

MOUNT ERIN COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

11 – 13TH NOVEMBER 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

YEAR 12 VCE EXAMS

Our Year 12 VCE students are well into the final exam period and have been studying, revising and practising responses to ensure they complete each paper well. Their exams continue over the next week and we wish every student the very best as their secondary schooling comes to a close. We will be keen to see the results which are due in December and watch as students head off in their many different pathways to tertiary studies. A big thanks to all the staff who have worked so closely with these students, and have been available to them over recent weeks to give them support and feedback on their preparation.

YEAR 8 MARKET DAY



Last Friday saw the Year 8 students launch into Market Day. They collaborated with team members to develop their business plans, and after extensive publicity campaigns, put their plans to the test. As it has almost every year, the sun shone and the central courtyard was buzzing with activity. Students from Overport, Kingsley Park and Frankston Primary Schools were bubbling with excitement as they walked through the bustling market place, looking at where to spend their money. There were freshly baked cakes and biscuits, pet rocks, games, freshly made slime, a bookshop, a pottery stall and loads more. The courtyard was alive with colour and activity. At the end of the day, the takings were counted and budgets assessed. The idea of profit and loss was clearly understood. It was a fantastic day and I would like to congratulate the students and the staff who had supported them to try out their business ideas.

PRINCIPALS FORUM

Last week I attended the Term Four Principals Forum, which brings together principals from both primary and secondary schools across the South Eastern region. This is a great opportunity to share best practice, look at strategies to continue to improve our schools and to discuss our plans and priorities for the 2019 school year. Secondary principals were given details about additional funding that will be put into place beginning in 2019. Key areas include mental health, literacy and numeracy support for students. This was welcomed by all and we hope this will enable us to better meet the many complex needs of students in our schools.

YEAR 10 AND 11 EXAMS

This week marks the start of the Year 10 and 11 exams. This is a vital experience for all students as they enter the senior years at the College. The preparation for exams involves, revising, practising and memorising key information related to their studies. It builds their skills, understanding and confidence as they work towards Year 12. I have been very pleased to see how well the students are approaching their exams and wish them well over the coming days.

ELECTION DAY

On Election Day, Saturday 24th November, the school will hold a sausage sizzle and operate the Mount Erin Espresso cart. Funds raised will be put towards the central courtyard ROSE Project. Having an important polling booth on the school site is a great opportunity for us to raise much need funds. If you are able to help out for even an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Details will be sent out through the school Facebook page. We hope to have student volunteers to assist as well.

WHITE RIBBON DAY

Friday 23rd November, is White Ribbon Day. Our school supports this campaign wholeheartedly, and strives to build understanding in the young people at the College of the importance of respectful relationships. We must all work together, schools and families, to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to violence against women. These attitudes must be challenged. As a school we have an important role to play in reinforcing the importance of respect for all. We owe it the young people in our school, both male and female, to shape these attitudes and ensure they are part of a society and community that is safe, fair and respectful.



2019 COLLEGE STAFF

We have very strong enrolments for 2019, which is a reflection of the great work that is undertaken by staff at the College every day. November has been a very busy month as interviews are being conducted for staff who will join us in 2019. It is exciting and very encouraging to see so many high calibre teachers applying to work at the College. Many have made reference to our ASPIRE values and their desire to join a school that is committed to excellence and to supporting a wide range of student interests and pathways.

EARLY COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

On Monday 26th November, our Early Commencement Program begins. Students who have completed all the required classwork and learning tasks will step up to the next year of study. It is an exciting time for students as they meet new teachers, explore new curriculum and electives and rise to the challenge of the next level of work. It brings a real energy to the school for staff and students. I would urge parents and guardians to check on Compass, speak with their children and support them to complete all the requirements for them to move up.

UNIFORM

I remind families that our uniform code remains for all students until the last day of the school year. Please support us by ensuring your son or daughter is coming to school in the correct uniform, particularly school shoes. Runners and skate shoes are not acceptable footwear. Please check the school diary if you are unsure.

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your continued support. Our school is doing great work and I acknowledge and appreciate the commitment from students, staff, families and our broader community.

Karen Lee
Principal

IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES

TERM 4

- 14th (W) – 23rd Nov (F) – Year 10/11 Exams
- 15th Nov (Th) – Arts Academy Final Showcase
Performance 6:30pm Auditorium
- 26th Nov (M) – Early Commencement Program
- 5th Dec (W) – College Awards Night
- 17th–20th (M-Th) Dec – End of Year Activities Program
- 21st Dec (F) – Last Day Term 4 (Staff Only)

DEAF EDUCATION CENTRE (DEC)

The juggernaut that is the 2018 Mount Erin College school year hurtles towards our penultimate week. Soon we will embark on our Early Commencement Program. We have experienced a bustling and rewarding year in the DEC. Beginning soon (in the last week of November) students will plunge in to the pool of knowledge contained in their 2019 subjects. They will meet some

new class mates and teachers, have new learning tasks set, all in preparation for their next fun-filled adventure in Secondary College.

Our recent activities included some wonderful events.

Market Day – Year 8 - This is always a favourite day on the College calendar. The Year 8 students have been studying small business and entrepreneurship in Humanities. They have brought to life an idea to showcase at the market, and put their business skills into action. The weather was great and everyone had a fantastic day! In this photo you can see Jordan with his business partner Kye. They ran a “Lucky Dip Bowling” stand and had a lot of fun! We had many visitors from local Primary Schools making this a great community event. Great advertising poster!



Captioned Movie Experience - Last Thursday 8th November, we held an incursion in Mount Erin's versatile Multi-media Room. We welcomed two of our new DHH students joining us in January 2019 to a friendly “get to know you” experience. This was an opportunity for our students to enjoy an immersive movie experience made fully accessible with good sound, clear picture and an appropriately captioned movie. These opportunities are designed to help empower our students to be their own advocates in the future. Speaking up for their hearing needs may feel daunting initially but the experiences they have, such as seeing a movie with captions, helps to foster a sense of their rights to inclusion in all places in our community. We aim to build their capacity to advocate on their behalf at public venues.



We watched the movie ‘Wonder’. The themes of the movie were centred round the challenges in education, disability, friendships and the transformative power that comes with embracing diversity. These themes provide a good platform for us to explore the complexity of living with a hearing loss in our modern society with our students. A critical theme for Deaf Education is the rights and responsibilities of everyone to create an environment that fosters inclusion for all.

Our photo shows us relaxed and happy after our thought provoking afternoon.

SCIENCE – YEAR 8



Kody and Cody 8F

Who said rocks were boring?

Our recent Science topic was ‘Rocks & Mining’. We became amateur geologists and had the fun challenge of identifying twelve rock samples based on their appearance and characteristics.



Rock Samples

Characteristics like crystal size, layers and fossils, but it was much more difficult than expected!



Jess, Mira, Chris, Jasmine 8F

NEWSLETTER

The last Newsletter for 2018
12 – scheduled for Week 10, Term 4



BRAINTEASER

You probably know that half of 12 is 6. But the other day, I caught a glimpse of a clock peeking between buildings. At that moment, I noticed that sometimes, half of 12 is 7. How is this possible?

Answer: Page 9

STAFF PROFILE RACHEL LONG

EDUCATION SUPPORT – INTEGRATION

Describe your current role at Mount Erin College. Supporting students to understand their subjects.

What were you doing before you started at Mount Erin College? I travelled Europe with my sister. Paris would have to be my favourite city. I would love to go back and do it all again.

Which things do you enjoy most about working at Mount Erin College? The amazing staff and students I work with each day.

What has been a highlight for you at the College this year? Attending the Nelson Mandela Exhibit with the Year 11 History class. It was amazing to read about his life.

Tell us about your hobbies or passion outside of school. The beach is where I love to relax on the warmer days. The one thing I like most is modifying/restoring cars. Currently I have an old Ford XD which I am restoring and I have a Toyota Corolla which I am turning into a Rally Hill Climber.

Do you have a message you would like to share with the school community? Have a good holiday, and remember...



3D ART YEAR 8

The Year 8 3D Art students have been making masks as part of their study of 'Venetian Masks'.



They have to research styles, design their mask and then work through several stages to make the mask.



Many students worked hard to complete their mask in time to wear for Halloween.



Well Done Year 8.



PENINSULA PEAK PHYSIQUE



Since 2017 AEP has been working alongside Mitch Gill-Furness from Peninsula Peak Physique, to create a great training card for all students. Mitch this year has been working closely with all the year levels involved in AEP, creating a significant bond with all the students. The students have been able to learn from Mitch and incorporate it into their chosen sports.

Thanks Mitch for all your hard work with the students!



VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT (VIS)



10B went to the Victorian Institute of Sport. At VIS the students had an opportunity to talk to present athletes about their achievements, goals and how they were able to juggle their school life and sport. This excursion outlined strategies for commitment in VCE and sporting commitments. The excursion is very important to AEP students as it teaches the class about resilience, motivation and commitment. Hope this helps 10B as they progress into Year 11. Good luck!

CAREERS NEWS

RSPCA – Animal Career Discovery Day

The RSPCA invites all those interested in working in the animal care industry to come and listen to skilled professionals who are actively working in the animal care industry, and how they got to where they are. For more information and to book, visit:



<https://weteachme.com/rspcavictoria/1016624-animal-career-discovery-day>.

- **Date:** Thursday 13th December 2019
- **Time:** 9:00am – 3:30pm
- **Location:** RSPCA Education Centre, Burwood East
- **Cost:** \$75 includes registration, morning tea, RSPCA career show bag, and all activity costs.

Year 11 students - Start thinking about your post-school options now!



Students moving into Year 12 (VCE or VCAL) in 2019 are invited to start making appointments with Chris Wood in the Careers office during Early

Commencement. The appointment will need to be during one of your free periods. All Year 12 students will need to have met with Careers by the end of Term 1, so get in early! There will be a sign up sheet on the Careers office door. You can talk about potential tertiary courses and entry requirements, looking for apprenticeships or traineeships, job seeking strategies, University, TAFE, Private Colleges, Interstate and overseas study, selection processes etc.

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE For current Year 12 students

Good luck to all the students who are completing their VCE exams. Students will receive their VCE results on **Friday 14th December**,



then have the opportunity to Change their VTAC course preferences from **Friday 14th - Wednesday 19th December** at 12 noon. 'Change of Preference' can be a safety net to ensure that you have made realistic decisions based on your results. You may also want to change your preferences if you have changed your mind about which course you most want to study.

- Students are encouraged to meet with the Mount Erin Careers Team for individual Change of Preference consultations until 12pm on Wednesday 19th December.
- First round offers for University and TAFE are announced on **Wednesday 16th January** at 2pm

Visit a Change of Preference Expo in December if you want to get more help to make changes. See table on next page.

Free TAFE Priority courses

Victorians who want to reskill, change careers, improve their employment prospects and/or meet the needs of local industries will have the opportunity to train in areas with a skills shortage. **Free TAFE for Priority Courses** will reduce financial barrier for students wanting to train in courses that lead to jobs in high demand from Victorian employers.

Chisholm Institute will be running **information sessions** in November and December for some of the courses that will be available next year. To see the list of courses, go to <https://www.chisholm.edu.au/free-tafe-for-priority-courses>

Institute	Website	Change of Preference Expos	Call the Hotline
ACU	http://www.acu.edu.au/knowyouroptions	Monday 18th December 9-5pm, Melbourne campus, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy	1300275228 (1300 ASK ACU)
Academy of Interactive Entertainment			8612 1904 (9-5pm)
Box Hill Institute	www.boxhill.edu.au/study2018	Monday 18th December – 2-6 pm at the Elgar Road Campus	1300BOXHILL (1300269445)
Chisholm Institute	www.chisholm.edu.au	Apply direct for courses – go to website	1300244746
Deakin Uni	deakin.edu.au/choose	<u>Burwood campus</u> – Sunday 17th December 11am – 2pm <u>Waterfront campus</u> – Monday 18th December 4-7pm	1800 693 888
Deakin College	deakincollege.edu.au/cop	Sunday 17th December – 11-2pm at the Burwood campus	1300275794
Federation University	federation.edu.au/info-day www.federation.edu.au/pathways	Monday 18th December at the Berwick campus	1800 333 864
Holmesglen Institute	http://www.holmesglen.edu.au	Tba – check website Campuses – Moorabbin, Waverley, Chadstone	1300 693 888
Kangan Institute	http://www.kangan.edu.au/	TBA – check website Richmond and Docklands campuses	13TAFE (138233)
La Trobe Uni	latrobe.edu.au/choose	Saturday 16th December all campuses 10am – 2pm (Melbourne = Bundoora)	1300 135 045
Melbourne Polytechnic	http://melbournepolytechnic.edu.au	Book an individual appointment with an Education advisor	9269 8400
Monash Uni	Monash.edu/cop	Monday 18th December 3-7pm	1800 MONASH (1800 666 274)
Australian College of App. Psychology	www.acap.edu.au – Applied Psychology, Criminology, Policing	tba	1800 061 199 (ACAP)
RMIT Uni	www.rmit.edu.au/change-of-preference	Monday 17th December 2-5pm Swanston Academic Building, Bldg 80, 445 Swanston St, Melbourne	9925 2260 or visit the Info corner
Swinburne Uni	www.swinburne.edu.au/choose	Monday 18th December 11am to 3pm Hawthorn campus	1300 SWINBURNE
University of Melbourne	coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/change-of-preference	Parkville Course information day Monday 18th December 10am to 2.30pm,	13 MELB (13 6352)
VFA Learning (Narre Warren)	http://vfalearning.vic.edu.au	Monday 16th December	1300 304 329
Victoria University	vu.edu.au/change	Tuesday 19th December 3.30-6.30pm at the Footscray Park campus	1300 842 864
William Angliss Institute	www.angliss.edu.au/2018	Monday 18th December – Wed 20th Dec for one-one consultations (City campus)	1300 ANGLISS

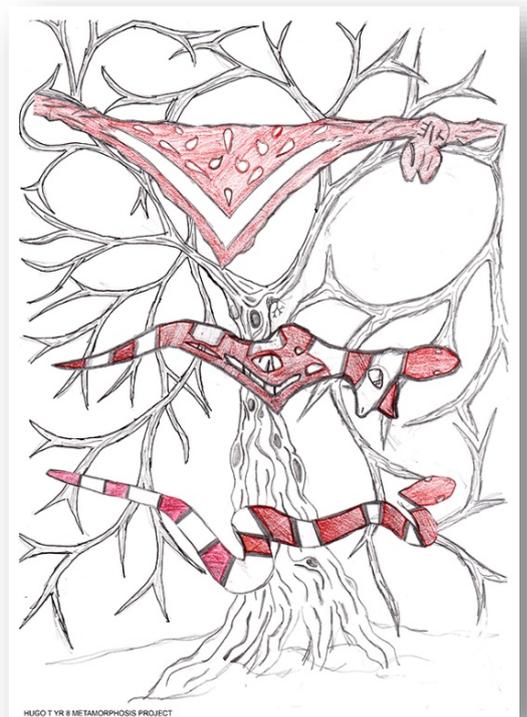
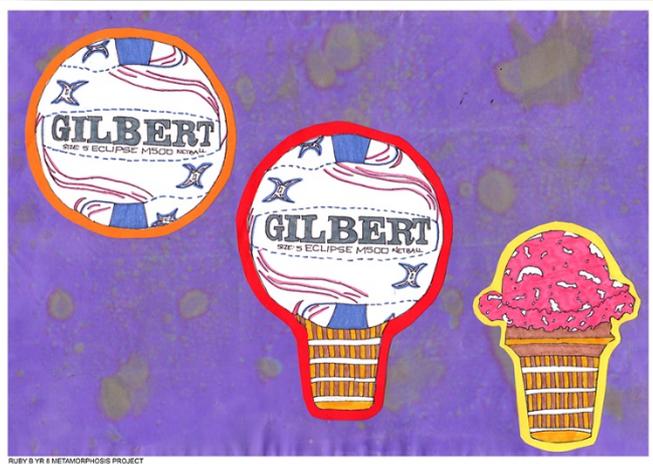
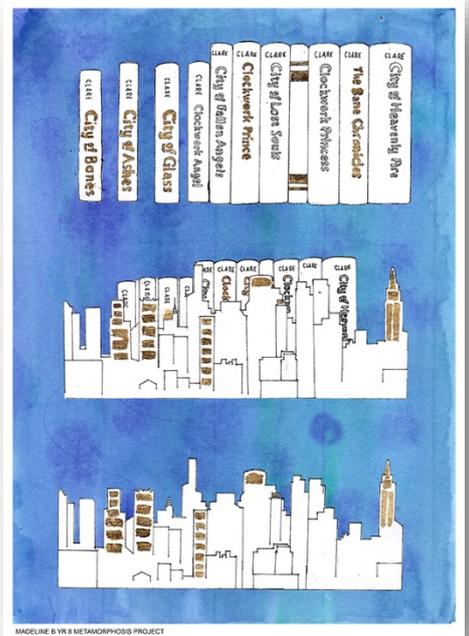
ESCHER AND METAMORPHOSIS PROJECT

M. C. Escher, was a Dutch graphic artist who made mathematically inspired woodcuts, lithographs, and mezzotints. His enduring fascination was the contrast between the two-dimensional flatness of a sheet of paper and the illusion of three-dimensional volume that can be created with certain marks. One of the main themes in his work was METAMORPHOSIS.

In this unit, Year 8C focused on Metamorphosis as a theme. They completed a series of drawings in which one object or animal changes or morphs into another object or animal.



YEAR 8C





(MOUNT ERIN STUDENT EVENTS MANAGEMENT)

THE DUCT TAPE CHALLENGE



The theme for MESEM's Term Four Free Dress Day set by our charity, *State Schools' Relief*, was The Duct Tape Challenge. A brave group of teachers volunteered themselves to be duct taped to the wall, with duct tape being allocated by donation.



\$578.10 was raised on the day. A great effort for a worthy charity.



RSPCA & OP SHOP

Dropping of donations at the RSPCA Op Shop.



Thursday 25th October - Students went to visit the RSPCA and donated old blankets and 'sock toys' that they have made. They then went to drop off donations from 'Jeans for Genes Day' and any other items for donations to the RSPCA Op Shop in Frankston.



Here we are at the RSPCA, dropping off donations of old blankets, towels and cat beds.



Thanks to all students and staff who donated. A special thanks to those who came to see the donations handed in.

BRAINTEASER ANSWER

Clocks often have their numbers in Roman numerals, so 12 is written XII. If you cover the bottom half of XII, you'll get VII, which is 7 in Roman numerals!



October 2018

Mount Erin College
Ms. Karen Lee & College Board Members
Robinsons Road
Frankston South VIC 3199

Dear Ms. Karen Lee and Members of College Board,

The Beleza School Uniform team would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support of our business. We take great pride in what we do and our relationship with you.

As a business, we have been monitoring the retail demand of our Frankston store for the last 12 months, and in response to this, our Frankston Store trading hours will be reducing. The store will be opening at 10:00am Tuesday – Friday effective as of 19th November 2018.

The new trading hours from 19th November 2018 are:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday	10:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday	10:00am – 5:00pm
Friday	10:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday	9:30am – 12:30pm
Sunday	CLOSED

We will continue to strive for excellence in the service we provide all our customers as a sign of our appreciation of your ongoing support.

Thank you,

Beleza Management Team

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ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

Community talks and Q&A on Mental Health

When: Thursdays in November, 6:30 – 8:30pm (1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd)

Cost: Free

Speaker: Lynne McCall, Applied Physiologist

Where: Currawong Community Centre, Currawong Street, Mornington VIC

To Register: Search "Information Medicine" in Events on Facebook, text TALKS to 0403 281 318, or email us at: events@info-meds.com to receive a link to the registration form – places are limited.

CPE certificates available

Mental, emotional, cognitive and social wellbeing begin in infancy and childhood. Regardless of the label of the disorder, there is still a vital living person within.

The most common questions that people have raised during Lynne's 25 years of practice as an Applied Physiologist are

- What is happening?
- Why is it happening?
- What did I do wrong?
- Can it be fixed?

Understanding how the brain develops, reacts and motivates is vital to understanding most aspects of stress, maladaptive behaviour and disabilities.

This series combine Lynne's clinical experience and education in Complementary Medicine, Education and Psychology into a unique insight into the management of mental, emotional, learning and social stress. These talks will provide information on: how neurology influences behaviour, strategies to manage behaviour and, a roadmap to recovery.

Talk 1: Lifelong Mental Health for Children, Adolescents, & Adults
Thursday November 1st

Lifelong mental wellbeing begins in early childhood. This talk discusses how mental distress begins, evolves and progresses across the lifespan

Talk 2: Mood Disorders – Depression, Anxiety, and PTSD
Thursday November 8th

Mood disorders lie on a spectrum between depression and anxiety. The labels of these disorders vary depending on which behaviour manifests from the dysfunctional brain.

Talk 3: Learning Disorders – Balance, Sleep, Hearing, Vision and Speech
Thursday November 15th

Learning difficulties commonly reflect reduced efficiency in the sensory, motor, or cognitive brain functions. They are usually not deficits, but reduced access to vital neurological links to and within the brain itself.

Talk 4: Developmental Disorders – Autism Spectrum, HFA, ADHD, and OCD
Thursday November 22nd

Disorders of development involve the ability to connect, perceive, and interact with the outside physical world. Interruptions within the sensory perception systems, and the resulting high reactivity, reflect reduced efficiency in the sensory, motor, or cognitive brain functions. People suffering these disorders often present as disengaged, reactive, and unpredictable.

Mount Erin Arts Academy Presents...

SHOWCASE

AUDITORIUM 6:30PM - 9:30PM

7 LAW & ORDER - FAIRYTALE UNIT
8 SUITCASE SERIES - ATOMIC

9 WAKAKIRI - VIETNAM: THE WAR WITHIN
ART EXHIBITION





NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES

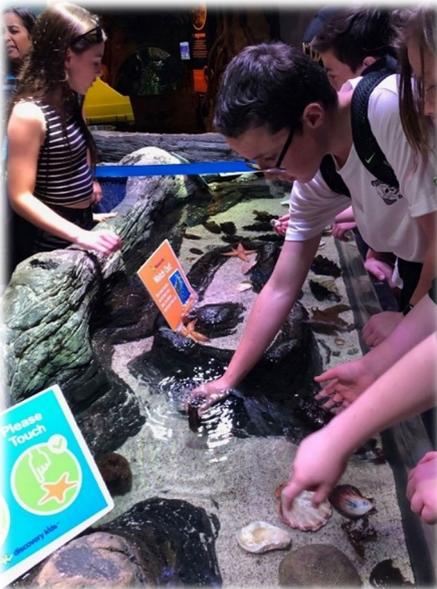
The Year 8 SEAL English Unit “Night of the Notables” culminated in a formal presentation on the 1st November. This inquiry learning project required students to select, analyse and research their chosen admirable person. The class presented their research in the form of an interactive display as well as through a prepared speech in their duos. Students delivered their work on the evening excellently with a kaleidoscopic range of notables, from Shakespeare to Stan Lee, Nikola Tesla to Steve Irwin and so many more! **Well done 8A!**



7A ZOO CAMP

On Tuesday 16th October, my fellow class mates and I made our way into the city for the SEAL Zoo Camp. On the first day we went to the Melbourne Aquarium which was an amazing experience with so many marine creatures to see. After that we walked to the Botanical Gardens where we learnt a lot about its history and we saw the beauty of the gardens. We then headed back to the train station to all arrive at the State Library where we looked at the artwork and got to experience the beauty of the roof top dome. Once we arrived at the Zoo and set up our beds in our tents for the night, we went on a night walk in the rain and saw the animals before heading back to our tents. The next day we had a whole day to explore the Zoo looking at the different animals and watching the informative shows. It was a great couple of days regardless of the poor weather!

Elise, 7A



**MONDAY 22ND AND
TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER**

YEAR 12

CELEBRATIONS

2018



FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

Monday 22nd October – farewell assembly. It was a lively ceremony where the College enjoyed a final chance to send off the 2018 Year 12s. The student entrance, and the shower of streamers over all year levels, was a great opening to the program. On moving to their seats, the students were greeted with notes of encouragement and celebration from Year 7 students. Thank you to Courtney and the Year 7 team for this gesture as they were very much appreciated by the recipients. The spirited singing of the Anthem was amazing as was the performance of the Senior College Band. Thank you Mrs Lee for your address to the College, and to the College Captains for their excellent speeches. The students in the audience were again very respectful during the speeches and video presentation. Lastly, congratulations to the Year 12 students for their organisation of this special assembly.

CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

Certainly Tuesday was a big day for our Year 12 students and teachers with a Celebration Breakfast to start the day off and to complete the day, the Valedictory Dinner. Our Class of 2018 are to be congratulated for their magnificent attitude and approach to their Celebration Day. With a close to 100% student attendance, with fancy dress costumes varying from pyjamas to super heroes and skeletons to horses, the students provided a notable contrast to the elegance of the “Day at the Races” theme adopted by many staff.



Where many schools still cope with silly acts of damage, vandalism and pranks resulting in much rubbish and long clean ups, the consideration shown by our students was magnificent. Without diminishing their capacity to have a great celebratory time together, our Year 12's were very respectful of the College and of the junior students. They ate heartily, enjoyed the announcements of “best of” awards, and afterwards those students not concerned about washing off their spray tan enjoyed a water-slide on the slope between D block and the DATS building.



VALEDICTORY DINNER

The 2018 Valedictory dinner was held at the New Peninsula Centre in Mt Martha on the Tuesday night. With nearly 500 in attendance; staff, parents, students and guests enjoyed this celebration of the class of 2018's achievements in this elaborate venue which was decorated beautifully, and featured photo-booths and roving photographers. Formal proceedings included speeches from Mrs Lee, Mrs Worrall and Mrs Tonizzo who all spoke warmly of the group and of the example they had shown to the younger year levels.



All Year 12s received their Graduation Certificates, as well as select students receiving additional Excellence and Endeavour Awards, with their Year 7 and 12 photos projected as they crossed the stage. From a large number of nominations from staff, 10 selected students then received their ASPIRE awards for their exceptional contributions to the College. The College Captains, Shanae B, Jordan D, Jayden H and Alice Y spoke magnificently of their journey at Mount Erin, and their goals and aspirations for the future. The announcement of Emma J, as the 2018 Valedictorian was enthusiastically received, and she delivered an inspired Valedictory speech on behalf of her fellow students.

The night was concluded with an entertaining video presentation showcasing many memorable activities enjoyed by the group, which captured the fantastic personalities that were a part of the delightful class of 2018. I again wish to acknowledge the outstanding respect and behaviour exhibited by our Class of 2018 during these last two days.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Year 12 team, I would like to express our thanks to:

- The staff involved in the preparation and the cooking of the breakfast feast, and the staff who dropped in and enjoyed breakfast with the students.
- The Office staff, particularly Rosemary and Wendy for their support with ticketing and the administration and printing for the night.
- The staff who attended the Valedictory Dinner and joined with the magnificent attendance of the family and friends of students in celebrating the completion of Year 12.
- Karen Lee, Heather Worrall and Fiona Tonizzo for their speeches on the night, and for their assistance to College Captains in preparing for their speeches
- And all staff for their support of the students over the years.

Lastly, from me, a huge thank you to the Year 12 team for the massive effort in preparation for the whole day.

Thank you

Michael Caspar - Year 12 Wellbeing Leader

