



Sandringham College VCAL Parent & Student Newsletter

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Term 3

Students have quickly settled into Semester Two. Most have elected to do a new PD (Personal Development) unit and some a new VCE unit. Semester One reports were distributed on the last day of Term Two and are available from me if absent on that day.

Staffing

Jeff Miller, has retired and while we will miss him, we wish him well! **Connie Vards** has replaced him. She is an experienced Design and Technology teacher and will bring a lot of enthusiasm and energy to the area. There is the opportunity for those students who would like to do 'The Shed' as well as their PD unit, to do both as we have scheduled an extra class Session 3 on Monday. Although the student would not get credit for the unit, they would get the opportunity to develop some new skills in another area. If interested please see me.

Attendance

With the new semester, **student attendance record** in each subject begins again. Just a reminder that students are ineligible to pass a unit if they exceed **5** absences in a unit. If a student is away they are required to bring a **note** or **doctors certificate within 5 working days**, and leave it in the green box on my desk so that the absence can be processed as "**Approved**" in Rollcall. This is important, so that I can monitor students attendance and also may support their case if there is a problem at the end of the unit and the student is seeking 'Redemption'. Please contact me if you require further clarification.

End of the Year Arrangements

I have included some important dates for you to note in the right column. In particular, I draw Yr 12 parents' attention to **Graduation Night** on Monday October 25 which is a fantastic occasion to mark the successful conclusion of 13 years of school and the beginning of further education and work.

Yr 11 VCE students will participate in a 9 day Headstart program in November to prepare them for Yr 12 VCE and VCAL students will be able to work: full time, casual, community volunteer work or work placement. The absolute majority of VCAL students would benefit and prefer to be out of the classroom and working during this time, however if your son or daughter would prefer to participate in the Headstart program then ask them to see me.

Important Dates

VCAL Celebration Day-
Thursday October 14

VCAL Yr 12 Last Day
Thursday October 14

Yr 12 Sandringham VCE &
VCAL Graduation Night
Monday October 25
Kingston Town Hall

VCAL Yr 11 Last Day
Thursday November 4

VCAL Re-enrolment
Interviews
Yr 11 moving to 12 students
November 8-12

Yr 11 VCE Exam Week
November 8-12

Yr 11 VCE Head Start
Program
November 16-26.

Yr 11 VCAL Work Program
November 16-26



Work Related Skills

All students should now be working one day a week. Most already have part time work, and several have begun work placements. We have spent Semester One preparing students for this– working on resumes, job seeking and interview workshops, but if your son or daughter still requires assistance with this please let me know.

A reminder that students must complete the Structured Workplace Learning paperwork (available from Jenny Marks or myself), have it completed by the employer, parent and student then return it to Jenny **before they begin work**. This is imperative so that the student and employer is covered legally in the workplace.

If a student works casually and is paid 'Award wage' it is not necessary to do the paperwork as the student is an employee and covered under Workcover. This is not the case if the student receives 'cash' though– and I have explained to students the risks they take in this situation. These students should complete the Structured Workplace Learning paperwork so that they have legal cover should they require it.

In the WRS classroom, Yr 11 students are doing a community project in the first part of Term 3 and then the emphasis is on Careers Pathways.

In Yr 12 we will be concentrating on Career Pathways and Jeni Ritterman and I will be helping students with their transition to work and training at the end of this year.

Mary Licciardo from Youth Connect will come into the Yr 12 Work Skills class in August to run some workshops to assist students with APPRENTICESHIPS and SEEKING EMPLOYMENT.

VET & Careers

Jenny Marks is the VET Coordinator and any VET or ASBA queries should be directed to her.

VCAL students must pass their VET to achieve their VCAL so it is important to solve any problems as soon as they may arise. She is the person to see if you are away from VET or have any queries, problems, comments related to VET.

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All students should make an appointment to see Jeni Ritterman in their spare time or lunch time. An appointment sheet is outside the Careers Room.

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Photos from Term 2...



A copy of the publication, students produced in 'The Beat'.



Robbie and Matt composing.



Erin composing on the piano in 'The Beat' in Semester One



Mitch conquers the hills in boot camp



Beginnings of the mural



Sean and Richard in Healthy Me

Applied Learning Awards 2010 Bayside, Glen Eira & Kingston Region

The 2010 Applied Learning Awards recognise the outstanding efforts of secondary students undertaking applied learning programs (VCAL, VET or School –based Apprenticeship and Traineeships) secondary schools offering applied learning programs and business that provide students with workplace experiences.

Sandringham College has nominated the following VCAL students for their outstanding participation in the following programs. Congratulations and Good Luck!!

- Jordan Bender– Work Skills**
- Monique Van der Peet– Work Skills**
- Emily Bowles—Literacy**
- Adam Pollack– Personal Development**
- Byron Hughes—Personal Development**

