

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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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 2015

"Through the Mercy tradition we encourage our community to seek knowledge, to nurture curiosity and to love learning".

From the Principal

This Sunday, families across the world will be celebrating and remembering the gift of love, comfort and joy that mothers provide; I hope that many in our College community have the opportunity to enjoy the day with their loved ones.

Our prayer today celebrates the gift of mothering:

A Blessing for Mothers' Day

*Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.*

*Your inspiration in us
Made us strive in every way
Especially to remember
Helping others makes our day.*

*Mothers, this little tribute
Flows directly from my heart
You are so loved and cherished
Invaluable, one and all, you are.*

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse

Some in our Mercy community may be aware that the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will be sitting in Ballarat, commencing on May 19, for an expected period of three weeks. In a letter to our church and school communities in January Bishop Paul Bird wrote: "The Royal Commission will examine the damaging impacts which the abuse has inflicted on the social fabric of our community and the families within the community."

We are very supportive of the Royal Commission and all Church organisations are co-operating with it fully to ensure that the victims and survivors may have their voices heard. It will be a difficult time for all involved.

I have attached a letter on page three from the Director of Catholic Education, Ms. Audrey Brown, in relation to the Royal Commission. It includes contact numbers for people wishing to seek support over the next month.

*Loving God,
We pray for **those who have suffered** the injustice, humiliation and pain of any abuse – within our churches and the wider communities across Australia.
In your mercy, create opportunities for these men, women and children to share their pain, reveal their struggles and expose the hurtful actions of others.
We pray for **wisdom and guidance** in order to deal with the realities of what has happened in the past.
We pray for **healing** for those who have been abused. Strengthen them and their carers with the certainty of your love.
We pray for **sensitivity and wisdom** for all who minister to the victims and survivors of abuse.
We pray that into the future children everywhere will be **protected** from all forms of harm.
We pray that the Church responds with **love and action** in order to heal injustices.
We pray for ourselves in the school community that we will remain a positive force and help us to spread the love of God to all.
May your Spirit draw us together and strengthen all of us with the truth of the Gospel.
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.*

The fabulous Mercy College Community

In the last two weeks, students from Mercy Regional College have distinguished themselves through their service and example at significant local and school events.

Two of these events are of particular note:

- **ANZAC Day** – A special thanks to the many Mercy students and staff who attended local ANZAC Day services. Our school was very well represented across the various towns in our district with the

contributions of our Head of Senior School Teaching and Learning, Mr. Lachie Lee and the ANZAC Day essay written by Year 8 students Sondi Guthrie particularly of note.

- **Mercy Regional College Open Evening** – Last Wednesday saw the O’Keeffe Campus host the College’s annual Open Day and Information Night with more than 80 prospective students and their families having tours across the Noorat Campus and listening to a number of speakers. Aside from the expectant faces of the incoming 2016 Year 7 students, the highlight for me were the 60+ Mercy students who volunteered to assist with the evening as guides, in classroom displays, to help with supper or just to answer questions.

A reminder that enrolment packages are available from College Reception. Year 7 2016 enrolment applications are due by **Friday 19th June 2015**.

Student Activities

In addition to those above, Mercy students have been involved in a number of significant activities with others coming up in the next couple of weeks:

- This week, all Year 9 students completed the Shire’s BRICKs (Building Resilience in Corangamite Kids) program, the three days highlight the critically important issue of nurturing healthy and resilient adolescents capable of growing and thriving in their communities.
- Year 9 students also travelled to Sovereign Hill today as part of their Active Learning program.
- School corridors were filled on Tuesday and Wednesday with immaculately presented Year 11 students undertaking the annual Mock Interviews program. Thanks to all the employers who assisted our students in this valuable exercise and to the overall coordinator, Mrs Jenny Phillips.
- Yesterday, I was privileged to attend a wonderful O’Keeffe assembly that recognised a number of Year 7 & 8 students who received Mercy Core Value awards as well as an interview with local legend, Mrs. Helen Kenna.
- A number of interschool sporting activities have been held included equestrian trials, dirt bike races, swimming trials and Country Cup netball. Please have a look at the full details later in this newsletter.
- Next week, most Year 7 & 9 students will complete the annual NAPLAN tests. I encourage all students to do their best in these important tests which provide valuable feedback to parents, children and to us as a school.

College Feast Day Mass and ‘Battle of the Bands’

In the school calendar and student diaries, our College Feast Day mass and annual Battle of the Bands concert was scheduled for Tuesday 26th May. However, we are in the process of finding another date as this date clashes with a diocesan priests’ meeting and we would

be without the presence of either Fr. Matthew or Fr. Gerry.

Yours in Mercy,



DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

Director of Re

Mrs. Jo Saunders

Cambodia Immersion Trip 2016



After a very successful parent information night last week, there has been plenty of interest in this exciting journey for Year 10 & 11 student in 2016. Clint Miller from Destination Dreaming spoke of the work that our students would do in the SOLS 24/7 schools and the beauty of the Siem Reap Jesuit Metta Karuna Reflection Centre run by Sr. Denise Coghlan (an Australian Sister of Mercy.) Clint spoke of the opportunities to be of service through transfer of skills and energy in Cambodia and the history and culture of the people there. Students, who are interested and have completed their deposit forms, are to have their statement of purpose and \$500 deposit in to the office by Thursday 14th May. A six-month payment plan will commence in June.

The next phase is interviews for students and application for sponsorship if we meet the numbers required to run the trip. Numbers are climbing and we are looking forward to an exciting new phase in Social Justice for Mercy Regional College.

Seeds of Justice Regional Event August 2015



The Seeds of Justice Regional Event will run from August 20 – 21st this year at Araluen in Anglesea. This event brings students from many Mercy Secondary Schools together to meet high quality guest speakers, learn more about Social Justice Issues and take part in activities that highlight leadership and a passion for helping others. We hope to take 10 students from Years 10 and 11 to this event again in 2015 and will be looking for expressions of interest soon.

Social Justice Report

Vinnies Assist a Student Program.

Later this month the Mercy Social Justice Conference will coordinate the “Assist a student” fundraising event. It will consist of a dress up day and fun and games in house teams at lunch times. Money raised will go toward each year level sponsoring two children in South East Asia to fund their education for the year. See details about the program on page four.

6 May 2015



Dear Parents, Care-givers, Friends and Supporters of Catholic Education

As you might be aware, the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* will conduct a Public Hearing in Ballarat commencing on Tuesday 19 May. The hearing will look at abuse of children by clergy and religious brothers from the late 1960s to the late 1980s in Catholic Church institutions in the Diocese of Ballarat.

I am very supportive of the work of the Royal Commission and the opportunity that it will provide for victims and survivors of abuse to have their voices heard, but I understand that the Public Hearing may be distressing for many people, particularly for those who will be telling the Royal Commission of the abuse they suffered. It is important that we keep all involved in the Public Hearing in our thoughts and prayers.

Discussing child sexual abuse can be difficult. For many, recalling events of the past can bring back painful memories, particularly for those telling their story for the first time. The Royal Commission can refer survivors of child sexual abuse to counsellors or special support groups. Their website (www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au) provides a number of links to independent counsellors and special support groups. You can also call the Royal Commission Support Line on 1800 099 340 or Centacare's ACCESS support line to arrange counselling on 1800 222 125.

I am mindful that parents may be upset by evidence given during the Public Hearing. Should you feel the need to speak with anyone, please contact your school Principal who can assist with arranging support or counselling.

I realise the Public Hearing may focus attention on the safety of children today in Catholic schools. As the Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Ballarat, I assure you that my highest priority is the safety of the children in our schools. I believe that all schools and colleges have in place student protection practices that are clear and rigorous. I can reassure you that all personnel working in Catholic Education in this Diocese are both screened for their suitability and must participate in regular child protection training to ensure they fully understand their obligations and commitments in relation to student safety.

I would strongly encourage you to visit our website, www.ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au, where on the *Home Page* you can find a link to all our information about Student Safety.

If you have any concerns or would like more information regarding our absolute and uncompromising commitment to the protection of children in our schools, please contact your Principal or Dr Mary Lovelock (Assistant Director: School Operations and CEOB's Child Protection Officer) at the Catholic Education Office in Ballarat on 5337 7185.

Please pray for all concerned

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Audrey Brown".

Audrey Brown
Director of Catholic Education



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☐ I am assisting a student on behalf of a group
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
PO BOX 243 DEAKIN WEST ACT 2600

Yes, I want to Assist a Student today!



The Assist a Student program reflects the Mission Statement of the St Vincent de Paul Society - serve the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy.

We do this by sharing some of ourselves - what we have - with those in need in our neighbouring countries.

The Assist a Student program gives you the opportunity to provide funding to educate an overseas student for one year. Your donation of only \$70 will be matched with a student from one of our partner countries.

Thank you for supporting Assist a Student.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
PO Box 243, Deakin West, ACT 2600.
www.vinnies.org.au

Assist a Student

An education program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



Where we assist...

Throughout partner countries, local St Vincent de Paul Society members select students from families in need to be supported by the program. They receive education funds for one year and the money donated contributes to their education needs.

The program includes students at all levels - from primary, secondary and post-secondary. Education funds are allocated across the countries to ensure fair distribution. One of the program's strongest and most attractive features is that administration costs, funded by the Society, are kept at an absolute minimum.

No administration cost is deducted from your donation. 100% goes towards the students' education needs (including course fees, uniforms, books etc) for one year.

It is a common belief that education improves a young person's opportunity of gaining useful employment, thereby increasing their ability to support themselves and their families in the future. It is a means empowering an individual to break out of the cycle of poverty.

100% of your donation goes to the students' education needs for one year.

One of the most positive ways of helping families in need throughout Asia and the Pacific to become self sufficient is through education. The Assist a Student program gives you the opportunity to support the education of students in Asia and the Pacific. The students supported by this program may not be able to attend school without these education funds.

NB. To protect the privacy and dignity of the student, and in accordance with The Rule of the St Vincent de Paul Society, photographs and addresses of the students are not provided.

In choosing to donate money to the Assist a Student program, you are taking the opportunity to provide education funds to overseas students in need of support throughout their education.

As well as this you will receive:

- A supporter certificate with the student name, country and course of study for each \$70 donation.
- A Complimentary copy of the Record with an Assist a Student insert will be sent annually.



Anzac Day Reflections

Sondi Guthrie 8B won an award for her story about her great grandfather's war service. The award was presented to her from the Terang RSL. Below is her story.

'What does ANZAC mean to me?'

Today is the day, on the 25th of April, where we recognise the courage and bravery shown by those men and women who were part of the ANZAC. Many citizens of Australia and New Zealand left their homes, families and jobs to fight for freedom for our country. ANZAC Day is a special day for all families as they remember and recognise others, as well as their own family involved in the wars.

ANZAC Day is one where all those heroic people get recognised for the sacrifices they made to serve for our country. It is a chance to view our honour boards across the nation. It's also a chance for me to feel proud of my surname and ancestor who fought for the freedom of the country I live in now.

ANZAC Day is important to my family as we remember my Great Grandad. It is especially important to my Grandad who gets the time to remember the courageous and brave dad he never knew. My Great Grandad's name was William Cunningham Guthrie and he served in the Second World War as part of the 2/40 Australian Infantry Battalion. He was a soldier and also a member of the army band. William Guthrie left for war in 1940 and never returned to his wife and son.

William Cunningham Guthrie was born on the 30th March 1909 in Edinburgh Scotland. He moved over to Australia in then married Doris Sinclair and had a son William Archibald Sinclair Guthrie who is my Grandad. On 9 July 1940 William enlisted for the war in Caulfield Victoria as a volunteer. He then served in Darwin and Timor as a soldier in the Second World War. While over in Timor William Guthrie was killed in action in early 1942.

We don't know anything about William's death how or where he was killed or where he is buried. The only thing we have of his is his trumpet that he used to play in the Army Band while in the war. This trumpet means so much to my Grandad as it is one of the few things he has left of his fathers. This trumpet has so many stories behind it which are yet to be told but one day will be uncovered. The only connection my Grandad has with his father is his name on the War Memorial in Darwin, the War Memorial in Canberra and the Rotunda Band Stand in Terang.

One day we hope to find out the missing pieces of our story, but for now we remember like all those on ANZAC Day. The brave, the courageous, the people who served.



Sondi with her family and Terang RSL President.



Steve Bloxham President of Terang RSL with O'Keeffe students.



Lachie Lee speaking at the assembly held at McAuley campus.

The following photos are from the Anzac services held throughout the district.



Students at the Camperdown service.



Students at the Mortlake service.



Stephanie Lee at the Terang service.



Lachie Lee speaking at the Terang service.



Lachie Lee with students at Terang.



Students at Terang.

Year 9 Brick's Program 2015 **(Building Resilience in Corangamite Kids)**

Mr. Ben Brisbane

During the last fortnight the Year 9 students have been involved in the BRICK's Program that is facilitated by the Corangamite Shire. Angela Gowans (Corangamite Shire Youth Development Co-ordinator) has developed a program that involved 3 half days concentrating on building resilience to adolescent issues amongst our students. Topics spanning from time management, mindfulness and relationships were addressed and students were actively involved in interactive activities and deep discussions about issues and concerns in these areas.

Students were encouraged to share their thoughts on how to deal with this stressful life stage and facilitators of the program guided them through this process. It was an enjoyable experience for all involved and our appreciation goes out to all the facilitators that assisted who were from youth agencies around the shire.

Year 9 students will now get the opportunity to apply to become BRICK's leaders, which will enable the year 9 students to work together with other year 9's from other schools on a program to assist their peers. Well done to all staff and students involved and good luck to our new young leaders and their involvement in making a change in our community.



Head of O'Keeffe Campus

Mr. James Castles

Junior School Core Value Awards

Congratulations to the following Year 7 and 8 students who received the Core Value Awards at our Assembly.

Community: Promotes the uniqueness of the community and its heritage. Luke Francis.

Inclusiveness: Welcomes and celebrates individual difference. Tom Fleming.

Learning: Encourages our community to seek knowledge, to nurture curiosity and to love learning. Jessica Wade.

Care: Commit ourselves to caring for each other. Brodie Humphrey.

Justice and Mercy: Seeks to act with love, fairness, tolerance and compassion to all. Liam Russell.

Excellence and Achievement: Support, acknowledge and strive for personal excellence and achievement. Isaac Kenna.

Our next assembly is on Thursday 25th July.

Cross Country

The O'Keeffe Campus will be hosting our Cross Country on Monday 18th May. We encourage our parents to come along and be part of this great event. Parents can run, walk or simply watch. We will also have a number of parents helping on the day which is great. The run starts in Terang and finishes at the O'Keeffe Campus. There will be a BBQ for all Year 7 and 8 students and parents. If you are able to make it would be great to see you there. We will send out further details early next week.

Open Night

A big thank you to all our students that helped out with our Open Night. The night was a great success, largely due to the efforts of our students. We are all very proud of our students, well done! It is also important to recognise the efforts of Isabel Rowan and Caleb Scanlon for their speeches on the night and a special mention to Luke Francis for talking about this smooth transition from Timboon P-12 to Mercy. Thank you to Luke Bone and Georgia Vick, both leaders visited the Hampden Catholic Schools to help our future students feel comfortable before the Open Night.

Finally, remember if you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact the school and know we are only a phone call away.

Street Retreat Report

Mr. D. Richardson

Wednesday April 29 heralded the start of group three's turn to attend the Street Retreat to Melbourne, working with the St Vinnies organisation as part of the Soup Kitchen. Nine very keen Year 11 students participated accompanied by Pam Martin and Daryl Richardson.

For ten of these people, this was a 'brand new experience'; for one, it was an opportunity to continue to be amazed by the outstanding contribution that programs such as this provide for those less fortunate.

The students were fantastic and very willing to get involved in the preparation of sandwiches and then the conversations that followed.

Brooke McInnes: What I will never forget about this experience is the different age groups that come to the soup vans, how grateful and thankful they are to see people helping out, the amount of people that work behind the scenes to keep the soup vans up and running, how amazing this experience is to come and help people that need it most and the smiles on their faces.

Alistair Huth: The things that I won't forget are how thankful people are when we were giving out things' how many people are homeless and the conversations and stories that were talked about.

Jacqui Arundell: I will never forget how grateful all the people were when we either gave them items or just had a smile on our face and talked to them. Also, I realise how lucky I am to have a roof over my head and a family that supports me. I will never forget how happy and friendly most of them were and that some just come to the soup van to socialise with others – the only opportunity that some may have.

Jordan Harris: The thing that I will never forget is that how fortunate and lucky I am and that I shouldn't take everything for granted because there are so many people out there that don't get any of the things that we think so little of.

Hannah Justin: I think I will never forget the entire experience, especially the look on some of the faces of the homeless. They have very little but when I handed them a toothbrush or a sandwich, their face lit up and they were so happy. I will also remember the stories that they told me because, even though I get to communicate with people all the time, they don't, so whatever that they chose to tell me was obviously very important to them. So I will make sure I remember their stories.

Henry Bradshaw: I think I will never forget the experience I had at the soup van and especially the joy on everyone's faces when they received their gifts and food.

Caitlin Williams: My street retreat experience really made me think of the saying "if we all throw our problems in a pile, people would start taking theirs back." It opened my eyes to how much we take for granted and how our silly complaints and problems are nothing in comparison to the people we met.

Matthew Stevenson: I will never forget all the different types of people that need help being fed. Not everyone is a stereotypical homeless or street person; some have a job and a home but can't afford to buy food every day.

Melissa Evans: I won't forget the smiles on their faces and how thankful they were to receive the most simple of things. Most were more welcoming and grateful than some people that aren't finding it tough. I know now that there is something I can do to help and it is easy AND very worthwhile.



Communication Captains Article

As Term 2 rolls on the leadership group has been back at it devising fundraisers and working hard to improve student input at the college. As well as this Mr. Harkin has also been working enthusiastically to improve student involvement in the school. He has devised an improved means of scoring for our House System, so that scope for achievement inside and outside school can be counted towards the house scores.

Anything from the arts to community service, or other facets of College life may be used as point scoring means towards the houses, further encouraging and involving students to do their best. As the new initiative will hopefully contribute a greater house community between students away from just sports days and will result in the winning house enjoying a prize at the end of the year.

Head of Sport

Mr. Matt Harkin

Senior and Intermediate Netball

On Wednesday the 29th April, a total of 18 girls represented Mercy Regional College in the Country Cup netball tournament held in Terang. Both the intermediate and senior team showed a great range of skills and teamwork and MRC ended the tournament undefeated, a great result against some tough opposition. The girls will now go on to compete at Ballarat on 24th July to test their skills against the next level of competition. Good luck to both teams!

Western District Interschool Equestrian Championships - Saturday 2nd May 2015

Mercy had a great day at Hamilton. Our team finished **SECOND** overall, which was a nice effort as we had one of the smallest teams entered. Results for the day were as follows.

POLLY MALONEY

Novice dressage - 1st

Rider class Year 9 & 10 - 2nd

Overall - 5th in Year 9 & 10

JESSICA WADE

Preliminary Dressage div 1 - 5th

Handy Mount Year 7 & 8 - 1st

(She did extremely well as there were 10 riders and she was bottom age).

Showjumping 75cm - 3rd

Overall Year 7 & 8 - 2nd

(Great effort, once again bottom age).

STEPHANIE HIBBURT

Preliminary dressage div 2 - 2nd

Rider class Year 11 & 12 - 1st

Showjumping 90cm - 1st

Overall Year 11 & 12 - 1st

Western district overall individual champion -

Stephanie Hibburt (This is the best performed out of all competitors).

This was a terrific effort by our girls. Well Done!



Interschool Dirt bike Championships

Friday the 1st May saw a field of 19 students from Mercy attend the only interschool grass track event in Australia. The event was held in Panmure in perfect conditions. Students that attended the event on the day included.

Robert Hibburt	Jaedyn Bassett	Patty Johnstone
Thomas Justin	Tyson Foote	Tom Gray
Sam Darcy	Brooke Cecil	Tyler Read
Jacob Bone	Ally Dickson	Damian Wallis
Tom Darcy	Jack Darcy	Jack Guthrie
Jack Fleming	Steve Bouchier	
Tom Fleming	Louis Johnstone	



All students competed remarkably well and there were some excellent results by individuals on the day.

Upcoming events

- Monday 11th May - **Daniel Kenna competing in state golf championships.**
- Wednesday 13th May - **Clay target shooting in Colac.**
- Monday 18th May **MRC Cross Country.**
- Wednesday 20th May **Hampden Cup Footy/Netball.**
- Monday 25th May **HSSSD Cross Country.**
- Friday 12th June **Greater Western Cross Country.**

FRANCE AND BELGIUM BATTLEFIELDS TOUR 2015



Amiens is a city in the north of France part of the Somme department in the region of Picardie. It is an ancient city dating from the Roman times when Gaul was part of the Roman Empire. Because of its position in the north, at the crossroads between the interior of France, the south and the northern and eastern German states it has been much fought over throughout European history. In fact it is said that very few buildings from the medieval period remain outside the city walls because those buildings would have been razed by the defenders or attackers during one of the many sieges that have occurred over the centuries.

One of the most famous buildings in the city is the Gothic cathedral which is a World Heritage listed site. It was begun in 1220 and completed later in the 13th Century. It is the tallest of the classic Gothic

Cathedrals of that time and is approaching its 800th birthday. In the cathedral there are monuments which date back centuries and which indicate the church's role in the ongoing civic and religious life of the people. If one thinks of life in medieval Amiens one would start to understand the importance of the church to the people of France. At that time most buildings-houses, shops, municipal or public buildings would have been built



of materials such as timber, straw and mud or clay. The Cathedral, the city walls and the local castle would have been built of stone with a greater sense of permanence. The Cathedral with its soaring ceilings and light streaming in through the great windows would have seemed to be a glimpse of the heaven for which all aspired to in the next life.



Of further interest to us are several monuments in the church which refer specifically to the Australians during the First World War. While Amiens was behind the lines in the Great War it was severely damaged. It was

a place where Australians out of the line would have gathered; they would have socialised with each other and with the locals in the streets or in one of the many restaurant and cafes which line the Somme River as it winds through the old town.

Amiens was a major rail junction and was the gateway to the battlefields for the British and Australians. The Australians served here between 1916 and 1918. In 1916 it was the base through which the British supplied the British Empire armies on the battlefields of the Battle of the Somme which began on 1 July 1916. On this day the British Army suffered 60,000 casualties of whom 20,000 were killed-by far the worst casualties ever for the British Army in a single day. We will revisit the story of the First Day on the Somme in a later newsletter but the Australian involvement in this great offensive didn't begin until three weeks later with the attack of the Australians at Pozieres.



We will spend two nights in Amiens which will give us a chance to have some walks around this splendid old town, enjoy dinner on the streets that line the Somme and perhaps see the wonderful old Cathedral.

CAREER EVENTS

May - July

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Charles Sturt University MyDay events: Each year, Charles Sturt University showcases their courses via a series of hands-on events.

Students immerse themselves in themed workshops and experience what it is like to study at the University for a day.

The following MyDays will run in May and June:

- 28 May: Community Health (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Health & Rehabilitation Science, Podiatry, Speech Pathology), Albury Wodonga
- 12 June: Agriculture, Wagga Wagga
- 23 June: Communication & Creative Industries, Wagga Wagga
- 29 June: Policing & Criminal Justice, Bathurst

For information and to register, please go to www.csu.edu.au/go/myday



SPORTS MEDICINE

The Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre (OPSMC) is running an information night about careers in sports medicine on **Wednesday 27 May**, 7.30 – 9pm at the AAMI Park Stadium. Practitioners from the disciplines listed below will deliver short talks and will also be available to answer your questions about careers in these occupations:

- Sports Medicine
- Nutrition
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Massage Therapy
- Physiotherapy, and
- Exercise Physiology

For more information and to register online, go to <http://tinyurl.com/m26n4yk> by Monday 26 May.

FOCUS ON MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

The University of Melbourne is running a series of evening seminars showcasing their course areas. Dates are as follows:

May

- 14: Biomedicine
- 20: Arts
- 21: Agriculture
- 26: Commerce
- 27: Environments

June

- 2: Science
- 4: Juris Doctor (Law)
- 11: Engineering & IT
- 24: Music
- 25: Fine Arts

For more information and to register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/pcscqof>

MONASH UNIVERSITY

At Monash Seminar Series: Monash University is running a series of evening seminars showcasing their course areas. Dates are as follows:

May

- 13: Law
- 14: Teaching
- 19: Health Sciences (Radiation Science, Public Health, Emergency Practice, Human Services)
- 26: Nursing
- 27: Biomedical Science, Radiography, and Nutrition & Dietetics
- 28: Engineering

July

- Business & Economics

For more information and to register, go to www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/



CAREER EVENTS

May - July

VCE & CAREERS EXPO

This is a fantastic annual event that enables senior school students and their parents to be able to participate in a diverse range of over 150 seminars related to VCE subjects, gap year opportunities, vocational and higher education courses, career pathways and VCE study skills.

Over 190 organisations will be in attendance, enabling students to be able to talk to course and program advisers directly about their services. Cost is \$10 per student and schools have been sent free passes.

The event is being held at Caulfield Racecourse between **Thursday 7 to Sunday 10 May**. To find out more and to order tickets, go to www.vceandcareers.com.au, 03 9596 8881



GAMING & ANIMATION

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) is a private college located in Melbourne. They offer vocational and higher education courses in:

- Game Art & Animation
- Game Programming
- Game Design & Production
- 3D Animation & VFX for Film

AIE will be running their next Open Day on **Saturday 16 May**. You will be able to learn about courses of offer, view student art work, attend presentations, and speak to current students and lecturers.

For more information and to register your place for the above events, go to www.aie.edu.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Experience Days at Australian Catholic University: University Experience is a hands-on fun free event, where you will be able to participate in a range of activities related to the course area of your choice. Dates and workshops are as follows:

Melbourne campus, Monday 29 June:

- Exercise Science
- Business
- Law
- Applied Public Health
- Biomedical Science
- Paramedicine
- Occupational Therapy & Speech Pathology
- Psychology
- Arts
- Global Studies & International Development
- Media Communications
- Visual Art & Design

Ballarat campus, Tuesday 30 June:

- Teaching
- Nursing & Paramedicine

Canberra campus, Tuesday 7 July:

- Teaching
- Nursing & Paramedicine
- Social Work

Registrations are now open. Go to www.acu.edu.au/97108



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May - July

MONASH UNIVERSITY

- **Year 10 Day:** you will be able to go to the Clayton campus on Thursday 2 July and participate in interactive sessions designed to assist you in finding out about course options, why pre-requisite subjects are important and advice on how to choose your Year 11 and 12 subjects, www.destination.monash/
- **Year 11 Inspiration Day:** You will be able to discover what university is like by attending interactive activities and talking to staff and current students. You will also be able to acquire learning tools that will help you in Year 12 and beyond. The event will be held Wednesday 8 July, www.destination.monash/

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Deakin in your region information evening

University staff will be visiting Ballarat on **Wednesday 20 May**. Staff will be speaking to parents and students about courses, student services, scholarships, accommodation etc.

For information and to book your place, go to www.deakin.edu.au/your-region

Parent and Student Tertiary Information Night

Deakin will be running information nights at the Melbourne campus on **Wednesday 20 May** and the Geelong Waterfront campus on **Tuesday 2 June**. You will be able to discover more about

- Courses at Deakin and their partner institutions
- VCE prerequisites and extra requirements
- The VTAC application process and key dates
- The cost of study, financial assistance and scholarships
- How to make a successful transition to university life.

For information and to register your place, go to www.deakin.edu.au/info-night

SCIENCE @ RMIT

Science in the City and Laboratory Tour at RMIT: Science in the City is a specialised tour of RMIT's facilities where students and parents can learn more about the following RMIT single and double degree science programs:

- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Food Science
- Nanotechnology
- Physics

The next tour will be run **Monday 29 June**. For information and to register, go to www1.mit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover



JMC ACADEMY

High School Workshops at JMC Academy: You have the opportunity to attend a workshop at JMC Academy during the school holidays. You will be able to spend the day undertaking hands on activities in your area of interest.

The following workshops will be run on **Saturday 27 June** and **Saturday 4 July**.

- Animation
- Motion Capture
- Entertainment Business
- Popular Music
- Hip Hop
- Electronic Music Production
- Audio Engineering
- Film
- Game Design

Please RSVP your place as soon as possible as workshops will fill quickly. For more information and go to www.jmcacademy.edu.au/

CAREER EVENTS

May - July

EXPERIENCE RMIT

Experience Days at RMIT: RMIT offers a number of free events designed for students in Years 10 – 12 during the mid-year holidays to engage in hands-on workshops and explore life on campus. It is essential that you register now as places fill quickly.

- Engineering
- Environment & Sustainability
- Health & Medical Sciences
- Music, Sound & Live Production
- Project Management
- Science

The following events are booked out. You can place your name on the waiting list

- Business
- Justice & Legal
- Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations
- Art & Design

To learn more about these interactive workshops and to book your place, go to www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays



WHITEHOUSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN

Whitehouse Institute of Design will be running an Open Day on **Friday 19** and **Saturday 20 June** at the Melbourne campus.

The College offers courses in

- Interior Design
- Creative Direction & Styling
- Fashion Design

The College will also be running design workshops for students in July. For more information and to register, go to <http://whitehouse-design.edu.au/>

DISCOVER DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Students will be able to find out about Deakin University and the courses on offer at upcoming 'Discover Deakin' events.

You will be able to participate in 2 one-hour workshops from course areas you are interested in.

The following are example workshops at each campus.

Melbourne campus, Tuesday 30 June

Clinical Exercise Science	Communication (Journalism, Media, PR)
Environment	Health Sciences
Information Systems	Marketing
Property & Real Estate	Psychology
Accounting	Biological & Biomedical Science
Criminology	Law
Dance	Education
Food & Nutrition	Health & PE Teaching
Nursing & Midwifery	Sport Management
International Studies	Campus Tour

Geelong Waterfront, Wednesday 1 July

Creative Arts	Health Sciences
Law	Marketing
Psychology	Accounting
Architecture	Criminology
Environment	Exercise & Sport Science
Health & PE Teaching	Nursing & Midwifery
Accommodation	Study Abroad

Registrations are now open. Go to www.deakin.edu.au/discover-deakin



CAREER EVENTS

April - July

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

La Trobe are running Experience Days on the following dates:

Albury Wodonga, June 19th, Shepparton July 2nd, Mildura, July 3rd, Bendigo July 8th, and Melbourne, July 9th

Students and parents will be able to undertake hands-on workshops in their areas of interest from a huge selection of course and career areas.

Examples of course areas covered at the Melbourne event include:

- Science- Biomedical Science, Physics
- Health Sciences- Nursing & Midwifery, Physiotherapy & Podiatry, Orthoptics, Paramedicine, Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy, Audiology etc.
- Student exchange, accommodation tour, campus tour
- Commerce, Accounting & Finance
- Media & Communication, Journalism, Events Management, Marketing, Arts, Media Studio
- Teaching, Environmental, Outdoor and Physical Education
- Politics, Law & Change, International Relations
- Engineering- Communications, Civil, Electrical, Robotics, Sport & Health
- Psychology & Social Work
- Sport degrees, Sport & Exercise Science
- Applications Development
- Animal & Veterinary Biosciences
- Sustainability & Development
- Archaeology

You will receive a free lunch and be able to speak with current students and lecturers.

To view the full list of workshops and to register, go to www.latrobe.edu.au/experience



UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

A Day at Melbourne University: You will be able to find out about courses at the University of Melbourne on **Thursday 9 July**. You can learn about:

- Undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways at Melbourne
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as concurrent diplomas and going on exchange and study abroad
- Admissions and entry requirements
- Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
- Accommodation options
- How parents can help with the transition to university.

You will also be able to participate in a session focusing on the course you are interested in. To register, go to <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/>

COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP

Monash Computer Games Boot Camp: This is a three-day event run by the Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University for Year 9 to Year 12 students. If you are interested in becoming a professional gamer, building and designing games or simply playing games this event is for you! Computer Games Bootcamp covers the following ICT areas:

- Multimedia Development
- Digital Imaging
- Programming
- Database
- Games Development
- Applications Development
- 3D and more

The program runs between **Tuesday 7 July – Thursday 9 July** at the Clayton Campus. For more information and to register, go to <https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/>

CAREER EVENTS

April - July

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

Career Week at the International College of Hotel Management: If you are interested in business, hospitality, working overseas, and working with people from different cultures you may enjoy a career in international hotel management. The International College of Hotel Management is running a 'Career Week' at their Adelaide campus between 6 - 10 July. For information and to book your place, go to www.ichm.edu.au/

MARINE SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

2015 Environmental and Marine Careers Expo: You have the opportunity to attend this exciting day at SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium on **Wednesday 24 June**.

Join industry experts, employers and current environmental and marine science students to hear about the many career and volunteer opportunities available within Australia and overseas. Students will be presented with a huge variety of career opportunities, in fields such as conservation, research and education, and information on what they can do while still at school.

They will also receive the latest information on career diversity, tertiary education, training and volunteer opportunities in the environmental and marine industry.

You will need to book your place and there is an early bird cost for students and parents who book before 15 May,
www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/schools



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Be You at VU: Students will be able to find out about Victoria University and the courses on offer during this interactive and hands-on event being run on **Wednesday 8 July** at the Footscray campus.

You will be able to participate in three 45 minute workshops in course areas you are interested in and have fun experiencing campus life.

For information and to register to receive updates about the event, go to <http://tinyurl.com/pf84qze>





THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE



Meet Melbourne in Warrnambool

Wednesday 27 May 2015

Information session for prospective students and their families

The University of Melbourne will be visiting Warrnambool to give students, teachers and parents the chance to talk to our friendly staff and find out more about

- Courses and career outcomes, including the Melbourne degrees and graduate pathways
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a concurrent diploma or going on exchange
- Housing options, scholarships and student services
- Access Melbourne, our special entry and access scheme, which offers guaranteed entry to Melbourne degrees for eligible students
- Information for Indigenous students

EVENT DETAILS

When: Wednesday 27 May 2015
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Where: The Carmichael Function Room,
City Memorial Bowls Club,
50-58 Cramer Street,
Warrnambool

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Warrnambool Careers Expo

(May 18, 19 & 20)

All Warrnambool and District Secondary Colleges in conjunction with the region's Further Education providers will be combining to host the Biennial **Careers Expo** during Careers Week in **May 2015**. The primary aim of the Expo is to assist students and their parents to research a wide range of careers options in preparation for the important decisions students will make over the next few years.

The **Careers Expo** is conducted every two years and from past experience and testimonials, is an invaluable experience and extremely useful in assisting students in their career decision making and transition process. Research clearly indicates that families who research career options early have a greater degree of success in navigating through the many career options.

Guest presenters are current practitioners in their chosen vocations and they will outline the day to day tasks involved within their career, the career paths and education and training required to obtain employment in their field / industry as well as further career prospects / advancement opportunities.

Students from Year 8 to Year 12 can attend the Careers Expo.

Expo Dates and Venues:

Monday	18 May	7:00 pm	Emmanuel College
Tuesday	19 May	7:00 pm	Brauer College
Wednesday	20 May	7:00 pm	Warrnambool College

Each evening will commence at **7:00pm** with an array of static displays.

Presentations commence at the times listed below:

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
7:15pm – 7:55pm	8:00pm – 8:40pm	8:45pm – 9:25pm

Students are able to choose up to three different presentations on each of the three evenings. As it is possible to attend nine different career presentations during the week, we encourage all students and parents to take full advantage of this schedule.

A map is located on the reverse side of each evening program and it will indicate where each of the rooms are located at each of the Secondary Colleges. Programs are available from the College Office at both campuses.

Career preparation is vitally important to any child's future prospects and students are encouraged to do a little research prior to the Expo in order to ask relevant questions, enjoy and make the most of this opportunity.

Any Questions – please contact Jenny Phillips or Lachie Lee.

Term 2 Dates

Wednesday 13 May

* Year 11 Street Retreat

Thursday 14 May

* Year 11 Street Retreat

Monday 18 May

* MRC Cross Country

Tuesday 19 May

* MRC Board Meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday 20 May

* Hampden Cup F/N – Years 7 to 9

Thursday 21 May

* Unit 3 Outdoor Ed. Grampians excursion

Friday 22 May

* Unit 3 Outdoor Ed. Grampians excursion

Monday 25 May

* HSSSD Cross Country

Wednesday 27 May

* Year 11 & 12 Legal Studies excursion

Monday 01 June

* Year 9 Try a Career Day

* Premier's Reading Challenge Luncheon, O'Keeffe Library

Tuesday 02 June

* Year 8 Retreat

Wednesday 03 June

* Premier's Reading Challenge Luncheon, McAuley Campus

* Year 11 Street Retreat

Thursday 04 June

* Year 11 Street Retreat

Monday 08 June

* Queen's Birthday holiday – no school for staff & students

Wednesday 10 June

* VCE GAT

* Year 11 Street Retreat

Thursday 11 June

* Year 11 Street Retreat

Friday 12 June

* Year's 8, 9 & 10 Exams

Monday 15 June

* Year's 8, 9 & 10 Exams

Tuesday 16 June

* Year's 8, 9 & 10 Exams

* MRC Board meeting 7:30 PM

Thursday 18 June

* Correction Day - Student Free day

Friday 19 June

* Year 11 Excursion to Holocaust Museum

Thursday 25 June

* Term 2 concludes for students

Friday 26 June

* Term 2 concludes for staff

NOTICES

PTFA Chocolate Fundraiser

The PTFA Chocolate fundraiser is well under way with boxes having been distributed on Monday 27th April.

Funds (\$50 per box) are due ASAP or by Friday 12th June.

Cobden and District Night Netball Annual General Meeting 2015

A third and final attempt to form a new committee for the Cobden Night Netball Association has been scheduled for Monday 18th May at 7pm. The AGM will be held at the Sports Stadium of the Cobden Technical School, McKenzie street Cobden. If this is unsuccessful the Association will be put into recess.

Enquiries or nominations for the executive or committee please phone:

Neicy Robertson: 5595 1557, Kylie Mc Villy: 0427 951 935 or Alison van der Schans 5595 2282.

Players interested in a C Grade competition (age 8-11) in 2015 are asked to contact:

Sarah Walsh on 0447 951 932.



Our next meeting will be held :

on Saturday 9th May 2015

at St Paul's Church hall, Church Street Camperdown.

Session Times

10.00-11.30am

Cost per session

Gold Coin Donation

Bookings are Essential as places are limited either:-

Ring 0458 750 351

or

Email: louise.serra@anglicarevic.org.au



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ADULTS and STUDENTS (14 years+) are invited to join our FUN CREW

There's heaps of ways to get involved and rosters are flexible.

FUN4KIDS FESTIVAL 28 June–4 July, 2015

INTERESTED?

Call Sharon on 5559 4834 or swohlers@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

www.fun4kids.com.au/get-involved-fun4kids

Attention Students

If anyone is interested in being a volunteer at Fun for Kids please see Mr. Richardson at school.

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS

JUNE 12 2015

CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE HALL

Gates open at 5pm for Open Mic
Battle of the bands starts at 6pm-10pm

\$5 entry - \$10 families

BBQ and snacks available

**Bands interested in
performing must contact us
before June 4 to register!**

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