, Noorat beginning at 10.00am. Westvic Employment Services will be in attendance to speak about school-based apprenticeships and VET courses.

The Year 9 (2008) session will be held in the theatre at McAuley campus, Camperdown, at 1.50pm. At both sessions the students will receive information about subject selection, subject selection forms and their student Handbooks for 2008. The sessions are held during the day to ensure that all students are in attendance and that they receive this important information. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend if possible.

If anyone has any queries, please contact myself or Lisa Pope, the Careers Co-ordinator.

What is WYD08?

World Youth Day is the largest youth event in the world and will be held in in Sydney from 15-20th July 2008. Organised by the Catholic Church, World Youth Day gathers young people from around the world to build bridges of friendship and hope between continents, peoples and cultures.

St Thomas' Parish Terang invites you to an information session on Wednesday August 15th at 6pm in the Community Room at St Thomas’ School.

Stacey Atkins, Diocesan World Youth Day Co-Ordinator has been invited to come along and speak about WYD08 and the program of events that will take place from 15 - 20th July 2008 in Sydney. The night will conclude with pizzas and chance for everyone to socialise!

Look forward to seeing you all there,

Leesa Henriksen St Thomas’ and St Colman's Parish Coordinator for WYD08
lhenriksen@stthomas.balrt.catholic.edu.au

More information about World Youth Day can be found at www.wyd2008.org
**Steps to the Future Forum**  
*Roseleen Lenehan (SRC President)*

Steps to the future, a forum for senior students was held in Melbourne on Tuesday July 30th this year. A group of five students (Roseleen Lenehan, Kate Rankin, Sinead O’Connor, Nic Lenehan and Erin Adams) accompanied by Mr Houlihan went up to Melbourne to spend the day listening to motivators who tour all around Australia speaking.

These speakers talked to a stadium full of students, on motivation, setting goals in our lives and also on how that no matter what we are all winners. There was a great line up of motivational speakers, including people such as Brett Murray, Eric Bailey, and the choir of hard knocks. As they spoke of their lives and the trouble they faced they made it clear to all the students present that it was in our hands as to what our future would hold.

One of the most moving displays of the day was the Choir of Hard Knocks who spoke about their ordeals and finding their feet in society. With a special performance by the choir, all students present were moved by their determination to make a difference in their lives. However, the day also held many activities in which students could participate, one such being the step star finals, in which Sinead O’Connor sung, doing the school proud.

At the end of the day after much laughter and many stories, the words left with the students where many, the main being that we are all unique, we are all winners, and that in the words of Eric Bailey, “while there is breath, there is life, and don’t ever give up in life.”

Finally a big thank you to Mr. Houlihan, who organised our participation in the event.

**Year 8B Raising Funds for Food**  
*Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders*

During the last week of term two, students from 8B collected money for a “guess the number of lollies” competition. The money raised, along with some donations of pocket money, was presented to Karen Glennen to take to Fr. Mick McKinnon in Lima, Peru. It is enough money to supply a good meal each day for almost a year for one child through the “Shared Table project”. The money given was a crisp American $50 bill. The students of 8B had been studying social justice in Religious Education classes and had studied different Catholic aide organisations from Australia and around the world, including Fr. Mick McKinnon’s shared table project. This was a very rewarding exercise for the students and they took on the responsibility of raising the money in a very kind and compassionate way.

**Astronomy Night**  
*John Houlihan – Head of Science Department*

As part of the Year 8 Science course (Planets) and the Year 10 Science course (The Mysterious Universe) and to celebrate Science Week 2007 (20th – 24th August) ALL students and their families are invited to attend an astronomy night at Mercy Regional College on Tuesday 21st August starting at 7pm in the Lecture Theatre, McAuley Campus, Camperdown.

Barry Coverdale, Dallas Petrie, and Tricia Klemm, who are members of the SouthWest Astronomy Group, will facilitate the night.

Barry, Dallas and Tricia will conduct a power point presentation on astronomy followed by questions from the audience, (approximately 45 minutes duration).

Students and family members will be required to bring with them suitable warm clothing and a pair of binoculars (if possible), as if the weather permits, there will be an opportunity to view the night sky after the Power Point presentation on the front oval.

If you are interested in attending on the night please have your son/daughter give numbers of those attending to Mr. Houlihan by Tuesday Wednesday 15th August.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The Staff and Students of Mercy Regional College congratulate Mr. Andrew Watson who has now completed his Thesis and is having it published. Well done on your commitment to your studies and for being made a Doctor of Education.
From the Head of Sport
Darren Cheeseman

Victorian State Netball Championships
On Monday 6th August three teams from Mercy Regional College participated in the Victorian State Netball Championships in Melbourne. All teams performed extremely well against very good opposition. The Junior Team consisted of Genevieve Darcy, Emily Moloney, Bridget Glennis, Matilda Anders, Stacey Boyd, Emily Field, Caitlin Hickey, Sophie Quick, Zoe Bouchier and Hannah Clissold. This team coached by Rachel Hall finished fourth on the ladder winning five games and losing four.

The Intermediate Team consisted of Katie Milbourne, Stacey Hall, Narelle Place, Kate Moloney, Alex Harry, Caitlin Watson, Megan Bullen, Georgina Gill, Georgia Muir and Lauren Carlin. This team coached by Loreto Milbourne and Kathy Hall performed extremely well and finished a close second on the day. With eight wins and only one loss the team may be able to gain a wildcard entry into the finals. The only loss came against another country school in Trinity College, Colac. The Senior Team coached by Rebecca Rees included Johanna Glennis, Jessie Meade, Holly Noonan, Jasmine Bell, Alice Corney, Aimee Arundell, Emily Hickey, Amy Johnson and Rachael Baxter. This team won five and lost four finishing midfield amongst the teams involved. Well done to all students that represented the school. Special thanks to the coaches Rebecca Rees, Loreto Milbourne, Kathy Hall and Rachel Hall and also to the parents that went along and supported the girls.

Catholic All Schools Netball
On Thursday 2nd of August the Intermediate Netball Team participated in the Catholic All Schools Netball Tournament in Shepparton. The team made the trip to Shepparton the day before the event and this would not have been possible without the support of Loreto and Mick Milbourne and Mary Muir. The girls performed well finishing with three wins and 2 losses. Well done to all these girls.

Junior Football
Last Friday the 3rd August six students represented the HSSSA Schools in a game against Emmanuel College. These students included Alex Place, Thomas Watson, James Gill, Eamonn O’Connor, Thomas O’Loughlan and Jacob Meade. All boys performed well and the combined HSSSA team were able to come from behind at three quarter time to beat the Warrnambool School. Thomas Watson and Alex Place were named in the best. This team will now play Trinity College at a date to be announced.

Xavier Darcy
Xavier Darcy competed in the Victorian State Swimming Championships on the 28th of August. Xavier participated in the freestyle (50m and 100m), butterfly (50m) and breaststroke (100m). He finished 4th in the 50m freestyle (31.31sec), 11th in the 100m freestyle (1.15.20min), 2nd in the butterfly (34.56sec) and 6th in the breaststroke (1.36.79min).

Congratulations to Xavier on these performances as it is a great effort to participate at such a high level.

Senior Football Report
Martin Ellul - Coach
The Mercy Bears continued their march to yet another Grand Final appearance with a comprehensive win over the much fancied Colac College. The boys did it easy in the end winning by 60 points in what turned out to be a one way encounter. The Bears set the pace early with 6 unanswered majors in the first term, despite the notable absence of their captain, Darcy O’Sullivan. He did make it on the ground at quarter time though, with his license (Congratulations Darcy).

The boys have really gelled this year and are overall a stronger team then last year. Steve O’Connor has been excellent, as too have Will Bradshaw, Darcy O’Sullivan, Ben and Sam Moloney, Steve Staunton, Justin Logan, Grant Place and Jacob Mahony. Special mentions too, to the year nine boys who have represented Mercy in great fashion, Luke Mahony, Tom Watson and Alex Place. Our next game is against Brauer College, another Grand Final replay no mean feat when you consider that we have beaten schools much larger than us to get there. We have beaten Colac High, Cobden Tech, Timboon College and Colac College to win our place in the Grand Final. The date hasn’t been set yet, due to district league finals being so close. As soon as an appropriate date is available we will let parents know so they can come along and support the boys. I can really feel this year is our year. Go Bears!

Junior Step To The Future Conference
Report by: Matthew Moloney 9M and Mrs Sargeant
On Monday 23rd July, Emily, Jac, Daniel, Joe, James, Jahd and ourselves set off early in the morning to find our way to the Melbourne Convention Centre. We sat in a huge auditorium and we could see ourselves up on a large screen. There were hundreds of students from all over the state attending. Robyn Moore, who is best known for being the voice of Blinky Bill was a very entertaining speaker. Brett Murray spoke about involving disadvantaged youth in extreme adventure experiences. Diana Morrison was a nurse from Tasmania who had visited an impoverished community in Tanzania, Africa, and was planning to return with containers of medical supplies and other basic items. Eric Bailey, a former NBL basketball player told us of his early life in the tough streets of Los Angeles. All of the speakers were interesting and the main message of the day was “Follow Your Dreams”. We were able to bring back information and ideas to share with other students. It was certainly a worthwhile experience.
Social Justice

The social justice committee has been very busy in the past few weeks. Current projects for social justice include:

- Recycling of mobile phones and ink cartridges— a box has been placed in the library so if anyone has any unneeded old mobile phones or ink cartridges these can be dropped off here.
- Planning for new recycling bins for each classroom— the social justice committee wants to put a recycling bin in each classroom.
- Organising for new tables within the school— social justice has been organising to get new outside tables for students to use at lunch and recess.
- Bake sale to raise money for the Winter Blanket Appeal— the bake sale was run to raise money for the winter blanket appeal. The winter blanket appeal is run by St Vincent De Paul to provide blankets for homeless people to use this winter.
- Selling daffodil day products— the social justice committee has been selling daffodil day products over the past week. They will bring around products during homeroom sometime in the next few weeks so don’t forget to bring your money to buy a teddy bear, wristband or pen. If you are interested in joining the social justice committee they hold meetings every Wednesday at lunchtime.

Photos of Building Works At Mercy

Dimora Avenue the site of the old bus shelter is now set up with a number of temporary offices for the builder.

On the old basketball court in Dimora Avenue, an excavator prepares the site for the new Technology centre.

In front of the College facing Henderson Street, demolishing the old hedge to make way for extensions.
From the Director of Learning and Teaching
Careers Report
Mrs. Lisa Pope

LONGERENONG COLLEGE -Open Day - Sunday, 12th August 2007
Check out the excellent resources available to students, courses and valuable career opportunities the College has to offer in Agriculture and Conservation and Land Management. For more information Phone: Donna Winfield 1800 814 294 or email: info@longy.com.au

APM TRAINING INSTITUTE
Four 50% tuition fee scholarships ($7000) and four textbooks scholarships ($600) are available for students interested in a career in Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations, Event Management, Sports Management & Marketing, Entertainment & Music Management or Digital & Interactive Marketing. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to present a submission that reflects their creative and marketing flair. Scholarship applications close on Friday, 28th September 2007. To obtain a scholarship pack please email: Natalie@apm.edu.au or phone 02 9954 7377

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE
Open Day Sunday 26th August 2007.
For students and parents to experience life at the University of Adelaide first hand. For more information contact Elizabeth Geddes on 08 8303 4499 or elizabeth.geddes@adelaide.edu.au
Career & Information Day – Roseworthy Campus – Friday 24th August 2007 - 10am - 2pm
Information sessions will be presented for Bachelor of Agriculture, Bachelor of Science (Agricultural Science) and Bachelor of Science (Animal Science). Information will be provided about career options and programs available at Roseworthy campus, scholarships, admission to programs, accommodation and other student support. For more information contact: Judy Tucker on (08) 8303 7812 or email: judy.tucker@adelaide.edu.au

EF EDUCATION PTY LTD
The EF High School Exchange program is all about a journey of discovery and trying something different. Going overseas as an exchange student is a fantastic opportunity for students aged 15-18 years old to broaden their horizons. Information on the Free Information Meetings visit www.ef.com/highschool.

AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
The Australian Technical College – Wannon invites students to discover how it is possible for them to ‘earn while they learn’ by beginning an apprenticeship in an industry of their choice while still studying for the VCE/VCAL. The College will stage an Open Day on Thursday 23rd August at the Warrnambool Campus with information sessions at 10am, 11.30am and 1pm. Sessions will take approximately 1 hour. Industry representatives will be on hand to provide a practical appraisal of their respective industries and what it takes to make it in those trades, and College staff will spell out how school-based apprenticeships work. Bookings will be essential. For expressions of interest please see Mrs Pope before Friday 10th August.

WESTVIC WORK FORCE
To find out any more information on any of these current vacancies please contact David Gladman at Westvic Work Force on 5561 9000.

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WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE – OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST 10AM – 4PM
Specialist centre for Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts. For more information Phone: 9606 2111 or email info@angliss.vic.edu.au
AUSTRALIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Careers in Psychology Night – Wednesday, 19th September – 6.15pm–9.45pm Prince Phillip Theatre University of Melbourne  
The ‘Careers in Psychology’ information session is for aspiring psychologists and offers secondary students an insight into several specialist areas of psychology and also broadens their understanding of the role of psychologists in the community. For more information email: melbapsstudents@gmail.com

PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIES COLLEGE (PSC) - Open Day - Sunday - 19th August - 10am - 5pm  
At 65 City Road Southbank. For more information on photography exhibition, course and career information, 2008 application information & seminars, folio and interview information, and tours of facilities – telephone 9682 3191 or email: info@psc.edu.au, or www.psc.edu.au

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND JOHN XXIII COLLEGE  
Canberra  
Open Day - Saturday 25th August – 9am – 4pm  
Applications for accommodation at John XXIII College open on-line with ANU Accommodation Services on 26th August. For more information: Phone 02 6279 4999 or Email: enquiries.johnxxiii@anu.edu.au

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY  
Warrnambool Open Day – Sunday 12th August 10am – 2pm  
Geelong Open Day (Waterfront & Waurn Ponds) - Sunday 19th August - 10am - 3pm

The undergraduate recruitment team offers numerous services about the university:
• General Deakin presentations
• Faculty or course presentations
• Career expos
• Parent information evenings
• Campus tours

Students can book one-on-one appointments with a course adviser in the hour before and after the official Open Day times by visiting our website www.deakin.edu.au/openday

Scholarships A range of scholarships and prizes are available for students applying to study at Deakin and for current Deakin students.
• Deakin Merit Scholarships
• Deakin Access and Equity Scholarships
• Deakin Indigenous Scholarships
• Commonwealth Learning Scholarships
• Deakin International Scholarships
• Faculty Scholarships
• How to apply:
  - Deakin Access and Equity Scholarships. Students must apply using the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) online application at www.vtac.edu.au. No additional forms are required, unless specified by the individual scholarship
  - All other scholarships: Please refer to the scholarships guide at www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships for application details and closing dates.

UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT – OPEN DAY – SUNDAY, 26TH AUGUST – 10AM – 3PM  
Students are welcome to visit the open day website at www.ballarat.edu.au/openday, or prospective@ballarat.edu.au for more information or phone 1800 811 711

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS – OPEN DAY, SUNDAY, 19TH AUGUST – 10AM – 4PM  
See www.vca.unimelb..edu.au for details about courses on art, dance, drama, film & TV, and Music Production. For more information Telephone: 9685 9300

SOUTH WEST TAFE IN SCHOOLS EXPO 2007 – WARRNAMBOOL WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST – 5.30PM - 8.30PM  
Are you in Year 9 or 10? Are you interested in VET in Schools? VCAL Programs? Australian School-Based Apprenticeships?  
South West Institute of TAFE in Schools program presents an interactive evening focusing on future career and further training opportunities whilst attending secondary school. Contact 5564 8847 for more information or visit the website www.swtafe.vic.edu.au/vetis
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When you attend an Open Day it is important that you ask the right questions to be able to choose the right course for you. Here are some suggested questions:

**Questions to ask Staff:**
- What does the course involve? (ie. What is the course about?)
- How many days a week would I attend classes?
- Do I have to do much work out of class?
- Are there any pre-requisites / special requirements to do the course I’m interested in?
- How many places are there available in this course?
- How do I apply for the course? What dates are important for my application?
- Is there anything in the selection procedure that is really important for me to know?
- Can I defer the position if I want to postpone studying the course?
- Can I transfer from one course to another or from one campus to another?
- How much does the course cost each semester, such as book costs, uniforms etc?
- Is there any work placements or practical placements as part of the course?
- What kind of jobs can I get at the end of the course? Where have other graduates found jobs?
- What are the employment prospects like in this field?
- Does the University help me find a job after graduation?
- Are there any scholarships available for this University?

**Questions to ask Students:**
- What is the course like?
- Do you like it, and did you like it from the start?
- What do you think is the hardest thing about doing this course?
- What are the lecturers like?
- What kind of jobs are you expecting to apply for at the end of your course?
- How much time do you spend out of classes studying?
- What is it like to be a student at the University?
- What is the social life like?
- What was the transition from secondary school to university like?
- What is it like studying at the University (ie. The people, the campus, the facilities/)

**Questions to ask Accommodation Services**
- Have a tour of Accommodation so that you can see the rooms. Try and imagine yourself living there
- Ask the students what they like about living on residence?
- Find out what kind of academic and social activities are run during the year.
- Check out the costs of accommodation – Are meals included?
- Look at other alternatives. Share housing or boarding might suit you better. Ask the staff what your options are.

**Questions to ask Student Services & Student Association staff:**
- Ask them what sporting or social clubs are associated with the University?
- What events or activities take place during the year that you might be interested in?
- What services are available to make your time easier, while you study?
- What other services are available on campus, such as doctors, counsellors, academic services, job search etc?

For more information on careers, open days, application forms, etc. please see Mrs Pope.
2008 Scholarships

La Trobe University is offering a number of undergraduate scholarships for domestic students.

Scholarships based on demonstrated financial need and educational disadvantage:

- Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS)
  - $4,324 pa (indexed), for commencing and continuing students

- Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS)
  - $2,162 pa (indexed), for commencing and continuing students

- (Commonwealth) Indigenous Access Scholarship (IAS)
  - $4,080 pa (indexed), for commencing Indigenous students

- La Trobe Indigenous Students Scholarships (LISS)
  - $5,000 pa, for commencing students only

- La Trobe University Study Support Scholarships (LSSS)
  - $3,000 pa, for commencing students only

- La Trobe Vice-Chancellor’s Regional Scholarships (LVCRS)
  - $3,000 pa, for commencing students only

- La Trobe Vice-Chancellor’s City of Whittlesea Scholarships (LVCWS)
  - $3,000 pa, for commencing students only

Scholarship based on academic achievement (year 12 ENTER):

- La Trobe University Academic Excellence Scholarships (LAES)
  - $2,000 pa, for commencing students only

Important Dates

- Applications open on Monday 6 August 2007
- Applications close on Monday 15 October 2007
- Scholarship offers will be made in early December 2007

How to Apply

You must apply for the above scholarships directly through La Trobe University.

A La Trobe scholarship application is separate from a VTAC/SEAS application

For detailed guidelines and the application form visit

www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships or email us at scholarships@latrobe.edu.au

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Term 3  Weeks 5 & 6
Starting time 10.15am. Any enquiries to Rose ~ on 55932011 or A/H on 55932862. Thanks.

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