

# Lavalla Catholic College

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## From the Principal, Mr John Freeman



Two weeks ago, representatives, including a number of principals, from each of the seven secondary schools in Sale Diocese gathered at Presentation Campus for a Literacy Conference. Lead by Rosemary Copeland and Sam Franzi from the CEO Sale we shared current approaches being undertaken at each of our schools as well as exploring ways in order to continuously improve our practice. Furthermore, it was resolved to continue this process in 2015. I was certainly impressed by the presentations from all schools and heartened by the importance being placed on this critical element of lifelong learning.

During our assembly for St Paul's Campus we welcomed the school captains, Alana and Ned, from Sacred Heart Primary School, Morwell who presented us with an artwork they created as an expression of their gratitude for the use of the Presentation Campus in term one. The artwork will be on display in the main reception at the St Paul's Campus.

On Friday 15th of August, a number of students from St Paul's Campus joined with students from St Gabriel's Primary School and celebrated Mass at St Michael's, Traralgon to mark the feast of the Assumption of Mary to Heaven. This feast not only honours Mary's faithfulness and holiness, but is a reminder to us that we are all called to follow her example, to ask her to pray for us and to rejoice that we too are invited, after our death, to join her and the saints in God's eternal heavenly kingdom.

After a large amount of liaison by Shane Reid we welcomed students from Whitefriars College, Donvale to share the time with our students in a music workshop on Monday 11th of August. The day saw students from both colleges join in choral and band workshops. After sharing a lunch the students then performed for each other both as individual schools and as combined groups. All performances were of a high standard and I want to extend my appreciation for the hard work of Shane Reid, Matthew Harris, Maria Testa and Sarah Dunstan to ensure the day was a success. My thanks also to the staff and students from Whitefriars. Whilst this was the first of our combined workshops I hope it will not be the last.

Congratulations to our Girls Basketball squad who won their division of the recent McDonald's Cup. Whilst they did qualify for the Victorian Elite 8 group, scheduling complications have meant we cannot continue in the competition. Nonetheless this is an outstanding achievement as this competition sees the best basketball school teams in Victoria compete. Well done to their coach Karen Joyce, assisted by Dwayne Tibballs on the achievement. Also of note is that Grace Walker (year 9) and Sam Clavarino (year 12) have made the State Touch Football teams for 2014 and will be representing the state later in the year. This is the third year in a row Sam has been selected in the State team. Our sporting activity has not been restricted to just basketball and touch football. We have been active in a number of sporting competitions, achieving a great deal of success and I encourage you to read the articles included in this newsletter recognising our students' efforts.

*Loving God,*

*Each day as I step further  
into my future,*

*Give me the courage,  
knowledge and  
patience that I need.*

*Remind me that you  
always journey with me  
and that you will never  
lead me into anything  
that you won't lead me  
through.*

*Thank you for the gift of  
my life.*

*May the way I live be my  
gift back to you -  
with your love and  
Guidance*

*In Jesus' name*

## From the Principal (Cont.)

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed and farewelled some staff. Marcelle Makepeace who has worked in a number of administration roles resigned to support her family and to pursue business opportunities. We now welcome Lauren Thompson as Marcelle's replacement as VASS/VET Administration officer. Also of note Maria Testa, secretary and great support to the Music Department, is taking leave until the start of next year and we wish her well with her pursuits and in her stead we welcome Sarah Dunstan. We also wish Mary Giddens well on her long service leave until the end of the term and we welcome Helen Keith, who has worked for us last term, as Mary's replacement. Finally we welcome Carmine Pottas who has taken on a part time position teaching Food Technology.

Finally, included in this newsletter is information about the Elizabeth Hunt Scholarship 2015, which is open to Year 12 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges in the Sale Diocese who wish to study teaching at ACU National.

## College Minister - Mr Paul Skippen

*'Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good work and give glory to God in heaven'.* (Matthew 5: 16)

Recently, Pope Francis has been speaking about developing a **'Culture of Encounter'**. To explain this, he goes back to the very basics of Hebrew and Christian traditions – of a people who have an encounter with a loving God. This meeting and this relationship that grew from it is expressed in two ways:

are we faithful and grateful to God who has created us, speaks to us, stays with us ...

and because of this we turn to *'encounter'* each other and all creation.

When we encounter someone, it is not just a chance meeting, passing by and saying 'hi' or 'G'day'. When Francis uses it, he does in the context of the Spanish word, *'encuentro'*. Encounter means to 'find'... it means coming to someone and searching for a relationship that is significant and which builds hope, trust and love.

May we encounter a deep and fulfilling relationship with God and each other as we journey through life.



## Important Dates

### 24 - 26 August

Mt Hotham Ski Camp—Group 1

### 26—29 August

Mt Hotham Ski Camp—Group 2

### 25 August

Years 7 & 8 / 11 & 12 Boys State Netball  
Kildare Assembly  
Year 12 Recital Evening

### 26 August

Choral Sections—LV Eisteddfod

### 27 August

Years 7—9 Girls AFL State Final  
SSV Wellington Athletics  
Diocesan Shine Gathering

### 28 August

Melbourne Showgrounds Excursion  
Red Cross Blood Bank  
Journey to Work

### 31 August

Senior Band & Ensemble Recording

### 1 September

Year 8 Girls Netball  
Years 9—10 Boys Soccer  
Year 10 Rights and Freedom Museum Excursion  
Kildare Assembly

### 2 September

Year 12 Recital run through

### 3 September

Battle of Australia Ceremony  
Vicspell provincial final  
Year 7 on show and information technology evening

### 4 September

College Bands at Eisteddfod  
Years 7—8 Boys Soccer  
Red Cross Blood Bank  
Years 7—8 Girls Basketball  
Journey to work

### 5 September

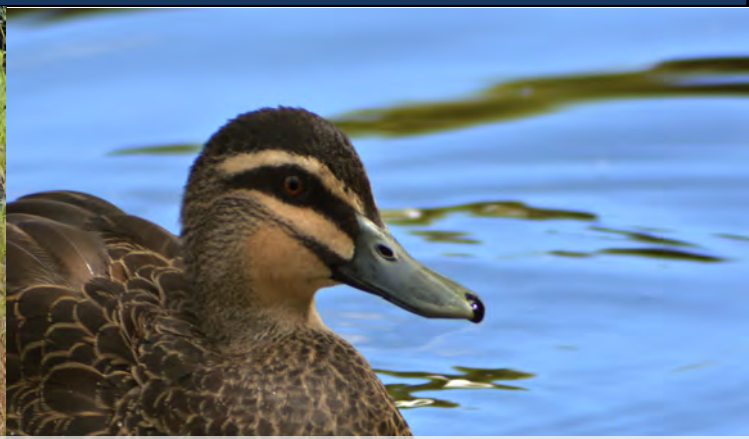
VCAL Visit to Dalkeith

## Uniform Shop Next Open Days 2014

4th September

**The Second Hand Uniform Shop is Located  
At the St Paul's Campus**





## St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andy Martin, Campus Director

### Catholic Life:

The spiritual life of the College was evidenced over the past week as thirty St Paul's students and several of the College Leadership Team joined in a celebratory mass with St Michael's Primary students on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption. A similar number of students attended a formation day for 'Young Marists' at the Kildare Campus where our Youth minister, Mr Paul Skippen led the group in prayer and reflection. It is always a pleasure to see our Catholic heritage and Marist Charism at work throughout the College.

### Transition and enrolment processes:

As we begin the process of winding up our new enrolments for Year 7 2015, re-enrolment for Year 8 and 9 and subject selection for Year 10 in 2015, I would like to thank all of those who have contributed to supporting our students to select appropriate elective and Pathway options as they either enter the school, progress through St Paul's or transition to senior school at the Kildare Campus next year. In particular, I applaud the work of Mrs Bev O'Brien, Mrs Rebecca Henry, Ms Claire Cooling, Mr Michael McKenna and Ms Olivia Barrett for their tireless efforts to inform and prepare our students for change.

### Art Exhibition:

Our students have had the opportunity to display their work at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre over the last few weeks at the invite of the Council body responsible and I encourage both parents and students to view the exhibit which highlights both the talent and technique of our students at St Paul's. The exhibition will run for several weeks to come.

### VICSPELL Competition

As the VICSPELL Competition heads to the final on September 3 we commend Finn Mathieson-Walton of Year 8 for his effort in coming second in the regional finals in his category of the event.

### Sport

Over the next two weeks, both male and female teams will represent the school in a number of SSV Competition state finals

including Basketball, Netball, Football, Athletics and Soccer. We wish the teams all the best in pursuit of State Title honours.

I note the selection of Jake Cardillo (Year 7) as a member of the Vic Country Soccer Team. Jake was the only student representative nominated in his age group from this region. Congratulations Jake.

### An Invitation:

**'Year 7 On Show and Lavalla Technology Evening' – Weds, September 3 – 4.30–6.30pm**

We invite all parents to attend this evening to view the collective work of our Year Seven Cohort and to engage one or more technology sessions organised to inform and support parents in the use of College ICT facility.

The three topic areas will include:

**1. College Portal:** The session will cover Passwords and connection, What can be found on the portal (College Reporting and access to Moodle and your financial records). How to contact teachers

**2. Mathematics Pathway Program:** The session will cover the implementation of this program across the learning years from 7-9 in 2015, access to the program, the underlying rationale for adoption of this program, report formats, interpreting the data and how to assist your child.

**3. College programs and connectivity:** This session will be designed for parents who would like assistance connecting to any of our ICT facilities and to answer questions about them. Parents are welcome to bring student laptops to these sessions. Our ICT STAFF will be available to answer queries around VM Ware and solve problems with you as an individual. Assistance with the download of a free version of Microsoft office will be available

**Note:** Program Sessions will be located in the ISC at St Paul's, will run for twenty minutes at a time and be scheduled so as to allow parents to access to any one or all of these informative presentations over the evening. Information regarding scheduling will be provided on the College website this coming week.

My Best for the coming fortnight



## Kildare Campus Update

Mr Douglas Doherty, Campus Director

"It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end."  
— [Ernest Hemingway](#).

As our Year 12 students approach the end of their journey through Lavalla Catholic College, with only five weeks of lessons remaining; we hope that they feel that this journey has meaning.

When we reflect on the journey that all our students are currently undertaking in choosing their pathways to success, we appreciate the vastness of these choices.

These last two weeks have seen over 580 students receiving a subject selection interview, over 15 new students to Kildare in one week alone and information MasterClasses such as the VTAC information session organised by Mrs P Scholtes. As it is clear, this is a very busy time and I would like to thank all staff involved for their dedication to our students and their futures.

Supporting our students' journeys, is the whole understanding of social justice and the Catholic ethos that underpins our school community. This is being evidenced on a wide scale, even during this very busy period. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, we will have another batch of students and staff volunteering at the Soup Kitchen in Melbourne, led by Br Doug Walsh. The students attending this deserving event are: Chelsea Malone, Jesse Conway, Will Brooker, Molly Smart, Rachel Ingle, Montana McStay and Victoria Castello. The staff who are supporting these students are Mr Judd, Ms Alford and Ms Main. We wish them the very best and we hope they can share the love and concern of our community to the most vulnerable within our society.

The Year 11 students have all also undertaken a wonderful part of their journey at Lavalla Catholic College, when they participated in their retreat on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August. Again I would like to thank Mr Skippen, Mr Roga and the staff who organised and led this wonderful event.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, students from Kildare Campus also

helped our younger Marist leaders from St. Paul's Campus, with their faith formation on their journey through Lavalla. This was a great leadership experience for the senior students and a great example of how important our faith and Marist Charism is held by the senior students.

Meeting companions along our journey is very important, as we can learn and share knowledge. This was also evident this week when music students from Whitefriars College, Melbourne joined our music students at Kildare. I hope their staff and students felt most welcome and will use this as a great opportunity to develop this relationship of companionship.

As the journey comes to an end for our Year 12 students, I would like to remind those few students and families that Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August is the final day for Subject Selection and re-enrolment.

God Bless

## HELPERS WANTED

**We urgently require volunteer helpers for the Canteen at the St Paul's Campus.**

**If you are able to assist, please contact Allison Farley on 51747355**





## Kildare Campus Update

Mr Douglas Doherty, Campus Director

### Habit of Excellence No 2

#### CREATING, IMAGINING, INNOVATING

All human beings have the capacity to generate novel, original, clever or ingenious products, solutions, and techniques—if that capacity is developed.

Creative human beings try to conceive problem solutions differently, examining alternative possibilities from many angles. They tend to project themselves into different roles using analogies, starting with a vision and working backward, imagining they are the objects being considered.

Creative people take risks and frequently push the boundaries of their perceived limits (Perkins1985). They are intrinsically rather than extrinsically motivated, working on the task because of the aesthetic challenge rather than the material rewards. Creative people are open to criticism.

They hold up their products for others to judge and seek feedback in an ever-increasing effort to refine their technique.

They are uneasy with the status quo. They constantly strive for greater fluency, elaboration, novelty, parsimony, simplicity, craftsmanship, perfection, beauty, harmony, and balance.

Students, however, are often heard saying, "I can't draw," "I was never very good at art," "I can't sing a note," "I'm not creative". Some people believe creative humans are just born that way; in their genes and chromosomes.

This is not the case – every person has the ability to be creative and innovative. They just need to practise by making it a Habit of Excellence.

## Oral Health

Maintaining good oral health is essential to overall health and wellbeing. Teenagers and Young Adults need to protect their mouths and teeth by practising good oral health hygiene.



Although regular brushing and flossing are important, the oral health of this age group is also often associated with risk factors such as diet, smoking and alcohol and mouth and tongue piercings.

The most common oral health disease in teenagers and young adults, is Tooth decay. Tooth decay is a diet related disease. It is caused by the interaction of sugar and plaque to produce acids. Acids dissolve the outer layer of the tooth. These acids are produced by bacteria in plaque which develops after eating sugars commonly found in food and over

### Tips to maintain good oral health

- Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste and a toothbrush that has small, compact head and soft bristles. When the bristles appear 'shaggy' it is time to change toothbrushes.
- Flossing once a day is recommended. There may be some bleeding at first but this should subside after a few days if tooth cleaning is thorough
- Limit sugars and processed foods to mealtimes (rather than between meals).
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- Wear a professionally fitted mouthguard when training and playing sport where there is risk of oral injury.
- Have regular oral health checkups – don't wait for a problem.

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# Asia Trip Report

Kristen Jenkinson

5 students including myself; Kaitlin Pooley and Zara-Louise Ernst from the St Pauls Campus and Constantinos Kavadias, Korey Kavadias and Kristen Jenkinson from the Kildare Campus as well as 11 other local musicians all went to Asia to help strengthen the ties between Latrobe City and its sister cities (Takasago – Japan and Taizhou – China). After 6 months of hard practice, rehearsals and fundraising efforts we left for our 22 hour flight to Japan, meeting our Japanese homestay families for the first time at the welcoming party. Each person was able to spend their first day swapping gifts, relaxing and getting to know their new families, which was very rewarding as they introduced us to Japanese food and their style of living. Many of us slept on the floor with hard bamboo mats underneath us to help cool us while we slept, others had more western style houses.

We went on a city tour and met the dignitaries of Takasago. We also visited a primary school, we were put into pairs and assigned a student from the school, aged 7-9, who took us to their class for a few hours. The children were all very excited to see us and were all wanting to hold our hands and pull us outside to play with them. On this day it was 32 degrees and although we were very hot we played 'tiggy' with the children until it was time for classes to begin again. Our tour guides took us to many temples and castles, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Unfortunately we only had one performance in Japan, although we played very well and all of our families were impressed. We were all praised for our efforts by the general public of Takasago and by our host mothers and fathers.

After 5 days of living with a Japanese family it was time to go to Osaka. It was very saddening to leave as we had all become very attached to our new found friends and many of us now consider them to be a part of our own family. I know for me, that this was the saddest part of the entire trip and I couldn't stop the tears from running. I could tell that some of the other Australians felt the same way.

We spent another 4 days in Osaka doing more tours and sightseeing. Tasting more traditional Japanese food and learning more about the culture. It was then our last day in Japan and we were treated to a much welcomed trip to Universal Studios for the entire day! We all had awesome fun going on all the thrilling rides and meeting extremely nice people.

It was then another 3.5 hour flight to China where we met our Chinese host families. It was a very late night for us all as each of the families took us out for dinner.

The following day we went to the high school where we did Chinese calligraphy with our homestay children and had a martial arts demonstration. We then went on a tour of Taizhou city and had lunch, as well as dinner at the Government house. We were so shocked by the amount of people in Taizhou, approx. 2 million people lived in this 'small' city of China. We had two performances in Taizhou, the second was in the streets of Takasago that had gathered a huge crowd of people that just kept growing bigger and bigger. On our second day we went to a market place and learnt how to haggle, everybody bought many things and we were all proud to show off how cheap we got everything. We then went to a Chinese circus which was very impressive. One of our members even got volunteered for an act of throwing knives!!

After a very long trip we were all very excited to get home and have some rest before school started, for some us the next day after we got home. Although fate was against us as the Shanghai airport was closed off from International flights for 5 hours and hence, we missed our connecting flight from Hong Kong to Melbourne. We had to spend the next two days in Hong Kong whilst flights were prepared for us. So instead of coming home together we were split off into three groups. I, luckily was in the first flight to arrive back in Australia, having to fly from Hong Kong to Bangkok and then onto Perth and then again to Melbourne. The second group however flew from Hong Kong to Bangkok and met up with the third group and flew straight from Bangkok to Melbourne together.

The trip was very rewarding and all of us would recommend it. It has definitely changed our lives and we made friends with not only the families we stayed with but with each other.



By the time you are reading this all students across the college will have completed choosing their subjects for 2015 and Year 12 students intending to receive an ATAR ranking should have completed their registration on the VTAC website.

The journey to this point has been filled with school initiated opportunities and plenty of research, questioning and reflection by students and their families. For some students the seriousness of this process has encouraged them to seek advice from a variety of sources. I encourage all students and parents to be mindful that the most accurate and up to date sources of information can be found on the VTAC website in the Courselink section. [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) The MyFuture website is an excellent resource to explore different careers and how to get there. <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/>

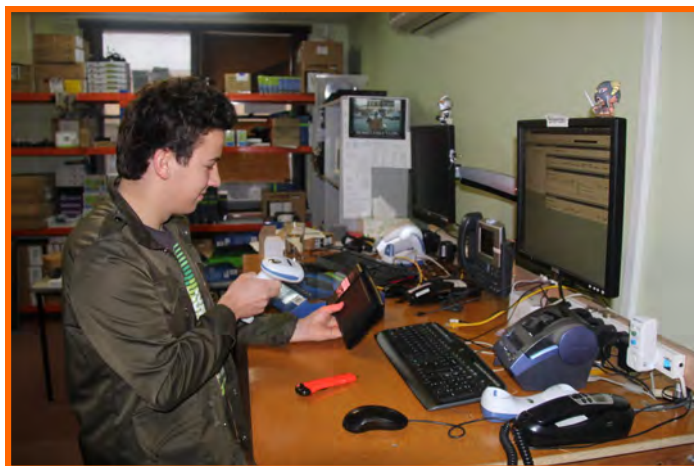
This time of year can be stressful for parents and students. Making decisions is never easy, especially more so when not enough research has been done by students themselves or they are feeling pressured by the expectations of others. With this in mind, I encourage students to take full advantage of all the opportunities provided to them, including the opportunities to meet with the school counsellors and careers advisers.

Here are just a few of the activities that have been happening across the two campuses this semester.

- Opportunities for individual careers counselling at both campuses for all year levels.
- Careers activities organised for Year 9 LA program
- Labour market, subject selection options and levels of qualifications required presentation to Year 9 students.
- Careerwise testing for Year 9's.
- Lardner Park Job Skills Expo attended by some Year 9 students and some VCAL students.
- Year 10 Work Experience Program
- Parent Information Nights
- Careers and Courses Expo (Kildare)
- Year 11 individual course selection interviews
- Year 12 University Experience Camp
- Year 12 applying to VTAC information session run by Federation University
- Information on Open Days, Scholarships etc. emailed to parents of senior students.

Year 12 students are reminded that should have registered and entered one at least one course preference on the VTAC application system by 5pm on 30<sup>th</sup> of September to be eligible for the \$28 fee, after that the fee goes up to \$93. Students wishing to enter courses that require auditions, folio presentations, interviews etc. need to have completed their

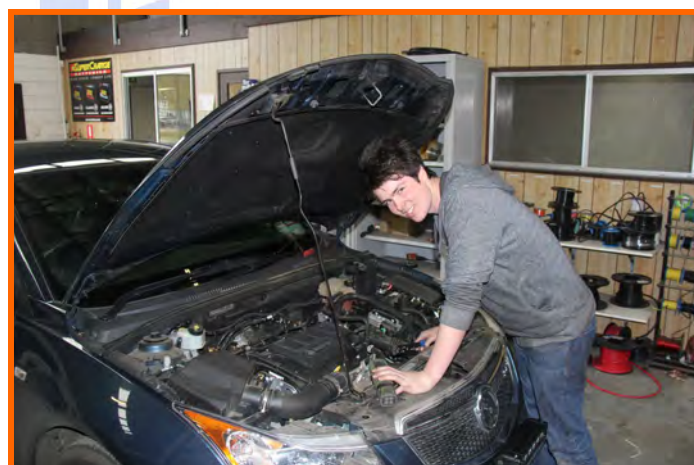
applications on VTAC before the end of August to allow time for these institutions to organise interview times etc.



Year 10 Student Bailey Stone undertaking work experience at Aussie Broadband



Year 10 Student Corey Peterson undertaking work experience at Gippsland Soccer League



Year 10 Student Jay Paulet undertaking work experience at Watt Works Auto Electrics



# Elizabeth Hunt Teaching Scholarship

## *Thinking of a Career in Teaching?*

Planning on studying at Australian Catholic University?

*Then this may interest you....*

### **Elizabeth Hunt Teaching Scholarship 2015 Diocese of Sale**



***The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Sale  
is offering TWO Teaching Scholarships to support  
students entering teaching at ACU National in 2015.***

***The Scholarship will provide financial contribution  
to studies in teaching for each year of the course.***

***Students who are presently in Year 12 at a  
Catholic Secondary School in the Diocese of Sale  
are eligible to apply.***

**Closing date for applications is  
Friday 17 October, 2014.**

***Interviews will be conducted on 26 November, 2014***

**ELIZABETH HUNT TEACHING  
SCHOLARSHIP 2015  
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For further information and  
application form see your  
Year 12 Coordinator,  
Head of Senior School or  
Deputy Principal

OR visit our website:

[www.ceosale.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceosale.catholic.edu.au)

go to the Professional Learning  
link and click on Scholarships and  
Bursaries.



# Weekly Career News

## TERM 3

19 August 2014

### UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

- 23: JMC Academy, Melbourne, [www.jmcacademy.edu.au/](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/)
- 24: Box Hill Institute, Box Hill campuses, [www.bhtafe.edu.au/](http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/)
- 24: Australian Institute of Fitness, Melbourne, [www.fitness.edu.au/](http://www.fitness.edu.au/)
- 24: Deakin University, Melbourne, [www.deakin.edu.au/open-day](http://www.deakin.edu.au/open-day)
- 24: MIBT, Burwood, <http://tw.mibt.vic.edu.au/open-day>
- 24: Footscray City Films, <http://footscrayfilms.com.au/tafe/open-day>
- 24: La Trobe University, Melbourne, [www.latrobe.edu.au/opensday](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/opensday)
- 24: William Angliss Institute, Melbourne, [www.angliss.edu.au/](http://www.angliss.edu.au/)
- 24: Victoria University, Footscray Park, [www.vu.edu.au/open-day-2014](http://www.vu.edu.au/open-day-2014)
- 24 & 26: Kangan Institute, Richmond campus, [www.kangan.edu.au/open-day/](http://www.kangan.edu.au/open-day/)
- 27: Box Hill Institute, Melbourne Campus, [www.bhtafe.edu.au/](http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/)
- 29: La Trobe University, Albury Wodonga, [www.latrobe.edu.au/opensday](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/opensday)



### VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

**St Andrew's College Scholars Merit Program:** St Andrew's College at the University of Sydney is seeking applications from high achieving students for their scholars program. The scholarships will provide financial support of \$25 000 per year for the duration of the students undergraduate degree whilst they live at St Andrew's. Applications close 8 September. For information about this fantastic program and how to apply, go to [www.standrewscollege.edu.au/](http://www.standrewscollege.edu.au/)



**Having trouble choosing a university course?** There is a lot of information to sort through when choosing a university program. Try the following two websites to narrow down your options:

- **Course Camel:** This site allows you to search for courses at university, TAFE and private providers across Victoria. You can search by job title, career interest, subject prerequisites, ATAR range, qualification type, location, and education provider, [www.coursecamel.com/](http://www.coursecamel.com/)
- **Good Universities Guide 2015:** compare courses between universities using independent student ratings. Ratings measure student perspectives of teaching quality, generic skills and overall satisfaction. You will also be able to ascertain the starting salary of graduates compared to other universities for your desired course, [www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/ratings/](http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/ratings/)





## VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

### Automotive Technical and Parts

**Apprenticeships:** Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd invite students from all over Australia to apply for their Modern Apprenticeship Program. Successful students will undertake their apprenticeship at a dealer of their choice and be flown to Melbourne or Sydney for block training. To find out about the application process, the program, and to view a list of dealers, go to [www.vantageautomotive.com](http://www.vantageautomotive.com)

**The Co-operative Engineering Program at the Australian Maritime College:** is a program where students combine university studies with practical experience. Students alternate periods of full-time study with periods of paid full-time employment in industry. These work placements, totaling up to 17 months over the course of the five-year degree, are fulfilled under the supervision of professional engineers.

The program is available to students undertaking a Bachelor of Engineering in Ocean Engineering, Naval Architecture or Marine and Offshore Engineering who have a minimum ATAR of 85 and maintain a credit average. Click here for more information, [www.amc.edu.au/maritime-engineering/](http://www.amc.edu.au/maritime-engineering/)



**Interested in pharmacy or law?** Interstate students who enrol in the Bachelor of Pharmacy at The University of Tasmania in 2015 are eligible to apply for a \$2000 relocation bursary to assist to the costs of moving to the University. Interstate students enrolling in a law degree are eligible to apply for a \$5000 relocation scholarship. For information, go to [www.utas.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.utas.edu.au/scholarships)

**Bachelor of Film and Television at Swinburne University:** Film and Television graduate Lucy McKendrick has just been accepted into the American Film Institute Conservatorium at Los Angeles. Read about her story here- [www.swin.edu.au/media-centre/news/2014/05/](http://www.swin.edu.au/media-centre/news/2014/05/) and about the three year Bachelor of Film at Television at Swinburne, Hawthorn campus- [www.future.swinburne.edu.au/courses/](http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/courses/)



## VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

**New guaranteed ATAR scheme at Deakin University:** Deakin has just announced the new Assured Offer Program, which provides guaranteed ATARs for 30 courses. Students will need to apply for their desired course through VTAC and fill out an online application form to apply for the program. For information, go to [www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply/assured](http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply/assured)

### WHY DEAKIN?

SEE FOR YOURSELF AT OPEN DAY.



**Join the La Trobe University Library!** VCE and HSC students are able to join to the La Trobe University library. You will be able to borrow items from the print collection, use the library facilities and use the library as a study space to prepare for exams. For information on how to join, go to, <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/library/borrowing-and-ebooks/join-the-library>

**Physiotherapy at Monash University:** The Bachelor of Physiotherapy has been recognized as outstanding by the Physiotherapy Board of Australia, which has recently reissued accreditation to the program. To read about the Boards feedback, go to <http://monash.edu/news/show/physiotherapy-graduates-excel-in-practice>

**Guaranteed ATAR cut-offs at the Australian National University:** ANU has just released their guaranteed ATARs for the 2015 Main Round (21 January). If you achieve the minimum ATAR and meet course prerequisites, you will be made an offer in the Main Round. For a list of courses and guaranteed ATARs, go to <http://www.anu.edu.au/>

**New curriculum at Victoria University (VU):** VU has recently completed a major overhaul of their curriculum. Their new course design creates opportunities for all students to pursue their dream career with their multi sector pathways. The new curriculum acknowledges the learning differences of students and provides a delivery method that will give students the best opportunities for success.

They have developed a suite of entry-level degrees designed to provide a base of knowledge in preparation for discipline specialisation in second year. The Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Sport Management and Bachelor of Health Science will provide students with the opportunity to explore options and develop their passions. <http://www.vu.edu.au/>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Are you in years 7 – 12? Do you want to work with animals? Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo present a day of activities where you get to work alongside their Zoo Keepers and Vets. You will be able to:

- Help with food preparation
- Assist with animal enrichment
- Help with enclosure maintenance
- Listen to Keeper talks
- Do animal health checks
- Handle animals safely

**Zoo Keeper for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary:** 23, 24 & 30 September and 1 October

**Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary:** 24 & 25 September and 1 & 2 October

<http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/>

**Zoo Keeper for a Day, Werribee Open Range Zoo:** 23, 25 & 29 September and 1 October, <http://www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/>



**Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS):** The IAESS Program gives 20 Indigenous high school students from across Australia who are entering Years 11 and 12 in 2015, the opportunity to come to Sydney and explore the possibilities of studying and working within various areas of engineering.

The program is fully sponsored with all activities, accommodation, flights and meals covered. The program will be held between 11 – 17 January 2015 and applications are due by Friday 17 October. For information about this exciting program, go to <http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/iaess/>



## UPCOMING EVENTS - AUGUST

- 31: RMIT Flight Training Open Day, Point Cook, [www.rmit.edu.au/seh/events](http://www.rmit.edu.au/seh/events)

## UPCOMING EVENTS - SEPTEMBER

- 2, 3, 10: Bachelor of Education (Honours) Information Evening, Monash University, <https://edumon.wufoo.com/forms/bachelor-of-education-honours-information-night/>
- 4: A Career in Radiation Oncology, Melbourne, [www.acareerinradiationoncology.com.au/](http://www.acareerinradiationoncology.com.au/)
- 9 – 25: Explore VU Information Sessions, Victoria University, Footscray, [www.vu.edu.au/news-events/events/explore-vu-information-series](http://www.vu.edu.au/news-events/events/explore-vu-information-series)
- 16 – 18: 2014 ConocoPhillips Science Experience, Swinburne University, Hawthorn, <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/>
- 17: Actuarial Studies Information Evening, UNSW, Sydney, <http://www.asb.unsw.edu.au/>
- 20: A Day in the Life of a Designer, Billy Blue College, [www.billyblue.edu.au/](http://www.billyblue.edu.au/)
- 22: Science in the City Lab Tours, RMIT, [www.rmit.edu.au/seh/events](http://www.rmit.edu.au/seh/events)
- JMC Academy Workshops: Animation (23), Games Design (23), Popular Music (24), Audio Engineering (25), Entertainment Business Management (25), [www.imcademy.edu.au/](http://www.imcademy.edu.au/)
- 24 – 26: Monash University Art Design & Architecture Folio Workshop, [monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://monash.edu/mada/workshops)
- 25, 26: Nuclear Medicine Lab Visits, RMIT, [www.rmit.edu.au/seh/events](http://www.rmit.edu.au/seh/events)
- 30: Be You at VU, Year 10 and 11 Students, Victoria University, Footscray, [www.vu.edu.au/news-events/events/be-you-at-vu](http://www.vu.edu.au/news-events/events/be-you-at-vu)





# BRENDAN MAYZE A SHOOTING SUCCESS

Brendan Mayze has enjoyed great success over the recent events of clay target shooting and this continued at the South East Zone Schools Championships held recently in Frankston on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

From a field of 250 shooters throughout all senior and junior sections attending the day, Brendan was placed second overall in the Junior Boys Championships and now has the opportunity to represent Lavalla Catholic College at the Bendigo State Championships in September. This has the possibility of making it through to National representation.

Brendan's consistent form has been evident this year as at the Howard and Schuback event in June at Stratford he finished fourth overall after tying for third place with two other competitors. At the Gippsland Schools Championships he again finished second in the junior boys event and has shown steady improvement from last year.

It has been a strong year in both DTL and Field & Game with solid numbers representing the College at Clay Target shooting. Many of the students have had fluctuating scores but in general there form as squads has been fantastic.





# LAVALLA NETBALLERS AMONGST ELITE IN THE STATE

The pedigree of netballers in the confines of Lavalla Catholic College appear to be at an all-time high with two of their three netball teams that attended the 2014 Netball Victoria Schools Championships recently progressing through to finals day with the opportunity to be crowned State Champions.

The Championships are one of the largest netball tournaments conducted in Australia and attracts Government, Catholic and Independent school teams from around the state. Many of Australia's elite netball players who have gone on to represent at State and International level have commenced their development participating at these Championships and on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 18 prospective netballers from Lavalla will get to enjoy the experience of where some of these athletes have commenced their journey.

Both the senior and junior girls' teams remained undefeated throughout the Championships and finished top of their division to earn the right of advancing through to finals day of the competition. Over 150 schools were participants at this year's tournament across all age groups of boys and girls and Lavalla is fortunate to have two teams progress.

Senior girls coach Fiona Morrow remarked, "I'm absolutely thrilled with the performance these girls displayed for the duration of six games across the day against some high quality opposition".

Lavalla's senior team consisted of Sophie Membrey, Sukie Hodgson, Madelyn Gibson, Jayde Travers, Keely Bourke, Amelia Charlton, Bree Guttridge, Paxton Farley and Karlee Dal Pra. Their results were as follows:

## Senior Girls results -

Game 1: Lavalla 16 *def.* Plenty Valley Christian College (Doreen) 6

Game 2: Lavalla 11 *def.* The Geelong College 10

Game 3: Lavalla 11 *def.* Aquinas College (Ringwood) 10

Game 4: Lavalla 12 *def.* Geelong Grammar 9

Game 5: Lavalla 12 *def.* Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College (Leongatha) 5

Game 6: Lavalla 14 *def.* Avila College (Mount Waverley) 7

Karen Joyce, coach of the junior girls' team, was also impressed with her team's performance stating, "The girls showed great discipline and produced brilliant passages of play all day to overshadow some bigger opposition in a fantastic display of netball".

The junior team comprised Ruby Bosse, Innika Hodgson, Chloe Wright, Elise Sertori, Emma Spiteri, Kristy Jennings, Georgia Hutchinson, Emma Grunwald and Joanna Watson.

## Junior Girls results -

Game 1: Lavalla 11 *def.* Avila College (Mount Waverley) 7

Game 2: Lavalla 13 *def.* The Geelong College 8

Game 3: Lavalla 17 *def.* Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College (Leongatha) 4

Game 4: Lavalla 21 *def.* Kilvington Grammar (Ormond) 2

Game 5: Lavalla 20 *def.* St. Josephs College (Ferntree Gully) 6

Intermediate girls coach, Nikki Schroeter said, "While unfortunate not to attain the same success as the senior and junior girls teams, these girls gave great application throughout the day and still managed to finish a creditable fourth".

The intermediate girls' team included Chelsea D'Angelo, Monica Harasimiuk, Samantha Waters, Darcy Guttridge, Sarah Mulqueen, Kasey Guttridge, Briar Henderson, Jada Maaka and Demi Plunkett.

## Intermediate Girls results -

Game 1: Lavalla 10 *def.* Aquinas College (Ringwood) 9

Game 2: Lavalla 14 *def.* Our Lady of Mercy College (Heidelberg) 12

Game 3: Rowville Secondary College 12 *def.* Lavalla 11

Game 4: Avila College (Mount Waverley) 13 *def.* Lavalla 12

Game 5: Lavalla 21 *def.* Balcombe Grammar College (Mount) 5

Game 6: Lavalla 18 *def.* The Geelong College 10

Game 7: St. Josephs College (Ferntree Gully) 10 *def.* Lavalla 9

# MARIST BASKETBALL TEAMS PUT ON SOLID SHOWING AT McDONALDS CUP

Lavalla Catholic College's Marist Basketball teams entered the McDonald's Cup, a tournament held for the best secondary school basketball teams in Victoria.

The boy's team travelled to the Knox Basketball Stadium on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and was comprised of Ben Barlow, Blake Ward, William Lowe, Sam Clavarino, Lachlan Ware, Lachlan Aitken, Nathan Catherwood, Jarrod King-Church, Matthew Bond and Joshua Palmer. The boys registered one win from its three games that provided the boys with a good insight to where they are at in their preparation for the 2015 Marist Carnival in Perth.

The girl's team was struck down with numerous absences but gave a solid showing to qualify for the Elite 8 finals day by producing two wins, one draw and one narrow loss with majority of the team made up of year 9 students. Jayde Travers, Casey Sherriff, Abbey Noblett, Samantha Waters, Chelsea D'Angelo, Millicent Culliver, Joanna Watson and Innika Hodgson were the members of the team who went up against a number teams comprising of year 11 & 12 students from Melbourne Sports Academy schools.

Despite being undermanned the girls showed they have the necessary tools to take it at the stronger schools as the game in which they lost and drew, Lavalla held nine-point leads throughout the course of both contests.

Unfortunately, the girls have withdrawn from the Elite 8's finals day.

## *Boys results:*

Maribyrnong College 54 d. Lavalla 25

Wesley College 43 d. Lavalla 24

Lavalla 40 d. Hallam College 33



## *Girls results:*

Box Hill College 34 d. Lavalla 30

Catholic Ladies College Eltham 45 drew  
Lavalla 45

Lavalla 32 d. Sienna College 20

## *Semi-final:*

Lavalla 57 d. Mater Christi College  
Belgrave 36





# JUNIOR GIRLS A STEP CLOSER IN QUEST FOR BACK-TO-BACK STATE TITLES IN FOOTBALL

Lavalla Catholic College's junior girls Aust. Football team has inched closer to defending its 2013 SSV State Title by waltzing past Mornington Secondary College with a comprehensive victory at the Quarter Final round on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at Berwick Springs.

Lavalla kicked the opening goal of the contest and as the game progressed they never looked back with their ferocious attack on the ball giving the girls every opportunity to gain first possession every time the ball was in dispute.

It took a little while for the girls to settle and get into a rhythm as they were slightly off target in kicking for goal and led 2.5 (17) to 0.0 (0) at quarter time.

It wasn't long before the girls found their accuracy in the forward half and their dominance was beginning to become ominous for Mornington. Lavalla skipped away to lead 7.9 (51) to 0.2 (2) at the half time break.

The second half continued in the same manner as the first half as Mornington struggled to penetrate past the half back line of Lavalla, who kept winning the disputed ball with clean possession and enabling our forwards the open space to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

By three-quarter time Lavalla extended its advantage out to 80 points, leading 12.10 (82) to 0.2 (0) before coasting home in the final quarter to post an easy 104-point victory, winning 15.16 (106) to 0.2 (2).

Lavalla is scheduled to travel to Airport West for the State Championships where they will play a semi-final against Maribyrnong Secondary College on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, with the winner making it through to the final.

