2015 Year 7 Students Transition Day

Grade 6 students experiencing a day at Daylesford Secondary College.

COMING EVENTS

End of Year Activities Program - 15\textsuperscript{th}, 17 \& 18\textsuperscript{th} December

Presentation Night 17th December at 7.00pm
Presentation Night on Wednesday 17 December. We will be announcing the captains at Tuesday. Stude school community at assembly this coming candidates will now make a speech to the whole candidates for school captaincy in 2015. The initial round of interviews has been held for School Captains for 2015 alike. The work done this year enables a groupings for next year. I acknowledge the work and experiencing their new classrooms and new effectivew ith students receiving their timetables around 90 eager students commencing at Daylesford Secondary next year.

Transition Day
A great day was had by all at the transition day earlier this week. The grade 6 students came along for the day and experienced a series of lessons and watched performances by our students. We have a pleasing enrolment of around 90 eager students commencing at Daylesford Secondary next year.

Kick Start
The Kick Start program which involves the students moving up a year level for two weeks at the end of the year in preparation for the following year has now concluded. The program operated effectively with students receiving their timetables and experiencing their new classrooms and new groupings for next year. I acknowledge the work of staff in preparing and transitioning to the 2015 structure. The work done this year enables a flying start in 2015 for students and teachers alike.

School Captains for 2015
The initial round of interviews has been held for candidates for school captaincy in 2015. The candidates will now make a speech to the whole school community at assembly this coming Tuesday. Students and staff will vote and then we will be announcing the captains at Presentation Night on Wednesday 17 December.

World Challenge
We are receiving regular updates from Malaysia on the activities of our intrepid explorers. Their recent activity has been visiting an orphanage and special needs home in Malaysia. Our students have played games, told stories, read and helped many young children who otherwise have not had the opportunity to experience such close attention. Our travellers have also experienced the cuisine delights of the country and have spent some time sight-seeing. The next segment of the amazing challenge is their 6-day trek through the Kenong Rimba State Park.

Another school year has flashed by with seemingly blinding speed. It has been a year of achievements, a year of growth and a year of change. There have been staff changes, some students have come and gone and there has been stability. Daylesford Secondary College is a strong, caring and compassionate group of learners who work together to educate and learn. It is a College with a tremendous past, a solid present and a wonderful future.
I commend all of the students on their effort this year and acknowledge their achievements. I congratulate them on living and sharing the school values and on the encouragement and support they provide to their peers. I thank and acknowledge the teachers and support staff for their hard work, their dedication and their support for the College this year. They all have student learning and wellbeing at the forefront of their work. And, last but not least, I thank the parents, carers and families for your support of the College this year.

I wish everyone a safe and happy festive season and look forward to the students recommencing school on Thursday 29 January, 2015.

Farewell to Staff
There will be a number of staff changes at the end of this year. Ms Ainley will be moving to a new teaching appointment as will Mr Muller. Ms Champion has accepted a teaching position in Melbourne. I am sure all of the Daylesford Secondary College school community wish these three teachers well for their teaching careers.
I would also like to acknowledge the work of Angela Lella who has been with us for much of this year. Angela has worked as a Language Assistant in the LOTE faculty assisting with the teaching of Italia. All the best for the future Angela and we hope you take away many fond memories of your time at Daylesford.
Some staff will be taking leave in 2015. Ms Taylor will be going on family leave, Ms Arndt is taking a year’s leave and Mrs Rowbotham will be taking six months long service leave. Ms Wood is also taking leave and will be away throughout term 1, 2015. We will be welcoming new staff in 2015.
**Student Reports & 2015 Electives**

Reports will be distributed to all students on Tuesday the 16th December.

In your child’s reports pack you will find a copy of their elective subject allocations for 2015. If you have any concerns with these please contact the relevant learning community manager immediately Junior-Roger Gooding, Middle-Nick Pethica, Senior-Angela Olver.

Student reports will be online by Friday the 12th December via the school website (Student quick links). Students are able to log in to get current and prior reports, current timetables and recent attendance data anytime.

**Results and Rehearsal Day: Tuesday 16 December**

Tuesday is an important day for all students. There will be a whole school assembly at 9am where prospective school captains will make a pitch to the students to vote for them for captaincy for 2015.

End-of-year student reports will be handed out and there will be a rehearsal for students receiving an award at presentation night.

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.

**Presentation Night**

Wednesday 17th 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 a Community Service Award.

Students who are receiving an award must be at the theatre by 6.30pm for a 7pm 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.
**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.

**2015 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).

**2015 Year 10.**

Information was sent home with students earlier this week with details of what to do with their current laptop and their options for 2015.

Current laptop—can either be returned to the college or bought out for $20.

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 Roger Dunn at the college.

**2015 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 the Roger Dunn at the college for details.
Monday 1 December, we ventured to the Cameron Highlands famous tea plantations...as you can see above photo, we enjoyed ourselves! Yesterday (November 30th) we went on a massive jungle hike that put the challenge in world challenge! A few falls, attempts at being monkeys on the vines, but overall a very tough but rewarding experience! Back to KL tomorrow!
We are well and truly into the swing of backpacking life. As you can see in the photos, we have started our project in the Children's home. We have spent the last 5 days on project at a local home for disabled and disadvantaged children. It is a mix between orphans and children/adults with intellectual and physical disabilities. The residents range in age from 5 - 65, with some being disadvantaged to others having more serious disabilities. It sure has been an eye opener; our students have been amazing. To see them sit next to someone who cannot sit, talk, eat or make much movement and our students rub their arms and sing or tell them stories is heart-warming. It has been a very humbling experience and our students have really done DSC proud interacting and working with the children and adults at the centre. I think they will really appreciate what they have when they return.

Yesterday the residents taught us some traditional Indian dances which proved hilarious. We then tried to show them our skills, but all we had was the nutbush.

Our nights have been spent exploring Malaysia & enjoying the local cuisine, China Town, Little India and central KL proving favourites. One night we went to the movies, then saw some impressive sights outside the Petronas towers, including a movie being filmed! We head off on our main trek on Wednesday. As the heat & humidity is much harder to handle than we expected it will be one of our major challenges.

The weather continues to be in the mid 30’s with high humidity, it is probably one of the biggest challenges so far!

Cheers,
From Natalie, Penny and Students
**“Summer Reading” for English**

The end of the year is fast approaching, bringing with it summer days and opportunities for summer reading. It is really important that students get their English texts as soon as possible, and read them over the summer break.

Each student should have a complete list of books to read for English in 2015. If you want to prioritise, and ensure that you are ready to begin your English studies next year, we have provided a list of the first books and films to be studied in English classes for Term One 2015, as follows:

**Year 7** – *Boy Overboard* by Morris Gleitzman;

**Year 8** - *Runner* by Robert Newton;

**Year 9** – film *The Truman Show* and then *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins;

**Year 10** – *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon and *Fighting Ruben Wolfe* by Markus Zusak;

**Year 11** - *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak and *I’m Not Scared* by Niccolo Ammaniti;

**Year 12** – *Cloudstreet* by Tim Winton and *The Lieutenant* by Kate Grenville;

**Year 12 Literature** – *The Broken Shore* by Peter Temple.


The English Faculty would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Daylesford Secondary College community a joyful Christmas, and congratulate students and staff for completing another great year.

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2015.

Enjoy your holidays!

Sandra Norsen
English

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**MIPS & Careers Update**

**Week 10 Term 4 2014**

**Girls in Year 11 - 2015**

In March the local Guides Association will hold their annual ‘Mentor Breakfast’. The girls attending will have the opportunity indicate a career area of interest to them and be matched with a local woman working in that area. There will also be a guest speaker. Any girls interested should contact Marg Cattanach as soon as possible.

**Students in Year 11 – 2015**

There is the opportunity for a student who wishes to qualify as a chef, to undertake a School Based Apprenticeship at a local restaurant beginning in 2015. Any interested student should contact Marg Cattanach as soon as possible.

**Year 12 Students**

A reminder to those who are applying through VTAC: Round 1 offers come out on Monday 19th January at 2 pm. We will be at school that afternoon and again on the following day from 10am until 2 pm. As the school will probably be closed – you may have to come in through Career’s back door.

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**English – Christmas Greetings**

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*A. Visser*

**Festive Season**

| Kids are all asleep. | Christmas roast is good |
| Parent's are under the tree. | Presents go under the tree |
| Santa's in the house. | Children play outside |
| Krystyn & Jenny | |

*E.S*

| The sweet scent of pine, | The colony sits |
| The joy on children’s faces | Atop the icing garden. |
| Christmas is coming. | Gingerbread village. |

*Isabella*
The Publishing class wishes everyone a Merry Christmas

The tree, angel topped.  
The family gathers round  
 Presents now admired.  

DD

A smile full of joy,  
The wind is full of laughter  
Laughter from the heart.  

ES

Kitchen aromas flow through the patio door.  

Christmas, here once more.  

Chloe

Time to celebrate  
the fun and joy of Christmas  
surrounded by friends.  

Rebecca

Fairy lights twinkle  
Shining all around the tree:  
Buds of sparkly joy.  

Isabella

I like to donk it  
With my trusty cricket bat  
It soars over. Six!  

PP McCormick Rodger

Frosted gingerbread  
Eyes of chocolate butter  
Big liquorice smiles.  

Florian

Christmas is so near.  
As we gather together,  
A time for laughter.  

MW

Swimming in the pool  
Thirty degrees today.  Yay!  
Yay! Hot today!  Yay!  

B.C.

Basketball is fun,  
Dribbling, shooting,  
running, score!  

All about the team.  

KR

The summer water  
With cool currents flowing fast.  

I enjoy the sun  

Shelbi

Holly everywhere  
Having turkey for dinner  
The joy carries on.  

Ethan B

The snow falls quickly  
People sing Christmas  
carols  
It’s that time of year  

Krystyn & Jenny

Playing at the beach  
In hot December sunshine! 
Christmas time is here.  

J.S.

First day of Christmas,  
A partridge sits in a tree.  
A sign of true love.  

E.C.
Community News

Community Bus

Looking for a lift?
The community bus travels four days a week.
There are 2 return trips a day -
Mornings: leaves Daylesford after 9am* and returns to Daylesford at 10.30am
Afternoons: leaves Daylesford at 1pm and returns before 2.30pm*

It travels between Daylesford and Musk/Bullarto/Trentham on Mondays and Wednesdays and between Daylesford and Wheatsheaf/Glenlyon/Denver on Tuesdays and Fridays.
• The bus will come to you – picking you up and dropping you off anywhere along the way.
• Children 12 years and over can travel without an adult.
• Child seats and hoist are available.
• Donations accepted with thanks.

Call Jordon on 1300 44 35 34 to plan your trip. Book before 12 noon the day before travelling.
*The actual bus stop locations and times will change depending on bookings.

Everyone is welcome!

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Summer School Holiday Craft Workshops
Threadneedle Craft will hold craft workshops for school children once again during the school holidays.
The workshops will include beading, papercraft and beginners sewing to inspire kids’ creativity. A full program can be downloaded from www.threadneedle.com.au.

Workshops will be held at Threadneedle Craft, 2/52A Vincent Street, Daylesford. Class sizes will be limited to six, so it we recommend that you book in advance.
Please contact Merrilyn Sim on Ph. 5348 4277 for enquiries or for bookings.

We hope you have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Daylesford New Years Eve Gala!

daylesford new years eve gala
31st December 2014
NYE Parade and Gala

Just wanting to remind everyone about the New Years Eve Parade -This year we are hoping that lots of families will come to Vincent Street to celebrate the night from 6.30 onwards. We will be having fun activities, food and entertainment for all the family. So make a night of it and celebrate the New Year as only Daylesford knows how! There will be a screening of – The Hobbit: The Battle of Five Armies after the parade at 9pm

We are also looking for volunteers to help out in the street for a couple of hours before the parade. There is a lot to do in the 6-8pm time slot so if you have some time we would love your help. Any young people doing leadership courses who would like to help running some kids activities we would love to hear from you!
It would be great to see some Daylesford high school floats, or if any of the school bands would like to play in the street before the parade please contact us.

Floats for the parade will start to assemble from 7.30pm onwards in Duke Street and the parade heads off at 8 pm.

We hope you can attend this fun community event

With thanks for your anticipated support, if you would like to contact us about this event please call
Anne E Stewart 0408550945 or Catherine Davies 0434353149

Regards NYE Committee

Driving Lessons

Phil Anderson
Driver Trainer
Ph. Phil 0487948668

[Image of driving lesson instructor]
Summer Reading Club Daylesford Library

What’s on in January at Daylesford Library

Join in the Summer Reading Club
Pick up your passport for adventure and have a chance to win great prizes!

Our Summer Reading Club will be meeting Tuesday afternoons in January for book chat sessions. Share what you’ve been reading, join in fun activities and be the first to get your hands on new books!

Tuesdays in January 2pm

Zine making group
Everything you need to get started creating your own Zine will be available...
Even the photocopier!

Wednesdays in January 10.30am

Lego Poetry
Get creative with your hands and your minds and create some Lego Poetry!

Thursdays in January 2pm

For more information call the Daylesford Library on 53482800

ARC Workshop teaching TISSU

The ARC is having an exciting workshop on December 19th teaching Tissu (like a rope only softer) on our brand new circus rigging.
Kareena Hodgson
kareenah@ourneighbourhood.org.au
The Daylesford Arc (Wed & Thurs)
Activities Co-ordinator
03 5348 1777
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FREE 2nd Hand Windows & Doors

Any parents wanting some windows and doors. Please contact the Daylesford Secondary College to arrange viewing and pick up.
Contact: Michael Sayn - Phone: 53482367