

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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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 2013

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

*Oh Father,
You sent Your Eternal Son to save the world,
and You chose men and women,
so that through Him, with Him and in Him,
they might proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to
all nations.
Grant us the necessary graces, so that,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
the joy of being the evangelists that the Church needs
in the Third Millennium may shine in the faces of all
young people.*

*Oh Christ, Redeemer of humanity,
the image of Your open arms on the top of Corcovado,
welcomes all people. In Your paschal offering,
You led us, by the Holy Spirit,
to encounter the Father as His children.
Young people, who are nourished by Eucharist,
who hear You in Your Word and meet You as their
brother,
need your infinite mercy to walk along the paths of
this world
as disciples and missionaries of the New
Evangelization.*

*Oh Holy Spirit, Love of the Father and of the Son,
with the splendor of Your Truth and the fire of Your
Love,
shed Your Light upon all young people so that,
inspired by their experience at World Youth Day,
they may bring faith, hope and charity to the four
corners of the earth,
becoming great builders of a culture
of life and peace and catalysts of a new world.*

Amen !

This prayer of hope and praise to the Trinity is the official prayer of World Youth Day 2013 which is currently underway in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Mercy Regional College's chaplain, Fr. Matthew Thomas is there with a group of pilgrims from St John of God health care and we wish him and any Mercy friends and family who are also there all the best in your pilgrimages.

As we pray this week, it is timely to give thanks for the life-long ministry of one of the founders of Mercy Regional College, Fr. Markey, who celebrated 60 years as a priest last weekend in Colac.

Support for Mercy students

Last week, many in the Mercy community may have read newspaper articles that reported the involvement of two Mercy Regional College students in an incident which occurred at a party held the night after this year's Presentation Ball. While in no way condoning the actions of the students concerned or any other students who acted inappropriately on the night, the College will continue to support these students in their studies at Mercy Regional College.

As Principal, I continue to hold grave concerns about the safety and security of local parties where alcohol is involved and where it is difficult to maintain control over those who attend – invited guests or otherwise. I will have more to say on the issue of parties, particularly those that involve Mercy Regional College students in the next few weeks.

Better Schools' Plan

Last week, the Federal Government announced that the national Catholic education system had signed on to the Better Schools' plan and the funding plan associated with this (until recently it was known as the Gonski plan).

At this stage, I welcome the agreement between the Catholic systemic authorities and the Federal Government for three reasons:

- That it provides some clarity for future planning and budget preparation;
- That the agreement promises an increased level of funding for the most needy students in schools – those with learning needs and disabilities;
- That the government has agreed to allow the Catholic system autonomy to direct funds according to a needs-based formula determined by the leaders of the school and the Catholic education system.

I have no information at this stage on how the agreement may affect funding for Mercy Regional College or what a future Coalition government would change or adjust. I will provide this information to you as it comes through.

Mercy Showcase

As this newsletter goes out, it is less than four weeks until the Mercy Showcase opens at Camperdown's Theatre Royal. The last two months and, particularly, the second week of the recent school holidays have seen 40+ students from Year 7 – 12 rehearsing in preparation for the show. From what we have seen already, the Showcase promises to be a wonderful celebration of the gifts and talents of our students and staff as well as a unique opportunity to nourish the Performing Arts at Mercy Regional College.

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer advertising the Showcase and details on the price and purchasing arrangements for tickets. Tickets for the three shows go on sale to Showcase cast members and Mercy staff this weekend and then will be available to the public each Saturday morning until Showcase through Laffs, Manifold Street, Camperdown. Ticket prices are \$15 adults and \$10 students and children with three performances only – Friday 23rd August (7.30pm) and Saturday 24th August (2.00pm & 7.30pm). Tickets will not be available for purchase through the College.

Improvements around the College

Notwithstanding the significant building works in the pipeline associated with the College's Master Plan, other smaller works are underway this term, they include:

- The refurbishment of the McAuley convent verandah and associated posts and woodwork. This work has been funded through the Mercy PTFA and will include increasing the height of the upper handrail and palings to bring them into line with current OHS guidelines.
- Excavation works and asphaltting of the path that runs from McAuley campus to the bus bays on Henderson St. The path is used by 600 Mercy and St Patrick's students twice a day and the

works will ensure that it is weatherproof and safe; this initiative was a suggestion of the Mercy student leaders and I congratulate them on it.

Student Achievements

A number of student achievements in the recent school holidays and in the first two weeks of terms are of note:

- Caitlin Smart and Anya McKenzie are about to return to school after almost three weeks away on a pilgrimage to Dublin and Italy as part of the Young Mercy Leaders Formation program. We look forward to their stories. A sneak preview of these is available on the Mercy International website, [http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/uploads/ene_ws/2013_E-news/July/july10mercypilgrims\(1\).pdf](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/uploads/ene_ws/2013_E-news/July/july10mercypilgrims(1).pdf)
- The most recent issue of the Ballarat Diocesan newsletter, *Our Diocesan Community* features a number of liturgical celebrations and social justice activities undertaken by the College in the last few months.
- Congratulations to those students who were involved with the St Vincent de Paul Roadshow over the holidays. They gave up a day in the holidays to work with SVDP leaders on a program designed for primary school children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Enrolment Interviews for Year 7 - 2014

Next week, a number of Mercy teachers will conduct Enrolment Interviews with parents and students who have lodged an enrolment application for Year 7 2014. These interviews provide an excellent opportunity for the school to meet our prospective Year 7 students, hear any concerns they or their parents may have about secondary school and to put in place any arrangements necessary to allow them to make a fantastic start at Mercy. Any parents who have questions regarding the interview process are encouraged to contact Mrs. Sue Bohm on 5593 2011.

2014 Enrolment Intentions

All current Mercy students in Years 7 – 11 have been given an Enrolment Intentions form to take home. The information required on this form is to give us an indication of which students will be returning to Mercy in 2014. This then aids us in our staffing arrangements for 2014. We ask that you complete this form and return it to the College office by not later than Wednesday 31st July. A copy of the form and accompanying letter are on pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter.

Yours in Mercy,



DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

Deputy Principal Wellbeing

Mr. Kerin Glennen

Over the holidays there were several articles regarding students and "sexting", as the time unfolded it became apparent that the police were not only taking a great deal of interest as to what had occurred but chargers were pending. The photo that was sent was two years old, it is important that those involved with such activities to be aware that deleting a picture does not necessarily mean it has vanished completely.

Australian law says that anyone under 18 who is involved in sexting is at risk of being charged under child pornography laws, even if they wanted to do it and felt comfortable doing it.

For those under 18 it is illegal to:

- Take a sexy image or clip of yourself: this is the creation of child pornography.
- Send a sexy image or clip of yourself: this is transmitting of child pornography - even if you wanted to do it and felt comfortable.
- Receive and keep a sexy image or clip of someone else under 18, whether you asked for it or not - this is possession of child pornography.
- Forward a sexy or suggestive image of someone who is under 18.
- Ask someone under 18 to send you a naked or semi naked photo of him or herself - this is soliciting child pornography.

Consequences of Sexting:

Emotional:

When someone realises that their sexy clip or photo has been seen by more people than they intended, they may end up feeling - Guilty, Embarrassed, Ashamed, Regretful and Anxious.

Psychological:

Trouble sleeping and eating, difficulty getting up and going to school and feeling depressed.

Legal:

Young people under 18 are at risk of getting a criminal record if they take part in sexting.

Social and Reputation:

Sexting can damage personal relationships with friends, boyfriend, girlfriend and family, as well as damaging a young person's reputation.

Useful contacts:

Victorian Police:

Victorian Legal Aid;

Youth Law:

Kids Helpline:

Cyber Smart:

Crime stoppers:

What do parents do if they find explicit images of their child?

Don't yell, scream or panic, try to remain calm as it is important to be able to speak rationally to your son / daughter about the issue. Talk to them regarding your concerns or suspicions and allow them to respond. Try to work out what happened and who is involved...what were the imagers of and when were they taken.

Be aware that the police may need to be involved, make an appointment and present at a police station.

Be aware that the sexting could be a result of your child being the victim of an online sexual predator.

The development of technology has been of great assistance to us all, however for some it has been invasive and made their life a misery.

From Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders

Vinnie Roadshow a wonderful success for all

By Peta McDonald

On the third and fourth of July, nine students from Mercy from years ten to twelve volunteered to be a part of the St. Vincent de Paul's Roadshow program.

The St Vinnies' Roadshow is a holiday program where volunteers run a range of activities to be enjoyed for children aged from 5 to 12 years old. It gives them the opportunity to spend a day with other children in the community and enjoy a range of activities from arts and crafts through to sport game.

We spent our time helping create one of the most enjoyable days for all those who came and experienced the great work done by St Vinnies.

It began with an information night where we were introduced to the St Vinnies Roadshow team by playing a range of get to know you games, as well as being briefed on the activities of the day to come. We were split into four different colour teams for the day, and then introduced to our team leaders.

The day was held on Friday the 4th July at the St Patricks Primary School. On the children's arrival that morning they were allocated into colour groups for the day and then made their way into the 'big room' where there were a range of activities running until everyone had arrived. We were separated into our colour groups and spent some time getting to know each other by playing a few games and creating a team chant that we would cheer for the entire day. It was then time to get the activities underway.

The morning was spent making juggling balls, pencil cases, place mats and bracelets. They used their favourite colours, funky stickers and wacky letters to decorate and create their own little masterpieces.

After a lunch break and a play outside, there was a very big surprise waiting... literally, with the kids introduced to a supersized soccer ball! That afternoon we had relay races and played with the giant soccer ball and a gigantic parachute which we used as our

own personal cubby house. It was then time for a good old fashioned dance off.

At 3 o'clock we said goodbye to our new found friends and then had a small debriefing about the day.

The day was an amazing experience. I met some incredible people and created some unforgettable memories. The St Vinnies volunteers do a remarkable job and I would recommend to anyone to take the opportunity to get involved, because it truly is a memorable experience.

Sports Report

Stacey Hillman

Mercy Regional College continued its dominance in the HSSSD last week. 30 students competed against the four Hampden schools in a basketball tournament held in Camperdown and Terang. Both girls and boys from the Intermediate and Senior grades performed to an exceptional standard with both boys teams winning all games and the overall competition.



These boys will now progress onto the Greater Western Zone Finals to be held in Ballarat on Monday 5th August.

Tom Gray, Jack Guthrie, Cameron Ross and Quinn Spoore got the opportunity to participate in a Dirt Bike rider training day being held on Friday at Lake Gilleard. I'm sure all four boys will get a lot out of the day as the interest for this sport continues to grow within the College.

Seven students participated in the State Cross Country in Bundoora on Thursday 18th July. All the students should be very proud of their efforts as this is an incredible achievement. The College greatly appreciates the parents who transported the students to and from their events. Please see their places below.

Nick O'Connor: 47th

Claudia Lee: 18th

Amy Hammond: 42nd

Kate Hallyburton: 11th

Jed Millard: 46th

Jack Atkins: 58th

Elle Price: 48th

The Sporting Calendar is again getting busy. These are the upcoming events.

Monday August 5th:

Intermediate and Senior Basketball in Ballarat
Intermediate Table Tennis in Ballarat

Tuesday August 13th:

Year 7 & 8 girls Netball in Ballarat

Wednesday August 21st:

Road cycling in Geelong

Tuesday September 3rd:

BMX cycling in Warrnambool.

Any students interested in either the Road Cycling or BMX need to contact Ms Hillman ASAP.

Congratulations

Recently Courtney Stevens competed in Track and Field games in Kelowna and Vancouver in Canada. During these competitions Courtney won 4 gold and 2 silver medals.

In the first competition at Kelowna Courtney won gold in Shot-put, Javelin and Discus. At the second competition in Vancouver Courtney won gold in the Javelin and silver in the Shot-put and Discus.

Wonderful effort, well done Courtney, congratulations from all the Mercy community.





MERCY SHOWCASE

Friday 23rd August
7:30pm only

2013

Saturday 24th August
2pm and 7:30pm

Theatre Royal
Camperdown

Adult \$15
Students &
Children \$10

Tickets Available at Laffs
163-168 Manifold St,
Camperdown
or phone 03 55931469
(Saturday mornings only)

On sale Saturday 27th July & 3rd, 10th, 17th August

Mercy Regional College

Battlefields Tour 2013

Mr. Lachie Lee

In the lead up to the MRC France and Battlefields Tour of 2013, I have been attempting to tell some of the stories behind the places that we will visit as we travel around the site of the battlefields of the Western Front. Approximately 50,000 Australians lost their lives in these places between 1916 and 1918 and they are buried here; some identified and in marked graves in the beautifully kept Commonwealth War Graves Cemeteries; some in graves marked as "Known unto God" and some still buried in unmarked places throughout the now pleasant and peaceful countryside of modern France. Those who have 'no known grave' are remembered at places such as the Menin Gate in Ypres, VC Corner Cemetery in Fromelles and the Australian Memorial in Villers Bretonneux. For generations, they were also remembered in the hearts of those at home to whom they were lost.

Bullecourt, a small village in the Pas de Calais department of northern France was the site of two important battles in the spring of 1917. The first and most tragic battle occurred on the 11th April 1917 when the 1st and 12th Brigades of the 4th Division attacked the German defenses of the Hindenburg Line around the villages of Bullecourt and Riencourt. The usual lead up to a battle was changed so that tanks were used instead of artillery to destroy the wire defending the German trenches. The tanks failed to arrive or broke down yet the troops were still required to attack. The attack was a horrific failure. The 4th Brigade suffered the greatest losses of any Australian Brigade in any one action of the First World War-2339 casualties of whom, many were made prisoners. I have a copy of a letter from a nurse from Terang who writes to her family explaining the death of her brother who was in the battle. It is harrowing reading. Fortunately, he was captured and was able to return to Australia at the end of the war.

The Second Battle of Bullecourt was a British attack by fourteen divisions including the 2nd Australian Division. Generally speaking, except for the 2nd Division the attack was something of a failure. The memory of these attacks is still quite real with the people of the area. In Bullecourt there was until recently a little museum in a farm yard barn owned by Jean Letaille. Also in Bullecourt is the Diggers memorial, featuring a statue an iconic Australian digger with his slouch hat, rifle slung over his shoulder, staring into the distance. Bullecourt and this memorial feature in the Anzac Day Ceremonies conducted each year.



16th July, 2013

Dear Parents,

ENROLMENT INTENTIONS FOR 2014

At this stage of the year, we are busy planning for 2014 in terms of staffing, budgeting and timetabling arrangements for students currently enrolled at Mercy Regional College.

To assist with this, could I ask that you fill out the attached form regarding your enrolment intentions in 2014 for your child(ren). Please print their name and current year level, and then tick the most appropriate box regarding their intentions in 2014.

**Do not include your son / daughter if they are currently in
Year 12 as they will be leaving the College.**

This indication is merely a statement of intention and, in no way, final and binding. But to assist with 2014 planning, we need indications which are as accurate as possible at this stage.

I also ask that you inform me if a change occurs to the information you provide to us, as this will directly affect our planning for next year.

Please complete and return the 2014 Enrolment Intentions Form [***one per family***] to the College office by no later than;

Wednesday 31st July, 2013

Yours sincerely,



Dr Darren Egberts
PRINCIPAL

2014 ENROLMENT INTENTIONS

(Please fill out a separate section for each child you have at Mercy)

STUDENT NAME: _____ **CURRENT YEAR LEVEL:** _____

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|---|---|
| A. <input type="checkbox"/> Returning to Mercy in 2014 | B. <input type="checkbox"/> Attending another school |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving school for employment | D. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving school to do TAFE course |
| E. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving school for an Apprenticeship | |

For (B) (C) (D) (E) please give further details.

STUDENT NAME: _____ **CURRENT YEAR LEVEL:** _____

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|---|---|
| A. <input type="checkbox"/> Returning to Mercy in 2014 | B. <input type="checkbox"/> Attending another school |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving school for employment | D. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving school to do TAFE course |
| E. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving school for an Apprenticeship | |

For (B) (C) (D) (E) please give further details.

STUDENT NAME: _____ **CURRENT YEAR LEVEL:** _____

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|---|---|
| A. <input type="checkbox"/> Returning to Mercy in 2014 | B. <input type="checkbox"/> Attending another school |
| C. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving school for employment | D. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving school to do TAFE course |
| E. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving school for an Apprenticeship | |

For (B) (C) (D) (E) please give further details.

Parent Name(s): _____

Parent Signature(s): _____

**Please sign this form and return it to the College office by
Wednesday 31st July, 2013**

2013 Dates

TERM 2

Monday 29 July

- * Year 12 English students to Camperdown College for a performance of 'Cosi' 1:30 -3:00 PM

Tuesday 30 July

- * Year 7 - 2014 Enrolment Interviews

Wednesday 31 July

- * Year 7 - 2014 Enrolment Interviews
- * English Competition
- * VCE Subject Information Session @ 7:30PM

Monday 5 August

- * 2014 VCE/VCAL subject selections due.

Wednesday 7 August

- * Year 10 Retreat at Anglesea

Thursday 8 August

- * Year 10 Retreat at Anglesea
- * Feast Day of Mary of the Cross MacKillop
- * Year 12 Guest Speaker from SWTAFE

Friday 9 August

- * Year 10 Retreat at Anglesea
- * Year 9 Health & Wellbeing Day

Tuesday 13 August

- * Year 12 Guest Speaker from Deakin Uni.

Wednesday 14 August

- * Year 11 Street Retreat

Thursday 15 August

- * Year 11 Street Retreat
- * Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Monday 19 August

- * **MID-TERM BREAK**
[NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF & STUDENTS]

Tuesday 20 August

- * Unit 4 Biology SAC Excursion
- * Year 9 - Guest Speaker from the Shrine of Remembrance
- * MRC Board meeting @ 7:30PM

Wednesday 21 August

- * College Musical Production (St Pat's Matinee)
- * Year 8 - Guest Speaker from the Shrine of Remembrance
- * Year 11 Street Retreat
- * Battlefields Tour Group Guest Speaker 7:30 - 9:00PM

Thursday 22 August

- * Year 11 Street Retreat

Friday 23 August

- * College Musical Production 7:30PM
- * Mercy Frayne Public Speaking Festival

Saturday 24 August

- * College Musical Production 2PM & 7:30PM

Monday 26 August

- * Thomas Carr College Exchange

Tuesday 27 August

- * Thomas Carr College Exchange

Wednesday 28 August

- * Thomas Carr College Exchange
- * Year 11 Street Retreat

Thursday 29 August

- * Thomas Carr College Exchange
- * Year 11 Street Retreat

Friday 30 August

- * Thomas Carr College Exchange

Monday 2 September

- * 2014 Country Kids Transition Day @ Noorat
- * Parent / Teacher Online booking opens 9:00AM

Tuesday 3 September

- * 2014 HCSN Transition Day @ Noorat

Friday 6 September

- * Year 8 English Workshop with Archie Fusillo

Wednesday 11 September

- * Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 4:00-8:30PM

Friday 13 September

- * MRC Battlefields Tour departs
- * Our Lady of Mercy Celebratory Mass 11:30AM

Tuesday 17 September

- * MRC Board meeting 7:30PM

Wednesday 18 September

- * Year 10 Safe Driver Program
- * Year 11 Street Retreat

Thursday 19 September

- * Year 10 Safe Driver Program
- * Year 11 Street Retreat
- * HCSN Combined Boards' dinner 7:00PM

Friday 20 September

- * **Term 3 concludes @ 2:10PM**

VCE INFORMATION NIGHT

will be held at Mercy Regional College

on the night of

Wednesday 31st July from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Multi-purpose Area of the McAuley Campus.

[Please note the change of date from that published in the school calendar]

The purpose of this night is to provide students and their families with information regarding the VCE, which will address questions about the course and, hopefully, help them with the VCE subject selection process for 2014. The material is aimed at all VCE and VCAL students studying Years 11 and 12 in 2014; however, this year's Year 11 students, who have previously had access to this information, will have subject selection material distributed to them in Pastoral Care sessions on **Tuesday 30th July**.

The subject selection process has a tight timeline. Preliminary subject selection forms will need to be submitted by **Friday 9th August**. These forms enable us to gain an indication of student numbers for specific subjects and are therefore used as a guide in the construction of the subject blocks. These blocks once developed, will be circulated to all students and they will then be asked to make their final selections. We will offer the opportunity for interviews for those students and/or parents who may require help in making their decisions. We hope to have the entire VCE subject selection process completed by Week 8 of Term 3.

**If you have any further queries, please contact Chris Grant or Lachie Lee
at McAuley Campus during school hours on 5593 2011.**

Careers Report

Mrs. Jenny Phillips

Information for Parents of VCE students preparing to undertake tertiary studies

- **Mercy Homepage**>students>careers information>links)
- **Deakin University**

Deakin University is holding Parent Information Evenings at the Melbourne and Geelong Campuses

Melbourne Parent Information Evening

When: Wednesday 24 July 2013 Where: Deakin University Melbourne Burwood Campus 221 Burwood Highway

Time: 6–8 pm.

Geelong Parent Information Evening

Held in conjunction with The Gordon.

When: Wednesday 11 September 2013 Where: Deakin University

Geelong Waterfront Campus

1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong

Time: 6–8 pm

Register at deakin.edu.au/parents

- **University of Ballarat**

The University of Ballarat has a publication entitled 'A Parent's Guide to Tertiary Study'

This publication can be accessed at

www.ballarat.edu.au/future-students/information-for.../information-for-parents

Information for parents of Year 10 students preparing to choose their VCE/VCAL pathways and subjects

Listed below are some resources that are available to assist students and their parents with their choices for 2014.

- Herald Sun Lift out – VCE Planner (a copy for each student)
- VCAA publication - Where to now (a copy for each student)
- The Gordon publication – The Year 10 Guide (a copy for each student)
- ACU publication – Year 10 Guide
- http://www.acu.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/566371/FINAL_STR1559_Year_10_and_11_Guide.pdf
- ACU – Careers Match
- http://www.acu.edu.au/career_match_-_phase_2crm
- University of Melbourne publication – Year 10 Guide (class set)

http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/812129/2014_Year_10_Guide.pdf?utm_source=OA-2014Prospectus&utm_medium=PDF&utm_campaign=2014+Year+10+Guide

- University of Ballarat publication – Entry Guide

http://www.ballarat.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/80788/UB_SR_Year10_Entry2015_web-a.pdf

- La Trobe University – www.latrobe.edu.au/year10 (includes a video)
- Job Guide (see Mercy Homepage>students>careers information>links)
- You tube clip
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkXoyp1VPhs&feature=youtube_gdata_player
- WIRL (username: mercycrc & password: future02)

Weekly Career News

TERM 3

23 July 2013

FUTURE CAREERS- CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATH FOR YOU

With subject selection taking place over the next several weeks, it is time to start thinking about your future after school. What pathway are you interested in?

Employment? TAFE? Apprenticeship? Traineeship? University? Pretty straight forward really. It seems like it's just expected that you will make a decision and go from there.

- But have you sat down and really thought about the next 5 years? Even the next 2?
- Is the course or training area you are thinking about the right one for you?
- Have you developed a pathway plan? Or are you just traveling along in the passenger seat, hoping things will fall into place.

Did you know:

Between 20 – 30% of first year students drop out of or change their university course.

About 50% of trainees drop out of their apprenticeship/ traineeship.

Don't become a statistic- make sure you don't just fall into a course or job. You still have heaps of time to make the right decisions and put in the ground work.

You will be making the wrong career choice if you base your decision-making solely on any of the following

It looks cool on TV (i.e., Boston Legal, CSI, Rescue Special Ops). This is NOT reality. People don't walk around crime scenes wearing high heels with their hair falling about their shoulders. Nor do they spend copious amounts of time dating co-workers in the law world.

You will be in an office working long hours pouring over mountains of paper work. If you want to watch a good program, watch a reality series like Border Security or Customs.

FUTURE CAREERS- CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATH FOR YOU

Your parents expect you to do it. This is a tricky one. You want to study history, but your parents expect you study medical imaging because in their eyes it is 'more respectable', 'earns more money', or simply it is just an expectation in your family that you will study something in the medical field. Following your parents' guidance will make them happy, but it's important that YOU are happy and fulfilled



The job pays a lot of money. We know occupations like Dentistry, Law and Mathematics pay well. But would you want to sit through four years of Law if your heart wasn't in it and you didn't enjoy things like researching, debating, reading and analyzing. And would you want to commit years of study to becoming a Dentist or Surgeon through taking subject after subject in sciences when you loved humanities?



Your parents/siblings/second cousins neighbour does it. Sure, your Mum likes accounting, but how do you know you will?

Your friend is looking at studying the course. See above.

If you want to follow the path that will lead you to a satisfying career, there are a few things to think about.

1) You don't know what you don't know: There is a world of opportunity out there with an enormous range of career options. There are jobs that will suit you that haven't even been invented yet!

How would you know that you would like to study biomedical engineering if you have only studied physics and math methods at school? How would you know that you would love anthropology if you have only sociology at school?



FUTURE CAREERS- CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATH FOR YOU

You need to attend Tertiary Open Days, industry/faculty seminars, pre apprenticeship evenings and career expos. Anything that is going, make it a priority to be there. One information session or taster day may spark your interest!

2) Network: Do work experience. Even one or two days- you don't have to go for a whole week. Worried about missing school? Go through the school holidays. You won't be able to build up a realistic picture of what building or real estate is by just reading a brochure.



Seek out managers and business owners in your career interest areas and make contact with them. Ask them about the pathway they have taken since school, what the good things are about the job and the not so good things, ask if you can meet them for a coffee- start to build up your contacts.

3) Be flexible and ready for change: You will change your career direction several times throughout your lifetime and you will work for different companies. You may also change your course or apprenticeship, drop out of study, work for a while, go back to study, drop out again, travel, pick up some TAFE study, work in different jobs....you just don't know what lies ahead in your future but be prepared to be flexible and resourceful.

For many people of your generation, it's completely normal.



Most importantly, speak to the people who know you best. They will be able to advise you well and support you throughout your journey

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Elite Athletes and Performers (EAP) Program at UNSW: The EAP Program supports students with a flexible entry process that considers both academic and elite achievements, as well as flexible study arrangements while at UNSW.

Students who have excelled in areas of sport, academia, performance, leadership, and/or music at a national or international level can be awarded up to five bonus points. Applications for the 2014 intake open Monday 19 August. For more information, go to www.unsw.edu.au/eap

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Applying to the University of Melbourne?

Students who are eligible for Access Melbourne and are from disadvantaged financial backgrounds or rural and isolated areas are guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported Place in their chosen course at the University of Melbourne, provided they meet course prerequisites and achieve the minimum ATAR:

- 78 or above — guarantees a place in Arts, Environments or Science
- 88 or above — guarantees a place in Commerce
- 95 or above — guarantees a place in Biomedicine.

You apply for Access Melbourne via SEAS between Monday 5 August – Friday 27 September

For more information, go to www.access.unimelb.edu.au



Have you considered studying orthotics and prosthetics in the future? Rowan English, Head of the National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics at La Trobe University is travelling on a four month motorbike trip from Melbourne to Japan to raise awareness of the need for prosthetics and orthotics in many Southeast Asian countries. Follow him on Facebook and find out more- www.facebook.com/latrobe.2wheels

Pharmacy at La Trobe University: Did you know that La Trobe students have won the prestigious Victorian Pharmacy Student of the Year Award five times in the last eight years? Learn about the program at this link- <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/pharmacy>



Interested in studying medical science in the future? Gap Medics is a company that offers Australian students in Years 11 and 12 fully supported work experience in Tanzania and Thailand shadowing senior doctors in a hospital environment.

Students interested in studying medicine, surgery, nursing, midwifery, or dentistry in the future are encouraged to apply. Students will be able to undertake work experience starting from 5 January 2014. For more information, go to <http://www.gapmedics.com.au/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Australian Engineering Week: Every day of the year, Australian engineers are working hard to make our world a better place, and push the boundaries of what is possible. Between 5 – 11 August, Engineers Australia are running events in each state, which you are able to attend. To find out what events are running in Victoria, go to www.makeitso.org.au/aew



APM College of Business Communication: The College will be hosting an information session at the Sydney campus on Tuesday 27 August. For more information, go to <http://www.apm.edu.au/>

Health Skills Australia Open Days: If you are interested in Nursing, you should consider attending one of the following Health Skills Australia Open Days:

- Blackburn Eastern Campus: Saturday 10 August
- Melbourne CBD Campus: Sunday 11 August

To register, please go to www.healthskills.com.au

Explore Information and Communication Technologies: The Big Day In is coming to Melbourne! You will be able to

- Listen to guest speakers from companies such as Microsoft, IBM, Deloitte and NAB
- Learn about the exciting future of technology
- Take action to define yourself as a leader in the IT Industry.
- Learn from graduates with 'been there, done that' experience so you know how to get great grad positions.
- Gain access to numerous top tech company CIO's, CEO's, recruiters, and employees, all searching for students like you.

The day will be held Thursday 4 September at RMIT, Melbourne. To buy tickets, go to www.thebigdayin.com.au



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- **30: Information Session, World Exchange Program, Northcoate (6),** <http://wep.org.au/>

AUGUST

- **3 & 4: Monash University Open Day:** Berwick and Peninsula campuses, Saturday 3rd. Clayton, Caulfield & Parkville campuses, Sunday 4th, <http://monash.edu/openday/>
- **4: Swinburne University/TAFE Open Day:** Hawthorn Campus, <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/>
- **4: Deakin University Open Day:** Warrnambool campus, <http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday>
- **4: Kangan Institute Open Day:** Centre for Fashion and Creative Ideas, <http://www.kangan.edu.au/news/>
- **5 – 11: Australian Engineering Week,** <http://www.makeitso.org.au/aew>
- **6: Information Sessions, World Exchange Program, Moorabbin,** <http://wep.org.au/>
- **9: La Trobe University Open Day,** Shepparton Campus, <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday>
- **9: Conservation Careers at the Zoo:** Melbourne Zoo, <http://www.zoo.org.au/education/school-programs/>
- **10 & 11: Health Skills Australia Open Day,** Blackburn Eastern Campus (10) and Melbourne CBD Campus (11), www.healthskills.com.au
- **11: RMIT Open Day, City and Bundoora Campuses,** <http://openday.rmit.edu.au/>
- **11: Australian Catholic University,** Melbourne Campus, www.acu.edu.au/251231
- **11: Deakin University Open Day:** Geelong Waterfront & Waurn Ponds campuses, <http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday>

2013 OPEN DAY DATES

Each year, universities, TAFE Institutes and private colleges open their doors to the public to showcase what they can offer to future students. To ensure you make the right decisions about what you would like to study after school, it is essential you attend as many open days as possible.

STEP 1

Make a list of the institutions you would like to visit. Use the course search facilities on VTAC - www.vtac.edu.au to explore Victorian courses and on UAC- www.uac.edu.au to explore NSW and ACT courses.



STEP 2

Explore the Open Day websites for the institutions you would like to visit. Sign up to receive email updates or join the Open Day Facebook pages. View videos of last years events if they are available.



STEP 3

Download the Open Day program from the institution website and campus maps. Map out which seminars and demonstrations you would like to attend.



STEP 4

Open days are free, but take along some money for lunch. Take along a note pad and pen and attend as many seminars as possible. You may be able to visit two institutions if their Open Days fall on the same date. Have fun!



All photos taken at University of Tasmania and Uni of Canberra Open Days

OPEN DAYS 2013- Victoria

Developed by Sandie McKay, Catholic College Wodonga

GOVERNMENT UNIVERSITIES

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY, 1300 334 733 www.deakin.edu.au/openday

August dates: Warrnambool- 4th, Geelong Waterfront & Waurin Ponds- 11th, & Melbourne Burwood- 25th

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY, 1300 135 045 www.latrobe.edu.au/openday

August dates: Shepparton- 9th, Mildura- 14th, Bendigo- 18th, Melbourne- 25th, and Albury-Wodonga- 30th

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, 1800 811 711 <http://openday.unimelb.edu.au/>

Sunday 18th of August- Parkville Campus, Dookie Agricultural College & Victorian College of the Arts and Music

MONASH UNIVERSITY, 1800 666 274 <http://monash.edu/openday/>

August dates: Berwick, Gippsland & Peninsula- Saturday 3rd; Caulfield, Clayton & Parkville- Sunday 4th

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, 1300 275 228 www.acu.edu.au/251231

August dates: Melbourne- Sunday 11th and Ballarat: Sunday 25th

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA, 1300 363 864, www.utas.edu.au/open-day

Sunday 25th August: Hobart, Launceston, and Cradle Coast

GOVERNMENT UNIVERSITIES: Universities with TAFE divisions

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY, 1300 275 794 www.swinburne.edu.au/openday

Sunday 4th August- Hawthorn Campus

UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT, 1300 225 527 www.ballarat.edu.au/openday

Sunday 25th August

RMIT, 03 9925 2260 www.rmit.edu.au/openday

Sunday 11th August- City, Brunswick and Bundoora

Victoria University, 1300 842 846, www.vu.edu.au/openday

Sunday 25th August

OPEN DAYS 2013- Victoria

Government VET Institutes- most offer VET and higher education qualifications

Kangan Institute , 13 8233 www.kangan.edu.au , August dates: Fashion- 4th & 7th, Health/Nursing- 10th	
Box Hill Institute , 03 9286 9222 www.bhtafe.edu.au , Sunday 25th of August	
NMIT , 03 9269 8400 www.nmit.edu.au/superthursday , Super Thursdays run throughout the year	
Wodonga Institute , 02 6055 6600 www.wodongatafe.edu.au , information sessions run throughout the year	
William Angliss Institute , 03 9606 2111, www.angliss.edu.au , Sunday 25 August	
Bendigo Regional Institute , 1300 554 248, www.bendigo.edu.au Sunday 18th of August	
Gordon Institute , 03 5225 0800, www.thegordon.edu.au , Sunday 11th of August	
Chisholm Institute , 1300 244 746, www.chisholm.edu.au/infonights September 18th & 19th	
Goulburn Ovens Tafe , 1300 468 233, www.gotafe.vic.edu.au , TBA	
South West Institute , 1300 648 911, www.swtafe.vic.edu.au Information sessions from September	

Private Colleges- most offer VET and higher education qualifications

JMC Academy , 03 9670 3735, www.jmccademy.edu.au Saturday 24 August	
Grenadi School of Design , 03 9663 001, www.grenadi.vic.edu.au Sunday 25th August	
Academy of Design Australia , www.designacademy.edu.au 11th of August	
Australian College of Sports Therapy , 03 9670 3735, www.sportstherapy.edu.au August 11th & 14th	
Academy of Interactive Entertainment , 03 9820 8201, www.aie.edu.au August 18th	
Southern School of Natural Therapies , 03 9415 3333, http://www.ssnt.edu.au Saturday 31st August	
Navitas College of Public Safety , 03 8327 2600, www.ncps.edu.au Sunday 11th August	
Endeavour College of Natural Health , 03 9662 9911, www.endeavour.edu.au 13th October	
Photography Studies College , 03 9923 8888, www.psc.edu.au 25th of August	
Longerenong College , 03 5362 2222 www.longy.com.au Sunday 11th August	
Footscray City Films , 03 8387 1511, www.footscrayfilms.com.au Sunday 25th August	
Billy Blue College of Design , 03 9670 4026, www.billyblue.edu.au Saturday 17th August	

For a list of other Private Colleges running open days, go to www.vtac.edu.au/opendays

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE/ST PATRICKS CANTEEN ROSTER

“ DINNY’S DINER” TERM 3 – 2013 STARTING TIME 10AM

	WEEK 1			WEEK 2	
MON 15/7			MON 22/7	JO BEARD	55951951
TUE 16/7	BETTY KENNA	55926297	TUE 23/7		
WED 17/7	CAROLINE BUCHHOLZ	55963564	WED 24/7	PAULA FLEMING	55945318
THUR 18/7	DIANE GLENNEN	55925314	THUR 25/7	LIZ BRETT	55963556
FRI 19/7	NICOLA		FRI 26/7	NICOLA	
	WEEK 3			WEEK 4	
MON 29/7	NANCY MALONEY		MON 5/8	LIZ PLACE	55947238
TUE 30/7			TUE 6/8		
WED 31/7	CHRIS MALONEY	55922017	WED 7/8	KATHRYN MALONEY	55925348
THU 1/8	KERRYIN CAIN	55951176	THU 8/8	KERRY KISSICK	0417100739
FRI 2/8	NICOLA		FRI 9/8	NICOLA	
	WEEK 5			WEEK 6	
MON 12/8	NATASHA SWAYN	55932059	MON 19/8	GERALDINE CONHEADY	55925258
TUE 13/8	JO BLAKE		TUE 20/8		
WED 14/8	NICKI RICKARD		WED 21/8	DEB CHESSLETT	
THU 15/8	JANINE SWAYNE	0466262972	THU 22/8	AMANDA DELANEY	55938248
FRI 16/8	NICOLA		FRI 23/8	NICOLA	
	WEEK 7			WEEK 8	
MON 26/8	BERN PLACE		MON 2/9	BREE MASTERS	55950362
TUE 27/8			TUE 3/9	DANNI DAFFY	55931598
WED 28/8	JENNY WASON		WED 4/9	CATHERINE KRYBOLDER	55950140
THU 29/8	ANNIE WATSON	55943216	THU 5/9	SUE STEVENS	
FRI 30/8	NICOLA		FRI 6/9	NICOLA	
	WEEK 9			WEEK 10	
MON 9/9	JULIE BARAKE	0428323821	MON 16/9	COLLEEN O’CONNOR	55954250
TUE 10/9	FIONA CLISSOLD		TUE 17/9	LISA ROGERSON	55943322
WED 11/9	KAREN HARRISON	55947349	WED 18/9	DONNA BAXTER	55926227
THU 12/9	INGRID BAXTER	0438292667	THU 19/9	ANGE CUNNINGHAM	55932260
FRI 13/9	NICOLA		FRI 20/9	NICOLA	

*PLEASE NOTE STARTING TIME FOR CANTEEN IS NOW 10AM BECAUSE OF ST PAT ‘S CHANGED LUNCH TIMES



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Plain	\$10.50		
Vegetable	\$10.50		
Steak & Bacon	\$10.50		
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Mushroom	\$10.50		
Apple	\$10.50		
Apricot	\$10.50		
Blueberry	\$10.50		
Potato & Bacon	\$10.50		
Quiche	\$10.50		
Egg & Bacon	\$10.50		
Chicken	\$11.50		
PIE PACKS			
4 pk Plain	\$10.00		
4 pk Pasties	\$10.00		
4 pk Vegetarian Pasties	\$10.00		
2 Plain Pies/2 Pasties pk	\$10.00		
Pastie Strip	\$9.50		
4 pk Potato Pies	\$10.00		
4 pk Pizza Pies	\$10.00		
4 pk Steak & Kidney Pies	\$10.00		
4 pk Chicken Pies	\$10.00		
4 pk Quiche	\$10.00		
12 pk Nibble sausage rolls	\$12.00		
12 pk Mini Quiche	\$12.00		
12 pk Mini Pizza Pies	\$12.00		
12 pk Mini Pasties	\$12.00		
12 pk Mini Potato Pies	\$12.00		
12 pk Nibble Pies	\$12.00		
4 pk Pizza —Ham & Pineapple	\$10.00		
CAKES			
4 pk Hedgehog	\$7.00		
4 pk Lamingtons	\$7.00		
4 pk Peppermint Slice	\$7.00		
4 pk Jelly Slice	\$7.00		
4 pk Custard Scrolls	\$7.00		
4 pk Apple Scrolls	\$7.00		
4 pk Coffee Scrolls	\$7.00		
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ADDRESS: _____

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Please contact: **VIKKI UNWIN**
0417 577 246

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CONDITIONS APPLY

PUBLIC NOTICES



ROTARY NEED YOUR BRAS

Rotary Club of Camperdown is throwing its support behind Project Uplift, an initiative to send much-needed bras to women in Fiji.

Project Uplift provides bras to women in disadvantaged communities who cannot afford to buy a bra. Often the bra received through Project Uplift will be the only bra that woman owns.

In Fiji a new bra costs around \$40. Wages range from \$1.50- \$4.50 an hour so most women simply cannot afford to buy a bra.

In heat and humidity, rashes, abscesses, fungal and thrush infections occur between the breast and the chest wall. Bras help by allowing air circulation.

In some regions the lack of a bra is a badge of poverty. Women appreciate the common dignity of a bra for church, business and social occasions.

Rotary Club of Camperdown is especially looking for donations of nursing, mastectomy and size 18+ bras. Bras of smaller sizes are also welcome as are swimming costumes. Bras must be clean and in good condition.

If you would like to donate, please contact Laura on 0417 641 436

CAMPERDOWN APEX PARK PLAYSPACE

Sponsor a Tree Project

Interested individuals, groups or families are invited to sponsor a tree as a part of the Camperdown Apex Park Play Space Redevelopment Project. A planting session will be held at 12:30pm on Sunday 28th July with a BBQ to follow at 1:00pm.

All interested community members are welcome to attend. For further information contact Brooke Love at the Council office on 5593 7100.

EMA NOTICE

For Semester 2. The Eligibility date is 15/07/2013. Applications close on 02/08/2013. Forms are available from the College office. Parents in receipt of EMA in Period 1 are not required to lodge a new application.

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Sunday 28 July
Camperdown Theatre Royal
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includes afternoon tea

Tickets from Corangamite Shire Office

181 Manifold Street, Camperdown

5593 7100

or at the door (1.30 pm)