SCHOOL VALUES
I remind all students of our College values of:
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Responsibility

As we have almost finished the first semester and the end of Term 2 on the 28th June, I ask all students to reflect upon their achievements during this first half of the year. It is important that each student follows the College values in the way they behave and act both inside and outside the classroom. It is an expectation and a condition of our College that all students always follow the College rules and policies respectfully. These College rules include the wearing of full College uniform at all times.

LOOKING FORWARD TO JUNIOR SCHOOL “NIGHT OF NOTABLES” (YEAR 7) AND “EXPLORING THE WORLD” (YEAR 8)

It is always rewarding to have community and family members attend our College to witness the achievements of our students. Please take note of this special event and we look forward to meeting with you on Wednesday 19th June from 6pm to 7pm.

Pam Dyson
Principal

Wednesday 19th June School Council Meeting
Wednesday 19th June Night of The Notables
Mon 17th-Fri 28th June Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 28th June End of Term 2 - 2.30pm finish
Monday 15th July Term 3 Starts
Wednesday 17th July School Council Meeting
Tuesday 23rd July Senior School Information Night - (Year 9, 10 & 11)
Monday 29th July Year 10 Immunisation
Monday 29th July 2.30pm Dismissal
Monday 19th August 2.30pm Dismissal

EXTRAVAGANZA
Congratulations to the following Year 9/10 Drama Students:
Hasib Ahadi, Ketriya Chhun, Heidi Coles, Charmaine Conroy, Nihi Daniel-Kaisara, Bibyana Dar, Benaifer Engineer, Winnie Goy, Janelle Hernandez, Esraa Komi, Yasemin Kuzu, Rhylee Martindale, Monica Mery, Nadia Nazeer, Wa He Ra Be, Kyle Raggett, Charina Trinidad, Freedom Tofa, Emily Vitols and Gorkem Yesil who presented a most successful short play “TRUST” as part of the “Schools Theatre Festival” held on Thursday 6th June at Wheelers Hill Campus of Caulfield Grammar School.

Special thanks are attributed to Mr Scott Caughey for his relentless pursuit of talent and his commitment and enthusiasm which ‘inspired’ our Drama students to such success. Well done!

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DATEs TO REMEMBER
YEAR 7
‘NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES’
&
YEAR 8
‘EXPLORING THE WORLD’
PRESENTATION NIGHT

All Year 7 and 8 students are required to attend and participate in the
‘NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES’
&
‘EXPLORING THE WORLD’
Presentation Night

Parents and friends are invited to come along and enjoy an exciting evening with our remarkable ‘Notables’ and ‘Adventurers’

Date: Wednesday, 19th June 2013
Time: 6.00 – 7.00pm

Any student who is unable to attend must provide a written note (signed by a parent) to Mrs Karagounis by Friday, 14th June 2013

SCHOOL FEES for Semester 2 are now due. Payments can be made by Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, Credit Card and BPAY. Please make your payments at the College office.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Student attendance is of high importance and students attending on time as much as possible, can MAXIMIZE their learning. If a student is away, parents or legal guardians are required under the Education Act to provide a notice in writing to the School.

To assist with this the College prints out and sends absence letters home with students every fortnight and an absence letter is posted to parents monthly. Please indicate the reasons for the absence and return to the College office.

STUDENT INFORMATION FULL DETAILS
The College has a duty of care to all students and we are required to have all contact details up to date. Please return the ‘Student Information Details’, which was posted to parents, to the College office with any changes to details.

REPORTS
Schools reports will be distributed to students on Friday 28th June (last day of Term 2).

ERROR IN THE STUDENT DIARY
Please note that there is an error in the end of Term 2 date in the school diary. The last day for school for Term 2 is on 28th June, 2013.
As announced in the previous newsletter, we are currently recruiting students for the Japan Tour and visit to our Sister School. We thought it might be a good chance to share some of the questions that have been asked by students.

1. Does it matter if I don’t speak Japanese?
   No, but obviously the more you understand, the easier it will be.

2. Where will we stay?
   We will spend one week staying with one of the students. You will be a guest in their house. After that we will be traveling around Japan. You will stay in hotels and perhaps a traditional Japanese inn.

3. Is it true that I will have to take off my shoes in a Japanese home?
   Of course, but you will be able to wear slippers inside the house. You may even have to wear slippers in the school.

4. Do I have to go to school in Japan?
   Naturally. We will be spending one week at our sister school. They will have organized many interesting activities for you and your host family.

5. Is the tour open to all students?
   Yes. All students at school in 2013 will be eligible to apply.

6. Will I have to eat Japanese food?
   Probably, although you may also be able to eat some western style food. One thing that is certain, you will get to eat lots of new and delicious food.

7. What will the weather be like?
   It will be warm, but be prepared for some rain.

8. Will we see a bullet train?
   Yes, you will even get to ride on one. You will travel by train to Kyoto and Tokyo by Shinkansen (bullet train). The trains cruise at around 240 km/h and the newest trains can travel at 320 km/h.

There will be a meeting of all interested parents and students early in Term 3, but please fill in the form and hand it in to the office as soon as possible.

I am interested in the next visit to Japan and would like further information

Name of student ________________________________  Homegroup___________
Parent signature ________________________
Telephone Number ____________________  Mobile Number _________________
Headspace has arrived in Dandenong

Headspace provides information, support and services to young people aged 12-25 years, and their families. They can provide service in the areas of general health, mental health and wellbeing and with alcohol and drugs. Information and support to assist with employment and education is also available.

This is a free service and they are located at 196 Lonsdale St, Dandenong (next to the old Savers building). You can drop in or make an appointment by calling 8792 1992 or you could ask a member of the school wellbeing team to assist you with making an appointment.

If you don't feel ready to visit the centre, headspace provides confidential online and telephone mental health support 7 days a week. To access this service all you need to do is register at eheadspace.org.au or phone 1800650890.

Headspace Dandenong is looking to add more young people to their Youth Advisory Committee.

We are looking for young people aged between 12-25 to volunteer from Greater Dandenong, City of Casey and Cardinia Shire. We are looking for 8-12 young people who are passionate about youth mental health and are looking to be actively involved with headspace Dandenong.

Applications close 8/07/2013. For a position description and the application forms please speak with Theresa (Adolescent Health Nurse) or Lynda Chapman (SWC).

FREE TUTORS

Monash University provides FREE TUTORING

Tuesdays & Wednesdays here at the school.
3.30 – 4.30pm
All Students Welcome
Lynda Chapman
SWC

THERE WILL BE NO HOMEWORK CLUB
THE LAST WEEK OF TERM 2 AND THE FIRST WEEK OF TERM 3

Parent Cuppa

1st Thursday of every month
(9am until 10.30am in the staff room)

next Parent Cuppa

Thursday 1st August 2013

Everyone welcome, hope to see you here

These morning cuppas’ are to give the school community the opportunity to come together on a regular basis.

Everyone Welcome!

CONTACTS:
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Parent - Niki Karagiannis 0415 183 765

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CAREER NEWS

Reminders
Art/design/architecture - Monash workshops: 2-4 July; www.monash.edu/mada/workshops
Careers in Sports Medicine - 19 June; Reg’n: http://CISIP
Law at University of Melbourne - one-day JD showcase: Wed 3 July; Cost: $66 (incl lunch); Register: www.law.unimelb.edu.au/jd/future-students/information-for-school-students
RMIT ‘Experience Days’; register at www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays
RMIT Science Tours: Tues 2 July; Register: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover
RMIT Medical Laboratory Visits: 8 – 12 July; reg’n: www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences
Experience La Trobe - Year 10-12’s; 10 July; Register: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience
Monash Uni Computer Games Boot Camp: 6-12 July; http://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/

REMINDER - OPEN DAYS ARE COMING! Open Days at university and TAFE are coming up in August (only two months off), usually on Sundays. Don’t forget to keep Sundays in August free for YOUR visits. Open Days are a great way to check out courses and facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information, and to attend relevant information sessions. Reminders of actual dates will be provided soon.

MORE VET AND KEEPER FOR A DAY PROGRAMS – Along with Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Zoo, the RSPCA is holding a Vet Day and Animal Attendant Days, and a First Aid for Animals Day in the holidays. Reg’n: www.rspcavic.org/services/education/; Cost: $100.00 for new members.

CHECK OUT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) – ACU is a public university, funded by the government, and open to all (of any or no religion). It is a fast-growing national university with 25,000 students, 8,000 of whom study at the Melbourne campus in Fitzroy. It has been experiencing growth in excellent facilities and buildings, facing on to Brunswick St.

Be a University Student for a Day is a program where you can check out arts, business, education, exercise science, law, psychology, visual arts & design, speech pathology, occupational therapy, nursing, midwifery and paramedicine degrees on offer at ACU. ‘University Experience’ is a free program, giving you the chance to sample the degree of your choice, and to meet staff and students, and try out the course you are interested in studying. When: Tues 9 July;
Where: Daniel Mannix Building, 8-18 Brunswick St, Fitzroy; Register: www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience.

New ACU courses for 2014 –

Bachelor of Accounting and Finance – learn about financial instruments, institutions, markets and systems; this degree can lead to a career in banking, financial consulting and planning, funds management, merchant banking, stockbroking and treasury. It meets the requirements of the CPA Australia, ICAA, and the IPA.

Bachelor of Information Technology – provides a solid grounding in all aspects of IT followed by professional pathways in business analysis, database administration and applications development. It will be recognised by the Australian Computer Society.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT – ICHM prepares students for careers in the international hotel business, a member of the Swiss Hotel Association. ICHM has Career Weeks for Yr 11/12 students, where you live in and learn more about the industry, and explore courses. When: 8 – 12 July OR 30 Sept – 4 Oct; Where: ICHM, Days Rd, Regency Park, South Australia; Info: admissions@ichm.edu.au, www.ichm.edu.au.

DO YOU WANT TO TRAVEL AND STUDY? Universities have ‘links’ with universities overseas and it is often possible to complete part of your degree at one of these universities. For example, La Trobe University has over 100 partner institutions in more than 30 countries. You can do a semester or one year exchange, short term program, or internship. These programs should not add to the duration of your degree. Students pay normal fees (HECS HELP, FEE HELP or full fees) to La Trobe for the duration of the degree but do not pay tuition fees to the host institution. Students pay the cost of flights, accommodation, meals and incidetals, but La Trobe gives Mobility Grants. Partners: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/edabroad/exchange/partners. Other universities offer similar programs – check their websites.
YOU WANT TO STUDY LAW?

Law is seen to be a good “all round discipline”, and many universities offer law degrees: ACU, Deakin, La Trobe, Melbourne, Monash, RMIT and Victoria (RMIT and Melbourne only offer postgraduate degrees – the Juris Doctor; Monash also offers the Juris Doctor). Law degrees generally take four years to complete, and need to be followed either by a year of articles with a law firm or a course at the Leo Cussen Centre for Law or the College of Law, for graduates to be able to practice law. Some universities offer double degrees with law (eg with arts, commerce, engineering and so on). It is important to understand that a large number of law graduates do not practice law as solicitors or barristers. Graduates are increasingly shunning the partnership track offered by law firms and opting for work in the corporate sector. The number of law graduates starting work in law firms dropped from 49.1% in 2005 to 43.7% in 2010 (Graduate Careers Australia). There are too many graduates for all to work in law firms. In fact, many law graduates never intended to practice law. They work in other areas such as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and other government departments, in business, banking, management, crime, as law court officials (eg Judge’s Associate), ministerial advisers, in politics, law reform, journalism, in-house legal consulting, legal publishing and education.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) – VU is offering new scholarships in 2014. These Chancellors Scholarships for Excellence will provide $5,000 pa for up to 4 years (max $20,000), plus offer additional benefits. To be considered you must achieve an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) of at least 90.00. There will be 100 scholarships available. To be eligible you will need to be currently enrolled in Year 12, meet prerequisites for the course, apply for and be offered a place at VU and enrol full-time. Applications will be through VTAC, 7 August to 27 September.

YEAR 10 INDEPENDENCE DAY – Monash University is once again running a tailored program for Year 10 students called Year 10 Independence Day. It is a chance for students to explore Monash prerequisites with the launch of the Year 10 Guide to University Entry 2016. There will also be the chance to learn about the different ways to choose a university course and pathways, talk to representatives from faculties and take part in a wide range of workshops. You are encouraged to register early. When: 11am-3pm, Thurs 4 July; Where: Clayton campus; Register: www.monash.edu/year10-day.

WHAT IS MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY (MIBT)? MIBT Diploma courses are offered in association with Deakin University’s Melbourne campus and the Geelong campuses. The association between the two institutions is designed to offer both Australian and International students an alternative entry to university studies. It offers courses in commerce, computing, engineering, health sciences, management, media and communication and science. MIBT offers a range of support services and programs to ensure that students achieve their potential. Successful completion of an MIBT Diploma can lead on to second year in a related degree at Deakin University. See: www.mibt.vic.edu.au; NOTE: Monash College has a similar arrangement with Monash University (www.monash.edu/monashcollege).

WHAT IS THE BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH? The University of Melbourne’s B. Oral Health trains students to work within a dental team, and qualifies you for professional registration with the Dental Board of Australia as an oral health therapist (hygienist and therapist). The university has state-of-the-art facilities, a dental simulation lab and top academics. The degree takes 3 years including clinical placements. Last year’s ATAR was 86.15. A similar degree (Bachelor of Oral Health Science) is offered at La Trobe (Bendigo). It takes 2.5 years to complete.