From the Mooroolbark Campus Principal

Our year 12 students have now finished their final exams. The school community hopes that each of them is rewarded with the results that they deserve. It has been heartening as a college to see them all preparing hard for the exams and using the teachers and resources available to them. We look forward to celebrating their schooling life with the year 12 students and families at the Valedictory Dinner on November 20.

Our year 11 exams finished on Friday November 13. On Monday November 16, the Year 11 students started their year 12 Essentials Program. For the next 2 weeks they begin their year 12 studies. It is important that they use this time well to get a great start on their final year of secondary schooling. All of the students have been given the year 12 Essentials Timetable as well as a special Year 12 enrolment pack that outlines a number of important things, including details on the senior enrolment day on Friday November 27 for year 12 students. It is important that students and families book and attend on senior enrolment day. All information is in their enrolment pack.

Our Junior School students are also busy finishing the school year before their exams over the coming weeks. The Transition Program for all 7-10 students starts on November 30 with the beginning of their new academic year.
As always I would like to make mention of some of the great things that have happened at our Mooroolbark Campus over the last few weeks:

Lions Youth of the Year - Jess Foley

Whilst it was some weeks ago, I would like to congratulate Jess Foley for her efforts in the Lions Club Youth of the Year competition. Jess did a fantastic job representing the school in this prestigious event. Unfortunately Jess didn’t get through to the next round, but she did a great job in the public speaking event held at the Mooroolbark Bowls Club on 16 October. She is a fantastic ambassador for the college.

Scholarship Award recipients

I would like to congratulate the following students who were awarded a Yarra Hills Senior Scholarship. Each student went through a rigorous process of application and interview, and in the case of the academic scholarship, a test.

- Academic – Annabelle Smith
- Sport – Jasmine Rowe & Shaun O’Rourke
- Visual Arts – Annaliese Webber

VCAL final days

Our Year 11 VCAL students finished the school year on a high, taking part in two excursions, one of which saw them visiting the SYN FM Radio station, and getting on air for an hour in the middle of the day.

Year 7 Zoo Excursion

On Friday November 6 all of our Year 7 students went to the Zoo. Despite the threat of rain all day, and some occasional showers the students had a great time.

Relay for Life-fundraiser

On Thursday 5 November the Mooroolbark Campus had a fundraising out-of-uniform day. The students were raising money for a school organised Relay for Life event that took place on the Saturday November 14. A number of junior school students lead by Virginia Stacey took part in the relay at the Croydon Athletics Track. A big thanks to all the students and staff who have donated and to the students that took part. So many of us in the community have been impacted by cancer – and this is such a worthy cause.

Year 8 Inverloch Trip

The year 8 camp was a great success again. The students ventured down to Inverloch in South Gippsland. Students were kept busy with stand up paddle boarding, surfing, canoeing, racing up and down the rock/abseiling wall, trying to catch some sneaky crabs and quick fish! From all accounts the students had a great camp.

Greg Cowan
Mooroolbark Campus Principal

Drumming up some business

As a part of the Music Department’s ongoing fundraising, this year we applied for a Bendigo Bank grant to help offset the total purchase cost of the school’s new Timpani Drums. The grant application was successful, and as a result the Music Department has received a $2,000 grant from the Mooroolbark Community Bank Branch - Bendigo Bank. Last week there was a presentation ceremony at the Mooroolbark Bowls Club following the Bendigo Bank’s Annual General Meeting, where Yarra Hills drumming student Gobind Singh accepted the cheque and certificate on behalf of all music students at Yarra Hills.

Richard O’Toole
Music Director
Year 8 Camp
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

We are now at the stage where students are preparing for exams and finalising their assessment tasks. There has been a great deal of revision going on in class rooms and I hope that students are continuing this at home. Year 7 and 8 exams will begin this week with Year 9 and 10 following next week. I wish all students the best for their exams.

The Zoo is always a great day!

Last week our year 7 students were fortunate to go the zoo as part of a science excursion. There were many challenges in place for students to investigate as part of the science program. From all reports they all had a fantastic day!

Lest we Forget

Every year we have the privilege of being involved in Mt Evelyn’s Remembrance ceremony at Memorial Park in Mt Evelyn. The RSL do a magnificent job of this ceremony beginning with a lone piper, followed by a series of readings and singing by our local primary school children. Our own students, Owen Forrest and Keely Preston read out the list of our fallen soldiers from Mt Evelyn. Hayley Watkins and Teighan Jordan laid a beautiful wreath on behalf of Yarra Hills Secondary College while Liela Peterson laid a wreath on behalf of Christine Fyffe. The ceremony finished with a bugler playing ‘The Last Post’. It was such a moving and respectful ceremony. I was so proud of our students and their contribution to this ceremony. Meanwhile back at school we held a minutes’ silence at 11am for which our students showed such respectful.

Year 7 Community Connections classes made their mark at Mt Evelyn

Last week our year 7 Community Connections classes established our ANZAC garden to commemorate 100 years since the ANZACs first landed at Gallipoli. Thanks to the generosity and effort of Matt Bryce, we were able to secure a Centenary Rose and the ‘Rosemary for Remembrance’ for our garden. These plants were released especially for the centenary. Mark Dunn (Maintenance Manager) installed three posts and hand carved the words ‘Lest We Forget’ which are a stunning addition to the garden. Whilst all the plants are immature in their growth, over time this will make a wonderful addition to our campus. Thank you so much to everyone for getting this garden together. We plan to have a formal unveiling of the garden with our local RSL representatives.

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal
Dear Parents/Students,

The College is reopening the portal for the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2016 program for years 10-12 students. We urge parents of students who do not currently have a device to take advantage of this option as the use of a device has become part of the modern learning environment. This program involves the endorsement of a small selection of devices, at various price points, which we have tested to be compatible with the school network. These devices will be available at school rates from a third party provider, with hardware support, device support, educational software and warranties provided. Insurance and finance will also be available options. As well as this, support is likely to be available for a number of other personal devices, subject to minimum specifications* for screen size, CPU, platform and operating systems. We cannot however guarantee compatibility of these other devices with all network functions and parents may need to purchase any required educational software independently. iPads will NOT be a suitable option at any senior year levels due to processing limitations.

*Please do not make any alternative purchases for student use without having reviewed our minimum specifications on the College website

Models selected: (specifications may change subject to model release/availability)

ENTRY-LEVEL Lenovo ThinkPad 11e Laptop
MID-RANGE Lenovo ThinkPad X250 Laptop
HIGH-END Lenovo ThinkPad Yoga 260 Convertible Ultrabook

PORTAL DETAILS

The online purchase portal will open on Monday October 26 with anticipated delivery dates of December 14-16, early February 2016 and late February 2016. Updated delivery and order cut off dates will be advised on the College website over the next few weeks.


Parent Login/School Code: yhsc2016

BYOD Portal Purchased Device - Software List

When a device is purchased from the JB Education portal as part of the YHSC BYOD 2016 program the device will be ‘imaged’ with the eduSTAR V5 Windows 8.1 64Bit image. This image will have some customisations to suit the school and includes a comprehensive list of software. The software list is designed to meet student requirements across all subjects.

For any families that chose not to purchase a recommended device we would ask that they make an effort over the Christmas break to load software to suit their son/daughter's subject choices from the software list, available on the College website. Any updates to the BYOD 2016 program will also be made on the College website www.yarrahills.vic.edu.au/curriculum/elearning-ict/

Further queries can be made by emailing ictsupport@yarrahills.vic.edu.au

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METEC Driver of the Year Final

Year 10 students, Mitch Gill and Ash Huiskens competed on Sunday at Metec for the Victorian Schools Driver of the Year Final.

Both boys had to do a driving test in a manual vehicle which included hand break reverse starts, skid pan, obstacles and parallel parking, written test to name a few.

They didn't win, but did really well in representing Yarra Hills SC.

Well done boys!
School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, Compass contact and phone if necessary. Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

**What can parents do?**

Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website: [yarra.hills.sc.vic.edu.au](http://yarra.hills.sc.vic.edu.au) and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan. Other forms of social media will also include updated information.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.


For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.
Test your SunSmart knowledge

Identify any myths below:

- A tan protects against the sun.
- Sunscreen is toxic and may actually increase the risk of skin cancer.
- Reddening of the skin on a cool, cloudy day is windburn, not sunburn.
- Only elderly people get skin cancer and it is easy to treat.
- Snow blindness is essentially sunburn of the eye.
- Shade provides complete protection against UV radiation.
- The hotter the day, the more likely you will burn.
- The most common cancer in 15 to 29 year olds is melanoma.
- Approximately 2000 Australians die of skin cancer each year.
- UV levels of 3 and above may damage your skin and eyes, increasing the risk of skin cancer.

ANSWERS

**MYTH**
A tan is a sign of skin damage. It may provide around a SPF 2-4 depending on individual skin types.

**MYTH**
There is no evidence of any harmful effects associated with Australian sunscreens. Chemicals are tested by the TGA.

**MYTH**
There is no such thing as “windburn”, it is actually sunburn. The wind may dry the skin but it does not burn it. UV radiation is not related to temperature i.e. you can burn on a cool day.

**MYTH**
Skin cancer can develop at any age. Treatment can be extensive, painful and leave permanent scarring.

**FACT**
It causes acute photo keratopathy, sunburn of the cornea or transparent layer at the front of the eye.

**MYTH**
Shade provides some protection but reflected UV must be considered.

**FACT**
UV levels are not related to heat or how hot the day is.

**FACT**
The most commonly diagnosed cancer among adolescents and young adults is melanoma.

**FACT**
The SunSmart app lets you know when you do and don't need sun protection, making it easier than ever to be smart about your sun exposure all year.

Reference
www.sunsmart.com.au

Leigh James
Adolescent Health Nurse
Yarra Hills Secondary College
**Badminton & Pizza**

Presented by 3rd Croydon Scout Group
Fundraising for AJ2016

**When:** Friday 27th November 7.30pm – 10pm

**Where:** Kilsyth Sports Stadium
Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth

*Enter via Traffic Lights & go around the back*

**Cost:** $8.00 per Player (includes Pizza)

**Contact:** Kim Atkinson – 0408 399 550

Rovers, Venturers, Scouts, Friends & Family are ALL WELCOME - The More the Merrier!

**All equipment will be supplied. All players must wear runners. Drinks and snacks available to purchase at the venue.**

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**The Asthma Foundation of Victoria** Staff can come to your school or children’s service and speak directly to Parents & Carers of children with asthma about:

- What is asthma?
- How to recognise asthma symptoms
- Asthma medications and how to take them
- What to do in an asthma emergency
- Asthma Action Plans

Please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 9326 7088 for more information about holding an education session at your school or Service.

(please note: we require a minimum of 5 attendees per session.)

This initiative is conducted as part of the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program and supported by the Australian Government Department of Health.

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**#fridays@headspace**

**12-25 year olds**

2pm-5pm

Movies, games and snacks!

Come hang with us every Friday arvo

Call Rima Kaladjian on 9801 6088

or email rima.kaladjian@headspaceknoxc.com.au

We look forward to seeing you there

Location: headspace Knox, Westfield Knox, Knox Ozone

Shop 3027, 2 Capital City Blvd

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**Cloudy? Overcast? UV is still high!**

UV in Victoria has already climbed to dangerous levels, putting staff and students at risk of skin damage and ultimately skin cancer. From September, sun protection is required during the daily sun protection times - regardless of weather conditions or temperature. Check out the free SunSmart app for smartphone or tablet devices to find out the times of day when you do and don't need to use sun protection.
START YOUR DAY THE RIGHT WAY

Brekky Club

Come on down to the Well Being Centre
at Mt Evelyn Campus
& check out what’s cooking

WHEN: Every Tuesday Morning 8.00—8.50

Brekky Club is FREE to all Yarra Hills students
(thank you to the generous and valuable support of Bendigo Bank Mt Evelyn and Bakers Delight Mooroolbark)

INFO SESSION:
Monday 23 Nov, 7.30pm
Anglicare Victoria
47-51 Castella St, LILYDALE

1300 889 335
anglicarevic.org.au/events

Yarra Hills Community

artShow

9-11 September 2016

Submissions and enquiries from community artists welcome

More information on the YHSC website

Yarra Hills Secondary College
9736 3650 or 98398800

Artwork by Cara Robinson

Understanding and Supporting Children with ANXIETY

Teachers, Teacher Aides, Parents, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, Scout Leaders, Health Workers (and anyone else interested) are invited to an evening with Jules Haddock

This is a Community Event - Everyone welcome!

Thursday November 19th, 2015
Matthew Flinders Hotel
667 Warrigal Rd, Chadstone

Covering Primary and Secondary School-Aged Children