



NiddrieSecondaryCollege

Parent Newsletter

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Year 12

Last night the College celebrated the end of the Year 12 exam period with the Year 12 Graduation Evening at Ultima Receptions. We congratulate our students, they approached the year and exam period with a sense of leadership and purpose. Year 12 teachers and parents last night proudly celebrated with our students.

Thankyou to Mr Colin Thompson (Year 12 Coordinator) for organising the successful event and Ms Kerry McKay (VCE Coordinator) for ensuring they exams ran smoothly and our students were supported.



Mr Bill Shorten joined in the celebrations with staff

School Improvement

As has been mentioned in past newsletters a priority of the College is an improvement of the learning environment. Next week the school's ECA building will be re-lined. This is being funded by parent contributions made to the College Building Fund and was a priority for the Finance Committee for 2008. It is with celebration that we are able to fund the repair and cover of the broken lining and insulation of the gym. An electronic scoreboard will also be fitted.

School Council is vigilant in profiling the needs of the College in terms of a major capital investment from the Government. A meeting has been requested with Mr Rob Hulls, our local State Member, to present again Niddrie's need for a building program.

Orientation Day

We look forward to welcoming our Year 7 students for 2008 on Tuesday 4th December. Students from Year 7 to 10 are not required at school that day.

School Reports

Reports and the School Magazine will be distributed on the last day of the school year—20th December. Dismissal will be at 12.15pm. Year 11 students are in their exam period and Year 7—10 face exams very soon.

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Parent Survey

Each year all schools are asked to distribute a survey to a representative group of parents. Thankyou to the parents that responded to the Annual Parent Survey. These results are one aspect of data that the school uses to set priorities and goals. The results of the survey were pleasing and reflect the strength of the College, particularly in terms of school improvement.

The following is a profile of the Colleges success as perceived by parents:

- The school is in the top 25% of the state in terms of student safety, learning focus, relevance of learning and homework and school connectedness, transition and general satisfaction.
- It is above the state average in terms of school improvement, behaviour management, student motivation, extra curricular, stimulating learning and approachability.
- The areas of focus for improvement as defined by the survey is enhancing communication with parents and there were comments about the need to vigorously pursue a major building upgrade.

School Uniform

The new school uniform will be worn by all Year 7 students for 2008. We are very excited about it and believe it will reflect an extremely positive image for the school. School Council has established a two year implementation period for the rest of the school.



Niddrie Secondary College Summer Uniform
School uniform only available at Lowes, Airport West.

ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS EVENING

To be held at St Bernard's College Auditorium — Tuesday 18th December
7.00pm till 8.30pm

TRIP TO JAPAN 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once again in 2009 students will have the opportunity to travel to Japan and take part in an exchange with our sister school Kogakkan High School. It is anticipated that the tour will be in May / June 2009. The itinerary is still to be finalised however it is expected to include visiting Tokyo (Disneyland), Kyoto, Hiroshima, Ise City (sister school). The accommodation will be in hotels apart from time spent with host families at Kogakkan High School where students will stay with families from the school. The cost will include airfare with Japan Airlines, 7 day JR rail pass, hotel accommodation, all breakfasts, all meals and excursions while at our sister school. More details will be available once final dates and numbers attending are finalised.

We are advising parents and students of this trip early as the last visit was very successful and unfortunately, due to high student demand, not all students were able to attend. It is expected that once again 15 students will have the opportunity to participate. The cost will be approximately \$3700 plus student spending and some meals. Once students have been advised who will be attending a deposit of \$500 will be required and then the rest may be paid off over the next 18 months.

If you are interested in your child attending the tour to Japan in 2009 could you please complete the slip below and return it to either myself or Mr Hayakawa.

A meeting to discuss details will be held in Term 1, 2008 however, if you have any questions you would like addressed earlier please feel free to contact us at the College.

Sandra Smart
Assistant Principal

Takanori Hayakawa
Teacher of Japanese

TRIP TO JAPAN 2009

I am interested in attending the trip to Japan in 2009

NAME: _____

YEAR LEVEL: 2009 _____ CURRENT HOMEGROUP: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

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YEAR 9 TIMELINE – 2007

DATES	
Monday 26th November	Exams Start
Thursday 29th November	Exams Finish
Tuesday 4th December	Grade 6 Orientation Day – No Classes
Thursday 13th December	Last Day of Formal Year 9 Classes
Friday 14th December	Year 9 Excursion – Galactic Circus
Monday 17th December	End of Year Activity Program Starts
Thursday 20th December	End Of Year Activity Program Ends Reports Distributed Students Dismissed at 12.30pm

Government policy states that students under the age of 16 are required at school until Thursday 20th December. Therefore all Year 9 students are required to attend classes until this day.

If families have extenuating circumstances that will preclude their child from attending school they must **PHONE** either Graeme Schultz or Samantha Adams to discuss the situation.

YEAR 10 TIMELINE - 2007

DATES	
Monday 26th November	Exams Start
Thursday 29th November	Exams Finish
Monday 3rd December	Peer Support Training
Tuesday 4th December	Grade 6 Orientation Day – No Classes
Wednesday 5th December	Peer Support Training Year 11 Orientation Classes
Thursday 6th December	Year 11 Orientation Classes
Friday 7th December	Year 11 Orientation Classes Year 10 Graduation BBQ Students dismissed at 2.00pm
Thursday 20th December	Reports Distributed - Middle School Office 8.30am to 4.00pm

Graduation BBQ

All Year 10 students are invited to the Graduation BBQ on Friday 7/12 in the VCE centre. The BBQ will start at 1.00pm (after the last Year 11 Orientation Class) and conclude at about 2.30pm at which time students will be dismissed. The BBQ is a chance to acknowledge and celebrate the past 2 years in the Middle School and look forward to the next chapter.

Students who are moving on in 2008 are invited to return to school and join us for the BBQ.

Year 10 Reports and School Magazine

Year 10 reports will be available on Thursday 20th December from the Middle School office from 8.30am to 4.00pm. They

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT cont...

YEAR 10 2008 WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder that all Year 10 students will be participating in work experience in 2008 from *Monday 16th June 2008 to Friday 27th June 2008*. Students and parents should be starting to make preparations so as not to miss out on placements. Well done to the students who have arranged placements, especially to those who have returned the paper work!! If you are organising a placement now the paper work can be picked up from Ms Adams office. Remember it is students and parents responsibility to organise a placement. If you would like assistance please contact us at school.

UNIFORM/JEWELLERY

A reminder to students and parents that we will be continuing to enforce the school policies with regard to uniform and jewellery especially facial piercing. If there is a valid reason your child is not in correct uniform please provide a note in the students diary. Students not in correct uniform can expect a lunchtime detention.

LOCKERS & PADLOCKS

Year 9

Students in Year 9 will be asked to clean out their lockers after the exams. They will then hand their padlock and keys into Ms Adams (if students wish to take them home over the holidays they can but we are concerned that they may misplace them!!!!!!). The padlocks will be labelled and stored.

On the first day back next year students will be asked to select a locker and will be given their padlock to place on their new locker.

Year 10

Students in Year 10 students will be asked to clean out their lockers on Thursday.

Those students returning to Niddrie will be allocated a locker in the VCE locker bay—they will use the same padlock and key from 2007. Those students not returning to Niddrie in 2008 will be able to take the padlock and key home. Students will be expected to use their VCE lockers during Peer Support Training and Year 11 Orientation Classes.

Timeline for Second Hand Book Sales 2007

Year Level	Drop off date	Sale of books date	Pick up unsold and collect money
Year 12	Monday 19 th November between 12pm and 2pm.		Friday 7 th December between 9am and 1pm
Year 11	Friday 23 rd November between 12pm and 2pm.	Wednesday 28 th November from 10am – 1pm	Tuesday 18 th December between 9am and 2pm.
Year 10	Friday 30 th November between 8.30am and 10am.	Friday 7 th December from 9am – 1pm	Tuesday 18 th December between 9am and 2pm.
Year 9	Friday 30 th November between 8.30am and 10am.	Friday 7 th December from 10am – 1pm	Tuesday 18 th December between 9am and 2pm.
Year 8	Friday 30 th November between 8.30am and 10am.	Friday 7 th December from 10am – 1pm	Tuesday 18 th December between 9am and 2pm.
Year 7	Friday 30 th November between 8.30am and 10am.	Friday 7 th December from 10am – 1pm	Tuesday 18 th December between 9am and 2pm.
Grade 6		Tuesday 4 th December from 9am – 3pm	

VCE REPORT

Exams

As I write, our Year 12 exams are over for another year, with the exception of **Austin Nguyen** who has yet to sit the Extension Studies (Mathematics) exam at Melbourne University on Friday ... we wish you well Austin.

I must congratulate the Year 12s on the manner in which they conducted themselves during the exams; I was proud to see the seriousness with which students approached their exams. I was also very touched by the behaviour of younger students in the College, who, in general, heeded the request to remain as quiet as possible in the vicinity of the examination area.

Year 11s are just about to complete their exams; thank-you to **Mr Murone** for his hard work in organising the venue, timetable and running of the exams. Next week Year 11 students will undertake Summer School (Year 12 Orientation Program) to prepare them for next year, and then they too will commence their holidays.



Holiday Homework

This week Year 10 and 11 students were given the opportunity to purchase their English and English Literature Novels for 2008. Students who missed this opportunity are urged to purchase the novels as soon as possible, and all students must **read them** over the holidays. It is also a good idea, as you are reading, to summarise novels, highlight key quotes/important sections, write character analyses, keep a reading journal, etc. English teachers will commence the year assuming that students have read the novels; those who haven't will therefore be at a major disadvantage.

College Captains

Elections have been held to select the College Captains for 2008. The election was hotly contested and the result phenomenally close! It is a terrific thing to see so many young people of such high calibre putting themselves forward as leaders. In the end, **Jemma Stefanou** and **Tyler Nicholls** were elected as the incoming captains, replacing the 2007 captains, **Emily Blake** and **Thomas Layton**, who have done a phenomenal job. We wish you well.

Graduation Dinner

This week the annual Year 12 Graduation Dinner was held at Ultima Receptions. As always, the event was a wonderful celebration of students' achievements over the six years of their secondary schooling. Our thanks go to **Mr Thompson** for his excellent organisation of the event, and to **Thomas Layton** for the enormous effort he made in making the commemorative video shown during the dinner. **Thomas** and **Emily Blake** also compèred the evening with their usual aplomb.

Kerry Mckay – VCE Coordinator

Careers

OPEN DAY FOR AUTOMOTIVE APPRENTICESHIPS – REMINDER

Light and Heavy Vehicle Mechanics, Spare parts interpreters, Panel Beating, Spray Painting. FREE Open Day at Fox Classic Car Collection, Docklands (Melways Map 2E, H7), Wednesday 28th November, 11.30am to 2.30pm. More information 1300 656 461, RSVP skhan@wpcgroup.org.au or SMS your name to 0421 724 723.

HANDS ON CAREER SAMPLER DAY

Carrick Institute, 246 Bourke Street, Melbourne, are hosting a day where students can have hands on experience in a range of industries. Choose from Hairdressing, Hospitality Management, Cookery, Event Management, Patisserie and Community Welfare Work. Saturday 8th December, from 10am to 2pm (some sessions 4pm). Cost \$30 to \$60. Registration is essential. Call Teegan on 1800 642 909 or go to www.carrickeducation.edu.au/careersampler.

TRANSITION TO UNIVERSITY – PARENT SEMINAR

Facts about University selection and transition for Year 12 parents. University of Melbourne are hosting this FREE seminar on Wednesday 28th November from 6.00pm to 7.30pm at the Sidney Myer Asia Centre, Swanston Street, Melbourne. Demystify the processes of selection, offers, enrolment and transition. Register at www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/parents.html

HOSPITALITY TRAINING

A perfect opportunity for post VCE students wishing to develop skills for part time jobs while at Uni or travelling. In just two weeks (3rd – 14th December) you will learn bar and waiting skills, and complete the RSA and Food Handlers certificates at NMIT Preston campus (St Georges Rd, Preston). Full fee \$222, concession \$148. Phone 9269 1570 for more info or to book.

CHEF'S APPRENTICESHIPS OPEN DAY WPC Group are hosting an Open Day to introduce students to the range of opportunities open to them as a qualified Chef. November 27th from 10.30am to 1.00pm. Start at the office at 440 William Street, West Melbourne, meet the Recruitment team, then join the tour of Victoria Market with FREE food tastings. Bring your Resume. Register on skhan@wpcgroup.com.au or call 1300 656461 for more information.

CAREERS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PRESENTATION

Parents and prospective students are invited to attend this session highlighting opportunities in Manufacturing and Engineering Management, including Mechatronics and Advanced Manufacturing Engineering. The Vice President of Ford and other industry professionals will talk about the career prospects and the growing industry demand. Wednesday 19th December 6.30pm, RMIT Storey Hall, 336 Swanston Street, Melbourne. Contact 9925 6226 or email Susannah.farrow@rmit.edu.au for more information.

DISCOVERY DAY AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY FOR YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS

Get to know La Trobe face-to-face. BBQ lunch, followed by an info session about Uni life, then students choose a workshop from Health, Media, Nanotechnology, Biosciences and Commerce while their parents attend info sessions on helping their children plan a path to university, courses, careers and skills shortages. Saturday 24th November, 12.00pm to 2.30pm. Register by Wednesday 21st November. See www.latrobe.edu.au/study/assets/downloads/Discovery.pdf for more info or call 1300 135 045.

November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Week 8	26 Year 7—10 Exams begin Year 11-12 Orientation AM School Council Meeting	27 Year 7—10 Exams Year 11-12 Orientation AM	28 Year 7—10 Exams Year 11-12 Orientation Period 2 & 3 Year 11 Final Day	29 Year 7—10 Exams conclude AM Year 10 Thinking Carnival training Period 7&8	30 Year 7, 8 & 10 Thinking Carnival—Yr 9 normal classes	

December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Week 9	3 Peer Support Year 10	4 ORIENTATION DAY NO NSC STUDENT REQUIRED.	5 Peer Support Period 2 & 3 and 4 & 5 Year 10-11 Orientation classes Period 7 & 8	6 Year 10-11 Orientation classes.	7 Year 10-11 Orientation classes period 2 & 3 and 4 & 5. BBQ—Last day Year 10 Printing of reports to begin. Family Newsletter	8
9 Week 10	10	11	12	13 Formal Classes Year 7-9 conclude. Reports to Tutor teachers for proof reading.	14 Year 7-9 Year Level outings.	15
16 Week 11	17 End of Year Program Begins— The Arts/LOTE/PE/ Technology VCE Results out	18 End of Year Program English/ Humanities Awards Evening St Bernards 7pm-8.30pm	19 End of Year Program Maths/ Science/IT	20 End of Year Program Co-ordinators to Organise. Last Day for students. Reports & Magazine distributed at 12.15pm.	21	22
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