DATES TO REMEMBER - 2011 - 2012

December 2011

16-21 Dec  Yr 12 VTAC change of preference period
20 Dec    ALL Results & Rehearsal Day
          DSC Concert Band Rehearsal
21 Dec    Yr 7-9 End of Year Program Day 2
          Presentation Night – 6:30pm
          concert band & award recipients
          Presentation Night – 7pm start
22 Dec    All College Last day – 1pm finish

January 2012

16 Jan    Yr 12 2012 Round One Offers
17 Jan    Yr 12 DSC Careers office opens
          10am

February 2012

1 Feb    All Ballarat Books order pickup
         9am-5pm
          All Second-hand uniform sale
2 Feb    All First day back for students
3 Feb    Yr 12 2012 Round Two Offers

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGES

Term  Dates 2012 - Students
Term 1    2 February – 30 March
Term 2    16 April - 29 June
Term 3    16 July - 21 September
Term 4    8 October - 21 December

“This wish everyone a very safe, happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year period, and I trust you will all take some time to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends over the holiday period”

From Miss Holt
Principal

Welcome to our new look Newsletter…… our final one for 2011!

2012 Newsletter

This is how we are going to present our Newsletter for 2012. We are trying to ensure that ALL parents read our Newsletter every fortnight, to make sure important messages, dates and general information about our school is communicated to everyone.

The College will continue to have our Newsletter available on our website, and we will still be emailing it home as we currently do. However, we have noted that there are many times when parents are not receiving the newsletter and feedback suggests that it has been too big and hard to read.

A copy of our newsletter will be sent home every fortnight in 2012 with the youngest (or only) member of your family.

Thank You

As we complete 2011, I wish to say a very big THANK YOU to our students, staff and parents who have all contributed to make this yet another very successful year.

On a personal note, I also wish to thank our college community for their welcoming support and assistance as I have taken on the role as principal of our school. I have had a wonderful year getting to know our students, staff and parents, and have thoroughly enjoyed working closely with you all.

I am very excited about what the future holds for Daylesford Secondary College and I am very much looking forward to continuing to develop positive and strong relationship amongst both our school and wider community.

There are several items of importance for parents to note as we complete this year.

Presentation Night

I hope to see all our students and parents tomorrow evening for what will be a joyous occasion in acknowledging and celebrating the many student achievements that have occurred throughout 2011.

2012 - Many Changes!!

STAFFING - Farewell

A number of staffing changes will occur in 2012.

Mr. Bromley King After a very long and distinguished career as an educator, Mr. Bromley
King will be retiring. On behalf of our whole College community, I take this opportunity to thank Mr. King for his 32 years of dedication and commitment to educating the youth of Daylesford and surrounding communities. We wish Bromley all the best in his retirement and future endeavours.

**Mr. Paul Campbell** will also be leaving our College next year, deciding to retire after a period of Long Service Leave. Again, we thank Mr Campbell for his 26 years as an educator and his contribution to our school community.

**Mrs Bronwyn Barlow** has also decided to retire from her teaching career; however, the College is very fortunate to have Mrs Barlow remain within our school for 2 days a week next year to continue her role in Careers Counselling. We are delighted that Mrs. Barlow will be remaining on staff for a further period of time.

Congratulations to **Mr. Martin Burness** who has accepted a position at Kings College in Warrnambool and to **Ms Bartholomew** who will be teaching at Castlemaine Secondary College in 2012.

We also farewell **Mr. Sam Hu** who will be returning to Melbourne next year, **Mr. Marc Matthews**, **Ms Susan Taylor** and **Mr. Shane Neville** who have all taken on new positions, other employment opportunities, or promotions.

Again, the College thanks these staff members for their dedication to our college and especially our students, and we wish you all every success in your new roles.

**STAFFING - Welcome**

In 2012, we welcome to DSC the following new staff members:

- **Mr. Michael Sayn** - Technology/Woodwork
- **Miss Erin Low** - Multimedia and Arts
- **Mrs Natalie Lawler** - Maths and Science
- **Mrs Elizabeth Betts** - English and Humanities

Other new staff will be known in the near future as we continue to finalise arrangements for 2012.

**NEW BELL TIMES - 2012**

At the beginning of next year, I will publish a full set of new bell times for everyone’s information.

The school day begins at **9am** and students will move directly to their first lesson. There are no morning section meetings in 2012.

The end of the day is returning to **3.18pm**.

There are no changes to bus times.

**NEW NAMES and STRUCTURE**

In 2012, the College will be structured as follows:
- Junior Learning Community - Years 7 and 8
- Middle Learning Community - Years 9 and 10
- Senior Learning Community - Years 11 and 12

This structure replaces the former Junior and Senior School. Students in year 10 can still wear the College Black Jumper. More information about the new structure will be communicated at the beginning of 2012.

Students will now be in homegroups not sections, section 7.1 becomes homegroup 7.1.

**2012 UNIFORM**

*Please see inside your student’s report package for ALL information related to student uniform for 2012. This has also been uploaded to the college website.*

The Family School Partnerships Committee will be conducting a full uniform review throughout 2012 with the purpose of refining and modernising our uniform policy for 2013 and beyond. I am very much looking forward to this process.

**Please note:** The College will be very strict on ensuring ALL students are wearing correct uniform in 2012. We seek parent support in this issue and encourage you to carefully check the enclosed uniform brochures to ensure your son/daughter is properly equipped for the beginning of the 2012 year.

Consequences will be in place for students who attend school out of uniform and replacement items will be given to students to wear during that day.

**Dresses, skirts and shorts must meet the knee.**

See next section for a second-hand uniform initiative starting in 2012.

**FIRST DAY 2012 - Staff & Students**

- **Wednesday February 1st** – Teachers start.
- **Thursday February 2nd** – Students start.

*I am looking forward to seeing everyone bright and refreshed for a fabulous 2012 School Year.*

**Miss Holt 😊**

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**College News & Notices**

**Second Hand Uniform - New Initiative**

The idea is to hold one or more second-hand uniform sales throughout the year.

Attach a note with parent's name, phone number, student's name, year level and asking price to each item. Set price at no more than ½ the new price. All items must be clean and in good condition.

Drop items into the office up to 1 pm on 22nd December or to the sale on Wednesday 1st February.

The first sale is at the college on Wednesday 1st February 2012, next to the pickup area for Ballarat Books orders.

A small commission is charged for each item. Items can be donated, with the money raised being given to the Student Welfare team.

**Uniform - College Black Jackets**

Orders for the college black jacket will be taken at the end of February 2012.

**Uniform - Black Leather Shoes Girls**

- Double C Jeanery - $59.99 or $50 if bought with a uniform.
  - Sizes 3 to 11.
A big Thank You to all students and staff who contributed to this year's school magazine.

Take some time to "step back through 2011" and see for yourself, many excellent contributions representing hours of creative endeavour and fun.

Thanks again from the "Rewind 2011" Editors Jenny Penaluna and Coralie Rowbotham

STANLEY HAMMOND AWARD WINNERS

The following students were awarded a Stanley Hammond Award for voluntarily helping on the Year 7 Orientation Day.

Lily

Holly

Year 9 & 10 - Correction to 2012 Charges

The correct 2012 Essential Education Items Charge for Year 9 & 10 students is $140 + Subject Preference/Unit Costs.

Year 11 Booklist - English 2012

Macbeth (Global Shakespeare Series) was left off the 2012 booklist; please ensure you purchase a copy of the play for next year. There are some second hand copies still available.

We apologise for this inconvenience.

DSC Newsletter Emailing Addresses

The school newsletter is posted on the school website fortnightly. To receive an email alert for the next newsletter simply go to the school website and click on Join our emailing list.

MIPS & Careers Update

Week 10 Term 4 2011

Year 9 Students

Thank you to all those year 9 students who participated so willingly and cooperatively during our Work Experience preparation day. We completed the training for the General Module of the safe@work OH&S and students sat the test. We had a 72% pass rate on this test.

Those students who did not pass the test will be able to come to see us in MIPS & Careers and we will discuss the issues that were not understood thoroughly. They can then be re-assessed.

Students also had the opportunity to prepare for and sit the module of safe@work most appropriate for their selected of Work Experience.

Lists of students who passed tests are posted outside the MIPS room.

Students not in attendance on 1 December will need to seek advice as to when the program will be conducted in 2012.

Families might also like to consider options for their student’s Work Experience placement (dates 25 – 29th June 2012) over the summer break. As there is considerable paperwork associated with placements – things will need to be organised early in the year.
Year 12 Students

Results are now available for current year 12 students (and for those year 11 students who have completed a year 12 subject).

A reminder that we need to be in contact with our current year 12 students – especially those who have applied for courses through VTAC. This is the crucial time when students have an opportunity to change their preferences in the light of their ATAR score. It is important that they seek advice before they do this.

Change of preference closes at 5 pm on Wednesday 21st December.

Note that universities and TAFEs will conduct information sessions over the period 16 – 21 December and it may be important that you attend one or more. Some universities will be contactable over the weekend because the time line is so tight.

Please contact us for more information.

Another reminder – on the evening of 16th January students will be able to access their Round 1 offers. We will be available in our office on Tuesday 17th January from 10 am – to assist students who may get an offer that is lower on their list of preferences, those who may not have received a 1st Round offer and to congratulate those who get exactly what they want.

We wish our students and their families a safe and happy Christmas.

Music News

Presentation Night & Rehearsal Day

The senior concert band is performing at presentation night on Wednesday 21st December. Please arrive at college on the night by 6:30pm in full uniform. Hugh McKelvey

Family School Partnership Committee – FSPC News

Thanks

Thanks to the core group and volunteers who readily came in and helped.

College Information Booklet

Work continues on an information booklet. It will bring many pieces of parent/student school information into one place for easier access.

Forum on Cybersafety

Planning is ongoing for the parent’s Cybersafety Forum. It will involve, and be open to, the whole community. Aiming for early 2012.

Next Meeting

If you have time help plan the activities of this group, please come to our next meeting on Monday 19 December - 9:15am in the college conference room.

For more information, contact Donna O’Mara on fspc@daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au or 5348-7970

For Sale

Second-hand Uniforms

Tamara Couttie call 5348 1868 for a condition report. Cost – below 50%
Green school jumpers: sizes 10, 12, 16, 16, 20, 18-20, 24; $28 and less.
Green School Windcheater: 2 medium-$10 ea.
Black school jumpers: 16, 18, 20, 24, 26; $28 and less.
Boys Polo shirts: 14, 16, 16; $10.
Dresses: 12, 16, 18-new: $10-$25.
1 Skirt: 32-34 long; $20.
Chef’s uniform: pants 14, 16, medium;
Aprons x 2.
Daylesford Football/Netball: 2 shirts XS -$25; 3 skirts $5.
1 school bag $15 and 1 green sports short size 12-$5

Anne Richards - 5476 4237
All in new condition
4 girls summer dresses, size 8-10, $20 each
1 black senior jumper, size 16, $30
1 black VCE jumper, size 16, $30

Angela - 0400 630 606
1 black senior jumper, size 12, $40
1 sports polo shirt, size 16, $15
1 school bag, $15

Community News

Summer School Holidays Craft Workshops

Threadneedle Craft workshops for school children commence on Thursday, January 5, 2012. The workshops will include beading, paper-craft and beginners’ sewing to inspire kids of all ages to be creative.
A full program will be available to download from www.threadneedle.com.au before the end of term.
Workshops will be held at Shop 2, 52A Vincent Street, Daylesford (in the Coles walkway). Book in advance class sizes limited to six.
Bookings and enquiries: Merrilyn Sim on 5348 4277