



NEWSLETTER

Principal's Reflection— Paula Condell



Dear Parents, Families and Students,

Last week we completed this term's round of information evenings previewing the 2017 school year. I was pleased to meet with so many of you and most encouraged that our students are receiving the support from their families that is an essential ingredient in developing a culture of aspiration and achievement in our college community. Events such as our information evenings are successful because our college staff are prepared to make a contribution over and above what is required, and I thank our year level co-ordinators and teaching staff who supported the evenings by being present and also presenting Domain displays. I am blessed to be supported by our college staff, and always grateful for their dedication and flexibility.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12 VCE & VCAL STUDENTS—At the start of term four, Year 12 students will be fully engaged with their October tests, which are the forerunner for the pending 2016VCAA—VCE examinations. I urge all students to maintain a regime which balances study, rest, nutrition and social activities. The last day at school for our Year 12 students is Wednesday 19 October, and a range of celebrations at school will mark this important occasion. The VCE examination period commences one week later on Wednesday, 26 October, with English being the first examination. Examination dates and times will be included in future newsletters, so please look out for this information and make travel and other arrangements accordingly.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11 into YEAR 12—2017—An important information evening for students going into Year 12 at John Fawkner College in 2017 is being conducted in the college library on Thursday, 13 October, commencing at 6pm. Information about the structure of the year will be presented, and subject teachers will be on hand to provide essential information and answer any questions. Attendance at this information evening is critical for all students continuing on to Year 12 in 2017, and I ask that they attend with their parents.

PARENT-TEACHER PROGRESS INTERVIEWS—As I commit my reflection to paper, our second semester round of Parent Teacher Interviews is in progress. I am pleased by the strong attendance of our parents and students, and heartened by the engaged tone of the discussions. We know from research and general observations that students' learning and engagement with their studies at school are enhanced and supported when parents and families are closely involved in the entire process. I encourage all students to take note of the sound advice and support given by their teachers during progress interviews and apply it to their studies as a means of improving their performance. Should you have particular concerns or matters arising from the progress interview process, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or the Assistant Principal Ms. Costanzo, the appropriate year level coordinator, or an appropriate subject teacher. Ms. Maisano and Mr. Maccarone have not been available today, so please do not hesitate to contact them directly and make an appointment.

JOHN FAWKNER COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP—Ms. Robyn Carlone has operated the College's Uniform Shop for a considerable period of years. At the end of this term, the shopfront at the College will cease to operate and will be transferred directly to APlus SchoolWear's premises in North Coburg. Information about future operations, access and ordering procedures can be found on page 4 of this newsletter. I thank Ms. Carlone for her service to the College and wish her well with her future endeavours.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM— Last day of term is Friday 16 September. Student dismissal will be at 2.30pm. Please make appropriate arrangements for the collection of students. To those families in the College community who will shortly mark the AdHa-Eid, we wish you a happy celebration.

CALENDAR DATES

Mon. 5 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXCN—Yr. 12 Home Economics Unit 4—RMIT
Tues. 6 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Interviews—10am—6pm—College Library - Students are expected to attend interviews with their parents or guardians
Wed. 7 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXCN—Melbourne CBD • EXCN—Soccer State Finals—Kingston Heath Soccer Ciomplex
Thurs. 8 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXCN—Yr. 12 Home Economics Unit 4—RMIT • EXCN—Northern Zone Athletics Finals
Fri. 9 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXCN—Yr . 11—Bubble Soccer
Tues. 13 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXCN—Yr 11—Greek Kitchen and Bar—Business Management
Wed. 14 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Cup—Senior Boys & Girls
Thurs. 15 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council 4pm
Fri. 16 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Term 3—Dismissal @ 2.30pm
Mon. 3 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 4 Starts
Mon. 3—Wed. 12 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr.12 October Tests
Thursday 13 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6pm—Yr 11 into Yr 12 for 2017—Information Evening—College Library
Wed. 19 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6pm—New Students into Year 7 in 2017—Information Evening—College Library • Last Day—Year 12
Fri. 21 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yrs 11 & 12 in 2017—Course Counseling
Tues. 25 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moreland Council—Immunisations—Year 7
Wed. 26 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 VCE Examination Period Commences with ENGLISH
Thurs. 27 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Council meets—4pm
Mon 31 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Professional Learning Day—No Classes
Tues. 1 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday—No Classes

CAREER NEWS—Ms. Samaras



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YEAR 12

APPLICATIONS TO VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC) Applications for courses for 2017 – see

(www.vtac.edu.au) without delay if you

haven't yet. Changes to applications after 29 September will cost you \$100.00. You can change your application once you have your ATAR.

DEFERRALS IN 2017? Most courses allow deferral. Institutions have different policies. see: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/deferment.html>.

SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS) - Category 1 simply requires you to click the YES box. **All other categories (2 – 4)** require you to **supply extra information or evidence**. If you need assistance from school staff, get it soon. Applications close 5pm, 4 Oct. See: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html>.

Reminders:

'INSIDE MONASH' UNIVERSITY SEMINARS – Final seminar in the series: **Teaching** - Sept 13; **Details and bookings:** www.monash.edu/inside-monash

YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC) - applications close 29 Sept
MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) WORKSHOPS - 26 & 27 Sept, MADA (Caulfield campus) for Year 11 & 12's; **Bookings:** www.monash.edu/mada/workshops.

YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS – For students in Year 10 who start VCE next year and for Year 11 students considering subjects for 2017, go to www.vtac.edu.au and click **Explore Course Options** under the heading **Search for Courses**. **Enter an entire proposed VCE program and discover tertiary courses are available to you.** **ALL YEAR 10 and 11 students are advised to use this EXCELLENT facility.**

NEW SELECTION TEST FOR TEACHING COURSES-For future entrants to the teaching profession, compulsory tests are aimed at ensuring that all new teachers have the literacy and numeracy skills required to meet the demands of teaching. Information and sample questions: more information is available at www.studentsfirst.gov.au/teacher-quality.

CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR – Interested in **studying psychology at university?** – visit www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?ID=16940 for more information

LOTS OF YEAR 12 NEWS -

Applications for courses for 2017 are now open on the VTAC website. You will need your **VCAA student number** to create an account, the first step in the application process. **Timely applications close on 29 September** (cost \$32.00). Late applications cost \$100.00. **Special Entry Access**

Scheme (SEAS) applications are also open and can be completed following a VTAC course application (**close 4 October**). **Scholarship applications** done through VTAC **close on 14 October**. You can change your VTAC course application as much as you wish at no extra charge.

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS FOR YEAR 12's

HOW CAN I ACCESS THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE? Students from a **rural or isolated area** or who have a **disadvantaged financial background** could be eligible for a **guaranteed place** See: https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/access_melbourne_and_equity_programs

DO YOU HAVE AN AUDITION COMING UP? The **Victorian College of the Arts (VCA)** and the **Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (MCM)** offer **Audition Preparation Workshops** that will break down the audition process. **Go to Victorian College of the Arts site.**

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS -

BERWICK CAMPUS OF MONASH? Monash has announced that it is **closing** its campus at Berwick. It **will be taken over by Federation University** (pending government approvals).

MONASH GUARANTEE NEW CATEGORY –Monash University offers **guaranteed places in certain circumstances** relating to where your school is located and to your financial circumstances.

See: www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee.

MONASH SCHOLARSHIPS – With Monash's scholarship programs, students can access a range of services and financial assistance.

Merit scholarships are awarded based on **academic achievement** and have both **financial and academic benefits**.

Equity scholarships are intended for those who identify as **Indigenous Australian or Torres Strait Islander**, or are currently experiencing **financial hardships or disadvantage**. Applications close on 14 October. See: www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships. For a comprehensive list and details: www.monash.edu.au/scholarships.

MONASH PATHWAYS – Pathway courses allow students who **may not reach the required ATAR** or **meet prerequisites**, to **gain entry into Monash**. The **Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS)** and the **Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE)** are equivalent to first year of a university undergraduate degree and allow students to transition to the second year of their destination degree. Apply through VTAC. In addition, submit a Monash University Supplementary Information Form by 31 December.

Femmes in STEM –Monash inaugural **Femmes in STEM** event allows girls to **meet and be inspired by women changing the world through science**. Hear about possible **career paths**, engage with some of the **big scientific challenges** of the future, and **meet other girls who are just as keen on science** as themselves. **Register:** <http://www.monash.edu/pharm/femmesinstem>

TAKE CTRL EVENT – Year 11 and 12 students are invited to a **taste of Information Technology** at the event Take CTRL. **When:** 10am-4pm, Tues 27 Sept; **Where:** Monash Clayton; **Details and to register attendance:** www.it.monash.edu/TakeCTRL; **Questions:** Taylor Maxwell ph 9905 5845, taylor.maxwell@monash.edu.
MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES – Passionate about **promoting good health, preventing disease or managing illness and disability?** Consider a **Bachelor of Public Health Science**, the public health specialisation in the **B. Health Sciences**. Careers: **public health research, disease prevention, health promotion, health planning and management**. See: www.study.monash.edu

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY'S HALLMARK PROGRAM - Individual hallmark courses will no longer be made available through the VTAC system. For more information see: www.latrobe.edu.au/hallmark.

ASPIRE APPLICATION CLOSING SOON – Applications for the Aspire Early Admissions Program (EAP) close Wednesday 31 August - see <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/about-aspire>.

TALK AND TOUR IN THE SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS – Like a tour of La Trobe with a Student Ambassador? Then email Livio at L.sikora@latrobe.edu.au or ph 9479 5844.

SWINBURNE NEWS –

ADVICE - Looking for advice/suggestions about studying at Swinburne (Hawthorn or Wantirna)? Attend an **Advice Night**. **Hawthorn's** Advice night at 4-6pm on 13 September and **Wantirna's** on 15 September. See: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/vtac-advice-nights/>

AVIATION INFORMATION NIGHT – Meet industry professionals and graduates and learn about careers in aviation and Swinburne's aviation courses. **When:** 7-9pm, Thurs 8 Sept; **Where:** AMDC301, Hawthorn campus; **Register:** <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/events/departments/science-engineering-technology/2016/09/aviation-information-night.php>.

NEW BACHELOR OF SCREEN PRODUCTION 2017 – This will prepare you for careers in the fast-paced new media environment. Gain skills needed to adapt to the global media industry as it forges new broadcast models. Learn digital literacy and media production skills for multiple broadcast platforms - smartphones, networked environments and social media applications.

DEAKIN IGNITED SCHOLARSHIPS –Ignited scholarships are aimed at attracting more **female students** into non-traditional areas of study such as **Engineering, IT and Construction Management**. See: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards.

BUSINESS AND LAW AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY – Get information about all **VU Business and Law** courses, and see **VU's legal precinct**. **When:** 12 Sept; **Info:** www.vu.edu.au/vu-in-focus.

RMIT UNIVERSITY NEWS –

SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOURS – You are invited to visit **RMIT's state-of-the-art laboratories** to learn more

about **courses** on offer.. **When:** 11am-2pm, Mon 19 Sept; **Info/register:** <http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/september/science-in-the-city-lab-tour>

SHORT COURSES AT RMIT – RMIT offers short courses in a range of subject areas including **design, business, engineering, fashion, architecture, communication, art, languages, technology, community services, health** and more. For the **2016 Short Course Guide** see: https://shortcourses.rmit.edu.au/filing/cms/SCG_Jul-Dec_2016.pdf. For more info: 9925 8111.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS - IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT PENDING CHANGES

At the end of Term 3, APlus SchoolWear, the operator of the College's Uniform Shop will close its outlet at the school. APlus SchoolWear remains the college's supplier of the approved student uniforms and will continue its operations from its North Coburg premises. Parents and Families are advised that uniforms and individual items can be purchased as follows:

⇒ From the commencement of Term 4 - on Monday 3 October 2016— **ONLINE**, by accessing the APlus SchoolWear web site at www.aplusschoolwear.com.au . It is important when you access the site that you select John Fawcner College. Payment can be made online via PayPal.

⇒ **Direct from Aplus SchoolWear at their premises** Aplus SchoolWear is at 133 Bakers Road, North Coburg, 3058. Trading Hours are presently as follows:

-Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am—4pm.

-Friday 9am-1pm.

-Thursday—during Terms 4 and 1, as well as the Summer holiday—hours will be advised.

⇒ **Over the telephone and by fax**—Telephone 03 9354 8345; Fax 03 9354 5777.

Payment can be made using a credit card.

⇒ Uniforms and other items can be collected directly from APlus SchoolWear's premises. Alternatively, items will be delivered to school for collection free of charge. Delivery will be once a week on a day to be determined. Requests for items to be delivered directly to the home will attract postage and handling charges

⇒ Andrew Watts and his helpful staff at APlus are able to provide information or answer your questions. Contact 9354 8345.