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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

| <i>Our School – This year we had 305 students sit the state wide GAT (General Achievement Examination)</i> | |
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VCAL Portfolio Presentations

During the mid-year exam period VCAL students made a presentation to a panel of three staff highlighting a number of pieces of their work achieved over the semester. I was very fortunate to sit in on some of those presentations. Students had worked hard to present themselves well and were clearly able to articulate their work. This is a new element to our VCAL program and provides valuable experience for students in having to present themselves to an audience and then to discuss their work. Well done to all VCAL students and their teachers for such great work.

Awards Night

First semester awards night is scheduled for July 18th, 6.30 in the Theatre.

These awards recognise students who have achieved academic excellence over the first semester or have made significant improvement over the first semester. Students who have been recommended by their teachers in four or more subjects at years 10 and 11 and 3 or more subjects for students in year 12 will be receiving an invitation to attend the awards night. Letters have been sent out to families this week.

School Council Vacancy

One of our parents has had to resign his position on college council. We therefore have a vacancy for a parent representative. School council usually involves two meetings per term that go for about an hour and half. Our parents are really valued members of the School Council.

With this in mind I need to formally invite nominations. Due to the holiday period, nominations will close 26th July at 4.00pm. Thank you in anticipation.

Term 3 and course counselling

Course counselling is a very important time for our students. Please ensure that you understand the choices students are making and seek the appropriate advice.

Year 10 subject Talks – week one term 3

Students will be issued with a password and will make selections on line from week two, term three for a couple of weeks.

VTAC and SEAS – information session in the Careers Hub at 7.00-8.00pm on 30th July.

VTAC – Victorian Tertiary Admission Commission – for any student making an application to a tertiary institution.

SEAS – Special Entry Access Scheme – this application process is for any student who meets the criteria for special consideration.

| <i>Communicating with your Sub School.</i> | |
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| <i>Arts / Humanities</i> | <i>Deb Cox 8795 1017; Melinda Dalforno 8795 1019 Michele Theron 8795 1021; Alan Torcello 8795 1021; Damien Landini 8795 1017</i> |
| <i>Science /IT/ Commerce</i> | <i>Ron Jooss 8795 1027; Deb Crew 8795 1048 Rob Zreczycki 8795 1036; David Wyatt 8795 1036</i> |
| <i>Sport & Health Sciences</i> | <i>Jamie Fardell 8795 1041; Karen Woodruff/Jodie Bevan 8795 1015 Vashon Weaver 8795 1041; Liana Hudson 8795 1041; Julie Buzasi 8795 1041</i> |
| <i>Traditional Trades & Technology</i> | <i>Sue Lubbock 8795 1080; Aymee Fallon 8795 1081 Rodney Triegaardt 8795 1067; Amanda Quinn 8795 1080</i> |

Uniform and Uniform Shop

Our uniform has been designed and selected to be comfortable and affordable. Students and families committed to wearing the uniform when they made the decision to come to our school. The uniform shop is open every Thursday 12.30-2.30.

Pre loved uniform and books

We plan to operate a pre loved uniform and book service for students and families. One of our staff, Sandra Goding, is researching different methods that schools have in place to make this facility really valuable for us. There will be more information coming out over the next term that explains how this will work.

Study4Success

Study4Success runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school until 6.00pm in the library. This program was very successful last year and provided support for students in comfortable surrounds to do their homework, attend a tutorial and obtain assistance from staff, guest university students or other guests especially invited to provide help. Maggie McCann is looking after the program this year. Parents can find out more by making contact with Maggie or their student's sub school office

Student Accident Insurance

Parents and guardians are advised that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students who are injured at school or when on College Council endorsed excursions and activities. Families are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

Headlines and Highlights, Edition 2 – there have been many events over the last few weeks that will feature in Headlines and Highlights. The next edition will be posted home early next term.

Anne Martin
Principal