FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Some weeks ago I requested any feedback that parents might have into how our reports may be improved. I would appreciate any comments by the end of the holidays as we plan to start looking at this matter in some depth next term.

I would like to congratulate all students and teachers who have been involved in special programs for Year 8 and Year 9. These programs are designed to give students experience and means of developing some of the skills which are seen as vital to individuals entering the workplace in the early part of the 21st Century. These include initiative, teamwork and intuition. It is pleasing to hear so many students making the most of these opportunities.

It is always a good time no matter whether you are of no faith or a different faith to reflect at this time of the year on the messages of compassion and suffering for others which are central to the Easter message. It has been a busy, if short, term and I wish everyone a safe and restful break.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

Please note: Students who are currently on the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition will arrive back to Bacchus Marsh Grammar on Thursday 24th March for a 4.00pm dismissal.

Administration Office Hours
During Term Time:
Monday to Friday: 8:15am to 5:00pm
[Reception is contactable until 6:00pm for any urgent or bus related issues during term time]

Easter Break and School Holiday Hours:
The Office will close for Term 1 on Thursday 24 March at 5:00pm [Reception will be contactable until 6:00pm for any urgent or bus related issues]
The Office will re-open on:
Wednesday 30 March at 9:30am
Office Hours during School Holidays is 9:30am to 3:30pm Weekdays

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Scholarship Program 2017
Information regarding the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Scholarship Program for 2017 is included on the School’s website www.bmg.vic.edu.au and on page 3 of the full version of the newsletter

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Principal’s Awards at the Senior School Assembly last Monday.

Graeme Frislie & Elizabeth Nuspan of Year 9 for Excellence in Cycling
Julia Bourke of Year 12 & Sophie McMinimee of Year 10 – For Excellence in Athletics
Max Noble and Ben DeBortoli of Year 10 – for Excellence in Karate
Michelle Aquilina of Year 10 – for achieving her Australian Scout Medallion

A most pleasing aspect of their awards was hearing them speak about their achievements and offering any further information about their areas of interest to the school community.
Principal’s Awards are awarded 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 and/or myself, for recommendation for a Principal’s Award.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOOL

Full (winter) School Uniform is to be worn from the beginning of Term Two. There is a two week change over period from summer to winter uniform.

Check full (winter) uniforms over the term break to ensure that they comply with school regulations, to avoid any unnecessary consequences.

On days that are forecast to be unseasonably warm (greater than 25°C) students may wear their Summer Uniform.

If your child is considering an “alternative” hair style, or extra piercings, please contact Mrs O’Day or myself for clarification on what is acceptable.

INTERIM REPORTS/PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interim Reports for all students, Years 7 to 10, and Term One Descriptive Reports for VCE/VCAL students are to be posted home during the Term One/Two holiday break. Please refer to the Interim and Descriptive reports in relation to the concerns and advice as given re: studies and school work.

Parent Teacher interviews for years 8, 9 and 10 will occur on the following evenings:
- 19th April - Yr. 8 Parent teacher interviews
- 20th April - Yr. 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews
- 26th April - Yr. 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews

When making an appointment, do not book consecutive appointments for different teachers. Allow 5 minutes between each appointment – travel time from teacher to teacher.

Please note these dates on your calendar, information will be provided to students and parents in the latter weeks of this term.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Thursday 24th of March is the last day of Term One. The finishing time for students on this Thursday will be at 2:15pm. All bus schedules have been altered to suit the early finish. Please make arrangements to collect your child from the bus stop at the earlier time

COMMENCEMENT OF TERM TWO

Commencement day for students is Monday the 11th of April. Week Two of the Senior School Timetable will operate from the commencement of Term Two.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

End of Term One – Thursday 24th March 2.05pm dismissal

All students will be dismissed at 2.05pm on Thursday 24th March for the end of Term One. This early dismissal time is in line with the bus network. The Learning Hub will operate from 2.05 p.m on this night. If you need your child to attend, please complete the enrolment form asap. Please Note: No Sports Hub, No Triathlon, No Late Bus tomorrow

As the term draws to a close, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and hope that you get to enjoy this time with your family and friends. Have a great term break and hopefully students will be refreshed and ready for a busy term two ahead.

Classes for Term 2 commence for all students on Monday 11th April 2016

Junior School Co-curricular Program 2016

The 2016 Junior School co-curricular booklet has been distributed today and if your child has been selected for extension or support programs, then a letter indicating their participation.

Activities for this program begin week 2, Wednesday 20th April

Term Two Uniform Requirements

Students are expected to wear full winter uniform from Tuesday 26th April.

Girls are expected to wear either their trousers or their skirt/kilt with black tights – socks are not permitted. All students are required to wear their school tie.

If we experience unseasonably warm weather, days forecast to be 25 degrees or above, students may choose to wear their summer uniform.

Students are not allowed to mix and match uniforms. They must either wear full summer or full winter uniform.

Please note Junior School students are expected to wear their school jumper to and fro from school with their winter uniform, and from Year 5, their school blazer.

Holidays are also a great time to replenish your child’s stationery if required and also to check that your child’s haircut and style meets the school requirements.

Please refer to the school diary for further information regarding uniform and hair requirements.

Sports Hub Term 2

During Term Two we will be offering sport on each night, Monday – Thursday. Junior School students of all ages are eligible to access the Sports Hub program.

We plan to offer four sports during Term Two:
- Circus skills will operate on Monday ($25 per student per term)
Basketball on Tuesday ($25 per student per term)
AFL on Wednesday ($25 per student per term)
Diamond Games on Thursday ($25 per student per term)

Term Two 2016 Sports offered:

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to the myBMG-Parent Portal and make required payment in the ‘Events & Sales’ tab and return the attached completed student consent form no later than Thursday, 7th April 2016. This payment is not refundable. The portal will open to parents from midday Tuesday, 8th March 2016.

There are limited positions available and only students who confirm as attending and make payment on the Parent Portal will be confirmed as attending. Confirmation and payment are due no later than Thursday, 7th April 2016. Confirmation of acceptance into chosen activity will be SMS to parents by Friday afternoon.

Parents of children who gain a place in the program can consider the position confirmed once payment has been cleared by the school.

**EASTER BONNET PARADE & EASTER CRAFT ACTIVITIES**

On Thursday 24th March the Prep Reception and Prep students will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade followed by Easter Craft Activities. The parade will take place on the asphalt area outside the Prep classrooms from 9:00 – 9:30am. At the completion of the parade we invite all parents to participate in some Easter activities in your child’s classroom from 9:30am – 10:20am.

**Year One to Year Four**
The Year One to Year 4 students are celebrating Easter through a morning of Easter craft activities. We would like to invite parents to join their child in the classroom on Thursday 24th March from 9.00 am until 10.20 am, and participate in a variety of fun Easter activities.

**Junior School House Athletics Carnivals**
All Year Three to Year Six students have, over the past three weeks during Physical Education class and Sport, been training for athletics and participating in trials, for selection into field and track events, for the Junior School House Athletics Carnival.

Due to the large volume of students at these levels, we have decided to run two distinct types of Athletic carnivals.

1. **Year 3 & 4 House Sports Day - Friday 22nd April 9.00am – 1.00pm**

On this day, all students in Year 3 and Year 4 will participate in a program equipped to include all students, regardless of their ability, in either a field or track event/s. There will be a rotation of 8 activities in which Year 3 and Year 4 students will participate in Houses at their appropriate age level. Students will be awarded both place and participation ribbons on the day. Parents are most welcome to come join in the morning of activities.

Students are required to wear full sports uniform to and from school on this day. Depending on weather, your child will need to bring their school hat and sun screen for use on the day and to ensure they have their drink bottle. If the weather turns cooler then students may need their school anorak.

Parents and friends are welcome to join us for the House Athletics Fun Carnival.

2. **Year 3-6 Junior School House Athletics-Qualified students’ only, -Selection process for BMPSSA and District representation - Friday 29th April**

This carnival will be conducted under the rules and guidelines of the BMPSSA. ONLY students who have qualified for events through the trial program conducted over the past three weeks during sport, will participate in this day.
The program will begin at 9.00am and conclude by 3.00pm. Junior School House Coordinators will collate their teams from the information gained over the past 3 weeks in PE classes and trials at sport time. Students will be notified of events in which they will participate, if they have qualified under the rules and guidelines of the BMPSSA. Lists of competitors will be placed in and around the R block, in the display cabinet and the F block. Students will record in their diary events they have been selected to participate in and parents of competitors will be notified by a note sent home with your child. As with House Swimming, students will have an opportunity to compete in a maximum of 4 individual events and 1 relay. The 4 fastest 100 metre times will be the students who compete in the relay event at the next level, not the winning relay team at our house carnival.

**Students in Years 3-6 who do not qualify to participate, will have normal classes on this day.**

Year 5 and 6 students, who do not qualify to participate, will be taken to spectate and cheer on their house, during their scheduled sport time from 1.30pm and where practical, during some of the scheduled field events. Students competing are required to wear full sports uniform to and from school on this day. Depending on weather, your child will need to bring their school hat and sun screen for use on the day and to ensure they have their drink bottle. If the weather turns cooler then students may need their school anorak.

Parents and friends are welcome to join us for the Junior School House Athletics-Qualified students’ only, Year 3-6 - Selection process for BMPSSA and District representation.

**Important Dates in the Junior School:**

**March**
- 24th Prep Easter Bonnet Parade
- 24th Easter Craft Morning Prep – Year 4
- 24th Last Day Term 1 Early Dismissal 2.05pm

**April**
- 11th Students and Staff commence Term 2
- 19th Prep Excursion-Werribee Zoo
- 22nd Year 3 & 4 House Sports Day
- 25th Anzac Day
- 26th Junior School Assembly 9.00am in the Gym
  - ANZAC DAY SERVICE – Year 5
  - Junior Guitar Ensemble
  - Year 2C and 2D Performance
- 29th Year 3-6 Junior School House Athletics-Qualified students’ only, -Selection process for BMPSSA and District representation

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

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**2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**NEWS**

Bacchus Marsh Grammar

Scholarship Program 2017

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.
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

Years 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

JS LIBRARY NEWS

2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Bacchus Marsh Grammar is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by September 14.
Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the privacy and consent form which was sent out this week.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Feona West
Head of the Junior School Library

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS MARCH 2016**

This is a reminder to parents that Book Club is no longer available through the school. Parents are welcome to view the Scholastic catalogue online and register to order and have delivered to your home.

Note: We are still waiting for the LOOP service to be closed permanently so some orders may get through. These will be delivered to students.

Book Fair will still be running early in Term 3 so watch this space!

Di Dunn
Bookclub Coordinator

**JS SPORTS**

**NEWS**

**Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships.**
For the first time ever, Bacchus Marsh Grammar is entering a team/s in the Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships.

The Championships are to be held at Mt Buller from August 22 – 28.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Mr Nick Sher at school by phone on 5366 4888 or via email at shern@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Nick Sher

**SRC NEWS**

**Thank you and congratulations:**
Kristian Andjic 3A
Archer Davey 2D
Archie Greenshields 3B
Logan Gregorio 3E
Liam Hageman 7F
Noah Hanson 3D
Emma Heaphy 7B
Sofia Iyer 2A
Lachlan Johnson-Thomas 10A
Taya Knight 1C
Marcus Lazos 2D
Stefan Melton 8E
Grace Mizzi 2A
Lachlan Murphy 6D
Jaimee Smith 8G
Emma Squires 12F
Ryan Squires 8B
Jaxon Tzounos 2B
Sahil Vatera 8D
Brylee Vella 6B
Josh Wallace 8B
Brooke Wilson 8G
Joshua Wintershoven 8G
Harry Yianni 6C
Dianne Baldacchino
Cassie Bolwell -Combe
Peter Cannon
Alexie (??)
Greg (??)
Adele Percoulis 1C

Thank you once again to the school community for your incredible support of the annual SRC Easter raffle. Due to the fabulous support we were able to make 31 prizes for the raffle and have put a smile on many faces. The raffle was drawn yesterday at the Junior School assembly.

**SS PRODUCTION NEWS**

**Hairspray**

**Holiday Rehearsals Reminder**
**REMINDER** - Hairspray rehearsals will take place on Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8 from 9.30-3pm in Wilson Hall. The whole cast and orchestra is required. Students should ensure they bring their own lunch and drink, and any other requirements for rehearsal.
Tickets will be on Sale from Monday 11th April 2016

Bacchus Marsh Grammar presents the musical classic “Hairspray”. This production features a huge cast of talented young actors, singers, dancers and musicians. This will be an entertaining and affordable show that appeals to all ages.

**Dates:**
- Friday 6th May Official Opening Night 7.30pm
- Saturday 7th May 2.00pm
- Saturday 7th May 7.30pm

**Venue:** Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds
750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039
(03) 9243 9191

**Tickets:**
- Prices - Adults $8
- Students - $5
- Family $21 (includes 2 Adults & 2 Children)

Tickets will be available from Monday 11th April 2016 and may be purchased via the Box Office: ph 92439191 OR online at - clocktowercentre.com.a

**Free Friday Matinee Dress Rehearsal Performance**
The school will be offering a free limited seating matinee performance for the wider community on Friday 6th May at 11.30am. Tickets for this performance will only be available via the school from Monday 18th April and must be collected in person.

To obtain tickets for this performance please send an email to the school email school@bmg.vic.edu.au with ‘Hairspray Friday Matinee’ in the subject line or alternatively contact the school on 5366 4800. Tickets will be distributed on a “request received” priority. Tickets for this performance will be available for collection from the school from Monday 18th April 2016. The performance will be held at the Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039 (03) 9243 9191.

The Hairspray Production Team

**LOTE NEWS**

A BIG thank you to the 14 families that hosted our visitors from Shibuya Junior High School in Tokyo Japan. The students have returned to Japan with many wonderful memories from their stay in Australia.

Thank you also to Mrs Patterson who hosted the teacher that visited with the students. He had a great time and is looking forward to coming back to Australia for another visit soon.

Thank you to everyone at BMG for making the exchange program work so well and for all the assistance from staff and students alike.

**Regards**
Michael Love

**THE 2016 BMG TRIP TO JAPAN**

**Where:** Tokyo, Nagasaki, Kyoto, Kumamoto-Japan

**When:** 3rd September - 24th September, 2016

**How:** By planes, trains and automobiles

**Cost:** $4500 approx plus spending money

**Who:** Any students from Years 9-12

**Why:** Because it is fun and you get to experience a new culture

**What to see:** Temples, gardens, tea ceremonies, schools, theme parks, big department stores, traditional houses, festivals, calligraphy classes, noodle making classes, fast trains, subway trains, big crowds, karaoke stores, sushi restaurants, bowls of rice, hi tech vending machines and much more…….

If anyone is interested in going, then please get in contact with Mr. Love for more details. You can also visit the parent portal on the school website.

****The cut off will be at the end of May. If numbers are low then the tour will be cancelled.

**SS SPORTS NEWS**

“From the Gym”

Fantastic Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to the following students who have been performing brilliantly in their chosen sports:

- Elizabeth Nuspan – UBWestVic Scholarship Athlete/ Elite Sports - Competing at the Victorian Interschool Cycling Championships won the Gold medal in the Teams Time Trail in a composite team representing Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Elizabeth then went onto win the bunch sprint for Silver in the Individual Criterium event. Elizabeth continues to impress and shine within Victorian cycling at the moment and I’m sure she is looking forward to the Winter Road Series.
• Ethan McMinimee Athletics – Competed at the National Junior Athletic Championships in Perth last week. Ethan competed in the Under 15 age group at Nationals in the 3000m. Ethan ran a stunning 9min:39 secs for the 3km and finished 10th in Australia and ran a 18 sec PB. What an outstanding effort by Ethan and we wish him luck in the upcoming X-Country season.

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

CAREERS
NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience
For students in Year 10 in 2016 participating in the Work Experience program the forms are now available on the school’s website. Parents and/or students may download the Work Experience Arrangement Form at the following link; http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/_uploads/ppage/files/WORK%20EXPERIENCE%20ARRANGEMENT%20FORMS%202015.pdf

BMG Careers Newsletter
The final edition of the BMG Careers Newsletter for Term 1 is available on the school website through the “News and Events” tab.

Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

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 NEWS

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.

Luke Robertson
Information Systems Support Officer

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT
NEWS

DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE
A reminder to parents on the etiquette and appropriate use of the drop off /pick up zone:

DROP OFF
Please do not begin conversations upon entering the drop off zone – there are a number of parents who appear to engage in conversations with other parents and students at the point of departure.
Please do not use your mobile phone when entering, standing in or departing the zone.
Where possible, ensure your children are organised and have their bags where they can reach and gather them without you having to leave your seat.
Please do not get out of the vehicle unless it is absolutely necessary
Ensure your children disembark from the vehicle in a safe and prompt fashion and from the left hand side of the car
Follow the directions of the crossing supervisors, staff members on duty and traffic signs and directional arrows as indicated.
Follow the speed limit in the car park

PICK UP
Ensure that your child understands the importance of moving quickly from their classroom to the pick-up zone so they are waiting for you at the zone.
Do not arrive early and block other cars from entering the zone.
If your child is not waiting for you, please drive around and park your car so you can investigate their whereabouts.
Please do not leave your car unattended in the drop off zone.
Please ensure that grandparents/friends who collect your children are aware of the school’s expectations in relation to the drop off zone.

*Remember the drop off zone is a “kiss and go” zone. Your assistance in following the above points will ensure that the drop off zone flows in an ordered and steady manner.
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

Upcoming events:
- Mother’s Day Stall Monday 2nd May
- Mother’s Day Breakfast Friday 6th May -numbers will be limited.

More details about these 2 events will be distributed next term.

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 theWerribee, 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.

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 children’s uniform to ensure they have not mistakenly taken home another student’s 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

Secondhand books and uniform are now sold through the Sustainable School Shop. To get started, go to www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au and either register as a parent or log-in if you’re already registered.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

On Campus Uniform Shop
Holiday Hours
Closed on Good Friday
OPEN
Wednesday 6th April 10-2
Thursday 7th April 10-2
Friday 8th April 10-2

Term 2 Begins
Resume regular hours Monday 11th April 12.30 – 4.30

“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

Join the West Melbourne Schools Orchestra
This new ensemble aims to provide young musicians in West Melbourne a place to play good music and socialise with other like-minded students outside of the school environment. We will be having an open rehearsal for new players on April 18th. Students are encouraged to come along and see if this ensemble is something they would enjoy. Rehearsals will be every Monday night from 7 – 9 at Footscray City College. The Musical Director for this ensemble is Jenny Going.

New players should fill in an application form on our website at: www.wmsorchestra.com or email our manager Ashleigh at: joinus@wmsorchestra.com

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.
School Holidays
Basketball Intro & Basic Skills Clinic
Weds - 6th Apr 2016

For children 6 to 11 years of age.

The BMBA is fully aware of the need to provide an introduction for younger children to the game of basketball and begin the process of slowly improving their basketball knowledge and basic skills at a much earlier age.

So with these objectives in mind, we are running a basketball clinic over the school holidays based on having fun whilst learning basic basketball skills.

- Age Group: 6 to 11 years of age
- Date: Weds - 6th Apr 16
- Time: 9.30am – 12.00pm
- Cost: $5.00 - per player

Note: Registration & payment on the Day.

All children are required to be in attendance at the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre (30) minutes prior to the commencement time shown above, with a drink bottle and pumped up basketball.

These sessions are open to all children within the Bacchus Marsh Community, including for those children who may want to further develop their basketball skills or for those who may just want to give basketball a try for the first time.

So no matter what your child’s present skill level - there will be a coach available to work with them directly to improve their specific basketball skills.

For any other questions please call Wayne Slack on 0409 078400 or by email at waynes@rvision.com.au.

★ Proudly supported by the Bacchus Marsh Basketball Assoc (BMBA).

http://www.bacchusmarsh.basketball.net.au
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 9on 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 Food 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](https://www.anu.edu.au/)

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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](https://www.swinburne.edu.au/) 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

New course at JMC Academy

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
`Inside Monash’ Seminar Series 2016
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.
Engineering (Architectural Engineering)

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?

**Werrribee 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><strong>Nursing/Paramedicine</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>CHARLES STURT</td>
<td><strong>Nursing</strong> (no prerequisite subjects, but maths, biology and English highly recommended)</td>
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<td>DEAKIN</td>
<td><strong>Nursing</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><strong>Nursing (Clinical Leadership)</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>77.05 (M), 65.80 (G), n/a (W)</td>
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<td><strong>Nursing/Public Health &amp; Health Promotion</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>FEDERATION</td>
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<td>n/a (Mt H), n/a (Gi) Flexible delivery (Mt H) and (Gi)</td>
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<td>HOLMESGLEN</td>
<td><strong>Nursing</strong> (Units 1 and 2: satisfactory completion in one of General Mathematics or Maths: Mathematical Methods or Units 3 and 4: any Mathematics; and a study score of at least 25 in any English)</td>
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<td>LA TROBE</td>
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<td>65.09 (M), 51.45 (AW), 56.60 (B), 50.75 (S), 55.00 (Mi)</td>
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**M** - Melbourne, **Ba** – Ballarat, **G** – Geelong, **W** – Warrnambool, **AW** – Albury-Wodonga, **B** – Bendigo, **Ber** – Berwick, **Mi** – Mildura, **S** – Shepparton, **P** – Peninsula, **Gi** – Gippsland, **H** – Horsham, **Mt H** – Mount Helen, **St A** – St Albans, **C** – Clayton, **Mo** – Moorabbin, **Bu** – Bundooler

For a comprehensive list of all nursing courses on offer, visit [VTAC](http://www.vtac.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>Diploma of Events</td>
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<td>Deakin University</td>
<td>Bachelor of Management</td>
<td>Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.</td>
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<td>Holmesglen Institute</td>
<td>Diploma of Events/Certificate III in Live Production</td>
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<td>Certificate IV in Fitness/Community Recreation, followed by Diploma of Fitness/Events</td>
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<td>La Trobe University</td>
<td>Bachelor of Business (Event Management)</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Business (Event Management/Marketing)</td>
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<td>Melbourne Polytechnic</td>
<td>Advanced Diploma of Events</td>
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<td>Associate Degree in Hospitality Management</td>
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<td>Swinburne University</td>
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<td>Diploma of Events/Diploma of Marketing</td>
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<tr>
<td>Victoria University</td>
<td>Bachelor of Business (Event Management)</td>
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<td>William Angliss Institute</td>
<td>Advanced Diploma of Events</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/
https://educationusa.state.gov/financial-aid
http://www.internationalscholarships.com/
http://www.mycollegescholarship.org/
http://www.iefa.org/
http://www.globalslc.com/
http://www.internationalscholarships.com/
https://www.accessgroup.org/
http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com/
https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/

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Interested in Geography, Maths, IT and the outdoors?
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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