

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 31st May	Injections Year 7, 10 Boys & Girls and Year 11 & 12 Girls
Saturday 2nd June	Trip to Japan Returns Home
Friday 8th June	Report Writing Day—STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday 11th June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 12th to Wednesday 20th June	Exams
Thursday 14th June	General Achievement Task (GAT)
Monday 18th to Friday 29th June	Year 10 Work Experience (two weeks)
Friday 22nd June	FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT
Wednesday 27th June	Cross Country—Ballarat
Wednesday 27th June	VCE Overnight Camp
Thursday 28th June	Music Semester Concert
Friday 29th June	Last Day of Term 2 STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 2.30PM

Message from The Principal:

The school community wishes to congratulate a Year 11 student — Jemma Stefanou who successfully gained a scholarship for STARS (Students & Teachers Accessing Research Scientists) Science School.

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 were given their interim reports last Friday. Reports for Years 10, 11 and 12 were posted home. Parents are invited to contact their child's co-ordinator if any follow up needs to occur arising from these reports. Written reports are distributed at the end of this term. These reports will assess the student according to VELS progression points. This aspect of reporting is a new initiative state wide. There will be clear explanation to parents what the report is saying about your child's progress. The school will also present the grades as a summary sheet for all assessment tasks and the exams.

Exams for students in Years 7—10 start week nine of this term.

The GAT for students completing Year 12 subjects is on the 15th June. We wish students in Year 12 who have VCE Exams at the end of the semester in week 8.

Report Writing Day for teachers will occur on the 8th of June. Students will not be required at school on this day. It is a public holiday on Monday 12th June.

The end of Term 2 brings about changes in staffing. We wish Lody Boulos and Natalia Gainsmith our very best in the arrival of their babies. We also wish John Crocker a restful Long Service Leave. The school is now in the process of filling these positions for Term 3 and 4.

We have outstanding staff in the school and this is recognised in the wider educational community. Andy Patch and Arthur Soumalis have been invited by the Department of Education to consult on the development of the mathematics curriculum. Damien Toussaint and Ben Freeman presented research this week to colleagues from other schools on multi-media in the classroom.

Ms Anne Fox

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

YEAR 9 PROGRAM

As part of the Middle School focus on career pathways all Year 10 students complete 2 weeks of work experience. As you may be aware this is occurring from Monday 18th June to Friday 29th June.

Due to the nature of the Tailor Curriculum at Niddrie Secondary College the 2-week work experience period has an impact on Year 9 students with several Middle School classes operating with small numbers of students. As a result the Middle School Team has developed an alternative program for some of the days/periods. We have aimed to provide a varied, enjoyable program to address the educational, social and emotional needs of Year 9 students.

The program will run from Thursday 21st June to Friday 29th June.

These activities are **compulsory** and all students are expected to attend every day.

INTERIM REPORTS

It was great to see so many Middle School students obtain excellent results on their interim reports. A large number of students are putting a lot of time and effort into their school work and reaping the rewards.

It was also pleasing to see students improve their result from the interim reports earlier this year. The challenge for those students is to continue the good work.

As is the case every report time there are a small number of students not achieving the results that are expected in order to pass the semester/year.

WINTER UNIFORM

The cold weather is well and truly upon us. The wind whistling through the B Block corridor is proof of that. As a result students are diving for something to keep them warm, unfortunately that has not always been school uniform.

Middle School students (and parents) have done an excellent job with their school uniform so far this year and we are hoping it will continue.

Areas of concern are:

Jackets – only the NSC jacket is to be worn to and from and at school

Hoodies – are not to be worn with the hood out

Rugby tops – are part of the Phys Ed uniform and are not to be worn with school uniform.

If there is a valid reason for your child not being in uniform please provide a note in their diary.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 students are currently completing their Occupational Health and Safety training.

The first step is the General Module that requires them to work through a booklet, answer questions and pass a test.

The second step is the Industry Specific Module that requires students to work through and booklet on the industry they will be completing their work experience in and pass a test.

Students who fail the test will be able to resit another test.

IF STUDENTS HAVE NOT HANDED THEIR PAPER WORK IN THEY WILL NOT BE ATTENDING WORK EXPERIENCE

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT cont...

YEAR 10 END OF TERM TIMELINE

Friday 8 th June	Report Writing Day
Monday 11 th June	Queens Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 12 th June	Year 10 English Exam
	Year 10 Science Exam
Wednesday 13 th June	Year 10 Maths Exam
Thursday 14 th June	Block F Exam
	Block A Exam
Friday 15 th June	Block D Exam
	Block B Exam
Monday 18 th June	First Day of Work Experience
Friday 29 th June	Last Day of Work Experience
	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 16 th July	First day Term 3

Year 10 Reports will be mailed

YEAR 9 END OF TERM TIMELINE

Friday 8 th June	Report Writing Day
Thursday 14 th June	Block F Exam
	Block A Exam
Friday 15 th June	Block D Exam
	Block B Exam
Monday 18 th June	English Exam
Tuesday 19 th June	Maths Exam
Wednesday 20 th June	Science Exam
Thursday 21 st June	Year 9 Program starts
Friday 29 th June	Year 9 Program ends

Last Day of Term 2 – Reports distributed

Monday 16 th July	First day Term 3
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EXAMS

It is important that Middle School students start finalising class work and homework as soon as possible as the end of the term will sneak up very quickly. In addition to this students will need to start their exam preparations.

Exam preparation should not be left until the night before the exam!!!!!!

Possible Suggestions:

- Organise notes and paper
- Read chapters covered in textbooks
- Revise notes
- Prepare summary notes
- Complete all exercises covered in class
- Conduct practise questions

Careers...Careers...Careers...

URGENT NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS PLANNING WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY. We have recently been informed that anyone who enters a building site, **including work experience students**, must have a current "**RED CARD**", the building industry OH&S Induction program. This training program can cost up to \$120 per person, I am currently negotiating to have the training delivered at school as cheaply as possible (so far **\$80** per student). Students going out on site with **Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians, Plasterers, Painters, Bricklayers, etc** and any staff member visiting the students on site will also need to complete the training program. This training will need to be completed before Work Experience starts on 18 June. On a positive note, the **Red Card is valid indefinitely**, so will be an advantage when your child is looking for an apprenticeship. Please contact me on 9337 2488 if you have any questions or know of any organisation that can deliver this training at a lower price.

URGENT REMINDER!

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE – Any student who still has not organised a placement must see Ms Aldridge urgently. All Year 10 students are expected to participate in Work Experience. Students commenced their [Safe@Work](#) Occupational Health and Safety training this week in preparation for their work experience placements which are now only 3 weeks away.

NURSING AND HEALTH EXPO Showcasing Nursing as a career and Health as an industry. Over 100 exhibitors, including universities, hospitals, recruitment agencies and specialty nursing groups. **Sunday 27th May** at Royal Exhibition Buildings, Carlton, 10am to 3pm. Entry - gold coin donation with all proceeds to the ICN Mobile Libraries appeal. Contact Emma Rice on 1800 061 660 or emma.rice@rcna.org.au for more information.

VISIT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY A great opportunity to visit any VU campus and participate in information sessions, tours, activities, demonstrations, displays and more. From **Friday 1st June to Thursday 7th June (including Sunday)**. There are a range of opening times and activities on offer at each campus. Please see Ms Aldridge in Careers for details.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY VCE SUMMARY LECTURES - FREE!! Unit 3 Chemistry, Accounting, Biology and Physics on **2nd and 3rd June**. Unit 3 & 4 Accounting, Management, Psychology, Legal Studies, Literature, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths Methods between **24th September and 14th October**. Register online at www.vu.edu.au/freelectures from one month prior to date of lecture. More info call the Centre for Commencing Students on 9919 4110.

ROVING REPORTERS WANTED for Youth Central website. Do you dream of becoming a Journalist? Here's your chance to be paid for researching and writing articles, reviews and interviews of interest to young Victorians. You can: contribute ideas for website content and design; promote Youth Central (a website for Victorians aged 12-25) in your community and at career expos, program launches and festivals. 30 young people will be chosen from across Victoria to represent the diversity of our State. Phone 9208 3226 for more info or go to www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au (meet a current reporter at www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/harry).

THE MELBOURNE MODEL INFORMATION SESSIONS. If you missed the session at Keilor Park last week, there will be one at **Parkville** on **Wednesday 6th June** (accompanied by individual course presentations) and at **Broadmeadows** on **Wednesday 20th June**. Advice about the changes to Melbourne University programs which come into effect from next year - new courses, graduate pathways, scholarships, and more. For more details and to register contact 1800 801 662 or go to <http://melbournemodel.unimelb.edu.au>.

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE BUNDOORA CAMPUS. Hear about Uni life, tour the campus and attend workshops in course related areas such as: Nursing, Law, Physiotherapy, Dentistry, Arts, Medical Science, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Creative Arts, Journalism, Engineering, Marketing, Economics, Accounting, Sciences, Management, Education and more. For Year 10, 11 and 12 students, **Tuesday 3rd July**. Register online at www.latrobe.edu.au/experience or pick up a program from the Careers room. Registrations close Monday 18th June.

Careers cont...

PLANNING TO STUDY MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, OPTOMETRY, PHARMACY OR PHYSIOTHERAPY?

You may need to sit the **UMAT** (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test). Not all Universities require this test for entry, so please check the VTAC guide. UMAT is not a medical knowledge test or a personality or IQ test. It is designed to test general attributes and abilities, skills in critical thinking and problem solving, understanding people and abstract non-verbal reasoning. Practice tests are available for purchase or students may choose to enrol in a preparation program. **Registrations close on Friday 1st June 2007** and the test will be held on Wednesday 25th July 2007. See Ms Aldridge for more information.

DEAN'S LECTURE SERIES. Free and open to the public, evening lectures for students, teachers, educational professionals and the wider community. First in the series is "Education: Creativity, Values, Equity and Changes in Society" on Tuesday 29 May, presented by the Hon. Dr Barry Jones. Venue: J H Michell Theatre, Richard Berry Building, University of Melbourne. For more lectures and further details email: education-events@unimelb.edu.au

REMINDERS

RMIT "EXPERIENCE ENGINEERING" SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM for VCE students, City campus, **Wednesday 11th July**, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. **FREE** and lunch provided.

Register at www.rmit.edu.au/sece/prospective/ekxperience - limited positions. **BOOK EARLY.**

VISIT A MEDICAL LABORATORY WITH RMIT or VCE students who are interested in the laboratory investigation of disease. Visits are during **week 2 of the July holidays**.

Register on www.rmit.edu.au/medical-sciences/lab-visits or contact Ralph Green on 9925 7082 or Ralph.green@rmit.edu.au for more info.

THE AGE JOURNALISM SEMINAR Thursday 31st May, 5.00pm to 7.00pm BMW Edge, Fed Square. Cost **\$10** Call 1800 633 766 to book (payment must accompany booking).

WHERE ARE THE JOBS? – Parent and Student Info Night. Wednesday 8th August, at Lakeside Banquet and Reception Centre, Keilor-Melton Road, Taylors Lakes from 6.00pm to 9.15pm. Contact David Collett on 0439 006 934 or david@wlcpc.com.au for more information.

TAKE TO THE SKIES - TRIAL INTRODUCTORY FLIGHT - GIRLS ONLY! Entry details on the AWPA website, www.awpa.org.au, applications close **30th May 2007**.

TALK AND TOUR AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY. Thursday 12th July, Tuesday 25th September, 10.30 to 1.00. Ring 1300 135 045 to book. Families welcome.

ACCESS ALL AREAS. A behind the scenes look at Melbourne Uni **Friday 13th July**. To register www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/about/meetstaff/vic/allareas or 1800 801 662

A DAY IN THE LIFE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY, BENDIGO. Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents are invited to experience La Trobe University Bendigo. From **17th April to 26th June**. More details at www.latrobe.edu.au/prospective-bendigo/uep.html

AT MONASH SEMINAR SERIES. Course and career information, **final seminar 31st May 2007**. All Seminars begin at 6.30pm. www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash/booking-form.html

CAREERS AT THE ZOO – WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO. Hurry – spaces filling fast. **Tuesday 3rd July, Thursday 5th July, Tuesday 10th July, Tuesday 24th July and Thursday 26th July**. See Ms Aldridge.

SHARP AIRLINES PILOT CADETSHIP. Reserve a place at the Info day on **Sat 27th May** from 11.00am to 6.00pm at Hamilton Airport, call 1300 556 694 or www.sharppairlines.com.au.

VCE REPORT

Debutante Ball.

Rehearsals commence this coming Monday for the annual college Debutante Ball to be held on July 20. Students (along with Mr. Thompson and I) will be subjected to 7 hours of gruelling rehearsals prior to the big night, when the lovely couples (as opposed to Mr. Thompson and I!) will strut their stuff on the dance floor. We are all looking forward to seeing the improvement in dance skills along the way. Participants are asked to finalise payments for tickets at the General Office.



VCE 'Biggest Morning Tea in the World'.

Mr Thompson organised a morning tea for VCE students on Thursday last, with all proceeds going to the Anti Cancer Council. The morning tea was very well supported and students were generous with their donations. **VCAL students** are running a similar event for staff on Monday morning; I am sure that this will be equally well patronised and run, with the unique 'hands-on' approach that epitomises our VCAL group.

VCE Sporting Teams

The last fortnight has been a busy one for those VCE students with a sporting inclination. **Pairaj Srisuphanraj** took out the male soccer team which, although it played valiantly, was defeated. **Mr Miller** coached the college basketball team which, happily, was victorious and has progressed to the next round. The netball team, under the care of Mrs Moscogiuri, was not quite so lucky and was eventually defeated. Well done to all competitors and their coaches.

Jemma Stefanou becomes a STARS Science Student.

You will recall that I mentioned some weeks ago that Jemma Stefanou had been nominated to participate in the STARS Science School program. I am delighted to announce that Jemma, having submitted an excellent application, was awarded a place. Jemma will travel to Sydney to take part in the STARS activities and I have no doubt that she will benefit enormously from the program and prove to be a most worthy participant. Thank-you to Ms Bruhns who guided and mentored Emma through the application process.

Neil Marchant wins Master Plumbers' Academic Scholarship

Our congratulations also to Neil Merchant, a Year 11 student who has always been a highly motivated student and his efforts have yet again brought him a well-deserved reward; he has won an academic scholarship to support his school studies. Neil will shortly be awarded his scholarship at a presentation ceremony.

Monash University decision to use the GAT in its selection process.

VTAC this week released confirmation of Monash University's decision to utilise the GAT score in its selection process for tertiary places. This decision will thus only affect those students who elect to apply for Monash University; in previous years, due to the distance of Monash from our local area, only a small proportion of our Year 12 cohort. I quote here from the VTAC press release:

"Monash University will use GAT results in selection for 2008 courses to award a modest middle band bonus (up to a maximum of 5 aggregate points) to applicants whose GAT percentile ranking is higher than the 2007 clearly-in ENTER threshold for the course in question. If an applicant has more than 1 GAT result, the best result will be used."

Put simply, this means that where students do not achieve a high enough ENTER to be automatically selected for their chosen course at Monash, the university will look at other information, including the GAT score, to determine eligibility for the course. Bonus 'ENTER' points (an increment) will be awarded where students have achieved a GAT percentile higher than the clearly-in ENTER score for that course.

So, what does this mean for our Year 12's? Any student who is contemplating applying for a course at Monash University must strive to do their absolute best in the GAT. It is worth going through at least 1 previous GAT (available from VCE Office) to familiarise yourself with the tasks to be completed. However, all students try their hardest in the GAT as, should they need to apply for a Derived Examination Score later on, to compensate for illness or some other disadvantage, the GAT score is used to calculate that score.

Kerry McKay –VCE Coordinator

Year 11 exams will be held between 12th June and 15th June 2007

TUESDAY 12 th JUNE Periods 2 & 3 9.15am	WEDNESDAY 13 th JUNE Periods 2 & 3 9.15am	THURSDAY 14 th JUNE 10am – 1.15pm	FRIDAY 15 th JUNE 2 & 3 9.15am
ACCOUNTING	DRAMA		BIOLOGY(EB)
BIOLOGY (PT)	GRAPHICS	GAT	BUS MAN
DANCE	MATH FOUND		PHYSICS
GEOGRAPHY	MATH GEN (AS)		PSYCHOLOGY(BU)
INDUSTRY	MATH ACADEMIC		STUDIO ART
METHODS (AP)	PSYCHOLOGY (HB)		
Periods 7 & 8 1.40pm	Periods 4 & 5 11.10am	7&8 1.40pm	4 & 5 11.10am
ENGLISH 1.05 pm	BUS MAN	MATH GEN (BN)	HEALTH & HUM
	CHEMISTRY	DESIGN TECH	LITERATURE
	LEGAL (CT)	FOOD D&T	LEGAL (ND)
	MEDIA	ITALIAN	METHODS (VM)
		JAPANESE	OUTDOOR ED
		PHYSICAL ED	SYSTEMS TECH



ATTENTION: MR CROCKER'S INSTRUMENTAL CLASSES
Mr Crocker will be away for two weeks. His Instrumental Music classes for next week will all take place on Thursday 31st May with Ms Butcher. Follow Tuesday and Thursday classes sequentially for Thursday.

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Cross country training is being held on Thursday night 3.30pm until 4.15pm for interested students meet either Mr Cotroneo or Ms May outside the library. Shorts and running shoes must be worn. All signed forms and payment must be made to the General Office by Friday the 1st of June. This date cannot be extended as I will need to enter the team and book transport to Ballarat.

Ms May



Parents & Friends

Family Trivia Night - 22nd June 2007 in the Library.

Parents, Students, Teachers & Friends welcome.

To make this a great success we are still looking for donations. These can be in the way of a service, cash or prizes. Please assist us to make this a great fun night for all. Any services or businesses that donate will get free advertising in the newsletter and on the school website. Donations can be left at the office.

Please RSVP by 15th June – see flyer further in the Newsletter.

**Second Hand Uniforms are available on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month.
From 8.15am to 9.15am in the storeroom near the Conference Room.**

Uniform donations can be left at the office.

WIN A NIGHT AT A
LUXURY HOTEL

Niddrie Secondary College FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

RAFFLE
PRIZES

Parents, Students, Teachers & Friends
are invited to attend on

Lucky
Numbers

FRIDAY 22ND JUNE, 2007 at 7.00pm

In the College Library (enter via Albert Street)

\$10.00 per Adult and \$5.00 per Student

COIN
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Bring your own supper and soft drinks (no alcohol permitted)
Coffee & Tea will be supplied.

Book tables of 6, 8 or 10 with the General Office.

DOOR
PRIZE

Individual bookings can also be made and you can join one of our
teams.

Local traders and the school community have donated some great prizes for raf-
fles, door prizes and other games.

Please come along for a night of fun at the same time supporting your
school with all profits raised going to update seating and reference
material in the Library.

To book please ring the school on 9337 2488 or return the slip below to
the General Office along with full payment by Friday 15th June, 2007.



GREAT PRIZE FOR WINNING TABLE

NIDDRIE SECONDARY COLLEGE FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT REPLY SLIP

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Number of people: _____

Adults @ \$10.00 and Students @ \$5.00 = Total Amount Payable \$ _____