FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Valedictory Dinner for Year 12 students
A fantastic evening was held at the Grand in Cathies’ Lane last week to farewell our Year 12 students as they prepare to leave Heathmont College. The night was a celebration of the achievements of these students and also an opportunity for staff, parents and students to reflect on the contribution made by this group over their time at Heathmont College.

I would like to reiterate part of my speech to the Year 12’s.
“We are all proud of your achievements over the years, your various successes in a wide range of pursuits from academic achievements, to the cultural pursuits of performance and music through to sport. It is always an emotional time when things come to an end and especially when we have to let go of something that is comfortable and familiar. There are always mixed emotions when we say our final farewells. The sadness of saying goodbye to people who have been such a big part of our lives over a long period is contradicted by the sense of joy we share as we reflect on the past six years. On behalf of all the staff at Heathmont, I wish you the best of luck in whatever paths you chose. Congratulations on having finished your secondary studies. We are all very proud of you.”

I would like to thank the Senior School for all the work that they put into the organisation of the evening, in particular, Mr. Geoff Braiser, Year 12 Coordinator. It was a great attendance from students and families and the evening was an outstanding success. Congratulations to Campbell Mayne, School Captain, who was awarded Valedictorian for 2014.

Campbell Mayne

Year 12 Exams
My best wishes are extended to the VCE students as they commence their final assessments. I am personally aware of the numerous hours that they have spent over the year getting prepared and I would like to commend them on their commitment. I look forward to seeing their final results! To the wider College community, due to the extensive range of subjects offered at Heathmont, this examination period will extend over several weeks. I would ask that anyone who is collecting students at the end of the day be mindful of the need for quiet at the Waters Grove boundary as this is in close proximity to the exam centre.

State Schools Spectacular 2015
Congratulations to those students who are auditioning for solo roles in the 2015 State Schools’ Spectacular. I commend them for having the passion and courage to undertake a daunting challenge such as this! It is a very positive reflection of the resurgence of the Performing Arts at Heathmont College and I wish the students all the best for their auditions. Thank you to Miss Emma Avery, our vocal teacher for the extra time she is committing to these students as she helps them with their audition pieces.

Johanna Walker
College Principal

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Celebration Assembly

Farewell to Year 12
Congratulations to my Year 12 Product Design and Technology girls for their hard work and dedication to their work this year. The work undertaken by the girls especially in the folios and garments would be the best work produced by a class in a number of years. The photos show a variety of garments which the girls have worked on for the year, many of these designs have a number of complicated processes and techniques which were all constructed well considering most of the girls have really only had instruction in textiles for a limited period of time. I wish all my girls the best for the future and hope that they can become as passionate about their work as I am about textiles/fashion.

Jane King
Year 12 Textiles
END OF YEAR MUSIC CONCERT

On Tuesday September 14, our music students gave their final performance for 2014 at the End of Year Music Concert. This was our last concert for the year, showcasing the progress students have made in their music ensembles and saying farewell to our talented Year 12 music students. In addition to hearing some great ensemble performances by Concert Band, Guitar Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and Choir, we had some fantastic solo performances by our senior students including an original by Year 12 vocalist Jilly MacDonald, whose catchy Country song *If You’re Mine* gave a toe tapping start to the night. Molly Grunwald performed her rendition of *This Stuff Getz Old* by Nevershoutnever accompanied by Mr Barratt. Caitlyn Moscrop took on the very challenging vocal piece *Breathe in Now* by Katie Noonan and VCE guitarist Dylan Milosevic closed the night with a Stevie Ray Vaughan Blues piece *Pride and Joy*.

Thank you to all music staff for preparing students for this final concert and to all staff, families and friends who supported our students on the night and throughout the year. Congratulations to those students who have regularly attended their music lessons, ensemble rehearsals and performances throughout the year. I have seen some impressive progress made by our music students across all year levels and look forward to seeing them continue to grow in 2015! A special congratulations to our Year 12 music students who will all be missed next year. We wish you all the best for your VCE exams and goals for the future, and hope that music remains an enjoyable lifelong experience for you all!

VCE MUSIC PERFORMANCE NIGHT at Rapture Cafe

Mr Ferrier’s VCE Music Investigation students gave an impressive performance at Rapture Café on Wednesday September 17. This was in preparation for their end of year music performance examination, which consists of a 30 minute performance presented to an examination panel. Family, friends and staff enjoyed a two course meal and were presented with very professional performances by Dylan Milosevic, Jilly MacDonald, Molly Grunwald, Jenny MacDonald, Caitlyn Moscrop, Laura Scarrott and Bek Chappel. Thank you to Mr Barratt who provided guitar accompaniment on the night. This experience gave our senior music students a taste of what being a muso is all about.

PAST MUSIC STUDENT NEWS

2012 Heathmont College music student Ellery Weston launched his debut E.P - *Songs I Wrote, Tears I Cried* - at The Workers’ Club in Fitzroy on Thursday October 16. Ellery completed VCE Music Investigation attaining an A for his end of year music performance examination in which he accompanied himself on guitar and performed an original piece amongst his program of works. As a performer Ellery now goes by the name of Ellery Cohen and his E.P can be downloaded on iTunes, so be sure to check it out! Congratulations Ellery on your success so far!

Emma Avery
Music Coordinator
Year 8 Girls Zone table tennis finals.
Congratulations to Year 8 students, Mia Grundy, Abi Neve, Georgia Miles, Karly Clearihan, Moo Paw, who put in an outstanding effort on Wednesday October 22 as they represented Heathmont College at Zone Table Tennis. The Year 8 girls finished second in their draw. A special thanks to Mr Michael Belot, a National Table Tennis player and coach. Michael coached Meow Meow who represented Australia at the London Olympics. He is currently coaching many outstanding players at Kilsyth Sports Stadium. Michael’s coaching sessions prior to the Zone Finals were invaluable. I have never seen so many table tennis balls spin in so many directions before.

Year 7 softball
Congratulations to the Year 7 students who represented Heathmont College last Tuesday October 28 at Zone Baseball and Softball. The competition was tough and so were the weather conditions. Our students played in strong winds and heavy rain for most of the day. They never gave up, never complained and just kept focusing on stealing bases and making as many home runs as possible.
Their sportsmanship, teamwork and perseverance under such trying weather conditions on the day was a true reflection of our college values. A special thank you to Mr Andrew Wright for his efforts on the day with the Yea 7 Softball Team.
Mrs Birchall
Physical Education Teacher

KEYS PLEASE

Good drivers aren’t born. They are made. And the best way to become a good driver is to get plenty of driving experience. But sometimes, learning how to change gears, or even how to change lanes can seem a breeze compared with the challenge of getting your parents/guardians to hand over the car keys.

Keys Please can change that! The Keys Please student program covers:-

- Why 120 hours of driving practice?
- Importance of the partnership between supervising driver (parent) and learner driver (student)
- Stages of learning to drive
- Staying safe on your P’s
- Resources that are available for Learner Drivers/Supervising Drivers

There is also an online parent/supervising driver resource to watch by going to www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/supervisors.

Heathmont College is hosting a Keys Please Student session on Friday 7th November at 1:50pm for all Year 10 students.
VCAL Students Out and About

Community Garden

The Senior and Intermediate VCAL Classes have been very busy converting vacant space in the college grounds into a community garden. Students have planned the garden from scratch and have built it during their days at the school. Work on this garden meets outcomes in all school based subjects (Literacy, Numeracy, Personal Development Skills and Work Related Skills). Students have used their skills from the work place and from TAFE and have researched the information they have needed to create their garden. They have designed and created mosaic tiles and owls, built garden beds, planted the vegetables and built the paths for the mosaic pavers. The students have been resourceful and have enjoyed bringing the garden from a plan to fruition. We were fortunate enough to obtain a $500.00 grant from the Victorian Schools Garden Awards (based on the planning done by students) and we thank Bunnings in Bayswater for the donation of three garden beds.

Certificate II in Public Safety

VCAL students have been actively involved in working towards the Certificate II in Public Safety in their Work Related Skills and Personal Development Skills classes. Students have learnt about the safe storage of chemicals, safe firefighting strategies, different risks involved in bush fires and structure fires and have had practice with extinguishing fires. Once complete, this certificate qualifies students to be fire wardens in their work places.

Linda Lopez
VCAL Coordinator
Year 10 Health Sessions

For the first four Wednesdays of Term 4, the Year 10 students have participated in the ‘I like, like you’ program run by Relationships Australia. During these sessions students have been involved in a range of discussions and activities that focused on the influence of close and intimate relationships across the lifespan. Students took this opportunity to reflect on current experiences and to identify elements that make a positive and negative relationship. I would like to congratulate the Year 10 students for engaging enthusiastically and maturely in this program. I would also like to thank the staff involved for their assistance - Mrs Rita Chiodo, Mrs Agi Birchall, Mr Andrew Wright and Mr Trent Pitt.

Melissa McMurray, Year 10 Coordinator

As part of their study of “Chemistry” the year 8s have been making paper from grass. Using lawn clippings, a fair bit of manual labour and the magic of chemical reactions the students have each produced their own unique piece of personally crafted paper.

Try reading one of our murder mystery books.

Librarians: Wendy Averay & Elizabeth Downey
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 ABSENCES
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

Don’t forget to keep those knitting needles and crochet hooks busy producing poppies for our ANZAC commemoration in 2015. Thank you for your contributions already.
Single poppy kits are available from the College office
**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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| Seasonal Changes | 1 | It is recommended that girls’ summer uniform be worn in Term 1 and 4 |
|                  | 2 | It is recommended that girls’ winter uniform be worn in Term 2 and 3 |
|                  | 3 | No blending of uniform to occur- e.g. no tights with summer uniform |
|                  | 4 | Boys/Girls may choose either shorts or long pants all year |

| Uniform length | 1 | Summer uniform/winter skirt is to be no higher than 5 cm above the top of the knee |
|               | 2 | Shorts to be no higher than 5 cm above the top of the knee |
|               | 3 | Shorts are not to be rolled up |
|               | 4 | Long pants should be neatly hemmed and be at shoe level |

| Shorts/Pants | 1 | Only Heathmont College approved navy shorts/pants may be worn – sold at Uniform Shop |
|             | 2 | Sports shorts cannot be worn except on PE/sports days |
|             | 3 | Sports shorts cannot be worn except on PE/sports days |
|             | 4 | No skins are to be worn/visible under shorts |
|             | 5 | College track pants only to be worn on PE/sports days |
|             |     | Girls’ pants should be plain, navy and ankle length (no logos) |

| Polo Tops | 1 | College white polo top only must be worn |
|          | 2 | Sports top must not be worn as an alternative to white polo |
|          | 3 | Only short sleeved white under layer can be worn under the white polo |

| Jumpers/Jackets/ Rugby tops | 1 | College jumpers colour appropriate to Sub School |
|                            | 2 | VCE jacket allowed at Year 12 only - no modifications to be made by students |
|                            | 3 | Spray jacket can be worn all year |
|                            | 4 | Sports track suit jackets to be worn at PE/sports events only |
|                            | 5 | No hoodies to be worn, including to and from school |
|                            | 6 | 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 |
|                            | 7 | Rugby top can be worn with all uniform |

| Shoes/socks | 1 | 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) |
|            | 2 | No unbuckled T-bars allowed |
|            | 3 | Correct sporting footwear must be worn for PE/sport-no marking soles, must be lace up |
|            | 4 | No canvas/suede/platform heeled shoes allowed |
|            | 5 | No boots allowed – a boot is defined as a shoe which rises above the ankle bone |
|            | 6 | Socks are plain white or black for boys and girls |
|            | 7 | Winter –short white/black plain socks/black tights with the winter skirt |
|            | 8 | No socks to be worn over tights |
|            | 9 | Socks must cover the ankles |

| Sports Uniform | 1 | Only College sports top/shorts and tracksuit are to be worn |
|               | 2 | No leggings/branded track pants are to be worn |

| Hair Accessories/ Make-up/Tattoos/ Piercings | 1 | Hair colour must be of “NATURAL TONES” |
|                                           | 2 | Hair must be kept neat and tidy and tied back during specialist classes |
|                                           | 3 | No extreme hair styles, e.g. mohawks |
|                                           | 4 | Headbands should be in College colours only-navy/plain |
|                                           | 5 | No added adornments such as flowers/clips should be worn in hair |
|                                           | 6 | Scarves may be in single College colour –navy only |
|                                           | 7 | Hats are not to be worn at school except for ‘sunsmart’ purposes and playing sport. Only sunsmart hats are to be worn at school |
|                                           | 8 | Make-up be minimal and natural in colour tone |
|                                           | 9 | No visible tattoos |
|                                           | 10 | No facial jewellery, paraphernalia or adornments |
|                                           | 11 | Ear piercings - small studs or small sleepers accepted |
Lost property can be collected from the general

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

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

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**KLAD SPORTS IS MOVING!!!**
New address as from 12/1/2015
8 Macro Crt,
Rowville Vic 3178
Tel: 9763 0266

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**Uniform Shop Hours**

**SCHOOL TRADING HOURS**

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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**#Fridays@headspace**

12-25yr olds
2pm – 5pm
movies, games and snacks!

*Come hang with us every Friday arvo*

Call Rima Kalaidjian on 9801 6088
Email: rima.kalaidjian@headspaceknox.com.au
Looking forward to seeing you there
FreePlay Games Showcase
Wednesday 26th November, 5-7pm
Free, snacks provided, bookings essential
Escape into the parallel worlds of game design, as independent designers demonstrate their latest projects.

Whether you have never held a control or you are a die hard games geek interested in a new career, come along and pick the brains of these dynamic creatives. Hosted by Dan Golding, games writer, critic and director of Freeplay Independent Games Festival.

Maker Machine Inventors Workshop
Saturday 6th December, 2-3.30pm
$20 per person, ages 8-18, bookings essential
Are you a tinkerer or inventor? Are you curious about cutting-edge technology? Participants in hands-on problem solving activities to make your very own robot or creatures come to life. You will also see a 3D printer in action!

School Holidays: Fly, weave & follow:
Monday 19th-Wednesday 21st January 2015
10.30am & 1pm over 3 days, bookings essential
Kids! Make the last weeks of holidays count & join us to create your very own balloon cars and rockets, learn how to make easy and creative tapestries, and dazzle your way through a tailor-made kids’ tour of the museum.

Secret Sessions
By appointment, 4.30pm daily
$30 (5-10 people), $50 (11+ people)
Get exclusive cut-a-hours access to The Garden of Forking Paths exhibition for you and your friends. Enjoy free reign of the games and the worlds within, or host a party and give your guests a unique experience.

For details and bookings please visit yarraranges.vic.gov.au/museum

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 behaviour 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.

CONTACT: Julia at Parentzone
9735 6190 or
0400 866 495

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
16th, 23rd & 30th October
6th & 13th November
Bayswater Times, 2014

Anglicare
650 Mountain Hwy, Bayswater
Thursday evenings for 5 weeks
7 – 9pm
16th, 23rd & 30th October
6th & 13th November

WHO: Bulg, Mums & Carers of Children 0-15 Years
WHERE: Mitcham Community House
17 Penrith Road, MITCHAM 3132
WHEN: Tuesdays, 7th November to 7th December
10am – 12 noon
The is a 5 week program
COST: FREE (bookings essential)
CONTACT: Parentzone
9735 6134 or 0488 561 204

Parentzone
anglicarevic.org.au
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.