FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebration Assembly

Today was the Celebration Assembly for the Year 12s at Heathmont College.
My thanks go to Mrs. Holland, Campbell, Caity, Jilly and Erin for their work in organising a wonderful celebration. As well, thank you to all the parents and friends who came to watch the students give their farewell to the students and staff. As a College we are all proud of their achievements over the years and their various successes in a wide range of pursuits, from academic achievements to the cultural pursuits of performance and music, through to sport.

VCAL students have had an excellent year. The reports from the Senior staff in terms of their work placements, in particular, indicate their growing maturity and confidence over the course of the year. It is enormously challenging to blend work and study but they have done so.

VCE students have worked methodically and conscientiously to prepare for exams. Feedback from both the staff and parents indicates to me how much study they have done. Our academic results as a College have been excellent over recent years and I look forward to the same from the class of 2014.

I would like to thank Mrs Ling, Mr. Brasier, Mr. Hewitt and Mrs McMurray for all the work they have done to support the Year 12 cohort. Much of this work is unseen by the wider school community, however, it is hugely significant in supporting the students over the course of the year.

Heathmont College – Planning for 2015

Heathmont College has commenced planning for 2015. This involves organising classes for Year 8, 2015.
Throughout the course of the year there has been significant growth in student numbers at Year 7. Our current cohort is close to capacity. This is a reflection of the demand for places at Heathmont as the school moves from strength to strength, especially in terms of our recent excellent academic achievements.

I would, therefore, request that if parents are asked by other families about the possibility of commencing at the College in 2015 that they are directed to contact the school office as soon as possible. As Principal, I cannot guarantee that places will be available if late applications are made.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of those parents who have recommended Heathmont College to others. The message being put out to the community about the excellence of the College is strongest when it comes from the families who attend here.

College Uniform & Dress Code

Notification of proposed changes to the College uniform and dress code for 2015 are attached to this newsletter. We invite parent and community feedback on the proposed changes. Please refer any comments to the School Council Uniform Subcommittee.

Johanna Walker

College Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

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Six routines, two full-day dress rehearsals, four all-day regional rehearsals and countless after-school and lunch-time rehearsals later, seventeen girls from Heathmont College were prepared to take part in the Victorian State School Spectacular. Culminating in fifty hours of rehearsal over seven months, we were ready to perform on Saturday September 13 at Hisense Arena. The presentations were very slick and demonstrated what amazing talent there is in Victorian Government schools. Our dedicated students showcased their dance ability with precision and character in their two incredible performances.

We would like to acknowledge the support of a number of people who have contributed to the success of this process. We are grateful to Agi Birchall for her assistance and for supervising a full-day rehearsal at Bayswater Secondary College and a big thank you to Shantel Taylor for her expert assistance in costuming and administration. We also appreciate the on-going support of Johanna Walker, our College Principal, for the Arts and this program. To the parents of our ‘Spectacular Girls’, thank you for allowing your children to participate and for driving them to and from rehearsal, dashing to the shop to stock-up on all those last minute performing needs and for being a support to us as organisers of the event.

Finally to our girls, thank you for being an incredible group to work with. You are fantastic representatives of Heathmont College who did us proud on and off the stage. You are all very talented and we hope to see you involved in Performing Arts next year!

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly recognise each student:
Amelia Barry, Meka Cogan, Mia Grundy, Elise Guest, Lauren Heatley, Kassandra Hendy, Jordyn Humphreys, Brooke Jackson, Emily Kefford, Maya Kolevich, Tania Koumanelis, Hannah Lawford, Irina Metlenko, Georgia-Lee Miles, Abi Neve, Hannah Sali and Lisa Steinman.

Please remember that there will be a highlights package of the performance on aired on **Sunday 19th October** at 3pm on Channel 7.

 Nicholas Barca and Melissa McMurray
 Victorian State School Spectacular Coordinators
HEATHMONT’S

SPECTACULAR GIRLS
Students have been busy creating a range of two and three dimensional artworks. Year 9, 10, and VCAL 11 & 12 students have been working on a collaborative mosaic project. This activity has enabled students to work in small groups, assist one another with processes, use tile cutters and nippers and grout mosaics, in addition to creative design processes.

The Year 9 Visual Art students have completed Pointillism portraits, closely considering the art element’s point and tone. This task required perseverance and concentration, the students work was of a high standard.

Andrea Carydias
Art & Design Teacher
SSV EASTERN METROPOLITAN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday October 10, a group of ten Heathmont College students attended the Knox Athletics track to compete in the Eastern Metropolitan Track & Field Championships. To reach this level these athletes won their way through the Heathmont Athletics Carnival and also the Maroondah District Athletics. To make it to Eastern Region is a real achievement.

All of our competitors tried very hard and put in a great effort representing Heathmont College, with six students placing and achieving a medal.

WINNER - 17Yr Female - Discus - Katelyn Dixon

2nd place - 20Yr Female - 4x100m Relay:
   Katie Duncan
   Hayley Benedict
   Alice Wickham
   Megan Haycroft

3rd place - 16Yr Male - 110m Hurdles - Jarrod Cox

Congratulations also to Nyalat Thiwat, Ben Willis, Heather McMillan and Laura Beecher for their efforts in their events and representing their school with distinction.
24th September 2014

Ms. Johanna Walker
Heathmont College
Waters Grove,
Heathmont, Victoria, 3135

Dear Principal Johanna Walker

I am delighted to inform you that Caitlyn Harwood has achieved Guiding’s Peak Achievement Award, the Queen’s Guide Award. This is the highest award that can be earned by youth members of Girl Guides Australia.

Girl Guides Victoria, formerly the Girl Guides Association of Victoria has for over 100 years been enhancing leadership skills in our girls and young women and helping them grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

As part of the Queen’s Guide Award, Guides are required to accomplish tasks in leadership, community service (volunteer work), outdoor skills, cultural awareness, working with their peers, and to advance their own personal development in areas of their choice.

In achieving the Queen’s Guide Award, Caitlyn has displayed a sustained effort to attain a wide range of knowledge and skills and also developed a high degree of initiative, self-motivation, responsibility and reliability.

Caitlyn will be invited to join, our other 2014 Queen’s Guide Awardees for a special ceremony held later in the year; where The Governor of Victoria, The Honourable. Alex Chernov will present the Queen’s Guide Award.

Girl Guides Victoria is proud of Caitlyn’s efforts in achieving this Award and we believe Guides who achieve this award are exceptional young women.

Yours sincerely,

Alexandra Lewis
Queen’s Guide Award Coordinator
Girl Guides Victoria

Caitlyn is currently studying Year 12

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CAREER EVENTS

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience at Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium:
Applications for the 2015 work experience program will open on 20 October. Only a small number of students are accepted each year. Please bookmark the page below and check closer to the opening date for information on how to apply,

TRADE PROGRAM

Interested in pursuing a trade in the future?
You have the opportunity to complete your Year 11 and 12 at the Simonds Building and Trade Program run by SEDA and the Builders Academy Australia at Point Cook, Victoria.
Students will complete the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and VET Building and Construction. The overarching theme for the program is ‘5 Star Apprentices for 5 Star Employers’.
For information, go to

TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship:
Applications are now open for the AIEF-BHP Billiton Tertiary Scholarships and will close Friday, 7 November.
The scholarships are awarded to outstanding Indigenous students wishing to study engineering or other mining related degrees and who aspire to work for BHP Billiton in the future and become a leader in business. For information on eligibility requirements, go to

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Changes to Law at the Australian National University (ANU):
From 2015, the Bachelor of Laws will be offered as an embedded Honours program. Students will be able to undertake the degree as a single degree or as part of a flexible double degree. In addition to an enhanced focus on research, the new program will equip students with a broader range of skills, a stronger foundation for postgraduate study and reflects the research-intensive status of ANU,
http://law.anu.edu.au/l1l

RADIATION SCIENCE

Careers in Radiation Science:
Radiation oncology is the treatment of cancer using radiation therapy. ‘A Career in Radiation Oncology’ has just released a range of resources for interested students who are interested in careers in radiation oncology, radiation therapy, and radiation oncology medical physics. Resources include videos, pathway charts, university course information and patient pathways.
Go to: www.acareerinradiationoncology.com.au/

Interested in Engineering or Computing?
Australian National University has developed a new special admissions scheme for students who may not achieve the ATAR of 90 required for direct admission into Engineering, Software Engineering, or Advanced Computing. The new scheme enables students to demonstrate aptitude, motivation, and interest in these disciplines.
Students will need to obtain an ATAR between 80 – 89.95 to be considered. Applications are due by 3 November,
http://cecs.anu.edu.au/future_students/sas
**CAREER EVENTS**

**October 2014**

**PHYSICS CAREER DAY**

Year 9 and 10 Physics Career Day:
The University of Melbourne is teaming up with Scienceworks to run an event exploring careers in Physics on Saturday 25 October at Scienceworks, Melbourne. You will be able to view the Planetarium, learn about VCE astronomy and astrophysics, view the electricity show and listen to a panel discussion about careers in physics.


**DEFENCE FORCE CHAT**

Interested in the Defence Force:
The Army, Navy and Air Force are hosting an Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Facebook chat at 6.30pm, Thursday 23 October. The link to the chat page is:
http://www.facebook.com/events/1485699831716414/

**LOGISTICS TRAINEESHIPS**

INTERESTED IN LOGISTICS?

Ever wondered how your clothes make it to the store or how the food you eat gets from the farm to your fork? Logistics involves the integration of information, transport and handling of these materials to meet customers' needs. There is a vast array of career opportunities in logistics, from entry level to senior management. The Victorian Transport Association is again offering traineeships in logistics in 2015. This is a two-year program which has young people employed full time with Transport and Logistics companies while they study a Cert IV in Logistics and a Diploma of Logistics. For more information: call Leni on 9646 8590, visit www.vta.com.au or email cadetship@vta.com.au.

**EXAM PREPARATION**

This time of year is a very stressful time for students and parents with exams fast approaching.

Remember to be prepared. To eat healthy not always junk food. Too much sugar is not good for your mind or body.

Give yourself a break and exercise, relax a little. Give yourself plenty of time to study - One subject at a time. Don't try and cram them all in one day.

Sleep. Do not have too many late nights. Your mind and body needs sleep. Listen to your body. If you need sleep, food, drink or exercise.

Make sure you have checked your exam timetable and have the right equipment you need for your exams. There is nothing worse than arriving at your exams, prepared for the wrong exam or with the incorrect equipment.

**MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIPS**

NUCLEAR MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIPS - Applications are now open for RMIT Nuclear Medicine Scholarships worth up to $10,000 over three years. They provide assistance towards study and living costs for students commencing the B. Applied Science (Medical Radiations) Nuclear Medicine stream, with five scholarships awarded. Info: Ph 9925 7075, email medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au, www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nuclear.
Dear parents and students of Heathmont College

I write to inform you that a student in our school community is currently recovering from a life threatening illness. The student participates actively in the normal school program without any major limitations. A major concern, however, is if this student develops measles, chickenpox or other serious infections, they can become seriously ill. I seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your son/daughter has or may have measles, chickenpox or any other contagious illness, I request that you do not send them to school during their illness and notify the school as soon as possible.

Rita Chiodo
Student Wellbeing

STUDENT ABDENCES

Parents are requested to ring the College absence line before 9:00am if their student is to be late, away due to illness or for any other reason. We encourage parents to use the College’s Compass Parent Portal to register absences. Unfortunately late arrivals cannot be registered.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this matter.

Phone 9871 4888 then select 1

COLLEGE TOURS

Heathmont College tours have commenced for 2016 Year 7 enrolments.

Appointments can now be made via the website or by calling the office on 9871 4888.

Tours run Wednesdays at 9.15am

Library News

‘Fanfics’ - fiction written by fans of a TV series, movies or books, using existing characters to develop new situations and plots.

Checkout www.fanfiction.net and read Rainbow Rowell’s Fangirl.
Rationale
Uniform assists students to develop a sense of pride in belonging to the college community. It enables identification of our students both at and away from the college. By providing a variety of options, the uniform caters for student preferences and individual needs. College uniform, being neat, distinctive and easy to maintain, minimises the cost of clothing for parents and promotes a safe inclusive sense of community.

Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to:

- assist in the development of self-discipline by specific attention to dress;
- help reduce social and economic differences between students;
- assist in the provision of a safe and secure environment through immediate identification of unauthorised people in the College buildings and grounds;
- foster a positive image of Heathmont College in the local community.

Guidelines
1. All students are required to wear the designated College uniform - see uniform options as listed.
2. College uniform must be worn correctly to and from the college, at the college and for all college activities unless the Principal gives an exemption for a particular activity such as a student-free dress day.
3. College uniform requirements will be described in detail in the student diary, college documents/website.
4. College uniform should be practical and easily available.
5. Heathmont College sports uniform must be worn for physical education and when representing the college at sporting events.
6. Provision through such agencies as the Wellbeing at the College and State Schools Relief Fund will be made to assist families who have financial difficulty in providing a uniform.
7. All staff members are responsible for monitoring student uniform.
8. The Student Code of Conduct will be implemented to ensure that students comply with uniform requirements.
9. Wearing of specialised uniform items such as the Year 12 Jacket/tour windcheaters/sports team uniforms have strict parameters. This guideline will be reviewed by School Council as required.

Basis of Discretion
Exemption from the policy will only be varied by the Principal where special circumstances exist.

Program Implementation
1. The Uniform Sub-Committee will make recommendations regarding changes to uniform.
2. A student who is not in complete uniform must bring an explanatory note from a parent/guardian to the appropriate Level Co-ordinators office prior to period one.
3. Period one teacher must check uniform and record the infringement on COMPASS.
4. The Level Co-ordinator will be responsible for issuing temporary uniform passes to students who provide adequate explanation for being out of uniform.
5. Any student who is out of uniform shall be referred by the appropriate Level Coordinator to the General Office, and will be required to change into correct uniform provided by the College.
6. If a student refuses to change the parent will be contacted and appropriate action will be taken. This may include the student being excluded from class/receiving uniform from home.
7. Persistent offenders will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the college which may include lunchtime detention or after school detention.
8. Physical Education teachers shall ensure that correct PE uniform is worn; this includes safe and supportive sports footwear - no soft canvas runners
9. PE uniform can be worn all day when a student has a timetabled PE lesson or is representing the college at sport.
10. Acceptable college uniform will be published in the student diary, staff handbook and on the college website.
11. Second hand uniform shop is available through the Uniform Shop.
12. Excursion permission forms will specify if uniform or casual dress is required.

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed every two years, with recommended changes to be presented to College Council.
**Heathmont College Uniform Policy and Dress Code**

**DRESS CODE**

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| **General**              | Uniform must be clean and tidy  
                          | Damaged clothing must be repaired promptly - frayed/torn/stained  
                          | Shoes should be clean with matching shoe laces  
                          | Any fashion accessories must not be worn with the uniform - this includes excessive jewellery such as bangles/bracelets/necklaces/rings  
                          | Religious or medical ID acceptable  |
| **Seasonal Changes**     | It is recommended that girls’ summer uniform be worn in Term 1 and 4  
                          | It is recommended that girls’ winter uniform be worn in Term 2 and 3  
                          | No blending of uniform to occur e.g. no tights with summer uniform  
                          | Boys/Girls may choose either shorts or long pants all year  |
| **Uniform length**       | Summer uniform/winter skirt is to be no higher than 5 cm above the top of the knee  
                          | Shorts to be no higher than 5 cm above the top of the knee  
                          | Shorts are not to be rolled up  
                          | Long pants should be neatly hemmed and be at shoe level  |
| **Shorts/Pants**         | Only Heathmont College approved navy shorts/pants may be worn – sold at Uniform Shop  
                          | Sports shorts cannot be worn except on PE/sports days  
                          | No skins are to be worn/visible under shorts  
                          | College track pants only to be worn on PE/sports days  
                          | Girls’ pants should be plain, navy and ankle length (no logos)  |
| **Polo Tops**            | College white polo top only must be worn  
                          | Sports top must not be worn as an alternative to white polo  
                          | Only short sleeved white under layer can be worn under the white polo  |
| **Jumpers/Jackets/ Rugby tops** | College jumpers colour appropriate to Sub School  
                          | VCE jacket allowed at Year 12 only - no modifications to be made by students  
                          | Spray jacket can be worn all year  
                          | Sports track suit jackets to be worn at PE/sports events only  
                          | No hoodies to be worn, including to and from school  
                          | No special ‘TOUR’ windcheaters/t-shirts to be worn except when given permission by Principal. Special Events garments can be worn with permission from Principal  
                          | Rugby top can be worn with all uniform  |
| **Shoes/socks**          | All students are expected to wear appropriate black leather school shoes. Boys - black leather lace up school shoes (polishable)  
                          | Girls – T-bars or black leather lace up school shoes (polishable)  
                          | No unbuckled T-bars allowed  
                          | Correct sporting footwear must be worn for PE/sport-no marking soles, must be lace up  
                          | No canvas/suede/platform heeled shoes allowed  
                          | No boots allowed – a boot is defined as a shoe which rises above the ankle bone  
                          | Socks are plain white or black for boys and girls  
                          | Winter – short white/black plain socks/black tights with the winter skirt  
                          | No socks to be worn over tights  
                          | Socks must cover the ankles  |
| **Sports Uniform**       | Only College sports top/shorts and tracksuit are to be worn  
                          | No leggings/branded track pants are to be worn  |
| **Hair Accessories/ Make-up/Tattoos/ Piercings** | Hair colour must be of “NATURAL TONES”  
                          | Hair must be kept neat and tidy and tied back during specialist classes  
                          | No extreme hair styles, e.g. mohawks  
                          | Headbands should be in College colours only-navy/plain  
                          | No added adornments such as flowers/ clips should be worn in hair  
                          | Scarves may be in single College colour – navy only  
                          | Hats are not to be worn at school except for ‘sunsmart’ purposes and playing sport. Only sunsmart hats are to be worn at school  
                          | Make-up be minimal and natural in colour tone  
                          | No visible tattoos  
                          | No facial jewellery, paraphernalia or adornments  
                          | Ear piercings - small studs or small sleepers accepted |
**Notice Board**

**KNITTING CLUB**
Visit our knitting club on Tuesdays at lunchtime in G3.
Knit for charity and learn a new skill.
Wools and needles provided.

Don’t forget the poppies for 2015.
Single poppy kits are available from the College office.

**NEEDED URGENTLY**
Empty ice-cream containers or similar for Mrs Carydias (J block) or Mrs Sayer (Middle School). Thank-you.

**MATHS HELP**
- The library after school on Mondays till 4:00pm
- G3 lunchtime Wed, Thurs and Fri.
  *Students of all year levels are welcome*

**Uniform Shop Hours**

**SCHOOL TRADING HOURS**
- Tuesdays 2.30pm – 5.00pm
- Thursdays 12noon – 2.00pm

Uniforms can also be purchased directly from Klad Sports 2/9 Macro Crt. Rowville
Tel: 9763 0266
Monday – Thur: 8:30am – 5:00pm.
Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm
Saturdays: 9:00am – 1:00pm
~ Cheques are not accepted ~
~ All EFTPOS transactions must be over $20 ~

**SELL YOUR SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS**
KLAD sports now offers a second hand uniform service.
Uniform items of good quality can be submitted for sale on consignment

Take your freshly laundered quality uniform items to KLAD Sports at either the College uniform shop or to their Rowville store. Set a price and a sell by date. If the items are sold KLAD Sports will contact you and arrange payment. If items are unsold you will be contacted to collect your items

*For more information please contact KLAD Sports on*

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**
The headspace Knox Action Force would like your company at
The Knox Club – The Elms Room
Corner of Stud Road and Boronia Road, Wantirna

Friday 24 October 2014
7pm – 11pm
Cost: $22 per person

To raise much needed awareness and funds for headspace Knox, to continue supporting young people in our community.

To purchase tickets, please head to:
www.trybooking.com/FTWK
Any questions, please contact: kt.events@live.com.au
Or Rima Kalaidjian on 9801 6088

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**Lost property**
Lost property can be collected from the general

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**headspace Knox**

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**Surviving Separation**

Are you a separated parent in conflict with the other parent?

- Better manage your parenting arrangements.
- Learn how to best support your children.
- Talk with and share with other parents in a similar situation.
- Learn ways to better handle your emotions.
- Build skills for you and your kids future.

A post separation group is being held over two Saturdays to look at these and other issues that come up when parents separate.

The program is recognized as a post separation parenting program with a certificate of attendance for participants who have attended both days.

**WHEN:** Saturday 18th October & Saturday 8th November 2014
**TIME:** 10.00am – 2.30pm
**WHERE:** Anglicare 666 Mountain Highway, Bayswater
**COST:** Free (bookings essential)
**CONTACT:** Kim Pedler 9735 6146 for further information & bookings

**BOYS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Do you want to understand the "nature" of boys?
- Do you want to improve your communication with them?
- Are you feeling overwhelmed by their energy and excitement?
- Come along to this workshop and possibly save your sanity!
- Learn some new strategies and tips for understanding and nurturing your sons.

Anglicare
666 Mountain Hwy, Bayswater
Thursday evenings for 5 weeks
7 – 9pm
14th, 21st & 28th October
6th & 13th November

**WHO:** Parents & Carers of boys up to age 12
**Cost:** FREE (bookings essential)
**Contact:** Helena at Parentzone
9735 6134 or 0488 501 204

**How To Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk**

- Do you wonder what is the best way to talk to kids so they will listen?
- Or why kids choose the behaviors they do?
- Do you want to strengthen your relationship with them?
- Come along to this program and share your frustrations, skills and get new ideas on parenting in today’s world

**WHO:** Dads, Mums & Carers of children 0 - 15 Years
**WHERE:** Mitcham Community House
19 Bramwell Road, MITCHAM 3132
**WHEN:** Tuesdays: 11th November to 9th December
10am – 12 noon
This is a 5 week program
**COST:** FREE (bookings essential as places are limited)

**PARENTING SEMINARS**

**VENUE:** Monbulk Community Hub, Main Road, Monbulk
**CONTACT:** Helena Laverie Anglicare Parentzone
9735 6134 or 0488 501 204
**COST:** FREE (bookings essential)

**Discipline vs Punishment**
Monday October 20th 7pm - 9pm
What is discipline? Why doesn’t punishment work?

**Behaviour**
Monday October 27th 7pm - 9pm
Why do kids behave the way they do? What is normal behaviour? What is misbehavior?

**Rules and Consequences**
Monday November 10th 7pm - 9pm
What are positive rules? How do you make them work?

**Dealing with Feelings**
Monday November 17th 7pm - 9pm
Are you wanting to build your child’s emotional intelligence? What about their anger?

**Resilience**
Monday November 24th 7pm - 9pm
What is resilience? Can we teach our children how to handle the tough stuff in life?
Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.