



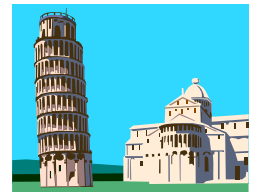
Parent Newsletter

Reminder

Last Day of Term 3—Friday 21st September
EARLY DISMISSAL TIME—2.30pm

Message from the Office:

We would like to wish our Staff and Students an enjoyable trip to Italy. The group leaves on Saturday 15th September and returns on Sunday 7th October. Thank you to Ms Viglione and Mr Rouse for all their work in organising this trip. **BON VOYAGE!!!**



Our Year 9 City Centre Program has been a great success. Thank you to Ms Adams and teachers involved for what has been a massive amount of work and organisation. The benefits to the students have been immense.



School Caps

School Caps are available for purchase from the General Office for \$10.00. These caps form part of the school uniform and are the ***only*** caps to be worn at school.

Should parents wish to speak with Coordinators and/or teaching staff please phone ahead to make an appointment. This will ensure the staff member is available to meet with you when mutually convenient. At all times visitors at the College must report to the General Office on their arrival.

An amount of money was found in the staff carpark on 11th September, the day of Parent/Teacher Interviews, should you have lost a sum of money, please contact the Office.

A reminder to parents of Year 7 Students for 2008 the "Getting To Know You Evening" will be held on Tuesday 18th, 2007.

***Wishing our school community a restful and enjoyable term break.
Term 4 commences on Monday 8th October.***

STATEMENT REMINDERS

Just a reminder to parents that all outstanding charges were due and payable by today

FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2007

SEPTEMBER

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
9 Week 9	10	11 Parent/Teacher Interviews STUDENT FREE DAY	12	13 City Centre Presentation Evening for 9DC, 9RH, 9ND & 9AP	14	15 Italian Trip
16 Week 10 Italian Trip	17 Italian Trip City Centre Presentation Evening for 9GV, 9FO & 9JM	18 Italian Trip "Getting To Know You" Evening	19 Italian Trip 2nd Hand Uniform Shop Open	20 Italian Trip	21 Italian Trip LAST DAY OF TERM 3 Early Dismissal 2.30pm	22 Italian Trip
23 Italian Trip	24 Italian Trip	25 Italian Trip	26 Italian Trip	27 Italian Trip	28 Italian Trip	29 Italian Trip
30 Italian Trip		Italian Trip returns on Sunday 7th October Year 8 Angelsea Camp—Wednesday 31st October to Friday 2nd November				

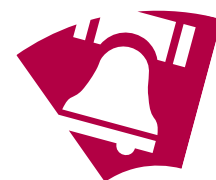
BELL TIMES FOR 2008—Beginning Wednesday 30th January, 2008

After a great deal of consideration, research and planning the College will operate with a new start and finishing time to the school day in 2008.

Teachers will be unavailable from 8.45am as this will be the Staff briefing time.



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
Period 3	12.00pm—1.15pm
Lunch	1.15pm—2.00pm
Locker Bell	1.55pm
Period 4	2.00pm—3.15pm—DISMISS



Detentions will operate from 3.15pm - 4.00pm

LOWES....NSC Uniform Sale

* Uniform items listed can be worn by current Students until 2009

Item	Current Retail	SALE PRICE
Girl's Black Slacks	\$55.00	\$34.00
Boy's Black Jeans	\$54.00	\$34.00
Boys White Polo	\$29.90	\$18.00
Black Day Shorts	\$35.95	\$25.00
Blouse S/S Gold	\$19.00	\$15.00
Blouse L/S Gold	\$27.00	\$15.00
Girls Winter Skirts	\$59.99	\$45.00
Pullovers Wool Bottle	\$69.95	\$45.00

Lowes
Westfield Shopping Centre
Louis Street, Airport West, VIC 3042

COLLEGE BLAZER FITTINGS

The cost of the blazer if purchased at the fitting day at the college will be \$150. A \$50 deposit will be required on the day and the balance paid before the end of the year. If you choose to purchase the blazer direct from Lowes the cost will be \$189.



There is a sample blazer for viewing in the Administration area of the College. Please remember this is currently an optional item of the uniform for 2008.

If you would like your child to have a blazer fitting could you please return the slip below to the General Office.

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I would like to arrange for _____
to be fitted for a College Blazer on a date to be arranged by the College. I understand
that a \$50.00 deposit will be required on the day of the fitting with the balance paid
before the end of the year.

Signature: _____

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MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

CITY CENTRE

YEAR 9 – 10 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Well done to Year 9 students for their efforts in starting the process of looking at their career pathways and subject selections for Year 10. The process has been a thorough one with students completing worksheets in class and then spending time at home with their parents completing the process. This was finalised during the Course Counselling Day on Tuesday 21st August. Great to see so many Year 9 parents this week at Parent Teacher Interviews

YEAR 10 – 11 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Well done to Year 10 students for their efforts during the last month or so of VCE subject selections. The process has been a thorough one with students completing much of the work in English and then spending time at home with their parents completing the process. This was finalised during the Course Counselling Day on Tuesday 28th August. Great to see so many Year 10 parents this week at Parent Teacher Interviews

YEAR 10 INTERIM REPORTS

Having just read through all the Year 10 reports I thought I might share a few facts. They may enlighten you to how your child compares to the others in Year 10.

Congratulations

- to the 37 students who received no "N" grades
- to the 44% of all Year 10 students who received 2 "N" grades or less
- to the 13 students who received more than 30 "EX" grades
- to the 28% who received 20 "EX" grades or better

Not so good were the 30 students who got more than 10 "N" grades on their report.

If you would like to talk to me about your child's report please contact me by phone or on my email

taylor.paul.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Well done to the all the year 10 students who showed such success on these reports.

Paul Taylor
Year 10 Coordinator

It has been a hectic few weeks with all the Year 9 students attending school in the city for a week. Congratulations to students for their participation and conduct during their time in the city. Thanks to their teachers for their work before the city week. Student groups were well prepared to get the most out of their time in the city. The City Centre Staff commented several times on how prepared, polite and well mannered Niddrie students were.

Thanks to parents for their support during this challenging week.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

What has been the most inspiring part of the program for you?

"Urban seed was really good. It tells me what its like to be in a homeless person's shoes and what they go through"

"Going up to people I don't now and asking them to do a survey"

"Meeting new people and learning to communicate with my peers. The reach program was definitely most inspiring to me because as a group we would never normally talk about ourselves and our lives outside of school as we did at reach workshop"

"The Reach Workshop was very emotional and I was very surprised by how much people were willing to open up, including myself. I would have never shared the stuff I did with everyone in normal circumstances. It just goes to show that as much as you think you know someone, you don't really"

"Being able to communicate with people around me and have fun doing all sorts of programs"

"The feeling of being independent and able to get around and do things on my own"

What have you discovered about YOU this week?

"We know how to catch trains and use the public transport system"

"It's not really learning about myself. It's more learning about the people around me, both the general public, people who I had never met before and people I knew, but not so well"

"I have discovered that I can be more independent and that I have found my way around the city very easy"

"I can be very responsible and I know the city like the back of my hand and I can you public transport without a problem"

"I have discovered I have the confidence to ask people for help or to ask them a survey"

"If I put my mind towards things that I can really get them done"

Middle School Report continued...

What was the most challenging part of the week for you?

"Finding places I hadn't been to before"

"Challenges? Who said anything was challenging!!!!!!!!!"

"The most challenging part of the week for me was reach because it was pretty upsetting to see the entire bad things that are going on in people's lives and to notice how lucky I really am and I take that for granted"

"Learning new places that I never knew existed around the city"

STUDENT JOURNAL

Monday

I woke up really early on Monday morning excited and a bit scared about the week at the City Centre. We all got to Essendon Station ready to catch the train into the city. The train was packed – we were all squashed in like sardines. Once we got to Melbourne Central we all had to get off and follow Ms Adams up the 3 lots of escalators, it looked really funny.

At the City Centre we met Sally and Dean (he was a cool dude) and told us about the week. We then had our 1st research session; we had a few questions to finish off then headed to Federation Square. It was really scary asking strangers to do a survey but once we had done it a few times it got easier. We surveyed 20 people before we had lunch in Swanson Street.

After lunch we did a scavenger hunt, it was just like the Amazing Race. We had to go to landmarks in the city, take photos and answer questions. We never found out who "Federeci" was, someone told us later he was a ghost in the Princess Theatre.

At the end of the day we headed back to Melbourne Central station and home – exhausted

Tuesday

Today we had to make our own way into the city. We got there at 8.30 and stopped at Crispy Cream Donuts before signing in at the City Centre.

The day started with Reach Workshop. This was the best session. Lots of kids stood up and said things that were on their mind. A few cried (I think a few teachers cried as well). I didn't stand up and say anything but it really got me thinking about my life, my family and the way I treat people.

After a break we went to SYN.FM, a community radio station run by students at RMIT. We all were given jobs and made a recording of a radio session. I was the producer. After lunch we went to Fitness First at QV and did a pump session. It was hard work, I only had light weights but towards the end I could hardly lift them up. I know I will be sore!!!!

Wednesday

We started in the City Centre today looking at what we had done so far – what worked and what didn't work. The other groups had some really good ways of getting people to do surveys – we will have a go at them later today when we get more research time. It was interesting to listen to the other groups and hearing what they had done. Once

that was done we were able to keep going with our research, this time we went to the lawn of the State Library. People were happy to answer our questions because they were sitting having lunch (the other groups idea). We decided to have lunch early because we were hungry and then do some more surveys later.

After lunch we went to Urban Seed – they talked to us about homeless people in Melbourne. It has changed the way I think about homeless people. There is a café called "Credo" where homeless people can go for food and Company.

Thursday

The day started again with a donut – I will miss them next week. This time for our research we decided to try the railway station and tram stops. People are happy to do surveys if they are standing around waiting, business people walking in the street are always too busy. We had an interview organised for this morning at an office. We had to go up the elevator and meet the receptionist. We were really nervous but he was nice and answered all our questions and even asked us about Niddrie and City Centre.

We had a Pit Stop with our teachers at a café in Federation Square, it felt strange sitting with a teacher at a café. They wanted to see what we had done and if we needed any help.

After lunch we went to the Lexus Centre and were shown around by a Collingwood player, I don't like Collingwood so I don't know who he was. The centre is used by Collingwood and the VIS, it was amazing. They have everything, a huge gym, running track, swimming pool.

Friday

The week went by so quickly. I want to go back to school to see my friends by have had so much fun and freedom in the city. I think I may have learnt things as well.

We had time this morning to finish off our research, we had done everything so we stayed at the City Centre and organised our photos.

We then had an excursion to Queen Victoria Market where we had to take photos of something "weird, wacky and wonderful". I had never been to the market before, I didn't know how much stuff they sell there.

At the end of the day we talked about the week, what we had learnt what new things we had done and how we coped with it.

CITY CENTRE PRESENTATIONS

Students will present their work to their parents on Thursday 13th September and Monday 17th September. Several groups will be selected to present their Power Point Presentation and talk about their experiences at City Centre to Year 8 students and also to staff early in Term 4

VCE Report

As this is the last bulletin of this very busy term, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the VCE Team and myself, to wish parents and students all the best for the coming vacation, and to thank all staff for their efforts with VCE students throughout the semester.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for VCE students, **especially those in Year 12**, to be using this 'vacation' for the completion of work and **study**. All students should:

- **Complete any outstanding or current work**
- **Begin revision for the forthcoming exam period. This might include:**

- Making notes from books
- Summarising class notes
- Making posters/flash cards/concept maps etc. of key points
- Attempting past exams (available from the VCAA website)
- Having a friend/family member test you on information



Year 12s should attend Unit 4 Exam Preparation classes (see following notice)

As previously mentioned, all Year 12 students (except those who have opted not to undertake an ENTER score), will be undertaking October Tests in the first week of Term 4. Year 12's will only be required at school when they have exams.

It is vital for students to understand that to achieve even a reasonable ENTER score requires large amounts of revision and study; the mere completion of class work will get you a VCE 'pass', but not a decent ENTER score.

Unit 4 Exam Preparation Units

I currently have 'flyers' from two reputable companies for exam preparation seminars in numerous Year 12 studies, namely English (Essay writing), Mathematics (Specialist, Methods and Further), Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Psychology, Economics, Accounting, Business Management, Legal Studies, Physical Education, Health & Human Development.

Ed Assist are holding their seminars on Saturday & Sunday 20th and 21st October, whilst TSSM are holding theirs at various times over 2 weekends: Saturday & Sunday 20th and 21st October and 27th and 28th October.

The seminars range in price from \$49.50 (Ed Assist) to \$85.00 (TSSM). Both organisations offer discounts for group enrolments.

Check on the website for details and enrolments, or see me:

edassist@edassist.com.au

tssm.com.au

VCE Report continued....

VCE students participate in Western Zone Athletics finals
Congratulations and good luck to the students below who have qualified to participate in the Western Zone finals on Monday. I was impressed that even at this busy time, the senior school was so well represented.



Year 11: Scott Gilliland, Adam McNamara, Ryan Slater, Kate Byrush, Sarah Lebar, Shannon Muscat, Carmella Talia, Robb Cann, Dylan McKibben, Danni Paunovic, Nick Taylor, Bonita Di Giagregorio, Ben Kelso, Mischa Phillips and Richard Youkana.

Year 12: Chauntelle Cann, Damien Hamill, Tom Layton, James Giannoukas, Natalie Eggins, Kristen McNamara, Tash Magnano.

Lions Australia Youth Exchange Program

I have brochures on this program which may be of interest to students in Years 11 and 12. Exchanges are available to a wide range of overseas destinations; conversely, Lions are also seeking families willing to host students from overseas destinations. If you are interested, please see me.



Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Mr. Thompson requests that all Year 12 students finalise ticket payments for the Graduation Dinner at their earliest convenience. Payments should be made at the General Office.

Dance Throughout The Decades



CABARET

DVD For Sale



BE QUICK!!!

**PLACE YOUR ORDER WITH THE
GENERAL OFFICE**



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

MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS INTERVIEWS are under way. All Year 10, 11 and 12 students will have an interview with me before the end of the year to ensure they have mapped out a pathway for the future.

FREE COURSE SELECTION, FOLIO AND INTERVIEW ADVICE FORUMS

NMIT TAFE Visual Arts Department are conducting a FREE afternoon workshop at their Preston campus for students interested in applying for Design, Illustration, Visual Arts, Photography, Product Design and Graphic Art. 4.30pm to 6.00 pm on Wednesday 19th September. Building A, Level 2, Room 214, 77-91 St George's Road, Preston. Bookings essential, phone Michelle Gillick on 9269 1431 or email

michelleg-va@nmit.vic.edu.au

PPP WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

If you would like some help from Victoria University with your PPP application, then go along to the FREE workshop on Wednesday 26 September, from 1.00 to 3.00pm at VU Sunshine Campus, Convention Centre. Bookings are essential, contact Natalie Vernuccio on 9919 7546 or email Natalie.vernuccio@vu.edu.au

STUDY TIPS, EXAM TIPS, ESSAY WRITING TIPS AND MORE

There are many excellent web sites for young people and students. Try www.studentedge.com.au for study tips, exam tips and essay writing tips, job and career info, competitions, events and much more www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au has heaps of info on issues that interest young people, such as jobs, money, transport, health, relationships plus music, movies, competitions and fun stuff.

UNSW MINERALS SUMMER SCHOOL

Year 10 or 11 students interested in Science or Engineering (Earth & Environmental Sciences, Geology and Geosciences, Mining and Minerals Engineering, Minerals Exploration) are invited to join this 4 day, fully supervised, residential event. Dates: Monday 14th to Thursday 17th January 2008. Heavily subsidised cost is \$180. More information at www.mining.unsw.edu.au or 02 9385 4515.

APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, FULL TIME JOBS

Any students who are not planning to return to school next year and are looking for work, please come and see me as soon as possible. Employers often send information about jobs, and many recruit at this time of the year for staff to start work next January.

DOXA YOUTH FOUNDATION CADETSHIPS

This program is designed to provide disadvantaged young people, who have satisfactorily completed their Year 12 studies, with the opportunity to pursue tertiary education and gain future employment. Talented students who may otherwise be unable to study at university because of difficult personal circumstances are encouraged to apply. Please see Ms Aldridge for more information.

RMIT EXPERIENCE ENGINEERING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Year 10, 11 and 12 students who are interested in Automotive, Mechanical, Aerospace and Manufacturing

Engineering are invited to take part in an interactive workshop. Aerospace – students try a hands-on experience with the tools used in designing a successful flight vehicle. Manufacturing - discover how mobile robots play soccer and how mechatronics is changing the engineering industry. Automotive – Find out what makes a champion Formula SAE car. Includes activities in the Vehicle Wind Tunnel and Renewable Energy Park along with hands on experience with the winning RMIT Race Car. Thursday 4th October, 10.00am to 12.30pm, Bundoora East campus. Info and registrations contact Chiew Khong on 9925 6020 or chiew.khong@rmit.edu.au.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BACHELOR OF COMMERCE INFO SESSIONS

Students and parents are invited to attend one of these sessions where they can speak to course advisers,

academic staff and current students. Dates are Wednesday 19 September at 6pm, Wednesday 12th December at 6pm and Saturday 15th December at 10am. Location is the Executive Lounge, Level 1, Alan Gilbert

Building, 161 Barry Street, Parkville (cnr of Barry and Grattan Streets).

Visit www.bcom.unimelb.edu.au/news/events.html to download the flier and register attendance

IS AVIATION FOR YOU?

Parents Victoria Online Conference 2007 10th—16th September

PARENTS of primary and secondary students in government schools, in all locations, are warmly invited to take part in the first online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 9am Monday 10 September to midnight Sunday 16 September. There is **no cost** for participating in the conference and no special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions will be very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate will be provided. You don't need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. Join in day or night, for all days or just some, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Visit the conference website and register online at: www.cybertext.net.au/pv/

The discussion pages aren't open yet but they will be when the conference opens at 9am on Monday 10th September. Please note down the exact website address, or save it as a 'favourite' so you can go there quickly next time.

The conference will feature seven 'live' daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria. Each 24-hour period will focus on a topic that is currently of concern to parents.

Monday: **Should school uniforms be compulsory?**
Tuesday: **Is discipline in your school effective?**
Wednesday: **Parent participation - is the day of the parent club over?**
Thursday: **Literacy and numeracy standards - are our schools up to scratch?**
Friday: **How do you rate the new reports?**
Saturday: **Is the local public school still the best option for your child?**
Sunday: **Are we paying too much for free education?**

Year 7 Numeracy Run

As part of numeracy week the Year 7 maths classes took part in a numeracy run activity. There were 20 judges, 20 teams & 20 questions and lots of running. There were obviously winners & losers but the main objective was to have fun & learn.

Numeracy Award

Congratulations to Dylan Mayes for achieving the highest score on the numeracy question leaflet.

