From the Principal

Year 10 students were involved in a successful Confident Job Seekers Program last week that was developed in consultation with Valley Community Financial Services. The working team of six that included DVC staff and a representative group from VCFS planned a program to support students in broadening their knowledge of employment opportunities in the local community and an opportunity to speak to employees about their journey and advice on varying pathway options. VCFS are to be commended for putting together such a valuable forum and for getting so many employees involved. On behalf of the college I would like to thank Rob Charlesworth, Malcolm Hackett, Carol Jenkinson and Daryl Brook for working with us to develop a wonderful initiative and for giving up so much of their time to make it happen.

Congratulations to the dedicated team who organised the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) celebrations that were held in the courtyard. There was music, face painting, rainbow coloured food and other fun activities. Representatives from Banyule and Nillumbik council supported the day along with a number of staff. The students were keen to support IDAHOBIT and came up with a range of ideas to make the day successful. Well done to them for showing initiative and supporting diversity, they are true leaders in our school community.

Student safety is always important to us, not only at school but as they travel to and from school. Can I ask that parents who support their children to ride bikes to school discuss the need for care and safety? Several concerning incidents have occurred recently, where young people have placed themselves and others at risk. Can you remind them that helmets are legislated and that penalties apply, to use bike lanes and tracks where possible and if required to ride on the road to be wary of their surroundings. We do not want anyone to be injured, particularly when, with a few precautions, accidents can be prevented.

There are number of activities and excursions on the calendar and it is timely to remind students and parents that all excursions will have a dress code. It is very unusual for any excursion to permit students to be out of uniform and if so, this will be communicated via COMPASS. It is an expectation that students be in full school uniform at school and when representing the college outside of school. We want students to be involved in these activities and they understand the college’s expectations in regards to uniform. If they are not meeting the expected dress code they will be asked to address the issue, for example removing a hoodie, wearing the correct shoes, not wearing headphones. We do however reserve the right to exclude a student from an excursion if the issue cannot be resolved. Everyone’s cooperation is required in this matter.

Allison Bennett
Principal

College Working Bee
Saturday 20 May
9am - 1pm
BBQ lunch provided

Students enjoying IDAHOBIT activities
Year 10 Confident Job Seeker Program Careers Expo Monday 8 May 2017

Diamond Valley College in conjunction with Valley Community Financial Services organised and held a Careers Expo for Year 10 students on Monday 8 May from 1.30pm-3pm in the Bendigo Bank Community Centre. The Expo featured over 40 employers from the local area who generously donated their time and expertise to meet students to discuss local employment opportunities and careers in several different industry sectors.

All Year 10 students at Diamond Valley College had the opportunity to participate in an incursion to meet local employers to explore local employment options. Students were able to speak to real employers to get a sense of what the industry is really like and pathways to work in the industry.

The Expo provided students with a real sense of what jobs are on offer in the immediate area so they can consider working locally. The Expo provided local employers an opportunity to make contact with real students so they can look to employing more local students - opening up opportunities for Work Experience, Part Time and Full Time employment.

Diamond Valley College would like to thank the following for their contribution to what was a very successful event.

- Appret Café
- Bell's Best Cuts
- Gigliola Boutique Fashion
- Flight Centre
- Lush Skin & Body
- Apteds Farm Services
- Panorama Coaches
- Lloyd Plumbing
- Diamond Valley Auto Care
- Rainbow Plumbtec
- Bayford Ford Dealerships
- Technika
- RadTest
- J-Fit Transformations
- Husk Beauty
- Intelligent Fitness
- CLG Electrics
- Daryl Brooke & Associates
- Light Fusion
- One and Syd
- Aralen
- Transform Homes

- VCFS
- Victoria Police
- Nillumbik Shire Council
- Melbourne Polytechnic
- Mason White McDougall
- Alta Financial Planning
- Bendigo Community Bank
- Central Mortgage
- Marendaz Accountants
- Craig Byatt Architect
- Peter Richards Surveyor
On Friday 5 May DVC held the launch of our new Girls AFL Academy. For those of you who don't know we are currently in the process of starting a girls footy program. The Girls’ Australian Rules Football Academy at Diamond Valley College offers students in Years7-9 access to a high performance football training system, whilst participating in a comprehensive academic program. On the day hundreds of girls from the surrounding primary schools turned up for a day of fun footy activities. They also got to meet a few female footy players. The girls were more than happy to answer any questions the students had and to sign anything they could get their hands on, although they weren't allowed to get their school uniforms signed. A few students got pretty creative and got their shoes signed. They also got free sausages which they all loved. I spoke to a few students and their responses were pretty unanimous, THEY LOVED IT!!! One of my favourite responses was from Amber who is in Grade 5 at Diamond Creek East Primary School said “It’s been a lot of fun plus we’re getting out of school work”. The other girls agreed with that too. Overall it was a great start to the Girls AFL Academy.

Shelby Purcell
College Reporter

International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia
This has been written by Guido Bodini our current Italian Language Assistant.

ROSE MARASCO
ITALIAN DOMAIN LEADER

Durante queste prime settimane ho avuto modo di notare varie differenze tra la scuola italiana e quella australiana. Credo che la più significativa riguardi il sistema scolastico nella sua struttura: in Italia, dopo gli anni delle elementari, sono previsti tre anni di scuola media dove l'insegnamento è uguale per tutti, ossia non cambia da scuola a scuola. Dopo le medie lo studente sceglie un liceo la durata di cinque anni. Esistono vari tipi di licei a seconda delle materie insegnate: in un liceo scientifico viene data la prevalenza a materie scientifiche come matematica e fisica mentre in un liceo linguistico si ha la possibilità di studiare più lingue straniere. In Australia, invece, gli studenti scelgono le materie che vogliono studiare e sono più autonomi nella gestione del loro percorso scolastico. Un'altra differenza riguarda lo sport: nelle scuole italiane non ha molta rilevanza e l'attività sportiva viene generalmente svolta fuori dal contesto scolastico. Qui in Australia, invece, ho notato che le scuole sono molto attrezzate per vari tipi di sport. Queste sono solo alcune delle differenze che ho trovato ma sono sicuro che avrò modo di scoprirne altre durante la mia permanenza.

GUIDO BODINI
LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

THE GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club @ DVC is running again this year. This is its second year. More students have shown an interest in the club this year compared to last year. This is definitely a positive and the club hopes to achieve more than last year. At the start of the year the raised garden beds were overgrown with weeds and had to be cleared. Thanks to Keith the Maintenance man at DVC who brought a wheelbarrow and helped to remove the weeds. The soil had hardened since last year and had to be raked gently with a small hand fork. We were then set to go. Every Friday during lunchtime a number of students came to plant the bulbs and corms of a variety of flowers. The members of the club are mainly Year 12 students who are prepared to sacrifice a little of their time to maintain the flower garden at DVC to keep the school looking its best. There are also members from Year 11 and Year 10. The students planted Daffodils, Ranunculus, Freesias, Dutch Iris, Anemone and Tulips.

Thank you to Cooper, Chris, Jake, Sarah, Cassie, Ian, Julian, Darcy, Teagan and others who came to help. At the last meeting club members came up with lots of great ideas for next projects. There are two more garden beds that need weeding & digging over. Seeding potatoes have been ordered and when they arrive we will need helpers to put them into the ground.

Andrew Budisa.
Teacher
A group of 24 students in Year 10 attended the Bogong Outdoor School program during the first week of May. Based at Bogong Village the experience presented many challenges, including an overnight camp out on the High Plains. After dinner we realised that it wasn’t a light shower falling, but snow, which sent us all off to bed by 8.30 pm. We heard next day that the thermometer had dropped to -5°C and we woke to a clear and crisp morning with the snow cover lasting until well into the day. A day of navigating across the alpine meadows under sunny skies followed. Other activities included rock climbing, abseiling and pioneering. An encounter with some sugar gliders was also a highlight.

An important part of the program involves students considering how their actions impact the planet, and they were invited to choose goals to live a more sustainable lifestyle. Simple actions like turning off unused switches, choosing food that is in season and reducing packaging waste can have a major impact on the environment. A meat-free meal was also something new to some students. Everyone involved found the trip both enjoyable and challenging, and gained valuable teamwork and leadership skills.
Check out these New Titles

**Hotaka by John Heffernan**
‘Where’s the water going?’ Takeshi yelled. ‘Out to sea,’ Hotaka replied. ‘Grandpa says it’s what happens just before a tsunami hits.’ Beyond the headlands, a thick white line was coming rapidly closer. Beneath it was something huge and grey. And then it was there – terrifyingly there. Hotaka threw his hand to his mouth. When the tsunami strikes the Japanese coastal town of Omori-wan, the effects are utterly devastating.

**Different Seasons by Stephen King**
There is a reason why Stephen King is one of the bestselling writers in the world, ever. A master of the short narrative form. King knows how to write stories that draw you in and are impossible to put down. His story collections have been described in the Sunday Telegraph as mysterious, gripping and satisfyingly scary. They have also been adapted into classic films including: The Shawshank Redemption and Stand by me.

**Don’t Lie to Me**
Robbie Wilkins by Michelle Gayle
OMG! My bum looks huge in this LBD!
Minutes away from a date with Robbie Wikins.
Him: The buffest Premiership footballer around.
Me: Now officially an elephant
I can’t believe I snogged him on my 17th birthday

**Trouble Tomorrow**
by Terry Whitebeach and Sarafino Enadio
Obulejo dreams he is with his friend Riti, hauling in spangled fish, his dusty feet cooled by the tumbling waters of the Kinyeti River. Tat-tat-tat-tat! Brrrrm! Rrrrr! Ul-lu-lu-lu-lah!
Obulejo slams awake, heart racing, and scrambles up off his mat. Gunshots and screams jab the air. Flashes of light pierce the darkness. The Rebels!
Obulejo’s family has already been torn apart by the civil war in Sudan when the Rebels come again. It’s night; Obulejo wakes in his boarding school to the sound of machine guns and people screaming. He does the only thing he can – he runs for his life, knowing that if the Rebels catch him, they will make him go to war.

ROBOTS AND MICROCONTROLLERS

Diamond Valley College’s “Robots and Microcontrollers” on Display

Students models were displayed last week at DVC for 20 visiting teachers from Primary and Secondary schools from the Banyule/ Nillumbik Teachers Network. I also presented a theory and practical workshop at the Annual Design and Technology Teachers Association of Victoria (DATTA Vic), last weekend at Harvester College, Sunshine. The models are also on display at the Eltham Library for the entire month of May. I will be also presenting our student’s projects to the Craft Club at the Eltham Library 4-5 pm this Tuesday. It has been a busy month but great to showcase some of the great student projects to the wider community.

Pat McMahon
Design and Technology Teacher
DVC Art and Music Expo
15th June 2017

The Year 10 High Resolves Team are hosting an Art and Music Expo on **Thursday the 15th of June**.

Throughout lunchtime and part of session 5, the courtyard will be alive with live music, art competitions, art displays, food for sale and various activities.

This event will give students the ability to display their creative talents and maybe even earn some money. We want to celebrate DVC’s talents and skills!

If you would like to feature your creative talents during the day by hosting your own stall please contact either:

Nick Currie - Event Organiser: cur0007@dvallcoll.vic.edu.au
Mel Boulton - High Resolves Teacher: melinda.boulton@dvallcoll.vic.edu.au
It’s been a great year so far for the Music Program at DVC. We’ve seen a growth each year in the numbers of students enrolling to play instruments and it’s amazing to see and hear what our bands are now capable of!

This shot is of our Concert Band in rehearsal mode. We rehearse each Friday Lunch time and are currently gearing up for the Performing Arts Night happening on Wednesday 14 June.

Performing Arts Night Semester 1 2017 – Wednesday 14 June 2017

Performing Arts Night is always an entertaining evening featuring our dedicated Performing Arts students. This year will see the debut performance of the Concert Band, our biggest ensemble at the school, with the widest array of repertoire and instruments. Soloists and small ensemble groups will also fill out this unmissable evening.

All students enrolled in ensembles will be performing on this evening so make sure to put this date away in your planner to come along and support our Music Program!

DVC IS RAISING FUNDS - HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help us raise funds for our School by buying an Entertainment Membership from us. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

Diamond Valley College
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
YMCA centres across Australia are partnering with the Australian Government to encourage more young girls to get active by supporting the ‘Girls Make Your Move’ campaign.

From Saturday 1 April – Friday 30 June 2017, girls aged 12-19 years can take advantage of 30 days free access to YMCA health and fitness centres and participating wellness programs.

The initiative is about inspiring girls to find physical activities they enjoy and encouraging them to live a healthier life. Recent studies show young girls are twice as likely as boys to be inactive and that they experience more barriers preventing them from being as physically active.

We have over 30 YMCA-managed centres across Victoria that want to give your female students the chance to get active in a safe, encouraging and professional environment. It is our hope that girls all over our state will take up this offer and get active, particularly in our group fitness classes.

The YMCA is a community not-for-profit organisation focused on helping people to be healthier and happier. The YMCA in Australia believes in the power of inspiring young people and provides opportunities for them to be their best.

Go to [australia.gov.au/girlsmove](http://australia.gov.au/girlsmove) to find your local participating gym and get moving for free.
IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

OVERDUE BUS FEES

A NEW BUS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY YEAR
HAVE YOU DONE YOURS?

PLEASE NOTE TERM 2 FEES ARE NOW
OVERDUE.

Students with outstanding bus fees or
no Application to Travel will not be permitted to travel as of

Please contact Roz on 9438 1411 if you are not sure.

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

Please note, your child will not be permitted travel on a different bus without your permission and a note to the co-ordinator
stating that you are aware of the arrangement along with a $2 fee. This note should be given to the Bus co-ordinator the day prior
to travel. Should prior permission not be sought, your child may not be allowed travel and you will need to make alternative
arrangements.

There are still a large number of students continuing to travel without their bus passes.

As previously mentioned it is a condition of travel that all students using the Diamond Valley College Bus Network complete an
Application to Travel form every year and carry a valid pass with them at all times. If you have not completed an Application to
Travel 2017 or have not paid the appropriate fee your child will not be able to travel after Wednesday 24 May 2017.

Students detected without their pass on more than three occasions will be given an afterschool detention, this will continue
throughout the school year. Parents will need to make alternative arrangements for their child to be collected after the detention.
Students who have not completed an Application to Travel 2017 are unable to access the College Bus Network.

Please ensure your child has a valid bus pass with them at ALL times.

Please contact Roz on 9438 1411.

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**Family Occupation Codes**

Next week we will be seeking your assistance in updating our records regarding Family Occupation Codes.

Please watch out for the COMPASS notification and complete the form and return it at your earliest convenience

Karen Baker
Business Manager

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**IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES**

**Term 2 2017**

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Messy Play Day!

10am – 1pm
Saturday 3rd June

Experience the messiest fun at kindergarten! Mud, slime, paint and more!
Ideal for children aged 2 to 6.

For more information call 9438 2663
or the Enrolment Officer on 0402 129 644

28 Coniston Street, Diamond Creek

free fun slime mud paint

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TOWN & COUNTRY CONNECT

Do you know what local community groups can offer you and your family?

Come along to Town & Country Connect.
Chat to representatives from a range of organisations from Hurstbridge and rural
Nillumbik all in one area

When: Saturday 20 May 2017
Time: 10am – 4pm
Where: Hurstbridge Community Hub,
and surrounds
Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge
(sausage sizzle available to purchase)

For information go to Facebook – Town & Country Connect or call 1300 141 446

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COMMUNITY WELLBEING
EXPO 21 MAY 2017

10AM – 3PM | ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL | 30-60 WITHERS WAY
FREE TO ATTEND | EVERYONE IS WELCOME

DISCOVER THE AMAZING ARRAY
OF LOCAL ACTIVITIES, GROUPS
AND SERVICES THAT CAN
SUPPORT YOUR WELLBEING

Featuring guest speakers, presentations
and demonstrations, healthy food stalls,
giveaways, a ‘kids zone’ and more!

healthability.org.au/wellbeingexpo

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Major Event Sponsor

Melbourne Polytechnic
Parenting Anxious Children Seminar  
Tuesday 6th June 2017 – 7.00pm – 9.30pm  
Balwyn Community Centre – 412 Whitehorse Rd. Surrey Hills

Does your child worry and feel anxious at times?  
Would you like to gain a greater understanding of anxiety and learn some helpful strategies to support them?

Children worry about many different things. Learning to cope with their anxiety, stress and fear can be really difficult indeed, not only for them, but for also for the parents and family. Developing an understanding of anxiety and learning some skills to manage it can make a significant difference to a family and can help empower children to have a sense of control in handling their own worries.

The Anxiety Recovery Centre of Victoria (ARCVic), a specialist state-wide mental health organization, is passionate about supporting and educating parents so that they feel able to help their children.

Join our relaxed and informative seminar which includes:  
- Understanding anxiety and normal childhood development  
- How personality and environment contribute  
- Different types of anxiety  
- The signs and symptoms for you and your children  
- Management methods and strategies for you and your children  
- Relaxation techniques with tips on building resilience  
- Where to go for more information and help and take home material

Cost: $20.00 or $10.00 for ARCVic members  
To book contact ARCVic office (03)98300566 or register online at www.arcvic.org.au

For further information contact Lisa Wolfenden or the ARCVic Office – 9830 0566  
email: lwolfenden@arcvic.org.au  
web: www.arcvic.org.au