

Parent Newsletter

SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE

During 2006 and 2007, Niddrie Secondary College has been going through a major process of review and the School Council has identified a number of strategies to move the school into the future. These include:

- A focus on improving students' results at all levels with special emphasis on developing literacy and numeracy skills in the junior years.
- Increasing financial resources leading to improvements in buildings, classrooms and classroom resources.
- The development of new Vision and Values Statements.
- The development of a new school logo and motto.
- Changes to the school uniform.
- Consideration of a new name for the school.

Uniform

Some of the changes have already been published:

- Both boys and girls will be moving to grey school pants with the girls' material being a different material to that of the boys.
- Both boys and girls will move to a white school shirt (not polo). The summer shirt will be short sleeved and is designed to wear loose at the waist.
- The VCE school jumper will remain the same colour but the junior will be changing from the current green to a blue not as dark as VCE. The new colours of the jumpers are more in line with our new motto. The stitching will be in yellow on the blazer and junior jumper, but white on the VCE jumper.
- Changes to the winter skirt and summer dress to match the new jumpers are being planned.
- An optional blazer with the new school logo has been made available for purchase. Students wishing to wear a hat during the summer uniform time period must wear only the school baseball hat available at the school office. (NSC was one of only a handful of secondary schools around the state recognised as a sun smart school. The Anti-Cancer council has informed us that they now no longer want to list secondary schools as Sun-Smart Schools as their criteria are not compatible with the types of hats that secondary school students want to wear.)

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STATEMENT REMINDERS

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

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Uniform cont...

The new uniform will be phased in completely over a two year period:

- 2007 Year 11 students will not be required to wear the new uniform.
- 2007 Year 10 students will wear the current VCE uniform in 2008 and 2009. Items that wear out during this time period will be replaced with new uniform items.
- 2007 Year 9 students will be required to wear the new uniform at the start of 2009, when they become VCE students.
- 2007 Year 7 and 8 students will be required to wear the new uniform by the start of term 2, 2009.
- 2008 Year 7 students in will be required to wear the new uniform when they begin at NSC.
- During the phase in time period all items that wear out, or students grow out of, will be replaced with items of the new uniform.

Logo

On the front page of this newsletter you will find the new school logo and motto. It replaces the eagle and motto "Diligence and Service" that had served the College well but was outdated.

This new logo reflects our Vision Statement that makes learning central to life at NSC. The stars and open figure represent success, the book represents learning, and the wreaths represent pride and tradition.

Name change

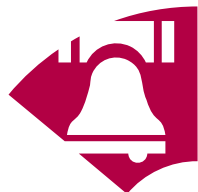
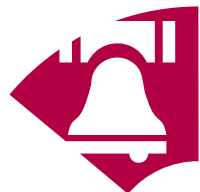
The Regional Director of Education has allowed the School Council to formally go ahead with research into a name change. As you may remember, at the Term 1 Parent/Teacher evening a survey was conducted and a large majority of parents agreed to a name change and most were happy with "Rosehill College". Since then, other names have been suggested but generally Rosehill is still the most accepted. Further information will be published in the future.

A name change process takes up to one year to legally complete. School Council is aware that there may be some issues in the timing of this in relation to the new logo going onto the new school jumpers, but students will be identified by the overall logo and motto and not just the name of the school on the logo. By the start of 2010 we believe that all students will be in the new uniform with the new school name.

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—9.05	
	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

Unfortunately the blazer fitting at the College scheduled for Wednesday 29th August has had to be postponed. A new time will be arranged very soon to coincide with the Year 6 student's visit to the College later this term.

There is now the opportunity for students who did not return their form indicating their interest in having a blazer fitting at the College to do so.

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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Monday Tuition Program



Students who have experienced difficulty in completing class work; set assignments and homework and require assistance to improve their skills and overall assessment results, may receive such assistance on Monday afternoons in a free one-hour tuition session. Tuition is held in the school library and takes place each week from 3.30-4.30pm.

Students of all levels (Yrs 7-12) are invited to attend and will be assisted in their work by teachers of all subject areas who are available on Monday afternoons. This assistance will be made available to students with the aim of not only improving their overall literacy and numeracy skills but also, most importantly, confidence in their work and in themselves. Parents are also welcome to participate. It is important to note that assessments are ongoing in all subjects throughout the year and exam time is approaching fast. It is important for students to act now and address any problem areas.

For further information please see Ms De Goederen or enquire by ringing 9337 2488.

Niddrie Secondary College Computer Clearance Sales

Used Pentium III 933MHz Desktop Computer System w/ CD-ROM, Floppy drive, 20GB HDD, LAN, Audio, Video. Operating System. Used 17" CRT Monitor, used keyboard and mouse.

Standard:	Gigabyte Motherboards GA-6VMM
MODEL:	Micro Pro
CPU:	Intel Pentium III Processor 930 Mhz
OPERATING SYSTEM:	Microsoft Windows XP Pro SP 2
MEMORY:	256Mb SDRAM
HARD DRIVE:	20GB
OPTICAL BAY:	52x CD Rom
FLOPPY DRIVE:	Floppy Disk Drive
GRAPHICS:	Integrated Trident Graphics Media Accelerator Blade 3D
NETWORKING:	Integrated 3Com 10/100MB LAN
AUDIO:	Integrated VIA AC 97 Audio
SPEAKERS:	Internal speaker
Keyboard:	PS/2 keyboard
Mouse:	PS/2 mouse
PRODUCTIVITY SOFTWARE:	No additional software
MONITOR:	17" CRT

Price \$90.00

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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Only three weeks to go this term! My how fast this term has passed. A reminder that interim reports are to be distributed prior to the parent teacher interviews during week nine, Tuesday 11th September. I hope to see many parents attend the interviews; it sends a strong message to your children that you value their education and progress when you attend these sessions.

It has been a very busy term with lots of positive activities happening at the school. It was great to see so many Year 7 and 8 girls and some boys take part in the Cabaret in early August, what a great show! Thanks to all the parents who assisted in the show and came along to support their children and our school.

More recently the Athletics Carnival was a great day out, it was wonderful to observe so many junior school students participate and get involved in their house colours. A great effort by the junior house leaders to rally their troops on the day.

Brainstorm productions performed for the Year 7 and 8 students during mid August. The focus of the production was on bullying and anger. It provided students with an insight of how hurtful such actions can be and several strategies to diffuse heated confrontations.

As you read this newsletter the Year 8 2008 and Year 9 2008 handbook and course selection process will have been completed. Your child should have asked you to sign their subject selection form. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

A big congratulations to the Year 8 (and some Year 7s) soccer team. Well done Coach! (Mr Cotroneo). They made it through to the western zone finals. They did not lose a game on the day but were eliminated by goal difference. A great effort and I'm sure we will see future success from this team of boys!

The team consisted of: Mark Mahkoul, Mark Perez, Clay Russell, Andrew Ruberto, James Capogreco, Emre Yelec, Spiro Tsaroumis, Nikhil, Varma, Mouhammed Orak, Costa Zaharakis, Evan Van Der Byl, James Motsianis, Oliver Knight, Mark Kiswa, Eric Kordabalos, Jessie Longo, Steven Mamakis and Brandon Iurato.

Year 8 Camp

There are still some vacancies for the Year 8 camp to Anglesea. This is arguably the best camp run by the College; it is fun packed and full of outdoor activities each and every moment of the day. A reminder that the camp is in late October early November so the weather will be perfect for outdoor and water based activities. If you are interested see Ms Bouras or Mr Soumalias ASAP. Information booklets and medical forms will be distributed shortly to all students who have paid the initial deposit of \$100.00. Payments can be made by EMA if you have funds available.

A note to parents of Year 8, Techno Bullies will be running on 18th September. A cost of \$5.50 will cover the production. The focus is on bullying issues. Notes to be sent home soon.

Regards

Arthur Soumalias

Junior School Leader

VCE REPORT

Year 11 Course Selection.

Completed Subject Selection forms were to be submitted to the VCE Office by Monday. With a little pushing most students complied with this request; those who have not submitted their forms by Friday 31st run a major risk of not being able to access their chosen subjects.

Year 12 Pathways Interviews

All Year 12 students are required to sign up for a 'Pathways' interview. For many students this will basically be a VTAC interview to select University/TAFE preferences, but the interview is also vital for those students planning other pathways. The 'sign-up' sheet is on the wall of Mr Copping's office in the VCE Centre. We would appreciate it if students voluntarily sign up rather than us having to chase them to make a time!

Be as prepared as possible for your interview so as not to waste this valuable time. Where necessary, a second interview time can be made.

PPP Program

Nineteen Year 12 students are currently preparing their portfolios for the Victoria University PPP Program. The drafts of these are due to me on Monday. I will proof-read them and return them to students for final editing. They need to be completely ready by the last Monday of term.

Year 12 October Tests

Year 12 students were issued with their timetables for the October tests this week. Students are required at school during that week only when they have an exam. Those students who are not attempting an ENTER score are not required in classes, BUT are expected to use the time productively to complete work to satisfy outcomes. This may involve coming into school to complete work for practical classes in Art or the Technology faculties. Students should arrange this with teachers.

Attendance

We have been somewhat disappointed that some VCE students are starting to develop erratic attendance patterns and are missing SACs without any professional documentation. This is most distressing when the absent students are in Year 12! It is imperative that all VCE students, especially those in Year 12, make the most of these critical last few weeks of class time. A reminder that the minimum rate of VCE attendance is 85% in each subject, irrespective of whether professional documentation is provided or not.

Uniform

As the weather improves we are seeing an interesting array of uniform items, particularly amongst Year 12 students. All VCE students are required to maintain full school uniform. A full range of College uniform items is available, including components of the new uniform. Year 12 students are most certainly still expected to be in correct uniform. If an item has been lost, we have many second hand items available; for example, it would be acceptable for a Year 12 student to wear a second hand green College jumper; available very cheaply from the College uniform store. Year 12 students will not be permitted to sit exams if they are not in full uniform.

College Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the many VCE students who attended and participated in the recent athletics carnival. It was an impressive spectacle to witness some of our more athletic types racing along the tan! Even more impressive was **Damien Hammill** racing along in his thigh high, black and green striped socks! Style is everything Damien! We were very proud of the high profile taken by our College Captains and Sports Captains; they exhibited great leadership skills.

Kerry McKay – VCE Coordinator

NUMERACY WEEK 2008

Look out in your maths classes for a few slightly different lessons and events.

Also there will be 3 daily questions for the Junior school students; your maths teacher will have copies. Answer as many as you can, hand in your sheet on Friday & win some prizes. Here's a bit of a taster for Monday & Tuesday.

MONDAY

- 1) Write 1987 in roman numerals
- 2) What is the decimal equivalent of the binary number 1001011
- 3) What day of the week was January 1st 2000

TUESDAY

- 1) What is the women's long jump world record
- 2) What is the name given to a 20 sided polygon
- 3) Write down ALL the factors of 60

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GOOD LUCK
The Maths Teachers

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Dance Throughout The Decades



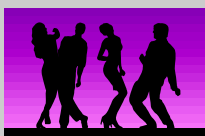
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FREE FOLIO AND INTERVIEW ADVICE FORUMS

Box Hill TAFE are conducting FREE afternoon workshops at their Whitehorse campus for students interested in applying for Design, Multimedia and Television, Fashion, Interior Design and Object Design. 4.30pm to 5.45 pm on Wednesday 5th September, Thursday 13th September and Wednesday 19th September - 1000 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Bookings essential, phone 92869631 or email mda@bhtafe.edu.au.

TAFE Courses 2008

Apply NOW for TAFE next year. Most TAFE courses require prospective students to attend an information session followed by an interview, possibly including an assessment exercise or aptitude test.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY VCE Summary Lectures - FREE!!

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 (check website). For more information call 9919 4110.

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 14 to Thursday 17 January 2008. Heavily subsidised cost is \$180. More information at www.mining.unsw.edu.au or 02 9385 4515.

CASUAL EMPLOYMENT

Now is the time for students to apply for their Christmas retail jobs. Approach employers directly or head to the websites of larger employers and follow the instructions. I have some information and application forms for local employers.

VCE EXAM REVISION PROGRAMS

There are many of these fee-paying programs on offer throughout September. Brochures are in the VCE centre. An example is Access Education who charge \$30 for a 2 hour lecture, details at www.accesseducation.com.au

EXPERIENCE DOOKIE CAMPUS

The Dookie Campus of Melbourne University. Year 11 & 12 students and their parents are invited to Experience Dookie Campus on 26th and 27th September. More information and bookings contact Sarah Parker on 5833 9200 or saparker@unimelb.edu.au or the www.dookie.unimelb.edu.au

IT CADETSHIPS WITH VICTEC

Earn while you learn for a career in Information Technology. The Cadetship program offers students the opportunity to work and study at the same time. You will be placed with well-known employers where you will work part time and study part time up to Certificate IV, Diploma and Degree level in just 4 years. Send your resume and a cover letter to hr@victtec.com.au using the subject heading "IT Cadetship" by Monday 24 September. See Ms Aldridge for more information or help with resume/cover letter.



SECONDHAND UNIFORM FOR SALE

- Summer Dress Size 14—\$10.00
- Short Sleeve Summer Shirt Size 16—\$10.00
- Winter Skirt Size 30-32—\$40.00 (as new)
- Green Jumper Size 16—\$15.00
- Blue VCE Jumper Size 14—\$20.00
- Black Sports Pants 70cm waist Size 8—\$10.00
- Black Sports Pants Size 10—\$10.00

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?**

www.acma.gov.au/mobilesforkids **MOBILE PHONES—A CHILD SAFETY CHECKLIST**

You can now access the internet on most mobile phones. This access brings a world of incredible opportunities in terms of communication, interaction and entertainment.

There are, however, certain potential risks to children posed via the internet. These risks include accessing adult content, such as pornography and "stranger danger" contact in chat services.

Mobile providers in Australia (Telstra, Optus, Vodafone, Hutchison and Virgin and other third party resellers including Fone Zone, Crazy Johns and Telechoice) have recognised these risks and have taken steps to help you protect your child from potentially harmful content accessible via their mobile phone.

There are also things you can do to reduce the potential for your child receiving an unexpectedly high bill in association with their mobile phone service such as blocking international calls and premium rate services.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority, in collaboration with the children's internet charity, Childnet International, has developed a checklist of important questions to ask your mobile provider when purchasing a mobile phone to help protect your child and make sure they get the most out of using their mobile phone safely.

The Checklist offers questions and background in the following areas:

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| 1. Safety advice | 7. Access to content not suitable for children |
| 2. Costs and Charges | 8. Dealing with content not suitable for children |
| 3. International and premium rate services | 9. Nuisance/malicious calls |
| 4. Questions and Complaints | 10. Protecting your mobile phone from loss |
| 5. Internet access | 11. Unsolicited emails/text messages |
| 6. Chat Services | 12. Bluetooth enabled phones |

Download the complete guide at www.acma.gov.au/mobilesforkids

N I D D R I E S E C O N D A R Y C O L L E G E – C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

SEPTEMBER

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
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2 Week 8	3 City Centre—9GV, 9FO & 9JM Year 11 Ski Camp Bogong Village, Mt Beauty/Falls Creek	4 Year 11 Ski Camp Bogong Village, Mt Beauty/Falls Creek	5 2nd Hand Uniform Shop Open Year 11 Ski Camp Bogong Village, Mt Beauty/Falls Creek	6 Interim Reports Distributed Year 11 Ski Camp Bogong Village, Mt Beauty/Falls Creek	7 Year 11 Ski Camp Bogong Village, Mt Beauty/Falls Creek Footy Colours Day— SRC SRC—Footy Colours	8
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				