

# THE HEIGHTS

News and Information from Lilydale Heights College

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## Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone. The weather is warming and the festive season will be upon us shortly. The College continues to work at full pace and planning for 2018 is well underway.

### Learning Focus

Year 12 students are heading into the hectic examination period for this school year. Masterclasses have been completed and students are about to enter the SWOT vacation period. Staff made themselves available to students right through the term break and will continue to prioritise feedback to Year 12 students at this time.

The Leadership Team has been interviewing a sample of students regarding their NAPLAN results. The aim of this initiative is to engage students in conversations regarding their learning and to help them to identify areas of growth and focus areas for improvement.

The network has been provided with a unique opportunity for staff to access a workshop delivered by Mary Jean Gallagher. Mary has had a 35-year career as an educator with roles as a Teacher, Principal and System Leader. She was the Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Student Achievement Officer at the Ministry of Education of Ontario. Through this role she led the delivery of the government's student achievement agenda, including elementary and secondary student success, leveraging her passion for student learning and student achievement. Mary's focus will be on the importance of great teaching, how teachers can make a difference, and how every student can learn and progress. In addition to this, Mary will be running a personal workshop for the Leadership team here at the College.

### Year 12 Celebration Day

The final day for Year 12 students was a wonderful day of celebration. Celebration of 13 years of schooling ending for the Lilydale Heights Class of 2017. It began with an early morning breakfast, followed by a whole school assembly, which involved staff, students and parents. Then to the obligatory costume parade and signing of the pole. Well done to this year's cohort on their fun and energy. We wish you luck with the

## **COLLEGE CALENDAR 2017**

1-17 Nov 2017	VCAA Exams
6-10 Nov 2017	Year 11 Exams
7 Nov 2017	Melbourne Cup Day
13-22 Nov 2017	Year 12 Orientation for Year 11s
27 Nov—1 Dec	Middle School Exams
1-6 Dec 2017	Year 11 Orientation for Year 10s

Please note: all dates and times are subject to change

upcoming examination period.



### **Facilities**

Upgrade to the D Block toilets has been completed. These long overdue works have made a significant impact to the facility. The College hopes to use this template as a model for upgrades to other facilities in the College.

Work on the indoor/outdoor garden is progressing slowly. The cover has been installed and some artificial turf has been laid. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of this month. *Continued on following page...* 

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In response to an asbestos audit held late in Term 3, DET has completed an assessment of works that need to be completed in the short term. The scope of this work is extensive and is planned to be completed over the summer break.

### Writer's [C]ramp

This overnight experience offered enthusiastic, talented writers in Years 5, 6 and 7 from the local network of schools with a chance to come together for 24 hours as a writing community. Seven students from Lilydale Heights College attended and undertook a range of writing masterclasses run by experienced writing teachers. Each session focused on a different aspect or device used by strong writers. Writers provided feedback to one another in a safe, creative and supportive context with all participants sharing the same belief that it is cool to be a writer. The end result, the production of a piece of 'flash fiction' presented as a zine. The collection of zines will be duplicated so that schools across the network have access to the writing. Thank you to Robyn English, Principal of Rolling Hills Primary school for her inspiration and thank you to Mr Denny, Ms Serle and Mr McKenzie for their contribution to the [C]ramp's success.





#### **Art Exhibition**

The annual Year 12 Art Exhibition was held at the Chirnside Park Community Centre. This opportunity for senior students to showcase their work was exceptional. The calibre of work was outstanding and a testament to the passion, commitment and dedication of Ms Laura Morley and her cohort. Thanks also to Ms Sue Haylock and her music students for their support and performance at this event.









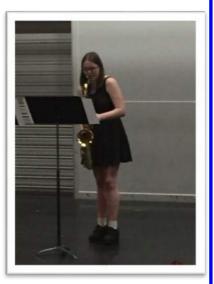


### **VCE Showcase**

The VCE Showcase provided an opportunity for VCE Music, Media and Theatre Studies students to share their major pieces of work with families and friends. Performances, films and monologues were all of an exceptional standard and a credit to all those involved.









### **VCAL Project**

The Year 12 VCAL class also presented their final community development pieces to the middle school recently. These presentations were the culmination of weeks of work in and around our community. The range of projects was extensive and completely student driven. Projects included: working with people with disabilities through SCOPE, delivering pet care sessions to primary schools, raising awareness of the work of the RSCPA and even arranging a Skype session with our sister school. The dedication and commitment displayed by the senior VCAL students was exceptional. Well done to all students and Ms Logan and Ms Byrne for their work in supporting these students.

Congratulations to the Year 11 VCAL group on the official opening of their "History of Lilydale Heights College" research project. Many hours of preparation, referencing, dusting, copying and laughing has gone into this event.





Many thanks to OELLEN for their support and congratulations to Mike Waddell and the VCAL group.

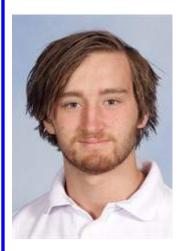
### **Sporting Grant**

Congratulations to Mr Matt Smith who has successfully secured a Sports grant to the value of \$1,750. These funds will be used to enable junior students access to sporting facilities in the surrounding area. This will extend their experiences with and understanding of a range of sports such as tennis and golf.

### Rosina Fotia Principal



# **State Athletics Champion**



Congratulations to Tyler Weeks of Year 11 on his recent athletics success.

Tyler represented the College at the State Schools Championships this week and was extremely successful.

Tyler finished first in the Under 17 Discus and second in Shot Put and Javelin.

Absolutely outstanding Tyler, we wish you every success in the upcoming All Schools Event. Well done!!

## **Eastern Metropolitan Region Athletics**

Congratulations to Rickeylee Brown, Lucy Lamond, Phaelin Senior, Will Spencer, Tyler Weeks, Zane Wheeler and Bridey Withers, who all represented the College and the Yarra Group District in the Region Athletics on Friday, 13 October.

### Results:

- Tyler Weeks 1<sup>st</sup> in U17 Javelin, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Shot Put and Discus
- Will Spencer 3<sup>rd</sup> in U12-13 200m Hurdles
- Zane Wheeler 2<sup>nd</sup> in U15 High Jump
- Rickeylee Brown 3<sup>rd</sup> in U17 Javelin

Tyler will now be competing in the State Athletics Championships on Monday, 23 October. Again, we wish him all the best.

Lilydale Heights College also has a number of teams involved in Eastern Metropolitan Region sports events this term. These events are Intermediate Girls Hockey, Year 7 Boys Table Tennis, Year 7 Girls Hockey and Softball and Year 7 Boys Baseball. Good luck to everyone involved.

# Adventurous Journey

# Our Duke of Edinburgh and Compass Award students complete their first adventurous journey expedition.

We went to the Murrindindi Scenic Reserve where the students had to complete a two-day self-sufficient journey in the natural environments. Our group climbed up and across two waterfalls. They were totally self-sufficient and carried all their gear on their backs. All students coped very well; the walking routes proved extremely demanding. All of our students clearly demonstrated the values of our College, but also the values of the Award Program: team work, support, leadership and resilience; qualities which are essential in order to succeed in these experiences. Well done students:

- Bethany Howland,
- Chloe Sheerman,
- Taylah Anderson,
- Jonah Go,
- Kiandra Mayne,
- Eden Magee and
- Aimee Norris.

Clare Rayner
Duke of Ed Co-ordinator



# Writer's [C]ramp

## A camp for our talented writers

On October 10 and 11, seven of our students joined 45 students from 12 neighbouring primary and secondary schools to participate in a special camp just for writers: Writer's [C]ramp.

Tayla Andersen, Phoebe Collins, Kara Dahman, Kieanna Goodall, Bethany Howland, Isabella Theophanous-Maddison and Bridey Withers were invited to attend from Lilydale Heights. They were chosen from a pool of students that teachers identified as being strong creative writers. They also submitted a creative piece they had written to apply. From the outset, I was impressed with their creativity and writing skills.

The camp, held at Candlebark Farm near Healesville, consisted of a range of skill boosting sessions based on the theme 'Tall Tales in the Trees'. They participated in sessions that included lightening writing activities, creating the setting of a narrative, shaping characters in stories, planning for and writing 'events' in a narrative structure and implementing literary devices into the writing. Throughout, students from all schools worked maturely and collaboratively to give each other meaningful, structured feedback. In the evening, students rested their tired writing hands and participated in a series of word games.

All of the students who attended represented the school in an impressive way, consistently showing our College values of excellence, respect and responsibility.

In the near future, these students will complete the work they started on the camp. Their stories will be published as an anthology, and students will produce a 'Zine' that will be shared throughout the region.

Congratulations to these students! We all look forward to reading your finished products!

### **Bryce Denny**

**Junior School Learning Leader** 

'Writer's [C]ramp was great fun and in my opinion definitely worth it. It was a great opportunity, and I really did improve my writing skills. I'm sure everyone else did as well. The concept of it was fun, the food was great and if it were to be held again I would most definitely wish to attend.'

Kieanna Goodall, 7D

# **Year 11 Outdoor Environment** Studies at Phillip Island

Year 11 Outdoor Environment Studies: analysing impacts to outdoor environments: the balancing of tourism, commercial, recreation and conservation activities.

Well done to our Year 11 group! They developed their knowledge and awareness of the new ecotourism ideals on Philip Island. The Nature Parks work to promote the island and it's wildlife while they are working extremely hard to protect it.

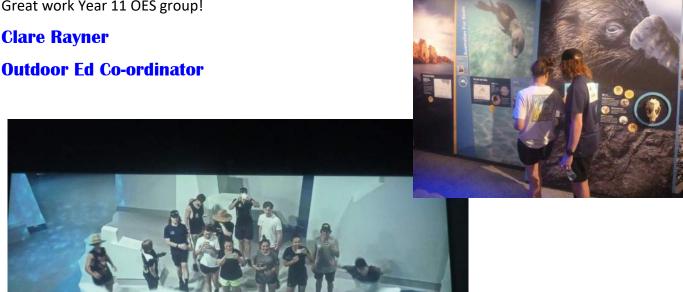
Our students got fully involved in all aspects of camp: working with the Rangers, checking pest traps, developing knowledge of conservation strategies at the Koala Conservation Park, as well as exploring the beaches and participating in some of the Island's popular recreational activities. All students were great, making the most of their learning opportunities and demonstrating the College values. They were self-sufficient eco-warriors.

Great work Year 11 OES group!

**Clare Rayner** 





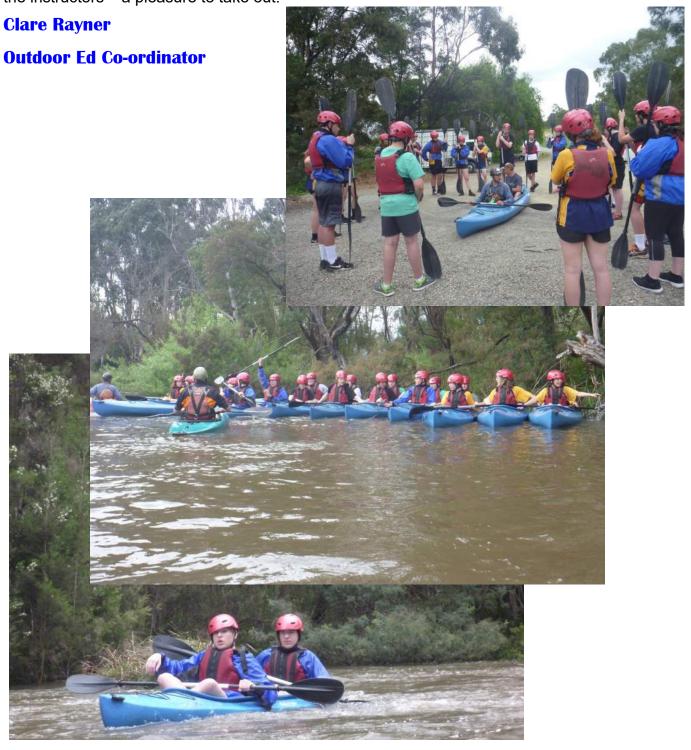


# Middle School Outdoor Ed Kayaking Day

Students had the threat of thunderstorms, 10 - 20 mm of rain and a fast flowing current in the rising Yarra.

We paddled the 8km section of river from Homestead Road to Wittons Reserve featuring some quite substantial rapids that have caught a number of experienced paddlers out.

All students embraced the experience! They listened well to the safety instructions and persevered at developing their skills of steering and paddling, with only a few student capsizing. All had a great day. They were responsible, supportive of each other and extremely respectful to the instructors – a pleasure to take out!



# Let's Drink Green Tea おちゃを のみましょう

Year 8 students enjoying Matcha (green tea) in Japanese class, during the Food & Drink Unit.











# Music News

It has been an exciting time for the Lilydale Heights College Music Department in the last couple of months. As ever, our music students have demonstrated the College values of Excellence, Respect, and Responsibility by engaging in regular performances at many events both on and off campus.

Our students' most recent achievements include their successes at the 2017 Victorian Schools Music Festival, where our College ensembles perform beside schools from across the state. I am thrilled to report that our Intermediate Concert Band received a Silver Award and our Senior Concert Band and Senior Stage Band both received Bronze. These awards are all incredibly well deserved and reflect all of the hard work that our students put in to preparing for their performances.

I would like to congratulate the Senior Stage Band and Mr. Conway on their farewell performance for our visiting sister school, Suzhou Kunshan, from China. It was great to be able to offer our visitors the opportunity to experience the amazing standard of music that is expected of, and delivered by, Lilydale Heights College Musicians.

A fantastic attribute of our Music students is their willingness to support all aspects of our College

community. This attribute was showcased recently by our Guitar Ensemble performing at the grand opening of the VCE Studio Art Show at the Chirnside Park Community Centre. The ensemble had an absolute blast providing lovely music and entertainment for all in attendance. Well done!









# Lilydale Heights College End of Year Showcase



Monday 30th October 2017 7pm

Featuring all College Ensembles

at

Karralyka Theatre Mines Road, Ringwood







Tickets: \$8-00

Please note: Tickets must be purchased through the College office (9735 1133) prior to the event as there will be **no** ticket sales on the night.

## **VCE Studio Art Exhibition**

The annual VCE Studio Art Exhibition was held from 13–17 October at Kimberley Place Community Centre. This year's exhibition showcased the work and folios of eight students and covered a broad range of topics ranging from Grief and Loss, Survival, Shadow of the Colossus, Cross-Over, the Animal Kingdom, an Alter Ego, the Journey of Life, and Family Heritage. The title of the exhibition 'The New Conceptualists' showcased how the idea behind the artwork is the most important thing in the creation of the artwork. The Studio Art students are to be congratulated on working with such strong ideas and concepts throughout the whole year.

We would like to thank Kimberley Place for again supporting our College and our students to showcase their skills and expertise in their final year of study. We would also like to thank Sharon and Annie for providing the food and drinks for the night and to Sue Haylock and the students in the guitar ensemble who provided us with the lovely music for the opening night.

The annual VCE Creative Showcase was held on 18 October and featured work from the talented VCE students across Media, Theatre Studies, Music Investigation and Studio Art. A special thanks to Sharon and Annie from the Foods department for supplying the delicious food. A special thanks to all the students who performed, had their artwork on display or showcased their talented films.



**Laura Morley** 

**Arts Co-ordinator** 

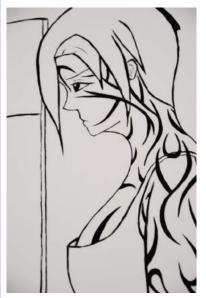












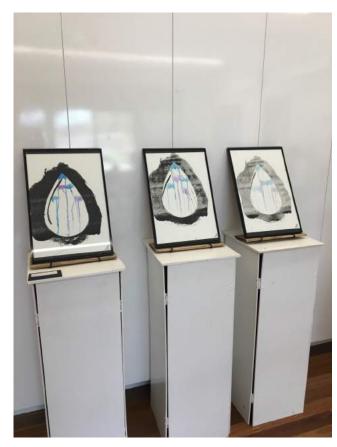








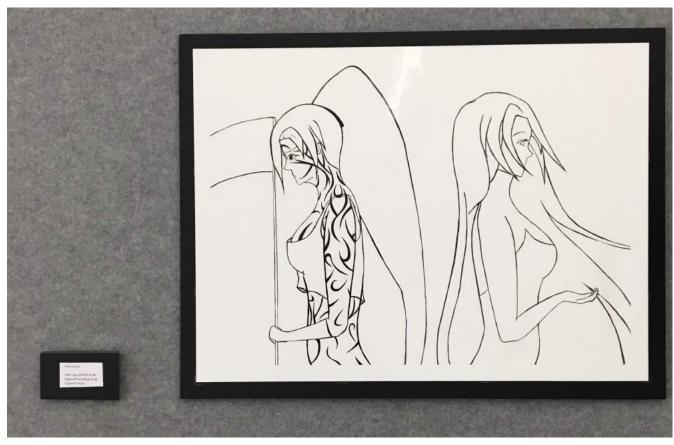


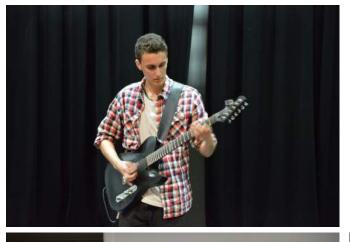






















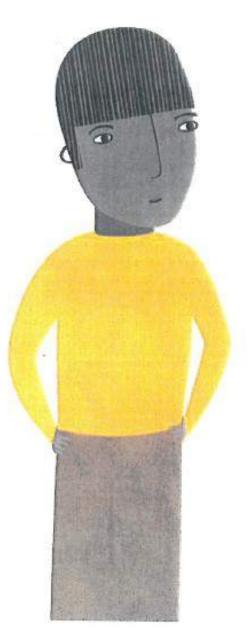




## Feeling Safe: For Secondary School Students

### Get the facts

This fact sheet has been designed to give you the facts about child abuse. It includes advice on what to do if you have been abused, are being abused, or are at risk of being abused. This fact sheet also provides you with advice if you know someone who has been abused, or is at risk of being abused.



### What are your rights?

- Everyone has the right to feel safe and be protected from abuse.
- No one is allowed to threaten you, hurt you, or touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or afraid.
- This includes all adults, other teenagers and children - it includes everyone from family members, coaches, teachers, to friends and strangers.
- Every relationship should be respectful.
- No one should ever involve you in sexual activity. without your consent, and no one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid.
- You don't have to deal with abuse on your own. Talk to a trusted adult. Teachers and other adults at your school can support you to get help.

### What is child abuse?

- Child abuse includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional or psychological harm, neglect, and family violence.
- Child abuse can also include grooming. This is behaviour where an adult tries to establish a relationship or other emotional connection with a child, to prepare them for a sexual relationship.
- Child abuse does not have to involve physical contact or force. It can include:
  - controlling a child through threats
  - a exposing a child to sexual material and sexual acts
- exposing a child to family violence.
- Child abuse can be perpetrated by any member of a community or a family member. Abuse can impact anyone and it is never the victim's fault.

For more information on sexual abuse and sexual assault visit Youth Central:

http://www.youth-central.vic.gov.au/lmow-yourrights/sexual-assault.

## What should I do if I have been abused or I feel unsafe?

- You should talk to an adult you trust.
- If you have been abused, or feel unsafe or threatened in any way you don't have to deal with this on your own.
- Abuse is never your fault and you should tell a trusted adult so you can get the help and support you need to feel safe and protected. Talking to someone won't get you in trouble.
- You can tell a teacher or any adult at your school.
   They will be able to help you.

## What should I do if I think someone I know has been abused or is unsafe?

- You should talk to an adult you trust. Any staff member at your school will be able to help.
- You can also help your friend by encouraging them to tell a trusted adult.

## What if my friend doesn't want to tell an adult?

- You should still tell an adult you trust on your friend's behalf.
- Even if your friend has specifically asked you not to tell an adult, you still should. It is more important to make sure that your friend is helped and feels protected.



# What will happen if I tell an adult at the school that I feel unsafe, or that I know someone who is unsafe?

- You will be helped.
- Teachers and other adults at your school must listen to your concerns and help you.
- The information will not be shared with the person who is making you feel unsafe.
- Information will only be shared with people who can support and protect you.
- In some cases the people helping you are required by law to tell the police, the Department of Health and Human Services' Child Protection services and/or your family to prevent any further abuse, or risk of abuse.

## What if I don't feel like I can talk to anyone at my school?

- You should still find a trusted adult to talk to.
- Abuse or feeling uncomfortable is too big to deal with on your own.

### There are many people who can support you to feel safe and protected. You can:

 contact eHeadispace for advice online visit: www.eheadispace.org.au/

### Call 1800 650 890

- contact KidsHelp Line: https://iodshelpline.com au/teens/ (24 hour web chat) Call 1800 55 1800
- Call or visit your local police station or call 000.
- Talk to your doctor, psychologist, social worker, welfare officer, or another trusted adult.

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### MOOROOLBARK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB **REGISTRATION DAY 2018**

Registrations accepted for players **Boys Teams** 

Under 8\*, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17's \*a player can turn 7 before 30th April 2011 to be eligible to play U8's

Girls Teams

Under 12, 14, 16 and 18's

DATE: Sunday 12th November 2017 TIME: 10:00am - 1:00pm VENUE: MFC - Heights Reserve Longfellow Avenue, Mooroolbark

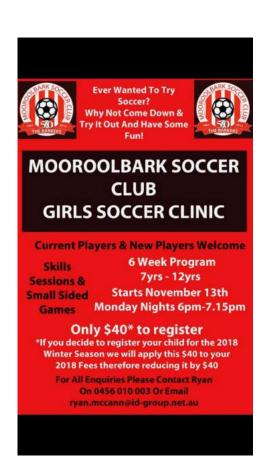
All registration information is available on our website www.mooroolbarkfc.com.au If you have any queries regarding registration for 2018 please contact Mick Kist (President) 0409 460 499 or Tina Danisch (Registrar) tina.danisch@gmail.com

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