VET Fashion

For the third year in a row Western Port Secondary College students studying VET Fashion have participated in the Peninsula Teenage Fashion Expo held at Dromana Secondary College. Again our student’s talents were rewarded by the judges with a third place award in the Special Occasion Category and three Encouragement Awards, which included a scholarship to the Whitehouse Institute of Fashion.

We must congratulate My Ha, Amanda, Rhiannon, Olivia, Kirstie and Naybuay who between them designed, drafted and produced twelve beautiful outfits showcased on the night. Also a huge thank you to Bec and Kellie-Ann who assisted by modelling some of the garments for our Western Port students. We are all very proud of their effort and commitment, especially as they have to participate at weekends and in the evenings to represent our College. Well done girls and a big thank you to their parents for their continued support as well!

Ms Lynne Lee
Hello to the Western Port Secondary College community. We are now close to the final completion of the building works. Hannah Lewis has been coordinating teams of students who are now landscaping parts of the outdoor areas as small projects. We look forward to full use of these areas from late this year.

Last week we said farewell to our Year 12 students. We held a wonderful final assembly for these students and heard from our College captains about their school experiences. All students received a successful completing their studies. We wish all students continuing onto exams the best of luck over the next few weeks. I would like to thank Wendy Rule, Kevin Hall and the senior school team for their work in coordinating this event.

Recently I attended the National Beacon Conference with a number of WPSC staff. This conference reinforced the good work we are already doing but also highlighted the many challenges in keeping student’s engaged in schooling and successfully transitioning to further studies and work. We were pleased to receive a commendation for the work of our Beacon School Ambassadors who each received a portable DVD player which was presented to them at the recent whole school assembly.

During our last whole College assembly a number of awards were presented to students. One of the highlights was the 2011 Defence Technical Scholarship presented to Year 11 student Greg Hardingham. Greg competed with over 2000 students from across Australia to receive this award and our congratulations go to him.

Recently Lynne Lee attended the Peninsula Teenage Fashion Expo with a number of our VET Fashion students. The students were able to show their garment designs and present them professionally at this event which was a wonderful opportunity.

Organisational matters
Rollover for 2012 will be November 21st and this year we will be introducing a new completion process for students who start Year 11 and 12. This will involve having their attendance and work completion signed off by each teacher before finishing the year. Any student who does not complete this will be required to attend in the following week to complete outstanding work.

1:1 Netbook Sessions parents letters have been mailed this week. Please make sure you book in to attend one of these as part of the rollout process. Recently we have noticed a number of students wearing incorrect shoes; generally it appears that small groups try to see what they can get away with. The College does not accept suede, canvas or ballet style shoes and will enforce this all year. If you are buying new shoes please contact the College if unsure, we have printed photographs of approved shoe styles, and these are also published on the College website.


Andrew Nicholls
Principal
At the end of last term I was delighted to attend the Graduation of students who participated in the Operation Newstart Leadership program which is run by DEECD and the Police. Zane Carghill attended the program 4 days a week last term and was selected from all the students who attended to receive the Paul Kill award. This award acknowledges a student who has demonstrated a high level of leadership capabilities and who has been a role model for others. Congratulations to Zane.

This term I have been working with groups of students on the development of the Student Hub. Dynamic, talented and creative students from Years 7, 8 and 9 have come up with wonderful ideas for the development of this area and have drawn up scaled designs of their projects and written detailed applications for garden landscaping projects and sculpture. Work commenced on their projects last Friday and continued on Monday and we have planted over 500 plants already. We competed with rain and mud but had loads of fun. The area will be transformed into a beautiful space for all the school community to enjoy.

Hannah Lewis
Assistant Principal

Last week we farewelled our Year 12 students with a formal leaving assembly on Thursday and a more informal breakfast, parade and final farewell with the rest of the College on Friday morning. Although the festivities are now over, for many of these Year 12’s the ‘real work’ is about to begin as they prepare for and complete the VCE examinations.

Over their years at the College we have tried to prepare students for these examinations with senior school exams and subject tests which we undertake at all year levels. In fact, throughout students’ school careers they are required to complete numerous tests and examinations which will contribute significantly to their assessment. The thought of these often causes feelings of tension and raises doubts about coping amongst students, which are perfectly natural reactions.

The secret to success is being able to see how the knowledge they have learned relates to what they already know and how they can apply it to extend their knowledge further. It is much more than being good at regurgitating learned answers.

Performing well on tests and exams relies on being able to understand what is being asked, retrieving the relevant information from the brain and shaping an appropriate answer. It’s a process that needs to be practised often to develop resilient habits which create a consistent and confident exam performance. We have endeavoured to skill students in this area by conducting regular exams in the senior school in preparation for these all important VCE exams.

Being well prepared for exams is vital to ensure good results. Time management, appropriate study environment, routine and well planned preparation and revision exercises and activities are all important aspects of solid exam preparation. Being well rested and having a healthy diet and physical exercise program are also a significant benefit for students as they prepare for exams.

We wish all our Year 12 students all the very best for the exams but also, just as importantly, for the preceeding exam preparation and study. Good Luck!

Michael Devine
Assistant Principal
On the last day, we had our traditional, annual carnival on the beach, including wading, beach running and paddling. We competed in both singles and teams, to improve our self-reliant skills and team-reliant skills. Everyone will approve when I say that the home cooked spaghetti, fresh salad rolls, Bacon and eggs chunky steak pies and roast vegetables were amazing, and the freedom between classes was much needed.

Lorne Camp isn't just another camp that gets you out of school work for a few days, it taught us crucial survival skills in and out of the water that we may need tomorrow or in 30 years time. We thank the club for letting us use their facilities and teachers who put the time in to make the camp all it was.

I encourage any student at the College to participate in this subject as this opportunity may never be offered again.

By Shae Soden
VET Fashion

During October students from the VET Fashion Studies class participated at the “Tickled Pink at Tyabb” High Tea. Gina Mathers on behalf of the Tyabb Aero Club invited us to again showcase our students fantastic fashions that they have designed, drafted and produced in class.

The event is a fundraiser in support of Breast Cancer and our students were more than happy to support such a worthwhile cause. Nine students, representing four colleges, modelled sixteen different outfits produced by eleven of our students. The audience was most impressed with the talent and the confidence displayed by our students and gave loads of very positive feedback, especially when we all made our way down onto the airfield for a flyover photo shoot.

The girls were also able to benefit from the opportunity to get some fabulous ‘Vogue-like’ photos in amongst the planes for their fashion folios. A huge thank you to the girls for giving up a day of their holidays to represent our college in such a professional way.

Ms Lynne Lee

VCAL

VCAL INTERMEDIATE URBAN CAMP

Our VCAL class attended a three day camp to the city on Monday 24th- Wednesday 26th October. We stayed at the YHA Melbourne Metro in North Melbourne and had to participate in loads of activities in and around the city. The focus of the camp was tourist attractions in the CBD and what their disabled access was like. At Etihad Stadium we got to go into the coaches’ box, the locker rooms and down onto the oval, it was great. My group got to go to the Eureka Sky Deck and the Edge Experience, it was pretty cool. Some of the other groups went to the Zoo and the Aquarium too. The best part of the camp was probably the laser tag on Tuesday night at Crown Casino. We got to shoot the teachers, and ran around like crazy. Also, dinner in Chinatown and Lygon Street the next night (all you can eat pizza) was pretty good too. We caught a lot of public transport to see the huge crowd at Federation Square who were waiting to see the Queen – it was mad! Overall camp was great.
Our second session for the day was a visit to the Old Magistrates Court. We enacted a contemporary case about a teenager who crashed his car and killed his best friend. It taught us to pay more attention to driving and not be “pushed” by friends to do things that you might not want to do. All the class had roles in the court case. Some were barristers, witnesses, victims, judges.

Melbourne Visit continued-
What we enjoyed about the day:

Gemma “I liked the gaol and the stories of each cell and how people lived in the past.”

Owen “I liked travelling with my friends and working in a different environment.”

Jared “All of the day was pretty good and we got to visit some “cool” city shops.”

Tay “Travelling with my friends was good, the Magistrate’s court was very formal and time consuming.

Ms Miller “I enjoyed working with students in the city and especially taking a group to the State Library where we visited the Ned Kelly display.”

By Gemma Richardson
On the way to China Town we saw a demonstration in the City Square. We had dinner at the Chinese restaurant, lots of different dishes that some of us had never tried before. We took a tram to our South Yarra Hostel then a late evening walk down busy Chapel Street.

On Thursday we walked through the Botanical Gardens and had a look at the “Volcano” which was surrounded by beautiful drought proof plants from Australia and around the world. At the Shrine of Remembrance we liked looking at the old uniforms, medals and statues. We climbed to the top and saw the view of the city skyline.

We caught the City Circle tram to the Victoria Market for lunch and then walked to the Old Melbourne Goal and heard about the cat-o-nine tails and the treatment of prisoners. We saw the rope where they hung Ned Kelly.

Ms Smith said the group was fantastic and we thought the excursion was 10/10 and more. Thanks to Gayle, Carolyn, Mary, John, Bec & Jane we had a great time.

By Shantine Wilson

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City Camp
A group of students went on an overnight excursion to the city.

On Wednesday we went on a tour of the MCG where we saw change rooms, media and coaching rooms, indoor practice cricket nets and the members only section of the MCC. After this we went to the Sports Museum where I enjoyed the interactive Netball game.

It was very hot as we walked to the Fitzroy Gardens and had lunch under the shade of the trees. We had a tour of Cook’s Cottage, it was really small. After this we walked to the Old Treasury Building and saw where they used to keep all of the gold, there were large nuggets on display.

It was very warm so we had slurpees as we walked to look at the graffiti in Hosier Lane. Then to Southbank for our ferry that took us down the Yarra River. There are were lots of tiny bridges and we had to duck our heads. The ferry took us to Docklands and we saw the Westgate Bridge and large container ships moving in and out of the docks.
Year 9 City Experience Day

On the 14th of October, Year 9 students went off to the city for the day. The aim of the day was to find a number of things in different locations all around the city. We were split into groups of 3, 5 or 6. We caught the bus to Frankston Train Station. We then caught the train to Melbourne and whilst we were on the train the teachers distributed envelopes with maps and the locations which we were supposed to go to. This was the start of ‘The Great Amazing Race’.

The groups all had to devise their own route around the city and got off at different train stations. We would have to catch public transport around the city to each location. We had only two hours to complete the race. Although it was a hot day, the groups had lots of fun and energy and were keen to finish the race first to collect the prize. The locations consisted of the MCG and Etihad Stadium, RMIT University as well as many more.

We had a great time and would like to thank the teachers for taking us on such an awesome day. We also encourage the Year 8’s going up to Year 9 to take part in this fantastic experience next year.

By Kitlyn Bourke and Monique Freeman-Wright 9C

Rachel Ballard: “It was a good experience, great to be out of the classroom and learning”.

Adem Neary: “Most of our group had no experience in the city so finding our targets was very difficult, we wasted a lot of time finding Myer as we didn't know what the building looked like. We found it difficult to read the map upside down but we all found our way back to Fed Square”.

Corey Glenister: “Everyone got to work in groups with friends. We were given the opportunity to work without teachers assisting”.

Shane Connor-Nichols: “Other than going to the footy I haven't spent much time in the city. We could have found more of our targets if we had of used the trams”.
SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday October 13th twelve competitors travelled to Knox for the Southern Metropolitan Region Athletics.

Bronze medal winners were:
- **Laz Cuttriss** 15 years Javelin
- **Bridgette Kupsch** 18-20 years 1500m
- **14 years girls Relay**
- **Georgia Cox**, **Shaye Williams**, **Stacey Conway** and **Cathy Runting**

Other placings were:
- **Lachlan Timmins** 4th 12-13 years Shot Put
- **Codey Palmer** 5th 16 years Hurdles
- **Shaye Williams** 4th 14 years Shot Put, 7th Long Jump, 5th Triple Jump
- **Georgia Cox** 7th 14 years 100m, 4th 200m, 9th 800m
- **Jack Goddard** 6th 14 years 1500m
- **Brianna Johnstone-Greening** 8th 15 years 1500m
- **Rylan Wittmer** 5th 16 years Shot Put
- **Aidan Cuttriss** 4th 400m

Well done to all the competitors on their performances and on reaching such a high level of competition. Western Port came 27th overall out of over 65 schools. This is an excellent effort considering the size of the school. Thank you to the staff, parents and students who inspired such excellent achievements.

Year 9 and 10 Boys Cricket

The Year 9 and 10 boys played cricket at Cheltenham on Friday October 14th in the Southern Metropolitan Regional Playoffs. They had already won the Southern Peninsula and Northern Peninsula titles. Cheltenham were too strong with some excellent batting form their three main batters who all scored half centuries. Best bowler was Brodie Hill 3/40 with his highlight being a caught and bowled. Rylan Wittmer top scored with 18 including a big 6. Everyone tried hard in the hot conditions.

Thanks to Jarryd Lymer for umpiring and Matt Mitchell-Lacey for scoring.

DO YOU KNOW VICTORIA’S FASTEST KID?

Victoria’s Fastest Kid is back for 2011 and is giving your school the chance to win big just by taking part.

Thanks to Hart Sport, the school with the most participants in this year’s Victoria’s Fastest Kid will take home a $2,500 sporting equipment voucher.

All rounds of competition will be held at Melbourne’s new home of athletics, Lakeside Stadium at Albert Park, with the qualifying round to take place on Saturday 26 November and the semi-finals and final to take place at the ZATOPEK:10 on Saturday 10 December.

The winning school will be notified on Monday 28 November, with prizes to be awarded at the ZATOPEK:10.

Competition is open to all kids aged 9-12 as of 31 December 2011. All your school’s kids need to do is visit www.fastestkid.com.au to sign up. There is no limit to the number of athletes a school can send, but places are limited, so make sure they get in quick!

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact me at Athletics Victoria on (03) 9428 8195, or send me an email at Clinton@athsvic.org.au

We look forward to seeing your school well represented at this year’s Victoria’s Fastest Kid!
On Tuesday 20th September five students and three teachers from Western Port Secondary College, along with thirteen students and two teachers from St Albans Secondary College, visited Clayton Utz in Melbourne to participate in ‘A Day in the Life of a Law Firm’. Students were given the opportunity to learn about the different career opportunities available within the organisation and the varied pathways to a career in the industry.

Mock Job Interviews
Panel Mock Job Interviews were conducted by thirty one volunteers for our Year 10 cohort on Friday, 16th and Monday 19th September.

The students were responsible for preparing an updated resume and covering letter of application for an advertised position which was given to the panel.

The interviews were conducted and evaluations completed for each student thanks to the support of our local business and community guests for their involvement with the students of our college.
1-1 Learning Initiative
PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

All 2012 Year 11 and 12 students must attend an information session for the 1-1 Learning Initiative with their parent/guardian. This includes VCAL students and Year 10 students studying a Year 11 subject. The session will deliver important information and documents relating to these students receiving a laptop at no cost in 2012.

1-1 Learning Initiative PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Evening Session-Afternoon Session-
Tuesday 8th November Thursday 10th November
7.00pm 1.00pm

Information sessions will be conducted at the college in the Arts Centre.
Please return the reply slip on the letter you will receive in the mail.
For further information please contact Ms Jenni Hodgins at the College on 5979 1577

Advertising in the College Newsletter

If you would like to place an advertisement in the College Newsletter please call the General Office on 5979 1577

Student Absences

If your student at the College is absent please contact the College on:

SMS: 0428 937 348 (note, this number cannot be called, it is SMS only).

Or

Absent line to leave a voice message: 5979 3511

Please do not let your student call the absent line or SMS, these will be disregarded.

Thank you

Education Maintenance Allowance

There are still EMA cheques to be collected, please contact the general office to ask if you have a one awaiting collection.

Bell Times for 2011

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Please ensure your student is here before form assembly or a note will be required to explain absence, and an SMS WILL go out.
Western Port Secondary College
Parents and Friends Association
Proudly Presents

Year 7 Bright Futures
And
Time Capsule Ceremony

This evening will be an opportunity for parents, students and teachers of our 2011 Year 7 cohort to celebrate the work that has been done throughout the course of the year. Student representatives will talk about highlights of the year, as well as presenting their work.

Date: Wednesday 30th November
Venue: Community Meeting Room
Time: 5:30pm
6:00pm Year 7 Musical Performance
6:10pm DVD Highlights
6:20pm Time Capsule ceremony
6:30pm Evening Conclude

This is our annual time capsule ceremony, which is to be opened in 2016 when the students are in Year 12.

“Look to the future……not back to the future!”

Please RSVP to Tanya Blanch at the College on 5979 1577
Or RSVP via your students footprints teacher by Friday 25th November.
Schools Access Monash

OCTOBER EDITION 2011

High Achievers Get a Taste of Uni Life

Approximately 50 high achieving Year 10 students from schools in the Frankston-Mornington Peninsula region took part in a three-day program at Monash Peninsula campus in the first week of the school holidays.

The program, run in conjunction with Mindshop business consultants, introduced students to university life, focusing on independent learning and research skills. Following a day spent learning various business tools and processes, students were split into groups to practice their newly acquired skills on a real-life problem. Students were asked to address the issues surrounding their journey from Year 10 to university to employment.

The students showed impressive motivation and organisation skills, and made innovative use of resources as they spent day two researching their topics and preparing to present their ideas to an audience. Parents and members of Monash University attended to listen to the groups’ presentations on the final day.

One participant commented, “...these three days have got me wanting to start uni next term!”

Students’ responses will be used by Access Monash to inform the programs, activities and information developed for prospective students aiming to undertake a university degree.

VCE Revision Classes

Access Education will be running revision classes for VCE subjects at a number of Monash University Campuses, through to the end of October.

Visit the Access Education website at www.AccessEducation.com.au for more information, or speak to your Careers Teachers about discount ticket options.

Have you liked our Schools Access Monash Facebook page yet? Keep your eyes open for upcoming competitions and events!

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Professor Sue Wills addresses students

Good Luck to Year 12 students

Access Monash would like to wish all students good luck with your examinations! We are sure all your hard work will be worth it.

Free Art Folio Preparation Sessions for Students

Students applying for an Art and Design course in 2012 particularly those living in the Gippsland region, are invited to register for a free folio interview preparation session, which is currently being run by Monash University's Gippsland Centre for Art and Design.

Art folio interviews are a major part of the selection process for new students and these sessions will help provide students with the edge when applying for their 2012 studies.

To book a time or receive further advice, please contact Bernadette Buyckx at Monash University Gippsland Campus on (03) 5122 6261 or email bernadette.buyckx@monash.edu

Change of Preference Information

The Change of Preference period opens on Monday 28th November and closes on Wednesday 21st December. Information regarding Change of Preference information sessions in your area will soon be available on the Monash University website and in the Schools Access Monash November Edition newsletter.
Western Port Secondary College Uniforms FOR SALE

Summer Dresses
3 x size 12 - $25 each or 3 for $60
2 x size 14 - $25 each or 2 for $45

Short-sleeved polo T-shirt with College logo
1 x size 12 - $20 each
2 x size 14 - $20 each or 2 for $35

Short-sleeved bottle green sports T-shirt (round neck) with school logo
1 x size small - $8 each

Short-sleeved micromesh sports top with College logo. Black/Bottle Green/White colour
1 x size small - $15 each.

Winter pleated skirt – needs a new zip, tear on skirt but it has been stitched
1 x size 16 - $10 each

For all queries, please call Angela
Ph 59792374 or 0438591139
Important Dates for your calendar

**Semester 2, 2011**

- **Monday 21st November**  ROLLOVER
- **Monday 21st November**  VALEDICTORY DINNER
- **Monday 28th November**  YEAR 7 READING AWARDS
- **Tuesday 29th November**  YEAR 8 READING AWARDS
- **Tuesday 6th December**  ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE BACK/ NO MORE BORROWING FOR 2011
- **Friday 16th December**  REPORTS DISTRIBUTED