Daylesford Secondary College
2016 Year 7 Students Transition Day
Grade 6 Students Experiencing a Day at Daylesford Secondary College.

COMING EVENTS

End of Year Activities Program (EYAP) – 14, 16, 17 December
Presentation Night, 7.00pm – 16 December
Years 7, 8, 9 students are expected to attend College until – 17 December
(normal school hours)
On the other hand, we will be welcoming new staff in 2016. Not all positions have been filled at this stage however I can advise that Ms Sandie Kennedy has been appointed to the food technology position, Ms Amarinda Long to Visual Communication, Mr Nick Cowan has been appointed to an English position and Ms Arndt is returning to the Maths position.

Another school year has raced past with many achievements and successes gained along the way. Daylesford Secondary College is a wonderful school which provides many opportunities for students to be involved and to excel. Pleasingly, most students have taken advantage of the opportunities and have worked hard to achieve their very best.

There have been some stand-out events this year such as the school production of Olivia, the Royal South Street Debating and the LOTE trip to Italy. I could also mention the many sporting events, the excursions, the ski camp, the healthy food day and the list could go on. The students participated extremely well in all of the programs.

I thank and acknowledge the teachers and support staff for their hard work throughout 2015. They are dedicated staff who provide many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of stimulating and exciting curriculum and extra-curricular programs. They all have the best interests of students in mind at all times and strive to provide the social, emotional and learning support needed for students to succeed.

Thanks also goes to the SRC and School Council. The Student Representative Council has provided advice and run fundraisers this year. The School Council has had an extremely busy year with work around policy development, development of the school grounds and the rebuild project. Thanks go to Tim Ferrier who has spent a huge amount of time in his role as School Council President attending meetings, providing advice and working with the Education Department to develop new plans for the rebuild.

Last, but not least, I thank the parents and carers and families for supporting the College this year. Your continued support is appreciated.

I wish everyone a safe and happy festive season, enjoy the holidays and I look forward to the students resuming school in late January, 2016.

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STARTING DATES FOR 2016

Years 7 and 12 – Thursday 28th January
(Years 8, 9, 10, 11 do not attend)

ALL students attend – Friday 29th January

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Wednesday 16th December is the annual school Presentation Night. Parents and relatives are invited to attend this formal occasion where students are recognised for their achievements and endeavour throughout the year.

Dux awards will be presented along with scholarships and citizenship awards. The coveted Trewhella Award will also be announced along with sports awards and Community Service Awards.

Students who are receiving an award must be at the College Theatre by 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Students in Years 7-11 must wear school uniform. Year 12 students must wear smart attire for this night. They do not have to wear school uniform.

STUDENT REPORTS AND REHEARSAL DAY

Tuesday 15 December

All student reports will be available online via XUNO and can be accessed from Tuesday 15th December. Providing them electronically is part of the College’s push towards being an environmentally and sustainably friendly organisation. Parents can still get a paper copy if they request one in advance. A request for a paper copy can be made by contacting the College or by completing the online form at http://www.daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au/dsc/request-for-paper-reports/.

Paper copies will be distributed on Tuesday 15th December and students need to attend school to pick these up.

On the morning of Tuesday 15th December, there will also be a rehearsal for all students receiving an award at presentation night. All parents will be informed via text message over the next few days if their son/daughter is receiving an award. Students involved in presentation night must attend this rehearsal.

If students in Years 7-9 are leaving school after reports/rehearsal, they must have a signed note from parents authorising them to leave the school grounds.

Students remaining at school will be involved in a range of group and school community activities.

END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES

Next week we have end-of-year activities on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. There are many activities planned for the week. It is expected that students in Years 7-9 attend the activities and participate fully. Students have signed up for a range of events over the three days.
starting dates for 2016
you will note elsewhere the dates for commencement in 2016 are a little different due to australia day and various holidays. the important dates for students are:
years 7 and 12 commence on thursday 28 january (years 8, 9, 10, 11 do not attend). all students attend on friday 29 january.

school captains for 2016
applications have been written, interviews held, speeches made, and voting completed by students and staff to identify who will be school captains for 2016. all applicants have been fantastic. we now wait until presentation night to find out who will be our student leaders for 2016.

presentation night
we have our annual presentation night coming up next wednesday. the evening commences at 7pm and is held in the school theatre. i encourage you all to attend this formal evening which acknowledges the achievements and celebrates the successes of our students.

college notices

dsc 1:1 laptop program

daylesford secondary college is a 1:1 laptop college-it is assumed that all students have access to a laptop.

2016 year 7 to 9
in years 7-9 students have the option of leasing a laptop from the school for 3 years with a small buy out fee at the end of year 9. in years 10 to 12 students have the options of leasing another laptop from the college, or a “bring your own device” (byod).

2016 year 10.
in year 10 families have the option of leasing another laptop from the college, or a “bring your own device” (byod).

if you would like further information about this process then please contact mr macphail at the college.

2016 year 11 and 12
it is expected that year 11 and 12’s will be able to access their own device in class when required. the school will only be supporting a limited number of laptops at school as emergency backups. to have a laptop in class you have 2 options -

- bring your own device (byod)
if you would like to bring your own device (byod) you may as long as it is running windows 7 or mac os 10.7(lion) or later. windows rt, ios (ipads) and android are not supported at this stage. we charge $30 for connection to the school wireless, printers and network drives and installation of anti-virus software if required. please note that any laptops brought to school are brought at students/parents own risk

- leased laptop from the school
if you would like to lease a laptop from the school contact mr. macphail at the college for details.

visual communication

talented year 9 student, lilia haughie, was recently announced as the winner of the secrets magazine gaol trail map competition. local tourist magazine ‘secrets’ invited students to create a map for an upcoming feature about historic gaols in the region. the competition was run in selected visual communication design classes, and challenged students to produce a finished design suitable for publication. while several designs were submitted, magazine editor norma morton was most impressed by lilia’s entry, commenting that it “addressed the brief perfectly and was designed in a style that is reminiscent of the era of the gold rush in victoria”.

lilia not only received a cash prize of $150, her map will also be published in the summer issue of the magazine. congratulations lilia, and big thank you to secrets magazine for providing a wonderful opportunity for our students.

http://secretsmagazine.com.au

ms amelia james
visual communication
On Tuesday the 8th of December, 85 students from a range of Primary Schools were invited to attend Orientation Day at Daylesford Secondary College. The students were involved in a range of activities including a scavenger hunt, Maths competitions, shape poems in English, PE activities along with a BBQ lunch and music/dance concert.

The students have continued to prepare for Secondary College and we look forward to welcoming them again in 2016 as they begin the next part of their educational journey. Thank-you to primary school teachers and parents for the ongoing support of the transition program.

Penelope Ellis
Junior Learning Community

School for Student Leadership (SSL)

School for Student Leadership (SSL)
This semester has seen some very exciting events happen for the leadership school program here at Daylesford Secondary College.

Our team of six students shown here - Joel, Sam, Lucy, Eve, Rebecca and Billy, are due home at the end of this week after spending nine weeks at Dinner Plain completing their leadership training. This is a picture of the team during their Community Learning Project (CLP) presentation day.

Looking at the weather on this day, you would struggle to realise that the other picture of Rebecca in the snow was taken just three days earlier on the 2nd of December. The team had some unusual experiences during their time at SSL, with all of them having at least one sighting of a snake, with Lucy actually having a Copperhead try to take up residence in her backpack whilst she was still wearing it. Although Lucy was not bitten during this scary incident, the teachers at SSL enacted their emergency procedures to ensure all students were safe.

The teams CLP is based around raising money to assist the Hepburn wildlife shelter in obtaining and installing solar panels to help reduce costs, as the money spent on simple things like a power bill could be used to assist injured or orphaned wildlife. So please get behind them and their idea when they start their fund raising in the new year.

In 2016 DSC has been extremely fortunate in gaining the chance to send a team to China in term 2 and Dinner Plain in term 3. The application process for China is well underway and the successful applicants announced towards the end of this week. The application process for term 3 at Dinner Plain will commence in term 1 2016 with this chance being open to all Year 9 students of that year.

Sean Coleman
Student Leadership & VCAL
2016 Year 7 Enrolment – Visit the school for a college tour

Daylesford Secondary College is OPEN for 2016 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

Parents and Guardians interested to visit the school for a college tour or to discuss the enrolment pack, are welcome to contact Ms Penny Ellis on 5348 2367.

VCE 2016 Ballarat Booklist

PLEASE NOTE: The text “Winter’s Bone” (novel) was put on the VCE 2016 Ballarat booklist in error. It is the film version of “Winter’s Bone” that the students will be studying, not the novel. We are not including the DVD of the film on the text list as the film is freely available on Enhance TV and all students are now subscribers to this for 2016 and will be able to access it.

Science

The Science Department has some old microscopes that it is no longer using and they are looking for a home! Some of them will need attention but they all come with a delightful wooden box. They come with no guarantee and those with a light have not been tagged so they may need checking. Some are fine for investigating very small things and they look great as an ornament too. If you would like one please come and speak to Tab or Ms Woodroofe. First in, best dressed!

Technology

Attention: Junior & Middle School Students that did Technology subjects in this semester, a reminder that all fees (for materials used in class) need to be paid for and projects must be picked up within the next week, before end of term.

Michael Sayn – Technology

Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Lost Property! Please collect any lost property during next week from Ms. Bosch and from the General Office before the end of term.

Library

LIBRARY BOOKS

Reminder: Could all students please return overdue books to the library ASAP. Thank you – Ms Slater

End-of-Year Dismissal Dates

Years 7-9 – expected to attend until Thursday, 17th December.

Starting Dates for 2016

Wednesday 27th January – Teachers commence
Thursday 28th January – Years 7 and 12 students only commence. (Years 8, 9, 10, 11 DO NOT ATTEND)
Friday 29th January - ALL students start.

Uniform

Daylesford Secondary College has a distinctive and smart-looking uniform. The official uniform, as approved by College Council, can be purchased at Daylesford Clothing who is the official supplier of our school uniform.

“Inspiring” Quotes

Clarity is power, the more clear you are about what you want, feel good and allow yourself to receive, the more likely you are to achieve it.

Be the change you want to see in the world.

Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn

Our gifts aren’t meant to be hidden they are meant to be shared with the world.

Before we speak – THINK
T = Is it TRUE?
H = Is it HELPFUL?
I = Is it INSPIRING?
N = Is it NECESSARY?
K = Is it KIND?

Those who think they have no time for healthy eating, will sooner or later have to find time for illness.
To all the Students, Parents, Carers, and the Whole School Community

We wish you a Very Happy Christmas, A Safe, Enjoyable Festive Season
And A Very

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May 2016 be a Great Year for Everyone

COMMUNITY NEWS

Inside Out Dance Theatre -

Myth
Dance and Drama showcase by children and adults of Inside Out Dance Theatre
Be inspired by the joy of movement performed by over 70 local children!
A magical show! on tomorrow.
Saturday 12 December, 7pm
Daylesford Town Hall
Tickets at door, Enquiries: 0417 592 522, Facebook

Volunteers Needed - Hepburn Shire Council
Volunteering opportunities in the Shire's Visitor Information Centres - Daylesford, Clunes, Trentham and Creswick. Volunteering is a great way to meet people, learn new skills and to showcase the towns that we are passionate about.

Maria Abate
Communications Officer

MATHS Help
Ms Arndt is available for help with maths. Call her on 5476 4420 to discuss your needs.

Don't fear maths!
Maths tutoring available. Thursday afternoons. All levels. $50 per hour & travel if outside Daylesford.

Call Lee Taylor on 0439326651.
Qualified engineer with current Working With Children Check.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM for Sale
Second hand school uniform for sale.
Senior:Level: 2 x V-Neck Black Jumpers in very good condition. Size 18 and 20. $37 each.
Contact Irene at DSC ph. 5348 2367 or 5348 1361

Summer Camp - January 2016
Cave Hill Creek Summer Camp - January 2016:
5 night residential camps for 8-14 year olds full of action packed fun. Summer Camp kids develop new friendships and create life long memories in a supported and safe environment.
They can try fun outdoor activities like canoeing, abseiling, biking, archery, hut building, low ropes, bouldering and raft building. Evenings can be spent around the campfire, going on a night walk or entertaining with talent
shows. Camps are fully catered and supervised by qualified staff. Tickets can be purchased online www.cavehillcreek.com.au/summer-camp

Gavin Nash - Nashish Marketing & Design
Ph: 0448 686 560
Folio of works and latest news: www.nashish.com

Come & see the new Victoria Park facility development for yourself! An announcement will be made on the night about when the new facility will be opened.

Great chance to get behind your local club, invite your friends along and let’s kick things off for an exciting 2016 season.

Enquiries: Craig Wade, DFNC Secretary 0427 337 114 www.daylesfordbulldogs.com.au

Daylesford Football Netball Club -

DFNC Christmas Party & Victoria Park Information Day
The DFNC invites all existing and potential players (& parents/Carers) to our Christmas information night to be held on Thursday, 17th December kicking off at 5:00pm at Victoria Park.

BBQ & drinks will be available on the night along with both a netball and football clinics.