It was very pleasing to have such a positive mention in Parliament! Heidi Victoria, MP (Member for Bayswater) reported to the Parliament on Heathmont College’s Anzac service. She said “To the staff and students at Heathmont College who conducted a heartfelt and moving assembly, I say congratulations. It was both enjoyable and respectful – very well done”.

**Year 7 Celebration Evening**
This was a fantastic evening and showed how hard the students have been working since they have commenced at the College. The students ran an excellent evening – it was very funny as well. I appreciate all of the parents, students and staff who attended the evening.

**Health Promoting Schools**
Thanks to Liz Senior and Zoe Rust for their presentation to the staff on Tuesday on the research behind a “Health Promoting School”. It was very exciting to see the plan for the project. My thanks to EACH for all of their work with this.

**Debutante Ball**
The Debutantes were outstanding last week at Karralyka. It was a wonderful evening for the community - the students looked fantastic and it was lovely to see all the families supporting their children. My thanks to the senior team who put in many hours of practice with the students in order get them up to the magnificent performance level that they displayed on the dance floor.

**Education Maintenance Allowance**
As parents would be aware the Education Maintenance Allowance program ceased at the end of 2014. Heathmont College maintains its commitment to ensuring that students are not disadvantaged in their education if their families are experiencing financial hardship.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to Joanne Clifton, Business Manager, about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

Johanna Walker
College Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

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On Tuesday 19th May, Heathmont College welcomed 22 Grade 5 students from Marlborough Primary School to participate in a science session.

The Primary students were involved in a prac with Year 9 helpers where they made detergent and they were also able to add their choice of colour and fragrance. Students had to test the pH of their detergent to make sure it was neutral, not too acidic or basic. They then put the detergent into containers to take home. Students then made glue to stick on a label to their container.

They were very enthusiastic participants and thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Thank you to all teachers and staff who helped organise and support this event, particularly Ms Hammill, Ms Corr & Ms Poole from the Science department. Thank you also to our Year 9 Students who happily and confidently supported the teachers and students; Abi Neve, Moo Paw, Glen Arnold, Christian Haddad, Mitchell Graham, Emily Birch, Georgia Miles and Nathan Polchow.
The Year 7 Celebration Night on Thursday May 21 was an absolutely amazing night. It was wonderful to see everyone contributing and sharing their experiences and opinions of school to all the parents who came along. All the students had a great time presenting the topics that their learning group was chosen to do. It was a very interesting night due to the activities veering from quizzes to a music performance.

The night started off with a music performance by a group of students on the African drums. Next was English and they had a fun spelling bee that the parents took part in. Art was next and they showed all the cool things that we have made in Art so far. Up next was Personal Development and they collected a couple of examples of the assignments that we have done this year. Then a group of students came up and spoke about all the interesting topics that we have learnt about in Maths. Humanities was up next with an entertaining quiz to see how well the parents knew about the world. Next was science, where students talked through a couple of experiments while they actually did them. Physical Education was next and they spoke about all the fun experiences that we have been able to take part in with sport this year. Then students showed the projects that they have been able to make so far in Material Textiles. Up next we had the Languages with a couple of students from Indonesian and German classes and they presented many things that they have learnt about those languages. Lastly some representatives came up to speak about all the things that we have been learning about in I.T. Celebration Night was really a night to remember.

Mia Zammit Year 7 Captain

Thank you to Mia and Nathan, our Year 7 Captains, who did an excellent job as MCs for the evening and to all our Year 7 students who presented confidently and enthusiastically everything they have learned this semester.
As part of their study of Electricity the Year 8s have been constructing electrical quiz boards. Using cardboard, wires and some research skills the students have been making some meaningful connections.

As part of their study of Forces the Year 7s have been competing to see who could construct the best whirly-bird. Using paper, scissors and some design initiative the students have approached this activity with a suitable amount of gravity.

A visit from Marlborough Primary School Grade 5 students had selected Year 9 students providing guidance and support as our visitors made dishwashing liquid, and milk glue to stick the label to the bottle. This excursion into science saw the primary students really clean up.
All Year 7 and 8 Indonesian students are currently participating in the Language Perfect Indonesian online competition. In this championship, students throughout the world compete to answer questions in many languages. Questions comprise of listening, speaking, reading and writing tasks.

The competition runs from May 18 and will conclude on May 28.

A number of our students have already achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. They are now heading for the highest Elite award! Our College is currently the 1st in VIC and 2nd for Indonesian in Australia for the 51-100 students category!

The championship ends this Thursday May 28. Parents of Year 7 and 8 Indonesian students - please cheer your children on!

“It is awesome and very competitive. I’m going for the Elite award!” , Braydon

“I really love how everything is so intense and how I’m having fun and learning at the same time!” - Lucy R

“I’m really enjoying learning through this online competition. It is very challenging. I’m going to continue working at home”, Chloe B

“This competition really makes me revise every new word we learnt in term 1 and 2. I didn’t know I could recall so many words”, Ebenee

“It is a good opportunity to test ourselves in the language and it helped me learn a lot of new words too. I enjoy it so much”, Alyssa

“I’m having lots of fun in the competition and it challenges me greatly. It is intense competing with other students in my class and school”, Jack

See link below for more information on the championship:

https://www.educationperfect.com/controlpanel/index.html?#page=Home

Prema Devathas
Languages Coordinator
Indonesian teacher
Term 2 Music Concert
Our annual music concert will be held on Monday June 22 2015 at 7:00pm, in the Learning Centre.

NEVR Soundtrack Concert- Hamer Hall
Six students from Heathmont College have been attending rehearsals at Mullauna College over the past two weeks. Students will be playing an arrangement of songs in the ‘concert band’ section. The performance be occurring on Wednesday May 27, at Hamer Hall. Join me in wishing these students the best of luck for their performance; Emily Kefford, Matthew Kefford, Christian Haddad, Sharni Healey, Jemma Smith and Brian Perry. A special thanks to Mrs Barkla for organising the event.

Drum Lessons
Students wishing to try out percussion lessons are encourage to see Mr Barca in the senior school office for a free lesson.

PAPA- Performing Arts Parent Association
All parents wishing to be involved in the performing arts department are invited to send Mr Barca an email through Compass, expressing their interest to be involved. A committee will be formed focusing on fundraising and creating new and innovative programs for the department.

Nicholas Barca
Head of Performing Arts
Heathmont College proudly presents

Grease

By arrangement with ORiGIN Theatrical
Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

September 4-5, 2015
Tickets to be released soon!
Parent Information Evening

Children today are born into an online world and are surrounded by many ways of accessing the internet. This can be immersive and educational, but there can also be risks and dangers, such as cyberbullying, online scams and excessive internet use. As this can be of concern for students, parents and the school community, we are holding a parent information evening on Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Centre. This will be a free event.

The evening, led by presenters from ACMA, the Australian Communications and Media Authority, is designed to inform parents of the issues and the risks involved in accessing the online world. The College strongly recommends that parents and guardians attend this very informative evening that relates to one of the main issues facing teenager behaviour in all secondary schools.

Please access Compass to accept your invitation to the evening.
Year 7 to 10 students and staff are attending a similar program, held on the same day during period 4 and at a staff meeting.
For more information you can access the website below.


NAPLAN

Congratulations to Year 7 and 9 students for their hard work during the NAPLAN tests. They completed five tests in literacy and numeracy over three days and applied themselves diligently in every test. It was impressive to see the students lined up before the bell, ready to file into the exam room in the Learning Centre. They worked silently and seriously during the allotted time and followed every instruction promptly, ensuring an ideal test environment for everyone.

This week of testing will also benefit the students when they come to their end of semester exams in June.

Alison Richards
Head of Middle School
Heathmont students have been invited to be a part of the United Youth Media program. Students from Heathmont, Melba, Ringwood and Norwood Colleges have the opportunity to work together one or two afternoons per week to create a:
- Television series, and/or
- Community newspaper

In the past, United Youth Media has sent Heathmont/MEC students to the 2012 London Olympics, the 2012 Pacific Media Summit in New Caledonia and the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei. If the program continues to remain successful, it is looking to send students to the 2015 Youth Commonwealth Games in Samoa and the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, amongst others.

See Mr Moller for further details.
Five cent coins have lost their value in Australia. They are not accepted in parking metres or vending machines, most people wouldn’t even pick one up if they saw it in the street. However, collectively, these coins can add up as there is currently $150 million worth of them in circulation across Australia.

In 2012 YGAP launched one of the most innovative fundraising campaigns ever seen in this nation. Australians were asked to start collecting this neglected currency and pass it on to those who needed it most. This campaign is 5cent.

The 5 cent campaign is well under way at Heathmont College.

The year level competition is heating up with Year 8 and Year 9 in the lead.

Collection of 5cent pieces will continue throughout the month of May, so keep checking under the couch and in the bottom of your bags and bring them in.

Money raised in the 5cent campaign in 2015 will go to YGAP’s Spark* Accelerator Program to help enable impact entrepreneurs in South Africa, Kenya and Australia.

Last year, as a school we collected 2,910 5c pieces. Let’s see if we can beat that and which year level can raise the most!
Dear Parents,

For a number of years, After School Maths Help has been run on a Monday afternoon from 3.15 – 4.15 in the Library. Building on the success of this, we will now have staff from other curriculum areas available to help students with their tasks.

The Maths Department has always kept a roll of attendees for this event. Now as we have moved across to Compass for attendance, events and most of the College communications, we will be inviting ALL students to attend the session and the event and the attendance will be marked on Compass. Students are encouraged to attend if they require specific help, general help or just a place to complete homework tasks. Parents can track their student’s attendance at this session through the attendance tab in the portal. If your student is attending, they will be marked ‘Present’. If student is not attending these extra help sessions, they will be marked as ‘Not Present’. Parents of students, who are not participating in these sessions, are advised to approve the absence when they visit the Parent Portal.

Please note: Non-attendance at these afterhours events will not alter the student’s overall school attendance. The roll provides the College with valuable Emergency Management data if an emergency arises.

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**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.
Farm School Program 2015

The College has been offered the opportunity to participate in the Farm School Program based at Woori Yallock.

Focus: Personal Confidence and Team Building

Who: Open to all year 8 students

When: 5 week program will run on a Monday for 5 weeks - all day 9 am – 3pm
The first program will begin Feb 16.

Note there will be 6 programs offered throughout the year

What: Team building activities/studies in Sustainability/excursions/historical fieldtrip/bike ride

Cost: None to student

Transport: School Bus

Details: Will be provided to students at an assembly and Compass feed to parents

See Ms McNeal or Ms Richards for further details

STUDENTS CROSSING DANDENONG CREEK

Students are reminded that the appropriate point to cross the creek is by using the bridge at the end of Waters Grove. Students should not cross Dandenong Creek by wading through the water or by using rocky outcrops as stepping stones. Melbourne Water has advised the College that the Dandenong Creek is often used for the letting of water and could suffer flash flooding. Students should use the bridge at all times to avoid this danger.
The Year 12 VCAL class is running a community project in groups. Our group has chosen to run a pet food drive for the Croydon South Animal Aid Opportunity Shop.

What we are looking for are donations of premium pet food for cats and dogs. Premium food is required due to the Animal Aid not accepting generic/home brand foods.

The brands of food we are looking for are Pedigree, Chum, Optimum, Super coat, Whiskers, Dine, Fancy Feast, etc.

If you could, please help us out by raising food for animals in need, as there are lots of animals who need our help! Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

We will be collecting donations at the front school office; this is where you will be able to leave your donation to be collected in the box provided at the office!

Thank you,

Year 12 VCAL students.
Victoria’s Department of Education and Training has released a new app that is designed to help parents become more engaged in their child’s education.

SchoolMate provides parents with a roadmap to help aid their child’s learning at home and at school. It:

- shows parents what their child is learning in each subject, at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- provides parents with tips for helping their child in the best way possible
- suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

SchoolMate was created by the Department with input from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Victoria’s professional teaching associations including:

- Victorian Association for the Teaching of English
- School Sport Victoria
- Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation
- Geography Teachers’ Association of Victoria
- Science Teachers’ Association of Victoria
- History Teachers’ Association of Victoria
- Digital Learning and Teaching Victoria
- Mathematical Association of Victoria
- Art Education Victoria.

We think SchoolMate is a great resource for parents and we encourage you to visit the App Store or Google Play and download it today.

The Department will begin updating SchoolMate soon, so please let us know if you have any feedback you would like us to share with them, or you can email the SchoolMate team directly at online.comms.unit@edumail.vic.gov.au
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND

Dear Parent/Guardians
If you currently hold a valid means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to access the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Please read the attached flyer, and if eligible, complete the attached application form and bring it in to the college. We will need to take a copy of your concession card to validate the application.

Funds received can be allocated to school based expenses according to the guidelines which are also attached.

Eligibility

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term two, or;
- on the first day of Term three;
  - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2
Be of school age and attend a Victorian school - school is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term two or term three.

Term two Validation
If the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validates on the first day of term two (13 April 2015), the application will be processed and the full annual payment will be made to the school from the commencement of term three.

For applications which fail the term two validation, but become valid on the first day of term three, the application will be processed and payment will be made to the school during term three.
Payment

Payment amounts
The amount payable for eligible primary and secondary students is:

- $125 for Primary school students.
- $225 for Secondary school students.

Payment timing
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school of the eligible applicant. The CSEF will be available for schools to enter application information into the online CSEF web system from term two each year. CSEF payments will be processed directly to schools and are expected to commence from term three each year. Payments are expected to be finalised by the end of term three each year. CSEF payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

The full policy can be found via this link:


Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Regards

Joanne Clifton
Business Manager

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

The CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

CSEF Application Form

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb State Postcode
Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- OR

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation Services to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ______________________________ Date ___/___/___
CSEF eligibility

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term two, or;
- on the first day of Term three;

1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
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School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

Payment amounts
CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

How to complete the application form
NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
   The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
   - enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
   - enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2008.
   - enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or language Centre, then enter ‘UNGRADED’ in the YEAR LEVEL column.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
Wellbeing is in need of old college uniforms in good condition. Please deliver any contributions to the office.

Uniform Shop Hours

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

Uniforms can also be purchased directly from Klad Sports 8 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 9763 0266

Barclays Café Supporters Offer
Discount cards are on offer for Heathmont College parents.
Pop into Barclays with this coupon to collect the discount card.
The discount applies to afternoon food and drinks from Monday to Friday.
Do you enjoy mathematics, science and engineering subjects at school? Have you considered pursuing a career in these areas? Mathematics, science and engineering shape our day to day lives. For example:

- **Who produces your breakfast?** Farmers, food scientists and technologists, nutritionists
- **Who takes you to school?** Design & development engineers, petrochemical engineers, automotive engineers, automotive electricians, environmental scientists, mechanics, materials scientists
- **Who built your school?** Architects, surveyors, structural engineers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters
- **Who assists your learning?** Teachers, journalists, film producers, software designers, publishers, writers
- **Who helps you exercise?** Exercise scientists, physiotherapists, sports psychologists
- **Who keeps you healthy?** Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, biomedical scientists
- **Who contributes to your spare time?** Computer game developers, music technologists, product designers, sound and lighting technicians.

Exploring mathematics, science and engineering degrees

**MATHEMATICS:** If you are a logical and analytical person who enjoys solving problems with numbers, you may like to explore a career in mathematics, statistics and actuarial studies.

Employment for actuaries, mathematicians and statisticians is expected to grow very strongly over the next three years.

**I Love² Maths**

**SCIENCE:** There are several broad disciplines in science. The following are examples:

- **Physical science** is for people who like to ask questions about why things are the way they are in the world around us. School subjects include chemistry and physics.
- **Computer science** is for people who like to understand how computers work and to learn how to develop new programs and systems.
- **Life sciences** is for people who like to ask questions and think about living things and covers areas such as medicine, biology and ecology.
- **Astrophysics** is for people who are fascinated with the universe, stars and space exploration.
- **Earth science** is for people who are interested in soil, rocks, weather and the natural environment.

Thousands of new jobs for science professionals will be created over the next 5 years. Demand for health science graduates in areas such as audiology and dietetics, natural and physical sciences, and life science will be high.

For more information about science careers, download the Ultimate Science Guide developed by RIAUS-Australia’s Science Channel: [http://tinyurl.com/pswdf9k](http://tinyurl.com/pswdf9k)
CAREERS IN MATHS, ENGINEERING & SCIENCE

ENGINEERING: If you are practical, like to know how things work and enjoy analyzing and solving problems, you should explore careers in engineering.

You can blend engineering with an area you are passionate about. Types of engineering include (and are not limited to):

- Civil
- Chemical
- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Systems
- Biomedical
- Environmental
- Marine
- Metallurgical
- Structural
- Communication
- Coastal
- Mechanical
- Robotics
- Computer
- Mechatronic
- Aeronautical
- Automotive
- Mining
- Sound
- Electronics
- Sustainable

Over the next three years, employment in electronics engineering is expected to grow strongly (source: Job Outlook).

Check out the following sites:
- www.engineersaustralia.org.au
- www.engineering.unsw.edu.au

For more information about engineering careers, download the Ultimate Engineering Guide developed by RAAUS- Australia’s Science Channel:
http://tinyurl.com/pswdf9k

SCHOLARSHIP

Nuclear Medicine Scholarships at RMIT: The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services is offering up to five scholarships of $10,000 each for nuclear medicine students studying the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) at RMIT in 2016. Applications will open in August and will close mid December 2015. For information, go to www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nuclear

COMPETITIONS

Swinburne University Ultimate Study Pack- win prizes! Students can enter online to win one of seven iPad Minis or the Ultimate Study Pack, including a MacBook Pro 13” with Retina Display and a Mojo Urban bike. All you have to do is register your details at the following website: www.swinburne.edu.au/2015/win/

Urban Futures: Now more than ever people are choosing to live in cities and this trend is rapidly increasing. Melbourne’s population is forecast to hit 5 million before 2030. This presents challenges and opportunities for planning, designing and managing our cities. Win up to $500 by coming up with the best idea to help tackle the challenges our cities face today and in the future.

Your task is to provide a photo or image to communicate an urban problem you have identified, and explain the problem and your ideas for a solution in 200–300 words. You must be in Years 10 – 12 and all entries must be in by Sunday 30 August. For information on the competition and how you can enter, go to http://tinyurl.com/knbumu6

Keep in touch with La Trobe University: Sign up to receive updates from La Trobe about their courses and initiatives, and you could win a $4500 travel voucher. Go here to sign up — http://tinyurl.com/nvevz4

The Heywire competition is open to people aged 16 – 22, to submit a story about life in regional Australia. Your story can be created in any form of media: text, video, photography, or audio. If you are selected as one of the winners, your story will be featured on ABC Local Radio, ABC Radio National, ABC TV and abc.net, www.abc.net.au/heywire
Upcoming Events: June


- Information Evenings, Monash University, various dates and locations, [http://tinyurl.com/2dlyk](http://tinyurl.com/2dlyk)


- 27: High School Workshops, JMC Academy, Melbourne, [www.jmcacademy.edu.au](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au)

- 29: Science in the City & Laboratory Tour, RMIT, Melbourne, [http://tinyurl.com/pvsg8fj](http://tinyurl.com/pvsg8fj)

- 29, 30: Experience Days, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne (29) and Ballarat (30), [www.acu.edu.au/97108](http://www.acu.edu.au/97108)

- 30: Discover Deakin, Melbourne Campus, [http://tinyurl.com/vq3yaqln](http://tinyurl.com/vq3yaqln)
**EXPERIENCE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY**

La Trobe are running Experience Days on the following dates:

- Albury Wodonga, June 19th
- Shepparton July 2nd
- Mildura, July 3rd
- Bendigo July 8th
- Melbourne, July 9th

Students and parents will be able to undertake hands-on workshops in their areas of interest from a huge selection of course and career areas.

Examples of course areas covered at the Melbourne event include:

- Science- Biomedical Science, Physics
- Health Sciences- Nursing & Midwifery, Physiotherapy & Podiatry, Orthoptics, Paramedicine, Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy, Audiology etc.
- Student exchange, accommodation tour, campus tour
- Commerce, Accounting & Finance
- Media & Communication, Journalism, Events Management, Marketing, Arts, Media Studio
- Teaching, Environmental, Outdoor and Physical Education
- Politics, Law & Change, International Relations
- Engineering- Communications, Civil, Electrical, Robotics, Sport & Health
- Psychology & Social Work
- Sport degrees, Sport & Exercise Science
- Applications Development
- Animal & Veterinary Biosciences
- Sustainability & Development
- Archaeology

You will receive a free lunch and be able to speak with current students and lecturers.

To view the full list of workshops and to register, go to [www.latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience)

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**UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**

A Day at Melbourne University: You will be able to find out about courses at the University of Melbourne on Thursday 9 July. You can learn about:

- Undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways at Melbourne
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as concurrent diplomas and going on exchange and study abroad
- Admissions and entry requirements
- Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
- Accommodation options
- How parents can help with the transition to university.

You will also be able to participate in a session focusing on the course you are interested in. To register, go to [http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/)

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**COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP**

Monash Computer Games Boot Camp: This is a three-day event run by the Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University for Year 9 to Year 12 students. If you are interested in becoming a professional gamer, building and designing games or simply playing games this event is for you!

Computer Games Bootcamp covers the following ICT areas:

- Multimedia Development
- Digital Imaging
- Programming
- Database
- Games Development
- Applications Development
- 3D and more

The program runs between Tuesday 7 July – Thursday 9 July at the Clayton Campus. For more information and to register, go to [https://cqb.cqbc.infotech.monash.edu/](https://cqb.cqbc.infotech.monash.edu/)
CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Charles Sturt University MyDay events: Each year, Charles Sturt University showcases their courses via a series of hands-on events. Students immerse themselves in themed workshops and experience what it is like to study at the University for a day.

The following MyDays will run in May and June:
- 28 May: Community Health (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Health & Rehabilitation Science, Podiatry, Speech Pathology), Albury Wodonga
- 12 June: Agriculture, Wagga Wagga
- 23 June: Communication & Creative Industries, Wagga Wagga
- 29 June: Policing & Criminal Justice, Bathurst

For information and to register, please go to www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

FOCUS ON MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

The University of Melbourne is running a series of evening seminars showcasing their course areas. Dates are as follows:

May
- 14: Biomedicine
- 20: Arts
- 21: Agriculture
- 26: Commerce
- 27: Environments

June
- 2: Science
- 4: Juris Doctor (Law)
- 11: Engineering & IT
- 24: Music
- 25: Fine Arts

For more information and to register, go to http://tinyurl.com/pcscoqf

SPORTS MEDICINE

The Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre (OPSMC) is running an information night about careers in sports medicine on Wednesday 27 May, 7.30 – 9pm at the AAMI Park Stadium. Practitioners from the disciplines listed below will deliver short talks and will also be available to answer your questions about careers in these occupations:

- Sports Medicine
- Nutrition
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Massage Therapy
- Physiotherapy, and
- Exercise Physiology

For more information and to register online, go to http://tinyurl.com/m26n4yk by Monday 26 May.

MONASH UNIVERSITY

At Monash Seminar Series: Monash University is running a series of evening seminars showcasing their course areas. Dates are as follows:

May
- 13: Law
- 14: Teaching
- 19: Health Sciences (Radiation Science, Public Health, Emergency Practice, Human Services)
- 26: Nursing
- 27: Biomedical Science, Radiography, and Nutrition & Dietetics
- 28: Engineering

July
- Business & Economics

For more information and to register, www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/
CAREER EVENTS
May - July

VCE & CAREERS EXPO
This is a fantastic annual event that enables senior school students and their parents to be able to participate in a diverse range of over 150 seminars related to VCE subjects, gap year opportunities, vocational and higher education courses, career pathways and VCE study skills.

Over 190 organisations will be in attendance, enabling students to be able to talk to course and program advisers directly about their services. Cost is $10 per student and schools have been sent free passes.

The event is being held at Caulfield Racecourse between Thursday 7 to Sunday 10 May. To find out more and to order tickets, go to www.vceandcareers.com.au, 03 9596 8881

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
Experience Days at Australian Catholic University: University Experience is a hands-on fun free event, where you will be able to participate in a range of activities related to the course area of your choice. Dates and workshops are as follows:

Melbourne campus, Monday 29 June:
- Exercise Science
- Business
- Law
- Applied Public Health
- Biomedical Science
- Paramedicine
- Occupational Therapy & Speech Pathology
- Psychology
- Arts
- Global Studies & International Development
- Media Communications
- Visual Art & Design

Ballarat campus, Tuesday 30 June:
- Teaching
- Nursing & Paramedicine

Canberra campus, Tuesday 7 July:
- Teaching
- Nursing & Paramedicine
- Social Work.

 Registrations are now open. Go to www.acu.edu.au/97108

GAMING & ANIMATION
Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) is a private college located in Melbourne. They offer vocational and higher education courses in:

- Game Art & Animation
- Game Programming
- Game Design & Production
- 3D Animation & VFX for Film

AIE will be running their next Open Day on Saturday 16 May. You will be able to learn about courses of offer, view student art work, attend presentations, and speak to current students and lecturers.

For more information and to register you place for the above events, go to www.aie.edu.au
CAREER EVENTS

May - July

MONASH UNIVERSITY

- Year 10 Day: you will be able to go to the Clayton campus on Thursday 2 July and participate in interactive sessions designed to assist you in finding out about course options, why pre-requisite subjects are important and advice on how to choose your Year 11 and 12 subjects, www.destination.monash/

- Year 11 Inspiration Day: You will be able to discover what university is like by attending interactive activities and talking to staff and current students. You will also be able to acquire learning tools that will help you in Year 12 and beyond. The event will be held Wednesday 8 July, www.destination.monash/

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Deakin in your region information evening

University staff will be visiting Ballarat on Wednesday 20 May. Staff will be speaking to parents and students about courses, student services, scholarships, accommodation etc.

For information and to book your place, go to www.deakin.edu.au/your-region

Parent and Student Tertiary Information Night

Deakin will be running information nights at the Melbourne campus on Wednesday 20 May and the Geelong Waterfront campus on Tuesday 2 June. You will be able to discover more about

- Courses at Deakin and their partner institutions
- VCE prerequisites and extra requirements
- The VTAC application process and key dates
- The cost of study, financial assistance and scholarships
- How to make a successful transition to university life.

For information and to register your place, go to www.deakin.edu.au/info-night

SCIENCE @ RMIT

Science in the City and Laboratory Tour at RMIT: Science in the City is a specialised tour of RMIT’s facilities where students and parents can learn more about the following RMIT single and double degree science programs:

- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Food Science
- Nanotechnology
- Physics

The next tour will be run Monday 29 June. For information and to register, go to www1.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover

JMC ACADEMY

High School Workshops at JMC Academy: You have the opportunity to attend a workshop at JMC Academy during the school holidays. You will be able to spend the day undertaking hands on activities in your area of interest.

The following workshops will be run on Saturday 27 June and Saturday 4 July.

- Animation
- Motion Capture
- Entertainment Business
- Popular Music
- Hip Hop
- Electronic Music Production
- Audio Engineering
- Film
- Game Design

Please RSVP your place as soon as possible as workshops will fill quickly. For more information and go to www.jmcacademy.edu.au/
EXPERIENCE RMIT

Experience Days at RMIT: RMIT offers a number of free events designed for students in Years 10 – 12 during the mid-year holidays to engage in hands-on workshops and explore life on campus. It is essential that you register now as places fill quickly.

- Engineering
- Environment & Sustainability
- Health & Medical Sciences
- Music, Sound & Live Production
- Project Management
- Science

The following events are booked out. You can place your name on the waiting list

- Business
- Justice & Legal
- Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations
- Art & Design

To learn more about these interactive workshops and to book your place, go to [www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays)

DISCOVER DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Students will be able to find out about Deakin University and the courses on offer at upcoming ‘Discover Deakin’ events.

You will be able to participate in 2 one-hour workshops from course areas you are interested in.

The following are example workshops at each campus.

**Melbourne campus, Tuesday 30 June**

- Clinical Exercise Science
- Communication (Journalism, Media, PR)
- Environment
- Health Sciences
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Property & Real Estate
- Psychology
- Accounting
- Biological & Biomedical Science
- Criminology
- Law
- Dance
- Education
- Food & Nutrition
- Health & PE Teaching
- Nursing & Midwifery
- Sport Management
- International Studies
- Campus Tour

**Geelong Waterfront, Wednesday 1 July**

- Creative Arts
- Health Sciences
- Law
- Marketing
- Psychology
- Accounting
- Architecture
- Criminology
- Environment
- Exercise & Sport Science
- Health & PE Teaching
- Nursing & Midwifery
- Accommodation
- Study Abroad

Registrations are now open. Go to [www.deakin.edu.au/discover-deakin](http://www.deakin.edu.au/discover-deakin)

WHITEHOUSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN

Whitehouse Institute of Design will be running an Open Day on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 June at the Melbourne campus.

The College offers courses in

- Interior Design
- Creative Direction & Styling
- Fashion Design

The College will also be running design workshops for students in July. For more information and to register, go to [http://whitehouse-design.edu.au/](http://whitehouse-design.edu.au/)
CAREER EVENTS
April - July

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

Career Week at the International College of Hotel Management: If you are interested in business, hospitality, working overseas, and working with people from different cultures you may enjoy a career in international hotel management. The International College of Hotel Management is running a ‘Career Week’ at their Adelaide campus between 6 – 10 July. For information and to book your place, go to www.ichm.edu.au/

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Be You at VU: Students will be able to find out about Victoria University and the courses on offer during this interactive and hands-on event being run on Wednesday 8 July at the Footscray campus.

You will be able to participate in three 45 minute workshops in course areas you are interested in and have fun experiencing campus life.

For information and to register to receive updates about the event, go to http://tinyurl.com/pf84qze

MARINE SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

2015 Environmental and Marine Careers Expo: You have the opportunity to attend this exciting day at SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium on Wednesday 24 June.

Join industry experts, employers and current environmental and marine science students to hear about the many career and volunteer opportunities available within Australia and overseas. Students will be presented with a huge variety of career opportunities, in fields such as conservation, research and education, and information on what they can do while still at school.

They will also receive the latest information on career diversity, tertiary education, training and volunteer opportunities in the environmental and marine industry.

You will need to book your place and there is an early bird cost for students and parents who book before 15 May.
www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/schools
Do you often feel worried, sad or stressed?
Is this causing problems in your relationships with others?

SHINE is a group program for young women aged 14-17 years who are experiencing symptoms of anxiety or depression that are affecting their relationships with family, peers and/or school. The program will cover topics such as anxiety management, coping skills, friendships, relationships and respect.

For further details, please contact Tammy Moran on 9871 1802 or Melanie Foote on 9870 3002; or email youthandfamily@each.org.au

EACH Youth and Family work in collaboration with the Whitefield-Palmer Family Rebound program.

Rebound aims to intervene early for young people who are experiencing (or re-creating) instability in multiple environments (family, the justice system, education, housing, peers, etc.).

We utilise Creative, Educational and Wilderness techniques to deliver content which encompasses:
- Positive choice making
- Building respectful and positive relationships
- Identity
- Anger management
- Peers and family relationships

Day activities may include rock climbing, canoeing, cooking, high ropes and obstacle courses, with a possible follow-up camping at the completion of the 8 sessions.

Who
- Family conflict or instability
- Has come to us, or has the potential to come into, contact with the police
- 15-25 years old with a willingness to change

When
- Thursdays
- 21st May – 25th June 2021
- (8 consecutive weeks)
- Time 9:30am-12:30pm
- Cost FREE

More information:
A parent support worker will be available at the same time should parents of participants wish to speak with a worker as well.

This program is funded by the City of Whitehorse.

Who
- Term 2 – Grade 5ths

When
- Wed 12th May
- Parent Information Session
- Wed 19th May – 26th June
- 7 week children’s program

Parent/caregiver involvement is scheduled at the end of each child’s session from 5:15pm

One individual follow-up session for each family will occur in the weeks after the completion of the program.

Cost
- FREE with a referral to the ATAPS program
- Places are limited

This term Treehouse is funded by the Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Local

Is your child uncomfortable in social situations?
Does your child worry about making a mistake or being embarrassed in front of others?
Does your child sometimes sit alone at lunchtimes/avoid interacting with classmates?
Does your child not want to participate in after-school activities?

Treehouse is a therapeutic play-based program for primary-school aged children, who need some extra support with social skills, self-esteem, managing strong feelings and developing resilience. By being creative and learning through play, children are able to develop their relationship skills in a non-confrontational way, while also allowing them to safely think about how they might cope with their own worries.

Please call Martine on 9871 1802 or 4677 746 133 for more information!

Who
- Young people aged 16-25 years
- When Thursdays @ 4pm
- Where EACH Youth Health Hub – Building A, 46 Warrandyte Road, Ringwood
- Cost FREE

Contact Jacqui on 9871 1802 or jcousens@each.org.au

Are you looking for a program that challenges you to think about how you can get your life ‘on track’?

Are you wanting to develop your social skills?

Are you wanting to improve your self-confidence?

Are you interested in developing your understanding of the anxious mind?

READ & RELAX

Love books?! Want to meet other young people with similar interests?
Then join us at our Ringwood site on Thursdays 4pm’s for our Read and Relax book club.
We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month to socialise, discuss books and try out a range of relaxation activities, depending on the group interests. This group is particularly suited to young people who need extra support with anxiety and social connection.

If you’re interested in finding out more or know a young person who is interested, please contact Jacqui Cousins at EACH Youth & Family on 9871 1802 or jcousens@each.org.au
eheadspace tries to offer as many young people as possible, high quality mental health support and information, and the eheadspace live info session is another way to ask a professional some questions in a totally anonymous environment.

Sometimes it's hard to know what to say. If you’re not sure you’re ready to get help; in person, on the phone, or online, an ‘eheadspace live info session’ might be a good place to start.

The eheadspace live info sessions are web chats which are open to the public, and a place where young people can ask questions anonymously. They can also read questions and answers from others.

Upcoming eheadspace live info sessions:
- 28 April - Recognising warning signs and learning how to support young people
- 14 May - Understanding self harm
- 28 May - What if a young person doesn’t want help?

No registration necessary.

See Ms Chiodo for details
Celebrate Reconciliation Week at Maroondah Federation Estate

Friday 10th April 11:00am – 12noon
 Indigenous Dancing Workshop
 Hosted by Mandyl Nicholson of the Djim Djim (Willy Wagtail) dance. Children and adults welcome! $5 | Booking essential

Tuesday 5th May 1.00pm – 2.00pm
 Wolowurung Language Workshop for children and adults
 Hosted by Mandyl Nicholson in association with the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages. Ages 4-9.
 Free | Booking essential

Tuesday 26th May 10.30am – 12noon
 Morning Tea with the Mullum Mullum Indigenous Choir
 Join our community for a celebratory morning tea on the eve of Reconciliation Week. The morning will feature the Mullum Mullum Indigenous Choir. Indigenous plant displays from CRESF nursery and morning tea.
 Free | Booking recommended

Saturday 30th May 11.00am – 1.00pm
 Family Fun Day
 Launch of Indigenous Early Years Preschool Program
 This family event will include a Smoking Ceremony, Indigenous dancing and plenty of children’s activities.
 Free | Booking recommended

Tuesday 2nd June 10.30am – 11.30am
 Storytime
 Come along to Maroondah Art Gallery for a reading of a selection of children’s stories by our favourite Indigenous authors.
 Free | Booking recommended

Chrysalis

Join us at the launch with Guest Speaker
Natalie King, Senior Research Fellow, Victorian College of the Arts, University of Melbourne.
10.30am – 12 noon
Thursday 28th May 2015.

Maroondah Art Gallery
32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood 3134
Gallery Hours
Tuesday – Friday 10am – 4pm
Sat 12noon – 4pm

Chrysalis

Bindi Cole

Bindi Cole is an Australian contemporary artist of Wadawurrung heritage. The exhibition Chrysalis references the artist’s life story and experiences. This includes her Aboriginal identity, the importance of Christianity in her life, and the impact of politics, the law and other power structures on Bindi, her family and community. The exhibition speaks compellingly through sculptural installations comprising photographs, videos and objects.

NO SHAME TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

EASTERN MELBOURNE PARTNERS IN RECOVERY - WHAT IS IT?

Partners in Recovery can help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have a serious mental health condition and other areas of need.

We can chat with you, your family and carers about the health treatment you are getting at the moment and about other services which could help too.

We help by coordinating services such as drug and alcohol, housing, and other support services.

Our programs is about working with you to figure out how services can be organised to suit your needs.

IS PARTNERS IN RECOVERY FOR ME?

If you think you have a mental health condition and would like to talk about whether Partners in Recovery could help you, please contact your local Centre for Mental Health Services.

We work in partnership with co-located services to help you get the treatment you need.

COME AND HAVE A CHAT

For details about getting help for you or someone you know, Call the Eastern Melbourne Partners in Recovery team on 03 9871 4000. Eastern Melbourne Partners in Recovery is available to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the Eastern Region, as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work. The Eastern Region includes the Eastern Metropolitan region of Melbourne, presidency of Melbourne, and all its surrounding rural areas.

Ararat Regional Mental Health is a joint initiative by Eastern Metropolitan Health and Wellness Authority, Eastern Metropolitan Region Health, and the Victorian Government.
How can I get involved?

Mentoring:
Are you over 21 years of age, can make a commitment of at least one hour a week over a 12 month period, hold a full drivers licence and want to help young learners?

Learner Driver:
Are you a young person who is unable to get the 120 hours driving experience required to apply for your probational licence?

For more information please contact the L2P Coordinator at UnitingCare Harrison on 9871 8700

What is the L2P Program?

L2P is a community based volunteer program designed to provide driving practice for young learner drivers who face significant barriers in gaining their 120 hours of driving practice required to obtain a probational licence.

How L2P Works

Volunteer Mentors are required to register their interest in the program, attend an interview and complete the mandatory checks and VicRoads training.

Young learners are also required to apply and attend an interview before being accepted into the program. Learner drivers are matched with licensed volunteers, and use a fully maintained, and serviced vehicle, with a minimum four star ANCAP safety rating, to gain their 120 hours driving experience. Eligible learner drivers will receive up to seven professional lessons throughout the program, to evaluate their progress at the different stages of learning to drive.

Volunteer Mentors

Mentors are volunteers from the community who undertake a selection and training process to fulfill the role of supervising driver. Mentors develop a trusting and supportive relationship with the young person by providing them with the tools they need to be safe and confident drivers. Mentoring provides volunteers with the opportunity to meet new people, develop new skills and have a positive impact on the lives of young learner drivers.

Learner Drivers

L2P is for young learners 16 – 20 years of age, with a current Learner’s permit who live in the Cities of Knox or Maroondah. The L2P program helps young people who have significant barriers to learning to drive, and who do not have access to a vehicle or supervising driver to gain their 120 hours driving experience. There is no charge to participate in the program.

“We assist people to take charge of their own lives”