

DVC NEWS

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Important College Dates

2019 TERM 2

- 9th May Yr 11 Information Night Parents
- 30th May DVC Music Concert

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It is a pleasure to be back at Diamond Valley College after an extended break in Term 1. I would like to sincerely thank all the well-wishers, it really made the difference in my recovery and preparation for a return to work. It is lovely to know that you are missed.

Thank you to Steve Chapman, who interrupted his long service leave to stand in as Acting Principal; to Justin Matt for taking on a much larger work load than anticipated and to the Leadership team who all stepped up in my absence. It was a team effort and they did a great job in what is a very busy term in schools.

Since my return, I am sharing the tours of the College. It is wonderful to see so much interest in the College. Our tours are regularly booked out for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, so we have had to introduce a tour on Friday mornings as well. Our Information Evening was also booked out for this week. If you know of any families keen to tour our College and are struggling to book a time, encourage them to contact the General Office and we will work together to accommodate them.

The students at this time of year always amaze me. It is a busy time academically and there is pressure on all year levels to do their very best. Yet they always find time to volunteer, representing their College with pride. College Captains Oliver Greenall and Olivia Stewart attended the Diamond Creek ANZAC Day service, whilst many students attended the dawn service and other community services representing a range of organisations.

Again, as in previous years, our students are keen to present, perform and run tours at our Open Day and Information Evening. I must say I feel a bit redundant at times – the students are our best advocates. They speak with such pride of the opportunities available to them and really are impressive.

The recent study tour to Italy was a great success, and the students who attended had a wonderful time. The planning that goes on for months prior to trips like this is huge. Thank you to Rose Marasco and Claire Lee for all their work on behalf our students and to Sue Hamer for attending.

Coming up this term is NAPLAN testing for Years 7 and 9 students and I would like to take the opportunity to discuss the importance of this. Did you know that all Year 10 students in Australia are required to demonstrate minimum literacy and numeracy levels? Did you know that the judgment on whether a student is attaining this level is based on NAPLAN data at Year 9? Students this year who did not attain these levels in Year 9 2018 will this term be provided one on one support in an effort to reach national benchmarks. It is also possible that there will come a time when young people will need to demonstrate this level when applying for jobs, in particular apprenticeships where a Year 12 equivalent is not required.

What we have observed over the years is that some students do not necessarily try their best when completing NAPLAN testing, particularly at Year 9. I believe that the thinking surrounding NAPLAN is shifting and that while it is still in place as a comparison to national benchmarks, we must encourage our young people to do the best that they can. I am asking that you support this at home by discussing how accurate and successful NAPLAN results can be beneficial.

Some young people do experience anxiety when required to sit tests such as NAPLAN and we understand this. There is a formal process to withdraw students or alternatively to withhold their results (this means that data is available for teacher access only and not released to the individual or family). Please contact Alex Connor or Justin Matt to discuss this further.

Let's see if we can work together to get our students showing just how well they can achieve.

Allison Bennett

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The Tree Is Installed

Just recently, I received an email from Barbara Joyce, the visiting artist who conducted a FELT making workshop with my Year 8 Art students and my Years 11 and 12 Textiles students. As featured in a recent newsletter, the students produced beautifully bright leaves. The leaves were made to feature on a sculpted tree as part of the 10th anniversary of the Black Saturday fires; the leaf being a symbol of regeneration and new life.

“Dear Barbara,

I am pleased to let you know that the Tree to which the students from Diamond Valley College contributed, is installed in the foyer at Kinglake Ranges Children's Centre, 37-69 Extons Road, Kinglake Central.

All the student's felt leaves are attached to the Diamond Valley College branch. When we were adding the final touches to the tree, we saw the look of delight on children's faces and the staff were smiling at the new addition to their work-place. All the visitors to the Centre stopped to comment. One man who was passing through the foyer said, "I love this Tree".

Thank you for the students' time and contribution to this beautiful Tree and special thanks to you for allowing me into the Art and Textiles room. The staff at the Children's Centre are happy for people to visit the Tree in the foyer.”

Kind regards
Barbara Joyce

I had the privilege of visiting the Centre at the end of Term 1 and was proud to take photos of this beautiful tree. Not only is it a colourful addition to the foyer but the work all students from the local areas leading up to Kinglake is exquisite. I would highly recommend you visit the Centre if you are in the area.

Barbara Chiodo (Technology co-ordinator, Technology, Textiles and Art teacher)



ITALIAN AT DVC

STUDY TOUR OF ITALY 2019

On the 2nd of April 15 students and 3 teachers said goodbye to their families for 2 weeks. We flew a total of 21 hours into the heart of Rome, Italy. We stayed in Rome for 3 nights and we visited the Trevi Fountain, Colosseum, Roman Forum, Sistine Chapel and the Vatican. Our favourite place was the Vatican because of the talent and passion it would have taken to paint and decorate it.

After our amazing time in Rome, we started to make our way to Sorrento which is the second region of Italy that we visited. On our way there, we stopped in Naples, which is one of the major cities in Italy and is home to La Piazza Plebiscito. Luckily, we had the opportunity to do some shopping and eat the traditional Margherita pizza and gelato. The next day we visited Positano in the morning and Amalfi in the afternoon which were both amazing cities. Positano had very thin roads that wound around the cliff faces and gave the teachers anxiety. Amalfi had amazing views and had many lemon flavored products. In addition, we even had an opportunity to make pizzas in Naples on a farm with a traditional and authentic Italian speaking nonna teaching us to make the pizza dough.

As part of our adventure, on Monday 8th April we travelled to a small town called Avellino, a 1 hour bus ride from Sorrento, where we had the opportunity to meet our pen pals. The teachers from the Italian high school welcomed us with open arms and the students were very friendly and inviting. The students took us on an amazing tour around Avellino and then we went to lunch which they paid for. We made so many new friends and it was a wonderful experience for all of us.

Our next stop was Florence. We stayed in 'Hotel Corona'. During our stay, we shopped at the leather market, had a tour of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, walked around the streets of Florence and did a pasta making course, where we made pasta from scratch, and later ate it for dinner. We also caught a train from Florence to Pisa, to go and see the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa, which was very interesting.

On Saturday 13th April, we left Florence and next up on our journey was Venice, but before we arrived we took a quick stopover at the Carpigniani Gelato University. We had a tour of the museum where we learnt about the history of making gelato. We were divided into groups where everyone had an opportunity to make our own gelato which was wonderful. All of the flavours, lemon, pineapple, strawberry and kiwi were very yummy. By late afternoon we arrived in Venice. We visited Piazza San Marco, La Basilica, The Doges Palace, Burano, had a gondola ride and of course lots of shopping, eating scrumptious food and gelato and drinking the Italian traditional coffee.

We would like to say a big thanks to our teachers Rose, Sue and Claire for providing us with this wonderful opportunity.

WRITTEN BY JENNA SHARP, JAMISYN DI BENEDETTO AND GUY BREADEN (Year 9 students)



DIVISION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Division Swimming 2019 1 March 2019 at the Doncaster Aquarena

A very hot day and the longer events were not conducted. Diamond Valley finished in 5th place with 183 points.

Guy Breden Year 8, 14 Boys Breaststroke 1st 39.6, Freestyle 3rd 31.43, [Backstroke 2nd 36.65](#)

[Anjali Watson Year 11, 17 Girls Breaststroke 1st 45.08](#), Butterfly 1st 37.7, [Freestyle 1st 32.82](#), [Backstroke 1st 38.34](#)

[Paris O'Day Year 12, 20 Girls Breaststroke 2nd](#), Freestyle 1st 33.13, Backstroke 1st 38.69

Ruby Moore Year 8, 14 Girls Freestyle 4th

Will Duck Year 10, 16 Boys Freestyle 4th 36.8

Kate Wilson Year 10, 16 Girls Freestyle 6th 39.92

Charlotte Beddoe [year 8, 14 Girls Backstroke 1st 39.59](#), 15 Girls 200 Individual Medley 4th

20 Girls Medley Relay ([Charlotte, Anjali, Abbie Pearson, Paris](#)) 1st 2:46.21

14 Girls Freestyle Relay (Ava Waterson, Grace Davidson, Larni Bullock, Isabelle Clarke) 2nd 3:14.83

[20 Girls Freestyle Relay \(Charlotte, Anjali, Abbie Pearson, Paris\) 1st 2:21.51](#)

Thank you to Heidi Birrell and Tara Jones who helped officiate on the day.

Northern Metro Swimming 27 March 2019 at Watermarc Greensborough

Five students were able to progress to this competition by placing first or second in the Division Swimming.

Charlotte Beddoe 12-15 Girls 200 Freestyle 6th 2:50.74, 14 Girls Backstroke 3rd 38.38, 200 Individual Medley

Guy Breden 14 Boys Breaststroke 2nd 39.4, Backstroke 2nd 34.57

Anjali Watson 17 Girls Breaststroke 4th 44.9, Butterfly 2nd 36.22, 16-20 Girls 100 Freestyle 1:12.96, Freestyle 2nd 33.42, Backstroke 1st 37.64

Paris O'Day 20 Girls Breaststroke 2nd 42.42, Freestyle 2nd 32.29, Backstroke 2nd 38.21

20 Girls Medley Relay 3rd 2:40.98

20 Girls Freestyle Relay 2nd 2:20.72

Congratulations to all of the swimmers who all gained places in the first three in most of their events. Anjali has qualified for the State Final to be conducted at MSAC on Wednesday April 24 by winning the Backstroke event.



INTERMEDIATE BOYS FOOTBALL

Diamond Valley College fielded a strong team for the Intermediate Boys Football round. Although the play was limited by only having one oval free, we were able to get in two games. First up against Eltham and early on we were on level scores of a goal each, but Eltham settled in and continued to score and our boys didn't get the upper hand again. During the course of the day the weather went from sunny to windy to rainy and then the sun came out again. Having lost the first game we were matched up with Montmorency and the team was not so optimistic, but excelled themselves to go ahead and win by several goals, providing a satisfying end to the day's competition. Thanks to the team for their efforts, and especially to the non-players who came along to coach and referee.



YEAR 11 INFORMATION NIGHT

Information Night – Parents of Year 11 Students

How to Manage a VCE House - a workshop for parents. Presented by Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria

Thursday 9th May 6:30pm – 8:30pm in the Auditorium.

Topics to be covered:

- How to help your family's VCE student to stay healthy and productive when preparing for and sitting exams
- Maintaining healthy relationships
- How to offer practical and emotional support
- Maintaining a healthy productive brain
- Healthy sleep and recreation
- Managing the rest of the family during stressful times
- This workshop is part of the year 11 levy fees.

Contact Amanda Leveridge if you have any questions.

Year 11 Student Information

The "VCE—Mastering Stress Workshop" will be held during the school day on **8th May** for Year 11 students.

Topics to be covered:

- Learning strategies to reduce and manage stress and anxiety whilst studying for VCE.
- How to recognise when things are getting too much.
- How to plan your study time and improve problem solving.
- How to stay motivated and maintain a healthy mood.
- How to create your VCE study team.
- Where to get help.

This workshop is part of the Year 11 levy, so please ensure that has been paid to the General Office.

PINK DRESS DAY

On Thursday the 28th of March, Kayden B, Rex C, Harry C, Tom S and Myron M, students of the Year 10 High Resolves class hosted a Pink Dress Day in Diamond Valley College. This was a day where people could donate a gold coin to be able to come to school in free dress, wearing pink if they could. The turnout was good. We were all surprised that so many people wore pink to show their support for the McGrath Foundation. At lunch we refereed Dodgeball matches and sold pink coloured drinks in the courtyard. From this we managed to raise a WHOPPING \$663.65 which was all given to the McGrath Foundation to support Breast Cancer research.



TOP DESIGNS 2019

On Tuesday the 29th, the Year 11 and 12 Visual Communication Design (VCD) classes had the pleasure of visiting Top Designs 2019 at the Melbourne Museum.

The exhibition exhibits and celebrates the best folios and work of VCE and VET design students, offering inspiration to current students and work to motivate other young people studying these subjects to strive for excellence when completing their own tasks. We also attended a seminar where speakers from the design industry spoke to us about completing VCD in VCE, how to make the most of it and how design contributes to their lives and careers. This excursion was very beneficial and gave me inspiration for my folio and the design work to come throughout the rest of my schooling.

Elise Reuter

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STAFF RETIREMENT FUNCTION

Retirement Function

Please join us in honouring the service of long standing Diamond Valley College staff members:

Pat McMahon
Glenys Alexander
Annie Brownrigg
Enza Natalizio
Chris Misale

DATE: Thursday 23rd May, 2019

TIME: 5:30pm-8:00pm

VENUE: Montmorency RSL, Petrie Park, Mountain View Rd, Montmorency

COST: \$25pp includes finger food – drinks at bar prices

RSVP before Monday 13th May 2019

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LIBRARY NEWS

Find us on Instagram

We're excited to have an Instagram account for the library. Search for **DVC.library** and follow us to keep up with library news. You can keep tabs on library events, see new resources, and see pics of people doing cool library stuff.



Victorian Premier's reading challenge (VPRC)

The Premier's reading challenge is underway and we hope all students from year 7 – 10 are keeping track of their reading. DVC has an excellent track record with the VPRC and we hope to keep building the number of students who complete the challenge. All students from year 7-10 are now registered on the VPRC website – your registration details will be available soon.



New books in the library - Manga

We're building up our manga collection, with our latest purchase being books 1-23 of One Piece. This hilarious series follows a band of pirates lead by Monkey D. Luffy. Monkey sets off on an epic voyage with his madcap crew with the aim of finding the famous treasure 'One Piece' and becoming the king of the pirates.





BUS INFORMATION TERM 2 FEES



Thank you to all parents who have returned their Application to Travel Forms and / or paid the appropriate fees owing for Term 2. As usual, there are still a few travellers with outstanding fees for this term. Reminder emails were sent out this week, however, as no payment has been received these students are no longer able to travel via the College bus network, as these fees were due by Friday 29th March. Should this be relevant to you, please be aware that you will need to make alternative travel arrangements for your child. If you are unsure if this applies to you please contact me to check.

As with Term 1 your child's pass has been emailed via their College email account, this is to both reduce the paper usage and hopefully alleviate students constantly losing their pass. Some students have had issues accessing their emails via Compass, please have your child use Outlook to download their pass to their mobile phone or iPad, if easier.

Please contact me as soon as possible should you have any questions regarding your child's bus travel.

Roz
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FOOD TRUCKS AND BAR

MAKERS MARKET

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1pm - 9pm WADAMBUK, St Andrews Community Centre

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