

DVC NEWS

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Important College Dates

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- 19th Nov DVC Music Concert
- 21st Nov Year 12 Formal
- 2nd Dec Year 9 Work Experience Commencement
- 10th Dec 2020 Yr 7 Orientation Day
- 10th Dec Year 10 & 11 Awards Night
- 16th Dec EOY Funfields—Year 7
- 17th Dec EOY Doncaster Aquarena—Year 7

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Last week we welcomed our Year 7 families for 2020, with over 140 families being able to attend one of the information sessions on offer. It was a pleasure to be able to welcome them to our community, as many of the families are new to Diamond Valley College.

These sessions provided our current Year 7 students the opportunity to give helpful hints and share their experience of the transition to secondary school. I was impressed with the initiative taken by our students to prepare what they felt was important for our incoming students and their families and their preparation of short videos, information slides and speeches with little teacher direction. Well done to all of those involved and for your enthusiasm throughout the evening.

Thank you to Sabine Hicks and Molly Crompton Guard for representing Diamond Valley College at the recent Remembrance Day service in Diamond Creek. They laid a wreath on behalf of the College, whilst the remainder of the school community commemorated with a minutes silence at school. It is particularly important that we show our respect and honour those that fought so hard to maintain our independence.



Sabine and Ainsley Cronin-Sporys had the opportunity to meet with other school leaders at the Jagajaga Schools Climate Summit. Held at Viewbank College they met with Kate Thwaites Federal Member for Jagajaga and Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy. Mark talked about national and international efforts to tackle climate change, whilst the school leaders had the opportunity to discuss with members of parliament their views on tackling climate change as well as discuss the sustainability efforts they are putting in place in their schools and the community. Congratulations Sabine and Ainsley for taking the opportunity to participate in a forum centred on such an important issue for our young people.



On Tuesday 19 November, our Performing Arts students will take part in their final concert for the year. If you have never attended one of these evenings, can I encourage you to consider joining us. As expected, the majority of the audience are friends and family of those performing. The shame of this is that the rest of the school community is not taking advantage of the opportunity to see the amazing talent and growth these young people display. For some, it will be the last time they will perform for Diamond Valley College and for others it may be their first performance. Regardless, it is a celebration of their efforts for the year and an opportunity for our hard working music team to celebrate the success of their students. The evening begins at 7.00 pm, with bookings available at <https://www.trybooking.com/BGINX>.



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PRINCIPALS NEWS (cont)

A huge thank you to Bendigo Bank who are proud sponsors of the DVC Sports Academy. Kelly Meade, Poppy Strickland (Yr 9) and Georgia Beddoe (Yr 8) joined me at the presentation where 35 community groups were presented with sponsorship and support for improved facilities and programs. We were fortunate to receive \$2000 to support the development of the Sports Academy, which is greatly appreciated. It is fantastic to see funds being put back into the community for all to benefit from.



Planning for 2020 is well underway and I would like to ask again that if your child will not be attending Diamond Valley College next year, that you notify us as soon as possible. We must confirm numbers in specialists programs such as the Sports Academy, VCAL and VCE subjects to ensure that our planning is accurate. Numbers for all year levels are extremely tight; therefore, accurate information will assist us greatly. If you know of any families who are considering an enrolment application for 2020, please encourage them to contact Justin Matt as soon as possible as positions in some year levels are limited.

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Year 7 English - Poetry

In Year 7 English we have recently been looking at poetry and developing understanding of rhyme, rhythm, figurative language, and how poet's create meaning and messages in their work.

As part of this unit students analysed poems and created their own poems.

Stereotypes by Myah Tregea

I stand there
Just like a shadow
I see people
They can't see me
I. Am. Invisible.
That's what it seems like

When they do see me
I smile
A mask that hides my true face
The bleeding, scared
Full of tears face
No. One. Notice.

I try so hard
Whatever I do is never good enough
People just use stereotypes
I am just a girl
I am just a girl in a world
Where stereotypes are still used.

Nature by Cameron Young

The object that's really supernatural,
Will always be Important.
Will always be significance.
Will always be big.
Nature - the true source of life.

My Dog by Leah Jolley

Always so happy to see me,
Every time I come home from school
He sits at the window waiting for me
With the window covered in drool

He gets a little crazy at times,
He always likes to chew
He can tear apart pretty much anything
He's forever wrecking our shoes

My dog isn't an ordinary dog
The love and joy he brings
Even though he can be a pain
I wouldn't trade him for anything

Siblings by Theo Larsen

Siblings, Siblings, Siblings

As annoying as can be
Like kindling that won't light
Or trying to fly a kite
My siblings are annoying
1, 2 and 3
Destroying everything in their path
No one wants to see their wrath
My siblings are annoying
1, 2 and 3

Australia by Tayah Drew

From Uluru to the Kangaroos
The Big Banana to the Giant Koala
The Coral Reef is as big as it sounds,
With all the creatures living around,
The Murray River around Victoria,
We all love Australia home to all

What's a best friend? by Siara Melbourne

A best friend is more than a best friend they will be
with you until the very end,

They feel the pain you do, being your best friend,

They lift you up when your feeling down and makes a
smile when your a wearing a frown,

Your best friend is there to last for ever and ever so
don't leave them in the past.

ENGLISH NEWS (cont)

Run by Lily Alaniz

The wind wails and weeps,
As it descends into twilight.
The gravel crunches under his feet,
the hollow sound of crying can be heard,
the footsteps are getting closer,
and closer.
He finally reaches you,
run for your life,
run into the forest.
You can't escape his sinister steps,
he will always be right behind you.
Calling your name,
Don't let him infect you,
He will spread disease like a rumor.
Don't let him catch up to you,
He will always find you,
No matter how far you journey,
he will always be there.

Snail by Callum Guthrie

His eyes grew weary
His skin dry
the sun's rays were harsh
He slithered across the path
he was a snail
this was his life

He heard something, He felt something
a noise, a quake
tan tendrils wrapped around his shell
he retracted his prehensile eyes
he didn't want to see the monster
who was taking him away

Minutes passed
hours passed
He opened his eyes
Before him was a beast

Large and the colour of sand
It was walking towards him
He accepted his fate
And was promptly devoured

YR 10 & 11 AWARDS EVENING

Save the Date

Years 10 & 11 Awards Evening

Tuesday 10 December 2019

La Trobe University

Western Lecture Theatre

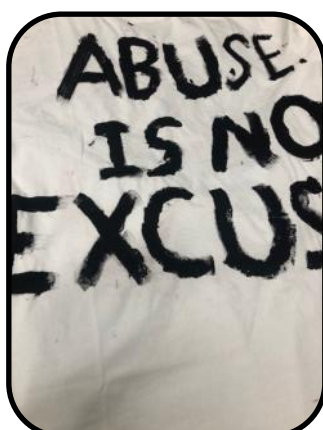
7.00pm

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LOVE BITES

On Wednesday 13th November, all year 9 students participated in the LOVE BITES Respectful Relationships Education Program. Students participated in two interactive workshops with trained facilitators Eva Dean and Ben Strickland supported by Diamond Creeks Police members: one on Relationship Violence and one on Sex and Relationships; followed by a creative workshop during which they designed and painted T-shirts representing the messages of the day. The T-shirts will be on display at the Hurstbridge Community Hub to tie in with White Ribbon Day.



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LIBRARY NEWS

This week the library has had students making poppies and putting them up on our window display for Remembrance Day (11 November). It was lovely to have so many students come in and help with this. We will definitely do it again next year to remind students of the men and women (and animals) who have served this country so bravely.

We started a new club in the library this week. If you're interested in Korean music, come along on Tuesday and/or Thursday and join us. We're watching music videos, talking about lyrics, learning some Korean language... and maybe even some choreography! It's a lot of fun. If you don't know what Korean music is about, come along and find out!

Interact DVC and their counterpart from Kyneton spent time in the library playing team building games last week. We were thrilled to share our lovely space with them.



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BUS INFORMATION

Application to travel forms 2020

Anticipated loadings have now been submitted to the Department and PTV for 2020.

Please note, late applications will continue to be received but guarantees cannot be given that seating on the requested bus will be available as some buses have waiting lists.

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