**Welcome back to everyone for Term 3. This term will certainly be just as busy as the previous two as we prepare for our annual College production, debating competitions, the forthcoming snow trip and music tour. We also begin the process of student course selections for 2013.**

I am pleased to report that the College has completed some minor refurbishment works over the holiday period where our students’ toilet facilities have undergone a revamp and are now much nicer for our students to use. The College is also attending to other urgent works around our buildings to ensure a safe environment for us all. Whilst we were very hopeful that the second stage of the complete re-build for our College would be occurring in the not too distant future, this now seems to be unlikely. It is therefore very important that we attend to our desperately ageing facilities, and we aim to keep these in a condition that is conducive to quality teaching and learning. It is for this reason that I ask all our students to do their best in respecting our College facilities as we try our best to upgrade them to be nicer spaces for us all to use and enjoy.

**Parent Information Evenings**

Thank you to the many parents and students who attended last night’s Senior Learning Community Information Evening for 2013. We look forward to our Middle Learning Community Information Night this coming Monday. As mentioned in earlier newsletters, these nights are essential to ensure that students are selecting courses that will meet their education needs for their future. Many staff are also present for parents/guardians and students to discuss their subject options and choices. We look forward to seeing on Monday evening our current Year 9 students and parents/guardians from 5.45pm and our current Year 8 students and parents/guardians from 6.45pm.

**College Uniform**

Please see inside this newsletter for reminders from Ms Gleeson regarding our College Uniform Expectations.

**Cyber Safety - Susan McLean:**

**August 8th 2012 Daylesford Town Hall - Free**

Unfortunately, the College deals frequently with many issues that arise from students using social media sites such as ‘Facebook’ and ‘Twitter’. These issues arise from students using these sites in their private time outside of school hours, and often because they have placed inappropriate material or made inappropriate comments on their pages. Susan McLean is a former police officer and now a leading expert in young people using these sites and the complications that can arise if or when they use these sites inappropriately.
I guarantee this is a session not to be missed. Both parents and young people need to be aware of the legal side and safety aspects of using internet sites in general, and I know this evening will be of the highest value to all that attend. I look forward to seeing many of our parents and students at the event. I am pleased to also say that Susan will be running sessions during the day within our College to further educate our students about this urgent matter.

"Cybersafety solutions"

Calling all Parents and Carers
All you need to know about young people, their safety and the "Cyber world."

Guest Speaker:
Susan McLean
Australia's foremost cyber expert.

Daylesford Town Hall, August 8th 2012
7.00pm No Cost
Hosted by Daylesford Secondary College
Sponsored by

Year 10 Work Experience
Thank you to Mrs Barlow and Ms Cattanach for their exceptional efforts in placing 91 of our Year 10 students on Work Experience during the final week of Term 2. Congratulations should also be given to these students who have proudly represented our College and performed exceedingly well during their placements. We have received some fabulous feedback from employers who have taken students, and this is a credit to you all. I would also like to thank the many businesses and organisations both locally and across our region who happily hosted a student. Without your assistance this very valuable learning experience would not be possible. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

BENDIGO BANK-SWITCH TO SAVE FUNDRAISER for OUR COLLEGE
I am delighted to announce that the Daylesford & District Community Bendigo Bank is supporting our College to raise essential funds for our school. Please see inside this newsletter for details about the "Switch to Save" program, where you get something for free, and our College makes money!!

To date, the College has already raised almost $1,000 and this is without us even promoting the opportunity as yet. The more people who "Switch to Save" means the more money raised for our school and it’s simple and costs you nothing!! Again,

please read the brochure below for how you can assist our fundraising efforts and also support your local Community Bank.

Thank you to Daylesford & District Community Bank for supporting our College with this initiative.

Miss Holt ☺

BENDIGO BANK

2012 Important Dates for Year 12 Students

- The VTAC Guide will be available in July
- 6th August 2012 VTAC and SEAS applications open
- University Open Days July - September
- 28th September 2012 VTAC applications close
- 9th October 2012 SEAS applications close
- 17th December 2012 ATARs released
- 17th – 24th December VTAC change of preference period
- 17th January 2013 Round One Offers
- 6th February 2013 Round Two Offers

This month’s featured effect is: "Switch to Save" Sign up to switch off power and switch on savings!

Standby power costs money. You can save in excess of 10% on your electricity costs, just by installing energy saving Embertec SmartSwitches™ to your TVs and home computers. It’s easy. It’s free. And you’ll be helping the environment at the same time.

What is Switch to Save?

- Free installation of up to four energy saving Embertec SmartSwitches™ worth $100 each to TVs and computers in any Victorian home.
- A partnership with Energy Makeovers to supply and install Embertec SmartSwitches™ at no cost.
- The first 22,000 Victorian households to register for this energy saving initiative will benefit from an average individual saving of $200 per year, and a contribution to a combined target of saving $44 million in electricity costs over 10 years.
- Good for you, good for the environment and good for your community!


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School Uniform Reminder

If a student is not in full school uniform they must report to the registration desk with an explanation note before school. The student’s diary will be stamped with a uniform pass. Detention will result if the student does not have a note to explain why they are not in uniform. Detentions occur during Monday and Friday lunchtimes. If students do not attend detention they will be issued an after school detention. Parents will be notified of after school detentions before the after school detention date. Parents will be contacted if students are persistently out of uniform. Our goal is to have all students in full school uniform. We are seeking parent support and if we work together we can achieve our goal. Please see School Uniform and Student Expectations and Consequences information attached at the end of the newsletter. If you require assistance re: uniform, please contact Susan Bosch at the college.

Horticulture – Dig For Your Lunch

The school would like to extend a belated but sincere thank you to Alexis Pitsopoulo for donating his time and expertise to our Dig For Your Lunch session during the recent Good Life Festival. He gave a wonderful talk about the Edible Weeds that can be found in your backyard. He took us on a walk around the farm area at the school and we harvested and tasted many new food items. Thank you Alexis. Many thanks also to the many staff who helped out on the day or made the delicious hot soup that we consumed on the day. Thank you.

Library - Important Reminder

A reminder to students to return outstanding loans to the Library to avoid fines.

Back Pack Adventure - Geography

Travellers ahoy!

Back pack Adventure is a Year 9/10 Geography based class that aims to encourage and develop students in their interests and knowledge in overseas travel and also help students become aware travellers when they undertake their future travels. One of the joys of travelling is bringing the stories and pictures back home. If you have travelled overseas in recent times, would like to share your experiences with our students and have some photos to add, then please contact Brendan Murray. When: - Friday mornings 11.10 for 45 mins.

Meeting for young people - activities in the ARC

All DSC Students welcome to attend the meeting for activities in the ARC on 20/7/12

Students are welcome to attend a meeting to discuss and plan forthcoming activities to be run daily after school. If you are interested in attending the meeting tomorrow, Friday 20 July, go to room B6, lunchtime at 1.00pm.

Careers & MIPS Update

Week 1 Term 3 2012

Work Experience

Congratulations to all our Year 10 students who undertook Work Experience in the last week of term 2 or over the holidays.

TIS - Year 12 Students at University of Ballarat

On Wednesday June 27th our Year 12 students attended the Tertiary Information Session at the University of Ballarat. The session provided students with an overview of their post-secondary school options. Students were also able to obtain information from universities and TAFE colleges about their course offerings.
Remainder Year 12 - Logistics Cadetship Program

Logistics is one of the biggest and fastest growing industries in the world. See [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au) for details; resumes are being accepted now.

Year 12 students - La Trobe University Bendigo - Cadetships in IT (IIBIT)

Applications for the 2013 cadetship program are open (close 28 Sept). This program provides an income while studying for the degree. Students with strengths in a range of subjects not limited to IT are encouraged to apply.

Information sessions: La Trobe University Visual Arts Centre, 121 View Street Bendigo

Wednesday 25th July 5.30 – 7.00 pm
Tuesday 28th August 5.30 – 7.00 pm
Wednesday 12th September 5.30 – 7.00 pm

See: latrobe.edu.au/iibit

Year 12 students and Parents- Information Evenings DEAKIN

Wednesday 25 July Geelong Waterfront Campus (In conjunction with The Gordon)
Thursday 26 July Melbourne Campus at Burwood
Expo and light refreshments from 6.00pm, presentation commences at 6.45pm till 8.00pm

Deakin’s Parent Information Evening is a great opportunity for parents to become more informed about the processes involved and how to support their children as they plan for further study. These sessions will cover:

- The VTAC process, applications, pathways and key dates.
- Information about the cost of university and financial assistance, including Youth Allowance and scholarships
- How to make a successful transition to tertiary study

For more information and to register for this free event please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents)

Former students

While on work experience, current Year 10 student Billy Johns teamed up with Amelia Keogh, doing a gap year after completing Year 12 last year, and Ricky Jordan who completed his Year 12 at DSC some time ago. Many thanks to Walsh Mobbs Surveyors for their support of our current and former students.

Taster Programs

The following programs will run in Ballarat through the Highlands LLEN in Semester 2. Interested students will have to make their own travel arrangements.

Applications to be made through the MIps and Careers office at school.

- **Bricklaying UB SMB Campus**
  Wednesdays: 18/10/2012 – 29/11/2012
  9 am – 3.30 pm. Cost $150

- **Civil Construction- SMB Campus, Albert Street, Ballarat.**
  28/08/2012 – 18/09/2012  Tuesdays from 9am – 3pm
  In conjunction with this taster program, students are required to undertake one week of work experience during the school holidays, either 24/09/2012 – 28/09/2012, or 01/10/2012 – 05/10/2012. Cost $50

- **Pharmacy- UFS Head Office, 206 Armstrong Street North, Ballarat.**
  Compulsory information session to be held on 19/07/2012 from 6pm – 6.30pm.
  26/07/2012 - 13/09/2012  Thursdays from 2 pm – 5pm

Year 11 & 12 students considering Design, Art or Photography

Many students who wish to study in these areas are disappointed when they do not get entry into their desired course because of the high level of competition. Brighton Bay provides an alternative at a very modest cost and prepares students for entry into tertiary study the following year. **Brighton Bay OPEN DAY Sunday July 29 from 10am to 4pm**. They will host open studios, a current student exhibition, student tours, folios and presentations from current and present students. The presentations will kick off at 12 noon, followed by a BBQ lunch. See: [http://www.brightonbay.net/blog](http://www.brightonbay.net/blog)

Year 10 - selecting subjects for Senior Years

Hopefully all Year 10 students and their families attended the information session last Wednesday on decision-making regarding their pathways.

Here is a brief reminder:

**What if you don’t know what you want to do at all?**
Understand that you are not alone. Ensure that you have a MIPs interview to assist selecting subjects - the purpose is to devise a Year 11 course that keeps as many likely options open.

**What if you have two or more ambitions/choices?**
If you are thinking about university - there is probably a double degree for you - ensure that you have a careers interview to assist in identifying courses and universities.
If you are undecided between a degree or an apprenticeship - again you need individual assistance to select the best subject combination for you.

**VCE or VCAL?**
See the publication: *Where to now?* – a guide to the VCE, VCAL and Apprenticeships and Traineeships 2013 – available from MIps & Careers or Senior Studies team.

Spend time selecting your course and subjects - talk to teachers and your family and make a careers appointment!
Without advice you may inadvertently close a doorway to your desired options.

All subject choices should be in line with the student’s MIPs (pathway) plan. Students should keep as many future options open, and research possible tertiary courses using the resources below. After they have done this they should have their final selection checked by MIPs.

Prerequisites (subjects you must have done in VCE) for university courses are listed in the guide called VIC TER 2015. This will be available as a Newspaper Supplement available in the Herald Sun and The Age (and we expect the Ballarat Courier) next Tuesday - 24 July 2012. This document will also shortly be available online at http://www.vtac.edu.au

There is much confusion about VCE studies and the ATAR – in general, students should enrol in subjects they are interested in rather than worrying about whether a subject scales up or down. In late July, the school will receive and distribute, copies of a companion booklet to VIC TER called CHOICE. This provides a snapshot of the tertiary system for year 10 students, explains the terms they need to be familiar with and debunks some of the myths commonly associated with choosing subjects by using real life examples.

An abridged version is published in Melbourne Metro newspapers with the VIC TER and CHOICE is available in ePub format for reading on mobile devices.

A number of universities produce their own guides for year 10 students (somewhat like CHOICE above) – see MIPs & Careers.

VTAC Course Link
VTAC (the organisation that manages student applications for Victorian universities and some TAFE courses and some private college courses) has developed this program to enable you to keep a file of courses you are interested in and possible VCE programs. By creating a VTAC CourseLink profile you will be able to:
- search for tertiary course options by interest area; location, type of institution
- Build potential VCE programs and see the impact of adding or removing individual studies on future tertiary course preferences
- check out whether or not your proposed VCE program meets all the requirements for the courses you’re interested in

You need to register through the VTAC site at http://euclid.vtac.edu.au/cgi-bin/courselink/scourselink.cgi
Note – if you register using a hotmail account you will not be able to access this at school – we advise using school email for login.

MIPs/Careers – we have hard copy information and some facilities not available elsewhere.

Study Assist: http://studyassist.gov.au
General information about fees and other issues relating to education after school. This website provides information to students about Australian Government assistance for financing tertiary study.

OPEN DAYS – students and their families should be planning to attend a number of university/TAFE Open Days this year (end July – August). A full list is available at:

http://www.vtac.edu.au/publications.html#year10and11

As in the recent holidays, many universities will conduct events for prospective students in the September holidays – these provide another opportunity for students to explore their future options. Every year 10 student should see a minimum of two campuses while in year 10.

Before you submit your selection – make a MIPs appointment (please remember to attend and be on time). Good luck!

Community News

VOLLEYBALL AT THE ARC
New Volleyball season commences on Monday 23rd. New players and teams welcome. Juniors after school 3.30pm to 4.30 pm Year 7 and 8 students. Senior competition from 6.30pm with social and open mixed divisions. No experience necessary. We will teach you so come along and have some fun, get a little bit fit and make some new friends.

Parents, teachers and students all welcome. Contact Colin Priest 5348 7674 Victorian Volleyball Coach

Junior Basketball at the ARC Term 3
10 Week Program - Monday Afternoons

Mixed Boys & Girls:
4.00 – 5.00 pm Aussie Hoops (Under 10’s) - $35 (no membership required)
5.00 – 6.30 pm Under 12 – train + game - $50
5.00 – 6.30 pm Under 15 – train + game - $50
New Members – 12-month Basketball Victoria membership incl. insurance - $30
Registrations to Shannon Marshall on 5348 4245 / 0407 833 439 or email springersbasketball@gmail.com with name/DOB/contact details.

Senior Basketball at the ARC
New Season Term 3

Tuesday evenings from 7pm
Men’s and Women’s social competitions Registrations to Women–Tania Henderson 5348 1462/0438 540 694
Men–Kieran Prendergast 5345 7267/0408 059 125

Next FSPC Meeting
If you have time to help plan the activities of this group, please come to our next meeting on FRIDAY 27th July - 9:15am in college conference room.

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

Family School Partnership Committee

ICE SKATING
With Daylesford Youth Group
WHEN: Friday August 3rd
WHAT: Skating @ the ICEHOUSE
TIME: 5pm–8pm
WHERE: start/end @ The Rock
COST: $30 PP $50 for 2 family members
RSVP: Elaine Anderson 5348 5539
For more details check out Daylesford Youth Group on FACEBOOK

Members only.

Family School Partnership Committee
Inappropriate Behaviour

Inappropriate behaviour within the classroom or yard is defined as “Any behaviour that disrupts the learning of another student and/or the ability of a teacher to teach their class, or behaviour that places the safety or wellbeing of another person at risk”.

CONSEQUENCE

Students who attend school “out of uniform” in most circumstances will be required to wear a “replacement” piece of uniform for the day. This item will be given in exchange for the incorrect piece during the MORNING REGISTRATION process, and swapped again at the end of the school day. Parents may be contacted and students living within the Daylesford area may be sent home to rectify their uniform and then return to school. Parents may also bring the student’s correct uniform item into the school.

If a Student chooses NOT to REGISTER as out of Uniform

1. Detention Issued - Diary Stamped and entered on STRIMS

If the student chooses for this to occur more than once in a week

2. Parent Contacted - After school detention issued
3. Should these issues persist - Parents will be required to attend a meeting and further consequences issued (support plan where necessary).

STUDENT DIARY

ALL Students are required to be responsible for their diaries at all times. The student diary is a means of communication between school and home. Student diaries should be taken to every class and classed home every night.

Your diary MUST be signed on a weekly basis by both the parent/guardian and the Homegroup Leader.

The following information will be recorded in your diaries:
- Any incidents of inappropriate behaviour and subsequent consequences
- Out of uniform
- Late Sign In, Late to Class or Sign Out needs.
- Teacher comments and/or messages for home
- Parent comments and/or messages for teachers/School
- Recording of homework and other important school dates, activities or requirements.

Diaries are NOT to be deliberately defaced or damaged.

They must NOT contain obscenities

Care must be taken that the diary is NOT lost. Students will be required to replace their diary with a new school diary (at their own expense) in such circumstances.

CONSEQUENCE

Student diary has not been signed by parent on a regular basis or has been deliberately damaged.

1. Lunch Detention

Student chooses to continue to NOT meet diary requirements

2. Parent Contacted & After School Detention (LC Manager or Student Management LT).

Signing IN & OUT or LATE to CLASS

LATE arrival to SCHOOL - SIGNING “IN”

Students MUST “Sign in” via the General Office & student’s diary will be stamped. Lateness will be entered onto STRIMS.

Student Diary is then also stamped by the classroom teacher when student arrives to class and time is recorded.

LATE arrival to CLASS - during school day

Teacher stamps student diary as arriving late without permission, and A+ roll is altered.

SIGNING “OUT” - E.g. for an appointment

Students who need to leave class due to an early departure (e.g. an appointment) MUST have this recorded in their diary via the Morning Registration Desk process.

YEAR 12 Students can have annual parent permission to sign out of school during LUNCH ONLY - there is NO annual permission to sign out during study periods.

CONSEQUENCE

Student chooses to NOT follow correct procedures-

1. Lunch Detention

Student chooses to continue to NOT meet these expectations-

2. Parent Contacted & After School Detention

If problem persists-

3. Parent Meeting and possible further consequence or attendance IEP plan agreed to.

Weekly Detention

LUNCH - Every Tuesday 1.00 to 1.40pm

AFTER SCHOOL - Every Wednesday 3.20 to 4.00pm

Students who CHOOSE NOT to attend a required lunch detention will be issued with an immediate after school detention.
# Student Uniform

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| Jackets  |      |       |
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- **Any clothing worn under uniform items must NOT be visible.** No hoodies or long sleeve tops under shirts/dresses etc!!
- **Hats or caps** may not be worn inside but should be worn for sun protection in the yard (not worn backwards).