



Sandringham College VCAL Parent & Student Newsletter

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Yr 12 Graduation Night

Please mark **Monday October 25** in your diary as **Yr 12 Graduation Night**.

We hope to see all Yr 12 students and their parents at Graduation as it is a significant milestone in one's life and an important acknowledgement of 13 years of education.

Tickets are available from the Campus Office. Parents and guests are required to purchase tickets (\$7.50), students simply need to indicate they are attending, but it is an expectation that all graduating Yr 12 students attend.

Celebration Day

We have planned a **VCAL Celebration Day** on Thursday October 14 to acknowledge the many achievements of our students in 2010. The list is long but some include:

- Public Art Mural in canteen area designed and painted by Vis Com students
- SynFM Detention Radio show by My Melbourne students (Personal Development)
- Inspiring poetry and insightful personal reflections (moviemaker) presented in Literacy
- Various catering activities: primary school visit, hot dog stall, campus barbeque, pancake sale.
- Community activities: food drive, jewellery sale.

On **Thursday October 14** students will make their own way to **Galactic Circus/M9 Laser Skirmish & Kingpin Bowling at the Crown Complex at Southbank**. Students must meet at **9.45** am so will need to make allowances for this in their travel plans (for example if travelling from Sandringham, students will need to leave about 8.30).

Students will participate in some activities followed by some finger food and an informal awards ceremony. They will be dismissed at about 2.00 and are not required back at school on that day. The cost is \$10.00 and should be paid to the Campus Office. A letter detailing the excursion with a permission slip has been issued to all students.

Applied Learning Awards

Once again, congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for the Applied Learning Awards established by Youth Connect and the BGK LLEN. An independent panel of judges representing peak industry associations, education departments and local government will assess all nominees and select winners. An Awards Ceremony will be held on 12 October 2010 at Woodlands Golf Club.

Good luck to: Byron Hughes, Adam Pollack, Emily Bowles, Monique Van Der Peet, and Jordan Bender

The College has also been nominated for three awards: Experienced VCAL Provider, Experienced VET Access & Experienced VET Delivery.

Important Dates

VCAL Celebration Day-
Galactic Circus. 10am
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 of classes
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

Reenrolment Interviews and Yr 12 Classes 2011



Yr 11 students will finish classes on **November 4**, and if returning in 2011 will need to be available for a re-enrolment interview from Monday 8th - Thursday 11th November.

There will only be two Yr 12 VCAL classes in 2011, and at this point there are **many more applicants than positions** for the program, and External students that are applying for a position too. I have warned some students who have not performed this year that unfortunately their position in the program is not guaranteed at this stage and they will need to be considering other options for 2011.

All students who have applied to do VCAL at Sandringham in 2011 have to meet the following Selection Criteria.

Criteria for VCAL Applicants

1	Yr 10 pass. Student must have passed <u>at least</u> 80% of subjects studied (including a unit of English).	
2	Satisfactory Reports. The student's <u>last two reports</u> should reflect consistent application, respectful attitude to teachers and peers and acceptable behaviour.	
3	Vocational Focus. Student should be able to articulate their vocational focus and pathway and demonstrate that this is genuine.	
4	Applied Learner. Student need to show that he/she involves him/ herself in projects and work effectively in teams. He/she needs to be able to self initiate and organise him/herself.	
5	Community and Social Awareness. Student needs to demonstrate a capacity to function cooperatively and effectively in various community settings and have reasonable social skills- communication, respect and empathy.	
6	Referee. Student will need to provide the name of their last Coordinator, so that a Coordinator from Sandringham College can contact them to discuss the student's history and transition.	

Factors that strengthen application

1	Part time job. Student is employed in regular part time work or has a School Based Apprenticeship or Work Placement organised.	
2	Community work. Student has demonstrated a capacity to involve him or herself in community or volunteer work.	

While it is unfortunate that we cannot accommodate all that apply for a position it is a testament to the fantastic VCAL program we offer and the exceptional job our patient and talented staff do. It also ensures that we have motivated and accountable students in the program seizing the opportunities they are presented with.

