

College Newsletter

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College Principal News

One of the best experiences I have had in my first term as Principal of Sandringham College is walking into the VCAL classroom of Rucio Sosnowski and seeing some of our senior VCAL students working with a group of the young people from Bayley House. Bayley House is an organisation that provides support and learning for people in our community with an intellectual disability and it has been operating in the Bayside area for an impressive 65 years.

What I saw when I walked into the classroom was not only impressive woodwork projects being produced by our students and the young people from Bayley House but also a focus on working across the community to make a difference. Learning from each other, the students, young people and staff from both organisations were able to develop a sense of community that extended beyond the classroom. I was struck by the optimism, hard work, positive working relationships and joy within the group. This is something that we should strive for in all learning environments.

Sandringham College has a strong sense of community. I am proud to attend any school event and to see a large number of parents present to support not only their children but also the school. Our parents' association is extremely strong and offers a place for parents to meet and is an ongoing source of support to our school. I thank Catherine Kirby and the other parents who lead this group and I would encourage all parents to become involved in some aspect.

Community is essential for our young people to achieve success at school. Positive academic outcomes, excellent personal results and the ability of our students to be resilient, capable 21st century citizens is an outcome of

strong community support. Together, parents, teachers, school leaders form a community that supports students to achieve excellence. The recent press around falling academic outcomes in Maths and Science only highlight the need for all of us to work collaboratively to ensure that our students achieve their individual best.

Another way that you can help to have an impact on your child's learning is through sharing your thoughts and contributing to parent voice within the school. As I indicated in my last Principal's message, I would like to invite parents to join me for a cup of coffee and a discussion focussing on our school and our future. I will be holding a series of morning teas in February 2017 and I invite all parents to come along and to share their ideas and thoughts. This is also a great chance for me to meet you and to get to know more parents and families at our school. The dates for the morning tea will be published on COMPASS via newsfeed at the start of Term 1.

I would like to wish all in the Sandringham School Community a safe and restful holiday season. I thank the teachers and leaders of the school for their hard work this year and I particularly wish all of the students of Sandringham College a wonderful break and a good rest and I look forward to seeing them again in 2017.

Congratulations

Dance Showcase

Congratulations to Grace Hamilton, our dance teaching team and the students on an outstanding Dance Showcase. This provided a wonderful end to the year. I was particularly pleased to see so many students participating, many of whom had never been on stage before. Thank you also to Viv McElwee and the technical team who backed this show. Particular thanks must go to George Grieg for his wonderful windmill prop.

Robotics Competition

On December 10th, science guru Andrew Wilkinson and I and 13 students attended the National Final of the FLL Australian National Robotics Tournament in Sydney. The day was long, beginning at 5.30am

at Melbourne Airport but was worth the early start. All of the students had a wonderful time competing and getting to meet others with the same passion for science as them. Thanks must go to Wilko and to parent Darren Wolchyn for driving and supporting the school's involvement in this event.

Great Victorian Bike Ride

Thank you to Michael McGowan, Bree Burke and Steven McLaughlin for accompanying our students on the Great Victorian Bike Ride. Although the ride can be a challenging one, our students learnt a lot about hardwork and team work. Thank you also to parents Alex and Richard.

Year 12 Completion

I would like to extend a thank you to all of the teachers who have contributed over the last six years to the successful completion our Year 12 students. Thank you to teachers, student managers and parents for all supporting our students to achieve their best in VCAL, VET and the VCE. Particular thanks to Sheryl Burgess for her work on the VCE exam process and much work behind the scenes to ensure that all students were catered for.

Congratulations Yr 12 Students

Sandringham College would like to congratulate all of our graduating Year 12 students. Special congratulations to Kelly Herbison Sandringham College Dux with a 98.2 ATAR and to our Dux Proximus Loughlin Foley 97.9 and Alyssia Innocent 96.8

Amy Porter, College Principal

KEY DATES

December

20th Last day of school year

January

30th Office open for payments

31st Students' first day of school year

February

17th College Swimming Carnival

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Science Academy Australian Champions



On Saturday 10th of December 13 students represented Sandringham College in the First Lego League Australian Championships in Sydney. Forty teams from around Australia participated.

Tash Grant, Aden McCusker, Ella Barlow, Tisa Mokhtari, Isabel Bennett, Ned Beacham, Mitchell Wall, Lalli Kirby, Thomas West, Tamalyn Davies, Justin Rose, Ethan Alston and Lexi McConkey formed the winning team.

At lunchtimes, over the last few months, our students have been building and programming a robot to perform specific tasks, identifying and researching a problem



where animals and people interact and offering a solution, developing core values to work as a team.

So how did we go?

What can I say!!!.the Team was sensational.

Our Research & Presentation

I had the pleasure to observe the team in action as they presented their research project (Possum Burrows) to the officials.

Wow! They were so confident, mature, knowledgeable and organised. I was enormously proud to have been present.

At the end of the day our team was awarded:

THE BEST RESEARCH/PRESENTATION PROJECT IN AUSTRALIA! Speechless!

The Robot

We had 3 opportunities to run our robot through the course. In our last try we went from 36th spot to 8th - Our robot finished 8th in Australia!

Finally At the closing ceremony 13 teams were selected to represent Australia in 5 international competitions in 2017. I am still pinching myself to the reality that our students have been invited to Denmark!! The home of Lego, to compete in the European championships in May.

You undoubtedly will hear other stories about the day, but for now, we can celebrate and enjoy that in our College we have 13 Australian Champions!

A HUGE thank you to all parents for the short notice given to get to Sydney! An ENORMOUS thank you to:

Darren Wolchyn - Coach, Aden and Tash (year 9 students/mentors), Samantha Davies - for helping out with the uniforms, Catherine Kirby - organising last minute meetings with a local MP, Amy Porter - for support and guidance (all the admin) to get us there.

Wilko (Andrew Wilkinson, Science Leading Teacher)



Congratulations to our VCAA Finalist

Jake Kirby, Year 12 student at Sandringham College was one of seven finalists in the VCAA VCE Leadership Award for 2016. He attended the ceremony at Parliament House and The Parliamentary Secretary for Education - Judith Grale presented the awards. Jake was supported by a number of Student Leaders in at Parliament House on 21st November and they included Nicolas Mouselimis, Sammi Neivaart, Scott England and Maria England.

Jenni Howard, Student Leadership/Student Voice





Literary Magazine Launch.

For the second year in a row, students were given the opportunity to voluntarily submit poems or short stories for publication. I was delighted to receive well over 150 entries, and I once again, publicly thank Julian Lewis for editing the magazine and deciding on the 50 exceptional entries that have been published.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to Ronnie Scott – Author and Creative Writing Teacher at the University of Melbourne and RMIT who took the time to judge the entries and award prizes.

Sandringham College's Literary Magazine provides us with the opportunity to showcase the diverse literary talents of our students, and the pages serve as a useful forum for them to voice their concerns and interests. Through their writing, students have demonstrated an awareness of the broader society and their role within it.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all students who were published in this year's literary magazine – 'Just Me and Now'.

The launch was highly successful, and it was heartening to see so many proud students and parents come along to share their success.

I would like to thank every student who submitted work to the magazine. Whether it was published or not, students should be proud of themselves for submitting their writing to an open forum such as this. I encourage all students to begin thinking about their entries for next year.

Well done to our prize winners:

1st place: Jessica Rodda Row (Year 11)

2nd place: Benjamin Gibson-Perry (Year 12)

3rd place: Thiamando Pavlidis (Year 12)

Library Prize: Emily Thoma (Year 7)

English Domain Prize: Tara Gowers (Year 9)

Principal's Choice: Kaelan Green (Year 8)

Enza Sepe, Literary Magazine Coordinator

World Challenge – One month in China

On the 23rd of October Sandringham College's 2016 World Challenge Team left our campus for the last time for a month. After having spent a year fundraising and attending regular meetings, events and language/culture lessons our hard work finally paid off and we were nervous but excited as we headed to Melbourne Airport.



Exactly 31 days later we returned home an unrecognisable group. We had followed a non-stop itinerary through urban and rural China, hiking up mountains, navigating busy cities, staying in youth hostels as we visited sights such as the Great Wall and the Terracotta Warriors, eating food we had never seen before and experiencing everything we could.

We confronted difficult weather conditions, challenging terrains, lack of sleep, the language barrier and the pressure of being in an unknown environment with our fellow students and teachers. Through this experience we became a team, learning to depend on each other and play to our strengths as a group.



Every day a different person would lead the group with an assistant who would become the leader the next day. We would wake early and leave the hostel with our kit before a long day.

Nothing was ever simple with 27 people and mixed in with the sightseeing would be the hard work of organisation, making phone calls, budgeting and arranging travel and accommodation. Late in the evening we would check-in to a new hostel, organise where to have dinner and head to bed before another day began.

World Challenge was simultaneously the most difficult and most rewarding experience many of us have ever done. Our team will remain lifelong friends despite the frustrations of living together for a month. As one girl said "I didn't know any of you before this trip...now you will be coming to my wedding!"



The team would like to thank Miss Ritchie, Mr Wegner and Mr McNamara for all their hard work and the sacrifices they made to be in country with us and for making the trip run smoothly. We also couldn't have achieved what we did without Bryan Millington, our expedition leader.



Thanks for never giving up on us, even when we were standing in Chengdu slightly lost, hungry and getting steadily more annoyed, when we landed in Beijing and were culture shocked into silence, when it took us 30 minutes to walk 100m downhill (most sliding their way down) or even when we made mistakes every day in the process of learning new things.



To the World Challenge team- we couldn't have asked for a better group of people.

By Meg Nicholls, Year 9 World Challenge Student



Great Victorian Bike Ride



Well done to all of the students, parents (Alex and Richard) and teachers (Bree and Steve) on the 2016 Great Victorian Bike Ride. This year's route started at Hall's Gap and followed a 500+ kilometer route along the Great Ocean Road.



This year's route was certainly challenging (having a 100 kilometre day and a huge hilly day), but it was beautiful at the same time.

Everyone was proud to wear the striking new jerseys, designed by Year 11 student Addie Lee-Shaw (pictured in above pic on left modelling her design). Commiserations to those who were unable to finish due to illness. Hopefully you are fully recovered and back on the bike.



We will all take lifelong memories away from this ride.

Many thanks to our sponsors AC Hall Airconditioning and Kirchner Constructions.

Michael McGowan, GVBR Coordinator



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Principal Report - 7 to 10 Campus

The conclusion of the 2016 school year has given us the opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of students at the 7-10 campus. Certainly our students have remained busy and productive both in the classroom and beyond. As always we thank them for their commitment to ensuring Sandringham College is such a positive learning environment.



As we draw near to the end of the year we have been happy to welcome home our World Challenge students from China and our Great Victorian Bike riders who rode for 10 days from Hall's Gap to Geelong. Unexpectedly we sent 13 students to Sydney after their success at Monash University qualified them for the National Lego Robotics Competition and they returned victorious once again. Of course we thank the staff who organized and supported students on these significant events.

During December we held our first formal Headstart program for years 7 to 9 and we have been impressed by the students' approach as they commence their 2017 studies. This program will also ensure the commencement of the next school year is a smooth one as students are already in their new classes.

On December 6 we also welcomed our 2017 Year 7 students for Orientation Day and all seemed happy and comfortable as they commenced secondary school. Teachers indicated they seemed to be a terrific group so we look forward to that.

Our Presentation Night has received a lot of positive feedback and certainly we feel it was a successful occasion which honored our students' achievements appropriately. We feel very proud of both the students' and staff's fine work during the fourth term.

As we look forward to 2017 I wish to thank the staff at Sandringham 7-10 who have once again ensured our students have every opportunity to engage in such a wonderful range of programs. I also thank our parents for their support, including the many wonderful volunteers who give their time for PTF or programs such as the Reading program, the Great Victorian Bike ride, the Robotics initiative and our newly introduced Gardening Club.

Finally we congratulate our Assistant Principal, Ciar Foster, on her appointment to Northcote High School and we thank her for her commitment and dedication to Sandringham College over the last seven years. We will miss you, Ciar.

We wish you everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Russell Watson, 7-10 Campus Principal

Thank You

At Graduation this year, I watched the first year level for whom I was the Year 7 Student Manager walk across the stage to accept their certificates and awards, ready to move on to the next phase of their life. It was a moment of pride, excitement and a little nostalgia.

I feel a similar pang as I prepare to leave Sandringham College after 7 years to take up the Assistant Principal role at Northcote High School. Welcomed in to the College as a graduate, I immediately felt a part of the strong community that exists here. With early mentors such as Russell Watson, Heather Fehring and Mel Merry, I learnt to throw myself in to school life, their dedication to students a strong model for me. I have been lucky enough to have been provided with myriad opportunities by the College, and to have been part of significant changes within the school. These have sometimes been difficult – change always is – but I believe that together we have created a strong foundation for continued growth and success.



I have cherished the trusting relationships that exist between staff, students and parents here at Sandringham, and the supportive, creative community that truly values the learning of all its members. I have learnt much from my colleagues – teachers, support staff, the leadership team and the principal class – and equally from my students. Whilst I look forward to the next phase of my career, I will truly miss the 'Sandy' life. Thank you all for making my time here such a happy one.

Ciar Foster, Assistant Principal, 7-10 Campus

Orientation Day



On Tuesday 6th December, we welcomed our new Year 7 students for 2017 for their state-wide transition day. Students were greeted by our wonderful Year 7 Helpers as well as our amazing College Band before their first Pastoral Care session. This helped students to quickly feel at ease within the campus before commencing a typical school day. They participated in English, Maths, Science as well as one of Food, HPE, Woodwork or Art. I would like to particularly thank the staff who assisted on the day and our Year 7 helpers, who as always, represented the College extremely well.

To all Year 7 & 8 students, I would like to say a big well done for completing yet another year and whether you received an award on Presentation Night or not, you should feel proud of your achievements in 2016.



I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and restful break, ready to return for 2017.

Steve Dixon, 7 & 8 Sub-school Leader

Year 7

It is difficult to believe we have already reached the end of another busy year. I am very proud of how well the year 7's have settled in and it feels like they have been a part of our school community for much longer than just a year.

We've had a busy term and it has been good to see them embrace the many opportunities that are available to them. I especially enjoyed the Dance Showcase and Music Soiree, where the year 7 students performed in various individual and group items. Thank you to the year 7 leaders who helped out during the various Year 5 Primary Visits and the 2016 Year 7 Orientation day this term. The Primary School students appreciated the friendly, supportive faces, who were willing to answer any questions they had about starting high school and assist them through the day. It has been rewarding to see how supportive our year 7's are, not only in the classroom but also mentors during these important transition days.

To celebrate a successful year and to congratulate our Year 7's on their smooth transition to secondary school, we will be running an end of year excursion to the Geelong Adventure Park. There are many activities available at the Park, such as water activities, amusement park rides, mini golf and many more. I'm looking forward to a fun day out and a well-deserved end to a great year.

I wish you all the best for the holidays and for year 8!

Mariza Pagel, Year 7 Student Manager

Year 8

The Year 8 End of Year whole year level excursion to celebrate and end the school year off in a positive manner, will be held on Thursday 15th December. In the morning students will be divided into competing groups to undertake some physical challenges that require team work, skill, determination and brain power. After recess we will be going to the Southland Shopping Centre where we will be having lunch in the food court followed by a movie.

The students will be back at school by 2:40pm. Semester 2 reports will be sent home soon and parents and students are asked to read them carefully in particular the areas of improvement. All Year 8 students should have handed in their elective preferences to Miss Clark by now and parents will be notified so that relevant subject fees can be paid for 2017.

The latest students who have won prizes for "being good" in the raffle draw were Lachlan Costello and Mitch Wall. In conclusion I would like to thank all the students and their parents/guardians for a great year and to wish you all a safe and joyful festive season.

Jim Hiotis, Year 8 Student Manager

Year 9

It has been a very positive end to the 2016 for Year 9. It has been a pleasure to be their Student Manager and I am really excited for the school community to have such wonderful student as the Year 10 leaders next year. It is tremendous to have a year level with so much talent, capacity and potential and I am pleased many of them



have taken the opportunity to further develop their skills this year. Our last Horizon's day, last week was fabulous. We went Ice-Skating, on the Melbourne Star and a tour of Etihad Stadium.

A group of year 9 students have just returned from their amazing World Challenge and another group from The Great Vic Bike Ride. Our 6 students at the Alpine School have had a wonderful term and will remain there until the end of the school year.

Nadine Clarke, Year 9 Student Manager

Year 10

Year 10 has come to a close! What an amazing and busy past few weeks it has been. Students conducted themselves extremely well at exams, teachers were very impressed with how seriously they took each exam and also the results they received. We also held a magnificent Celebration Assembly with many Year 10 parents attending. It was amazing to see such special performances speeches and students on stage receiving their completion certificate. Students, teachers, parents/guardians all congregated in the library afterwards to celebrate with a morning tea and reflecting back through opening their time capsules.



Then on the Thursday night the students celebrated in style at the International of Brighton for the Year 10 formal. It was another amazing night with even more great performances, everybody all dressed up and dancing late into the night. A special mention to the HUGE zorba dance trailing throughout the venue, lead by Ms Tonios and Mr Hiotis. Thanks to all students for a great end to Year 10 and best of luck with your studies at Headstart and most importantly their VCE/VCAL studies.

Adam Paterson, Year 10 Student Manager



Principal Report - Senior Campus

With the end of the school year soon upon us, it is a good opportunity to reflect on all of the important events which have occurred this term. It has been a very busy time at the senior campus, with the completion of the year 12 examinations as well as the year 11 examinations and the Headstart program. The Headstart program ran for two weeks and is designed to assist students with their transition in to Year 11 and Year 12, to give them a "taste" of any new subjects and to provide them with preparatory work / stimulus for the 2017 year. The program was again very successful, with students already fully engaged in their subjects. Students not only participated in their VCE and VCAL classes, but also had seminars in study skills, presented by Elevate Education, as well as wellbeing sessions, on Cyber Safety, Road Safety for year 12 students, White Ribbon presentation and First Aid for VCAL students. There was also musical entertainment and sporting activities at lunchtimes and even a Toy Drive by the SRC and free barbecue on the last day of the program! With the continued dedication and enthusiasm of all students, we look forward to another very successful and motivated year in 2017.

Congratulations to Jake Kirby on being amongst the elite 7 students selected as finalists for the VCAA VCE Leadership Awards. Jake was presented with an award by the Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Judith Graley, in a ceremony at Parliament House. Jake has been an outstanding role model of leadership for students at Sandringham College and are both thrilled and proud that he has been recognised State-wide for his contribution and efforts to "make a difference" in the community. As a member of the graduating class of 2016, we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

The Dance Showcase was once again a spectacular event this year. With a Moulin Rouge theme, students in dance classes from years 7 to 12 across both campuses came together to perform in magnificent style, showing genres from traditional classical ballet, contemporary dance, lyrical, jazz, tap and hip hop. This showcased the many talents of our wonderful dance students. Congratulations must go to all concerned, especially Grace Hamilton as Head of Dance and the Dance Academy teachers Kylie Maltorollo and Cheryl Edmonstone Jeulg.

The year 12 VCAA results were released on Monday December 12th and we are exceptionally pleased with the results for the Class of 2016. I look forward to sharing these fantastic results with the school community in the New Year. Whatever the outcome that was achieved, we hope that the cohort feel satisfied that they did their best and can now move forward into the future with many options. Jeni Ritterman and Deb Hanlen will be available until Monday December 19th to assist students who would like to make changes to their preferences for University and TAFE. Remember that there is only a small window of opportunity to change preferences, so it is advisable to seek advice straight away, should you need it. Please see their article in this newsletter for times they are available to assist students with pathways advice.

Please have a safe, relaxing and refreshing Christmas and summer break. I look forward to welcoming you all to a new School Year in 2017.

Vivienne McElwee, Senior Campus Principal

Cyber Awareness

The cyber education of our students continued in Head Start with Susan McLean from Cyber Safety Solutions who has worked for Vic Police for many years and consulted for the FBI, large & small corporations.

She spoke to the cohort about the 3 R's:

Respect – Is what I'm doing showing complete respect? Can it be used to humiliate or embarrass?

Responsible – Is what I'm doing dangerous in any way?

Reputation - Can what I'm doing harm my reputation?

Susan reminded students that one's 'Digital footprint' is permanent and a 'Digital Reputation' is perceived by the people you friend/hang out with! what you do! What they do! What you like! Your Bluetooth wifi name! Places you hangout! Images & posts!

She warned students about the 'Pop up Party phenomenon' which are promoted on line, Illegal, unsafe and violent.

Advice if things go wrong:

- Tell your parent, teacher, adult. Don't stay silent and hope it goes away.
- Block and delete the bully/perpetrator from all contact lists
- Don't respond to rude or nasty emails, sms, comments or posts. It makes it worse
- Use the 'report abuse button- the host must investigate
- Save and store the evidence for further investigation
- Shut account
- Start new one

Report to the Police in the following THREE situations:

1. if it doesn't stop,
2. don't know who,
3. there is a threat.

Office of Children's eSafety Commissioner is Australian Government body who can help too.

If you are a person who get's yourself into sticky situations- sending hostile messages. There is a great Re-Think App called Re-word that acts as a circuit breaker. It gives you the chance to re-think a message before it is sent.

She gave the group specific advice about security on Snap Chat, Kik, FaceBook, Instagram.

Mel Gall, Assistant Principal, Senior Campus



Senior Visual Arts - Exhibition News

We are pleased to report that our Still Moving Film Festival and Year 11 Art exhibition, which opened on Friday 11th of November went very well and was a great celebration of the work of those students over the year. Congratulations to all those who had work exhibited. The film festival can be viewed online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_WpLPzSQQ and the art will be on exhibition in the foyer of the Theatre until the end of the school year.



Sandringham College is also very proud to announce that at least six students will have work displayed at the prestigious Target exhibition, featuring work from Art and Design Graduates across Bayside. The exhibition will be held from 11th January – 12 March 2017 next year at The Gallery @ BACC in Brighton.

The students involved will be Georgia Blackwood (photography), Marissa Tselepatiotis (photography), Angus Green (photography), Madi Higgins (sculpture), Taylor Hughes (drawing) and Todd Price (drawing). Congratulations to all of those students.

The Gallery @ BACC are still deciding which video work will be displayed but the shortlist includes Tate Smirnacos, Nicolas Mouselimis and Oscar Cumming for their short films, and Darcy Bolitho for animation.

Rob Neale, Head of Senior Visual Art



Headstart in the Ag. Hort. Centre



The students who are joining VCE Agriculture and Horticulture in the new year have had a difficult time avoiding the rain to 'pull down' the large garden area which is now full of weeds and vegetables going to seed. The rain has meant the large number of broad beans are yet to be harvested.



We are filling up our new compost bins which were built with part of our \$1000 winnings from The Back to Earth Garden Competition.

Early next year we will receive from the organization, 6 square metres of compost, A great addition to improving production.

Our urban students are enjoying an extra slice of nature. A large blue tongued lizard has taken up residence and the chooks are finally laying.

Leslie Parker, Ag Hort Teacher

Careers News

YEAR 10 - 2017 Work Experience 26 June – 30 June 2017 (Compulsory). All Year 10 students will be required to do WORK EXPERIENCE for one week during school time in Term 2 commencing on 26 – 30 June. Students are free to arrange their own Work Experience and the summer break is a great opportunity for students to network and to think about work places they would like to work for work experience. Students will need to begin thinking about their Work Experience NOW as some places have already opened the availability of places and fill up very quickly. Students will need to refer to relevant websites in order to apply. See example below:

Work Experience @ Monash Health

Monash Health Secondary School Work Experience Program provides students with an opportunity to gain insight into the healthcare industry. Applications for the 2017 Work Experience program are now open.

TO APPLY - please fill out an online application here.

For more information please email workexperience@monashhealth.org, or call Monash Health, People and Culture on (03) 9265 2750.

It should be noted that not all jobs are available to students for Work Experience placements. For example, a student would not be able to gain placement as a doctor but would be able to work in a related area such as a nurse or nurse's aide. Similarly the confidential nature of social work would make this an unsuitable occupation to choose for Work Experience. It is NOT possible to arrange Work Experience as a butcher or in the deep sea fishing industry.

If chosen carefully, Work Experience can provide a valuable insight into the demands of the workforce and may reveal possible career paths to be further explored or avoided.

The University of Melbourne – The Science Experience

The Science Experience is open to students in years 9 & 10, for 3 days in January. For more information visit www.scienceexperience.com.au/when-where/victoria/university-of-melbourne-parkville.

Interested in a career as a Zoo Keeper?

If you are keen to find out what it takes to work in a zoo, come and join us for a day and participate in a range of hands on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a zoo keeper. The program provides budding young animal enthusiasts with an opportunity to go behind the scenes, learn about the conservation of threatened species, the importance of animal care, observation and enrichment.

Ages: 7-12

Cost: \$115 (Zoo members \$103.50)

Bookings: (03) 9340 2788

Click here for more information

Mary Tonios, Careers Coordinator, 7-10 Campus

The Hotel School

The Hotel School accepts direct application on an interview basis with no ATAR requirement. They will be running an Info Night this coming Thursday, 15th December at 5.30pm.

Students will be able to gain full insights and explore their career opportunities within the Hotel Management and Tourism Industry!

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SRC Toy Drive for Christmas

A huge thank you to all of the students and families who donated new toys for the Toy Drive. The spirit of Christmas is definitely alive at Sandringham College. My stationwagon was full from front to back with new toys to be delivered. The toys were donated to the Bayside located 'Mums Helping Families in Need' organisation. This organisation helps families with clothing, food, baby equipment and other household essentials all year round. At Christmas they make hampers of toys and food for families who can't afford to celebrate Christmas. Well done and thank you from the Sandringham College SRC.

Kim Russell, SRC Coordinator

Student Leadership – Student Voice

Leadership Interviews

Interviews for Student Leadership positions have progressed this week and again in late January. If you have applied for a position, please check your school e-mail for your interview time.

Year 10 Captains and Student Domain Leaders 2017

Information for students interested in applying for a position as Campus Captain or as a Domain Leader is available on Compass, please check the closing dates.

Thank you

Finally, a big 'thank you' to every Student Leader and SRC member across the College who worked so hard throughout 2016 to ensure that the students of our College were well represented and supported.

Jenni Howard, Student Leadership – Student Voice

Special Provision- Applying for VCE Special Exam Arrangements in 2017

Students may be eligible for Special Arrangements for their SACs and external exams if they can demonstrate that their ability to complete their exams has been impaired due to an ongoing severe health issue, a physical impairment or disability. These arrangements can consist of rest breaks, extra writing or reading time, computer use or separate room, depending upon the decision made by a VCAA medical panel.

Students who are interested in applying should now begin to collect any relevant documentation.

A form for those requiring a current medical history or report can be emailed. It is preferable to make an appointment for the beginning of 2017 so that the comments are current.

VCAA's definition for granting arrangements for those with a learning disability need to have an average or above average IQ (over 90), they are looking at a disability and not a learning difficulty. The IQ test should be administered by a registered psychologist during the student's secondary school years. The school can administer a reading test.

For those undertaking a Unit 3/4 subject, medical evidence should be provided at the beginning of 2017. There is an application booklet and there may also be some tests to be completed before the school submits applications to the VCAA by the beginning of March.

Sheryl Burgess

VCE Exam Coordinator/Student Support

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7-10 Sports Recap

It's been a busy year for Sport on the Sandy 7-10 Campus. Students have represented the college in over 30 sports as well as Swimming and Athletics. Not all students ended up with a ribbon or medal, but they all tried their best to achieve a great result for the College.

The Year 7 & 8 Cohorts represented the College every week against schools in the Kingston District, many students learning new skills in a sport they had never before participated in. This term the Year 7 girls were District Kingston runners up in the Handball Comp. and the Year 7 boys were Kingston District runners up for Indoor Bowls, our Year 8 boys were Kingston District Champions for Ultimate Frisbee.



There were many individual achievements over the year as well.

Anna Plessinger – 400M State Champion

Amber Stelling- State Finalist Athletics and Swimming
2nd 50M Breaststroke, 3rd 50M Freestyle and Backstroke

Courtney Stelling- State Finalist Athletics and Swimming,
Pierre De Coubertin Award winner.

Clark Aylward - Kingston District 14 yrs Track and Field
Champion.

And lastly the tremendous performance of the Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team, making the State Finals

The team, Mitchell McCombe, Adam Bevis, Ben Norton, Tom Newton, Cassius Bulner, AJ Broekman, Isaac Hamstead and Eugene Lombardo.

Thank you to all the students representing the College in 2016. Looking forward to seeing everyone participate in the first sporting event for 2017. The Sandringham College Swimming Carnival on February 17th.

Kerri Deegan, 7-10 Sports Coordinator





PGA Tour Australasia Order of Merit

We would like to congratulate Matt Griffin, one of Sandringham College's Sport Academy's Patrons, for recent successes and finishing top of the 'PGA Tour Australasia Order of Merit'. This gets him entry into some more challenging golf tournaments and we looking forward to following his ongoing successes.

For more information about the <http://www.insidegolf.com.au/tag/matthew-griffin/>

Frank McNamara, Academies Leader



Moulin Rouge Dance Showcase

The second Dance showcase for the year at Sandringham College was a huge success.

With the Moulin Rouge theme proving to have an imaginative spin-off of the iconic performance theatre in Paris.

All students should be commended on their endless effort to ensure the success of each and every dance number and their handwork paid off, resulting in spectacular performances.



All student and staff had a lot of fun in the process of putting together this wonderful dance showcase and with the help and support of so many parents, we consider ourselves so very lucky.



Thank you to all the staff who contributed their time to ensuring the show ran smoothly. Now to start planning ideas for the next one...

SEED Musical Theatre

On Monday and Tuesday 10 year 4 students from various different primary schools took part in the SEED Musical Theatre program.

Students participated in singing and dancing workshops on the first day and performed their song and dance to parents in the Sandringham College theatre on day 2.



Grance Hamilton, Dance Academy Coordinator

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