

# The Dragon

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Athletics

We were blessed with a beautiful winter's day for our Athletics Carnival and it was a tribute to students and staff how the day was conducted. Winning an event is not the major emphasis on any day, it is doing your best in the face of any minor or major adversity. Our students lived our values well, encouraging each other and enjoying the activities on offer. A big thank you to our VCAL students who took on support and organisational roles. They displayed maturity and teamwork when supporting the day.



### Reports

We are nearing the end of Semester 1 and our reports will be published by the end of the term. Parents and Carers will be sent an SMS link and a letter reminding you of your login details. You can also request a hard copy through our office. In the interim please join us in encouraging your child to complete any outstanding tasks and finish the semester in the best possible fashion.

Kind regards

Ian Hall

### IDAHOBIT Day

Members of the Bairnsdale Secondary College community gathered on Thursday, May 17 to recognise and celebrate International Day Against Homophobia Biphobia Intersexism and Transphobia.

One of the key messages from students and staff was that it is okay to be different from the majority in many ways including in the areas of gender identity and gender attraction.

A second message was that everyone is entitled to their beliefs as long as it does not impose on the rights and the happiness of others.

During the assembly, the Rainbow Pride flag was raised and remained in position for the remainder of the school day to symbolise the College's school values of respect for others and honour and celebrate diversity.



## WARGOMERRIN HUB – YEAR 7

As Term 2 comes to a close we would like to thank students for their engagement and participation in classes and whole school events. We have some significant events over the past couple of weeks. Thank you to students who displayed the school values of 'Being the Best You Can Be' during NAPLAN weeks. It was fantastic to see students throughout the year level trying their hardest and persevering throughout the week.

Also in the week of NAPLAN Year 7 students were given a chance to get out of the classroom and participate in the Cross Country. Congratulations to those students who finished in the top 10 of their age group, but also well done to those who gave their best to complete the course. Those who finished in the top 10 of their age group then travelled to Lakes Entrance to compete for the school. The Year 7's had a very successful day and we wish them all the best when they compete as individuals or as part of the BSC team event.

In classrooms there have been many interesting teaching activities. In the pictures you can see students from 7D unwrapping their Humanities work of 'Making a Mummy'. Students tried to replicate the environment in the Egyptian desert and mummify a tomato. Students in 7D are also launching their rockets made in Science class. It looks like nobody minds getting a little wet.

The Year 7 Hub wish you all a safe break over the holidays and we are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable Term 3.



## WURRIN HUB – YEARS 8 - 9

In Week 8 the Wurrin Hub have farewelled a number of our Year 9 students on their Central Australia adventure. Group one left in Week 8 and group two will head off on Sunday, June 17. We look forward to hearing about all the great experiences that the students have had on their return. We are sure there will be many photos to document their fun times!

Year 8 and 9 students have been braving the cold mornings as we transition into winter. We would like to take this opportunity to remind families to encourage their children to wear warm uniform items including undershirts in school colours during these cold months.

The Alpine School Team have been counting all current contributions made to the 'Cans for the Community' project to support Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House and have extended the donation period. You have until Wednesday, June 27 to drop some non-perishable items into the school. The team will be making their final collection of produce bins on Thursday, June 28.

With only a few weeks left of Term 2 we encourage all students to remember our values and to be kind and have the courage and persistence to remain vigilant in their studies and respectful in their interactions with others.



*Amelia Reid, Cheyanne Bedson and Emma Holmes 8G with their Science Cells Projects*

## Middle School Subject Selection Information Night

When Year 8 and 9 students return after the holidays they will begin their subject selection process for 2019. This will take place in Pastoral classes from Week 1 of Term 3. We invite all current Year 8 and 9 students, parents and guardians to attend an Information Evening regarding course selection on Wednesday, July 18.

There will be two sessions on the night. Both in the Malgobila (Years 10-12) Building.

- Current Year 8 students moving into Year 9: 5.30pm start
- Current Year 9 students moving into Year 10: 6.30pm start

Any questions about the process please contact the 8/9 Learning Hub staff.

## MALGOBILA HUB - YEARS 10 – 12

### GAT and internal exams

Last week, all students doing a VCE Unit 3 subject completed the externally set General Achievement Task (GAT). Students also sat internally set exams for VCE English and Maths as well as an assessment task set for Intermediate VCAL students. In addition to finalising some Common and School Assessed Coursework (CATs and SACs), the internally set exams provided an opportunity for students to experience and practise exam conditions and exam technique.

ated in their mid-year interviews. The interviews gave the students an opportunity to show case their progress and achievements for the year. It also gave them an opportunity to undertake a formal interview process to assist in preparation for the real life application.

Feedback from our external supervisors was extremely positive regarding student punctuality and application to the exam material for both VCAL and VCE students.

### VCE/VCAL Semester 2

VCE and VCAL Semester 2 began on Monday, June 18. This is for VCAL, Unit 2 (Year 11) and Unit 4 (Year 12). Students should ensure that they use the next fortnight to maximise strategies for how they can use the up-coming holiday period to their best advantage.

### Year 10 - 11 transition

Year 10 students have begun learning about the options available for pathways beyond Year 10 during their Pastoral sessions. Parents and carers are urged to ask students about our Later Years Program Selection Guide. Students have received this publication in Pastoral along with some other documents and booklets to assist with information and understanding of

the process. Please keep an eye out for a detailed letter, which will be sent home by mail shortly.



### VEET Energy training trip

Two Year 11 VCAL students have taken the opportunity to participate in a safety induction course at the Victorian Energy Education and Training Centre at Chadstone. They will then undertake activities to explore the different areas of training offered on campus at Chadstone. This potentially leads to employment with SP AusNet as a linesman for example.



### Uniform

How nice it is to see some of our young people taking up the uniform option of navy long pants. Pants are available from the Uniform Shop and a number of other businesses around town. There are a number of winter uniform options available to our students for these cooler months. Please see us at the Hub if you would like assistance with obtaining uniform.

### Attendance

As always, we are continuing to monitor attendance. We are required by the Department to have a reason for every student absence. We continue to call and SMS families seeking reasons for absence and appreciate it if you contact us to explain absence or enter it onto Compass yourself. Please contact us if we can assist you with your parent login for Compass. This will also give you access to your child's monthly progress reports, end of semester reports as well as some ongoing assessment items for various learning programs.

### Students driving to school

We would like to remind parents that we do have a school policy for students who drive to school as well as a School Parking Permission form. It is vital that students come to the hub to complete this paperwork. We would like to stress that we do not condone students driving other students around and that we take no responsibility for damage to cars whilst on school grounds. Student safety and wellbeing is our priority.

### NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2018

On Monday, May 28 Bairnsdale Secondary College came together to celebrate National Reconciliation Week. This year's theme was 'Don't Let History Be a Mystery.' The school community took time to grow their understandings about our shared histories, cultures and achievements.

The assembly highlighted leaders who shared their stories and thoughts on how the College, the local community and Australia can be better at the Reconciliation process. Led by Aunty Dot, a former School Councillor and parent of the College, and Alara Hood a member of our Student Wellbeing Team, the speakers did a fantastic job in telling personal stories that had a bigger message for the audience around the theme of not letting history be covered up or told incorrectly. Speakers on the day along with Dot and Alara were: Keenan Hynes, James Hood, Meg Stephens, Belinda Neville, Kylie Greenaway, Paul Martin, Letisha Bryant, Annie Rogers, Shae Whittam, Destiny Harrison and Kayla Calvert.

To complement the messages the audience received from the speakers a number of musical acts performed. These were performed by Paige Lord, Niomi Gorham, Hilary Sharp and Sam Guy. The music performances and speeches were very powerful and left people with a sense of optimism for the future.

Included below is a quote from Meg Stephen's speech, a teacher here at that College for over ten years, which connects to the heart of what we believe Reconciliation is all about: 'I wish for a future where our history is not hidden, that the truth that Terra Nullius is a lie is spoken about. If we do this then I think there is hope for a reconciled Australia.'

Well done to everyone that contributed to the assembly.

Huw Porter  
Assistant Principal



### MUSIC CENTRE

Term 2 has been a busy one in the Music Centre. All ensembles have been busy preparing their repertoire for the Music Festival held in the last week of Term 2. Notices have gone out to all students. If you didn't receive a notice please remind your student to pop into the Music Centre and collect one. I will also email details regarding the rehearsal schedule and Gala Concert to all families within the next few days but a brief summary of the rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Monday June 25	ALL INTERMEDIATE BAND STUDENTS
Tuesday June 26	ALL JUNIOR BAND STUDENTS
Wednesday June 27	ALL STRING STUDENTS
Thursday June 28	ALL SENIOR BAND STUDENTS

When students arrive at school on their designated day they are to report to Boucher Hall with their instrument and music. They do not need to go to class. (All students should have their workshop music in their folders) Rehearsals will take place in Boucher Hall, our Music Centre and our Music Portable from 10.00am. All students are to bring their lunch with them on the day. Rehearsals will finish in time for students to catch buses home. A timetable will be handed out on the day outlining combined rehearsal and sectional times/venues etc.

### **Gala Concert: Thursday, June 28**

(Compulsory for all music students)

On Thursday night all students are to report to Boucher Hall no later than 6.00pm in preparation to perform at the Gala Concert. There will be rooms allocated in A block for students to tune up and leave their instrument cases during the concert. This will be explained in more detail at the end of their rehearsal day. Students will not have the opportunity to collect their cases and leave early until the concert is over. I would like your support on this matter. Junior Band students are to wear their school uniform. All other ensembles are to wear black bottoms with their ensemble tops etc. Parking will be available on Wallace Street and behind Boucher Hall on the College grounds. Enter via McKean St. The concert will begin at 7.00pm. Entry to the Concert will be \$5 per family or \$2 per adult.

### **Attendance/Lessons**

Attendance at lessons and rehearsals has been promising. It's great to see all students prepared each week with their instrument and music. A reminder to all students if they are unable to attend their lesson or rehearsal they must make contact with the music centre so we can arrange another lesson time throughout the week.

### **AMEB Exams**

We have quite a number students working towards AMEB exams which are held in August. All students are memorising their scales and pieces. We remind them to make sure they practise on a regular basis to achieve a positive result. At this stage all students are making great progress and we wish them well.

### **BSC Swing Band**

The swing band recently attended Generations In Jazz in South Australia. The group played well and received positive comments from adjudicator Matt Jodrell. We are in the process of building our trumpet section as well as fine tuning other areas of the band. All band members are committed and focused on improving in their individual playing. They attend every rehearsal and performance and do the College proud in their performances within the community. Besides attending GIJ the band participated in a tour of the (MCM) Melbourne Conservatorium Of Music in St Kilda. We had a very informative guide who explained all the courses offered at the Campus. Lunch was at Sofia's in Camberwell where the kids were spoilt with the most amazing meals. In the afternoon we visited the Sir Zelman Cowen Music Faculty at Monash University. Past BSC music student Megan Burslem took the band on a tour. We got to sit in on a choir rehearsal which was amazing. We were very fortunate as our students participated in a swing band workshop with Trombone Lecturer Jordan Murray. We got to play our pieces performed at GIJ. Jordan was impressed with our overall style and sound and offered the band to come back and sit in with students from the Monash University Big Band.

We will have to take up that offer and will hopefully return before the end of the year.

### **Performances**

The Senior Strings and Swing Band recently performed for the Rural Council Summit 2018 Welcome Function and Conference Dinner held in Lakes Entrance. Both groups played at a high level and were very professional in their appearance. There were lots of wonderful comments from those that attended the functions on the choice of music and the high level of both ensembles.



### **Merimbula Jazz Festival**

The swing band has just recently returned from participating in the Merimbula Jazz Festival. Six performances in total kept the band busy. As usual we had lots of promising feedback on the bands presentation and enthusiasm on stage. The many who attend our performances always comment on the repertoire chosen by the band. "We play the old big band hits". We usually throw in a few surprises which were also well received by the crowd. One of the highlights was the band performed a concert at Tathra Beachside owned celebrity by Frankie J. Holden for the park residents. Tea was provided for the band and the audience enjoyed lots of Rock n' Roll hits as well as the odd swing band tune. They enjoyed the band so much we are invited to return in September for their annual Rockabilly Festival.





### “Sax HQ & Friends”

This new group formed by James Newman has been a real success. The performances at the Merimbula Jazz Festival were fantastic and well received by all audiences. The theme was playing jazz from the early beginnings to modern styles. All members dressed up and there were many solos taken by all players. The members in the group are: Zara Steenholdt on clarinet, Cade Steenholdt on trumpet, Krzysztof Pacholarz on saxophone/clarinet, Carlia Van Hoorn on saxophone and vocals, Callum Ingram on vocals/guitar, Alexandra Lombardo on bass, James Caddie on drums, Lynette Newman on clarinet/sax and James Newman on clarinet/sax and vocals. Look out for more performances in the coming months from this group.

### Sarah Caddie

We say goodbye to brass teacher Sarah Caddie who has filled in for Kees Dogger for the past 12 months. Sarah has done a great job teaching our students as well as taking some of the band rehearsals. Whilst at Bairnsdale she joined in playing with our swing band helping support our trumpet section at many performances. On behalf of all students and staff thank you for being part of the instrumental music program at BSC. We will miss you.

### Term 3 Timetable

Students will receive their Term 3 timetable in the last week of term. Students are to check their lesson groups and times as there has been a few changes.

On behalf of all Music Centre staff we wish all students a safe holiday and we look forward to their return in Term 3.

Gerry Ciavarella  
Music Co-ordinator

### WELLBEING TEAM

*Are you a parent or legal guardian of an adolescent receiving treatment for anxiety and/or depression from a mental health professional/service? If so you may be interested in this program.*

### Monash University TOPS – Therapist-assisted Online Parenting Strategies.

#### What is the research about?

The research aim is to evaluate whether our new program, TOPS (Therapist-assisted Online Parenting Strategies) can help parents to support their adolescents who are experiencing anxiety and/or depression. The research is being undertaken by Monash University.

#### What is involved?

- Participation only takes a few hours over 12 months

- You and your adolescent complete online surveys at 4 time-points: when you first register, before starting the program, and 3 and 12 months afterwards

#### You receive:

- Access to an individually tailored online parenting program
- Practical strategies to parent more confidently
- Tailored goals to help put these strategies into practice
- Regular contact with a TOPS-coach via videoconferencing to help you apply strategies to your own situation

*To say thank-you, you and your teen will each receive e-vouchers over 4 time-points (worth \$50 in total per person)*

#### Who can participate?

Parents or legal guardians with their adolescent (aged 12-17 years):

- The adolescent needs to be receiving treatment for anxiety and/or depression from a mental health professional/service
- Have internet access, and consider themselves proficient in English. **Interested?**

For further information or to register, please go to: <https://tops.partnersinparenting.net.au/> or contact the TOPS team by email at: [med-tops.coach@monash.edu](mailto:med-tops.coach@monash.edu)

#### Headspace

Headspace Bairnsdale is located at 171 Main Street. The office is open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 6.00pm, with Tuesdays opening hours 12.00noon to 8.00pm. Headspace provides face to face information, support and services to young people, aged 12 to 25 years, and their families and friends. The College Wellbeing Team are able to make referrals to Headspace, but students and families can also contact them directly on 5141 6200.

#### Doctor’s in Schools

The Doctor’s in Secondary Schools Program has been up and running now for a number of months. The visiting GP is Elizabeth Wearne and the Practice Nurse is Sophie Brown. This service is available on a Tuesday within the school in our own doctor’s room during the school term. Students are welcome to see the Doctor or the Nurse. If you are interested in your child making a medical appointment then please make contact through the appropriate hub.

#### Breakfast program

The College has a breakfast program available to students every morning from 8.00am. Students are welcome to drop into W16 any weekday morning for a healthy breakfast.

#### RECYCLE YOUR UNIFORM FOR STORE CREDITS!

The College’s uniform supplier, Gippsland Safety Supplies and Workwear, now provides a service to families who wish to sell or purchase used Bairnsdale Secondary College uniforms. All items returned to the store in the condition described below will be given a 25% store credit. Used uniforms can be purchased at 50% of the cost of full priced items.

- Clothes must be clean/freshly washed.
- Clothes must be in saleable condition (no stains, holes, rips, zippers/buttons in working order)
- All seams and hems must be sewn.

- Alterations to original product will be assessed for quality.
- Clothes must be current correct Bairnsdale Secondary College issue.

To benefit from this extra service, uniform items can be delivered to Gippsland Safety Supplies and Workwear in a package clearly labelled with your name, contact number, email address and items listed. Families can also choose to donate items if they wish.

### 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.

### CAREERS NEWS

#### Careers Expo

On Wednesday, May 23 approximately 500 students from Bairnsdale Secondary College, Nagle College, Cann River P-12, Lakes Entrance Secondary College, East Gippsland Specialist School, Swift's Creek P-12 and Federation Training G-Tec VCAL travelled to the BARC where over 30 local businesses, organisations and exhibitors representing a wide range of industries and careers offered hands-on activities and information on training and employment options. The Expo was a great showcase of the industry and enterprise within the region.

The BARC was abuzz with students eager to participate in the hands-on activities, gather information and engage in conversations with prospective employers. A series of seminars presented throughout the day by the Australian Defence Force and Victoria Police gave students the chance to hear of careers and current requirement processes.

Catering for the Expo was provided by the Bairnsdale Secondary College Café de VCAL students who cooked and served coffee/morning tea and lunch to over 120 presenters. Along with assisting with the set-up and meeting and greeting the exhibitors the VCAL students were integral to the success of the Expo.



#### Year 10 Discovery Day

Year 10 students participated in the Year 10 Discovery Day on Thursday, May 31. The day introduced students to the Later Years Pathway course and subject selection process for 2019. Students rotated through a series of sessions. Students had the opportunity to speak with subject teachers during the 'subject speed dating' session. We welcomed Tracey Doyle from Federation Training who provided information and advice on VET programs. A Q and A panel which included current Year 12 VCE, VET and VCAL students together with ex-student Rachel Murphy and guest staff members spoke of their own educational journeys, career aspirations, pathways and experiences. Road safety 'Keys Please' together with an attempt at the World's Biggest Lunch concluded the day.



#### TIS Tertiary Information Service visit

The College welcomed Year 12 students from across the region at the annual Tertiary Information Service visit held recently. Students attended a presentation which covered the tertiary application process for 2019, Special Entry Access Schemes, Scholarships, Open Days and accommodation services. Following the formal presentation students were able to speak with representative from a wide range of tertiary providers, TAFE Institutes and Universities. Tertiary applications open on August 6, 2018.



### Students become the teachers! BSC and the U3A unite

A unique idea transformed recently into a four week tutoring program when BSC VCAL students became ICT trainers for local U3A members.

The desire of U3A members to become more tech savvy and adept at using their devices matched with the knowledge and skills of the BSC VCAL students developed into an innovative tutoring program where students and tutors met weekly to teach and learn new skills.

Downloading apps, adjusting settings, manipulating files, how to take photos, sending and opening text messages, how to use and manage online platforms and social media were just a few of the skills that were taught throughout the program.

Members of the U3A appreciated the patience and skills of their student tutors, with many opportunities for both parties to get to know each other over the delicious afternoon tea provided by U3A members.

BSC VCAL tutor Grace Conway commented "I liked getting to know my student (Pat). Our experiences balanced and we complimented each other".

Fellow BSC VCAL tutor Tabby Bedson stated "Overall it was a humbling experience for both parties because we all learnt from each other". Jonjay Ellis added "I learnt how to relate to older people and found my students were all keen to learn".

U3A member Marg Hallett remarked "it was such fun, so easy and a great experience for both groups".

BSC VCAL students were inspired by the U3A members' commitment to lifelong learning. The College and U3A hope this program is the beginning of a mutually beneficial relationship between the two groups and the wider community.

The BSC Careers web page lists a host of activities, information and events, please visit: <https://bairnsdalescareers.com/>

### COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Auction & Trivia Night

July 21st 2018 6pm  
@ Bairnsdale Sporting and Convention Centre  
Tickets: \$60ea Sold in tables of 8 people

Overnight Sarah went from a very fit, active, busy life, running her business, to suffering a condition called FND (Functional Neurological Disorder). She now has the symptoms of a stroke victim and Parkinson's disease. Her symptoms vary daily but involve the inability to walk, seizures, tremors, some memory loss, choking, muscle soreness, constant fatigue, and body weakness. Its unknown how long the disorder will last, but Sarah has a huge road ahead of her with lengthy physiotherapy and rehabilitation.

By supporting this event you're helping to raise money to purchase a suitable vehicle for Sarah to be transported in her wheelchair/mobility scooter as well as her daughters.

**This evening will include:**

- 3 course meal
- Silent auctions and raffles
- Trivia
- Live music



For more information, please contact Hayley  
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### JUNE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 7.00pm East Gippsland Music Festival Gala Concert in Boucher Hall	29 LAST DAY TERM 2 2.10pm FINISH	30 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	

### JULY

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