

REMINDER

LAST DAY OF TERM 2—FRIDAY 29TH JUNE
STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 2.30PM

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Parents

The central aim of all curriculum decisions at Niddrie Secondary College is to improve student outcomes. A number of new curriculum initiatives have been developed for 2008.

These initiatives will affect all year 7 – 12 students in some way and have been designed to reflect this central aim.

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY FOR 2008

All students from year 7 – 12 will work to 4 by 75 minute periods a day, a total of 20 periods a week. **The beginning of the school day for all students will be 8.55am and students will be dismissed from class at 3.15pm** so that they are able to go to their lockers and be in time to catch their buses.

All teachers will be unavailable from 8.45am until 9.05am as they will be involved in a Staff briefing and Homeroom assemblies.

Bell times - 2008

Locker bell	8.50am
Home group	8.55am – 9.05am
Period 1	9.05am – 10.20am
Period 2	10.20am – 11.35am
Recess	11.35am – 12.00pm
Locker bell	11.55am
Period 3	12.00pm – 1.15pm
Lunch	1.15pm—2.00pm
Locker Bell	1.55pm
Period 4	2.00pm—3.15pm dismiss

CURRICULUM STRUCTURES AT YEAR 7 - 10

After much discussion, consultation and research over the last twelve months the Year 7 – 10 curriculum structure has undergone a number of changes. These changes will be put into place from 2008.

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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT cont...

SAMPLE — Year 7 - 9

Semester 1	Semester 2
CORE all year English – 3 periods Maths – 3 periods Science – 3 periods	
Core Technology a range of units to choose from – 3 periods a week	Core PE – 3 periods a week
Core LOTE – 3 periods a week	Core Humanities – 3 periods a week
Core The Arts a range of units to choose from – 3 periods a week	Elective - a range from Technology/ LOTE/ The Arts / Humanities/ PE - 3 periods week
Literacy – 2 periods a week	Numeracy – 2 periods a week

SAMPLE — Year 10

Semester 1	Semester 2
CORE all year English - 3 periods Mathematics – 3 periods	
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Students will be recommended to undertake units from all faculties (The Arts, Science, Technology, PE, Humanities and L.O.T.E). Where a student selects otherwise they will need to undergo a pathways task to ensure that the student's opportunities are not being restricted.

COURSE COUNSELLING

Course counselling will also be changed under this new structure. All year 9 and 10 students during term 3 will attend a personal interview with a counsellor and a parent/ guardian to devise a course of study for 2008.

Reports

Written Reports (Years 7—11) will be posted to parents in the first week of the holidays. As the Reporting Format has altered, in accordance with DoE policy it is the College's decision to mail the reports with information about the new process. Students from Years 7 to 10 at Niddrie Secondary will receive a report that measures students within state wide standards. They will also receive an evaluation of school set assessment tasks for each subject. These are based on the following:

- HD - High Distinction
- DI - Distinction
- CR - Credit
- P - Pass
- N - Not Satisfactory
- NA - Not Assessed

Dates to Remember

Monday 18th to Friday 29th June	Year 10 Work Experience (two weeks)
Friday 22nd June	FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT
Monday 25th June	School Council
Tuesday 26th June	Year 12 PE Enhancement Program RMIT
Wednesday 27th June	Cross Country—Ballarat
Wednesday 27th June	VCE Overnight Study Camp —Queens College, Melbourne University
Thursday 28th June—7.00pm till 9.00pm	Musical Soiree
Friday 29th June	Last Day of Term 2 <u>STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 2.30PM</u>
Monday 16th July	Term 3 Begins—Return to School
Friday 20th July	School Debutante Ball
Tuesday 31st July	AIM Test—Maths for Year 7
Wednesday 1st August	AIM Test—English for Year 7
Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd August	Cabaret Performance
Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th August	Year 9 & 10 Ski Camp
Thursday 23rd August	Athletics Carnival
Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th August	Drama Production—'Grandma Sylvia's Funeral'
Friday 7th September	Interim Reports Distributed
Tuesday 11th September	Parent/Teacher Interviews—STUDENT FREE DAY —Students are not required to attend normal classes
Friday 21st September	Last Day of Term 3 <u>STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 2.30PM</u>

* Course selection days are yet to be announced

JUNIOR SCHOOL

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YEAR 7 AND 8

Congratulation to all year 7 and 8 students who have successfully completed their exams this week. I hope you have all performed well and are dually rewarded for the time and effort you have spent studying.

Your teachers are currently busy marking, correcting and writing reports. Reports will be distributed at the end of term. Parents of students whose performance is of concern will be notified by the coordinators and interviews will be arranged to discuss improvement strategies for Semester Two.

Monday 25th June, is the beginning of Semester Two. All students will be in their new elective classes, so please check your new timetables carefully to avoid confusion. It is a great idea to record you timetable in your diary.

Thank you to all the parents who support the college by ensuring their child is appropriately attired in the correct school uniform. I can appreciate that it is not always easy to have the uniform clean, dry and tidy this time of year so thank you for your efforts.

Just a reminder that students who are not in correct school uniform will be issued with detentions and may be sent home to get changed.

Students arriving late to school in the morning must report to the office and obtain a late pass before attending class.

Home Room

Well done to 7KP for defeating the previous holders 7DT of the least N's for the term two interim reports. You have set a new benchmark we need to keep up the wonderful effort next term.

Bags

School bags are not to be taken to class under any circumstance. The college has invested considerable money on lockers. Bags are for use to and from school only. Coordinators will remove bags from classes.

Year 8 camp

The year 8 camp is currently being organised. A show of interest letter will be distributed next week. The camp will be in Anglesea on 31st October , 1st and 2nd November.

Year 8 Soccer

Congratulations and best of luck to the year 8 boys' team and (2 year 7's) for winning their way through to the zone finals. A great effort! We look forward to fu-

ture success but no pressure.....to do well!

World Environment Day

Tuesday 5th June was World Environment Day and coincided with the Public Transport Challenge. Four year eight girls who had won their way through the heats competed on this day. Alana Fahey, Rochelle Fitzgerald, Claire Woodhouse and Madeline Krywyn set out from NSC at 7.00am. They arrived at the National Gallery of Victoria well before most teams because they had been selected to participate in media interviews. Claire spoke to Nova FM, Alana was interviewed on 3LO radio and throughout the day the television show Totally Wild filmed the girls as they made their way across Melbourne collecting points at various checkpoints.

The event is organised to raise awareness of the environmental issues facing the globe today. Green house gases, pollution, the use of renewable energy sources and how public transport can minimise the pollution from motor vehicles.

All involved had a great time and you may have noticed a number of photos and articles in the local papers. The girls were also rewarded with free movie tickets after they agreed to sign an environmentally friendly song in front of all the participating schools, corporate teams and the Minister for Transport in Victoria.

Congratulations girls you did us proud!

Our contact details are:

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Year 8 - Dora Bouras email:

famulari.dora.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Junior School - Arthur Soumalias email:

In order to ensure effective communication with the College, it is important that parents organise, via the General Office an appointment time with Coordinators. This means that the priority of teaching will not be compromised for staff and that parents can be given the appropriate time to have productive dialogue about their child.

All visitors to the College are expected to report to the General Office.

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

YEAR 9 PROGRAM

The Year 9 Program started yesterday with the following activities:

- ADAPT - a paramedic discussed with students the various aspects of the service they provide including when to call 000, what to say to the operator etc.
- Cooks Journey to Australia – students created various shapes including cubes, octahedrons and pentagons to show Cook's journey.
- Science Earthquake Experiment – students created an earthquake proof house and tested it.
- Public Transport Challenge – students in their groups were given a local venue and time to work out the best way to get there via public transport. Once dismissed students worked well to arrive safely at the venue.

Sports Round Robin – students participated in round robin competitions in soccer, basketball, football, netball, table tennis and weight training.

Many of the teachers involved with the program commented on the excellent attitude and behaviour of the group. Expectations are high that their good work of the past 2 days will continue next week and can be transferred into good learning habits next semester.

UNIFORM

With the colder weather well and truly upon us we will continue to be enforcing the uniform policy in Term 3.

Jackets and 'hoodies' are the main concern: NSC black jackets are the only jackets students are able to wear to and from and at school. If the hood of 'hoodies' can be seen students will be asked to remove them.

As you are aware we have been monitoring student's uniform and will continue to do so every day. Students not wearing the correct uniform can expect lunchtime detentions.

School holidays are also a good time to check your child's uniform and ensure they have all of the correct items and that it is presentable.

With the new semester starting parents check their child's timetable and ensure that they have correct uniform.

Uniforms can be purchased from the Lowes at Airport West Shopping Centre.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

The reports we have received from supervisors at work experience placements have been fantastic in the first week. It's great to hear of so many Year 10 students working hard in their chosen area. Several students have been offered part time jobs and a few have been offered apprenticeships that they will consider at the end of this year.

Well done to:

Travis Clare, Joshua Coffey, Adrain Haining, Zac McRae-Johns, Scott Kennett and Terry Luck are all undertaking tasks in the building trade. These boys are hoping to make a career from this type of work in the future.

Marcus Stubbs, Adraino Salemi, Jessica Komljenovic, Senay Hassan, Jacob Barton and Ashlee Benson are all helping with a range of retail tasks at various outlets including What's New, Florist, Design and Fashion Incubator, Myer, True Parts, The Pet Shed.

Hospitality is always a popular choice for many students including **Athan Pagounis** (Escargrill), **Stephanie Kutney** (Cafe Grixti), **Naomi Williamson** (Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse), **Tristian Styles** (Gloria Jeans Coffee), **Rebekah Skopilits** (Vibe Savoy Hotel), **Pelin Beklenoglu** (Hotel Lindrum) and **Joseph Saad** (Moonee Valley Racing Club).

The fitness industry has benefited from our students work including **Chris Tenace** at the John Elliot Tennis Coaching, **Luke Harkom and Rhys Evans** at Australian Defence Forces.

Several students have shown interest in careers dealing with animals including **Karen Dawson** at Niddrie Vet Clinic, **Ashley Thurgood-Dove** at Gisborne Vet Clinic and **Tabitha Williams** at Collingwood Children's Farm.

Grant Agnelli is pursuing his love of motorcycles in his work experience placement at Balls High Performance Motorcycle Tuning, **as have our mechanically minded students.** These include **Jon Watts** (Preston Motors), **Ben Roehlen** (Tasman Motorsport) and **Shaun Rees** (Centreline Suspension).

Brittani Clarke has developed very good relationships with the children at Hothlyn Drive, Children's Centre. **Stephanie Coakley** has had similar reports from St Andrews Kindergarten.

Congratulations to all students for continuing to uphold the good name of Niddrie Secondary College in the community.

Niddrie Secondary College would like to thank all of the companies and people involved in assisting our Year 10 students with their work experience placements.

SPORTS REPORT

Year 7 Boys Football



Well done to the Year 7 Football Team who developed well throughout the day of fixtures last Wednesday. We came up against far more experienced teams but displayed great effort, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Congratulations to **James Motsianos** and **Jake Butterworth**, on their outstanding performances. Also to **Oliver Klemm** who was named most improved on the day.

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL AT BUCKLEY PARK

A report of the days proceedings from our best player on the day, Jake Ralston.

Last Tuesday, the 12th of June, the Year 8 Football team walked to Buckley Park and played four matches of footy against rival local schools. In the first three games the team fought hard but lost narrowly to Strathmore, Essendon Keilor College-East Keilor Campus and Buckley Park. However, in the last game, against Essendon Keilor College-Niddrie Campus, we used our last reserves of energy, played a great game and won. Whist all played committed, tough footy, some of the best players of the day included Jake Woods (Captain), James Capagreco, Andrew Roberto, Jarred Lintenbrick, Sam Cutri and Jason Philpot. Special thanks of course go to our exceptional assistant coach Brendan White, who was busy all day with the team whiteboard and running duties. Thanks to him also for organising our lunchtime training sessions.



GOOD LUCK
To our Cross Country Runners
travelling to Ballarat on
Monday 27th June.

Girls Football

On Thursday the 7th of June, the Year 7, 8 and 9 Girls Football Team went to Maribyrnong Oval to represent Niddrie Secondary College in the region football competition. The girls played three games on the day against Buckley Park, Strathmore Secondary and Pascoe Vale Girls.

The day was cold and windy but our girls soon got into the spirit of things with some great tackling. A few fumbles in our backline saw Pascoe Vale steal the second game from under us in the dying minutes.

The third game against Buckley Park saw our girls play some great attacking footy. A few injury scares didn't shy our girls away from getting in there and fighting our way to a win. Our girls won the game by 4 goals. Well done girls!

Congratulations to Natalie Eggins and Jarryd French on their excellent coaching and assistant coaching on the day.

Mrs Gainsmith

Japanese Exchange Program 2007

Once again this year Niddrie Secondary College has the opportunity of hosting a group of students from Kogakkan High School in Japan. There will be 12 students (four male and eight female students) who are currently in Year 11. The dates for the program this year have not been finalised but it will take place towards the end of July to the beginning of August for approximately two weeks. We will notify families of the exact dates as soon as we have these confirmed.

Kogakkan High School is our sister school and this program has been the most successful for both students. During our trip to Japan this year, we had the opportunity to visit and stay with their families in Japan. It was extremely successful and the students from Niddrie have found it to be the most rewarding experience. I would like to thank all the parents and teachers who supported our fund raising activities and would like to thank particularly Mrs Smart for her support.

If you are interested in hosting a student could you return the slip attached or contact Mrs Smart or Mr Hayakawa at the school. If you would like additional information on the homestay program please do not hesitate to contact us.

Takanori Hayakawa

Homestay Program

I would like to host a Japanese student for two weeks.

Name: _____

Students Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

Pets Owned: NO () YES () _____

Signature: _____



Niddrie Secondary College Presents

*Dance Throughout
The Decades*
CABARET

When: Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd August

Where: Ukrainian Hall, Russell St Essendon

Time: 7:30pm

Price: \$15 Adults, \$10 Students

Ticket Enquiries & Table Bookings:

93372488

Guests are invited to bring along snacks & drinks

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

TICKETS ON SALE
AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE FROM MONDAY

It's a Boy!! - Congratulations Ms Boules

A healthy baby boy born Thursday 21st June

SETH JOSEPH

Both doing well!!!



Second Hand Uniform for Sale

Niddrie VCE Jumper

Size 20—LIKE NEW—\$25.00

Phone Dianne on 0438 741 030

Girls Winter Uniform

2 x Black Serge Slacks in Size 10—\$20.00

Jumper Green—Size 14 - \$20.00

House Polo—Green Size S—\$10.00

Trackpants—Size 170cm—\$20.00

Rugby Top—Size 98cm—\$20.00

All great condition—Phone Margaret on 9303 9983 or 0414 700 784

Lost Property

Please visit the General Office to reclaim your lost property.

All items remaining are without names.

Some of the items awaiting collection are:

- Locker Keys
- Reading Glasses
- Assorted runners
- Pencil Cases
- Windcheaters
- NSC Trackpants/Jackets/Rugby Top
- Orange & Purple bag with contents
 - Sports Sac

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NAME YOUR ARTICLES