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Principal's Report

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Visit of the Governor General

This week MHS was privileged to host a visit by Her Excellency, the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Honourable Quentin Bryce and Mr Michael Bryce. The purpose of the visit was to acknowledge Her Excellency's personal interest in the work of amateur historian and Old Boy, Mr Lambis Englezos and to present the inaugural Lambis Englezos scholarship created by the MHS Foundation in recognition of a distinguished Old Boy.

For ten years, Mr Englezos dedicated himself to painstaking archival and forensic research to investigate the fate of over 400 soldiers who remained unaccounted for after the Battle of Fromelles on July 19, 1916.

The Battle of Fromelles, in northern France was the first battle in Western Europe in which Australian troops were deployed and has been described by the Australian War Memorial as the worst 24 hours in Australia's history. The newly arrived ANZAC troops were directed to attack a well-entrenched German line, predominantly as a ruse to divert attention from a planned assault elsewhere.

Ordered to advance across ground dominated by fortified enemy machine guns, over 7,000 soldiers were killed with over 5,500 of these being Australian troops. Mr Englezos noted that the bodies of many of those who perished remained unaccounted for and dedicated himself to discovering their fate.

Through careful analysis of archival records, Mr Englezos was convinced

that many of these soldiers had been buried in an undiscovered gravesite at Pheasant Woods, behind German lines. He campaigned for a geophysical survey of the target site and in 2008 a preliminary excavation of the site confirmed the existence of mass graves. Over time, the remains of 250 soldiers were exhumed and through DNA testing over 75 of these were able to be identified.

In 2010 the burial of first of these soldiers at a new war cemetery and memorial park nearby was presided over by Prince Charles and the



Governor General. In 2009, Mr Englezos was presented with an Order of Australia medal in recognition of his dedication to restoring the identity and dignity of these young men lost nearly 100 years ago.

In a riveting presentation to the Senior School, Mr Englezos brought the history of these lost and forgotten soldiers back to life. Included amongst the dead were nine MHS Old Boys. It was fitting that included amongst the 50 guests who attended the assembly was the Honorary French Consul, Ms Bouisbouvier-Wylie.

In recognition of his remarkable work, the MHS Foundation has created the Lambis Englezos Scholarship to support a MHS student who undertakes tertiary studies with a focus upon French - Australian history and

relations. At the special assembly, the Governor General presented a certificate to Year 12 student Aaron Zee as the inaugural Lambis Englezos scholar. Aaron intends to study international law or studies next year and is particularly interested in researching both nations' history in the Asia Pacific.

This was very special occasion not only because of the presence of the Governor General but because she was moved to attend to honour the work of an MHS Old Boy. Her Excellency commented on the aptness of the School motto in describing the importance of Mr Englezos's work in providing final rest and closure for 250 young soldiers lost to their nation and families for nearly a century.

Success of our Students

Congratulations to Year 9 student Kaiwen Cabbabe who recently won the national senior Pokemon championship and will represent Australia at the world championships in Vancouver in August. MHS students truly excel in every field.

Jeremy Ludowyke
Principal



YEAR 9 INTO 10 PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING - WEDNESDAY 31 JULY

Parents or guardians of year 9 students should have received a letter this week about an important information evening on Wednesday 31 July from 6.30 to approximately 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall. The year 9 into 10 subject booklet and the 9 into 10 subject selection form will be distributed at the start of the evening. It is expected that both parents and students will attend the evening in order to collect these and that students will sit with their parents.

In order to assist the parents and students in making elective choices for next year, Dr Janet Prideaux, assistant principal, will provide details on the purpose and nature of the Year 10 elective program in 2014 and Dr Rami Stiglec, the VCE coordinator, will provide an overview of the VCE.

Parents and students in past years have found the information evening extremely beneficial and we look forward to seeing as many parents of year 9 students as possible. Please complete the reply slip on the letter that was sent home and return it via your son to his form teacher by Wednesday 24 July.

YEAR 10 INTO VCE PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING - WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST

There is an important year 10 into VCE information evening for year 10 students and their parents on Wednesday 7 August from 6.30 to approximately 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall on VCE subject selections for 2014 & 2015 and career paths. Comprehensive information will be provided about the VCE and the importance of subject selections in relation to career intentions. Dr Janet Prideaux (assistant principal) will speak generally about subject selection, Dr Rami Stiglec (VCE coordinator) will provide comprehensive information about the VCE and Ms Annette Travers (careers coordinator) will speak on work experience, VET and career paths.

The year 10 into VCE subject booklet and sample subject selection form will be distributed at the start of the evening. It is expected that both parents and students will attend the evening in order to collect these and that students will sit with their parents.

Final subject selections for 2014 and 2015 are to be made by Wednesday 28 August 2013. A series of lunchtime sessions will occur after the evening run by subject coordinators in order for students to find out more information about the subjects in which they may be interested.

Parents and students in past years have found the information evening extremely beneficial and informative.

SPEECH NIGHT AND END OF YEAR DATE REMINDER

Speech Night this year is Wednesday 11 December and will be held at Plenary at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). It is the unconditional policy of MHS that every student must attend Speech Night and final assemblies. Students who do not complete course requirements can be expected to attend after final assemblies. Under no circumstances, including overseas travel, should any family make arrangements which may remove students from the School prior to final assemblies which will be held for years 9, 10 & 11 students the day after Speech Night on Thursday 12 December. The School will not approve any early removal and any student ceasing to attend before these dates will be deemed to have withdrawn from the School.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, 29 July	Winter Concert (note change of date)
Wednesday, 31 July	9 into 10 parent & student information evening
Wednesday, 7 August	10 into VCE parent & student information evening
Sunday, 18 August	Forrest Hill working bee

MHS CONTACT DETAILS

MHS CONTACT
Telephone: 9826 0711
Fax: 9826 8767
Web: www.mhs.vic.edu.au

WEBLINK OF THE WEEK

- The Awesome Foundation is devoted to contributing to the arts and sciences in the form of monthly \$1,000 grants to innovative projects and their creators. The Foundation provides these grants with no strings attached and claims no ownership over the projects it supports.

<http://www.awesomefoundation.org/>

Tania Sheko Library



FORREST HILL, SOUTH YARRA WORKING BEE SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

The third working bee for this year will be held on Sunday 18 August beginning at about 9am and going till about 3-4pm. You are welcome to attend for as long as best suits you.

Our facilities team at School has created a good list of jobs for the day that will certain keep us busy:

- Graffiti removal
- Weeding
- Blowing off paths
- Mulching
- Cut back bushes
- Window clean outside ground level
- Trim up trees with extension pruner
- Litter pick up
- Prune roses
- Paint handrails
- Spray and wipe lockers
- Planting of plants
- Desk painting
- Front fence
- Traffic management rock deployment

Lunch will be provided on the day as well as a tasty morning tea.

If you are able to attend this day, could you phone or email the Principal's secretary, Ms Naomi Brown, to record your name/s. Her phone number is 9823 7122 and email is brown.naomi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.

You are encouraged you to bring any useful gardening tools that you may wish to use. Most will be provided on the day. Your own gardening gloves are a good idea. Please let Naomi know by the Monday before the working bee. This will be Monday 12 August.

IT Committee

Rafit Zaman & Matthew Wong 12B

IT COMMITTEE

The newly formed IT Committee is in need of form representatives. These representatives will be voted in by their peers, and are expected to give a short spiel to their class.

The IT representative will represent the IT-related views and concerns of their form during regular meetings, and will also be trained to help teachers and students with a certain subset of common technical issues. (such as projector use, school WiFi connectivity and StudyWiz use). These students could also possibly be on call if necessary. They must be able to attend and contribute regular meetings to bring up concerns of their form, as well as make suggestions regarding the improvement of the school's IT. Each IT rep is the main form of communication that the IT Committee has with the wider school body. The IT representatives must also have a good 'moral-compass' as they will also oversee issues concerning students' cybersafety. Badges for the recognition of this role are currently under review.

Form representatives must:

- Be committed
- Be willing to help and support other students in need
- Have high moral standards with regards to cyberbullying and the use and abuse of technology.
- Have basic cybersafety knowledge
- Have basic IT skills

IT representative voting will be occurring during an extended form assembly on Tuesday 23 July. All interested applicants should visit itatmhs.wordpress.com for further details.



VICTORIAN YOUNG PHYSICISTS TOURNAMENT - 2013

The Victorian Young Physicists' Tournament is an event for years 10 and 11 students. In teams of three, the students during the year, carry out experimental investigations drawn from a common set, then at the end of the year, in a series of one on one challenges, the teams present and defend their findings in scientific discussions, as well as question the presentations of other teams.

For 2013 the common set of topics are:

- **Incandescent Lamp:** it is said that one 10 W light bulb shines brighter than two 5 W bulbs. Is it true? Investigate how a small change in supplied voltage will affect light emission and a light bulb's lifetime.
- **Flotation:** a piece of a flattened raisin, which is dropped into a glass of soda water, periodically sinks and goes back to the surface. Investigate the dependence of the period of these oscillations on various parameters. (Note: a combination of vinegar and bicarb of soda in water also works quite well).
- **Bright Waves:** illuminate a water tank. When there are waves on the water surface, you can see bright and dark patterns on the bottom of the tank. Study the relation between the waves and the pattern.

The team of three students do all three topics.

The tournament will be held on Wednesday 4 December 2013, which is during the week before Speech Night. The venue is likely to be at Quantum Victoria, near La Trobe University.

N.B. As each school can enter only a limited number of teams, it may be necessary for team selection trials to be held in the week prior, in order to determine the individual student competitors to represent MHS at the 2013 VYPT.

A round robin will be held during the morning and the early afternoon. Each team will compete in six 30 minute contests, three as a reporter and three as an opponent. Each team member will be required to report on one topic and oppose on another. So, each team member will have two opportunities to speak. Following the round robin the best two teams will play off for the final.

Further information is available by following the link: <http://www.vicphysics.org/vypt2013.html>

Prizes: there will be a trophy for the school of the winning team. Members of teams in the finals receive a book and a cash prize. All other participants receive cash prizes.

Students interested in this challenge in 2013 should contact **Mr Keyte** in person at the T30 physics staff office, or by email to keyte.paul.a@edumail.vic.gov.au and provide their contact details.

ICS Group

Mr John Suriano

SENIOR STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR YEARS 10 & 11 STUDENTS

To be held at Melbourne High School

ICS Learning group will be presenting a Senior Study Skills workshop for students in years 10 & 11. The course commences on Tuesday 13 August.

Dates: Tuesdays August 13, 20 & 27

Time : 3.30 to 5.30 pm (this is a 6 hr course)

Places for this course are strictly limited and early enrolment is advised.

This course is designed to help students to be more self-confident and independent with their study habits. The course covers a range of topics from organisation, time management, note taking skills (including mind mapping), a study system, exam preparation and research skills. It will also improve study methods for those who find it hard to set priorities or work efficiently to meet deadlines.

To enrol: book online – www.skillscentre.com.au

For further information, phone the ICS office on 9818 3888



HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) VACCINE

HPV stands for *Human Papillomavirus*, a common virus that affects both men and women. It is passed from person to person through sexual contact. There are many different types of HPV which can affect various parts of the body. The HPV virus can cause cancer (cervical, vaginal and vulva in women and penile and anal in men). In 2007 the National HPV Vaccination Program was introduced in Australia and has routinely been provided to girls aged 12-13 in a school based program since then.

At the beginning of the HPV program, the vaccine was commonly known as the *cervical cancer vaccine*. This was due to the research at the time showing that the HPV virus only caused cancer in women. Further research has been undertaken and it has shown that both men and women are susceptible to the HPV virus. Although cervical cancer is the most common HPV related cancer, the virus also causes genital warts in both males and females and certain cancers in men.

Last year, the Commonwealth Government decided to make boys aged 12-13 years of age eligible to receive the HPV vaccine for free as part of the school based National HPV Program. Boys aged 14-15 years will also be offered the vaccine for free as part of a catch up program until the end of 2014.

The HPV Program is a series of 3 vaccines. The vaccine known as *Gardasil* protects against the two high risk HPV types (types 16 and 18) which cause 70 % of cervical cancers in women and 90% of HPV related cancers in men. It also protects against two low risk HPV types (types 6 and 11) which cause 90% of genital warts. The schedule for the vaccinations is as follows:

HPV Vaccine 1	HPV Vaccine 2	HPV Vaccine 3
Dose 1	6 weeks after first dose	6 months after first dose

Melbourne High School, together with Stonnington Council, commenced vaccinating our year 9 students earlier this year. The boys have had their second dose and will complete the program in September.

There will be many students in Year 10 who will still be eligible to take part in the HPV vaccine catch up program. Please contact your local council immunisation officer to find out details of when and where you can have the vaccine. If your son turns 16 years of age whilst he is undertaking the course of HPV vaccines there is a charge of \$150.00 per vaccine, so get in quickly!

The HPV vaccination program is an important public health initiative. Including boys and girls in this national immunisation program will help reduce these HPV illnesses in the future.

For further details on either the school based program or the catch up program, you can visit www.health.gov.au/internet/publishing.nsf/content/immunise-hpv



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE! INTERNATIONAL NIGHT DINNER, Saturday, 24 August, 2013. 6.00-10.00pm
International Night Dinner is everybody's favourite MHS community event!

It will be a night of celebrating MHS's diversity with food and culture with all continents represented. If you are interested in cooking a special favourite item, please email Liz Minter at Elizabethminter@hotmail.com or call her on 0406 588 371. We're also planning to showcase fashion and craft. If you'd like to help with this please contact Lin Zhang at linzhang-3204@hotmail.com ASAP, as we're putting together teams to represent the various cultural groups in our school.



**AROUND THE WORLD
IN 4 HOURS!**

**MHS INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL
INTERNATIONAL NIGHT DINNER**

Check in: MHS Memorial Hall
Departure: Saturday, August 24 6pm
Return: 10pm
Early Bird Special: \$40 Adults \$30 Students
(before August 2)

BYO drinks & glasses | buy tickets @ mhstix.com.au | credit cards accepted | RSVP by August 16 (unless sold out prior)

SAVE THE DATE!! FATHERS' DAY BRUNCH, Sunday, September 8 from 10.30 to 12.30.

This is a special event which is only held every two years. It's a great opportunity for fathers to spend time together. Speakers will be a father and son team, Neil and Michael Roberts, both MHS old boys. More details will be provided early next term.

We Need Your Help!

MHS P&F supports MHS through fundraising and through providing opportunities for parents to get to know each other. Volunteering to help with the setup and clearing away at events (like the International Night Dinner, Fathers' Day Brunch and Spring Breakfast) as well as providing food and coming along is a great way to support the school and meet other parents. We know you're busy, but if you CAN help, please let us know.

We are also grateful for donations for our raffles and silent auctions which are major sources of funds. We appreciate any items, large or small, including services, products, hampers or opportunities. If you are able to donate items, or know of businesses that would like to support the School in this way, please let us know. You can contact us at mhsparentsandfriends@gmail.com

Don't forget to check the [Parents & Friends blog](#) and [Facebook page](#) to keep up with the latest activities.

Parents & Friends meeting, July 22 7.30-9.00pm in the Staff Centre. All Welcome.

MHS Souvenir Umbrellas



Some of you saw our gorgeous MHS Umbrellas at the Mothers' Day Brunch or Musical. You can purchase them for \$35 - Just submit this order form with your payment to the office. If you prefer to pick up the umbrellas yourself, just circle that on the form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Tel. _____

I would like to pick the umbrellas up myself.

Son's Name & Class _____

Quantity: _____ @ \$35.00 ea.

Total: \$ _____

**MHS STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**

Thank to **Arushan Dushyanthan** and **Kiran Ravi** for volunteering their time to assist the MHSOBA Office with getting their correspondence folded and ready for post. Their assistance is greatly appreciated by the office staff.

**MHS Parents and Friends are encouraged to attend
the following events.****Beryl Gregory OAM – Guest Speaker, 24 July 2013****‘Failure is Important’**

Beryl Gregory OAM (nee Hargreaves) was born in Bendigo and educated at Girton Church of England. Beryl then went on to the University of Melbourne and completed her Bachelor of Commerce degree.

Beryl worked as an economist for several years and then went on to complete her Dip.Ed and taught Economics, Mathematics and Legal Studies.

In 1996 she was appointed Headmistress of Christ Church Grammar School, Beryl held this appointment until she retired in December 2010.

Further information can be found at [Beryl Gregory OAM](#)

UNICORN CLUB - ‘THE SMARTEST FUNCTION CENTRE’

MHSOBA has a wonderfully inviting and attractive facility for hire located on the grounds of MHS. The room is excellent for corporate seminars (full audio visual facilities) to birthday parties and Christmas functions. For further information please contact Margie Burton on the number listed below.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS**Be involved with a unique network – MHSOBA.**

Become a student member whilst at MHS to enhance your access to the many resources MHSOBA has to offer. Brochures are available from the MHSOBA office on the opposite side of the oval to MHS.

**Phone: 9824 0480 Fax: 9827 0257****Margie Burton****Email: margie@mhsoba.asn.au****“The Official MHSOBA”**



COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR ADOLESCENT

Adapted from *The Three Magic Words in Relationships* Linda & Charlie Bloom <http://blogs.psychcentral.com/relationship-skills/>

If the three magic words in real estate are location, location, location, then the three magic words in relationships are communication, communication, communication. But just as some locations are more desirable than others, some types of communication are more fruitful than others. More talking doesn't necessarily translate into better outcomes. Sometimes, as the song goes, the words just get in the way.

Although we tend to think of good communicators as being good speakers, speaking is only one half of the communication equation. The other, perhaps even more important half, is listening. A good listener is a good communicator because what he or she is helping to produce in that listening is greater understanding and an enhanced connection. While the content of much of our daily communication is about the sharing or transfer of information, in the world of relationships, understanding and connection are the jackpot. Talking, as distinct from communicating doesn't necessarily produce the experience of interconnectedness. If connectedness is what you are looking for, here are a few tips:

1. Set your intention. Be clear within yourself about the experience you wish to create through your communication and acknowledge that to both yourself and to your son.
2. Create Agreement. Check in with your son to see if this is a good time to talk. If it's not, then try to come up with a mutually agreed upon time that works for both of you.
3. Eliminate or minimize distractions. Whenever possible, turn off the T.V., don't answer the phone, don't be available to others, put down the newspaper, and avoid multitasking like driving, working or emailing while you're speaking to each other. Give your son your full attention!
4. Speak from your experience. Express your feelings and thoughts rather than your opinions, criticism, judgment, beliefs, or advice.
5. Don't interrupt. Let your son finish what he's saying before you take your turn. The more complete they feel with what he has to say, the more open and interested in what you have to say he'll be.
6. You can be right or you can relate. Resist the temptation to take issue with something you disagree with. Rather than making your son wrong ("That's not what happened,") let them know your perspective, such as "The way I remember it was..." And keep in mind that it's likely that there's some truth and some distortion in each of your perspectives. Remember: not disagreeing with someone does not mean that you agree with them.
7. Thank your son for accepting your request to talk and find something positive to acknowledge him for, even if it's just his willingness to have engaged in this conversation with you..
8. Keep the dialogue alive. If you run out of time before you both feel complete with the conversation, try to create an agreement to resume it at another time. If possible, be specific about when.

Following these guidelines won't guarantee a successful result every time, but doing so will make that outcome more likely. Non-reactive listening and non-blaming speaking are learned skills that can be cultivated with practise. If you're like most people, you have no shortage of practise opportunities in your life. Take advantage of them and enjoy the process!

THE CITY OF STONNINGTON AND EAST MALVERN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENTS ... SMART GENERATION PANEL

Did you know? Children who start drinking alcohol early: are less likely to finish school; are more likely to suffer depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and ADHD; are more likely to experience problems with alcohol in their adulthood; and may actually be doing permanent damage to their brains.

Panel Members

- Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist and fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and Education Development at the University of Melbourne.
- Professor John Toumbourou is the chair in health psychology at Deakin University, Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Adolescent Health, Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Royal Children's Hospital.
- Danny Alcock is the community services manager for Taskforce, a leading drug and alcohol agency.
- Paul Kelly and Karolyn Formosa are the local youth resource officers from Prahran Police.

Having a conversation with your children about alcohol can be difficult and confronting. It is important to do, as it will help them stay safe now and be smarter, healthier and happier in the future. The Smart Generation panel will look at how we can help our children understand the risks of drinking alcohol before the legal age of 18.

When: Tuesday 23rd July 2013

Time: 7:15pm arrival for 7:30pm start, ends 9pm

Where: East Malvern Junior Football Club, Dunlop Pavilion, Moira Street, East Malvern

RSVP: Friday 19th July 2013, www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/events To help guide the panel discussions, please email your question in advance to - csingh@stonnington.vic.gov.au

Student Services cont...

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the 'direct deposit' or 'pay direct to school' payment option on their application form. Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Parents/guardians who have recently become eligible for EMA, or did not submit an application form at the start of the year, may submit an application form. **Applications close on 2 August 2013.**

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

EMA application forms can be obtained from Mrs Mill in T 38.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT CONTACTS:

Kids Help Line (24hrs)	1800 55 1800
Life Line (24hrs)	13 11 14
Grief line	9596 7799
Gay and Lesbian Switchboard	9827 8544
Drug and Alcohol 'Direct Line'	1800 888 236
Reach Out	www.reachout.com.au
Kids Help Line 1800 551 800	www.kidshelp.com.au
Headspace on line	www.eheadspace.org.au/

If you see or experience bullying at school, report it via our online reporting form. The form can be found at <http://bit.ly/mhsbrf>



Open Days 2013:

Term 3 is one of the busiest in the year. Year 12 students need to lodge their preferences into VTAC, interstate or overseas, Year 11s need to review their current program of study and Year 10s need to plan their VCE program. To help facilitate all these important decisions, all tertiary institutions provide Open Day activities. These days are important to attend as they give students the opportunity to speak directly to lecturers and current students and investigate not only the differences between courses but also the institutions. I have included a list of the major university and TAFE open days in this newsletter. All years 11 and 12 students will be provided with a more detailed list, which is also available on the MHS app and MHS Connect. Open Day handbooks and information is available online at individual institutional web sites.

Important Dates in Term 3:

Thursday	18 July:	Year 9 parents: PACTS Program 3 starts
Monday	22 July:	Monash University visit to MHS (lunchtime)
Thursday	25 July:	Year 9 parents: PACTS Program 3 ends
Wednesday	31 July:	UMAT Test takes place
Wednesday	7 August:	Year 10 to VCE info sessions commence
Wednesday	7 August:	Year 10 to VCE parent and student information evening
Monday	12 August:	University of Melbourne visit to MHS (lunchtime)
Monday	12 August:	Year 12 VTAC briefings commence
Wednesday	14 August:	Year 12 parent information post secondary options evening

For further information please contact Annette Travers on 9823 7113 or Email: travers.annette.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

VTAC Guide 2014:

VTAC Guide 2014 will be available from all newsagents **from Monday 29 July**. All Year 12 students at MHS will receive their own copy of the VTAC guide. Reference copies of interstate guides will be available in the careers room or the library. The Year 12 parent information post secondary options evening will take place on **Wednesday 14 August**.

Details about Victorian courses will only be available online on the VTAC web site.

Important Tertiary Application Dates 2013/2014:

05/08/2013	VTAC applications open
05/08/2013	VTAC scholarship applications open
05/08/2013	Special entry access schemes (SEAS) applications open
27/09/2013	VTAC timely applications close
08/10/2013	Special entry access schemes (SEAS) applications close
18/10/2013	VTAC scholarship applications close
08/11/2013	VTAC late applications close
25/11/2013	Change of preference period starts
16/12/2013	VCE results & ATAR released
17/12/2013	VCE & ATAR statements in mail
23/12/2013	Change of preference period closes (12pm)
17/01/2014	VTAC offers available: Round 1
23/01/2014	Enrolments open
06/02/2014	VTAC offers available: Round 2

Please note there is a change of preference period from 5 August till 25 October to allow students, who have paid the full processing fee, to change or add preferences which they may not be able to add in December.



University Visits to MHS:

Over the next month a number of universities will be visiting Melbourne High School at lunchtime. These visits will provide students in years 10, 11 and 12 an opportunity to learn more about the various faculties and courses at each university. Students will have an opportunity to attend two presentations on each day.



Monday 22 July: Monash University
Monday 12 August: University of Melbourne



Work Experience Terms 2 & 3

Approximately 100 students did a work experience placement during the Term 2 holidays. Students who participated in work experience during the holidays must ensure they submit their yellow reflection form to T39 as soon as possible.

The cut off date for the **Term 3 holidays is Friday 30 August 2013**. Students must submit the work experience placement information form by this date.

Year 11 students, who have not yet completed their compulsory work experience placement are reminded that this is their last opportunity to complete their placement in time.

SAT Information:

Students interested in studying in the USA need to sit the SAT exam prior to applying. Information and dates for the next cycle of SAT exams are now available on the College Board web site at: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>



The USA university application process officially opens in August.

Students interested in applying to the UK can now start their UCAS applications but must see Mrs Travers in order to get the 'Buzz Work'.

Herald Sun Career Expo:

The Herald Sun Career Expo includes free seminars, career counselling, resume advice, activities and over 150 exhibitors.

Dates & Times: Friday 16 August: 10am - 3pm; Saturday 17 August: 10am - 4pm; Sunday 18 August: 10am - 4pm

Venue: Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Clarendon Street, Southbank, Victoria

Admission Prices: Adults - \$12; Student & Concessions - \$6; Families - 2 Adults & up to 3 children - \$26.

Free Admission tickets are available online.

For further information visit: <http://www.careerexpo.com.au/>



Deakin University Parent Information Evening:

Deakin's parent information evening will provide parents and students with an opportunity to chat with current Deakin staff and students about courses, graduate outcomes, scholarships, pathways and support services, including their experience of university life as well as learn more about the VTAC application process (how to apply and key dates) and the cost of university, financial assistance, including the new changes to Youth Allowance.



Date: Wednesday 24 July **Time:** 6.00pm - 8.00pm **Venue:** Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood
Date: Wednesday 11 September **Time:** 6.00pm - 8.00pm **Venue:** Deakin University, Geelong, Waterfront Campus

For further information or register attendance go to: www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents/parents-info.php

For further information on any item above email Annette Travers at: travers.annette.a@edumail.vic.gov.au



University & TAFE Open Days 2013

DATE	INSTITUTION / CAMPUS	TIME
03/08/2013	Monash University: Berwick & Peninsula	10.00 - 4.00
04/08/2013	Monash University: Clayton, Caulfield & Parkville	10.00 - 4.00
04/08/2013	Deakin University: Warrnambool	9.00 - 2.00
04/08/2013	Swinburne University of Technology: Hawthorn	10.00 – 4.00
04/08/2013	University of Queensland: St Lucia campus	9.00 - 3.00
11/08/2013	ACU National: Melbourne	10.00 - 4.00
11/08/2013	Deakin University: Geelong & Waterfront	9.00 – 3.00
11/08/2013	Griffith University: Nathan, Gold Coast & South Bank Campuses	9.00 – 2.00
11/08/2013	RMIT University: Brunswick, Bundoora &City	10.00 – 4.00
16 & 17/08/2013	Flinders University	9.30 – 4.00
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25/08/2013	ACU National: Ballarat (Aquinas Campus)	10.00 - 3.00
25/08/2013	Box Hill Institute: Elgar, Nelson & Whitehorse	10.00 - 3.00
25/08/2013	Deakin University: Melbourne (Burwood)	9.00 - 4.00
25/08/2013	James Cook University: Cairns	10.00 – 2.00
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25/08/2013	Monash University / University of Ballarat: Gippsland	10.00 – 4.00
25/08/2013	University of Ballarat: Mt Helen & Camp Street Campuses	10.00 - 3.00
25/08/2013	Victoria University: Footscray Campus	10.00 – 4.00
25/08/2013	University of Tasmania: Hobart, Launceston & Cradle Coast Campuses	10.00 – 3.00
25/08/2013	William Angliss Institute of TAFE	10.00 - 4.00
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31/08/2013	University of Canberra	9.00 – 4.00
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31/08/2013	University of Sydney	9.30 – 4.00
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