

Principal's Report

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly Term 4 passes. With only a few weeks remaining in the school year, Lilydale Heights College remains a very busy and active place. Much planning is currently being undertaken to ensure that the 2016 school year winds down smoothly and that preparations for the 2017 school year are well in hand.

Learning Focus

Staff at the College have been focussing on literacy and numeracy in the classroom throughout the whole of this year. Teams of teachers have been working on identifying and implementing evidence based strategies which will enhance student learning outcomes. These teams have participated in high level Professional Development activities supported by the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership. The work of these teams forms the foundation for supporting learning in all of our classrooms.

The 2017 school year will see some reorganisation of the structure of the day for students and staff. The College will move to a four period per day / two week timetable structure. This reorganisation will minimise time lost moving between classes and allow more flexibility in subject offerings for students.

eSmart Accreditation

Lilydale Heights College has recently acquired eSmart School accreditation. The eSmart Schools Framework is designed to help schools improve cyber safety and reduce cyber bullying and bullying. eSmart accreditation is given to schools which provide evidence of policies, practices and whole-school change processes that support the creation of a cyber safe or eSmart environment. Congratulations to Mr Terry Payne and the eSmart Committee on all their work.

Victoria Police concerns around harm occurring to young people

We have received information from Victoria Police about local 'pop-up' parties and social gatherings being organised via social media which are unsafe for the young people attending. These parties are being hosted in private homes, abandoned buildings and public halls across south-eastern and eastern Melbourne.

Victoria Police acknowledges that many young people are also attending safe parties but have requested that we pass

COLLEGE CALENDAR 2016

2 December	All library books due!
8 December	College Academic Awards, 7pm
9 December	Final Whole School Assembly for 2016
19 December	Last Day of Term
31 January	First Day of Term 1 2017

Please note: all dates and times are subject to change

on this information regardless.

However, Victoria Police has made a number of recommendations to ensure young people can safely attend local gatherings:

- Talk to your children and be mindful of where they are;
- Be vigilant around monitoring all of your child's social media accounts (consider there may be multiple accounts) and look online at any events your child wants to attend;
- Investigate any party your child is attending, and be satisfied of where your child is and who they are with. If a party location is unknown one or two weeks prior to a party date, this may be of concern.
- Underage alcohol drinking and drug use is not recommended.

Students with any wellbeing concerns or issues are encouraged to speak to our wellbeing team.

If you have any information that may assist police, phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If you are concerned that your child has been the victim of a sexual assault and may require support, please contact Centre Against Sexual Assault on 1800 806 292.

Year 12 Exams and Valedictory

This month saw the final Year 12 exam completed and we formally farewelled our Class of 2016 at the College Valedictory Dinner. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the Year 12 class of 2016 on their contribution to the College and congratulate them on completing their formal education. We wish them every success for the future. Congratulations must also be forwarded to the families, friends and staff who have supported them throughout their journey.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. The College marked this significant day with a minute of silence across the whole school. On a wider community level, Jonathan Burgham and Ruby Moran represented the College at the RSL service held in Lilydale. Our students laid a wreath on behalf of the College community but also on behalf of the Honorable Tony Smith, Member for Casey.

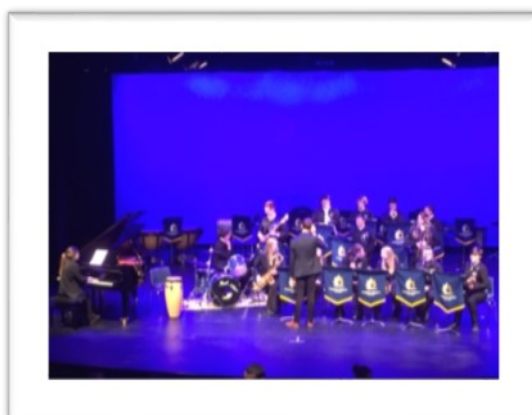


Music Showcase

The highlight of the Instrumental Music Program is the annual End of Year Showcase. This year was no exception. The evening showcased the talent and growth of all of our Instrumental students. Playing to a filled Karralyka Theatre, each ensemble performance was executed perfectly and enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all students involved; your commitment to excellence in musical performances has been outstanding. Well done to Mr Veevers and the Instrumental Team!

Rosina Fotia

Principal



Lilydale Heights receives eSmart accreditation

Lilydale Heights has been recently accredited by eSmart Schools as an eSmart School.

This demonstrates our school's effective management, teaching and commitment to a safe, smart and responsible online environment.

We are eSmart

Our school is proud to announce we are now officially an eSmart school.

Since we first registered with the program, we have introduced many new policies and activities to improve the way our school manages cybersafety, bullying and cyberbullying.

We feel confident our students, staff and the wider school community are now well supported to be smart, safe and responsible users of digital technology.



We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home. If you are aware of any incidents of bullying, cyberbullying or risky online behaviour, please contact the Principal or our eSmart coordinator.



How to report Cyberbullying material

STEP 1: Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service

STEP 2: Collect evidence – copy URLs or take screen shots of the material

IF the content is NOT REMOVED within 48 hours:

STEP 3: Report it to:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/i-want-to-report-cyberbullying>

STEP 4: Block the person and talk to someone you trust

If you are in immediate danger call 000

If you need to talk to someone, visit kidshelpline.com.au or call them on 1800 55 1800 (24/7)

Read more at the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner at: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



Step Ahead

Arrangements for the last three weeks of Term 4, 2016

Week 1

Monday, 5 Dec—Friday, 9 Dec

- Students currently in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be involved in the STEP AHEAD program during which time they will move to their 2017 year level and start the 2017 academic program.
- Please note that Tuesday, 6 December is the whole school (Years 7, 8 and 9) Queen Victoria Market Excursion. Consent Forms are due Friday, 25 November.
- No classes will run at the College on Tuesday, 6 December.
- ALL students will attend the excursion on Tuesday, 6 December, except those involved in the Junior School Production.
- The Canteen will be closed on Tuesday, 6 December.

Week 2

Monday, 12 Dec—Fri, 16 Dec

- The Canteen will be closed. Students are required to bring their own lunch/snacks each day.

Week 3

Monday, 19 Dec—School Yard Blitz Day

- The Canteen will be closed.

Tuesday, 20 Dec

- There will be no formal classes.
- There will be no formal program.
- The Canteen will be closed.
- There will be no bus transportation.
- The office will close at 12.30pm.

Arrangements for the first two weeks of Term 1, 2017

Week 1

- Tuesday, 24 January – Office will be open 8am—4:20pm
- Wednesday, 25 January– Office will be open 8am—4:20pm
- Thursday, 26 January– College closed
- Friday, 27 January– College closed

Week 2

- Monday, 30 January– Office will be open 8am-4:20pm
- **Tuesday, 31 January—Students to arrive at 8:40am. First locker bell at 8:45am.**

Toolangi State Forest Excursion



On 19th October, a group of Sustainable Futures and Outdoor Education students travelled to the Toolangi State Forest to observe the impacts of logging and to go on a couple of walks. On the first of these walks we split up into our class groups and we walked through the rainforest. We walked around and saw the tallest moss in the world and the ancient landscape that would have been like that when the dinosaurs were alive.

To observe the logging everyone walked up to a logging coupe. Nobody expected the landscape to be so destroyed, it was like a bomb had gone off. All the trees were smashed and there was no ground cover except soil. We learned about the stages of logging and the precautions that are needed to be taken with the critically endangered Leadbeater's Possum.

The final part of our day was a "brutal" hike through the bush, it was hard at the start but by the time the terrain had levelled out you were able to take in the sound of the bush and observe the trees and scrub. Some of the trees were dizzyingly high.

On the way back, the bus was very quiet, because everyone had such a great time. This excursion helped us greatly and hopefully takes our projects to another level. Thank you to Mr Chapman, Ms Middlemast and Mrs Rayner for coming on the excursion.

Jamie Elliott, Year 9

Canteen Service

Hours

Lilydale Heights College provides daily canteen service for students, including breakfasts and lunches.

The College Canteen is open from **8.00am** until **2.00pm**, Monday—Friday.

Please note: The Canteen will be closed during the last two weeks of Term 4 and on Tuesday, 6 December.

Rules

Students should be at the Canteen only to purchase food and will not be served during class time, or during the change of periods.

Students are required to behave in an orderly manner at the Canteen.

Find out more about healthy eating tips at the [Better Health Channel website](#).

Year 11 Overnight Hike and Camp

Wow! What a first hiking experience for the Year 11 Outdoor Ed class! We battled rain and wind to complete the two-day hike in the Alpine National Park. The students coped extremely well, hiking for 17km while carrying a full pack on the first day and then an extremely challenging 9km in uncomfortable walking and navigating conditions. They were amazing campers; cooking on trangia stoves, making a fire and camping in small tents during heavy rainfall. I would like to thank them for their resilience and perseverance throughout the experience! I would also like to thank Mr Chapman for accompanying us on the camp and for his valuable support.

Clare Rayner



Junior Production: Shield Maidens

The final dramatic performance for the year is almost upon us! This year's junior production is entitled 'Shield Maidens'. Set in a legendary, Viking past, the play follows the quest of a group of Shield Maidens to rescue bumbling Vikings from Werewolves, a Kraken, Nightmares and Trolls.

The huge cast and crew (there's more than 30 junior school students involved) have been working busily, rehearsing, learning lines and designing the piece under the tutelage of some very skilled Year 9s.

The performance is being held on Tuesday 6th December, in the Performing Arts Centre. The show begins at 6:30pm, and entry is free; just rock up on the night!

It's a fun filled and fantastic way to finish the school year (that, and Awards Night) and we all hope to see you there.

Peter McKenzie



Middle School Outdoor Education – Mountain Bike Sessions

This week, the Middle School Outdoor Ed group donned their helmets for a different task.

We were fortunate enough to have two mountain bike instructors come in and take us through some bike handling skills. During session one, the students rode around and over obstacles, each gradually extending their confidence and, in turn, their mindset. It was fantastic to see the development as we tackled see-saws and the lowest bike limbo ever! During our second session we rode to the skills circuit at Lilydale Lake. Once again the students rode with confidence, listened to instructions carefully and worked very well making the most of their opportunities. I would like to thank the group for their excellent manner and time keeping which made this activity work so well. I would also like to thank the parents for helping the students to get their bicycles to and from school without any issues.



Clare Rayner

Middle School Outdoor Ed Hike and High Ropes Day

Well done to the Middle School Outdoor Ed group! We had a day to develop and extend our knowledge and skills from the classroom. We started off with a hike involving some compass skills up the 1000 Steps and back. All students gave a great effort to complete their challenges. The weather proved fantastic today so we were walking in the sun spotting lyre birds if we were quiet! For the afternoon we made our way to Trees Adventure and high ropes park where the students donned a harness and helmet and made their way around masses of high rope activities. Once again there were no complaints, all conquered the heights to scale the black levels. Well done Group, we move on from this to scramble along the Cathedral Ranges!

Clare Rayner

International students' excursion to Melbourne

Late last month, our international students selected a local student from the College to be their buddy and explore Melbourne. They completed activities, similar to The Amazing Race, that required the students to work with their partner to communicate, plan, navigate and answer questions. The group was enthusiastic and supportive representing the College in an exceptional manner as they conversed with stall holders at the Victorian Market, as part of their learning activity.

It was a terrific opportunity for our students to bolster their confidence in using the English language, get to know our city and work with other terrific students from the College. A similar excursion will be organised at the beginning of next year to provide our students with opportunities to develop stronger ties to the College community, through a buddy program.



Back row, L-R: Patrick Leung, Tash McGrath, Hannah Huang, Grace Du and Jaslyn Ellum.

Front Row, L-R: Daffyd Booth, Nicky Shi, Miya Li, Maneth Houen, Cat D'Couto and LHC Japanese Assistant, Tomomi Matsubayashu.

Kerrie Miller, EAL Teacher/Coordinator

International Students' Excursion to Melbourne continued...

Hannah, Year 10 (China)

I was so happy about the City Excursion. My favourite part was our lunch, which was at the Yam Cha restaurant on Exhibition Street. Maneth, Grace, Tash, Cat and I were so happy with that. And they all want to go there again!! Another part I really enjoyed was the Queen Victoria Market. I have been there four times already, but I still like to go there. Also, I was very happy with my partner, Tash. She is really helpful and a very nice girl. It was a very good activity to enjoy with my local friend.

Jim, Year 10 (China)

A few weeks ago, we went to the city for excursion. Kyle and I went to Queen Victoria Market and Richmond. Kyle didn't know how to get there so he just followed me. We took the tram to Victoria Market at first. We asked a shop owner some questions for our worksheets, then we moved on to Richmond to look around some gardens. We got there by train and tram but we didn't find it, so we asked for help and he said we went in the opposite direction! Ten minutes later, that tram just took us back to the Flinders Street station. We went to Chinese restaurant for lunch, that was delicious. What a lovely day.

Maneth, Year 10 (Cambodia)

I really like our excursion. I really enjoy it. I had a good experience. I used English a lot, on the way with my buddy, Cat. I asked around for information and help. I liked walking around the city with my buddy, but one thing- we didn't go to the right place! When we got there we lost the way because we were not sure about the map. My buddy and I are not used to the city, but it was good to learn.

Maksym, Year 9 (Ukraine)

I think that this excursion gives an opportunity to the students to feel what is great in the city. I think I got enough for a first time experience with my dealing with people, how to deal with different situations, how to find the way to the streets and other places! This excursion was very good, but we ran out of time. However, my buddy Beaudon and I still had fun.

Uniform Shop - Hours and Payment Options

Located near our Reception Desk in the Administration area, the Uniform Shop stocks a full range of Summer, Winter and Sports Uniforms, as well as a selection of quality second-hand items. Our uniform is supplied by [BuxWear](#).

Trading Hours:

Wednesday 12:30pm – 4:00pm

Payment Methods:

Visa, Mastercard, EFTPOS and Cash.
Personal Cheques are not accepted.

Contact Details:

Ph: 9735 2697
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Website: www.lilydaleheights.vic.edu.au

Year 9 Wellbeing

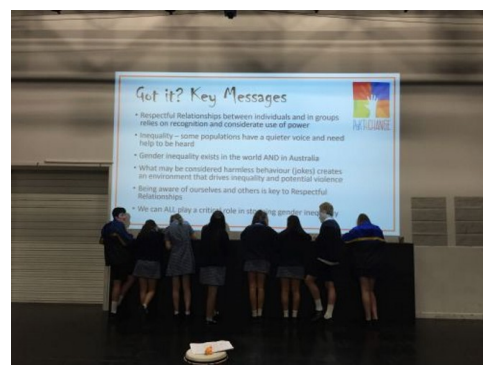
On Tuesday 8th November, the Year 9 students were given the opportunity to participate in a half day Rhythm Rights Respect Workshop. It was delivered by PaKT4Change, a not-for-profit organisation, who deliver treatment and prevention music therapy programs for kids and their families across Australia.

The students were energetic and insightful with their involvement. They talked about issues that face them and different methods to approach these within day to day life.

All students played an instrument and we discussed how some instruments had loud voices and some soft voices just like people in social situations.

Well done to all the Year 9 students involved, the two presenters on the day were thoroughly impressed with the behaviour and engagement from everyone.

Erin Doughty, Year 9 Liaison



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Sun 11th

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