“Daylesford Secondary College Wins the Water Efficiency Category Finals at the ResourceSmart Education Awards”

DSC Green Team Representatives Ethan Bertoncello, Ceilidh Wratten, Ms Eirinn Taylor Ella Burningham Glover and Ms Elizabeth Woodroffe exhibiting the winning award

COMING EVENTS

Year 12 Celebration Day – 20 October
Year 7 & 8 Greater Western Region Volleyball Finals – 27 October
Valedictory Dinner - 20 November
Year 11 Exams – 24, 25 & 26 November
Year 12 Exams – 28 October to 18 November
is part of the sustainability work being undertaken by the student Green Team.

Meanwhile, our team sports continue to do well with our Year 8 volleyball teams winning their way through to the next level of competition.

**THE THREE As**

You may have heard a few of the teachers talking about the three As during parent-student-teacher interviews. The three As are Attendance, Attitude and Achievement. Students need to attend school regularly with the right attitude so that they can achieve to their highest potential. Once they are here the students need to have a positive attitude to their learning. All students can learn and all can put in the effort needed to achieve their very best. Term 4 is an important time for all students as there is a considerable amount needed to be covered across all areas of the curriculum before the festive season commences.

**YEAR 12 Timeline**
The final count-down is now well underway for our Year 12 students. We have a whole-school assembly on Monday afternoon for the Year 12 students to reflect on their time at Daylesford Secondary as well as for us to wish them well for their exams. Some of the performance and practical exams have already been completed while the ‘official’ start to exam period is on Wednesday 28 October when the English exam will be held.

**REBUILD PROJECT**
The good news is that progress continues to be made on our Rebuild project. You will recall that the government has promised $10million to rebuild the needy parts of Daylesford Secondary College. We have completed initial planning around footprint and entitlement and we have now moved to Stage 2. Stage 2 involves appointment of an architect, project manager and quantity surveyor. Tenders have been called for the positions and hopefully we will be able to announce the successful tenderers early in November.

**PRIORITY REVIEW**
A passionate group of parents assembled at the College last week to discuss all matters relating to Daylesford Secondary College. The parents spoke with reviewers, John and Helen, who have the responsibility of inquiring into the successes and challenges facing our College. Thanks go to parents and carers who made the time to attend as well as those who emailed their ideas. The school review has now progressed to the next stage which is the establishment of a Design Team. The Design Team will now develop a series of interventions and actions which will be designed to continue to improve our College. The focus is clearly on improving student learning which is front and centre in everything we do here at the College. It is an exciting time for our school as we continue to implement strategies for improvement.

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**Online Calendar and Newsletters**

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- **Click link “Join our Mailing List”**
  - [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Daylesford-college/)

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**Principal’s News - Mr Graeme Holmes**

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

It is extremely pleasing to be able to note continuing success of our students in a range of different areas. Three boys reached the finals in the 3-D printing contest last week. The 3-D printer contestants were Ethan Daly, Gerard Horvat and Tom Burningham-Glover along with support from Ben Gervasoni, who has mentored the trio.

Three students, Ethan Bertoncello, Ella Burningham-Glover and Ceilidh Wratten along with staff members Ms Woodrofe and Ms Taylor, attended the ResourceSmart Education Awards on Wednesday in Melbourne and won the Water Efficiency category. The water efficiency initiative
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 welcomed to contact Ms Penny Ellis on Ph: 5348 2367

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**Term 4 Working Bee**

Our Term 4 working bee will be focused on cleaning up the school grounds and developing the garden area further. We are keen for as many students and parents to come and help out. A BBQ tea will be put on to feed us all afterwards.

**When: Friday 6th November 4pm-6pm**

Please bring your gardening gloves, spades, shovels etc.

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**Senior School Notice**

Please be aware the College requires ALL STUDENTS at school on:

- Tuesday 15th December, for Rehearsal Day for Presentation Night (morning only)

- Wednesday 16th December, Presentation Night (evening only and only if presented with award)
Important Year 12 dates:
Last day for Year 12
(this includes their farewell assembly)
is, Monday, 19th October.
Celebration Day Tuesday 20th October.
Year 12 Study Period – Wednesday
21st October – Tuesday 27th October.
Year 12 Exam period - Wednesday,
28th October - Wednesday, 18th November.
Friday 20th November (evening only) –
Valedictory Dinner 6.30pm for a 7.00pm meal at
Creswick Forest Resort.
Tickets will be available from the General Office

SWOTVAC:
Students should be using this time to prepare
for their upcoming exams. We strongly
encourage students to keep in regular contact
with their teachers during this time, via face to
face meetings, emails and/or phone calls.
Students should speak with their individual
teachers to seek advice on specific study they
should be doing during this time.

Unit 3 & 4 Exam Information:
Unit 3 & 4 Exams are held from Wednesday,
28th October - Wednesday, 18th November at
the Daylesford Inn, 2891 Ballan Road,
Daylesford. All exams will be held at this venue
(except for VET: Interactive Digital Media being
held at the college, in Room A2). Students must
ensure they arrive at their exam 30 minutes
prior to the exam starting time. They must
ensure they have read the exam navigator
(posted to all students in term 3) and
familiarised themselves with important rules
relating to exams. Students have been given
their exam advice slips, with information about
exam times already and should speak with their
individual subject teachers about specific
equipment they should take into the exam.

Year 11 Important Dates:
¬ Last day for Year 11 classes is Monday
23rd November
¬ Year 11 Exam period: Tuesday 24th
November – Thursday 26th November
¬ KICKSTART will be held from Monday 30th
November – Friday 4th December

Please be aware: THE COLLEGE REQUIRES ALL
STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON:
¬ Tuesday, 15th December - Rehearsal Day
(morning only).
¬ Wednesday, 16th December
(evening only) - Presentation Night. 6.30
for a 7.00 pm start in the College Theatre
Natalie Kirby & Angela Olver
Senior Learning Community Managers

Science

Above left: Year 12 Biology students studying various species evolutionary pathways at Ecolinc

In the last week of term 3, the Unit 4 VCE Biology students went to Ecolinc in Bacchus Marsh to participate in a workshop as part of their last SAC for the Unit. They analysed and then compared, the proteins present in several aquatic species. This enabled the students to deduce how long ago these species had a common ancestor and therefore infer their relative evolutionary pathway. The students used some quite sophisticated technology and they said that they felt as if they were “real scientists”! I am sure you will agree that they certainly looked the part!

Left: Mynette, Lotus, Cameron, Jade, Jordy & Liam
Feeling like real scientists as they discover evolutionary pathways in several aquatic species
3D Print a Car Challenge

Last Friday, Ethan Daly, Gerard Horvat and Tom Burningham Glover took their new improved car down to compete in the finals at Melbourne University. It was a big event that showcased 3D printers of all sorts and shapes. Unfortunately the boys did not win but they had a great day and are inspired to try again next year. A big thank you to Jacqui Burningham who accompanied the boys and also to Ben Gervasoni, their Year 11 mentor for the project. Well done everyone.

Resourcesmart Education Awards

On Wednesday, three student representatives of the Green Team, Ethan Bertoncello, Ella Burningham Glover and Ceilidh Wratten, represented Daylesford Secondary College at the ResourceSmart Education Awards at the Convention Centre in Melbourne.

There were about 300 students, staff and guests at the ceremony which showcased many inspiring sustainability projects. The student work that we had on display provoked some wonderful appreciative comments and the art work by Annie Sargeson was a real winner—one lady asked me if she could purchase it! The event was such fun and our students had an opportunity to mix and share ideas with other like-minded students. The MC for the ceremony was excellent and kept us all entertained while the many awards were announced. DSC was a finalist in the Water Efficiency category and we WON !!!!! Congratulations Daylesford Secondary College !

Sports

Greater Western Region Athletics Finals

Congratulations to –
Jackson Franklin 1st (17) Shot Put,
Caitlin May 4th (15) Discus and
Tom Henderson 5th (14) 400m for their outstanding efforts at the Greater Western Region finals last week.

Jackson now progresses to the State Finals in Melbourne. We wish him all the very best.

Eureka Volleyball

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 Boys and Girls Volleyball teams in winning the Eureka competition.

These teams now advance to the Greater Western Region finals in Horsham on Tuesday 27th October.

Many thanks to Colin Priest for his coaching and organisation of the competition.
Certificate II in VET Building and Construction (Carpentry).

DSC second year VET Building and construction students worked hard this year to complete a project (garden shed) as part of their studies. The project ticked a number of boxes for the units they are required to complete in their course i.e. levelling, setting out, sub-floor framing, wall framing, roof framing and external cladding. Throughout the 2-year course, students gain valuable hands on skills and knowledge in Carpentry, if they then choose to pursue an apprenticeship (certificate III) in this area, they would be an asset to an employer, given the training they have completed.

VET B&C Program teacher
Michael Sayn
Stanley Hammond Award

Rebecca and Sophie for being considerate and kindly helping out a staff member.

Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Australian Defence Forces Secondary Education Grant for 2016

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2016, please telephone Carry On (Victoria) on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 29 October, 2015.

AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience Program)

AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience program) provides a mentoring program and educational service for Indigenous secondary school students. They engage with over 3,500 Indigenous students across Australia.

Right: Sharni at Federation University

Sharni is the first student from Daylesford Secondary School to attend the program at Federation University in Ballarat late last term. Several Ballarat schools where represented at the program which included students from year 10-12. Sharni participated in the Year 10 group work on ‘racism’ and ‘Imagine what’s possible’ which included discussions on Koori culture and presentations by the students to the rest of their year level. Sharni displayed great leadership and courage to volunteer to be the first to present her story to all the Year 10’s and then followed up with another presentation.

Sharni’s leadership, public speaking skills, self-directed work and keenness on self-development where outstanding. Well done! You represented yourself and the school commendably.

Andrew Netherway

Special Breakfast Hosted by Daylesford Police

Thank you to Daylesford Police for providing a bacon and egg breakfast to our school community on Tuesday morning. We greatly appreciate their willingness to be involved in our community breakfast program.
Free SunSmart App

Over exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation causes wrinkles and skin and eye damage, ultimately leading to skin cancer. UV cannot be seen or felt. It is not like the sun’s light which we see, or the sun’s warmth (infrared radiation) which we feel. Our senses cannot detect UV so it can be damaging without us knowing. There is a huge variation in UV levels across Australia. The UV level is affected by a number of factors including the time of day, time of year, cloud cover, altitude, proximity to the equator, scattering and reflection.

That’s why it’s so important to check the daily sun protection times for your location each day on the SunSmart app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app lets you know when you do and don’t need sun protection, making it easier than ever to be smart about your sun exposure all year.

Features

- Personalisation: Download the app and personalise it with your natural skin type, height, weight, age, gender and set your location for anywhere in Australia.
- Reminders: Set up a sun protection alert and receive daily reminders for the times of day when UV reaches a level that can damage your skin and eyes, as well as two-hour reminders to re-apply sunscreen.
- Sunscreen calculator: Use the sunscreen calculator to find out how much sunscreen you need to apply, taking account of your size and clothing.
- Vitamin D tracker: Find out if you are getting enough UV exposure for vitamin D.

Absences

Is your child attending school for 95% of time or better?
Are they getting to school on time and are they ready for learning?

School Uniform

Term four is transition time – transition to wearing the summer uniform. The summer uniform is:

**Girls** - College Dress, poly/cotton.
**Girls & Boys** -
- Black Trousers
- Black Shorts
- White Shirt/Blouse
  - Long sleeve Unisex with college logo.
  - Short sleeve with college logo.
  - Short sleeve blouse no logo.
- V-Neck Bottle Green Jumper (Yrs 7-10)
- V-Neck Black Jumper (Yrs 11-12)
- Jacket – Black Wind Stopper (current version) with college logo.
**White/Black School Socks**
**Shoes** – All black, laced shoe or velcro shoe or elastic-sided boot. Leather or leather-like upper providing protection to the upper foot. Non-slip grip on heal and sole.
**College Black Blazer** - optional
**College Tie** - optional
**Cap** – optional

All the DSC uniform can be purchased from the Daylesford Clothing store.

Student Support Continues Term 4
Lunch Time and After School

SCIENCE Help Tuesdays

If you need a bit of help with any Science homework or classwork come along to a catch up and help session every Tuesday lunchtime.
in A8. Bring your lunch and whatever you need help with of a science nature.

**After School MATHS Help**

Maths teachers are available to help students with their homework or other maths work after school every **Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30**. Students should bring their maths work and necessary equipment to B4.

**Tuesday Night SENIOR STUDY Sessions**

Senior students are invited to attend our senior school study nights on Tuesdays after school. Some senior staff will be available to assist students with their study during this time.

**MIPS & Careers Update**

**Week 2 Term 4 2015**

**YEAR 12 NEWS**

Year 12 students should now be focussing on exams. Those applying for university should wait until after exams to consider changing preferences. A reminder that all students should ensure they have a Tax File Number. Universities require this number for enrolment and students either working or on apprenticeships need theirs for payment. Those students with ‘extra requirements’ on their VTAC applications are reminded to ensure they complete all tasks on time. We will issue all exiting Year 12 students with a handbook next week. They are advised to retain their copy as it contains contact and other information.

So we wish all students well with their exams and look forward to seeing (or hearing from) all those applying for university and TAFE on Monday 14th December when ATARS are available.

**DOXA YOUTH FOUNDATION CADETSHIP PROGRAM**

The Doxa Youth Foundation provides programs for young people to achieve their highest potential despite experiencing disadvantage. The Cadetship Program is a holistic initiative that provides young people with the resources, skills and experience to succeed in university and embark on a professional career. Applications are now open for 2016. More info: [http://doxa.org.au/cadetship/applying-for-the-program/](http://doxa.org.au/cadetship/applying-for-the-program/)

**HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS, INCLUDING THE PUGGY HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Torres Strait Islander health scholarships to encourage and assist undergraduate students in health related disciplines to complete their studies and join the health workforce.: ph 1800 688 628, [www.acn.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.acn.edu.au/scholarships).

**LA TROBE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING** – La Trobe has reviewed engineering courses for 2016 and as a result some existing courses will be phased out. They have been removed from VTAC and La Trobe will contact students who have included them in their VTAC preferences. Info: 1300 135 045.

**AMBASSADOR PROGRAM AT MONASH** – The Access Monash Ambassador program is an opportunity for students who want to make a difference. Year 12’s planning to study at Monash in 2016 can apply to be an ambassador. See: [www.monash.edu.au/access/about-ama.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/access/about-ama.html).

Students applying for Federation Uni - Bachelor of Communication Design or Visual Arts

Students are reminded to apply direct to FedUni for an Interview and an opportunity to present their folio. These applications must be submitted by COB, on Friday October 23, 2015. Forms can be downloaded from our website [http://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-feduni/apply/domestic/how-to-apply/vtac-requirements](http://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-feduni/apply/domestic/how-to-apply/vtac-requirements)

**YEAR 11 NEWS**

Year 11 students are reminded to make an appointment with Careers to update their Career Action Plan before the end of the year.

**YEAR 9 students**

Students should begin to consider their options for their Work Experience placement in 2016. Some placements are very competitive and students will need to apply early. For instance the Royal Children’s Hospital placements are put on-line in January. Start talking to family and friends in Melbourne and see what is available close to them. Students with specific requests should make a Careers appointment to discuss their options.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Local Drama Group - Drama-rama**

Local kids’ drama group, Drama-rama presents: *The Quest of the Sea Shepherd* and other rollicking adventures

Tackling the big issues that really fire them up - whaling, feminism and homophobia
mashed up with Pirates, Science Fiction and Viking adventures. "Hilarious, bold and uplifting!"
Original short plays created and performed by Inside Out Dance Theatre Drama group for 11 - 15 year olds with the assistance of Jen Bray.
**Sunday 18 October, 4pm, Daylesford Town Hall.** Gold Coin Donation
Bookings and enquiries: [bray_jen@hotmail.com](mailto:bray_jen@hotmail.com)

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**DAYLESFORD JUNIOR TENNIS STARTS - 17 October 2015**

Junior tennis on the beautiful grass courts at West St Daylesford starts on Saturday 17 October. Daylesford junior tennis is for all students up to and including 18 years of age. If you are still at school including completing Year 12 this year, you are welcome and encouraged to play as part of our junior competition.

Competition tennis begins at 9.15am and any interested players should just come along. For information, registration forms and membership details check out the web site [www.daylesfordtennis.com](http://www.daylesfordtennis.com). For any enquiries please call Vicki Horrigan 5348 3894.

Vicki Horrigan
Junior Tennis Coordinator
Daylesford Lawn Tennis Club
[www.daylesfordtennis.com](http://www.daylesfordtennis.com)
[vicard@bigpond.com](mailto:vicard@bigpond.com)

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**MATHS Help**

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

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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.

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**ENGLISH Help**

Experienced English and VCE English tutor available Monday or Friday daytime (if you have study periods) at the Daylesford Library, or Monday and Friday evenings from 4pm at the Daylesford Neighbourhood House.

Call or text Cate for details and bookings on 0450 413 540,
Sprung Circus Term 4 Classes & Holiday Program

Weekly classes for children, teens and adults, all things circus, call 0477499342 for details or see www.sprungcircus.net

SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION

Calling all budding tennis stars! The MT PROSPECT & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION would like to invite children and adolescents of all ages to learn, develop and play tennis! Tennis is a fabulous sport that you can play as an individual, as a team, with friends, as a family, at any level and at any age.

WHERE & WHEN: Situated in Creswick, and offering both grass and hard court surfaces, the Mt Prospect & District Tennis Association offers a Saturday morning junior tennis competition that runs through Term 4, 2015 and Term 1, 2016 for a total of 14 weeks plus finals. Play starts at 9am and finishes no later than 12 noon, and all players play 3 sets of tennis.

All you need is a racquet and some enthusiasm!

GRADES: Sections include (age as at 31/12/2015)
- 10 & Under Girls and 10 & Under Boys
- 12 & Under Girls and 12 & Under Boys
- 14 & Under Girls and 14 & Under Boys
- 17 & Under Girls and 17 & Under Boys
- Plus a Hot Shots Program for 5-8 years old.

REGISTRATION FEE: $30 per person (or $100 for a family of four or more) plus ball fees of $5 for each week played.

If anyone is interested in being a full-time player, an occasional player, or just a fill-in, please contact any of the committee members below to arrange your inclusion in a team:

- Tracey Amarant (ph: 0410 838 335)
  email: traceyamarant@optusnet.com.au
- Casey Preston (ph: 0417 379 525)
  email: kckenzi@hotmail.com
- Naomi Mizzeni (ph: 0428 488 756)
  email: garethandnaomi@bigpond.com
- Natalie McGuinness (ph: 0400 126 664)
  email: lukenatalie@bigpond.com

Any other enquires can be directed to Junior Director - Tulsa Andrews on ph: 0400 299 882 or email: t.andrews@federation.edu.au