

EMA Second Portion

Parents/Guardians who hold a valid health care card as of 16th July 2007, are eligible for the 2nd instalment of EMA. Forms are available from the General Office for NEW applicants. Forms must be returned by Friday 3rd August - late applications **WILL NOT** be accepted by the Department of Education.

Please Note: If you applied for the 1st half in January you **DO NOT** need to reapply.

Judith Wright
Business Manager
Niddrie Secondary College

Welcome back to students and staff for Term 3. Reports for Years 7—11 were posted out at the end of Term 2, if parents have concerns or need further clarification about the new reporting process please contact your child's level co-ordinator. Year 12 Reports will be distributed this week.

Posted with the reports was the brochure which outlined changes to the school uniform. The implementation phase for the uniform changes for students in Years 7 to 9 will be over a 12 month period. The changes for Years 10—12 will be implemented over a two year period. It is our intention though, that students wishing to purchase the new uniform items will be able to do so immediately. The school will be establishing an ordering process for those students wishing to purchase a blazer. Black scarves are available for purchase at the office, school caps will be sold from the General Office from the start of Term 4. The changes to uniform are:

- Boys and Girls will be expected to wear a long sleeve white shirt for Winter and a short sleeved white shirt for Summer.
- Grey pants will be worn for girls and boys.
- A Blazer can be purchased as an option or alternative to the present school jacket.
- Coloured scarves are to be replaced by black ones.
- A school sports cap has been introduced.

We are working closely with the school uniform supplier—Lowes. The new girls school pants are immediately available, as are the long white sleeved shirts. The Blazer will be displayed at the General Office, it can either be ordered from Lowes or students can place their name on a list at the Office to be fitted for their blazer at school in August.

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Tonight we are holding the College's Inaugural Debutante Ball. There are 33 Debutantes being presented, with over sixty staff attending. Everyone is excited and it will be a great community event for Niddrie. I know we will be proud of our students. A special thank you to the Year 12 co-ordinator, Mr Colin Thompson who has initiated this event and worked tirelessly for it. He has been supported by Kerry McKay and Judith Wright. We thank these staff members for their commitment to our school and students.

The Trivia Night held in the last week of Term 2 was a terrific evening and funds raised will go towards purchasing furniture for the library. Thankyou to Julie Dawson and Marion Beatty for the organisation and energy put into the night. Thank you to Rob Houghton for being Master of Ceremonies.

With a Department of Education grant, we have established a multi media suite. It is our intention that students literacy skills will be enhanced through the use of multi media. A group of students in Year 7 over the holidays worked with Mr Toussaint in developing their skills. Ms Bruns, Mr Pavlidis, Mr Freeman, Ms Flouris are teachers who are including multi media in their English and Science classes.

The Cabaret is occurring in Week 3. Ms Mortellaro worked with students over the holidays. Rehearsals are indicating an incredibly high standard of performance and dance. Don't forget to purchase your tickets.

Year 9 AIM Test results in Maths and English will be posted to parents within the next week.

In a fortnight we will welcome students from our Japanese sister school Kogakkan High School. Thank you; in anticipation to parents and families that are taking part in the host program.

Congratulations to Jamie-Lee Kenny-Page, Tanya Paunovic, Jake Byrush and Kate Byrush on being chosen to represent Victoria in the all school cross country competition.

Ms Anne Fox

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15 Week 1	16 <u>Term 3 Begins</u>	17 Year 9 AIM Results available.	18	19	20 Debutante Ball Family Newsletter	21
22 Week 2	23	24 Kogakkan High School arrive. Italy Trip—Parent Meeting from 6pm	25	26	27	28
29 Week 3	30 School Council Committee Meeting	31 Year 9 City Centre briefing for Parents. Aim Testing				

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Week 3 Cont...			1 AIM Testing - Year 7 English	2 Cabaret	3 Cabaret Kogakkan High School Departs—Farewell Party Family Newsletter	4
5 Week 4	6 Yr 12 June exam results available Yr 7, 8 & 9 Course Hand-books Dist.	7 Year 10 Careers Expo P2-P5	8 Year 9 to 11 Ski Camp - Mt Buller	9 Year 9 to 11 Ski Camp - Mt Buller	10 Year 9 to 11 Ski Camp - Mt Buller	11
12 Week 5	13	14	15 Yr 10 Subject Expo P7 & P8 Parent Information Evening	16	17 Family Newsletter	18
19 Week 6	20	21 Course Counselling Interviews Year 9 into Year 10 Year 9 classes will not operate.	22 Year 12 Mountain Bike Camp—Otway Ranges	23 Year 12 Mountain Bike Camp—Otway Ranges Athletics Carnival Drama Production 'Grandma Sylvia's Funeral'	24 Year 12 Mountain Bike Camp—Otway Ranges Drama Production 'Grandma Sylvia's Funeral' Family Newsletter	25
26 Week 7	27 City Centre—9ND, 9RH, 9AP & 9DC	28 Course Counselling—Years 10 to 11	29	30	31 Yr 10 - 11 & Yr 11 - 12 Course Selection Forms Due.	

Tutor Information from Victoria University

Recently the school was provided details of Victoria University's tutoring service. As a result they have had many calls from parents advertising for a tutor on their website.

We thought you may be interested to know that this FREE advertising service extends to all job vacancies including graduate, full-time, part-time, casual, voluntary, vacation, industry placements, internships, traineeships and other course-related positions.

The procedure is the same. Simply go to www.vu.edu.au/careers, register as a new employer and list your vacancy. Interested students then contact the employer direct.

Employers know that their vacancies are only accessed by enrolled VU students who come with a range of skills and experience and have a reputation for being 'work ready'.

ABCD Parenting Young Adolescents Program

Do you wish you could
understand your child or
teenager?

Do you wish they could
understand you?

Moonee Valley City Council is running a free five week course to help you learn how to communicate and enhance your relationship with your adolescent children. The five week course will help parents understand the challenges of being a young person, and will focus on the challenges of parenting a young person. The course focuses on parents of 10-14 year olds.

When:

Wednesday Nights,
15 August – 12 September

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Where:

Flemington Community Centre,
25 Mt Alexander Rd, Flemington

For more information or to register please
phone Liz Alexander on 9243 8714.

YEAR 11 GUEST SPEAKER



On Tuesday 26th June 2007, Niddrie SC Year 11 students were fortunate enough to have current AFL umpire Matt Stevic [Umpire No. 9] share some of his life experiences with them. Matt Stevic spoke to our students about how goal setting, commitment, responsible decision making and showing respect can get you quite far in life despite obstacles that may occur. The Niddrie SC school community would like to thank Mr Stevic for his time and effort and we appreciate the fine information he presented. We also thank Jamie Chircop, Tom Ranieri, Danielle Paunovic, and Jarryn Allen for their assistance during this presentation.

Mr Michael Sioukas

Careers

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR YEAR 10

As part of their pathways preparation all Year 10 students will have the opportunity to hear from some interesting guest speakers on Tuesday, 7th August during periods 2, 3 and 4. There are sign up sheets available outside the Careers room, outlining the focus of each session, and students have several choices for each session. Some examples are: Mining and Minerals industry, Engineering Australia, Apprenticeships Australia, Transport and Logistics, Defence Forces, Health Services, Retail Industry, and lots more. Please encourage your child to choose carefully so that they attend sessions that are of interest to them.

VTAC GUIDES AND SELECTIONS

We have a supply of VTAC Guides available from the General Office, these are provided as part of the VCE Education and Resource Charge. This compulsory charge needs to be fully paid prior to collection. Please encourage your child to collect their copy early and to seek assistance from myself or teachers to ensure appropriate preferences are chosen and all requirements are met. The VTAC system opens on Monday 30th July and closes for timely applications on Friday September 28th at 5.00pm. Applications can still be lodged after this date but the fee increases substantially and

students may also miss important deadlines for extra requirements. Please encourage your child to research their course choices carefully, utilising all information available to them at school and online. Invitations have been sent for Year 12 parents to attend a VTAC Information evening at EKC, Essendon next Thursday 26th July.

TAFE DIRECT APPLICATIONS

Students who are planning to apply for TAFE next year are reminded that many institutes will be accepting applications from August onwards. Some allow you to lodge an expression of interest online while others still require an application form. Most TAFE courses require prospective students to attend an information session followed by an interview, possibly including an assessment exercise or aptitude test. There is often strong competition for places so please ensure you apply early and follow all instructions given by the TAFE.

OPEN DAYS AT UNI AND TAFE

During August all Universities and many TAFEs will be hosting Open Days. There is a complete list of Open Days on the VTAC calendar in the VCE centre, and a large display of Open Day posters in the corridor between A and B wings. It is strongly advised that all Year 12 students attend Open Days to assist in their course selection. Year 10 and 11 students are also encouraged to attend as they will gain much useful information to ensure they are on the right track with their subject selections for Years 11 and 12.

CASUAL EMPLOYMENT

Toys 'R' Us at Highpoint are recruiting Casual staff. Please see Ms Aldridge for an employment pack. Cut off date to lodge applications at Highpoint is 1st August. The Coles group (which includes Kmart, Target, Officeworks, Coles) have also commenced their Casual recruitment drive, go to www.colesgroup.com.au. Many other employers will also be recruiting for Christmas vacancies so it is a good time to get your resume together and start applying.

TAX FILE NUMBERS

Students are able to apply for their TFN through the school - a much simpler process than applying to the ATO directly. Students will need a TFN when they commence work, even part time work, and if they apply for Youth Allowance. Please see Ms Aldridge in the Careers Room to collect a form.

CHILDRENS SERVICES Diploma Or Certificate III at Kangan Batman TAFE

Any student planning to apply for either of these programs must be aware that it is compulsory to attend an information session and an interview. Applications must be received by the TAFE by 27th September, 2007. Diploma applicants must also apply through VTAC. These programs are very popular and fill up very quickly. Late applicants have little chance of being offered a place. See Ms Aldridge for more information.

PPP Applications for Victoria University

All Year 12 students who are considering applying for a place at VU through the Portfolio Partnership Program are reminded to attend the PPP Information session on Sunday August 12th at Footscray Park campus. This is held during Open Day so students can collect information on courses and how to complete their PPP application on the same day.

SELECT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY 2010

An information evening for Year 10 students and their parents at the Bundoora campus on Wednesday 1st & 2nd August, sessions starting at 6.15pm and 7.15pm. Comprehensive information about planning VCE studies for tertiary entry – covering pre-requisite studies, pathways, range of courses at La Trobe, selection processes and transition. Students and parents can ask questions, collect information and discuss courses with faculty staff. Register by calling 1300 135 045 as soon as possible. Western Lecture theatre 2, see map at www.latrobe.edu.au/bg/assets/images/drawings/bun-site.pdf or Melways map 19. Free parking in Carpark 1 after 4.30pm.

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Year 10 And Beyond Seminars. These seminars are being held at various venues around Melbourne during July and August and will address such issues as: choosing VCE subjects, course options, transition, admission and selection for the University of Melbourne. Flyers are displayed around the school giving more information. Tuesday 31st July, 6.30–8.00pm, Uni of Melbourne, Parkville Campus, Copland Theatre, Economics and Commerce building. Wednesday 8th August, 6.30-8.00pm, Ultima Function Centre, Cnr Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court, Keilor. Refreshments will follow each session for those interested in staying for follow up discussions with University staff. Register online at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/about/meetstaff/vic/year10beyond/ or call Greg Frank on 8344 4736.

Work Experience Follow Up

Year 10 students are in the process of reporting back to class mates on their work experience highs and lows and writing “Thank you” letters to their host employers. The overwhelming response from employers and students has been positive, with students reporting some really exciting experiences – a radio station, medical laboratory, motorsport support team, media production, 5 star hotel management, event management, Scienceworks, legal and law reform, fashion design, helicopter and aircraft maintenance....and lots more. Staff visited as many students as possible during Work Experience and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as students enjoyed, what was for most of them, their first experience of the world of work. As usual many students reported feeling very tired and sometimes quite challenged by their work place but overall it was an excellent opportunity for them to experience working life at first hand. Congratulations Year 10 – well done.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

Parent and Student Information Night. Wednesday 8th August, at Lakeside Banquet and Reception Centre, Keilor-Melton Road, Taylors Lakes from 6.00pm to 9.15pm. Local businesses and employers will speak on skills shortages and employment opportunities in our area. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and interact with local industry to get first hand information on the employment situation in our local area. Contact David Collett on 0439 006 934 or david@wlcpc.com.au for more information.

Aspiring Food Technology And Health & Human Development Teachers

A free information evening for students and their parents will be held on Monday 6th August from 6.00 to 7.30pm at the Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. Representatives from RMIT and Deakin will provide information about undergraduate degree programs. Contact Carol Warren on 98882240 or email carol@vhetta.com.au.

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. More info call the Centre for Commencing Students on 9919 4110.

VCE REPORT

Welcome to Term 3, a critical period for VCE students.

Year 12 Camp Report

I am happy to report that the Year 12 study camp to Melbourne University went ahead as planned, with an extremely high rate of attendance. All activities ran smoothly, and students participated effectively and, I think, enjoyed the experiences offered. We all appreciated the classical beauty of the buildings of Trinity College; I think that students particularly liked the opulence of the Junior Common Room and the Dining Room (really a banquet hall!)

I would like to take this opportunity to praise Year 12 students for their wonderful behaviour and receptive attitude during the camp; they earned well-deserved praise from both presenters and employees of Trinity College.

Photographs are included below.

Jemma Stefanou – Our ‘Star’ student!

You may remember that in May, Jemma Stefanou of Year 11 won a competition to gain selection for the STARS Science School Program. This in itself was a huge achievement, but we were even more delighted to discover that Jemma competed in the event itself as successfully as we anticipated, and in fact **WON THE COMPETITION** to become the ‘Stars Science Student’. Well done Jemma!



Year 12 students win Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships



We are equally happy to announce that **Sri Naidu** and **Austen Nguyen** have been selected by Melbourne University to become recipients of their latest innovation, the **Professor Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship**. This program involves schools selecting and nominating students who are likely to achieve a high ENTER and who meet an extensive range of criteria.

Sri and Austin received the happy news of their success at the start of the holidays and attended a ceremony in the university's Medical Building to launch the scholarships. This was followed by a luncheon and briefing with other scholarship recipients. Sri hopes to enter the Chemistry stream, whilst Austen plans to enter the Mathematics faculty. Congratulations to both students; we are confident that you will be successful.

Final Dates for VCE students – Term 4

Several parents have queried the finishing dates for VCE students at the end of the year to enable holidays to be planned, etc. The college calendar for this period is still being fine-tuned, but it is highly likely that the finishing date for **Year 11** students will be **November 28**.

Year 12 students will most likely cease classes to commence Swat -Vac on **October 26**. **Students who are not attempting exams will not be required at school following this**, (unless they have outstanding work to submit to achieve a ‘pass’).

The first written exam, English, is on **Friday, November 2**. Students' exams then run for the next few weeks as per the VCAA timetable. The final scheduled VCAA exam is on **November 23**. Students were issued with the VCAA Exam Timetable in May, and a copy is posted on the window of my office, or may be accessed via the VCAA website. Parents should ask their children to confirm the date of their last exam. The **Graduation Dinner** is booked for **November 22**.

Uniform

Whilst most VCE students are adhering to the Uniform Policy, there are a number who are not. The VCE Team and teachers have been instructed to send home those students who are not in uniform, if they do not provide a note to explain the infringement. It is important to remember, however, that a note will excuse an infringement for a short term only! (i.e. 1-2 days).

Students are only permitted to wear black scarves. These are available for \$10 from the General Office.

Kerry McKay – VCE Coordinator

Congratulations to the students that attended the Western Region Cross Country finals at Ballarat on Wednesday the 27th June.

Salah Wassel, William Reichelt, Matthew Johnston, Steven Cen,
Jordan Curwen -Walker, Jade Miezis, Tanya Paunovic,
Jamie-Lee Kenny-Page, Jake Byrush, Bradley McLaren,
Kate Byrush.



We have four students through to the state finals which will be held on Friday, August the 3rd at Bundoora.

Tanya Paunovic, Jamie-lee Kenny- Page, Jake Byrush, Kate Byrush.

It was an extremely cold and windy day at Ballarat all the students did very well to prepare themselves for their race. Good luck to the students in the State finals and thank you to the parents for their support.

Ms May



Exchange Program to Italy Destinazione Italia 2007

We have organised the first parent meeting for this term at:
**Niddrie Secondary College on Tuesday 24th July
at 6.00pm in the Staffroom**

If you're unable to attend the meeting, please contact Peter Rouse or Maria Viglione at school on 9337 2488, so that an alternative appointment can be arranged to give you details and relevant documents. Once again, we look forward to seeing you all at the meeting you on the Tuesday 24th July.

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Book for this term.
Phone: Janis Hirth on
9337 8703

Girl's Winter Uniform for Sale

Rugby Top	Size 105 cm	\$20.00
Green Jumper	Size 14	\$20.00
Trackpants	Size 160cm	\$20.00

All in good condition—Phone Ginger on 0423 910 or 9318 4564

Abercare needs energetic, motivated volunteers to help with its fund activity program for children with a disability in your community.

The Essendon Respite Activity Program (RAP) needs volunteers to help children and teenagers with a disability to have fun on recreational, community based outings one Saturday per month.

If you like having fun, laughing, seeing children smile and making a difference in your community, then becoming a RAP volunteer may just be for you!

Contact Nicole Cavalieros at Abercare on 9373 3800 today for more information.

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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

THANK YOU TO OUR TRIVIA NIGHT SUPPORTERS

- Al's Pizza, Westfield—Airport West
- Vera Burrows, Tupperware
- Cadbury Schweppes
- The Coffee Club—Airport West
- Commonwealth Bank—Airport West
- Moonee Ponds Driving School C/- Paul Humphreys & Family
- Landmark School Supplies
- Toni K Salons—Oak Park
- Wesley Mission
- Beatty Family
- Dawson Family
- Genua Family
- Kowalczyk Family
- Koyama Family
- Sims Family