As parents have certainly heard, there has been a spate of bomb threats to Victorian schools over the past few weeks. Whilst these have invariably been false alarms schools obviously have to take them seriously.

i) Bacchus Marsh Grammar has clear articulated plans to deal with emergency issues. The central aim of these plans is to ensure the safety of students and staff.

ii) These procedures are practised regularly to ensure staff and students are familiar with procedures. I think it is true to say that as a school we should be very proud of both the speed of movement and simple common sense our students show in these procedures.

iii) In the case of a bomb alert the school depending on the specific circumstances will order either a lock down or evacuation, part of our procedures involve contact with emergency services as a matter of course.

All staff have clearly defined roles in such situations and their focus is on protecting children and maintaining a calm environment as possible.

Parents will be informed by the school that a situation has occurred once we have received an “all clear” from the appropriate authorities. In today’s world parents may hear of supposed activity through social media, often these reports are very wrong or do nothing but incite undue panic, something that is not helpful in emergency situations. If parents do become aware of any alleged problem we ask them not to proceed to the school as this will be of little assistance to either them or their children.

Please be assured that we have well thought out plans to deal with emergencies and our aim to at all times protect the safety of children in a calm, organised way.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal
SCHOOL COLOURS
Congratulations to Madeline Mather of 12A who was awarded School Colours for continued services to the school. School Colours are awarded to senior students who consistently serve and perform for the school in any area of the curriculum or co-curricular activities, which has been particularly outstanding. Madeline has consistently achieved Academic Excellence and Outstanding Effort Awards throughout secondary school, is the current Pentland House leader and has participated in ICAS English competitions. Congratulations.

Throughout the year, School Colours will be awarded to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. If your child is deserved of School Colours, ensure that they have submitted their information sheets to their Tutor Teacher.

School Colours are awarded to eligible students from Year 10 onwards. Points are awarded for services to the school (not house events) i.e. Academic Excellence, Outstanding Effort, ICAS Competitions, School Production, ICCES sports, DAV debating etc. Upon attaining 90 points, they are eligible to be awarded School Colours, 180 points – Double School Colours.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Principal’s Awards are presented to students who have been involved in activities that are particularly outstanding.

If you believe that your child has been involved in an activity that is noteworthy, please inform your child’s Tutor Group Teacher, Year Level Coordinator, School Prefect and/or myself, for recommendation for a Principal’s Award.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Over the coming weeks, there will be uniform checks carried out by Year Level Coordinators and Senior Staff. Students who breach the uniform rules will be issued with a notice of warning in their diaries to rectify any identified problems. Students who ignore the warning notice will be issued with an after school detention.

Please refer to the front of the school diary for more information in relation to the school uniform.

This is a list of some of the issues related to the wearing of school uniform:

- Untidy, unkempt, uncombed hair.
- Hair styles not adhering to school requirements, especially “evenly graded hair styles”.
- Excessive jewellery being worn to school, including visible piercings.
- Combinations of Full, Summer and sports uniform worn to school.
- The wrong uniform worn to school.
- Blazers not worn to and from school.
- Excessive makeup worn by students.
- Dress/Kilt lengths being too short.

Serious uniform infringements will result in parents being called and students will be sent home until the uniform issue is resolved.

The school’s uniform shop is on site. Students, who are consistently arriving at school wearing uniform items in a state of disrepair, after parental contact is made, will be taken to the uniform shop to replace any such items at parent’s expense.

Wearing the sports “Anorak” – The Anorak is not to be worn instead of the School Blazer. Students may wear the Anorak to protect the School Blazer from rain. Upon arriving at school, the Anorak is to be removed and the School Blazer is to be worn. When wearing the Sports Uniform, the Anorak can be worn over the polo top or rugby jumper when it is wet or excessively cold. The Anorak is to be removed when in class.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Wednesday 24th February and Thursday 25th February 2016
3.15 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

**Please note that all Prep interviews are in Wilson Hall**

The Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted today, Wednesday 24th February and Thursday 25th February 2016 respectively.

Venues

- Year 5 and Year 6 interviews will be held in the Multi-Purpose room in the F block.
- Year 3 and Year 4 interviews will be conducted upstairs in the W block.
- Prep and Year 1 – Year 2 interviews will be in Wilson Hall.

As much as possible, specialist teachers will be placed with the year levels where they teach the most. The confirmation letter you have received will have the staff members allocated room number for interviews indicated next to the staff member’s name.

Triathlon
Triathlon training scheduled for Thursday 25th February is cancelled due to Parent Teacher interviews. Parents have also been notified of this by SMS message.

Junior School Assembly
The Junior School Assembly will be conducted on Friday 26th February in the School Gymnasium, beginning at 9.00am. At this assembly selected Junior School Leaders will address the Junior School about leadership. There are no musical performances at this assembly however the Year 1/2 choir will lead the National Anthem.
The following students will be awarded their Junior School Colours:
Malachy Walsh  Emelia TePaa
Emily Thistlethwaite Eloise Driver
Daniella Camacho

Congratulations to the following selected students who will represent Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the Bacchus Marsh Primary School Sports Association (BMPSA) Swimming Sports after outstanding performance(s) at our school swimming carnival:

The BMPSA sports carnival is being held on Thursday 25th February at Melton Waves Leisure Centre. The children will be bussed to and from school using a bus supplied by Bacchus Marsh Coaches. We will be leaving school at 9.00am ready for a 10.00am start. The children will return to school for normal school dismissal. Students who progress to the Western Ranger Division level will compete at Werribee on a date to be advised.

National Young Leaders Day 2016
Selected Junior School Leaders will attend the National Young Leaders’ Day, one of the largest and most significant youth leadership events in Australia. The event will be held on Wednesday the 2nd of March at the Melbourne Convention and Entertainment Centre.

The program includes four high profile speakers from business, sport, politics, community service, science, media, education and the arts.

Term One 2016 Sports offered:

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Elizabeth O’Day
Deputy Principal - Head of the Junior School

2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Year 7 2017
- 1 van den Hende Family Scholarship – 100% for 6 years. This Scholarship is only available to a current Grade 6 student at BMG.
- 3 Full (100%) Academic Scholarships (John Leaver Scholars) – 100% for 6 years open to current BMG students and external Year 6 students.

To apply for the Year 7 van den Hende Family Scholarship or one of the Year 7 John Leaver Scholar Scholarships the following is required:
- Portfolio Application (available from the Main Administration Office with appropriate payment)
- Demonstrate high academic performance
- Demonstrate exemplary school reports
- Demonstrated willingness to undertake a leadership role in their current school or organisation.

Demonstrate the development of a skill/aptitude at the highest level in either:
- Sport – representative at regional levels as a minimum in a chosen sport
- Music – successful completion of AMEB Level 3 as a minimum in a chosen instrument/voice.
- A significant ongoing time commitment with a major recognised charity or social group.

Testing
All current Year 6 students are tested as part of the curriculum. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is not required.
Applicants for Year 7 2017 will be tested as part of the enrolment process on 5 March 2016. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is not required.

New students who have not submitted an Application for Enrolment will be tested at Bacchus Marsh Grammar on Saturday 16 April 2016. Further information regarding the venue at will be advised upon payment and submission of the Portfolio.

Payment
No Scholarship Application will be processed until the Scholarship Payment has been made and the Portfolio Application has been completed.

Current Students: $50.00
Applicants for Year 7 2017: $50.00
New students (not current at BMG and have not submitted an Application for Enrolment): $150.00

Year 9 2017
2 van den Hende Family Scholarships to be awarded – one of which will be Awarded to a current Bacchus Marsh Grammar student.

To apply for the Year 9 van den Hende Family Scholarship the following is required:

Requirements:
- Portfolio Application (available from the Main Administration Office)
- Demonstrate high academic performance
- Demonstrate exemplary school reports
- Demonstrated willingness to undertake a leadership role in their current school or organisation.

Demonstrate the development of a skill/aptitude at the highest level in either:

- Sport – representative at regional levels as a minimum in a chosen sport
- Music – successful completion of AMEB Level 3 as a minimum chosen in a chosen instrument/voice.
- A significant ongoing time commitment with a major recognised charity or social group.

Testing
All current Year 8 (for Year 9 2017) students are tested as part of the curriculum. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is not required.

New students to Bacchus Marsh Grammar - both Applicants and those who have not submitted an Application for Enrolment will be tested at Bacchus Marsh Grammar on Saturday 16 April 2016. Further information regarding the venue at will be advised upon payment and submission of the Portfolio.

Payment
No Scholarship Application will be processed until the Scholarship Payment has been made and the Portfolio Application has been completed.

Current Students: $50.00
Applicants for Year 9 2017: $50.00
New students (not current at BMG and have not submitted an Application for Enrolment): $150.00

Year 8, 9, 10, 11 2017
The top three current Bacchus Marsh Grammar students based on academic averages, so long as they have also achieved Outstanding Effort Awards will receive a Scholarship covering 100% of Tuition Fees for one year. No application form needs to be completed or payment made. These Scholarships will be Awarded and announced at the School’s end of year Presentation Awards.

All existing Scholarship holder arrangements stand.

For further information regarding the 2017 Scholarship Program please contact the Principal’s Personal Assistant Mrs Michelle Graham on 5366 4800.

BMG HUBS PROGRAMS
NEWS

Important to all Hubs participants – you must notify the Hubs team if your child is not attending on the scheduled day by phone, email or text.

Please remember that we have a No Hat No Play policy for all children attending the Hubs program must have a spare hat to wear outside.

Reminders for the Hubs programs:
- Students attending Sports Hub are reminded to pack a healthy snack for them to have after school and a named water bottle.
- If your child is unable to attend either program please contact us via email, phone or text.


For each of these programs it is important and the parent/guardians responsibility to notify the program coordinators if there are any changes to your child/ren’s attendance on the day that they are to attend. This may be done by SMS to either related program on the following numbers:

The Learning Hub - 0408 548 058
The Sport Hub - 0428 315 081

or

Confirmations of absentees may be phoned through the main school number on 5366 4800.

or

email the Learning Hub via hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au
**SRC NEWS**

**BMG Easter Raffle 2016**
The Junior and Senior School SRC (Student Representative Council) Easter Raffle are again jointly holding an Easter Raffle as the main fundraiser for Term 1. Money raised from this activity will be donated to charity chosen by the SRC groups.

The SRC groups are seeking the support of families with donations of Easter eggs for the Easter raffle. Easter eggs will be used to make Easter baskets for raffle prizes. Eggs may be sent to the Administration Office marked SRC RAFFLE.

A booklet of 10 tickets has been sent home to each family. Tickets are 50 cents each and families are asked to return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by Wednesday 16th March 2016. Ticket butts need to include a name and contact number.

Prizes will be drawn at school and winners notified.

The prizes being raffled are:

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**Baskets of Easter Eggs**
Thank you to the school community for your support of the SRC raffle.

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**JS & SS SRC Committees**

**LOTE NEWS**

**Host Families Required**
The LOTE department is seeking families to host a Japanese girl/boy from Tokyo from the 5th-17th March 2016. The students are aged between 14-15 years of age and speak some English. If you can assist please complete a Host Family Profile Form which is attached to the full version of the Grammar Weekly online.

For further information please contact Mr Love at school or through his email lovem@bmg.vic.edu.au.

**BMG JAPAN TRIP 2016**
Students from Years 9-12 are welcome to attend the BMG Japan trip this year. The tour will depart Melbourne on the 3rd September and return to Melbourne on 24th September. 3 weeks in Japan!!

We plan to visit Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagasaki, and Kumamoto for a 10 day homestay with Japanese families from our sister schools.

The cost is around $4600 plus spending money. Please see Mr Love if you have any questions and visit the school Parent Portal to lodge your expression of interest.

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**SS ART NEWS**

The Visual Arts Department is offering a variety of clubs each day. Students will be able to attend as many sessions as they would like and get involved in various art projects at BMG.

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**Jane Todd**
Learning Area Coordinator – The Arts

**YEAR 7 NEWS**

Well done to all students that attended our recent Orientation Camp at Camp Manyung Mt Eliza. The camp was a wonderful experience for all involved and allowed students to challenge themselves, whilst they positively interacted with staff and peers. The highlights included: navigating through the Treetops Challenge Course; Open Water Learning; Sea Kayaking; Snorkeling and Bay Discovery Experience. The students participated with great enthusiasm and demonstrated skill in cooperation and leadership. A big thank you to the accompanying staff for making the camp a wonderful experience for all.

There will be an information session on study skills and achieving academic success on Monday 7th March. The evening session will be presented by an expert in organisational skills and developing great habits in early learners. A number of tutor staff will be present at the event. Please come along and enjoy an insightful presentation which can offer you fantastic tips in supporting your child through senior school.

Congratulations to Joshua Patterson and Jessica Lillie for their achievements at our recent House Swimming event. Joshua and Jessica were named age group champions for Year 7. Well done!

A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday 1st March. These evenings are always very busy for staff and it is important that staff and parents adhere to a 5-
minute interview, in order for all to stay on time throughout the evening. Please contact your child's classroom teacher or myself if you believe that a lengthier interview time may be warranted. 

Keep up the fantastic work Year 7's!

Sarah Hunter
Year Level Coordinator – Head of Year 7

CAREERS NEWS

Year 12 Career Planning
Year 12 students have been participating in their initial Careers Interviews. Students are encouraged to set their goals and work with their teachers and careers practitioners to orientate themselves with a career action plan for post Year 12.

BMG Careers Newsletter
The first edition of the BMG Careers Newsletter is available on the school internet page under the ‘Careers’ hyperlink. The newsletter will feature on a fortnightly basis, so please ensure that you have a quick browse through to see if there is any pertinent careers news relevant to you!

Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

SS PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Production Camp
Students and teachers involved in “Hairspray”, spent the weekend at Lady Northcote Recreation Camp in intense rehearsal. Dancers, musicians, chorus and principle cast members all put in a great effort and we managed to get through much more material than was anticipated at this stage of rehearsal. There was also a lot of fun to be had on the Games Nights, which made it a great experience all round. Students and staff may have been understandably weary on Monday, but it was all well worth it.

Thank you to all the parents of our talented students for your ongoing support. A special mention to our School Leaders Phoebe Hogarth, Kieren McKenzie and Jacob Micevski for volunteering their time to organise the cast and chorus games. Only ten weeks of rehearsal to go!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to strict licensing agreements for this production there will be NO DVD produced this year.

Helena Stratakos
Drama coordinator

SS SPORTS NEWS

"From the Gym"

ICCES Swimming / Badminton and Table Tennis

Congratulations to all the swimmers who have been attending BMG Swim Training on a Tuesday night at Melton Waves. The BMG Swim Coach Kyle Burton has been working the swimmers hard and all are looking forward to the ICCES Carnival on Tuesday March the 8th at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Events start at 12.30pm and conclude at 4.00pm.

As well as the ICCES Swimming Carnival on the 8thMarch ICCES will also be holding a Badminton and Table Tennis event. Training has been wonderfully attended at BMG and selecting Teams for this event has been extremely hard for both coaches. Congratulations to all the students that make teams and well done to all those that have attended training and tried out. **A reminder to all athletes chosen in teams to bring back their permission notices ASAP.

Singapore Sports Tour 2016
Preparations are underway in earnest for the 2016 Singapore Sports Tour during the June/July holiday period. This week BMG students “tried on” uniforms and information was distributed regarding passports etc. As with previous tours training will take place in a variety of sports including: swimming, athletics, netball, dance, soccer and strength and conditioning.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had two athletes unable to make the trip, therefore we now have two slots open. If any students would like to join the tour and attend a fantastic eight days in Singapore training at one of Asia’s premier centers as well as enjoying the holiday destination Singapore is, please contact Mr. Perks directly at BMG.

Elite Sport/ FedUni/ WestVic Academy of Sport
This week at BMG all athletes in the Elite Sports Program have undergone Musculoskeltal Screenings conducted by Exercise Physiologists from FedUni/ WestVic Academy of Sport and the Federation University Rehabilitation/ Research Centre. These screenings are vital in alerting strength and conditioning staff to the imbalances athletes may have, their possible chances of injury, strength and proprioception capabilities and pre and post habilitation. Information from the screenings will be forwarded to all athletes and Strength and Conditioning staff will then write specific programs to address any concerns.

In addition to the screenings taking place this week, BMG welcomes two strength and conditioning trainees from Federation University working with the WestVic Academy of Sport. These coaches will be working alongside BMG Strength and Conditioning staff during elite sport training to add additional support to the athletes and program. This is a new initiative to the program and builds on a fantastic
relationship between BMG and FedUni/ WestVic Academy of Sport.

Fantastic Individual Sporting Success
Congratulations to the following students who have been performing brilliantly in their chosen sports:

- **Graeme Frislie** from the Year 10 Elite Sports class/ FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport followed on his outstanding display at the State Track Cycling Championships to win the most prestigious **Victorian Junior Track Cyclist of the Year**, presented prior to the start of the Sun Tour at Federation Square. Graeme will now take in a great deal of confidence as he competes at the National Track Championships this week in Tasmania.

- **Julia Bourke** from the Year 12/ FedUni WestVic Scholarship athlete who continued her outstanding Track and Field season by winning a Dual Gold Medals in the Victorian Junior Athletics Championships. Julia won Gold in the U/20 Hammer Throw, with 48.03m; and Gold in U/20 Shot Put, with 12.98m. She has now qualified for Junior and Open Nationals in both events.

- **Sophie McMinimee** from the Year 10 Elite Sports class/ FedUni WestVic Scholarship athlete who won Dual Bronze Medals at the Victorian Junior Athletics Championships. Sophie won Bronze in the double of 1500m and 3000m; meaning she has also qualified for the Junior Nationals in Perth.

Once again congratulations to all on a great week for BMG Mustangs in Sport! In the meantime train hard, get active and stay healthy!

Andrew Perks
Director of Sport

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

Confidential Medical forms
These were sent home at the end of last year, they need to be returned to the Health Centre as soon as possible. If you did not receive one or have misplaced yours, please contact the Health Centre.

SUN SMART and HATS
Bacchus Marsh Grammar would like to remind students and parents about being Sun Smart. Below is a link to the Sun Smart Website which has some very useful information, including the information about UV.

During Terms 1 and 4 it is compulsory for all Senior School students to wear a hat during sport and Physical Education lessons. Students may wear either the bucket hat or cap, it is also strongly recommended that students wear either hat as part of their school uniform also.
Pictures of the hats and their respective costs are below:

**Wide brim hat = $10.75**

**Bucket hat = $15.50**

**Caps = $13.00**

As you can see the hats are not too expensive to buy and can help in the prevention of Skin Cancer.

**Key messages to remember:**
- Around 2,000 Australians die from skin cancer each year.
- Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world.
- The most commonly diagnosed cancer among adolescents and young adults is melanoma; it accounts for more than one-quarter of all cancers among Australians aged 15–29 years.
Qkr!
NEWS

Qkr! By MasterCard is now at Bacchus Marsh Grammar
*Please ensure when you set up your children in Qkr! that you include their correct year and class/tutor group for each child.* This allows for us to ensure that lunch orders are provided without any challenges. Please see below:

The new Qkr! app by MasterCard is now available for families of students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar to make payments to the School by Mastercard or Visa. The Qkr! app by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app, register by simply scan the QR code below using the Qkr! Code scanner or type BMG after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!. The app will then always recognise you as a member of Bacchus Marsh Grammar in the future and enable you to make payments to the school (including School fees). You can also order lunch from the Canteen right now using Qkr!

To make payments immediately why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

An information flyer regarding the service is attached to the full version of The Grammar Weekly available online.

For further information visit www.bmg.vic.edu.au and search for Qkr!

Luke Robertson
Information Systems Support Officer

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen printed lunch order bags are now available and may be collected from the Canteen or the Administration Office.

Canteen Reminders
- Wedges are available on Mondays for Junior students and on Tuesdays for Senior students ONLY. If wedges are ordered on any other day a sweet-chili chicken roll will be substituted in their place.
- No frozen food items can be ordered at lunch, they need to be purchased over the counter.

Please note: there are minor changes to drinks on the Canteen menu due to some stock no longer available.

Cancelling Online Orders
Orders may be canceled up until the cut-off time of 9.30am (excludes emergency lunch orders or payments) by following the same process as completing an order. Just select the order and then ‘cancel’ a credit sit against your account for use at another time.

Emergency Lunch Procedure
In our busy day-to-day lives the school understands that students and families may forget lunches and an emergency replacement lunch may be required. This can now be ordered online using Qkr! By MasterCard. Or if this should occur all students are to report to the Administration Office for an emergency lunch requisition. Payment for the emergency lunch must be made to the Administration Office on the next school day. Teaching staff will not be permitted to send students directly to the canteen for emergency lunches.

Contact will be made with all parents/guardians of all students requiring an emergency lunch for permission to give students the emergency lunch requisition and to check if there are any specific dietary requirements.

Students will be supplied with:
- a sandwich
- a piece of fruit and/or a small yoghurt
- a bottle of water.

Thank you to all our volunteers who lend their time to come into the Canteen and help, your children/ grand children love seeing you and we appreciate your help.

Canteen Volunteers
The School and canteen staff would greatly appreciate volunteer support from the school community and your assistance is always welcomed. Volunteers do not have to commit to a whole day you may choose to help out for a shorter period of time.
To any parent who is thinking of assisting in the canteen in 2016, you are required to have a current Working With Children Check. Once you have received your card please present it to the Administration Office where a copy of the card will be kept in a confidential file.

Due to OH&S and Food Handling regulations all persons working in the canteen are to have closed in footwear ie runners. Thongs, sandals and open toed shoes are not permitted.

Kerrie, Leanne and Janine.

myBMG – Parent Portal
The parent portal continues to provide information regarding your child(ren) including all student notes. It also contains options to make payments towards your school fees, learning hub fees, various user pays activities and any ad hoc charges. I encourage all parents/guardians to refer to the Parent Portal for information regarding your child(ren).

Forgotten Password
A number of current Parents/Guardian have lost or forgotten their login details for the myBMG – Parent Portal. Parents/guardians may now request this information using the ‘Forgotten your password?’ link on the Portal login page. Parents/guardians will require their Debtor ID or Family Code and must have provided the school with a valid e-mail address for all contacts for students. Parents/guardians may update their e-mail address by contacting the school via: email - school@bmg.vic.edu.au or completing change of address/details form available on the schools website.

If current Parents/Guardians have any further enquiries they will need to contact the school on 03 5366 4800. The myBMG – Parent Portal is for Parents/guardians of current students to access only. It is advisable that students do not have access to this service.

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT NEWS

CAR PARK SAFETY
PATIENCE MEANS NO PATIENTS!
We thank parents for their ongoing patience in the Main Car Park dropping off and collecting students each day.

YOUR PATIENCE WILL CERTAINLY HELP US PREVENT ANY STUDENT PATIENTS! Please continue to drive with great care and consideration, follow the directions of the crossing supervisor, staff members on duty and traffic signs and directional arrows as indicated. Remember the drop off zone along the footpath is a “kiss and go zone” and absolutely a no parking zone. You may not leave your vehicle parked unattended.

A reminder to all families that the South Maddingley Road visitor parking (in front of the Administration Building) is not to be utilised by students as a “Drop off and Pick Up” area between the following times:

Before School: 8.00AM - 8.45AM
After School: 3.05PM – 3.30PM

It is far too dangerous for cars to be reversing onto South Maddingley Road during the bus times.

We would also like to remind families that it is illegal to text and utilise mobile phones whilst driving and this includes within the School carparks. All drivers should have full concentration on their surroundings particularly whilst in School zones and near school crossings.

PFA NEWS

The PFA is registered and part of Amart sports loyalty rewards program. Families shopping at Amart stores across Victoria may choose to nominate Bacchus Marsh Grammar as their community group and the PFA will receive benefits associated with this program.

Symone Whiteway
PFA President

BUS NEWS

Private Bus Service Reminder
Private bus services including all Werribee, Watergardens, Caroline Springs, Cairnlea and Sunbury/Gisborne buses are private bus services for students who live in the Werribee, Watergardens, Caroline Springs, Sunbury and Gisborne areas. Students who are not allocated a seat on these bus routes are not permitted to travel on these services at any time.

Late Bus Service
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY PM:
4.30 Depart Bacchus Marsh Grammar
4.55 Coburns Central near Safeway Petrol Station (Coburns Road, Melton)
5.10 Caroline Springs Boulevard (service rd just after Chisholm Dr roundabout)
5.30 514 Derrimut Rd (Service Road between Rebecca Prm and Baden Powell Drive)
5.35 Werribee Plaza (Corner Derrimut Rd and Baggott Drive)
5.45 Werribee Railway Station
5.50 Corner Ballan Road and Whitton Grove
5.52 Corner Ballan Road and Manor Lakes Blvd (Shopping Centre Bus Interchange)
School Early Leavers
A reminder to all students and parents: if a student is required to leave school early for any reason, please ensure that your child has a signed note in their diary. This note must be sighted and counter signed by their Year Level Coordinator or Teacher, Mr Richardson or Mrs O’Day. Parents are required to arrange to meet their child at the Main Office in order to sign out in the Early Leavers Register.
Please note students are not permitted to have mobile phones switched on during School hours.

UNIFORM NEWS

Senior School UNIFORM PASS: All senior students, who are not wearing the correct School uniform, are to report to the Main Administration Office and collect a uniform pass. The uniform pass is valid for one day only (date of issue).

Lost Property
Please check that all items of students’ clothing are clearly named: in doing so, items mislaid and taken to lost property will quickly be returned via class/tutor group teachers to their owners.

Please note that un-named property will not readily be released to students who claim ownership. Please clearly name your child’s uniform to protect your investment in its purchase. In the lead up to the end of the school year parents and guardians are asked to check their childrens uniform to ensure they have not mistakenly taken home another students property. Any items that may have been mistakenly taken home maybe brought to the Main Administration for distribution back to the correct family.

SECONDHAND BOOKS & UNIFORM NEWS

Sustainable School Shop provides the second-hand textbook trading system for the school. Our school’s 2016 booklist/textbook information for Years 7-12 has been uploaded and is ready to use on the Sustainable School Shop website. To get started, go to www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au and either register as a parent or log-in if you’re already registered.

Buying second-hand textbooks
Click Find Books, select your booklist, and tick the boxes of the books you need. The system will show you the correct second-hand books to buy. Click Member With Most Matches to see who has most of these books, or click Cheapest Books. You’ll receive Ad Match emails when newly listed books match your wanted ads.

Selling second-hand textbooks
Get your books home and list them for sale asap. Click Sell Books and follow the prompts, the system will assist ad construction and provides a pricing guide. Write the availability date in your ads if your books are still being used.

To sell books that are not on your old booklist, please click MyAds/Create Ads and follow the prompts.

Other tips
Searching for second-hand textbooks begins as soon as the new booklists are distributed. People with wanted ads always get first choice of the newly listed books for sale. Be mindful to price your books reasonably, this is a competitive marketplace.

Only buy secondhand workbooks that have not been written in. Many book suppliers have very good returns polices that will enable you to continue looking for second-hand texts, even after submitting your new book order - check your suppliers returns policy.

Be considerate to others by delisting your ads promptly as your books sell - this assists everyone using the service. To delist, log-in, click the red Delist button and then the sold button on the right side of your ad.

Please remember, by recycling your textbooks you are helping another family in our school community.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

“ON CAMPUS” TRADING HOURS
Mon & Fri: 12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.
Wed: 8a.m. to 12noon
Bacchus Marsh Grammar “On Campus Shop”
Phone: 5367 4072

RUSHFORDS TRADING HOURS
Mon-Fri: 9a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Sat: 9a.m. to 1p.m.
Shop 3-5 Watton Arcade, 28 Watton Street, Werribee
Phone: 9741 3211 Fax: 9741 3155
Email: rushfords@noone.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC PARISH of BACCHUS MARSH
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2016 for children attending local government and independent schools other than St Bernard’s Parish Primary. Parents interested in their child/children receiving the following sacraments:

- Confirmation - Grade 6 or higher
- Eucharist - Grade 4 or higher
- First Reconciliation - Grade 3 or higher

should register immediately for ALL Sacraments at the Parish Office, 61 Lederderg Street, Bacchus Marsh, Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3:30pm.

Enrolments for all Sacraments (particularly Confirmation) must be completed by Thursday, 17 March 2016.
Attendance at all classes is compulsory and parent/s must accompany their child. Dates of preparation classes for all sacraments, given on enrolment. Fee $50 per child per sacrament payable on enrolment. Enquiries: 5367 2069

Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection - pinarc
This is a free social and support group for parents of children or adults who have disabilities. It gives you a chance to chat and connect with other families in similar situations. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and to gain new information about local services and events. New members warmly welcomed. A flyer with additional information is attached to the newsletter.

Have you ever wanted to learn First Aid? Can YOU save a life, if not, why not? Well, now is your chance! Join St. John Djerriwarrh Division today.

As we are in urgent need of new cadets in our division. Our members have many opportunities to attend duties from football at Darley oval to concerts at Rod Laver Arena and even the Australian open. We also offer our cadets a range of social activities including camps and excursions to the air Ambulance and CFA Brigades.

Training nights are:
- Adult (aged 18+)Tuesdays 7:30-9:00
- Cadets (12-17years) Thursdays 7:00pm-9:00pm

For further information please call Marg Dart Divisional Manager on 0434-188-354
Email:djerriwarrh@stjohnvic.com.au

The 2016 Ballan Autumn Festival is just over five weeks away?
We have put together an activity sheet that we’d love students to complete. It features an alphabetical join the dots, country inspired word search and a design-a-watch cut-out activity that will get the creativity flowing! The activity sheet is attached to the full version of “The Grammar Weekly” We’d love to see some of the finished designs, so please do send through any happy snaps you have permission to share!

What's on at the 2016 Ballan Autumn Festival?
From little kids to big kids, foodies to music lovers, vintage car enthusiasts to sports fanatics – no one misses out!

Among the events for the little kids:
- Toby the T-Rex has escaped and is heading for the country. Live on the main stage!
- A host of activities and games to enjoy in the arts and craft marquee.
- And no festival is complete without the jumping castles, ponies and petting zoo.

For the bigger kids:
- Challenge your friends and family to a match of sumo soccer!
- Test your strength on the Bungee run and see if you can go the distance.
- Lots of sporting activities in our Family Fun Field including mini golf, pool table soccer, pin ball bowling, darts, connect four, twister, buzz wire and many more!

For everyone:
- Musical entertainment all day including the ensemble of woodwinds that make up Claritude, songs from Sing Australia Ballarat and a host of local artists.
- Speak with the Moorabool Landcare network, visit their Wild Action Zoo, and see the Doll Houses and modern art exhibition - all on display in the Mechanics Institute.
- Hot Rod and Vintage Car display outside Springfield’s garage, along with the famous vintage machinery display.

For more details, please visit our website: www.ballanautumnfestival.org.

Disclaimer: please note the school provides this newsletter space to local community activity based businesses and does not have an affiliation or endorse individual businesses.
SHIBUYA HOMESTAY - BMG HOST FAMILY PROFILE

Proposed Date of Visit: 5th – 17th March 2016

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**Other general information.**

- Is there anyone else living with the family? (please circle) YES/NO  If YES please specify.________________
- Will the student have his or her own room? (please circle) YES/SHARE
- Is there anyone in the family who smokes? (please circle) YES/NO  OUTSIDE or INSIDE

Do you have pets? Dogs/cats/birds/fish/rabbits/horses/etc. (please circle relevant pet)

- Where are they kept? (please circle) OUTSIDE or INSIDE
- Have you hosted before? (please circle) YES/NO
- Have you had a recent police check? (please circle) YES/NO
- Do you have a working with children check? (please circle) YES/NO Number____________________

- How do you get to school? (please circle) BUS  CAR  WALK

- If by bus what is the name and/or color? ______________________

- Do you have a preference for a male/female host student? (please circle) MALE  FEMALE

Any further information that may be relevant?

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###To be filled in by the coordinator.  Thank you for your efforts. Michael Love

**Please return form to Main Office. Thank you.**
Welcome to the first edition of the BMG Career News. This newsletter will be published approximately every fortnight and will be filled with information pertaining latest course information and career and pathway planning events.

To start off the year, Year 12 students are currently participating in their initial Career Planning Interviews with their Careers Practitioners. Students from younger year levels are also welcome have interview times upon request. Students can request a careers appointment by visiting the Careers Office and registering their names in the appointments book (please come up the flight of stairs and locate the book near the water dispenser).

We hope that you find the BMG Careers News of interest and welcome your feedback.

Mrs Wu-Tollis and Mrs Richardson

What are some of my options after finishing Year 12?

One option is university study. Research shows that those who have a university degree are 90% on average) less likely to be unemployed and are likely to earn more during their lifetimes than those who do not.

Others will want to complete a vocational course (VET) like hospitality, childcare or graphic design.

Another significant group will enter a trade by completing an apprenticeship or traineeship in areas such as plumbing, carpentry, mechanics, refrigeration or office administration. Those entering employment with no study plans need to understand that their career options and earning capacity are likely to be limited in the long term. Qualifications are VITAL.
Thinking of studying at University?

- **Australian Catholic University (ACU)** has campuses in Fitzroy and Ballarat. It is a small but growing university, publicly funded, open to those of any or no faith.

- **Deakin University**'s main campus is in Burwood, but it also has campuses in Geelong and Warrnambool. It is a large university offering a very broad range of degrees. The Geelong Campus has been home to many of our BMG students.

- **Federation University** has campuses in Ballarat and in Gippsland. Both offer a large range of courses in two scenic rural communities. The main campus is at Mount Helen, a very vibrant campus that is home to many BMG students.

- **La Trobe University**'s main campus in in Bundoora, but it also has campuses in Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Mildura and Shepparton. It is a large university.

- **Monash University** is very large; its main campus is in Clayton, but it also has campuses in Berwick, Caulfield, and Frankston (Peninsula Campus) (also in Malaysia and Prato in Italy).

- **RMIT** is a large dual-sector institution (a VET provider as well) in the City, with other campuses in Brunswick and Bundoora.

- **Swinburne** is also a dual-sector provider with a university campus in Hawthorn, and VET campuses in the City, Croydon, Hawthorn and Wantirna.

- **The University of Melbourne** is the oldest University, its main campus being in Parkville. It also has specialised campuses in Burnley, Creswick, Dookie, Shepparton, Southbank and Werribee.

- **Victoria University**'s main campus in in Footscray, but it also has campuses in the City, Melton, St Albans, Sunshine and Werribee. VU is a university and a VET provider.

**NOTE:** Charles Sturt University is sometimes listed with Victorian Universities. It is in fact a NSW Institution with a campus on the Victoria/NSW border at Albury-Wodonga.

There are many providers of vocational education (VET) such as Bendigo TAFE, Box Hill Institute, Gordon, Holmesglen, Kangan, Melbourne Polytechnic, RMIT, Swinburne and VU. With so many institutions available it is important that you do some research during senior years at school. This includes attending Open Days, Career Expos, school holiday programs and so on.
News from William Angliss

William Angliss Institute to join Box Hill Institute in Lilydale

William Angliss Institute will partner with Box Hill Institute to deliver vocational and higher education programs at the reopened Lilydale campus from February 2016.

Programs that will be delivered from this year include:

- Certificate III Commercial Cookery
- Certificate III in Tourism
- Diploma of Hospitality
- Diploma of Travel and Tourism

New Bachelor Degrees from 2016

1. Bachelor of Food Studies

William Angliss Institute introduced the new Bachelor of Food Studies this year, and this degree is the first of its kind in Australia.

The focus of the course is to examine the complex relationship involved in developing healthy, sustainable, ethical food systems which deliver high-quality products from local paddock to global plate.

Students will also have the option to complete a fourth year of study specialising in Community Engagement. Students will work with an organisation to develop a research project in areas of food policy, food culture, sustainability and ethical food systems. Graduates will combine their specialist food knowledge with business skills to enter a career as managers of sustainable food business, community engagement and food policy. Visit Bachelor of Foodies Studies to find out more.

2. Bachelor of Resort and Hotel Management

The new Bachelor of Resort and Hotel Management commenced in February this year. This three-year degree will prepare students for a career in the growing international resort and hotel industry. Students will complete subjects including resorts and hotel operations management, economics and revenue management, customer services and human resources management.

Students will also have the option to undertake a fourth year of study, specialising in either Professional Practice or International Practice.

Graduates will be equipped with the ability to lead and manage business operations and find innovative solutions to complex issues in the hotel and resort industry.

This course also complements the new Angliss International Hotel School (AIHS) which was recently launched - Angliss International Hotel School. AIHS Diploma of Hospitality students will receive guaranteed entry into the second year of the William Angliss Institute Degree programs including the Bachelor of Resort and Hotel Management.

Find out more at Bachelor of Resort and Hotel Management
Study Environment & Sustainability

The advantages of studying the environment and sustainability at ANU:

- **With a student to academic ratio of 10:1** students quickly build important relationships with their lecturers, get more out of their classes and make friends easily.

- Students will engage with **guest lecturers who are at the forefront of their fields**. Located in Canberra, ANU has unparalleled connections to government and other international organisations.

- Students will get opportunities to undertake **fieldwork in places like Kioloa (the ANU campus on the South Coast), Lake George, Jervis Bay and Kosciuszko National Park**.

- Students can take part in **summer sessions to Vietnam, the coral reef and Fiji**.

- **ANU is ranked 7 in the world** for Agriculture and Forestry, 15 for Geography and Area Studies and 17 for Environmental Sciences* which means students will be at the forefront of discovery in these fields and taught by leading scholars within these disciplines.

  *QS World Rankings 2015

Find out more at [Environment & Sustainability at ANU](#)

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Environment & Sustainability at Swinburne University

*Preserving the earth begins with an understanding of the current landscape.*

The environment and sustainability courses offered at Swinburne are an exploration into what it means to champion and sustain the earth for future generations. Courses are designed to provide foundational knowledge and practical skills through an emphasis on conservation, land management, horticulture, renewable energy and more. **An environment and sustainability course could lead to a future in floristry, horticulture, retail, writing, and beyond.**

**Swinburne offers courses in** -

- Conservation and Land Management
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Sustainability
- Horticulture and Landscape

Visit [Environment & Sustainability](#) to find out more!
Bachelor of Global Studies Seminar

The Bachelor of Global Studies is designed for those who aspire to be leaders in making social change, this course enables students to find creative ways to tackle challenges facing cultures and communities throughout the world.

Students keen on learning more about the Bachelor of Global Studies are encouraged to attend this free seminar.

Following an official welcome by the Dean of Arts, the keynote speaker Oliver Percovich, the founder of the multi-award winning non-profit international organisation, Skateistan, will address attendees. Faculty staff will also be in attendance.

Date: Wednesday 2 March 2016
Time: 6:00 - 6:30pm Arrival & refreshments
      6:30 - 7:30pm Presentation
      7:30 - 8:00pm Post presentation, discussion & refreshments
Venue: Theatre 1, 43 Rainforest Walk, Monash Clayton campus

http://www.monash.edu/people/maps

Registration is essential. To register, visit Registration for Global Studies Seminar. For further information, contact Georgina Gibson on (03) 9902 0344 or email georgina.gibson@monash.edu

JMC Academy is pleased to introduce the new Diploma and Bachelor Digital Design courses! The focus is on a combination of the love of design with the passion of discovering and creating new technology. It is all about the design of The Web, Apps, Spaces and Experiences. Students will learn to communicate their ideas and expressing their vision through digital technology. The course aims to merge new technologies and find effective new uses for these developments. The learning environment of the courses is studio based learning which closely emulates the industry students are preparing to enter.

Find out more at Digital Design at JMC Academy
**News from Monash University**


Get the inside story of what it’s really like to study at Monash. You’ll hear from a current student, a past student and an academic. It’s the best 90 minutes you could spend researching your course. Bring along your parents too! The **Inside Monash Seminar Series** commences in March! These seminars provide VCE students and parents with an insight into the courses and career options within discipline areas. The seminars are held in various locations across the Caulfield, Clayton and Peninsula campuses, and seminars with the same title have the same program. All seminars commence at 6.30pm. Register at [Inside Monash Seminars](#).

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Update from the Business Faculty

Monash Business degrees are designed to give students maximum flexibility and choice. For those students that already know what field of study or career they want to pursue, the faculty offers a range of specialist degrees that enable them to focus on their chosen field from day one.

What is a business specialist course?

A business specialist course enables students to concentrate on a particular area of study, and gives them the focus and depth required for entry into the professional world. A specialisation consists of a minimum of 12 units of study in a particular discipline, for example actuarial science, finance or marketing. Students must declare their specialisation upon enrolment, and will graduate with an award in the area they have chosen. For example, if they enrol in a Bachelor of Commerce Specialist with a specialisation in Actuarial Science, they will graduate with a Bachelor of Actuarial Science.

So, what are the specialisations on offer at Monash?

- **Business Specialist:**
  - Bachelor of Accounting
  - Bachelor of Banking and Finance
  - Bachelor of International Business (streams: International Business OR Professional Accounting)
  - Bachelor of Marketing

- **Commerce Specialist:**
  - Bachelor of Actuarial Science
  - Bachelor of Economics (specialisations: Economics and Economic Policy OR Mathematical Economics and Econometrics)
  - Bachelor of Finance

- **Business Administration:**
  - Bachelor of Business Administration (specialisations: Accountancy OR Finance and Economics OR Marketing Practice)

These degrees may also be available in a double degree. Students are encouraged to visit [Monash Business - Double Degrees](#).

For more information about the range of course offerings, please visit [Monash Business - Course Options](#).
Architectural Engineers integrate essential building systems into architects’ plans to meet project design, safety and environmental goals. The Bachelor of Engineering (Architectural Engineering) is a 4-year course that will appeal to students interested in a course that focusses on sustainable building design concepts and includes an appreciation of architectural design. The initial focus is on basic engineering and science principles and analysis. Engineering design specialisations in years three and four focus on building environmental comfort and life-safety systems as well as building structural systems, with a common introduction to construction planning management. Students will be required to complete a major engineering design project in their fourth year; will also have an opportunity for an overseas study exchange, and work with other engineers and architects to achieve outstanding results in the design, planning and construction of buildings throughout the course.

**VCE requirements** are Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English AND at least 20 in any Mathematics.

To find out more, visit [Engineering (Architectural Engineering) at VU](#)

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**Veterinary Science Open Day 2016**

Prospective students, parents, children, animal lovers and veterinary science buffs — we welcome the whole community to our annual Open Day. The Open Day is an opportunity for prospective students and their parents to speak with veterinary staff, meet current students and learn about the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduate program.

**Date:** Saturday 19 March 2016  
**Time:** 10.00am – 3.00pm  
**Location:** University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee Campus

For more information and to register, visit [Veterinary Science Open Day 2016](#)

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**Interested in a career as a zoo keeper?**

**Werribee Open Zoo**

Are you thinking of a career in working with animals? Come and join us for a day and participate in a range of hands on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a zoo keeper. This is a great opportunity to discover first-hand the skills and experience recommended to gain a position as a zoo keeper amongst a competitive field of applicants.

**Ages:** Years 7-12 students  
**Cost:** $115.00; $103.50 zoo members

Bookings: 9285 9406

Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program

Our Australian Wildlife Health Centre receives over 1,500 injured and orphaned wild animals each year. Come and work alongside our vets in a unique program on real life cases involving Healesville Sanctuary’s animal collection as well as injured wildlife brought to the hospital. These school holidays we are celebrating our amazing birds. Discover how our vets look after our feathered friends and other animals in their care.

Vet for a Day allows participants to work in our vet hospital for the day, helping out our vets and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs! You will go behind-the-scenes, taking part in many daily duties of a vet.

Ages: 15-18 years. (Years 9-12).
Cost: $129; $116.00 zoo members

Bookings: 9285 9406
www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day

Healesville Sanctuary’s Keeper for a Day program

These school holidays, come to Healesville Sanctuary to learn about what it takes to work in a zoo! You will have the chance to meet some of our amazing little diggers, such as wombats, platypus and echidnas, and find out what a zoo keeper’s day is really like. You will go behind-the-scenes, taking part in many daily duties of a keeper. You will also have the chance to learn about pathways into this exciting career!

Ages: Years 7-12 students
Cost: $115.00; $103.50 zoo members

Bookings: 9285 9406
www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day

News from ADFA

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) develops and educates the future leaders of the Navy, Army and Air Force. You can see exactly what could be in store for your students with our new ADFA virtual tour. In this immersive experience, you get to see where midshipmen and officer cadets live, study, train and play.

Not only does ADFA offer a fantastic lifestyle, it also provides combined military and leadership training with a world class degree from the University of New South Wales and a guaranteed career in the Navy, Army or Air Force upon graduation.

ADFA offers undergraduate degrees in Arts, Business, Engineering, Information Technology, Science and Technology.

Watch the following video - ADFA Virtual Tour – to see the facilities at ADFA. For more information on what life is really like at ADFA, check out some new videos from staff, midshipmen and officer cadets talking about their experiences - ADFA Testimonials. For more information, visit ADFA
What are some Health Related Degrees?

- **MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY**
  It is possible to study medicine/surgery at Deakin (Geelong), Monash (Clayton and Gippsland), and at the University of Melbourne. Of course, many interstate universities also offer medicine, and it is possible to study it in New Zealand (eg University of Otago in Dunedin) and have the qualification recognised in Australia. **NOTE:** Be aware that medical qualifications from many overseas universities are not recognised in Australia and further study in Australia is required.

  The ONLY university in Victoria offering an **undergraduate medical degree** is Monash. Acceptance into this course is based on a combination of ATAR, UMAT result and a multi-mini interview. UMAT is short for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test. This year the test will be held on **Wednesday 27 July**. Registrations are open now and close at 5pm (AEST) on **Friday 3 June, 2016**. See: [http://umat.acer.edu.au](http://umat.acer.edu.au). The UMAT is a multiple choice assessment; it is possible to purchase practice tests at this website, and you are strongly advised to do so as the UMAT is a very demanding test and practice is vital. The only Victorian undergraduate degree which requires completion of the UMAT is **Medicine at Monash**.

  La Trobe University requires it for **Dentistry**, but **only for non-Year 12 applicants**. Some **interstate universities** require it as part of the application process for medicine, dentistry and some other medical-related courses so you are wise to check this. It is common for students keen to study medical courses to apply to interstate universities as well as Victoria. Living in a particular state does not give any priority to applicants. **NOTE:** International applicants see International Student Admissions Test (ISAT).

  Monash also offers a **post-graduate degree in medicine**, as does Deakin and University of Melbourne. Monash has very **specific requirements** for entry to the post-graduate degree, including that from 2017 the **undergraduate degree MUST be a Monash degree** (preferably the B. Biomedical Science, or alternatively the B. Pharmacy or the B. Physiotherapy, or in a small number of cases the B. Science). Most applicants for the Melbourne degree would complete either the B. Biomedicine or the B. Science at Melbourne first. Deakin also does not specify the under-graduate degree.

  **NOTE:** Many post-graduate medical degrees require applicants to sit for a test known as the GAMSAT. See: [http://gamsat.acer.edu.au](http://gamsat.acer.edu.au).

  **Dentistry** is only offered in Victoria as an undergraduate degree at **La Trobe University (Bendigo)** and as a post-graduate degree at **Melbourne University**.

  It is important for anyone thinking of studying medicine or dentistry to **research** and start preparing; the competition for university places is considerable. Some universities offer **information sessions** about their courses (Eg ‘At Monash’ Seminars and **Focus On Melbourne** seminars – details later).

  Remember, of course, many students considering medicine or dentistry could be **well suited to several other occupations**, not necessarily in the medical field, so explore these as well.
• **BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES**
To who is this degree suited? Are you *passionate about health* and *keen to contribute to addressing real health challenges*? This is a ‘parent’ course under which there are *four possible specialisations at Monash University*. Students enrol in the course relevant to their specialisation: B. Emergency Health, B. Human Services (can lead to Masters in Social Work), B. Public Health Science and B. Radiation Science. Studies commence at the Caulfield campus where students from all specialisations will apply scientific approaches to the study and improvement of health, considering physiological, behavioural, developmental, social and environmental aspects of human health and disease. After the first three semesters, you will develop an in-depth knowledge of the *theory and practice of your specialisation*. Prerequisites – 3/4 English and any Maths.

• **WHAT IS PHYSIOTHERAPY?**
Physiotherapists assess, treat and prevent disorders in human movement caused by injury or disease. They work in private practice, hospitals, rehabilitation centres, health department, mental health, school systems and some with sports clubs. Most young aspiring physiotherapist want to work as sport physiotherapists, however, you need to understand that many, in fact, work with elderly patients.

Physiotherapy is taught at Monash, La Trobe, Charles Sturt and Melbourne Universities. **ACU** is introducing the course at Ballarat campus in 2017. The ATAR required for all courses is very high, and admission to the **Monash degree also requires an interview**. The Melbourne degree is post-graduate. A *science background and interest* is required for successful completion of the course.

• **WHAT IS MYOTHERAPY?**
This is a remedial massage course which assists in rehabilitation, pain and injury management. The Advanced Diploma takes two to three years to complete. Some students who are interested in physiotherapy but who are not able to obtain the required ATAR find myotherapy a satisfying alternative. It is also provides a good foundation for later on articulating up to a a physiotherapy, Chiropractic or Osteopathy degree with additional studies and pre-requisites. Myotherapy is offered at a number of institutions such as Box Hill, Chisholm, Holmesglen, Melbourne Polytechnic, RMIT and Victoria University.

• **WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY?**
Do you want to engage people to participate in activities to their full potential? Occupational Therapy involves working with individuals, groups and communities to *enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want to, need to, or are expected to do*. It is offered at ACU, Charles Sturt, La Trobe, Deakin (Geelong), and Monash universities.

• **WHAT IS PROSTHETICS?**
Learn about artificial limbs (prostheses) for people with amputations and supporting devices (orthoses) for people with musculoskeletal weaknesses. In Victoria this degree course is taught only at La Trobe university.
## NURSING AND/OR MIDWIFERY DEGREE COURSES

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<td>ACU</td>
<td><strong>Midwifery</strong> (Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL)</td>
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<td>DEAKIN</td>
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<td>FEDERATION</td>
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<td>LA TROBE</td>
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For a comprehensive list of all nursing courses on offer, visit [VTAC](https://www.vtac.vic.edu.au)
Career in Event Planning

The Job Guides indicates that an event planner or event coordinator plans and organises special events, including parties, wedding receptions, product launches, banquets, meetings, conferences and conventions. Successful event planners –

- enjoy working with people
- good organisational and time management skills
- have very attention to detail
- good interpersonal and supervisory skills
- good communication skills
- neat personal appearance
- comfortable working with computers
- able to negotiate, delegate and work under pressure

Depending on the size of the establishment, events coordinators may work independently or as part of a team. They often work irregular hours, and on weekends and public holidays. Learn more at Job Guide - Events Coordinator.

There are a number of institutions in Victoria that offer courses in events, and some of these include –

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<td>La Trobe University</td>
<td>Bachelor of Business (Event Management)</td>
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<td>Associate Degree in Hospitality Management</td>
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<td>Victoria University</td>
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News from EducationUSA

- **Upcoming Events in Melbourne**
  For an update on upcoming events in Melbourne, visit [EducationUSA Events in Melbourne](#).

- **EducationUSA You Tube Channel**
  EducationUSA host a You Tube Channel which includes a variety of videos covering topics such as:
  - International Student Experiences
  - US Representatives Advice for Students
  - Visa Information
  - US College & University Highlights

To view the videos, visit EducationUSA You Tube at [EducationUSA TV](#).

- **Financing Study in the States**
  Students considering studying in the USA are recommended to begin their planning early. Students should start by developing a budget and researching the overall costs to attend different institutions. EducationUSA has very kindly provided the following links for students to browse regarding scholarships, and various funding resources –

  - [http://www.fundingusstudy.org/](http://www.fundingusstudy.org/)
  - [https://educationusa.state.gov/financial-aid](https://educationusa.state.gov/financial-aid)
  - [http://www.iefa.org/](http://www.iefa.org/)
  - [http://wwwGlobalsLC.com/](http://wwwGlobalsLC.com/)
  - [https://www.accessgroup.org/](https://www.accessgroup.org/)
  - [https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/](https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/)

**Work Experience Opportunity with a Surveyor**

*Interested in Geography, Maths, IT and the outdoors?*

If this sounds like you, why not try out Surveying with a work experience placement. Register your details at the Careers Office and we’ll make enquiries on your behalf. You could also ring your local Surveying firm and ask if they have any placements available.

Students keen on finding out more about a career in *surveying* might like to take up the opportunity to apply for a Work Experience placement with a local Surveyor. Visit [Work Experience with a Surveyor](#) and register to receive information about available places. Applications for 2016 are now open!

Students who wish to find out what surveying is, what Surveyors do, where to study and what it takes might like to browse [Surveying - a Life without Limits](#)

*Enjoy your read, Mrs Wu-Tollis and Mrs Richardson*
Activity 1: Connect the Dots

Activity 2: Find-A-Word
Can you find the hidden words listed below? They go across or down. Circle the words as you find them and then cross them off the word list.

Activity 3: Design-A-Watch
1. Design and colour your watch,
2. Fill in the missing numbers
3. Cut it out and wear it home!

What time is the clock pointing to?

Let’s have some Festival Fun!

1. Design and colour your watch,
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What time is the clock pointing to?
This is a free social and support group for parents of children or adults who have disabilities. It gives you a chance to chat and connect with other families in similar situations. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and to gain new information about local services and events. New members warmly welcomed.

Join us for morning tea around the fourth Monday of the month during school terms.

10.30am—12.30pm  
Darley Neighbourhood House,  
33 Jonathan Dr, Darley.

2016 Dates:  
Monday 22rd February

Monday 21st March  
*early due to Easter  

Monday 2nd May  
*late due to ANZAC day

Monday 23rd May

Monday 20th June  
*early due to School Holidays

Monday 25th July

Monday 22nd August

Monday 24th October

Monday 28th November

Contact Rebecca Paton, Parent Support Coordinator  
5329 1361, rpaton@pinarc.org.au