Dylan’s Trip to Sydney

Over the recent Holiday period, Year 11 student Dylan Donnelly attended the 2016 Magic Moments Youth Leadership and Business Summit. This was held in Sydney in the first weekend in July. Dylan was nominated by Mr Sharp for his interest in economics and by Mr Nicolson for his personal qualities.

Dylan reports that the trip was fantastic and that he met great people with similar interests, some that could well become lifelong friends. The trip was sponsored by the Neerim District Youth Foundation and the Neerim District Community Bank.

Parent Opinion Surveys

Parent Opinion Surveys were mailed home today to a random sample of families.

If you have received one of these questionnaires this year, could you please take the time to complete it over the weekend and return it to the school office by Friday 29th July.

Our Sponsors

We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors for their support throughout this year. With your continued generosity and commitment we have been able to improve the educational opportunities available to students. We strongly encourage our parents and the wider community to please support these wonderful local businesses that sponsor our school so well.
**Principal’s Report**

**Welcome Back and Year 12 Holiday Homework**

Welcome back to school everyone. We have had a wonderful start to the term. It was particularly pleasing to see that the majority of Year 12 students had completed their holiday homework. With only 11 school weeks left before these students go on study leave, each student needs to be maximising their study time.

Something that is as true today as it ever was is that to improve in anything we have to practise. There are very few people who are exceptional in their field who have not spent hours practising their skills. Research confirms that to become expert in anything, whether it’s in academia, sport, or music, individuals must complete 10,000 hours of practice. And although not everyone will commit to this level in a field, the bottom line is that practice does indeed improve performance.

Vaya Dauphin  
College Principal

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**Calendar of Events**

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**New Procedure for Student who arrive Late**

Starting from the beginning of Term 3 we are introducing and implementing a Late Arrivals Pass and Procedure.

This is to ensure an accurate accountability of attendance for Emergency Management purposes.

Students who arrive late will be required to sign in at the office with a note from their parents explaining the reason for being late and collect a **LATE PASS** from office staff as evidence that they have signed in.

Students must present this **LATE PASS** to the classroom teacher. If a student arrives late without a pass teachers are asked to send the student to the office to sign in and collect a pass.

We appreciate the support of parents in the implementation of this new procedure.

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**Sponsor of the Week**

Don’t forget, to be eligible for the draw to win the community sponsored prize, you must register your details of receiving a postcard by ringing NDSC on 5628 1455.
GOOD NEWS POSTCARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a good news postcard: Shannon Bright, Cooper Clancy, Bronte Harvey & Bethany Sayburn.

AAA AWARD

The AAA award rewards consistent effort and citizenship in our students and recognizes the contribution that they make to the life of the College.

This week’s winner is Shakira Kimm of Year 8. Shakira has been nominated by Glenys for regularly helping out in the canteen during busy times. Congratulations to you Shakira. A cheque will be heading your way shortly, courtesy of the Walter Haines Foundation.

UNIFORM

Can we ask all parents to ensure that full uniform is worn each day. The message that the community takes from our appearance can have a significant impact on our student prospects when they leave school/ get part-time jobs.

Collective pride in our appearance and supporting the NDSC brand is very important.

Please remember to label all of your child’s belongings, it makes the task of finding and returning lost items much easier!

EXCURSION FORMS AND PAYMENT

A reminder to parents that excursion forms and payment must be returned at least the day prior to the excursion to prevent cancellation of that activity. For your convenience you can now provide consent and payment through Compass.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 18th August at 2.30pm at the NDSC. Everyone is welcome.

OUR SPONSORS

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Reminders:

1. **‘INSIDE MONASH’ SEMINARS** – Science - Aug 24; Teaching - Sept 13; For details, and to book go to: [www.monash.edu/inside-monash](http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash)
2. **NURSING AT DEAKIN** – Info session: Burwood 20 July OR 23 July; Geelong 20 July or 23 July; Warrnambool 22 July; Book: Ph 9244 6032; See: [www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery](http://www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery)
3. **OPEN DAY REMINDER** – University and TAFE Open Days are just around the corner. These are an opportunity to check out campuses and courses which interest you. Year 10 is a great time to commence these visits. Some students will spend more time checking out a $5,000 used car than check out an investment in education which may cost $20,000 or more.

Some Open Day Dates for 2016:

- Sun 31 July – Swinburne University
- Sat 6 Aug – Monash (Peninsula)
- Sun 7 Aug – Deakin University (Warrnambool); La Trobe University (Bundoora); Monash University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 21 Aug – Box Hill (Lilydale campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Waurn Ponds); University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville)
- Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

4. **GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS**

Don’t wander aimlessly....try these ideas:

- Get an Open Day Guide, eg from [www.deakin.edu.au/openday](http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday) or [www.openday.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.openday.unimelb.edu.au), and be there when relevant information sessions are on
- Allow enough time for your visit, eg two hours
- Speak to staff/students about courses which interest you - note your questions beforehand
- Collect information/brochures
- Are there Industry based-learning (IBL) opportunities?
- Ask about International study opportunities
- Consider transport issues
- Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- What facilities/clubs are offered?
- Consider a rural campus - ATAR’s are often lower at rural campuses and they often offer other advantages (eg smaller size/classes).

**NOTE:** If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/audition as part of the selection process, attendance is A MUST! You may be asked what you learned at Open Day.

**YEAR 12’s – APPLYING FOR COURSES** - Applications are usually made on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website, and open on Mon 1 August, with timely applications closing on 29 Sept (see [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)). You can apply for up to eight courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the highest course in your list where you meet ATAR/Selection/pre-requisite requirements.

As we know, some circumstances can spoil a student’s academic achievement. Tertiary institutions know this and offer alternative entry schemes taking into account short- and long-term disadvantage. While many are offered through the single Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS) application process, others require application to the institution. **Note:** SEAS applications cannot be completed until a VTAC course application is made. For info: [http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html)

**MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS**

**MONASH GUARANTEE AND SEAS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS** – Monash operates two access schemes, the Monash Guarantee and the SEAS that can help students enter a pre-ferred course, even if your ATAR is below the clearly-in ATAR. It is possible to be eligible for one or both schemes. The Monash Guarantee can get you into a course even if you don’t reach the course’s clearly-in ATAR. You could be eligible if you have experienced financial disadvantage or if you are an Indigenous Australian (Note: the Monash Guarantee also applies to students who attend a Monash under-represented school). Every course has a Monash Guarantee ATAR. For info: [http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee/monash-guarantee-atas](http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee/monash-guarantee-atas)

SEAS adjusts your ATAR in recognition of circumstances that may have affected your education. See: [http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/special-entry-access-scheme](http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/special-entry-access-scheme)

**MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA)** is holding workshops which offer a way to get tips on the application process for MADA courses. When: 26 & 27 Sept; Where: MADA (Caulfield campus); For: Year 11 & 12 students; Book: [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops)

**NEW VERTICAL DOUBLE ARTS DEGREES** – This will mean you can get a Bachelor of Arts degree and relevant Master’s degree in four years. The offering will be accessed, either commencing directly into a planned vertical course program or electing to move into the double degree structure while undertaking the Bachelor’s degree. Students will need to achieve a 75% average in their first two years (full-time) to progress to Master’s level.
NEW PATHWAYS INTO LAW – For students with the determination to succeed in the B. Laws but just miss out on the clearly-in ATAR, and identify as an Indigenous Australian, live in a low socio-economic area OR have experienced financial hardship. The new courses allow students to study law units from day one so they can try law before committing to the full degree. New courses:
- Bachelor of Arts (Law pathway)
- Bachelor of Commerce (Law pathway)
- Bachelor of Science (Law pathway)
In the first year they will study four first year law subjects along with four Arts, Commerce or Science subjects. Students who pass all eight units with a credit (60%) average in all four law units and a credit (60%) average overall, will be guaranteed a place in either B. Laws/B. Arts, B. Laws/B. Commerce or B. Laws/Science OR second year of the B. Laws (Honours) single degree. Information and eligibility: www.monash.edu/law/future-students/undergraduate/pathways.


LA TROBE UNIVERSITY’S ASPIRE PROGRAM
Applications are open. The program recognises the positive impact a student has had on their local community. To help you apply, La Trobe has updated the ‘How to Apply’ page with tips and a sample application. Frequently asked questions:
- What ATAR must I achieve for the Aspire program? Most courses have a minimum ATAR of 50, although some professional degrees have higher requirements.
- Do I have to arrange anything for my school recommendation? No, La Trobe will contact the school so you only need to advise which school you attend.
- Do I still have to apply through VTAC if I get an Aspire offer? Yes – your Aspire course should be your highest eligible preference. If you list a different course that you are eligible for above your Aspire offer, you will be made an offer into the different course and your Aspire offer will become void.
For Info and to apply: www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire

DEAKIN INFORMATION SESSIONS
Health Sciences: Geelong Wednesday 20 July; Burwood Saturday 27 July; RSVP http://www.deakin.edu.au/health-social-development/short-courses/short-course-details/school-events

MORE THAN YOUR ATAR AT ACU – ACU’s new Passion for Business (P4B) and Passion for Law and Commerce (P4law-commerce) programs are not just about your ATAR; they are about providing a unique opportunity for students with a passion for business or law. If you are in Years 11 or 12 and you want to get an early competitive edge with a guaranteed entry to ACU, see www.acu.edu.au/P4B or www.acu.edu.au/p4law-commerce.

8. ARE THERE REGULATIONS WHEN EMPLOYING A CHILD? Yes! Some people are unaware that employing a child under 15 years of age involves strict regulation, with heavy penalties (up to $10,000) for breaching them (for the employer or the parent/guardian who allows it). If a child is offered work, it would be wise to be aware of, and follow, these regulations. See: www.workforce.vic.gov.au – go to Hiring and Managing Staff, then to Employing Children, OR call a Child Employment Officer on 1800

COMMUNITY NEWS
WANTED STALL HOLDERS and Musicians for our NEW WINTER MARKET at JD Algie Hall, Main Road, Neerim South on Saturday 13th AUGUST. All sites under cover. Ample parking for visitors and stall holders. For BOOKINGS or ENQUIRIES, please call Deb on 03 5628 1234 or 0417 748 884.

COMMUNITY GATHERING & CONSULTATION
All are welcome to our community update on Thursday 28th July, 4.00pm-8.00pm at JD Algie Memorial Hall.
- Find out what’s planned for the Neerim Bower Arts Festival 2016;
- Stall Holder applications are open for the Neerim Bower Arts Festival 2016;
- Baw Baw Shire Council will be present to consult with the community on Planning issues;
- DELWP is conducting a forum on Planned Burning;
- Neerim District Lions Club is holding their annual Grafting Day.
For more information: www.facebook.com/neerimbower
Are you affected by a loved one’s drug or alcohol or gambling addiction?

Come and join a support group

Sharing experiences
Understanding addiction
Peer Support
Parents, siblings, family and friends
Opportunity to support and be supported
Removing the stigma of addiction
Take the road to recovery

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES CALL
Warragul Uniting Church
210 Sutton Street
7pm-9pm
Every 2nd and 4th
Wednesday of the month

The Gippsland Hub
03 5172 2900
Email: fds@acso.org.au

You’re invited to the
WGTTA Open Day at the
Baw Baw Skills Centre

Learn more about courses in...

- Agriculture
- Automotive
- Commercial Cookery
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Dairy

Talk to our industry experts, view demonstrations and participate in hands-on workshops.
Students, parents, employers and the community are invited to investigate the opportunities available at our state-of-the-art training facility.

Monday 8th August | 10am – 5pm
Baw Baw Skills Centre - 69 Wills Street, Warragul

Neerim District Community
Grafting Day
11 til 3 pm Sunday 31st July 2016
Algie Community Hall
213 Main Neerim Rd Neerim South

Guest Speaker
Neil Barraclough - Heritage & Rare Fruit Network

Come along & have heritage varieties of Apples, Pears, Plums & Cherries grafted to take home to plant in your orchard.

Learn how to graft, how the right choice of a rootstock can help you get much better results & plan for fruit over the greatest part of the year.

Know of an old un-named apple, pear or plum in an orchard but don’t know the name and can’t get one from the nursery, bring a few scion (cuttings) along and we’ll graft you one so the old tree is rejuvenated and the variety not lost forever.

$10 Entry includes a Grafted Tree - Children FREE

For more information contact Jim Rochford
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Neerim District Lions Club
Rare Heritage Trees at Great Prices