It is end of term and I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break. The past two weeks have been highlighted by student participation in a range of events.

Congratulations and thank you to the team that organised City Campus for our Year 9 students this week. It is an enormous task organising activities for five days with staffing needs for each activity and very different to organising a camp. Thank you to Michele Bourke and her team I know how much the students enjoy their city experience and the range of activities offered. I would also like to congratulate our Year 9 students on the manner in which they participated and upheld the College values whilst participating in this event. Here is an example of feedback I received:

"Dear Ms Bennett,

My wife and I wish to pass on our congratulations to the School and Students that shared a train with us this morning on the Hurstbridge line to the City.

On entering the carriage, a male and female student immediately vacated their seats for us, which came as a pleasant surprise as it was not requested.

It was also pleasing to observe that many other students were standing and all enjoying each other’s company in conversation in a quiet manner.

They were all a credit to the School."

The Year 10 formal was held at Heidelberg Golf Club on Friday evening. The students really enjoyed their evening and the formal committee worked collaboratively with Gary Nicholls to ensure that the evening ran smoothly.

Diamond Creek Spring Fair was well represented by Diamond Valley College with students walking in the parade, manning a stall to promote the school and Interact club members assisting with marshalling. It was a great community event and I thank Melissa Omell and her team for representing the College at this.

The formal aspect of our review is over, with four days of intensive reflection and planning for the future. Our reviewer Wendy Hobbs convened a number of teacher, parent and student focus groups to gain a better understanding of what Diamond Valley College offers its students and how we support their learning. Thank you to all who participated, particularly the parents who took time away from their busy schedules to ensure that their voice was included in these discussions.
In the coming weeks Wendy’s report will be considered by our regional office and then consultation will begin on finalizing our Strategic Plan for 2020-2023. I would especially like to thank Justin Matt for the support he provided in the preparation of our reports and to all staff who contributed. It was a massive process but one that was valued by all who participated.

I hope everyone enjoys this spring break. To the year 12 students – keep to your routine and balance your preparation for exams with some relaxation. Come back in term 4 with a positive attitude and clear goals as you approach the final few weeks of your secondary education. Remember, we are here to support!

See you all in term 4.

Allison Bennett
Principal

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**BUS INFORMATION**

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*Bus Fees Term 4 $120*

*Application to travel forms 2020*

To Parent / Guardians of all registered FARE PAYING bus travellers as of **TODAY Friday 20 September 2019** Term 4 fees are now outstanding. Please note your child will be unable to travel via the College Bus Network during Term 4 and you will need to make alternative arrangements.

Students who do not complete an Application to Travel form for 2020 will be unable to travel and parents will need to make alternative arrangements.

**REMEMBER ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A NEW APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORM EVERY YEAR.**
NMR Athletics

On Wednesday 4th September, 17 DVC students travelled to Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium to compete in the Northern Metropolitan Region (NMR) athletics finals. Each of the 17 students had to qualify in their event/s at the House Athletics Carnival to make it through to the Division Athletics. At the Division Athletics they had to compete in their event/s against students from all the competing schools in Nillumbik and Banyule to qualify for the NMR finals. Unfortunately, we had a few students who did qualify but had been sick leading up to the event and couldn’t compete on the day or they had not fully recovered. Each qualifying student should be proud of themselves. I’d also like to send out a big thank you to Eva Dean who came along to help out and to all the students who helped me with the boys long jump.

The results for the NMR finals are as follows:

- **Taya Agosta** G18-20 800m 4th, G18-20 1500m 2nd, Charlotte Beddoe G14 800m 5th, G14 1500m 9th, Guy Breaden B14 High jump 4th, Larni Bullock G12-13 800m 7th, Zoe Campbell G15 Shot put 7th, Meg Coffey G14 200m 5th, G14 400m 5th, Will Cole B14 1500m 9th, Courtney Dagg G14 Triple jump 4th, Grace Davidson G15 High jump 3rd, G15 90m hurdles 1st, G15 Triple jump 5th, Josh Homewood B15 Discus 2nd, Liam Homewood B17 Javelin 1st, B17 800m 3rd, B17 Triple jump 2nd, Noah Jablonski B12-13 400m 5th, Rhianna Kirwen G15 Discus 6th, Ashton Leahy-Ramsgard B12-13 800m 1st, Ruby Moore G14 Discus 4th, Luke Pearson B12-13 1500m 7th.

The following students qualified for events but could not compete on the day: Keenan Carr, Liam Easton, Andrew Elward, Zoe Fraser, Abbie Pearson, Samantha Temple and Andrew White.

To qualify for the State finals on Friday 18th October at Lakeside Stadium Albert Park, the students must finish first in their event, or 1st or 2nd on the 1500m. That means that the following students have qualified to compete at the state finals: **Taya Agosta** G18-20 1500m, **Grace Davidson** G15 90m Hurdles, **Lima Homewood** B17 Javelin and **Ashton Leahy-Ramsgard** B12-13 800m.

Year 7 Futsal

On Thursday 12th September the boys and girls DVC year 7 futsal teams competed in the division round robin. Both teams have qualified for the Year 7 Futsal finals at Reservoir High School on Tuesday 26th November. The boys were unbeaten all day and finished 1st while the girls finished 2nd in their pool. Both teams played extremely well and were commended on their sportsmanship by many people including the officials. The other schools competing were St Helena, Montmorency and Eltham. A big thank you to Graham Sinclair for coaching.

**Boys and Girls Futsal teams**
Back L-R Tyler Buchanan, Bailey Thornton, Katie Salter, Jessica Baptie, Mikayla Dennison, Aliya Karitsis
Middle L-R Morgan Chapman, Deakin Leppard, Cade Howarth, Myah Trego
Front L-R Gianni Guariglia, Diesel Lane, Brodie Chapman
The Year 10 Formal was held on Friday 13 September at the Heidelberg Golf Club. The Year 10 students had a great night and enjoyed dressing up in formal attire for the occasion. The formal committee came up with some creative awards which students were surveyed prior to the event and some votes were counted on the evening. These were well received and competitive, especially the best dancer award. Students and staff enjoyed a three course meal and the night was a great way for students to engage with their peers. Thank you to the formal committee of Kate Wilson, Kiera Wingrave, Jorja Raus, Jessie McGrath, Heidi Birrell and Tara Jones for their help with some of the planning and organisation. Thank you to the staff that came and supported this evening and to Gary Nicholls for his organisation.

Rebecca Taylor
Senior Sub-School Leader
YEAR 9 CITY CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

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The Creative Express

Diamond Valley College presents our annual art, design, fashion and technology exhibition

RUNS FROM 14TH - 17TH OCTOBER 2019 DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS

Opening Event on Saturday 12th October 2019 in the college library 2 - 4 pm
DRESS UP DAY!

On Monday the 14th of October
Wear your true colours for
‘The Creative Express’ Exhibition
Wear as much colour as humanly possible. The more colour the better.
(NO BLACK ALLOWED)

PLEASE WEAR COVERED FOOTWEAR

WE WILL HAVE A
‘WHO IS MOST COLOURFUL COMPETITION’
at lunch, in the library, on Monday 14th
(1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes to be won)

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Tennis Coaching for Ladies

8 Lessons

Mondays - Term 4
9:30am to 11:00am

Starts: 7 October 2019

Racquets Supplied
Free Childminding Available

Bookings Required

Diamond Creek Tennis Club
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