Sandringham College Principal Report

Sandringham College was very pleased to welcome our new students and families to our community for term 3. New students have commenced in all year levels, including 25 students from 6 different countries. We have been impressed with how quickly they have settled in to College life.

Sandringham College has changed its online learning management system to Compass. Some families will be familiar with this system as it is widely used by many of our local Primary Schools. Staff and students are already using Compass and parent access details have been mailed out. I am sure that all users will find the detailed information and applications available via Compass a valuable way to keep in touch. If you have not received your unique parent login information, please contact us at the College.

As you will read in this newsletter, term 3 will be particularly busy. We have some significant events in College life. The sun finally shone on July 15th and our College Athletics was a great day. Senior Ski Camp staff hosted its annual subject EXPO on Thursday 28th July and it was very well attended. I was particularly pleased to see so many families engaged in questioning and information seeking from our staff as they plan for their students’ final years of schooling. Senior Ski Camp headed off on Tuesday 2nd August and the students, and staff will certainly have plenty of snow to explore this year. Year 7 Night of the Notables will be held on Wednesday 24th August, with over 150 Notables on display this year. Year 10 students will attend their Future Directions Camp August 10th -12th. As the name suggests this camp focuses on future planning and setting goals and expectations around final years of schooling, whilst also enjoying the rural setting of Ace High Ranch. The term will conclude with our College Production – The Drowsy Chaperone September 9th -14th. Rehearsals are in full swing, and we invite parents and friends to help with set and costume production. Bookings are now open (read on for booking details).

Our second round of Parent Teacher interviews for the year will be held on Thursday 1st September. Online interview bookings will be forwarded later in the term. These interviews provide valuable feedback for students and parents and will provide support strategies for improved student learning outcomes. I encourage all families to mark this date in your diary.

I hope you are enjoying the winter term and as always, please do not hesitate to contact us at the College should you require assistance.

Regards
Suzanne Reinhardt
College Principal

Sandringham College Council – Vacancies
Parent and Community members


Sandringham College Council would like to acknowledge and thank Robert Caunce for his service on the College Council. We also thank Robert for his contributions to the development of the College Master Plan which has already seen significant changes and improvements to our College.

Vacancies:

Due to this retirement, Sandringham College Council now has a casual vacancy for a Parent representative on College Council. The vacancy is for the duration of the 2016 Council year. College Council also has a vacancy for a Community member. Community members are co-opted by the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. Sandringham College values the contributions of its Council members and it is a great way to be involved in the future planning of our College.

We encourage you to consider nominating for these vacancies and are happy to provide more detailed information about the role and duties of a College Councillor. If you would like to nominate, or have an enquiry, please contact Ruth Dower on 8599 0500.

Suzanne Reinhardt  Steven Peacock
College Principal  College Council President

KEY DATES

August
10th PTF Meeting 7pm Senior Conf. Rm
10th-12th Year 10 Camp
11th Year 12 VTAC Information Night
24th Year 7 Night of the Notables
26th Charles Slucki Tribute Night

September
1st Parent Teacher Student Conference
1st District Athletics Competition
6th Year 7 Immunisations (Round 3)
7th Year 8 High Resolves
9th-14th College Musical (check website calendar for sessions & booking links)
16th End of term three
27th-29th Year 12 Trial Exams

October
3rd Term Four starts
14th Unit Four Ends
19th Year 12 Celebration Day
20th Graduation Night Year 12
**Achievement • Creativity • Independence • Integrity • Respect**

**COLLEGE NEWS**

**College Office Open during Parent Teacher Interviews**

The College Office will be open for payments until 6.30pm during Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 1st September. The office will be closed between 5.30pm and 6pm for the dinner break.

Thankyou for your payments, your contributions provide quality programs for our students. If you have an outstanding account your prompt attention to payment would be appreciated. Payment plans are still available.

**Teaching and Learning**

On Tuesday, July 26th all teachers, integration and multicultural aides were engaged in professional development activities that focused on improving student outcomes.

Our new learning management system, Compass, is making a big difference to the way teachers analyse and compare student learning data. Teachers routinely analyse student learning data to differentiate the curriculum to meet the needs of individual students. At VCE level teachers analyse predicted and achieved student results as well as specific exam performance data and at 7 – 10 there is a wealth of information available. During the professional development day, staff learnt how to conduct in-depth analytical comparison of the 7 – 10 NAPLAN and AusVels data. This information will be compared with the data generated from the school wide testing we conduct twice a year (PAT) and individual tests conducted by classroom teachers. This complex analysis will provide a more accurate indication of student progress in a number of areas and allows teachers to identify specific areas and skills that need extension, consolidation or support.

In order to develop rigorous curriculum that meets student needs identified through this analysis, teachers participated in a lecture and workshop on the latest research into Differentiation. As we know, “Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way.”— George Evans. Presenter, Jonathan Heard, explored new ways of developing curriculum based on Carol Anne Tomlison’s research that considers students “readiness, interests and learning profile”. Whilst teachers constantly review their lessons, this workshop provided an opportunity for teachers to share ideas and develop some new differentiated approaches.

*Cathy Ferguson*

**Riding to School Reminders**

All students that ride their bike to school need to adopt the behaviours listed below to share the road and improve their safety.

**Road Rules:**
- know and obey the road rules, this means; wearing your helmet; obey road signs and signals

**Be alert:**
- be aware and anticipate the next moves of all road users, especially children and older people
- make eye contact with road users, especially at intersections
- do not use audio devices, you need to hear what is going on around you

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**Sandringham College iTunes U Public Courses**

Sandringham College is very proud to announce that we have launched a series of Public iTunes U courses which are now available for teachers and students all around the world to create free courses and share their knowledge with the world. The Sandringham College Music Department has been developing digital content for its learners which has culminated in the compilation and publishing of our first two courses - Unpacking and Understanding Music Theory (a program designed to assist students with understanding and applying Musical Theory) and Podcasts in the Classroom (designed to assist teachers and students with developing their own podcasts to share their learning in a different and engaging format.

These courses are available for anyone to access and subscribe to and can be consumed on any platform (Mac or PC). All you need to do is access the Sandringham College iTunes U Course Site and download the content. If you would like to access these courses please click on the following link to see the Sandringham College iTunes U Course page or search “Sandringham College” in the iTunes App or Program on your computer.


We are also proud to announce that Benjamin Pisani (Director of Music & Digital Learning Leading Teacher) took these courses to share at the ‘Apple Distinguished Educators Conference’ in Berlin this month.
Student Accident Insurance

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

Personal Goods at Schools

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

9th-14th October - The Drowsy Chaperone College Musical

This year we are producing the Tony Award Winning production, The Drowsy Chaperone! Here’s a video to whet the appetite https://youtu.be/JLDq-2e2JCO

Rehearsals are in full swing. We would love your assistance with set and costume production as follows:

SET construction Working Bees - Aug 6th, 20th, 27th
9am - 4pm Please email hamilton.peter.1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Costume help (either at home or on working bees)
Aug 20th & 21st - please email Catherine Kirby ptfpresident@sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au

Book your tickets now $20 concession/student and $25 adult via trybooking www.trybooking.com/MMKG

9th-14th College Musical (check website calendar for session times & booking links),
Ryan Patterson, Theatre and Drama Teacher

Online Safety

The Australian government as part of it’s commitment to ensuring that young people enjoy safe and positive online experiences established the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner in July 2015. The Office has a well constructed webpage which provides parents with advice about online safety together with a complaints service to address issues arising out of:

- CYBERBULLYING
- SOCIAL NETWORKING
- UNWANTED CONTACT
- SEXTING
- TOO MUCH TIME ONLINE
- INAPPROPRIATE, OFFENSIVE & ILLEGAL CONTENT
- SAFEGUARDS
- A HELP AND RESOURCE SECTION

I encourage all parents to visit the site (see link below).
Marc Lineham, Wellbeing Coordinator

Uniform Changeover

Parents are reminded that 2016 marks the final year in our staged transition from the old to the new College uniform. From January 2017, all students in Years 7-11 are required to wear the new uniform. The uniform requirements and regulations can be found on the College website. Our uniform supplier is Bob Stewart in Mentone: http://www.bobstewart.com.au/

We are currently trying to accumulate stock of second-hand uniform in the new style, and aim to be holding second-hand uniform sales towards the end of the year.
Ciar Foster, Asistant Principal 7-10 Campus
Principal’s Report - 7-10 Campus

Our commencement of the third term has been positive and smooth due to the introduction of the second semester units before the end of Term 2. We also were happy to welcome several new enrolments across the year levels and enjoyed the effective introduction of Compass, which will continue to enhance our processes and communication.

As we stepped back after the holidays the teaching staff have been focussing on developing teaching strategies based on results in first semester reports. This has become the focus of our professional development as we adopt a team approach to ensuring our teaching identifies and meets the needs of individual students.

Our Year 7 students have commenced preparations for the 2016 “Night of the Notables”. With 150 students now in Year 7 we are looking forward to presenting this important and much anticipated calendar event on the 24th August.

Students in our Robotics program, which was introduced last year, recently participated in the state-wide championships on Saturday 23rd July and I am delighted that they were rewarded with great success. This year we have been pleased that so many girls are also now involved in this program.

I thank Darren Wolchyn, one of our many supportive parents, for inspiring this program and for his commitment and time. Similarly we now have many parents volunteering in the Reading program and Gardening Group and I am very appreciative that Lisa Fraley, Debbie Carter and Kylie Fennessy have given so much time to ensure their success.

The 7-10 SRC is also very active with an environment focus and you will notice the bins are now highly decorative, painted by the students themselves, to bring attention to the appropriate disposal of litter. The SRC students have also initiated a trial of a student Breakfast Club once a week.

Year 7 & 8 News

Term 3 has begun with all Year 7 students commencing their major project for this term. Night of the Notables is an important part of the Year 7 calendar and students have made a pleasing start to researching their chosen ‘Notable’. It is wonderful seeing the enthusiasm students are bringing to the project and the hard work they are already putting in to their work. Each year the project culminates in a celebration of learning, where students present their work and become their ‘Notable’ for an evening. They are presented on stage and then asked to meet and greet members of the audience and show off the knowledge they have gained throughout the project. This year the event will be held on Wednesday 24th August 2016 at 7pm in the Campus Hall. I am looking forward to seeing the final results of their hard work.

Steve Dixon, 7 & 8 Sub-school Leader

Year 7

Welcome back to a busy Term 3!

Night of the Notables is around the corner and the year 7’s have already started working hard on this integrated project in English and Humanities. The project is a great opportunity for the students to be creative, not only in their displays but also their costumes and it would be good to start discussing costume ideas at home. When it comes to a costume, keep it simple, cost effective and try to incorporate many items you already have available at home.

During the next few weeks the students will be working on this project in class and we also encouraged them to make use of Homework Club to work on their project as well. Homework Club runs on a Monday and Thursday from after school until 4.30pm and students aren’t required to stay the full time. Do mark this event on your calendar as it is a great evening that we are all looking forward to.

Mariza Pagel, Year 7 Student Manager

Year 8

Congratulations to Ravaen Maloney of 8C who achieved a credit award in the Language Perfect World Championships. Well done also to all the Year 8 students who have been earning blue raffle tickets for being good (my blue raffle hat is full). Thou Anei won the $5 canteen voucher last week. Can students and parents/guardians please ensure that the school absence line 95995606 is rung early anytime a student is late or absent. Black socks are not allowed, Sports uniforms are only to be worn at the start of the day on Fridays and ties are expected for girls as well as boys this term.

Jim Hiotis, Year 8 Student Manager
Year 9
The Year 9 students continue to be engaged in their studies this semester. They are all taking part in Horizons as part of their studies. Students are in: Mixed Challenge, Multi-Cultural Melbourne, Community Service, Movie Making or Re-train Your Brain. As part of this they are going on a range of excursions. Students in Multi-Cultural Melbourne went to the Immigration Museum this week and last week they did a food tour in Dandenong, which was varied and delicious.

The students in Re-train Your Brain went to the Buddhist Temple in Brighton today. I have spent the day seeing students out and about on Community Service. It is always pleasing to visit students on their placements and hear exactly how wonderful the students at Sandringham College are and how positively they represent the school.

Students were given the opportunity to apply for the Alpine School this week. There were some outstanding applications, we look forward to announcing the students who are attending later on this week.

There are also several students who will be going on World Challenge, who will be going on camp this weekend.

The incursion of Romeo and Juliet for most of Year 9 and MacBeth for the SEAL students is taking place in the next few weeks. Students are asked bring back their forms and money promptly.

Nadine Clarke, Year 9 Student Manager

Year 10
The last week of term 2 saw all our Year 10 students out on Work Experience. A huge thank you to Mary Tonios for all her hard work organising this.

To see more photos from this Year 10 Work Experience week visit the website link: http://www.sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au/gallery/curricular/year-10-work-experience/

For the year 10’s the focus is on transition and looking forward into their careers. Once again it’s been a busy start to the term. Course selection should be finalised by now. If you need to discuss further options contact Mary Tonios or Adam Paterson.

Students also have a variety of different sessions to attend which included the Senior Campus Expo Night where many students were able to ask questions about what subjects they were interested in. There is was a parent information evening held on the 4th where students investigated further information about which way they should complete their schooling at Sandringham College.

Lastly, Year 10 camp is upon us, this will take the students to Ace Hi Ranch where are currently participating in a variety of activities, seminars and motivational speakers. It’s sure to be a fantastic time.

Adam Paterson, Year 10 Student Manager
Monash Scholars Program - Year 10
This year 3 of our Year 10 students applied to be part of the Monash Scholars Program. Bemenet Melaku, Kit Kirby and Scott England. It is fantastic news that all three were accepted to the program and began their induction on the weekend.

The program spans years 10 to 12. The time commitment will be around 20 hours each year, and most activities will take place outside of school hours and during school holidays.

Activities include events and workshops that offer the students strategies to shine at school, prepare for university and navigate their future. All three will receive personalised advice and counselling through the course preference period.

If they enrol in a degree course at Monash, they will continue to benefit through the first year of their degree.

They are also eligible for the Monash Minds leadership program and other mentoring and leadership roles.

All three are to be congratulated on their commitment to their education and looking for opportunities to further their education.

Well done!
Nigel Kain, Year 9 & 10 Subschool Leader

Young People of Bayside Exhibition
Sandringham College was very well represented at the Young People of Bayside Art Exhibition held at Bayside Council from the 13th July to the 9th of August.

Young People of Bayside showcases artwork in various media created by young artists between 10 - 25 years of age who have significant ties to Bayside.

It is presented by Bayside City Council’s Youth Services and the Bayside FReeZA committee.

After the ARTrium exhibition, paintings by the award winners will then travel to Beaumaris and Brighton Libraries.

Exhibitors included Dom Cowden, Georgia Blackwood and Beau Harrison.
Twenty-six works selected for the exhibition were by Sandringham College students.

Congratulations to all students who had their work exhibited.
Rob Neale, Arts Teacher
Painted Rubbish Bins
At the end of Term 2, the SRC spent a day painting the outside bins to brighten the yard and hopefully encourage all students to place their rubbish in an attractive bin.

Breakfast Club - Wednesdays
Each Wednesday morning between 8-8:25am in the Learning Centre, the SRC are providing a Breakfast Club for all 7-10 Campus students.

Students are given hot chocolate and toast while staying warm inside. All welcome.

Thank you to Waller’s Bakery on Bluff Road in Highett for supplying the bread.

Winter Appeal for warm clothing & blankets for the homeless
As August 1-8th 2016 is the Youth Homeless Week, the SRC are focussing their attention on collecting donations of warm clothing for those people doing it hard on the streets at the moment.

A box is currently placed at the office for the next week for all donations.

If you have any warm blankets, sleeping bags, beanies, scarves or clothing that you have outgrown or no longer love, we would appreciate you bringing it to school and placing them in our box.

Lace it up
SRC are selling laces for the homeless – Father Chris Riley started the #laceitup to help keep youth off the street. Could students please support youth homelessness and bring $5 for a pair of shoe laces - SRC will bring around at form assembly (put them in your favourite shoes at home - not school shoes!)

Kim Russell, SRC Cordinator, 7-10 Campus
Principal’s Report - Senior Campus

As always, life is super busy at Senior Campus, especially with subject selections and pathways for 2017 being the focus of our current transition process. Whether you are in year 10 or 11 and are making decisions regarding subject selections for 2017, or year 12 students making decisions regarding University, TAFE or workplace pathways out of school, there is plenty happening to support these important decisions.

July 28th was our Senior Campus subject EXPO Night in the Senior Campus Hall. Students who will be undertaking a year 11 or 12 subject/s in 2017 had the opportunity to discover all of the subjects which may be offered on Senior Campus, as well as discuss with staff the curriculum offered in these subjects.

The hall was alive with students from both our 7-10 campus, as well as students from other schools, who were all keen to discuss program and subjects with our very passionate and knowledgeable staff.

These decisions are very important in the last few years of a student’s secondary education and I congratulate all involved on making this a successful occasion.

A reminder to all students who wish to study a unit 1&2 or 3&4 subject/s in 2017 that selections online are now closing and any changes to these selections will then need to be made at the interview.

Year 12 students are reminded that the VTAC Information night will be held on Thursday August 11th in the College Theatre, commencing at 7pm.

All students in Year 12, regardless of whether you wish to continue with further study in 2017 or not, should attend this session to gain valuable information regarding options for the future.

I also encourage all students to make appointments with Jeni Ritterman or Deb Hanlen to discuss your own situation with regard to pathways out of school, subject selections and Tertiary courses available.

These ladies have a wealth of information and often bring new information to students and their families. Parents are also welcome and encouraged to attend this appointment with Jeni or Deb.

An email regarding timelines for end of the year has been sent to all families at Senior Campus and it is imperative that families enter these dates onto your calendar.

Good luck with all decision making and please don’t hesitate to ask if the student needs further help and advice with course selection, tertiary preferences or options for the future.

Vivienne McElwee, Senior Campus Principal

VCE Achievement

The focus at this stage of the year is on ensuring students are implementing strategies to facilitate success. Students are asked to reflect on what they had learnt from study skills and then put this into practice to ensure success. For example, Year 11 students in the Time Management session were challenged about whether they had they started the practice of completing non required tasks and setting goals. Similarly, with Year 12 and Study Sensei & Memory students should ensure they understand the Study Design by preparing a Note Making planner, developing Independent Learning File to collect material for each unit to develop depth of understanding and building a Practice Test Tracker.

A number of students were recognized at Program Assemblies on Tuesday 2nd of August on their outstanding reports. There are more than 100 students who achieved 10 or more A results for outcomes in their respective subjects. Some students achieved as high as 18 outcomes with an A result.

The increased use of the tutorial room and the library for study by students before, during and afterschool is positive to see. Homework club is being well attended on Tuesday and Thursday afterschool. Many alumni from Sandringham College are assisting our students to achieve these positive results.

Growth Mindset

During assemblies for this past month we have been focusing on the developing a growth mindset with all of students in VCE and VCAL. Realising that we can change our own abilities, when we have a growth mindset, we bring our learning to new levels. To assist with this, we emphasise the power of mistakes and struggle when learning new skills and concepts. We provide support in and out of the classroom for students to learn. Out of the classroom there are a number of opportunities for help to develop a better understanding.

The reports that students have received give us some rich feedback on progress. It is really important that students take on the key messages on strategies that may need to be adopted to maximize success.

Student Management Reminders

Uniform – A reminder to all students to present themselves in correct uniform and dress code. Each and every student represents the College. Make sure you present yourself appropriately as a student of Sandringham College.

Concession Cards - With a number of students turning 17, it is requirement for students to carry a student concession card to accompany a concession Myki Card. ISIC (International Student Identity Card) and school issued student ID cards are not accepted for concession travel on public transport in Victoria. Application forms are available from student management.

Driving to school - A number of students turning 18 and obtaining driving licences. Students will need to apply for a parking permit to park in the car park. The cost of the permit is $5.00. Students are required to collect an application from student management and complete and comply with the relevant requirements. Once students drive to school they are not permitted to drive their cars until the end of the day.
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• What employers are looking for right now, including the top 8 enterprise skills
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Ms Betsy Tolmer specialises in enterprise education, who together with her team at TRIPOD have designed and created The Pitch over the last 6 months. Thanks to the generous support of the local Rotary club, the red carpet is being rolled out at the Beaumaris Library where The Pitch will take place on 11 and 18 August.

For more the remainder of this article and more information, please visit our website link: http://www.sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au/much-enterprise-intelligence-teenagers/

Ms Justine Sakurai, VCAL & Ms Betsy Tolmer, TRIPOD/Driven Outcomes Pty Ltd

VCAL

Term 3 is action packed for VCAL at Sandringham College. On Thursday 28th July, students attended the annual Dare 2 Be Different Conference. They were inspired by motivational speakers, attended workshops on Barista and Cafe techniques, Self Defense, resume writing and much more.

Our students then boogied with the professionals onstage in a huge finale. It was brilliant to see the kids return to school with such a buzz.

VCAL would like to extend the warmest THANKS to the Beaumaris Rotary Club for giving up 2 days of their time to interview our students in preparation for jobs for the future, focussing on developing personal and employability skills. All students received detailed and rich feedback from their interviews and found the process extremely informative.

VCAL

Coming up…..

Start-Smart Financial Literacy Day with the Commonwealth Bank. Students will learn about smart spending, smart saving, smart earning, smart choices and smart investing.

Careers Expo in August Our students will have a 2 day workshop with Betsy from DriveOutcomes.

Day 1 – Is focused on understanding strengths and weaknesses, personal brand and the choices around education and employment.

Day 2 - Shark Tank Day. This activity will allow students to explore and understand the vital skills, (enterprise skills) that employees are looking for in the 21st century workforce.

• Hidden Job Market
• Creating a circle of mentors
• Networking in the 21st century work force
• Interview skills
• Presenting at work
• Personal resilience
• Building our personal brand
• What employers are looking for
• Digital platforms
• Understanding the job application processes

Don’t forget to visit our students at the Saturday Farmer’s Market in Beaumaris selling their beautiful wood products made in conjunction with Bayley House.

Justine Sakurai & Rucio Sosnowski

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Ag Hort: Bad News—Good News

Recently, I was most impressed how students worked on fox proofing the hen house after a savage attack that horrified us all. The group worked hard and left nothing to chance. Then Chris Broadway asked me if I could take his three hens as the family was moving and so we became the owners of three very different ‘ladies’. We have now been offered four more hens by two families, so are re-building our hen-house and the agriculture side of the course has been well cared for during this year.

Lesley Parker, Ag & Hort Teacher

Senior Music Tour - June 2016

During the last week of Term 2 the Senior Music Department embarked on the 10th anniversary of the annual Music Tour. This year a combination of Year 12 Bands, Year 12 Soloists, our college Funk/Soul Band Deja Groove, VET Technical Production students (setting up & operating the PA system) & Media students (Rockumentary & Blog) hit the road for a week to share out music with various different communities.

The Music Tour’s purpose is to show our students how they can use their passion and talent for music to make a difference for those who don’t get the opportunity to experience live music. The performances on tour encompassed schools and communities of people with disabilities and remote primary school children, some of whom had never heard or seen live music before. It had been a very powerful experience for our students in the past and once again this tour didn’t disappoint. This group of students were some of the best that we have ever taken away. Not only were the performances full of energy, engaging and really powerful for the audiences, but the students bonded together to create a huge musical family which made the experience that much more enjoyable.

The music tour is a highlight on the Music Departments calendar and we are very excited to have celebrated our 10th anniversary. We look forward to continuing this tradition in the future with our next batch of senior students. If you would like more information about the Music Tour please feel free to contact the director of Music (Benjamin Pisani) or visit our website www.sandymusicdept.com

For images from the tour visit our website gallery at this link: http://www.sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au/gallery/performing-arts/2016-senior-music-tour/

Psychology Visual Perception

Last week, world-renowned magician Anthony De Masi visited our VCE Unit 2 Psychology classes. He brought to life the connection between visual perception theory and practice.

Students aimed to investigate whether the hand is quicker than the eye.

It was a wonderful experience for all involved.

Kim Russell, SRC Coordinator, 7-10 Campus
Special exam arrangements for Year 12 students

If a student has developed an ongoing health condition that is going to affect his or her ability to complete their final VCE exams, he or she should contact Sheryl Burgess, the VCE Exam Coordinator, as soon as possible to obtain advice about how to apply to VCAA for special exam arrangements. Specific medical evidence is required and a form must be submitted to VCAA for approval. Some students already have special arrangements in place for the year and they will have received official notification from VCAA.

In the two week period leading up to the final external exams, including those for Performance and LOTE, there are emergency arrangements that can be set in place if a student should become ill or experience a traumatic event or accident. Further information will be provided in coming newsletters.

Please ring if you have any questions on 8599 0516 or email: burgess.sheryl.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Knitting for Charity

As part of last year’s Horizon program students had the option to create some winter woollies for those in need. We finished the products after the program closed for the summer, but I sent the goodies off a while ago and received this message I would like to pass on to the students in the Helping Hands group.

“Dear Suzanne, on behalf of KOGO (Knit one Give one) can I say a sincere thank you for the wonderful beanies, scarves and blanket created and made by your students, which you sent to us recently – we appreciate your support very much. Let your students know we are very grateful for their contribution.”

Di Gunn for KOGO

VCE Art

VCE Art is in final production mode with works great and small being created and final finishing touches as we run to the submission date.

Lewis has created an installation piece in the art courtyard. Sophie is still adding some finishing touches to her amazing painting.

VET Fashion

In VET Fashion Addie had designed and constructed this stunning summer pant wrap garment. This has been made from fabric which was donated to the college, and we are extremely grateful to get wonderful donations of quality fabrics and notions to help keep our budgets in good stead.

Suzanne Arnott, Art, Textiles and Digital Technologies Teacher, VET Applied Fashion Trainer

CAN YOU HELP?
PLEASE SEND A CAN!

Help us help the homeless by giving us any can foods, soap, toiletries, blankets. Anything that can be donated for the homeless.

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning, students are fundraising on behalf of the Salvation Army. As a team the students have decided to collect necessities for the homeless community. We need your help to achieve our aim of collecting a thousand products to donate to the Salvation Army.

Donation boxes are placed in the senior campus office, library, canteen and the staff room.
Dance Academy

The Sandringham College Academy of Performing Arts (SCAPA – Dance) is fortunate to have a number of truly gifted and talented people supporting our students. We would like you to know more about these professionals so here is the biography for Kylie, our Modern dance teacher.

Parents please note that there is capacity within our Dance and strength and conditioning/ pilates classes for additional students. If you are interested please contact Frank McNamara on 9599 5682 for more information.

Kylie Maltarollo

Born in Melbourne, Kylie has had an expansive career in the arts, working as a dancer, choreographer, dance teacher, visual artist and photographer. Graduating from W.A.A.P.A in 1992, Kylie began her career working with the Chrissie Parrot Dance Company in Perth, before heading off overseas.

Having spent ten years abroad dancing in companies throughout Spain, Holland, Germany and Brazil, Kylie returned to Australia to start a family and begin the process of discovering new artistic passions. Shortly after, Kylie qualified with a Postgraduate of Choreography from the Victorian College of the Art. This led her to become not only an assistant choreographer for the opening and closing events for the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006, but also a regular teaching artist for the Arts Centre Educational Program.

Having been immersed in various educational domains as a teaching artist, Kylie decided to return to University again. In 2013, Kylie completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Photography and Visual Art. Many of her art works have been exhibited throughout her time at University for the Cloud 9 exhibitions and for the Queensland Contemporary gallery.

However, although fulfilling the role as an artist was inviting, the idea of teaching dance, visual art and photography were more compelling.

Currently Kylie is studying her Masters of Teaching in Secondary education in order to be a nurturer and mentor to students who have the passion and desire to achieve their ambitions for the arts.

As the modern dance teacher for the Dance Academy, Kylie has devised a curriculum focusing on developing strong technique in modern dance as well as helping students to understand and implement practice in improvisational and compositional techniques.

Frank McNamara, Academy Coordinator

Cecchetti Ballet Exams

Year 9 Dance Academy students all preparing for their Cecchetti ballet exams that took place 2nd August.

Congratulations - all students passed!

VET Dance Students come 3rd in National Competition

VET Students participated in a National Dance competition on Saturday the 25th of June at Genazzano College in Kew. We came 3rd!

Grace Hamilton, Dance Academy Coordinator
For months, actually the last two terms, a dedicated and highly motivated group of students have been meeting on Thursdays with Mr Wilkinson and parent volunteer - Mr Wolchyn. Much experimentation, discussion, trial and error and evaluation has occurred. And real world testing was needed, and approaching.

This dedicated group has formed 5 teams; 2 Year 8 boys teams, a Year 8 girls team and a Year 9 boys and girls team. Their mission was to build and program two robots for each team that will ‘chase’ a soccer ball and score goals on a ‘soccer field’- a table about the size of a table tennis table.

The test was The Metropolitan Robotics Championship held at the Sacre Coeur College from 9 until 3pm on Saturday the 23rd of July. The competition came from many and varied schools.

There were 12 teams in the Year 8 division - the Junior Robotic Soccer Competition, and 8 teams in the Year 9 division – the Gen 2 Competition.

Our teams competed fiercely. Four of the five sides made the quarter finals, two made the semi finals and one the final. Congratulations go to Alex Anthakis, Harry Dentry, Aden McCusker and Parker Wolchyn in particular for for their efforts and achievement, they were ultimately beaten by better bots on the day.

Based on their experiences on the day all groups are busy experimenting, reviewing and re engineering their robots and programming skills. Four groups, a boys and girls team from both Year 8 and 9 are heading to the Victorian Titles to be held at Melbourne University on the 16th of August.

Thanks to the students for their interest and effort, to Mr Wilkinson and Mr Wolchyn for volunteering their time and expertise and to the parents for their support ensuring students made it to the competition.

We look forward to a report on how the students fared at the Victorian Titles in our next newsletter.

Farnk McNamara, Academies Coordinator
2016 Athletics Carnival Friday
15th July

Mother Nature finally allowed the sun to shine so Sandringham College could hold our Athletics Carnival. Students from both campuses participated in perfect conditions for track and field events.

Staff and students wore their house colours and cheered on the competitors as they took part in the events, hoping that their house would be the overall winner of the day.

The winning house captains were presented with the trophy. Congratulations to Nepean (red) who won first place. Sandringham College will send nearly 90 student to represent the College in the Kingston District Athletic Championship, on Thursday 1st September.

Pierre de Coubertin Award for Courtney Stelling

Congratulations to Courtney Stelling on being awarded the Pierre de Coubertin Award. The Pierre de Coubertin Award recognises secondary school students who demonstrate values, which are consistent with the Olympic Movement through participation in sporting activities. Courtney has been actively involved in sport both at a school and community level throughout her time at Sandringham College.

Courtney (Year 12) and her sister Amber (Year 9) took part in the Olympic Academy and Award Ceremony at the MCG on Thursday 24th June. Both students spent the day in workshops with Olympians and other students from around the State.

Regional Cross Country Finals

During last term three students, Clark Aylward, Reilly Webster and Zac Holden all ran in the Southern Metropolitan Region Cross Country Finals. To qualify for these Finals students needed to be in the top 10 in their District Finals – hence these three boys were in the top 10 in the Kingston District finals for their age group. The course was 3 kilometres in length over undulating terrain on a sunny but windy and cool day at Ballam Park in Frankston.

Each age group had more than 80 runners jostling for a position at the starting line and the runners set a cracking pace. Clark, running in the Under 14 Boys event, came in 34th with a time for the distance of 11 minutes 40 seconds. Zac and Reilly ran in the 12 /13 Boys event. Zac finished 16th with a time of 11.31, and Reilly 34th with a time of 11.54.

Congratulations boys on an outstanding effort representing yourself and the College, well done.
State Cross Country finals
Amber and Courtney both competed in the State Cross Country finals in Bundoora on 14th of July. Amber came second in the 13-15 Multiclass Girls. Courtney came 23rd in the 17-20 age group. Both girls ran PB’s at the event.

National Ranking Tennis Player
Kiana Mokhtari
Kiana is a Year 8 student who is combining her studies with an incredible amount of tennis. Kiana has a normal school day followed by 2 hours of tennis and an hour of fitness work each week day. Saturday involves private tennis tuition and Sunday is generally a day of recuperation. Kiana competes in multiple age based competitions; Under 14, Under 16 and Open Women’s events both in Singles and Doubles. She plays on all surfaces; clay, grass and hard court.

Since January Kiana has moved up over 200 places in the national rankings and is currently ranked 5th in the State for her age and is on track to be within the top 30 nationally at 14U by the end of the year. Kiana has a few AMT tournaments coming up shortly and the biggest event for Kiana will be to try to qualify for the ‘December Showdown’.

This is held mid-December and is considered the highlight of the tournament calendar. Kiana still has some valuable ranking points to earn in order to ensure qualification for this event but it’s her main goal for this year.

Open Woman’s Singles
Tennis World AMT April Semi-Finalist

Open Woman’s Doubles
Tennis World AMT April Semi-Finalist
Tennis World AMT June Winner

Girls 16U Doubles
Bendigo Bank Winter JT & AMT Winner
Break Point Analysis State Lead In Semi-Finalist

Girls 14U Singles
Bendigo Bank Winter JT & AMT Winner
Victorian Junior State Clay Court Championships Consol. Winner

Girls 14U Doubles
Victorian Junior State Clay Court Championships Semi-Finalist

We all wish you good luck Kiana and look forward to following your progression to the top.

Frank McNamara, Academies Coordinator

For more information and photos of our sporting endeavours visit our website sports pages http://www.sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au/gallery/sports/school-sports/
UN Youth Evatt Competition
25th Jul – 6th Sep 2016

Evatt Victoria is the state round of Australia’s premier debating and diplomacy competition. Evatt places young Australians in the shoes of UN Security Council representatives, making them debate on issues of international security, human rights and current affairs.

Students in Years 9 - 12 compete in teams of two from their own school. The competition takes the form of a simulated UN Security Council, where teams debate, amend and vote on a resolution prepared by our facilitators from the perspective of one of the Security Council’s member states.

For the first time, Sandringham College registered three teams to take part in the competition. Loughlin Foley (Yr 12) and Luis Calleja (Yr 11) and Thiamando Pavlidis (Yr 12) and Eleanor Duggan-Crouch (Yr 11) took part in the rounds that took place on 30th July and Calvin French (Yr 12) and Felix Hampton (Yr 11) will participate in the competition on 6th August.

“On Sunday 31st July, Eleanor Duggan Crouch and I partook in the Un Youth Evatt Competition, held at the Melbourne University Law School. Though it was quite early for a weekend morning (we had to be there by 8:30), we had a great time. Representing Spain, we, along with the thirteen (Great Britain was absent) other member states of the United Nations Security Council debated on three resolutions: global food security, children in armed conflict and a secret one on nuclear power and weaponry.

Unfortunately none of these resolutions passed due to the veto powers and lack of regard for human rights of the five permanent member states. Over all, it was an excellent experience in both public speaking and understanding of world events.

Highlights included Russia throwing paper at Ukraine as soon as they entered the room and having to stand up and tell the rest of the security council Spain was against nuclear energy control “because we have a lot of uranium mines and no money”.

Thiamando Pavlidis Year 12

Rotary Year 10, 4-Way Public Speaking Competition

For information on how to enter the Rotary Competition and information about our Student Debating and Public Speaking events visit our website page: http://www.sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au/curriculum/student-debating-public-speaking/

Senior Campus EXPO night

Thank you to the Student Leadership – Student Voice (SLSV) team who gave up their time to help out at EXPO night last Thursday.

Some students were busy answering questions related to subjects, courses and school life on Senior Campus, whilst others directed traffic (both motorized and human) or gave terrific speeches to a packed audience in the Theatre. A fantastic effort!

VCAA VCE Leadership Award 2016

Congratulations to Jake Kirby who has been selected by the VCAA as a winner of a 2016 VCE Leadership Award! The VCE Awards are coordinated by the VCAA to recognize students for their leadership, initiative and involvement in extra-curricular achievements.

Jake is one of the ART Domain Leaders on Senior Campus and has been an active volunteer for many projects, often giving up many hours in the service of others. Recently, both Jake and Maggie Chapman led a team of their peers through our inaugural Arts Week, which was a great success and assisted with raising the profile of the Arts at the College.

Jake’s association with the community organization ‘Kids Like Us’ is indicative of his desire to assist others.

As a finalist, Jake will progress to the Leadership Award Ceremony in November, where the overall winner will be announced.

We wish Jake the best of luck! Follow this link to our website news feed for more information: http://www.sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au/vce-leadership-awards-2016-jake-kirby/
Career Bulletins on College Website

Career Bulletins are published regularly on the College website in the Careers section giving you news of career events, open days, information sessions, new courses and so on. Do yourself a favour and read it regularly to keep yourself informed and to assist you in your career decision-making.


Visit the Senior Careers Unit

The Careers Room is located within the student managers area and is open all day Monday to Wednesday and between recess and lunch on Thursdays. It is open at lunch time but closed at recess. You can just pop in, or if you wish to discuss something particular please make an appointment on the sheet outside the Careers room. The Careers and VET Coordinators are both located here. It is good to see that so many students have already made a visit to the Careers room. For the Year 12’s particularly, an early visit is advisable. You will need to make choices for 2017 and beyond and the sooner you start checking out the range of options available the more prepared you will be. It is great that many Year 11’s have also been making appointments to discuss their subjects for their final year of schooling and to start exploring post school options.

Jeni Ritterman, Senior Careers Coordinator

Year 10 Work Experience 2016

I would like to congratulate all the Year 10 students who prepared themselves adequately to handle the demands of the real world of work during their week of work experience. After six months of preparation, it was really pleasing to see all students actively participating and successfully completing the program. They were a credit to the school and need to feel very proud of their achievements.

The majority of students had profitable experiences and have really lived up to the challenges. Employers’ glowing reports repeatedly praised students’ “enthusiasm”, “politeness”, “co-operation”, “dedication to the task”, “communication skills” and “willingness to learn”. I would also like to thank Kerri Deegan for the excellent display of work experience photos which is on display in the library.

Great work Year 10!

Term 3 continues to be a very important time for all Year 10 students. In order to assist them in their course selections for VCE/VCAL/VET subjects for 2017, students attended several information sessions and workshops that were organized by the senior campus as well as the Careers Expo. All Year 10 students have also participated in their Individual Pathways Counselling session on Monday 25th July - Friday 5th August.

University / TAFE Open Days

Please check the VTAC website - to access Open Days. You are encouraged to attend the Open Day for any institute that you are considering applying for after Year 12.


Career Sessions at Sandringham Sports Physio

Students from Sandringham College interested in a career in Sports Medicine, here is an opportunity to visit Sandringham Sports Physio Centre, meet with practitioners from various fields, participate in workshops and have your questions answered by experienced therapists.

Our next careers session is on Saturday 13th August 2016 @ Sandringham Sports Physio, 150 Tulip St, Sandringham. Numbers are limited to 30 students & registration is required.

Workshops include Sports Physiotherapy, Podiatry and Remedial Massage / Myotherapy.

Students are required to register via our website

If you require any further information, please contact SSP on 9583 5248 or via email pta@sportsphysio.com.au

Zoos Victoria Secondary School Work Experience – Current Year 9

Who is eligible? Current year 9 students. Victorian secondary students aged over 15 years are eligible for the program. School Careers Coordinators can only endorse one student per school.

Online applications for the 2017 Secondary School Work Experience placements will be open from Monday 1st August 2016 and close at 5.00pm Friday 16th September 2016. Only applications submitted between these dates will be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified in early Term 4 2016. Visit our website for more details:
International Program News

This semester we welcome a new group of International students to the College. Students have arrived from China, Germany, Brazil, Italy, Japan, Finland and Belgium.

We have an enthusiastic group in the 20 week English Language Centre who will finish their program at the end of this year and commence mainstream Year 10 and 11 classes in 2017.

We are also pleased to host a group of study-abroad and exchange students in Years 10 and 11. Most of these students will return to their home countries at the end of the year. These students are enjoying the variety of subjects on offer, challenging themselves by speaking English each day and integrating into our college community.

Kerry Haley, Homestay Coordinator

PTF Gardeners Club Update

Hello Gardeners - Gale force winds and hail don’t make for a fun gardening experience, so our Tuesday session had to be cancelled last month. If this happens again, I will try to make it up on another Tuesday but this time a student free day and an appointment made it impossible. (Sorry!)

We braved some light showers during our Wednesday session and planted out the succulents in the PTF garden between the Library and the new building. It was heart warming to get so many positive comments from students as well as staff!

The new plants seemed to put a smile on everyone’s faces, a big tick for the aims of the Gardening Club: to make a pleasant atmosphere for students and staff. The hope is that the succulents will spread into each other as they grow, creating a mosaic effect with the various leaf colours and when they flower. We left a few of the bushes that were already there and incorporated them into the design, except for a couple of ground covers which we moved to the garden under the library window. In this library window garden we also planted indigenous bushes from the Bayside Community Garden (including common correa, slender velvet bush).

These plants were only small so we added in some statice to fill the space a bit while the bushes grow up. Thanks to Peter and Georgia for braving the weather!

For more information or details how to join our group please contact Kylie Fennessy on kyliefennessy@gmail.com or visit website for more information http://www.sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au/our-college/parents-teachers-friends-ptf/

It’s time to sew

Can you sew, create or make? We need volunteers to start to make costumes for the Sandringham College musical.

We have a range of things to make to suit every skill level.

There will be two sewing bee’s on Aug 20th & 21st but if you are able to make things at home from waistcoats to monkey pants to 1920 head dresses please get in touch with Catherine on ptfpresident@sandringhamsc.vic.edu.au. There is a lot to do...

Thank you, Catherine Kirby

Work Experience placements needed – Can you help our students?

As part of the Victorian Certificate of Applied learning (VCAL) program students are required to obtain 100 hours per year of meaningful work placement or part - time work. Below is a list of some of the industries our students are looking at:

• Agricultural & Horticulture (Florists, nurseries)
• Personal & Sports/Recreational Training (sports stores, GNC for example)
• Educational (kindergartens, primary schools)
• Carpentry, building & construction, gardening, landscape work
• All types of Business (Office, insurance, reception work)
• Music, performing arts
• Catering and Hospitality
• Communication & Design

The VCAL students are not at school on a Friday to allow them to work part-time, the students know they need to be flexible with their work hours and many are willing to work on weekends. Please note that work cover and public liability is covered by the Department of Education and Training. The only expense to the employer is the $5.00 per day minimum rate of payment.

If you think you have such an opportunity or know of someone that may be able to assist our students, or would like further information, please contact Margaret Forbes on 0413 582 884 or email forbes.margaret.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you in anticipation.

Margaret Forbes, Work place Officer
Thursday 18 ~ Sunday 21 August
Sandringham Yacht Club
Opening: 11am - 6pm Thursday, 11am - 8pm Friday,
11am - 8pm Saturday & 11am to 4pm Sunday
Entry $10  Concession $5

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Too much too young: An evening for parents of teenage girls with Melinda Tankard Reist

7pm - 9pm Wednesday 7th September 2016
KINGSTON ARTS CENTRE
979-985 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin 3189

Melinda Tankard Reist is an author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls. She has released five books including Getting Real: Challenging the Sexualisation of Girls, now in its 9th printing.

An opinion writer, Melinda is also a regular on morning television and has appeared on ABC’s Q&A and The Gruen Sessions as well as other TV and radio programs.

Melinda is the co-founder of the grassroots campaigning movement, Collective Shout: for a world free of sexploitation.

Melinda is an ambassador for World Vision, Compassion Australia and the Raise Foundation.

Drawing from current global literature, Melinda will explore with parents how the proliferation of harmful messages contributes to a distorted view of bodies, relationships and sexuality in children and young people. Melinda will discuss how parents can address this toxic culture and raise happy, healthy and resilient kids.

To register for this FREE Event head to:

For more information about this event please contact the Kingston Youth Services team on 1300 369 436

For more information on Melinda’s work please visit: http://melindatankardreist.com

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