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 2012
Through the Mercy tradition we support, acknowledge and strive for personal excellence and achievement.

This week, the Church spends a couple of days remembering the loved ones in our lives who we have lost. Rather than it being a time of sadness and loss, All Souls Day and All Saints Day provide us with the chance to remember and celebrate the lives of parents, grandparents, siblings, extended family and friends who are no longer with us. Although physically departed, their spirit, wisdom and inspiration does not diminish.

This newsletter’s prayer uses the words of the prophet, Isaiah:
On this mountain,  
The lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.  
On this mountain,  
He will remove, the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
He will destroy death forever. (Isa 25:6-7)

Changes to Conveyance Allowance
This week, the State Government announced significant changes to the allowances paid to families for transport to schools, these payments are termed Conveyance Allowance. Mercy Regional College relies enormously on its network of contract and government buses and, quite simply, wouldn't be in existence without their capacity to transport students to our O’Keeffe and McAuley Campuses.

The changes announced by the State Government indicate that many families in the Mercy Regional College community will no longer be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance and therefore the cost of bus transport will need to be borne by families, the College or both. In the current 2012 school year, the College received in excess of $250,000 for the Conveyance Allowance which was used to cover our contract bus costs.

This decision was a surprise to schools and Catholic Education authorities and we believe that the Government, at this stage, is not interested in reviewing the decision. At the moment, I am working hard to familiarize myself with the detail of the decision and its precise impact on Mercy over the next five years; future newsletters will highlight these impacts for parents and families. I expect to be encouraging all members of the College community to work with me to lobby the State Government to review this decision in light of its significant impact on a rural Catholic school like Mercy Regional College.

Year 12 Students’ Final Day Celebrations
Last Thursday 25th October was a another wonderful day of celebration for Mercy Regional College with our Year 12 students completing six years of secondary education in style. Their day included time with their homeroom, the larger year level and then with the College as a whole in ‘Mercy’s Got Talent’ and Year 12 Final Assembly. Over recent years, much effort and education has been directed towards encouraging students to celebrate their end of compulsory education in a manner that reflects the tremendous way they conduct themselves throughout their final year at Mercy.

Particular thanks to all the staff who worked with the students in their final weeks and especially to Mr. James Castles, Head of Senior School, who provided an excellent model of responsible and inclusive leadership for students and staff.

A feature of the last day which continues to grow is the numbers of parents, family and friends who join the College to be a part of the Year 12 Final Assembly. It is quite an amazing show and one that reinforces the respect that the students have for their teachers - at Year 12 and throughout their time at Mercy.
**Building and Maintenance Levy**

This week, all families should have received a letter and booklet outlining my plans to introduce a new Building and Maintenance Levy in 2013. Given the importance of the 2012-2016 Master Plan to the development of the College, I encourage all members of the school community to read both documents closely.

I have included on pages 3-6 of this newsletter some plans from the College’s architects, Morton Dunn that illustrate the changes outlined in the documents. Pages 1 & 2 show the existing layout of the College. Pages 3 & 4 illustrate the developments from the Master Plan. We also hope to have large displays of the new Master Plan in the foyers of both Campuses in the next week or so.

**Mercy Regional College Teacher of the Year**

On page seven of the newsletter is a flyer that details a significant new award that I have instigated this year that recognizes the most important asset of any school and, particularly, Mercy Regional College, its teachers. I encourage all members of the College community to consider nominating a teacher for the award using the attached form and the criteria listed. Mercy has many fine teachers whose energy, knowledge, dedication and care enable our students to achieve their very best and this award will give the school the opportunity of recognizing this excellence.

Nomination forms can be handed in to either College Campus and addressed to the Principal. I encourage nominators to include a letter detailing how the teacher they are nominating has exemplified the award criteria.

**iPads@MRC**

As part of the iPads@MRC announcement made in 2011, the College will be rolling out iPads to all Year 7 - 10 students in 2013. This will mean that all 2013 Year 7 & 9 students plus any students new to the College at Year 8 & 10 will be receiving the devices at the start of the new school year or, in the case of Year 7 students, in the first month. Full details on the rollout will be mailed to all parents in the couple of weeks as well as invitations to two Parent Evenings that we hope to convene later this month.

The first will be an Information Evening for new and current parents on the iPads@MRC program, the options for purchasing the devices, the infrastructure and support offered and details on safety and security in the cyber world.

The second evening will be a forum for parents keen to explore and discuss the broader issues of adolescence, cyber safety, the proliferation of electronic devices and ways of managing these, we hope to invite a guest speaker to address some of the issues and also allow plenty of time for discussion between parents.

**Car Raffle**

TODAY all Car Raffle tickets should be returned.

I urge all families and friends to return completed books and money to the College as soon as possible. The Car Raffle draw will take place on “Arts Night” on Wednesday 14**th** November, 2012.

The poster on page 13 outlines all this year’s prizes. The College is very grateful to the providers of raffle prizes for their generosity. A roster for selling tickets is on page 14 of the newsletter. A full copy of the Car Raffle Roster can be found on the College website under: Parents/School Notice Board/Car Raffle Roster.

Congratulations to the winner (Teresa Frost of Camperdown) of the Early Bird Book Sellers prize (Digital Camera valued at $150.00).

Yours in Mercy,

**DR. DARREN EGBERTS**

PRINCIPAL

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**Coming Dates**

**Monday 05 November**
- *College Board Holiday*
  - No school for staff and students

**Tuesday 06 November**
- *Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday*
  - No school for staff and students

**Wednesday 07 November**
- *Unit 2 OE Camp - Wilson’s Prom*

**Thursday 08 November**
- *Unit 2 OE Camp - Wilson’s Prom*

**Friday 09 November**
- *Unit 2 OE Camp - Wilson’s Prom*
- *BSW Tennis (Year 8 Girls)*

**Tuesday 13 November**
Board Meeting 7:30 PM

**Wednesday 14 November**
- *Mercy Arts Night/Car Raffle Drawn 7:30 PM*

**Thursday 15 November**
- *Blood Bank (3:00 PM-8:00 PM)*

**Friday 16 November**
- *Year 11 Classes Conclude*
Mercy Regional College

Teacher of the Year Award

Mercy Regional College has been blessed over many years to have had a succession of outstanding teachers committed to supporting young people to be their best. This award will recognise one outstanding Mercy Regional College teacher each year with the award to be presented at the End of Year Thanksgiving Mass.

Any member of Mercy Regional College’s teaching staff may be nominated for the award which will be judged according to the following criteria. It would be expected that the recipient of the award will reflect many of these characteristics:

The Mercy Teacher of the Year:

- Has an absolute respect for the dignity of each person
- Exhibits a public and private example of integrity, love, commitment and justice in his or her daily activities
- Is consumed by the excitement of teaching young people
- Sees the classroom as a place of innovation, creativity and laughter
- Aspires to and encourages excellence
- Fosters honest, reciprocal, authentic and compassionate relationships
- Celebrates individual difference in learning and other activities.
- Is a committed life-long learner who opens up learning to others
- Demonstrates empathy and concern for the welfare of others
- Is willing to take risks and learn the lessons of experience
- Fosters Mercy community with students, staff, parents and those beyond the College
- Contributes to the spiritual and social environment of the school

The panel that determines the recipient of this award each year will reflect the breadth of the Mercy Regional College community – Principal (chair), College chaplain, member of the College Board, Staff member and Student leaders.

If you wish to nominate a teacher for this award please complete the details below. The selection panel encourages nominations to include a letter that outlines how the applicant has met the selection criteria.

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Name of Teacher being nominated - __________________________________________

Name of Nominator - __________________________________________

Signature of Nominator - __________________________________________
**Deputy Principal Wellbeing**
Mr. Kerin Glennen

**EXAMS...HOW CAN YOU APPROACH THEM....**

To reduce stress and ensure that you’re as organised as you can be, learn a lot about planning and looking after yourself as well as staying focused.

**Take time to plan:**
Prepare a study plan and goals for each week but make certain it is balanced with your “normal” life. Talk to employers early if you need to scale back your part time work. Create a study space which is a no go for TVs, mobile or land line phones and others interrupting you. Make certain you have all that you need for your study, saves you walking around looking for books.

**Look after yourself**
Self-care is especially important when you have a big demand on you. Build activities you enjoy and that bring your stress levels down in your study plan, such as spot, spending time with friends. Don’t get hungry before or whilst studying have a bowl of nuts or fresh fruit on hand to eat. Remember to do physical exercise as it helps you keep your focus.

**Rest when you need to:**
Work out what times of the day do you have the most energy and use that as you study time. Don’t study more than 60 minutes without a break and stretch. When you have a designated break then do something that is physical and or fun. Try to keep your focus on school and exams rather than other stuff happening in your life you do not extra worry and stress. Relaxation is important, especially before going to bed, to slow the brain activity down. Have a show to help and relax you.

**Stay focused**
Say no to parties during the weeks leading up to your exams. Try to keep a focus on your health and wellbeing by not using alcohol and or any other artificial stimulants.

**Ask for help:**
Stay in touch with your teachers, visit them and at school. Do not go to school and not use you study time well. Practice your essay writing and get feedback from staff members.

**Be prepared.**
Read/ write everything three times as this also helps to commit the information to your memory. Use your trial exam results to focus on what you need to study. Use previous test papers. Write things in coloured texts so as to jog your memory.

**Day of exam:**
Do your usual routine, for example have your normal breakfast. Take some water and a health snack for when you finish your exam and are hungry.

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**VCE Exams**
Mr. Lachie Lee

Those VCE students who are studying Unit 3/4 subjects will be sitting final exams beginning Thursday 1st November.

All Unit 3/4 VCE exams in 2012 will be held at the Camperdown College Hall-Wilson Street. Year 11 students will also sit the Mercy Regional College end of semester exams beginning Monday 19th November until Thursday 22nd November. Year 11 students will begin a Year 12 Transition Program on The afternoon of the 22nd finishing Friday 30th November. This will be the final day for Year 11. A timetable for exams and the transition are included on pg. 15 of the newsletter.

Please find a list of instructions below; these as well as a timetable have been issued to all MRC VCE students. We have been through these instructions with all the students. They also have a copy of the VCAA’s Examination Navigator which details times and dates of exams.


At this time, students may be feeling quite stressed, therefore it is important that they are quite well organised and that those around them know what is going on.

If you have any questions please contact James Castles, Lesa Thornton or myself at the school.

**VCE 2012 Exam Expectations**

1. All exams this year are to be held at the Camperdown College Hall.
2. You will be expected to be at the Camperdown College stadium at least 10 minutes prior to the exam. Your teacher will need to mark you off. This is a legal requirement and must be observed. You will be expected to wear normal summer uniform
3. You will need the requirements of the exam i.e. pens, pencils, calculators, dictionary etc.
4. The practice in the past has been to allow those Year 11 students who have a Year 12 exam the following day to have a day off in preparation for the exam. This is to be used correctly. Year 11 students who may wish to come to school in order to catch up with teachers are to wear school uniform and to situated in the library, the relevant class or be with the teacher. The only students, who can wear casual clothes, in their study time at school, are Year 12s. Year 11 students are always to be in school uniform, when at school, during the exam period
5. When travelling as a group from MRC to the Camperdown College, normal school rules regarding cars will be enforced.
State Library Visit
Report by: Tara Suri and Samanatha Evans 7A

On Friday 26th October, the Reading Challenge group was treated to a day out to Melbourne, to visit places like the State Library of Victoria, a quaint little bookshop tucked away on a side street and even a trip to the Game Masters exhibition!

The trip was long, but not at all boring. Once we got there we were dropped off straight away on the steps of the State Library, not to see the bus till the end of the day. We all gathered at the doors, ready to go in... only to find it was 9:50am and the library only opened to the public at 10:00am. We sat on the steps until it opened, occasionally chasing a pigeon that got a bit too curious. Our tour guide gave us a very interesting talk on the history of books as we peered into the glass displays, marvelling at the scripted writing and carefully painted pictures. We even had a chance to look into, and have a photo taken in, the massive reading room inside the library! It was great. We also took part in a bookmaking workshop and showed off our creative sides.

After that, we relocated to a food court for lunch. There were many things on offer for us to gorge on, from sushi to Thai to McDonalds to teas and coffees. With very full stomachs we left for our next destination; a quaint little bookshop, tucked away in a small side street called 'Embiggen'. It was small, and very cramped once all of us where in there, together with the other customers that were there. It had a long wall covered with science and philosophy books, with one of those massive rollable ladders connected to the shelf for help in reaching the top shelves which were much higher than any of us could reach for sure!

Lastly was a stop to the ACMI building where their latest exhibition was Game Masters! A good 40 minutes was spent playing Pacman, singing to Singstar, playing 3DS, Wii and many more. It was amazing fun.

Once the teachers had dragged us out of there, we sat in Federation Square, a few of us going down to the small 7/11 store nearby to stock up on snacks for the way back. Thanks to John for letting us eat on your bus! Someone had the bright idea of bringing speakers along in their school bag so we plugged in one of our iPods and promptly started dancing along to Gangnam Style up on the raised bit of stone. (We were recorded, so a video of a group of MRC students dancing to PSY is probably floating around YouTube now). I like to think that we shocked many, many people.

All in all, the day out was great and getting up so early was definitely worth it. We would like to thank Mrs. O'Loughian, Mrs. Henriksen, and Mrs. Vogels for organizing and supervising us throughout the whole trip. We look forward to participating in the Reading Challenge next year.
State Athletics Championships
Stacey Hillman

Mercy Regional College had 5 athletes compete in the State Athletics Championships in Melbourne on October 23rd 2012.

We were very fortunate to produce some outstanding results. Courtney Stevens claimed a Bronze medal in the under 17 girls Shot Put with a whopping throw of 11.16m. Declan O'Connor claimed a Bronze medal in the under 17 boys 400m running a near best PB time. The Under 17 boys relay topped of a magnificent day for the College by also claiming and Bronze Medal. This team consisted of Declan O'Connor, Nick Bourke, Nathan Monk and Sam Crawley.

These 5 students should be all very proud of their achievements as we all are.

A huge thanks goes to Stephen O'Connor, Claire Monk and Sue Stevens for attending the day.

Minyip Shooting
Mr. Dean Ludeman

On Monday the 22nd October 23 students from Mercy competed in the School's Field and Game Shooting competition at Minyip in the Wimmera.

With almost 400 students registered, the competition was of a very high quality. Whilst many of our students returned good scores they were not able to make the few placings available. Jack Wilson missed a place in the Junior boys by only on target.

Many thanks to Mr. Tony Wynd and Mr. Tony Krybolder for their assistance on the day.
Lake 2 Lake Hospital Fun Run and Walk
Mr. James Castles

In 2011 we were on our annual leadership camp at Angelsea when the idea of a Fun Run was brought up by our current leadership group. The idea grew legs and 11 months later the Inaugural Lake 2 Lake Fun Run and Walk took place at the Camperdown Golf Club on October 7th. The event attracted over 200 people across four different categories. The College had two students, Jack Atkins and Declan O'Connor winning their respective categories; it was also great to see Mel Kavanagh and Marg O'Sullivan winning their categories on the day.

Despite the cool weather, it was pleasing to see the community get behind this fundraising event which saw the Camperdown Hospital receive $1250 and the Camperdown SES receiving $200 which was presented by Declan O'Connor and Jocelyn McDonald at an assembly. In 2013 it would be great to see this event continue and get bigger and better. This is an event that the College community could really take ownership of, and also an event that the 2012 Leadership group should be very proud of.

Super 8’s Report
Mr. Darren Cheeseman

Yesterday saw the Year 9/10 Super 8’s Cricket Competition held in Warrnambool held under very tough conditions with plenty of wind and rain.

The boys team that competed included Matt Baxter, Josh Carlin, Jack Kenna, Will Rowbottom, Michael Williams, Ricky Nelson, Tom Cheslett and Dermott O’Connor. In a high level of competition the boys weren’t able to win any of their three games, but showed a lot of determination and plenty of highlights.

The girls team consisted of Caitlin Smart, Myah Wetemans, Courtney Stevens, Amy Pemberton, Bethany O’Sullivan, Amy Hallyburton, Ailish Glennen and Ruby Bradshaw.

Running Club Report
Charlie Bradshaw

Term three 2012 saw the return of the Mercy Running Club for its second year following a very successful 2011 campaign. Once again Mr. Castles lead the charge of eager students, parents and friends of the college in their quest to improve fitness, meet new people and ultimately the opportunity to take part in the Medibank Melbourne Marathon. Running Club involved runners gathering at 7.20am each Wednesday for term 3 to take part in training runs; groups would break up in to several levels of difficulty and runs progressively got harder to increase fitness levels gradually for participants.

2012 also saw 19 local businesses sponsor the Mercy Running Club, be it via donations including financial assistance or food for our ‘Breakfast Club’, which provided students with breakfast after training and before classes begin. Big thanks to our ‘Breakfast Club’ cooks and to Loaf and Lounge for their continual support.
After completing a full term of training on Wednesday mornings and training in their own time, a group of 51 running club members took off for Melbourne to participate in the Melbourne Marathon. This sees runner’s complete courses around the streets of Melbourne and finish on the famous turf of the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Students could enter 5, 10 or 21km events. After months of effort from all Running Club Members many students were rewarded with personal best times and the memory of finishing in front of thousands of people on the MCG.

Well done to all involved in the Mercy Running Club on a very enjoyable, successful campaign.

**Barwon South West Table Tennis**  
*Mr. Darren Cheeseman*

On Monday the 29th October twelve boys from year 7, 8 and 9 travelled to Geelong to complete in the Barwon South West Table Tennis Competition.

The Year 9 team consisted of Darcy Collins, Sam McDonald, Tyler Mungean and Mitchell Banks. The boys competed against and came second in their age group on the day.

The Year 8 team consisted of Henry Bradshaw, Jordan Wareham, Daniel Kenna and Charlie Unwin. Unfortunately one of the other schools did not show up on the day and therefore the boys missed out on a game but they competed well and gave their best efforts against strong opposition.

The Year 7 team played their three matches against Oberon College, Geelong High School and Brauer College. The four boys in Hamish Huffadine, Angus McConachy, Tom Place and Harry O’Sullivan were able to win comfortably against these three schools. They have now qualified for the state titles to be held on Wednesday the 28th November at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre.

**Senior School Year 12**  
*Mr. James Castles*

It was the beginning of Term 1, at our Year 12 Retreat that was the catalyst for this amazing year and it was at Dunkeld that the Year 12’s came together as a group and built the strong foundation that helped get them through the highs and lows of Year 12. The highlights of the Retreat included, watching the students come together as a group, the Giant Swing, and listening to the College Vice-Captain Meagan Carlin, and Daniel Watson talking to their peers about respecting one another as individuals.

The year also saw our Year 12 parents involved in a number of different initiatives. The Year 12 Bowls Night and Year 12 Footy Colours Night, both evening were highly successful. It was great to see parents supporting both events. All year 12 students need to be congratulated on establishing both the Bowls Night and Footy Colours Night, and we look forward to continuing both activities in 2013.

Senior school staff continued to provide rich and valuable experiences for students in 2012, during our pastoral care sessions the students were provided with an opportunity to gain a greater awareness about a range of issues that many young Australians may have to deal with every day. Guest speakers were invited into the school to discuss the following issues; Road Safety, People living with HIV and AIDS, Red Frogs – Alcohol Safety and Safety at Schoolies, Self Defense, and Violence Against Women.

The senior school students of 2012 experienced all the trials and tribulations that came with studying at a highest level. It’s certainly has been a challenging year for our year 12 students, but at the same time a very rewarding and satisfying year for all involved. Jenny Phillips, Kerin Glennen together with the support of senior school staff members have done an excellent job in providing students with a range of skills and experiences in preparation for the future challenges of work, training and study.

It is important that we commend Rachael Harney, Michael Krybolder, Meagan Carlin, and Daniel Watson who have done an outstanding job as College School Captains and College vice Captains, watching their development in their respective leadership roles was an honor for both staff and students. It is also important to recognize the efforts of the whole leadership group, congratulations for all your hard work in 2012.

Finally, to the Year 12 group, congratulations! Your approach to your studies, your genuine care for one another, and the respect you have for your school was both inspiring and infectious. Good luck, the future is bright for you all, and please continue to be amazing people.
2012 CAR RAFFLE

“ONLY 12 DAYS TO GO”

Drawn “Arts Night”
Wednesday 14th November at 8:30 p.m.
Tickets only $10 each

Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) with money to the College Office as soon as possible.

PRIZES

1st Prize – Ford Focus Ambiente Hatch

- Automatic, Power Steering
- Air Conditioned, Cruise Control
- CD Player, ABS
- On-Road Costs, 6 Airbags
- Value $23,065

Supplied Courtesy of A.K. McKenzie Motors, Colac
Proudly supported by Trevor Lee, Camperdown Auto Sales

2nd Prize – Travel Voucher
Value $2000

SuppliedCourtesy of Harvey World Travel, Camperdown

3rd Prize – Electrical Voucher
Value $1000

Supplied Courtesy of Camperdown Retravision

4th Prize – Nutrimetics Pamper Pack
Value $250

Supplied Courtesy of Helen Bourke, Kolora

5th Prize – Fuel Voucher
Value $250

Supplied Courtesy of Riordan Fuels (Steven Lucas BP Camperdown)

6th Prize – Jewellery Voucher
Value $200

Supplied Courtesy of Showcase Jewellers, Camperdown / Colac

7th Prize – Clothing Voucher
Value $200

Supplied Courtesy of Fashion Club Wear

8th Prize – Dinner Voucher
Value $100

Supplied Courtesy of Madden’s Bar & Bistro, Camperdown
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7:30pm, November 14
de Chantal Stadium
Along the track

Surrender

At a recent funeral the song, If It Be Your Will was played. It is a haunting tune and, like many of Leonard Cohen's songs, thought provoking and rather difficult to fathom at times. Cohen uses a lot of religious imagery in his songs, some of which are written in response to his experience of beauty, those things which have great effect on everyone, landscapes, situations we find ourselves in, objects we craft and admire. He prays often, he says, for the gift of being sensitive to the beauty around him and the gift of being able to respond.

The prophet Isaiah cried out to his people to lift up their eyes and see the glory and wonder of God. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens and ask yourselves, who created all these? Who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name? (Is 40:26. Don't keep your eyes downcast, he admonishes; don't get distracted by the busyness of life. We suppress our ability to be in contact with God or to come to some understanding of what God means to us when we take things for granted - the joy of being alive, the joy of being loved and being able to love, the joy of experiencing the wonder of God in creation, in the ordinary, everyday experiences of our lives, in our own giftedness, opening ourselves to the greatness and wonder of even those things which have become so familiar to us. According to Rabbi Abraham Heschel, the greatest insights happen to us in moments of awe.

Awareness of the divine begins with awe, with wonder. It is a higher form of seeing. We must learn to lift up our eyes on high in order to see that the world is more a question than an answer. The world's beauty and power are as nothing compared to God.

That is the insight offered to us by that rather strange book, The Book of Job. Poor old Job endured so much - he was virtually stripped of everything; from what we might call 'having it made', he ends up literally in the ashes, on the scrap heap with nothing. Then he finds true wisdom. All the while he debates his falling lot with God and, in the end, he discovers that real wisdom does not lie in power and possessions but by 'looking up' and coming to some sense of the wonder of God and, even more importantly, living accordingly. That last part is perhaps the most important - it is how we live with that wonder and awe that matters. The extraordinary gift of faith is that it offers us the means to lift up our eyes, our minds, our hearts to see a little higher than ourselves, it reminds us we can surpass ourselves, that we can enter into a relationship with God who is greater than the world, who is beyond our wildest imaginings. It calls on us not to get bogged down in the anxieties and joys of living, it calls on us to cultivate our sense of wonder and address our resistance to it, and thus become more aware of the hiding God and our moments of longing to find God.

So what's this got to do with Leonard Cohen? Remember the message of Job, it is how we live with wonder and awe that matters. If It Be Your Will is an extraordinary prayer of courage, a challenging response to God's presence and invitation in the beauty we see and experience around us. If it be Your Will begins with a statement of resignation, a promise that he will surrender his most treasured gift, his voice, if it be God's will.

If it be your will that I speak no more and my voice be still, I will speak no more I shall abide until I am spoken for, if it be your will.

Like Job, Cohen renders himself to God without condition. I wonder how many of us can do that - they will be done, we say, but do we mean it? In that surrender lies great wisdom, the discovery of who and what God is so in the second verse, Cohen promises to use his voice to sing God's praises if only God will let him, singing from this broken hill, an allusion to Calvary.

If it be your will that a voice be true, from this broken hill I will sing to you. From this broken hill, all your praises shall ring. If it be your will.

In these two verses Cohen offers to God the greatest gifts he has: Silence and song. Why? Because in his surrender, he has discovered the God of Calvary, the God of mercy and unity, the God of forgiveness and compassion.

If it be your will to make us well and draw us near and bind us tight. If it be your will.

Surrender isn't a word we like - we want to be in control, to be masters of our own destiny. But surrender doesn't mean blind obedience, rather the daily 'letting go' and in daily responding to God's invitation to friendship enable us to discover that it is in following God's ways that we are made free, that it is in surrender to God's ways that we find peace, meaning and purpose. It is in the daily surrendering ourselves, our way of doing things as the only way, our need to be right that we are drawn nearer to each other and thus to God. We won't surrender to nothing - that's why we too ought to pray often for the gift of being sensitive to the beauty around us, to the gift of God's presence and the gift of being able to respond.

Regards
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Expressions of interest are sought for the position of:

School Support Person

To provide support at the time of transition
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This is a paid position of 8 hours per week for Terms 1 & 4, commencing 2013.

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Enquiries and expressions of interest to:

Mr. Michael McKenzie
St Patrick’s School
Dimora Ave
Camperdown VIC 3260

Phone: 55931962

Closing date: Monday 19th November, 2012

Public Notices

Cobden Amateur Swimming Club
AGM and Season Start Meeting.
Thursday 15th November at 7:30pm.
At Raylene Hallyburton’s house
355 Stoneyford Road, Cobden.
Enquiries to:
Tracy Hickey 0439 952 014
Matthew Coverdale 0417 650 026
**Weekly Career News**

**TERM FOUR**

30 October 2012

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### VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

**Find out the latest about Youth Allowance:** Youth Allowance eligibility requirements can be confusing. To find out the latest information, please watch this webcast:


**Interested in working in diplomacy?** If you have a passion for politics, human rights, global studies, and LOTE and are interested in global conflicts and terrorism etc., you may be interested in studying peace studies and/or diplomacy at university.

You should consider studying a second language as part of your degree and undertake a global exchange program/internship. To find a Victorian course, use the course search facility via VTAC at [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) and to find a NSW course, go to [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

[ACU](http://www.acu.edu.au)

Core curriculum at Australian Catholic University: Each student at ACU will undertake five core curriculum units, which aim to emphasise:

- Critical judgment
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- Ethical decision-making, and
- Concern for others, as individuals and as a community

“The goal (of the units) is not just to pass on knowledge, but to raise some of the most fundamental questions on human experience and meaning.” To find out more, go to [www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/why_choose_acu/core_curriculum](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/why_choose_acu/core_curriculum)

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### VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

**Passionate about Mathematics?** From 2013, Flinders University will offer the Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences. Students will study topics in essential mathematics and statistics from First Year, with later studies directed towards relevant application areas such as epidemiology, mathematical physics and econometrics. Students can also study topics in areas such as medicine, business, physics and the environment.


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**Flinders University**

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- Designing and installing alarm systems
- Undertaking security surveys in areas such as automotive, residential, commercial or government, and
- Designing and constructing master key systems.

To find out how to study locksmithing, go to [www.lga.org.au](http://www.lga.org.au)

**AGGA**

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**VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS**

Applying for a course at the University of Adelaide? Your school may be eligible for the Fairway Access Scheme, which is designed to provide extra opportunity for students from certain schools to be selected for their programs. You can receive 6 bonus points added onto your ATAR aggregate. The University also awards bonus points to students who complete Specialist Mathematics and/or a language other than English. For more information, go to www.adelaide.edu.au/student/admission/year12/

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER EVENTS**

- Information sessions at Swinburne, Children's Services: Prahran (8) and Wantirna (14); VCAL: Wantirna (14) and Croydon (15); and Community Services: Wantirna (21), www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events
- 9: Brighton Bay Graduate Exhibition Opens, www.brightonbay.net/blog/12-exhibition
- 12 – 14: Games and Animation Showcase, JMC Academy, Melbourne Campus, www.jmcacademy.edu.au
- 20: Diploma of Nursing Information Session, Australian Catholic University, acucm.melbourne@acu.edu.au
- 28 – 29: Whitehouse Graduate Exhibition and Parade, Melbourne, www.whitehouse-design.edu.au

**DECEMBER EVENTS**

- 18: Diploma of Nursing Information Session, Australian Catholic University, acucm.melbourne@acu.edu.au

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Academy of Design, Australia has released a guide to their 2013 scholarships. You can study in areas such as advertising, fashion design, graphic design, photo media and visual arts. For information on their scholarships, go to www.designacademy.edu.au

Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships at Swinburne: If you are planning to study at Swinburne next year and you achieve an ATAR of 95+, you may be eligible for the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship, which covers the full tuition fee for the course. For more information, go to www.future.swinburne.edu.au/scholarships/future/
SUMMER SCHOOL EVENTS
December & January

RMIT SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Are you in year 9 this year and have a passion for science? Then you should consider attending the three-day science program at RMIT in Melbourne. There will be plenty of bangs, flashes, smashes and fun and you will be able to go behind the scenes and sample the exhilarating world of science.

The program runs between 22 – 24 January 2013. For more information and to register, go to www.rmit.edu.au/scienceexperience

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE SCHOOL

International Science School (ISS) – 2013
Program: Students who participate in the 2013 ISS, Nanoscience: Small Wonders, Big Future will be part of an exciting program, which includes:

- An all-expenses paid opportunity to live on campus and experience the University of Sydney for two weeks
- Lectures by top international and Australian nanoscience experts such as Nobel prize-winning cosmologist Professor Brian Schmidt
- And opportunities to develop new friendships with students from around the world.

Applications are now open. Visit the ISS website for more information www.physics.usyd.edu.au/foundation/iss/iss_2013/index.shtml

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

Campion College is Australia’s only Liberal Arts College. They are running a week long summer program between 13 – 18 January 2012 designed to teach students going into years 11 and 12 study skills for School and University.

You will also be able to

- Undertake leadership training
- Explore your Catholic faith, and
- Sample undergraduate teaching in literature, history, philosophy and theology.

For more information, go to http://www.campion.edu.au/

COMPUTER SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL

Year 11 students who love computer science have the opportunity to attend the National Computer Science School (NCSS) 10-day intensive computer science summer camp.

NCSS is about challenging students to think like computer scientists as they learn to program robots and develop social networking applications. Participants will also visit companies like Google and Macquarie Group and meet industry professionals, lecturers and student mentors.

The 2013 NCSS will run from 5 – 14 January. Applications are now open and interested students can register at www.ncss.edu.au/summer_school/applications.html
TRINITY COLLEGE YOUNG LEADERS

Trinity Young Leaders Summer School: Trinity College at the University of Melbourne is running their annual intensive two-week residential program for talented students aged 14 – 17 years.

Students will have the opportunity to

- Engage in interactive teaching
- Participate in excursions and group work
- Develop skills in critical and creative thinking, teamwork, public speaking, communication etc.

The program will run between 2 – 16 December. For more information and to register, go to www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/young_leaders

UTS ARCHITECTURE SUMMER SCHOOL

Discover Architecture at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS): An intensive 2-week program will be run for year 11 students who are interested in exploring architecture at UTS on Monday 7 January – Thursday 17 January 2013.

The program will be structured around a diverse range of learning experiences that encompass design studio and computer lab based design exercises, seminars, lectures and field trips. Only 40 students can participate, so apply now! For applications and more information, go to www.utsarchitecture.net/discoverarchitecture/

MU VCE SUMMER SCHOOL

MU Student Union VCE Summer School: The Student Union at the University of Melbourne are running their annual VCE Summer School between 7 – 18 January. This event provides an introduction to the VCE and assists students to develop practical and academic skills.

You will be able to participate in VCE workshops and tutorials, and you will get to know other students from across Victoria. Rural and regional students will be able to access accommodation at the University. For details about the program, how to apply and about bursaries for financially disadvantaged students, please go to www.union.unimelb.edu.au/summerschool/student-application

UoM ARCHITECTURE SUMMER SCHOOL

Interested in Architecture and Design? The University of Melbourne is running their annual Architecture and Design Summer School between 10 – 13 December. You will be introduced to a range of topics such as

- Architectural drawings and graphics
- Model making
- Photo editing and digital artworks with Photoshop
- Life and spatial drawing
- Urban design
- 3D models with SketchUp
- Landscape architecture

Cost is $450 and rural students are invited to stay at Trinity College. To register, go to http://benvs.unimelb.edu.au/summer-school-2012

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FILM MAKING SUMMER SCHOOL

Filmmaking Summer School, University of Melbourne: This intensive summer school is taught by Australia’s leading film industry professionals and is suited to people from all ages and backgrounds. The course dates run from 7 January – 1 February. Accommodation is available at Trinity College where the summer school will be held. For more information, go to http://www.summerfilmschool.com/
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Costs: $30.00 per head (includes a great 2 course meal)
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Bookings Essential

Contacts: Bernie Sinnott 0409831803 or 0355931366
Ruth Skene 0355933149

Tickets available Camperdown Authorised Newsagency
# YEAR 11-UNIT 2 Exam Timetable—SEMESTER 2 - 19th, 20th and 21st November 2012

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**NB:**
- School uniform is to be worn to the school for the exams.
- Exam conditions apply for all exams.
- Silence must be maintained at all times.
- Students will not be permitted to leave the room until the designated finish time.
- Students may bring a novel (not the newspaper) to read if they finish early.