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Information Night

Last Wednesday evening teachers from the Precinct Campus provided subject and pathways information for students enrolling at the Precinct Campus in 2014 and their parents. We would like to thank those families that attended. Education research shows that active involvement and encouragement of students by their parents has a significant impact on their success at school. We would also like to thank those staff members who stayed back to give advice and information to the prospective students.

Chinese Student Visit

Today we say goodbye to our second group of Chinese visitors who have been with us as part of their summer vacation study tour. The College appreciates the efforts of members of the local community in providing homestays for these students. The reaction of the students and their teachers to the time they have spent with us has been very positive. In particular they talked about the friendly people they met and the beautiful clear skies over the Valley. Last Saturday, when the first study tour students were getting on the bus to return to Melbourne, there were quite a few tears being shed. Some of the Chinese students were upset too.

Geoff and Nello
ANJ BARKER—Young Australian of the Year visits Kurnai

Young Australian of the year, and spokeswoman for violence against women, Anj Barker will visit the Precinct Campus to talk about her life after being a victim of domestic abuse.

Anj’s talk, which will be heard by all of the Precinct’s students, gives strategies for overcoming obstacles and looks at general motivation in students. The talk will be taking place soon. If you would like more information please contact David Shields at the Precinct Campus.

Student Netbooks

Please ensure that you bring your Netbook to every class. This is as important as bringing your book, text book and pen with you. It is about being prepared for class.

If your netbook is broken please can you bring it in and we can have it repaired.

If you are a student who has come to the Precinct from a school other than Kurnai College please can you come and see the VCE Coordinator about a netbook.

Bernie Cropper
VCE Coordinator

Deb Ball Tickets

Ticket are now available for the 2013 Deb Ball, until Thursday 8 August.

Tickets are $55.00 per each.

There is a limit of 8 tickets per student.

Any non-allocated tickets will become available for purchase from Thursday 1 August and may be purchased by other participants.

Kurnai College Four Pillars

Engagement: We actively participate in our own learning
Excellence: We do the best that we can do
Work Ethic: We are committed to working hard
Relationships: We value and respect each other
A special DVD presentation that features the class of 2013 is being put together by Kallistsa Yiannacou. Please email her:

- **1 x Baby photo and**
- **photos of your time at school.**

**Digital images only.** Photos that are not digital can be scanned in the library.

**BABY PHOTO**

Photos that work best are those in which you are facing the camera with your eyes open. It is also better if there are no obstructions in front of your face e.g. a dummy, a hand, etc.!

Suitable age is 0–6 yrs.

**SCHOOL DAYS PHOTOS**

Any photos of you and your friends from years 7-12. Examples can include, class activities, camps, excursions, formals, deb, school sports, just fun photos taken in the school yard.

If you attended a different school before coming to Kurnai, that’s okay, send in a photo that has just yourself in it. **NO PHOTOS FROM PRIVATE FUNCTIONS please.**

Kallistsa is aiming to have at least 1 photo of each student. The making of this DVD is extensive and time consuming, please stick to the deadlines listed below.

**Baby photos due: Friday 9 August 2013.**
**Other photos due: Friday 20 September 2013**

Please email Kallistsa on:

kalleopi.yiannacou.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
I. OPEN DAYS – Annual University and TAFE Open Days are coming up soon. These are a great opportunity for you to check out facilities, courses, locations, attend presentations about courses and careers, and to talk to staff and students. Year 10 is a good time to start attending these, and Year 11 is a good time to attend too. Starting visits in Year 12 is leaving it a bit late, although still worthwhile. Applying for courses happens in Term 3 of the Year 12 year, the same time as Open Days are scheduled.

### OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
(generally 10am to 4pm – check websites):
- **Sat 3 Aug** – Monash University (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula campuses)
- **Sun 4 Aug** – Deakin University (Warrnambool); Monash University (Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville); Swinburne (University & TAFE) (Hawthorn)
- **Sun 11 Aug** – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne); Deakin (Geelong); Gordon (Geelong); RMIT (University and TAFE)
- **Sun 18 Aug** – La Trobe University (Bendigo); Melbourne Uni (Parkville & Southbank - VCA)
- **Sun 25 Aug** – ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat University; Box Hill Institute: Deakin (Burwood); La Trobe (Bundoora); Victoria University and TAFE; William Angliss Institute
- **Sun 1 Sept** – La Trobe University (Albury/ Wodonga)

2. HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS –
Don’t wander aimlessly….try the following:
- Plan to be at Open Day when relevant information sessions are conducted
- Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to staff about courses that interest you - note your questions beforehand
- Get a student perspective - speak to students studying courses that interest you
- Collect information/brochures
- Ask about industry based-learning (IBL) opportunities; these can assist with gaining employment
- Ask about international study opportunities – a very popular option
- Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the facilities/clubs offered at your preferred institution
- Consider visiting a rural campus, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: Planning to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/ audition? As part of the selection process you may be asked what you learnt/found of interest about the course at Open Day. **Attendance is A MUST!**

3. HERALD SUN MELBOURNE CAREERS EXPO – a large and comprehensive expo encompassing career opportunities from employment and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors. There will be a vast array of career advice, employment opportunities, a large university and training representation, and a ‘hands on’ Skills Industry Hub.

**When**: Fri 16 – Sun 18 August;
**Where**: Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Clarendon St, Southbank;
**Info**: [www.careerexpo.com.au](http://www.careerexpo.com.au). An opportunity to collect information, talk to people and find out more about careers in one location.

DESIGN COURSES AT SWINBURNE IN 2014 – Swinburne will be making some changes and additions to a range of Bachelor of Design courses in 2014.

- The Bachelor of Design (Industrial Design) will become a four-year program
Precinct Career News cont...

- The Bachelor of Design (Interior Design) will be replaced with a four-year Bachelor of Design (Interior Architecture)
- A new course, the Bachelor of Film and Television (Animation) will commence in 2014.

SCIENCE AT SWINBURNE

Swinburne will be offering some new majors in the Bachelor of Science in 2014: Applied mathematics, Biomedical physiology, Biomolecular science, Chemistry, Computer science and mathematics, Environmental science, Physics, Psychology, Psychology and Psychophysiology.

WHY STUDY SPORT AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY?

If you are passionate about staying fit and healthy, and want to help others do the same, you can join a motivated group of like-minded people in VU’s College of Sport and Exercise Science.

Be spurred on by internationally recognised teaching staff who are highly sought after in the sports and exercise science industries, as coaches, advisers and more.

You’ll also benefit from the close links with sporting institutions such as the Victorian and Australian Institutes of Sport, Western Bulldogs, AFL and Netball Australia. With a range of courses spanning TAFE, bachelor and postgraduate qualifications, you will find an entry point that suits your level of education.

MONASH UNIVERSITY’S NEW BACHELOR OF COUNSELLING

The Berwick campus of Monash is offering a new degree in counselling in 2014.

Recognised by the Australian Counselling Association (ACA), the degree will provide students with a solid background in psychology, as well as in-field placement opportunities and will focus on delivering counselling to diverse communities.

At completion of the degree, graduates will be job ready as this course does not require further postgraduate qualifications to find accredited employment (unlike a psychologist).
Upcoming Excursions / Camps

To ensure the smooth organization and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by the due date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

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