

Principal's Report

The business end of the year is upon us with final assessments and examinations being completed by students in many levels across the College.

Learning Focus

As a part of the FISO initiative on improving writing in secondary schools, Lara Serle has hosted Yarra Hills SC, Heathmont SC and Bayswater SC in a walk through. The focus was to identify areas where Writing to Learn strategies are being used and where they could be used. This impartial information provides us with constructive feedback regarding our local initiatives and how we can further improve educational outcomes for our students.

Dr Finkel AO, Australia's lead scientist, recently visited the Yarra Ranges Tech site. He is currently heading a federal government program aimed at increasing student participation in STEM. He was very impressed with the YRTS program and is keen to find out more and perhaps use the model at a national level.

Senior School students are in the middle of their current examination period. This finishes shortly and students from the current Year 11 cohort will undertake two weeks of their Year 12 studies in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Thank you to staff who have volunteered their time to support Middle School students with extra lunch time study sessions in support of their preparation for the examination period.

Respectful Relationships

Respectful Relationships is about tackling family violence through education. As part of a staged process, all Victorian schools will be supported to implement a whole school approach. This will include looking at schools' practices and policies relating to gender and driving meaningful cultural change. Lilydale Heights College began its journey with two hours of professional

COLLEGE CALENDAR 2017

1-6 Dec 2017	Year 11 Orientation for Year 10s
6-8 Dec 2017	Year 8 Howqua Camp
11 Dec 2017	Awards Evening, 7pm-9pm Years 7-11
11-15 Dec 2017	Step Ahead Program
15 Dec 2017	Final Assembly
18-21 Dec 2017	Activities
22 Dec 2017	General Office closes at 11am.
30 Jan 2018	First day of Term 1

Please note: all dates and times are subject to change

development with all staff this month. This included a basic audit of curriculum and posters etc in each learning area. Commitment to this program will continue to build a culture of respect and equality in our schools - as learning places and as workplaces that achieve long-term change in the community.

Music Showcase

A highlight of the College music calendar is the amazing End of Year Showcase. Once again, this year was no exception with outstanding contributions from nine different ensembles. This included Year 7 and 8C. Congratulations to all involved and a huge thank you to the dedicated students who have put many hours of rehearsal into this final performance of the school year. Well done to Mr Barker and the Instrumental Music team for all their work.

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State Sporting Achievements

There have been outstanding performances from two Lilydale Heights College students who competed at the Athletics Victoria All Schools Championships this month. This competition is open to all public and private school students across Victoria and is very competitive. Our two representatives both won medals; **Tyler Weeks** won gold in the U18 Discus and qualifies to represent Victoria at the Australian All Schools Championships in Adelaide and **Zane Wheeler** won silver in the U17 High Jump in a competitive field of nine, with a PB of 1.87m. Zane has been selected to represent Victoria in the Athletics Australia's Junior Championships in Sydney next year.

For a small government school to have two medallists at a state wide event is a massive achievement! There are many large schools with athlete development programs and top notch facilities that failed to bring the same proportion of medals. Congratulations to both boys!!!!



Welcome BBQ

On Saturday November 18, the College welcomed its 2018 Year 7 cohort and their families with a welcoming BBQ. The event, held at the College, was an opportunity parents, students and staff to come together and begin to develop relationships. These relationships are designed to focus on supporting the children through the next six years of their school journey.

Thank you to Mr Denny and the transition team for their work and to all staff who supported this initiative.

Rosina Fotia

Principal



Year 7 Japanese

カップヌードルをたべましょう！

Year 7 students have been studying food and drink in Japanese this term. Recently they had the opportunity in class to learn how to use chopsticks and apply their conversational language skills whilst eating cup noodles (which originated in Japan not China – there is some debate about this!).

おいしい！ かわいい！

Kerry Barrett

Languages Co-ordinator





Japanese Celebration Assembly

りゅうい：七ねんせい、八ねんせい、げんごのはっけん、せいかつの
ためのげんご の かぞく と ともだち

Attention: Year 7, Year 8, Language Discovery and Languages for Life students'
family and friends

わたしたちは 2017ねん にほんごがくしゅう だいいかいめ の
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*We would like to invite you to our inaugural celebration of
Japanese language learning in 2017*

ひづけ：十二がつ五にち

Date: Tuesday 5th December

じかん：10:05-11:20 2じかんめ

Time: 10:05-11:20 Period 2

ばしょ：PAC パフォーミング アート センター

Place: PAC (performing Art Centre)

へんじ：十二がつ一にち

RSVP: Friday 1st December

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Japanese morning tea provided





**OTA DAIICHI HIGH SCHOOL VISITS
LILYDALE HEIGHTS COLLEGE
9th – 20th March 2018**

Expression of Interest to become a Host Family

We are seeking expressions of interest from families from Lilydale Heights College to become a host family to students from our Japanese sister school Ota Daiichi High School. Students will arrive on 9th March 2018 and depart on 20th March 2018.

Host families will need to provide appropriate accommodation and meals to billets. Previous host families have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of hosting and this will be a wonderful opportunity for your family. There will be a small donation from the College to assist towards your costs.

If you are able to assist, please indicate your availability below and return the reply slip to the General Office by **Tuesday 5th December 2017** or email lilydale.heights.co@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Kerry Barrett on 9735 1133.

Regards

Isabella Phillips
Assistant Principal

**REPLY SLIP – OTA DAIICHI HIGH SCHOOL
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BE A HOST FAMILY**

Yes, I can assist in hosting a student from Ota Daiichi High School.

Student Name: Form:

Parent Name: Contact No:

Preference : Boy Girl Either
1 student 2 students

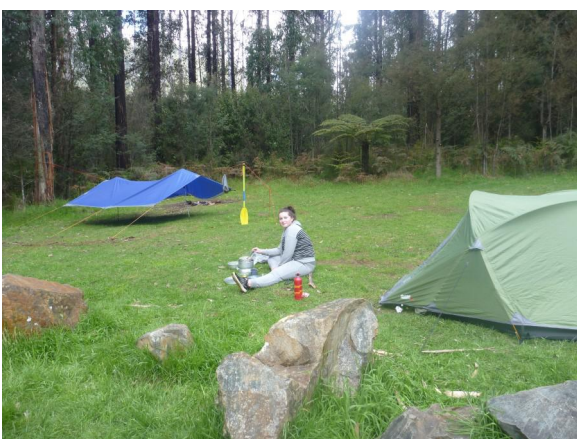
Compass Award & Duke of Edinburgh Final Exploration to Marysville!

An overnight camp and hike for the first time is always a massive achievement and no easy feat. The students were amazing: The way they worked as a team, coping with navigation problems as well as difficult terrain whilst walking, and low temperatures throughout the night. There were no complaints during the whole experience. The students were excellent, respectful of each other and genuinely responsible to every member of the group, animals and other citizens.

In a student's words, "The best part of the experience was everyone working together in a happy group and the worst part was struggling to sleep in the cold." The students' work totally embraces the ethic of the Compass and Duke of Edinburgh award program. They were a pleasure to take away and work with over the weekend. Once they complete their award booklets, etc., I hope they will take time to consider taking the next level of the award next year. Well done students and a big thank you to Mr Chapman for his support.

Clare Rayner

Duke of Ed Co-ordinator



7C Success!

On Monday 13th November, the 7C Class Band embarked on a daring adventure into the unknown. For their first ever performance outside of whole-school events, the band set out to perform to an audience full of strangers at the 2017 Victorian Schools Music Festival. It was a very early start for 7C as they arrived at the PAC at 7:30am but there were no complaints that morning – everyone was excited to get going and enjoy the day ahead. Travelling from Lilydale to Federation Square in Melbourne was not without its challenges, as we managed to miss our train, causing us to deviate somewhat from our schedule for the day. Luckily, we still made it to the city with plenty of time and when the band took the stage, it was clear to all that they had brought their A game. The students gained many learning opportunities throughout the day, including a practical activity on time management, the experience of performing in a new venue for an unfamiliar audience, an incredibly valuable tutorial lead by an internationally renowned educator of young concert bands, and the incredible feeling of achievement that comes with it all (especially the shiny plaque!) Special thanks to Ms Haylock for coming with us and supporting us on our fantastic excursion. Once again, our students' behaviour was exemplary and they performed like absolute champions. I could not be more proud of what these students have achieved in just nine months of playing together. Well done 7C!

Tyson Barker
Music Co-ordinator

Sports

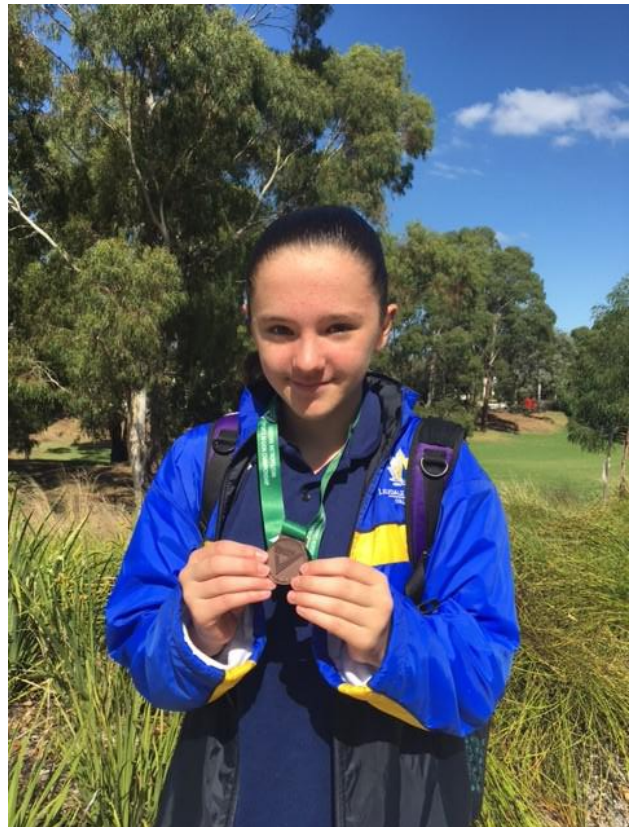
Lilydale Heights College is part of the Yarra Group Division for Interschool Sports. Students can elect or be selected to represent the College in a variety of sports played against eight other schools in this region.

We have had successes this year with the following teams winning the Yarra Group Division events and thus competing in the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) events:

- Year 7 Baseball
- Year 7 Softball
- Year 7 Girls Hockey
- Year 7 Boys Table Tennis
- Intermediate Girls Hockey
- Senior Girls Tennis
- Senior Girls Badminton

Students who were successful in our whole-school Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country carnivals were also able to represent the College in the Yarra Group carnivals and, if successful in these, represented the Yarra Group at the Eastern Metropolitan Region carnivals.

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Students representing the College and the Yarra Group at EMR events included:

Swimming representatives:

- Bella Theophanous-Maddison
- Maisie Hennessy

Bella came first in six events at the Yarra Group Competition and became the Girls U13 Age Group Champion.

Cross Country representatives:

- Josh Amiet
- Liam Barry
- Tammarah Brown
- Seb Dickson
- Jordy Thomas
- Campell Wyss

Athletics representatives:

- Rickeylee Brown
- Lucy Lamond
- Phaelin Senior
- Will Spencer
- Tyler Weeks
- Zane Wheeler
- Bridey Withers
- Cambell Wyss

Tyler won his Discus event and Zane his High Jump to both compete at the All Schools Victorian Athletics Championship. Tyler won this also and is now going to the Nationals in Adelaide in December.

Well done to ALL students who participated in the Sports program in 2017.

We also farewell our Year 12 Sports Captains for 2017 and wish them well on their endeavours:

- Georgie Haynes
- Kiara Bax
- Rachel Theobald
- Aden Stares
- Tammarah Brown
- Jett Buller
- Janvi Beri
- Adam Cowie



Careers

Year 12 VTAC Applications

A busy time was had at the end of Term 3, finalizing the university and TAFE options of Year 12 students. Most students made an application for further study. Those who didn't can still apply; it will just cost you more. **PAYMENTS should be made ASAP.** If you leave the payment too late, you won't receive your ATAR and you will have to pay more money. **Universities have their change of preference information sessions** after results are released, so make the most of their experts.

Careers Co-ordinator, Ms Byrne, is available for Year 12 students until the end of the year; after exams and before they receive their ATAR and, of course, once it's been released. Please email her, phone the school or pop in. Ms Byrne is at school Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Applying For a Teaching Course in 2018?

Any student who is applying or intending to apply for an Education/Teaching course in 2018 **MUST** take a CASPER test. The below dates are the most suitable for students before results are released.

27 November, 2017 (Monday)	12pm AEDT (9am AWST)
27 November, 2017 (Monday)	8pm AEDT (5pm AWST)
29 November, 2017 (Wednesday)	12pm AEDT (9am AWST)
29 November, 2017 (Wednesday)	8pm AEDT (5pm AWST)

Please go to the website for more details.

<https://takecasper.com/>

Year 10 Work Experience 2018: Monday, 14 May to Friday, 19 May

Work experience is during Week 4 in Term 2 so it would be a great idea to use the rest of this year and the school holidays to try and lock something in. Thanks to Eden Magee who has returned her form and locked in a position at a law firm, well done! If you are able to secure work experience outside these dates, that is no problem at all, but, also lock something in for work experience week otherwise you are required at school. Please find the link to the form that needs to be filled in and signed by the employer, parent and teacher **before** Mrs Fotia signs it.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/teachers/teachingresources/careers/work/WEarrangefrmamended.pdf>

VET in Schools First Year Students

All students who are starting a VET/TAFE course next year will have their Orientation Day on Wednesday, 6 December. More details will arrive closer to the date.

LEAP Incursion Year 7 and 8 Students

The LEAP team (Learn, Experience, Access Professions) came into the school to deliver workshops to Year 8 students and a performance, based on pathways after school, to all Year 7 and 8 students. These sessions provoke students into considering careers and options they may never have considered.

WOW Careers Visit

World of Work came into Year 9 SELF classes to show students the technology that is being used in the workplace and options for studying VET programs. Students were fascinated with the technology available, especially the robot. Again, further discussions can be had about the possibilities available to students these days, post school.

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