

# The Dragon

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Student/Parent Teacher Interviews

The staff at Bairnsdale Secondary College extend a warm invitation to all parents, guardians and students to attend the Semester 2 Student / Parent Teacher Interviews on **Thursday August 17 between 5.00pm and 8.00pm and Friday August 18 between 10.00am and 1.00pm.** Students will not be required to attend classes on Friday August 18.

Please log into COMPASS to make appointments with individual staff. Bookings open Friday, August 8. You are encouraged to make teacher appointments prior to arriving to ensure that you are able to have meetings at convenient times. If you require assistance with the appointment system, please phone the College on 5150 4800. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Doctors in Schools Program

In the media you may have heard about our Doctors in Schools Program.

Bairnsdale Secondary College believes the Doctors in Schools Program can assist students with the greatest need to access medical treatments and advice, to assist them to be healthier and happier individuals and for them to grow in their trust of medical professionals.

The preferred attributes of the school doctor would be a people-orientated person who relates well with adolescents and has excellent communication skills. This person would be required to be non-judgemental and compassionate towards everyone in their care.

The Modular-5 portable is now fitted out for our use. The selection process is proceeding and we hope to begin interviews in the near future.

### Facilities Planning

Enrolment prediction for next year is up 50-80 students from this year. We will try to minimise the movement of additional classes to the Wallace Street Campus by refitting our historic Bristol building to accommodate three additional classrooms. We will also be modifying our Senior Campus Library to accommodate an additional classroom.

We will also need to do some makeshift refurbishment of our Wallace Street canteen to accommodate our Car Maintenance and Small Engines classrooms.

At the moment, we are planning for 10 Year 7 classes, but we are at the very edge of moving to 11 classes. Likewise, our senior student cohort will be larger than this year by at least 20.

We have added an additional two teacher aides to our staff to address the continual stream of students joining our school.

### Teacher Professional Development and Planning Time

Our focus is on reviewing and consolidating our whole school plan for student management and building our knowledge around effective teaching and learning.

Teachers meet formally for an hour twice a week at the end of the school day and this is interrupted once a month as staff submit their progress reports, available to parents and students on Compass.

Kind regards  
Ian Hall

### WARGOMERRIN HUB - YEAR 7

The Year 7 Hub would like to welcome all students and families back after the semester break. This term we are focusing on the college value of 'Be the Best You Can Be'. Students are encouraged to think about what it means to be the best version of themselves that they can be. This can mean anything from giving their best effort in a Science class, putting themselves outside of their own comfort zone in a Performing Arts class or having positive interactions with others in the yard or sports field. Over the term we are looking to celebrate and showcase students who are demonstrating the school values inside and outside of the classroom and we encourage all students to get involved in the many activities or programs on offer throughout the term.

Semester 2 has also seen the change of subjects for all Year 7 students. Year 7 students have begun new exciting changes in their art, language and technology subjects. We look forward to seeing all the good work students produce in these subject areas.



## MALGOBILA HUB - YEARS 10 – 12

### 2018 Year 12

Our current Year 11 students have completed their 2018 subject selections for Year 12 in both VCE and VCAL. Subjects are selected by the students online and then the Edval software we use constructs subject blockings, meeting the best case scenario with the least number of clashes. Some students may need to be re-counselled after this process.

### Exchange Student: Pauline Rueter

Bairnsdale Secondary College is fortunate enough to be playing host to Pauline Rueter, a German exchange student in Year 10. Pauline is from a village near Cologne in the district of Nordheim Westgalen called Hopsten. After a quick chat with Pauline, some of the points of interest she has discovered already include that our winter is much warmer than she is used to, parrots and cockatoos can actually talk, pelicans live as free birds, our evening meal is much larger than she is familiar with and she is enjoying learning our Australian slang. Make sure you say "Giddy" if you see Pauline.



Pauline is front left

Increasing our international profile, we are expecting Year 11 student Jules Didier from France a little later in the year.

## WAVERLEY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS NETBALL COMPETITION



On Tuesday July 4 a group of senior girls left for Melbourne to compete at the Waverley International Schools netball competition.

Days 1 and 2 we played a number of games to determine the ladder. The games were short and fierce with some tough competition.

Day 3 we finished undefeated, this was our best performance of the tournament.

The final day was for placings, we finished 20<sup>th</sup> out of 31 teams.

It was a great experience competing against teams from all over the world, including New Zealand and Sri Lanka. We wish the 2018 team all the best for next year.

## 2018 CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR



Planning is now underway for the Central Australia Tour for students in Years 9 and 10 in 2018.

Due to an overwhelming response from students wanting to attend, group numbers have now been increased. The College is therefore still accepting expressions of interest from students who would like the experience of travelling into the heart of Australia.

Deposits to confirm a place on the tour are due no later than August 31 2017.

Two tours have been planned for the following dates:

**TRIP 1 Wednesday June 6 to Friday June 15 2018  
(Bus/Fly)**

**TRIP 2 Sunday June 17 to Tuesday June 26 2018  
(Fly/Bus)**

If you are interested in attending the Central Australia Tour, please contact Tracey Rendell on 5150 4813 or pick up an expression of interest form and itinerary from the 8-9 Learning Hub by August 25 2017.

## MUSIC CENTRE

Term 3 has already been busy with the completion of AMEB practical exams held in Week 2. Congratulations to all students who participated. Showing commitment, memorizing technical work and having the opportunity to perform pieces with accompanist Julie Lockhart has seen great improvement in individual playing. Results will be out shortly.

### East Gippsland Music Festival

We had a wonderful week of music-making in Orbost. All combined ensemble rehearsals were productive. It is great to see students from all schools mixing in, making new friends and, most importantly, playing music together. The Gala Concert was a huge success. On behalf of all Music

staff we would like to congratulate all students on their efforts. A big thank you to those students who helped mentor some of our younger musicians throughout the week. We look forward to the 33rd East Gippsland Music Festival, which will be held at Lakes Entrance Secondary College in 2018.

### **Junior Band**

All members of the Junior Band have now been promoted to the Intermediate Band due to their enthusiasm and ability on their instrument. Intermediate Band rehearsals are on a rotational basis during school time on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Students need to check the timetable and look for **IB**. Rehearsals run for the whole session. It is important that all students attend these rehearsals, as the band will be on tour to Phillip Island in Term 4. If they cannot attend the rehearsal, they need to contact the Music Centre. A letter with all tour information will be out soon.

### **Victorian School Music Festival**

The Senior Concert Band is preparing to perform at the VSMF next Monday August 7. This is a competition open to all schools. Rehearsals are well underway, where the band is fine tuning three pieces. We will be adjudicated by visiting overseas conductors and our group will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop with one of the adjudicators after our performance. All band members should be practicing their pieces and they must attend our final rehearsals this week. A reminder that permission slips need to be handed in to the Administration Building. We wish the band well.

### **VCE Concert**

There will be a VCE music concert held on Monday September 4 commencing at 7.00pm at the Lucknow Uniting Church. Our music students will be on show performing their set pieces. The concert is open to the College community and it would be great to see a full audience in attendance. Please put this date in your calendar.

The Bairnsdale Secondary College Swing Band played last Saturday at the Nicholson Hotel with Sale College Big Band. This was a fundraiser to go towards our band tours later this year.

### **End of Term Concert:**

There will be an end of term concert featuring all ensembles on Tuesday September 19 in Boucher Hall. The concert will begin at 7.00pm. All students are to arrive by 6.15pm to tune up. Could all families please bring along a plate of supper to share on the night.

### **FREE MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY VACCINE FOR YEARS 10, 11 AND 12**

In 2017, the Victorian Secondary School Vaccine Program will offer free meningococcal ACWY vaccine to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The vaccine provides protection against four strains of meningococcal disease (ACWY) and is administered as a single dose.

Parents/guardians of Year 10, 11 and 12 students should look out for the Meningococcal ACWY Secondary School Vaccine Program consent card coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

Adolescents are at increased risk of meningococcal disease. Although uncommon, it can become life-threatening very quickly. There are different strains of meningococcal bacteria known by letters of the alphabet, including meningococcal A, B, C, W and Y. In recent years, the meningococcal W strain has increased across Australia, with Victoria experiencing 11 cases to date in 2017 and 48 cases in 2016, compared to 17 cases in 2015, 4 in 2014 and 1 in 2013. It is now the predominant strain in Victoria.

The East Gippsland Shire Council immunisation service may contact you about the meningococcal ACWY vaccine program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. To speak to the Immunisation Coordinator please phone 5153 9500.

To learn more about meningococcal disease, the meningococcal ACWY vaccine and how you can prepare your child for vaccination, visit [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au) or [immunehero.health.vic.gov.au](http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au)

## **CAREERS NEWS**

### **2018 Tertiary Applications**

Year 12 students wishing to apply for tertiary studies in 2018 will be able to begin this process on August 7.

All Year 12 students will be attending a briefing on Thursday August 10 during Session 2 to hear about the application process for courses, SEAS, the Special Entry Access Scheme and Scholarships

### **When can I apply for Courses for 2018?**

Applications are made on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website, opening on 7 August, with timely applications closing on September 28 (5.00pm) See [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

Students will be able to apply for up to eight courses, placing them in the order most wanted.

The cost of timely applications is \$35.00 (more if you apply late).

### **Special Entry Access Scheme**

Circumstances can sometimes affect a student's academic achievement. Tertiary institutions are aware of this and offer alternative entry schemes, taking into account short-term and long-term disadvantage. Most are offered through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (**VTAC**) Special Entry Access Scheme (**SEAS**) application process.

#### There are four SEAS categories:

- Category 1: Personal information and location
- Category 2: Disadvantaged financial background
- Category 3: Disability or medical condition
- Category 4: Difficult circumstances.

Applying for SEAS is only the first step. In addition to the application, some categories will require you to include an impact statement and statement of support from a responsible person who can verify your claim. Applications open on August 7 and close on October 10 (5.00pm).

### **Scholarship Applications through VTAC**

Many institutions accept scholarship applications through the VTAC website. Applications open: August 7 close October 13 (5.00pm).

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Families who would like to receive The Dragon via email, please email the School on:  
[bairnsdale.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:bairnsdale.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM 2017

The Breakfast Program for all staff and students is continuing to run.

Come to W16 from 8.00am each morning. We offer cereal, raisin toast, yoghurt, or fruit and a hot drink to start the day.

All welcome, whether you simply don't have time in the morning to have breakfast, are an early bus traveller or you just like to chat with friends and share breakfast together. Our breakfast volunteers from Clifton Waters Village also love to meet everyone who comes for breakfast.

Student Wellbeing Team

## ARE YOU LOGGING INTO COMPASS?

Don't forget that you can give ongoing support to your child by monitoring their progress using COMPASS.

Just log in to:

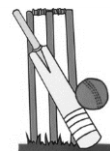
<https://bairnsdalesc-vic.compass.education/login.aspx>  
using the log in information that you have received from the school. Alternatively, you can now download the Compass App onto your phone or tablet for easy access via the Google Play Store or iTunes App Store.

You can use the Compass portal to:

- Read progress reports. These are produced every three to four weeks
- Read semester reports
- Monitor your child's attendance data
- Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your child
- View information about upcoming excursions
- Update your registered email and mobile phone number details (used for SMS alerts)
- Book for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- View the school calendar for important dates/events
- Access news items that may be posted on a daily basis.
- Obtain an electronic copy of The Dragon (published on Newsfeed)

If you have difficulty logging in, or you have misplaced your log-in details, please contact the College for assistance.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### WEST BAIRNSDALE CRICKET CLUB

Interested in Cricket? Want to play a game?

We are seeking U13 and U16 players for the up and coming 2017/2018 cricket season. We are a family friendly club and welcome new members. Come and join a team where everyone gets a go!

Any enquires can be made to the Club Secretary, Rachael Coxhill on (mobile) 0417 105 282.

### EAST GIPPSLAND CIRCUS COMPANY

Come and Join East Gippsland Circus Company with their Wacky Wombat Circus classes in Bairnsdale and Paynesville. Learn a range of skills from juggling to unicycling, and show off to your friends. Contact Ryan to book your spot or for more information.

Facebook: @egcircuscompany  
email: [egcircuscompany@gmail.com](mailto:egcircuscompany@gmail.com)  
Telephone: 0432 698 567

Bairnsdale: Mondays 5.00pm – 6.00pm  
Paynesville: Thursdays 5.00pm – 6.00pm  
\$10.00 per person per session. Bookings are essential.

## AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Parent Teacher Interviews 5.00pm – 8.00pm	18 Parent Teacher Interviews 10.00am – 1.00pm <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	19	20