4th March 2016
Principal’s Message

Dear Parents / Guardians,

“This is our Presentation…….”

These last few weeks our College showcased the wonderful learning environment we offer through the number of whole school events held. Our Year 7 Welcome BBQ was another opportunity to meet our new families in an informal, communal setting, ensuring that we are building on the strong relationships which underpin the basis of positive partnerships. The many learning and co-curricular activities offered at the College were evident in the displays and presentations on Open Day. We clearly presented and articulated our vision of a holistic education and our commitment to continuous improvement and achieving academic success. We were also blessed with great weather for our swimming sports this Friday at the Prahran pool.

I was privileged to attend my first Music Festival, by all accounts the best one yet. I was asked to describe my experience in one word; it came easily...“awesome.” I was in awe at the passion, commitment, effort and creativity of our students. As always, my staff supported these girls with pride and enthusiasm. I was in awe of the opportunity we offer our girls to perform at Hamer Hall, a renowned world class entertainment venue graced by famous celebrities and artists. I’m sure that in the future and for many years to come, our girls will say with pride to their children, “I performed there, at that famous venue, when I was a student at PCW Melbourne.” On a night like this, all Music Captains and students are to be congratulated on their stellar performances; I would also like to congratulate our International students whose moving dance was another highlight of the evening. Particular congratulations to the winning House, Loyola; their piece chosen for Variety was a poignant tribute to the story and contribution of women in our society. Photos will be highlighted in the next edition of the Lantern.

The theme of the 2016 International Women’s Day Campaign to achieve gender parity is very much in line with the vision of our College and what we want for our PCW Melbourne girls in the future. Worldwide, women continue to contribute to social, economic, cultural and political achievement. Next Friday we celebrate IWD with the annual Year 12 lunch. Each year we invite prominent women in our College community and former students to reflect with our girls over a shared lunch. We ask our guests to speak about their memories of their school days, their educational journeys since leaving school and future directions. Our guests this year will be Associate Professor, Regina Cramer, Associate Director of the Defence Science Institute; and Chloe Tomazi, who graduated from PCW Melbourne in 2007. We look forward to hearing from them.

Kind regards,

Filina Virgato
Principal
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Today we gather in solidarity with women all over the world. We join with one another in the Spirit of Mary and Nano Nagle as we pray for peace and justice in the world.

We are those valiant women giving leadership, contributing to our community, working for change at all levels of society, crying for justice and mercy.

Let our prayer rise before you creator God of all peoples and nations.
May your grace fill the world
Sanctify the work of our hands
Bring forth the reign of your justice and mercy.

Let us go forth confirmed and strengthened in our vision and sustained in these challenging times.

Give us the strength to transform the compassion of our hearts into action so we may, like Mary, Nano and the Presentation Sisters who have gone before us, be salt of the earth and light of the world.
# Upcoming Events

## Week Beginning Monday 7th March
- **Monday 7th March**: Grade 6 Interviews (4.00 pm—9.00 pm)
- **Tuesday 8th March**: Finance Meeting (5.30 pm)
- **Tuesday 8th March**: Board Meeting (7.00 pm)
- **Wednesday 9th March**: Assembly (Dux & High Achievers)
- **Thursday 10th March**: Grade 6 interviews (4.00 pm - 9.00 pm)
- **Thursday 10th March**: SCVA Tennis
- **Friday 11th March**: VCAL Camp

## Week Beginning Monday 14th March
- **Monday 14th March**: Labour Day Holiday
- **Tuesday 15th March**: Parent Association Meeting (7.30 pm)
- **Thursday 17th March**: SCVA Swimming
- **Friday 18th March**: Year 12 Classes at PCW finish at 1.00 pm
- **Friday 18th March**: Year 12 Formal

## Week Beginning Monday 21st March
- **Tuesday 22nd March**: Year 7-12 Student Progress Interviews
  Students conclude at 1.00 pm on this day
- **Wednesday 23rd March**: Year 7—12 Student Progress Interviews
  Years 7—9 conclude at 1.00 pm
  Years 10—12 conclude at 12.45 pm
- **Thursday 24th March**: Last Day of Term 1
  Students conclude at 1.00 pm
- **Friday 25th March**: Good Friday

## Week Beginning Monday 28th March
- **Monday 28th March**: Easter Monday

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**Term 2 Commencement Dates:**
- **Monday 11th April**: Staff PD Day
- **Tuesday 12th April**: Start of Term 2—All students commence
Scholarships

PCW Melbourne will again be offering Scholarships for 2017. The following scholarships will be offered:

- The Nano Nagle Scholarship (for a student entering Year 12)
- The PCW Melbourne Young Achiever Award (for a student entering Year 11)
- The Seven Sisters Dreaming Indigenous Scholarship (for a current student or student entering Year 7)
- The Ruby Tout Academic Scholarship (for students entering Years 7, 9 & 11)
- Music Scholarship (for students entering Years 7 and 9)
- Community Scholarship (for students entering Years 7, 9 & 11)

All details, including application forms can be found on the College website: http://www.pcw.vic.edu.au/Enrolment/Scholarships.aspx

Applications for all scholarships will close on:

- Year 7: Friday March 18, 2016
- Year 8—11 (& Seven Sisters Dreaming): Friday June 17, 2016

If you need further information or clarification please contact Trish Chester (Principal’s PA) on 8517.2704 or office@pcw.vic.edu.au

Parents Dropping Off / Picking Up Students

We respectfully ask parents/guardians to take extra care when dropping off your daughter in the morning or picking them up after school. PCW Melbourne has enjoyed a very harmonious relationship with our neighbours in Hornby Street but some are concerned that parents are just stopping in the middle of the road to drop girls off. This practice is unsafe and illegal.

Dandenong Road is also a busy and often congested road and parents are advised to drop their daughters off or pick them up from further along the road to avoid dangerous situations with bikes and cars.

Parents should NEVER drive into the College and park on College grounds unless a previous arrangement has been made. Please do not park in Disabled or No Parking spaces.

These guidelines will assist us in keeping your daughter safe in the College grounds.

Thank you for your support.

Antonella Rosati
Deputy Principal, Students
Canteen Specials

**Week Commencing Monday, 7 March**
**MUDDIN:**  Strawberry & Cream Cheese
**SALAD:**  Mexican Slaw

**Week Commencing Monday, 14 March**
**MUDDIN:**  Marble
**SALAD:**  German Potato

**Week Commencing Monday, 21 March**
**MUDDIN:**  Chef’s Choice
**SALAD:**  Chef’s Choice

Students can place LUNCH ORDERS before school and at recess. They can pick up their orders at the back door and avoid lining up with the crowds at lunchtime.

**Breakfast**
The Canteen is open for breakfast every morning from 7.45 am until 8.20 am

The following is available for $1.00:
2 x slices of toast—butter, jams, vegemite and juice
Cereal & Juice or Yoghurt & Juice

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**Canteen Assistance**
The College Canteen is looking for Parent Volunteers to assist between 9.30 am and 2.00 pm. Duties involved would be serving, some food preparation and light cleaning. If you think you are available to assist (even a couple of days a term) this would be appreciated. All volunteers would be required to have a Working With Children check. If you think you might be able to assist could you please contact Trish Chester on 85172704 or office@pcw.vic.edu.au
Thank you for supporting this great new initiative. Your positive feedback has been very encouraging. All parents should now have set up a profile for each daughter at PCW Melbourne. Only one parent/carer can be linked to CareMonkey. It is essential that any changes to your email address are reported ASAP so that communication can be maintained.

We are hoping to send all permission forms via CareMonkey this year so please respond to requests for permission as soon as you can.

If you are having trouble with CareMonkey in regards to logging in or uploading information, you can contact them directly. See below. Once again, thank you for your support with this. We are certain that it will facilitate communication in regards to permissions for all involved.

CareMonkey Tip

Some parents have reported that they are not receiving emails from the CareMonkey system. The following two scenarios are the most common reasons we are seeing and what you can do to fix things...

**Emails are going to your Junk/Spam folder**

This has happened for a few people. Most email systems have such a folder. Look for it and see if there are any CareMonkey emails in there. For example, gmail has a folder called “Junk E-mail”. Your system should allow you to mark such emails as not spam.

**Some other parent/guardian is getting the emails**

We are only able to nominate one contact email address during setup. You can contact us to check which email account is set for the system. We may be able to change this if you ask – but, it depends. If the student has no profile (no parent/guardian has created an account), then we can change the email address for you and re-send the emails. If someone has already created a profile, then only they can change the email for that account.

For general help with CareMonkey, click on the “Support Chat” icon in the lower-right of your CareMonkey screen and CareMonkey technical help will answer any questions.
School Sores

Please find below a letter which was sent home to all Year 7 and 8 parents recently. It is important that all read this letter and make themselves aware of School Sores.

Thursday, March 03, 2016

Dear Parent,

Two students in Year 8 have recently been diagnosed with impetigo, more commonly known as school sores. Impetigo is a contagious, superficial skin infection seen mainly in children, but it may occur at any age. This is not a cause for serious concern, as your child may not be affected, however, it is contagious.

In order to determine whether your child has been affected we suggest that you look for the following clinical features or signs that would indicate the presence of school sores and contact your doctor immediately:

- The infection may present with mildly irritating blisters that become pustular (contain pus) and erode rapidly, leaving a honey-coloured crust
- It often appears around the nose and mouth
- Local lymph nodes may be enlarged, and the affected child may occasionally be acutely ill.

If you notice any of the above signs or if you require any further information after visiting the following link, https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/disease-information-advice/impetigo-school-sores

please contact your general practitioner. School sores are commonly treated with antibiotics. Any student with school sores must remain at home until treatment has commenced and clearance from a doctor to return to school is given. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing.

Yours sincerely,

Antonella Rosati

Ms Antonella Rosati
Deputy Principal, Students
Welcome Ceremony (Cross Campus)

On the 18th of February, PCW Melbourne hosted this long-standing event that celebrates the relationship between CBC St. Kilda and PCW Melbourne as one learning community. A bridge is the central symbol on the PCWM/CBC badge that students who study across the road receive. Students in Years 10 – 12 involved in cross campus studies were invited to the event.

This year’s ceremony was particularly significant as Ms Virgato addressed the boys for the first time as College Principal. She challenged all students to aim high and to challenge themselves to do their very best. We also welcomed Mr Bain-King, Principal, CBC and Mr Michael Ilott, Deputy Principal, CBC.

Antonella Rosati
Deputy Principal, Students

Parent Association

Second Meeting: Tuesday 15th March
7.30 pm in the Staff Lunchroom

The PCW Parent Association work hard to encourage social interaction among parents so that they develop a sense of belonging to the school community. All parents are invited to be a part of the Association and come along to monthly meetings or be involved with activities. All meetings will be advertised in the Lantern—College E-Newsletter and dates are also available on the school calendar, published on the school website: www.pcw.vic.edu.au

Once a month the Parent Association meets—hearing from the Principal and other members of the Leadership Team and Faculty Heads. This unique interaction between the Leadership, Staff and Parents is an opportunity to hear firsthand about developments around PCW and to provide timely feedback to the school from parents.

Guest Speaker: Ms Di Braiden
Year 9 Coordinator
Music Festival: Winners for 2016

Overall winner: Loyola
Choir: Loyola
Instrumental: Nagle
Variety: Xavier
Most Organised House: Xavier
Costumes: Kostka
Media: Nagle
Conductor: Kaija Melkis (Nagle)
Principal’s Award: Bessie Joseph and Katerina Georgopoulos

Music Festival: Captain’s Speech

Tonight you have witnessed the pure definition of team work, of family. Here at PCW Melbourne young women are educated far beyond the walls of the classrooms. It is in events like Music Festival where the girls feel supported by one another that they can then reach outside of their comfort zones; as it is only outside of this ‘comfort zone’ where they can reach their full potential together as a team.

After seeing tonight’s show it will probably be very hard for you as an audience to understand just how every single PCW Melbourne student can sing and dance, as not every girl is a singer or a dancer. But more importantly than that, how is it that every girl has the confidence to perform on such a prestigious stage like Hamer Hall and to do so in front of so many people? It is because we are one big family, we support each other, we care for each other, and we love each other.

I truly believe that our school is unlike any other. There are no social expectations of who you can or can’t be. This is why our girls flourish in an event like Music Festival because we aren’t afraid to express ourselves and that’s what Music is to me.

Music festival is the collaboration of creative minds, strong visions and hard work. Tonight you have all bared witness to the final presentation but it is prior to this where true leadership lies.
Music Festival: Captain’s Speech (cont.)

It is not just the Music Captains who work day in and day out on producing the best show they can and providing their House with a joyous experience, but it is also the girls within that team that take the extra step to ensure that their performance is unlike any other as we are all leaders together.

From slaving over costumes, to preparing the multimedia, learning to conduct or even simply lending a helping hand, every single girl steps up to the plate. Music Festival is not a compulsory event, yet almost every single girl participates and plays an active role in making the show possible.

Though tonight’s performances were created by the students these creative visions would not have been made possible without the support and guidance from Teachers, Parents and the Hamer Hall staff.

I would first of all like to thank our new Principal Ms Filina Virgato for supporting this long held tradition and the Music Captains, our Deputy Principal Students, Ms Rosati, and our Deputy Principal Staff, Ms McGurn for their ongoing support and for helping the Captains to remain faithful in themselves and within their creative visions. Special thanks to the Head of Performing Arts Mr Williamson - thank you for supporting the Captains and helping them to achieve the dreams they have held in their hearts since they were little Year 7s, and for your words of wisdom and professional advice that lifted all of our performances. Thanks to the Heads of House who have constantly supported their Music Captains and guided them through some minor mental break downs.

Thank you also to the outstanding teachers and staff, including the backstage crew Mr Williamson, Mr Godbold and Mr Denny, AV director Mr Godyn, back stage Director Ms Lane and vocal coach Ms Katrina Waters, and of course our amazing MCs for the night Ms Galli and Mr Wall.

It goes without saying that tonight’s choir performances would not have sounded as incredible if it wasn’t for the always fabulous accompaniment of Ms Sara Calia and Ms Renata Ishakbaev. To the Hamer Hall staff, I cannot express to you how truly grateful we all are to be able to present our musical visions in such an amazing space like this, it really is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

I would like to make a special mention to all of the parents here tonight that supported their daughters throughout this experience. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for seeing the sparkle of joy and confidence your daughters have in their eyes when they perform and because of this providing them with the extra support they need to make tonight possible.

And finally to the Year 12s…. over the years I know you have all inspired me so much throughout your efforts in Music Festival; through this you have taught me about the true meaning of friendship. I think we can all agree that as this is our last one that we will forever remember what it feels like to participate in the magic that is Music Festival.

Music Festival isn’t just some normal high school event; it is a celebration of the unity we share and the magic that happens when we allow ourselves to step outside our comfort zones and achieve something truly awe inspiring together.

Thank you.

Bianca Coppa
School Music Captain
Loyola Music Captain
Year 7 Report

We have had some significant events on our calendar recently and the Year 7 students have been enthusiastically involved. Our first major event for the year was the Year 7 Welcome BBQ and Information Night. The 7 Blue home-room girls hosted the evening with poise and confidence. Parents were able to meet homeroom teachers, meet other parents over a BBQ dinner prepared by the Parents Association, watch the girls sing the school song so beautifully and listen to a series of speakers discuss issues directly related to our Year 7 students.
Year 7 Report

Year 7 Guides on Open Day
Many of the Year 7 girls volunteered to be guides for our Open Day. They wore their school uniforms with pride and the manner in which they escorted visitors around the school revealed how well they have settled into the PCW Melbourne Community.

Music Festival
Music Festival at Hamer Hall was the culmination of hours of rehearsals and a lot of fun. Friendships were forged across the year levels and the Year 7 girls were able to take part in a range of activities. This event gave our girls the opportunity to witness strong student leadership and served to inspire them to serve in leadership positions within the school community. I am very proud of them.
Year 7 Report (Cont.)
Open Day: Sunday 28 February, 2016

Let it not be said that scones are the biggest attraction on the annual PCW Melbourne Open Day! This year, they were rivalled and surpassed by our new Principal, Ms Filina Virgato, who captivated audiences as she spoke of her vision for the College.

After being greeted and registered, visitors were then entrusted to the care of our Student Guides. Over 100 girls willingly gave their time on Sunday afternoon to escort visitors on a guided tour of the College. They were admirable ambassadors, representing their school with genuine pride and affection.

That afternoon, guests were introduced to the College Principal and Psychologist; were entertained by musical ensembles and solo performers; enlightened about our Global education and future career pathways for students; enthralled and repelled by bugs and skulls; and impressed by student work across all faculties—and these were only some of the attractions of the day.

We thank the dedicated staff and students, whose on-going commitment to excellence ensured that PCW Open Day was a success and a credit to all.

Marie Rimpas
Coordinator, Open Day
Year 9 Writing Workshop with Cath Crowley

Melbourne author Cath Crowley spent the day at PCW Melbourne on Tuesday 22nd February, running writing workshops with all of our Year 9 students. Cath is the author of several novels, including ‘Graffiti Moon’ which the Year 9 girls are currently studying.

Let’s hear from the students themselves about their time spent with Cath!

“I really enjoyed the Cath Crowley experience! I learnt a lot of new and creative ways to write and how to avoid writers’ block. She answered a lot of my questions about her novel ‘Graffiti Moon’ and showed me the inner workings of her mind. It was a really good experience and it will help me to write in the future.”
Ava Wansbrough

“Today we got to meet author Cath Crowley. She took us through writing exercises, giving us great ideas for short stories. She also gave us the opportunity to ask her questions and get our ‘Graffiti Moon’ books signed. I learnt some great writing tips and it was a fantastic experience.”
Nattali Ashurst

We are hugely grateful to Cath for spending the day with our girls, as it’s not every day they get to meet the author of a book they’re studying (next up is ‘Romeo and Juliet’ and ‘Of Mice and Men’, and we’re not too confident we’ll be able to get Shakespeare and Steinbeck to visit.....).

Many thanks to the Year 9 English teachers, Ms. Braiden, Ms. Fraser and Ms. Fimiani for helping with the day.

Perhaps the last word should go to the author herself, who provided this reflection after her day here at PCW:

“It was my great pleasure to work with writers and English teachers at PCW Melbourne. The students, every one, were willing to engage with new ideas, were brave enough to share these ideas, and they listened with respect to the ideas others. They produced work of an incredibly high standard in a short amount of time. The students, of course, get a huge amount of credit for this, but credit also belongs to the English teachers.

Creative, articulate, empathetic and well-read students don’t happen by accident. I came away from my workshops inspired by both teachers and students. Thank you!”

Fiona Hall
Faculty Head: English
Robogal’s Stem Excursion

On Monday 22nd of February, Alexandra Leggatt, Julianne Labarca, Nattali Ashurst and I attended the Robogals Workshop at Melbourne University. The purpose of this workshop was to learn about the different types of engineering; including civil, chemical, mechanical, electrical and biomedical. As well as being attended by PCW Melbourne students, there were students from Mercy College Coburg, Our Lady of Mercy College Heidelberg, Sacred Heart College Kyneton and Manor Lakes College. We also spent the day with a group of Melbourne University students who were each studying a different type of engineering. Our challenge was to program our own robot and the university students assigned us different tasks to complete. One of these tasks included programming our robot to move around obstacles by using a variety of sensors. My team named our robot Rob and we successfully programmed him to complete all the challenges set on the day.

Some highlights of the excursion were meeting and working with the girls from the other schools. Learning new things about engineering. The excursion definitely opened a whole new world to me when it comes to my future. And lastly, working with the Melbourne University students.

Overall, it was an amazing day. I really enjoyed everything about this excursion and would recommend it to any student, no matter how much or how little they like Maths or science or even engineering. It’s a workshop that anyone would enjoy and definitely learn a lot from.

Pia Fullaondo
9 Green
2016 Victorian International School Students Welcome Event

PCW Melbourne is a multicultural community that has a great number of International Students at our College. On March 2 2016, Ms Rosati, Ms Brierty and three international students, Coco, Iris and myself represented our College and attended the Victorian International School Students Welcome Event at Government House. We were honored to meet the Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency The Hon. Linda Dessau AM.

This was the second year PCW Melbourne was invited to participate in this event. The students who took part in this event have just newly arrived at PCW Melbourne less than one month ago, so it was a really good opportunity for us to take part in this special meeting. Sharing feelings and experiences with other International Students in order to learn more information about their future life and study in Melbourne.

The Governor of Victoria was very happy and welcomed International Students to Melbourne. She believes International Students have a great effect on the Victorian community, as Melbourne is the second biggest multicultural city in the world. Ms Judith Graley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier, also said that although it is really hard for young students to study aboard without the accompany of parents, she encouraged International Students to enjoy their life here and try their best to get involved in a variety of school activities.

Ms Essie Ma, Year 12 International School Student Leadership Award Recipient 2014, also had a great presentation for us. Ms Essie Ma told her own experience as an International Student who studied in Melbourne. She said that although local students and International Students have a gap between each other, International Students still need to be brave and feel freely to communicate with local students. To be involved in school activities would really help us all to understand the differences between our cultures. This also helps make you feel apart of the school community.

All International Students were lucky enough to take a photo with the Governor, Parliamentary Secretary and Consular representatives, which will be a nice memory of this special day.

At the end of the event, all students and teachers enjoyed a morning tea at Government House. Students chatted with each other and enjoyed this special event that we really had a great time at together.

Monica REN
Year 11 International Student
Register to become a Host Family

‘A wonderful opportunity for all involved to experience the global connectedness of life beyond the gates of PCW Melbourne’

Over the past two years we have seen a Cultural Study Tour Exchange between the PCW Melbourne Community and a number of overseas high schools. Its success has led the College to introduce a number of Cultural Study Tours annually throughout the school year.

In December 2015, students from PCW Melbourne and CBC St Kilda were hosted by families from Malpighi High School, Bologna, as part of our Study Tour to Italy. This was an invaluable experience for our students, giving them the opportunity to learn about Italian culture, develop their language skills, and to forge friendships with Italian high school students.

This wonderful cultural exchange will continue this year, when we are delighted to welcome 25 students from Malpighi High School to Melbourne. All students will be seeking home stay placements with PCW Melbourne and CBC St Kilda families. Seeing as many of these students will be from families that hosted our students in Bologna last year, this is an excellent opportunity to continue the friendship.

These groups will be travelling and staying with us in Term 3, dates are below:

- Malpighi High School (Bologna)
- Friday 15 July – Friday 5 August 2016

All host families will receive weekly payments of $200 per host student.

The purpose of the program is to give overseas students an opportunity to experience life in Australia by becoming part of an Australian family, interacting with PCW Melbourne students, staff and the wider community. For the students of Malpighi High, the focus will be on further improving their English language skills and experiencing school in Melbourne.

This program also gives our students an opportunity to learn about other cultures and can open opportunities of overseas learning and travel. All students are encouraged to apply to host one of our visiting students from Malpighi. However, students wishing to apply for the 2017 Study Tour to Italy are particularly encouraged to apply, as this is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our sister school in Bologna.

Throughout the program students will attend a range of classes at school, and have the opportunity to participate in the PCW Melbourne way of life.

Please contact the Head of Languages, Ms Sally Robertson, srobertson@pcw.vic.edu.au to register your expression of interest by Monday 14 March, 2016.
The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and Making Choices

About the forum
The NDIS Forum will deliver information and helpful strategies to people with disability, families and carers and professionals across northern metro Melbourne. Facilitated by IMVC and VALID, this FREE forum is scheduled for Thursday 17th March 2016.

Forum aims:
The Forum aims to:
- Increase participants’ awareness and understanding of the NDIS
- Increase capacity of people with disability and their families/carers to make informed choices to achieve their goals, self-advocate, access appropriate services and self-manage their lives
- Increase awareness of rights and entitlements and support and advocacy services

Speaker presentations
There will be speaker presentations from the following organisations:
- National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)
- VALID (The Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability Inc.)
- YDAS (Youth Disability Advocacy Service)
- Individuals who are current recipients of the NDIS

The speakers will also form a discussion panel.

When: Thursday 17th March, 2016
Time: 9.30am – Registrations open
       10.00am – 12.00pm
Where: Darebin Arts Centre, Grevillea Room,
       Corner of Bell Street & St Georges Road, Preston
Cost: Free

Bookings are essential as places are limited. For booking and further information please contact:

Tania Perez – National Disability Co-ordination Officer – Inner Northern Region of Melbourne

Email: TPerez@imvc.com.au, or phone: 03 9686 2354

Clare Compton
Learning Enhancement Co-ordinator
Bell Times: 2016

In 2016 PCW Melbourne and CBC St Kilda have adjusted the Bell Times. This new timing will mean that Recess will occur after Period 1. This adjustment was based on feedback from staff, parents and students. We will be having a marginal reduction to lunchtime which still enables us to run current activities and an earlier finish time. This earlier finish time is supportive and effective for: Professional Learning, Afterschool Music Festival and Musical Rehearsals, Afterschool Meetings and Sports Training. It also ensures that no class time has been diminished.

Kelly McGurn
Deputy Principal, Staff

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If any students currently attending PCW Melbourne are interested in attending these Day Camps they would be most welcome. Current families will be offered a $50 discount on the cost of the program. Please use the promo code: PCW Melbourne
Year 8 Careers Session 1: My Learning, My Future

This week the Year 8’s had their first Careers session for the year. We started in the Lecture Theatre introducing them to three ways of learning (visual, auditory and kinaesthetic) and Gardner’s eight multiple intelligences and how this might affect the subjects they enjoy or are good at, possible tertiary pathway and career interests. After this they returned to their own classrooms and completed some online activities that helped them to determine their preferences in both areas and then begin exploration of possible careers that tap into this. The girls have a hard copy booklet that you might like to look at and discuss with them what they have learnt about themselves. You might also like to have a go! I have also emailed them an electronic copy and put the documents under the Careers tab on the Pathways Wiki on the Portal. We will follow up with another session closer to Year 9 subject selection time.

Some sample results

### Visual Auditory Kinaesthetic VAK Questionnaire

**Your profile**

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**Visual Auditory Kinaesthetic Learners**

A Learning Style is a student’s way of responding to and using stimuli in the context of learning. (Clark, 2000)

**Interpreting your profile**

**Visual:**
If you have scored highest in this area then as a visual learner you prefer learning by seeing.

**Auditory:**
If you have scored highest in this area then as an auditory learner you prefer to learn and associate information with sounds or verbal instruction.

**Kinaesthetic:**
If you have scored highest in this area then as a kinaesthetic learner you prefer learning via moving, role-play, modelling etc.

**DONE! Here are your results.**

- **Linguistic** 50%
- **Logical Mathematical** 81%
- **Visual-Spatial** 58%
- **Intrapersonal** 13%
- **Interpersonal** 50%
- **Musical** 19%
- **Bodily-Kinesthetic** 33%
- **Naturalistic** 75%
Year 8 Careers Session 1: My Learning, My Future (Cont.)

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Reminder:
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) – Register by: 3 June; Test: 27 July (for Medicine at Monash).

1. HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT TERTIARY COURSES/CAREERS? School students who do their research usually find it easier to make course/career decisions than those who do not. How/where can I research?
- Go to the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website at www.vtac.edu.au and do a Course Search (eg find where a particular course is taught, what is this year’s ATAR, what are the prerequisites VCE subjects?)
- Go on-line and search for courses on institution websites
- Read brochures/pamphlets about courses available in the Careers Room
- Go to career events such as Career Expos; eg VCE Careers Expo 2016 at Caulfield Racecourse (see info later in this newsletter)
- Go to Institution Open Days (usually on Sundays in August) – dates later
- Go to events such as ‘Inside Monash’ (previously called ‘At Monash’) – details later in this newsletter, and ‘Focus on Melbourne’ (University) – details later
- Attend school holiday programs run by some universities and other organisations (eg the Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary)
- Search the Job Guide at www.jobguide.education.gov.au; this site also offers links to other useful careers websites (eg Job Outlook). Find out what a particular job involves, and what is the likely rate of employment upon graduation
- Attend events run during the year which focus on particular careers (eg sports related careers, dietetics, psychology careers seminars have been held in the past) – details in this newsletter as they come to hand
- Talk to people who work in careers which interests you; What do they like about their careers? Are there disadvantages? How did they qualify?

2. MONASH UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS NEWS – Monash offered more than 10,000 students a place in an undergraduate course for 2016. There was an increase in offers made by the Faculty of Business and Economics, the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Science compared with 2015. Of these offers, 5,800 went to students with a Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application. These are applications from students who have suffered disadvantage in their education in some way (eg illness, disability and so on). For your interest, and to give some guidance as to ATARS required by Monash, Clearly-In ATARS for all Monash courses can be viewed at: www.monash.edu/change-of-preference/events/qf2016-round-1-clearly-in-atar.pdf

3. DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT STUDYING AT MONASH UNIVERSITY?
- Monash is once again holding a Seminar Series where you can find out what it is really like to study at Monash. The seminar series this year is known as ‘Inside Monash’. The series kicks off with Business and Economics on 9 March, then Science on 10 March and Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences on 15 March. When: 6.30pm-8.00pm, 9 March through to 13 September; Where: Clayton, Caulfield or Peninsula campuses; Bookings/Information: www.monash.edu/inside-monash;
- Information: Call 1800 MONASH
- NOTE: In April there are seminars on Pharmacy, Design and Fine Art, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Global Studies, Nursing and Midwifery, Architecture, Interior Architecture and Psychology. Seminars on other courses will follow from May to September. See the above website for details and bookings. These Seminars are highly recommended for learning more about the course/career which interests you.

4. FOCUS ON DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – Deakin is the seventh largest university in Australia with over 33,000 students. It offers over 700 courses and careers at its four campuses:
- the latest campus is in the Melbourne suburb of Burwood
- there are two campuses in Geelong, one at Waurn Ponds and the other on the Geelong Waterfront
- a campus is located at Warrnambool.

Deakin offers real choice about how and when you learn, and it is possible to fast-track your degree by studying additional units in Trimester 3. You can choose from a wide range of study areas and select from the huge
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A range of elective units offered in many courses, including, in some cases, the option to choose elective units from a different field. You can also choose how you study. Cloud (online), the fifth campus, provides flexibility, enabling you to study where and when it suits. Deakin is somewhat unusual in offering the three semesters (trimesters) per year. This means that it is often possible to complete a three-year degree with an average of two semesters. Deakin does not offer VET courses in the way that RMIT, Swinburne and Victoria Universities do. However, Deakin has formal arrangements with a number of VET providers offering pathways into their degrees. For example, Bendigo TAFE, Box Hill Institute, Chisholm, Melbourne Polytechnic, Riverina TAFE, South West TAFE and The Gordon (Geelong) have formal pathways. For details: www.deakin.edu.au/pathways-to-deakin.

Another pathway to Deakin is from Deakin College. The College offers Diplomas in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communications and Science. Students who perform well in these one-year diplomas are able to transition to the second year of a similar degree at Deakin University.

A great new resource for exploring courses and careers at Deakin can be found at: explore.deakin.edu.au. Featuring more than 700 courses and careers, this mobile tool will help you discover the myriad of future options available to you. You can scroll, select and save favourite courses and careers for later reference. See: http://explore.deakin.edu.au

5. OPEN DAYS AT HOLMESGLEN – Most tertiary institutions hold their Open Days in August (dates will be provided in the next Newsletter so you can get them in your diary). However, Holmesglen has Open Days throughout the year. Holmesglen is mainly a VET provider (some degrees) with campuses in Chadstone, City, Moorabbin and Waverley. Dates of Open Days are: 17 March, 12 May, 16 June, 11 August, 15 September, 27 October and 15 December. On-line bookings are essential at www.holmesglen.edu.au/open.

6. BIG CAREERS AND EDUCATION EVENT COMING – Attending the VCE and CAREERS EXPO 2016 is a great opportunity to collect information from a huge range of providers at the one location. Exhibitors include: VCE resource providers, universities and TAFE and training colleges. In addition, there will be seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career, gap year and study advice. When: 9am-3pm, Thurs 5 & Fri 6 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 7 & Sun 8 May. Where: Caulfield Racecourse; Cost: $10 per person, $25 for families; Info: www.vceandcareers.com.au. Put the date in your diary now! NOTE: Events such as these are great for collecting general information from many sources, so are particularly good for Year 10-11. Open Days at individual institutions will provide more specific course information.

7. SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY NEWS – Swinburne is a provider of higher education and vocational education and training (VET) courses. Its main campus is in Hawthorn, with small campuses in Croydon and Wantirna.

2016 saw the introduction of 11 Professional Degrees in areas such as Arts, Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Games and Interactivity, Health Science, Information and Communication Technology, Media and Communication, and Science. These degrees are for high-achieving students and incorporate a guaranteed, paid, full-time work placement. They feature a mandatory 12-month work placement which is normally undertaken during the third year of study. Students receive academic credit and gain valuable skills that will make graduates job-ready. The university will find appropriate placements for students.

UniLink is quite a recent development at Swinburne. UniLink offers one-year courses for students who are unable to reach the required ATAR for Swinburne degrees. Around 80% of UniLink students are able to pathway into appropriate degrees at Swinburne in the following year.

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