

DVC NEWS

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Important College Dates

TERM 4

- 16th Dec Yr 7 & 8 EOY Funfields
- 17th Dec EOY Doncaster Aquarena—Year 7
- 19th Dec Final Day of School (unless an appointment has been made for the 20th Dec)

2020

TERM 1

- 30th Jan Yr 7 & Yr 12 Commence
- 31st Jan Yr 8—11 Commence

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This week has been one of celebration as we acknowledge the achievements of our students across all year levels. It is wonderful to be able personally congratulate the students in receipt of excellence and commitment awards, acknowledgement for participation in extracurricular activities and recognise those that have upheld the college values to the highest level.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the recipients of the Principals award and Dux at each year level.

Principals Award.

- Year 7 Dylan Jablonski
- Year 8 Isabelle Cotterell
- Year 9 Matt O’Gorman
- Year 10. Kate Wilson
- Year 11. Elise Reuter

Dux

- Myah Tregea
- Ava Waterson
- Evelyn Apted
- Tess Purchase
- Lily Horn



Outstanding Sports Achievement—Charlotte Beddoe



Congratulations to our VCE students on achieving excellent results. We were excited to see the growth in our overall results with significantly more students attaining ATAR results in the 70 to 80 band. Congratulations to Amelia Bahlen, Jemma Hall and our Dux, Jackson Trippett who gained ATAR scores in the 90's.

Thank you to Jess Ferry for organising the Share the Dignity initiative and to all of those that supported it including the staff of our school and Diamond Creek East Primary School. The generosity of our families was truly wonderful as was our overall contribution to this worthy cause sponsored by Bunnings.

On Sunday we welcome back our World Challenge team from Nepal. It has been an amazing adventure for them but I think many will agree that the highlight has been the community project at the Mother and Child Art Foundation, a school in Pokhara 200 kilometres west of Kathmandu. They will have memories to last a lifetime and developed skills and knowledge that only travelling the world develop. Thank you to Ben Strickland and Serene Tresidder for their support of our students in accessing such an amazing opportunity.



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PRINCIPALS NEWS



Year 9 students completed their work experience program and the feedback has been excellent. They have accessed a broad range of employers and teachers who have visited over the past fortnight have had nothing but positive feedback from both students and supervisors.

A special farewell to those who are leaving DVC – to the students going to new schools I hope you have a successful transition and wish you all the best for your future education. To Jess Ferry who is relocating to the Bellarine Peninsula, Selina Braine who is transferring to Richmond High School and Tania Attard who is studying I wish you well as you pursue new adventures. Your contribution to Diamond Valley College has been valued and all will miss you.

It has been a huge year for the college and I want to thank all members of the College community for their support. I hope you have a safe and happy break and I look forward to seeing you in 2020. Merry Christmas!

Alison Bennett
Principal

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2020 YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

ORIENTATION DAY

This week saw us welcome 176 new Year 7s to our College. This was an exciting day for the students as they met many new people and participated in a range of activities organised by our current year 7s who remembered too well what it is like to embark on their own high school journey just 12 months ago.

We started the day in the school gym where students were met by the Year 7s who showed them to their new classes. Classes for Tuesday were arranged in colours, however for 2020 they will be known as 7.1 – 7.7. From here students moved to their home group rooms and were led by our current Year 7s in a series of getting to know you activities. These sessions were planned and run by our current students. They had worked many hours over the last three weeks to plan how Tuesday ran and they should be very proud of themselves.

From here students undertook four periods of a range of classes, such as: Italian, Physical Education, Music, Library and Technology. Our new sports academy students undertook their first fitness testing session.

The final period of the day saw current Year 7 taking control again as they led students in a College scavenger hunt. Some of the feedback from our new students include comments like:

- 'Hospitality was amazing'
- 'Great and nice people to talk to and make friends with'
- 'Fun activities'
- 'We liked having Year 7 with us'
- 'Getting to know other people while playing games'
- 'I can trust and talk to students to help me'



We would like to thank all the staff and students who helped run our Orientation Day. For their work on planning the day we would like to recognise the efforts of: Hayley Beeston, Shayla Solly, Connor Brereton, Dylan Jablonski, Logan Martin, Myah Tregga, Jessica Hodgson. For their additional support leading up to the Orientation Day and their work on Orientation Day: Callum Guthrie, Katie Salter, Talia Ruyter, Will Ellis, Hannah Nelson, Morgan Chapman, Bailey Harris, Charlie Marriot, Jessica Smyth, Izzy Carboni, Charlise Scott, Brodie Chapman, Ben Shinkfield, Molly Dillon, Tayla Chapman, Laura McColl, Josh Eyre, Ivan Slabon.

Hayley Beeston:

This year's orientation day went really well, and I really enjoyed being one of the leaders and showing them how things are done. I think this day went really really well and that the kids enjoyed having a range of classes and getting to know the school.

Callum Guthrie:

Orientation day was fun to run because there were a lot of year 6's and it was good to go around with them for the tour to show them what DVC life is like. The activities themselves were pretty good as well.



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YEAR 10 & 11 AWARDS

On Tuesday 10th December we celebrated the success of our Year 10 & 11 students from this year at the awards evening held at La Trobe University. Students were acknowledged on their achievements for Academic, Sporting and Leadership success. Thank you to Captain Alison Godbold, representing the Australian Defence Force, for coming and presenting the ADF Long Tan Leadership Award. This years recipient is Tamara Swift.

Please see below the address of what was read on the night as a celebration of her achievement :

Australian Defence Force – Long Tan Award

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award is offered by the Australian Defence Force at Year 10 and Year 12. It is in recognition of a student who has demonstrated excellent leadership potential across a range of areas, including community, sporting and academic leadership.

The student receiving the ADF Long Tan Award at Year 10 in 2019, leads by example, communicating and connecting with her teachers and peers in a mature manner. This student consistently upholds the College values through her involvement at the college. Her involvement in the High resolves class to be able to work as team of students was excellent. This student has represented the College in many facets and more recently has visited primary schools to prospective students.

This student is also widely involved in the community through Scouts. She has been a member of 1st Hurstbridge Scout Group since she was 6 years old. She attained the peak awards in Cub Scouts being the Grey Wolf and in the Scout section being the Australian Scout Medallion. She is currently working towards the Queens Scout Award, which is the highest award in the Venturer Section. This year she was appointed on to the Victorian State Venturer Council representing the views of the youth in Victoria, promoting Venturers and designing better experiences for Venturers.

She has provided many hours of service including being a service leader for 10 days at the last Jamboree in SA, participating in RSL ceremonies and many fund raising activities.

She held leadership positions in Cubs and Scouts and currently holds the role of the Unit Chair for 1st Hurstbridge Venturer Unit. She will also be working on the team planning the next Australian Jamboree to be held in Victoria in 2022 for over 12,000 Scouts.

*As the ADF Long Tan Award acknowledges the significance of positive communication, teamwork, respect for others and responsibility in Leadership – she has proven herself an outstanding candidate for the Award in 2019. Congratulations **Tamara Swift**.*



Congratulations to all students who have received an award, they should be really proud of their achievements and is a testament to their hard work. Thank you to our College Captains for being the master of ceremonies on the evening.

A summary of our major award winners are as follows:

Year 10 – Domain Awards

English	Tess Purchase
Mathematics	Tom Stewart
PE and Health	Tara Jones
Arts	Tess Purchase
Science	Tara Jones
Languages	Tara Jones
Technology	Kaine Fraser
Humanities	Trinity Eygelaar

Year 11 – Domain Awards

English	Eden West
Mathematics	Amelia Sharp
PE and Health	Katelyn Dempsey
Science	Lily Horn
Languages	Tanisha Gerke
Technology	Lily Horn
Humanities	Molly Crompton-Guard
Info. Technology	Ruari Harper

Rebecca Taylor—Senior Sub-School Leader

Year 10 Dux

Tess Purchase

Year 10 Principal's Award

Kate Wilson

Excellence in Sport

Andrew Elward

Year 11 Dux

Lily Horn

Year 11 Principal's Award

Maureen Delos Reyes

Excellence in Sport

Liam Homewood

Anjali Watson



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ITALIAN NEWS

THE COMBINED ITALIAN 7.4 AND 7.5 EXCURSION ON FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

7.4 and 7.5 participated in an Italian excursion to the Sandridge Bridge in South Promenade where we learnt all about the different migrants that have come to Australia. We completed a booklet by answering interesting questions that were found on the glass panels. I did not know that the historic Sandridge rail bridge has been converted into a new pedestrian and cycle path across the Yarra, bringing a new focus to Melbourne's most historic meeting place. In the last century, the Sandridge bridge helped bring many new immigrants directly to Melbourne on the rail line which linked Station Pier to the city.

Then we went to Lygon Street in Carlton and learnt about all the Italian contributions that have been made since the 1950's when the Italian migrants came to Australia looking for a better life after the war had finished. We saw all of the Italian culture and all the wonderful food, the smell of the delicious pasta, pizza, gelato and prosciutto.

I would like to say a big thank you to the teachers, Prof Marasco, Prof Girolami and Prof Chiodo. It was an enjoyable and fun day.

Thanks

Angelina 7.4

JEMMA SHEPARD AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT IN ITALY

My time in Italy has been something I will never forget and I have seen so many new things. A couple of weeks ago my friends took me out once school had finished and gave me a tour of the inner city to see more of the incredible things it has. Some of the things I saw included the clash between styles of the buildings (such as medieval and renaissance), the crossroad of a pathway where you could talk into the wall and the person adjacent to you a few meters away could communicate with you through the other wall, a statue of Neptune, and more. I have also been on a short trip to both Pisa and Florence with my exchange group for three days to see the classical sights and explore what both cities have to offer. Unfortunately, the first day was raining so we didn't get to spend much time exploring Florence but we had good weather for the next two days. Being able to hear the experiences of other exchange students was really exciting! Next weekend I will catch up with some of the exchange students in my city and spend the day exploring more of what Bologna has to offer and see all the amazing Christmas festivities!

MERRY CHRISTMAS (BUON NATALE)

On the behalf of the Italian Domain we would like to wish all students and parents a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and see you in 2020.

Buon natale e un felice anno nuovo.

Thanks

Rose Marasco
Italian Domain Leader



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SHARE THE DIGNITY

Share the Dignity Success

Thank you to all the Staff, Students and Families at Diamond Valley College for contributing to the Share the Dignity 'It's in the bag' Charity Campaign. We had an overwhelming response, completing over 40 fully stocked bags and additional 'top up bags' of extra luxury items which will be distributed by the organisation to women in need.



Share the Dignity is an Australian charity, founded with the aim to provide all women in need with sanitary items, in order to live a dignified life, regardless of circumstance. It started by providing tampons and pads to homeless women and women experiencing or escaping domestic violence. It has since grown and acted as an advocacy group to 'Axe the Tax' helping to remove the 10% GST from sanitary items. Once a year, it conducts a Christmas appeal, where people fill a handbag with essential toiletries for a woman in need. These are distributed through a network of partnered charities in local areas.

On Saturday morning I dropped off the Diamond Valley College bags at our local Bunnings store. The box in store was overflowing and I left our two full trolleys next to the donation box for the charities volunteers (named 'Shero's') to collect.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, to help restore or improve the dignity of women in our community. A special mention to the staff at Diamond Creek East Primary School, who donated a huge number of thoughtful, completed bags. Our partnership with DCEP staff and families is invaluable to the community of the College.

I was genuinely humbled by everyone's generosity.

Merry Christmas,
Jess Ferry (Health/Psychology Teacher).



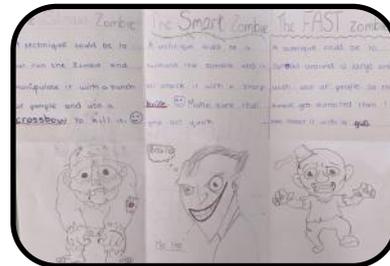
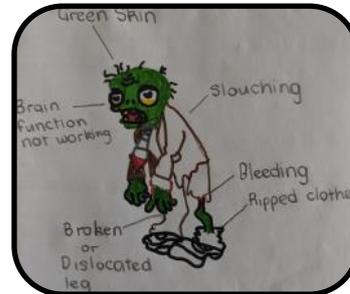
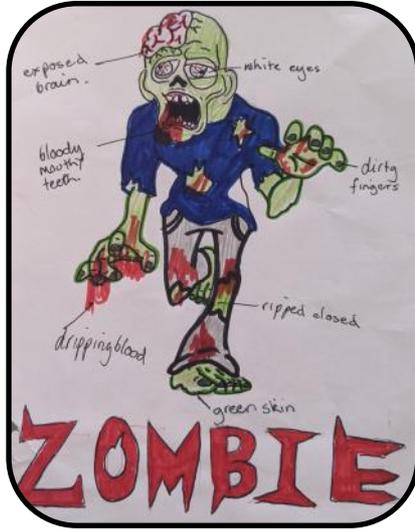
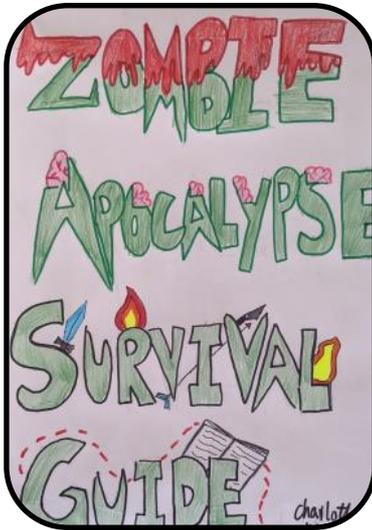
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YEAR 7 ENGLISH

Zombie Apocalypse Survival Guide

In English this term, we have been focusing on making a Zombie Apocalypse Survival Guide. During this topic we demonstrated how we can give clear instructions, and how to deal with things in times of crisis. Even though it's highly unlikely that zombies will be real, this topic prepared us for other times of crisis. But we all had so much fun thinking about and planning for a Zombie Apocalypse.



Q7- Should I fight or hide?
 A7- It's your own opinion in every way. If you hide and never come out, then eventually you will either run out of supplies like food and water etc. or end up driving yourself mad. Even though fighting and killing the zombie have risks, at least you would be able to kick some zombie ass.

Q8- what shelter is the best shelter?
 A8- the best shelter is somewhere you can barricade yourself and the zombies can't find you. You should pick somewhere with a close supply of weaponry and food. Wherever you hide, you should definitely know where all the exits are, just in case of your shelter being breached.

Q9- should I travel with others, or alone?
 A9- sometimes it's good to be alone in this situation, you have no one to care for but yourself. But one day, you might need someone's help. In which case you might want to travel with people. If you travel with a group, each one of them might have something to offer that could be of use to everyone, like different skills. But I advise that if you are travelling with others, make sure you can trust them.

What a zombie typically looks like:

Attributes:

- 1. Eyes have lost their colour
- 2. Decaying skin is discolored
- 3. Lost teeth from biting/gnawing
- 4. Ripped clothes from encounter resulting in their death

Where to hit a zombie:

Where you hit the zombie will determine if it is crippled or killed. The picture shows that hitting a zombie in the arms and legs are key to crippling it, however the head outright kills it.

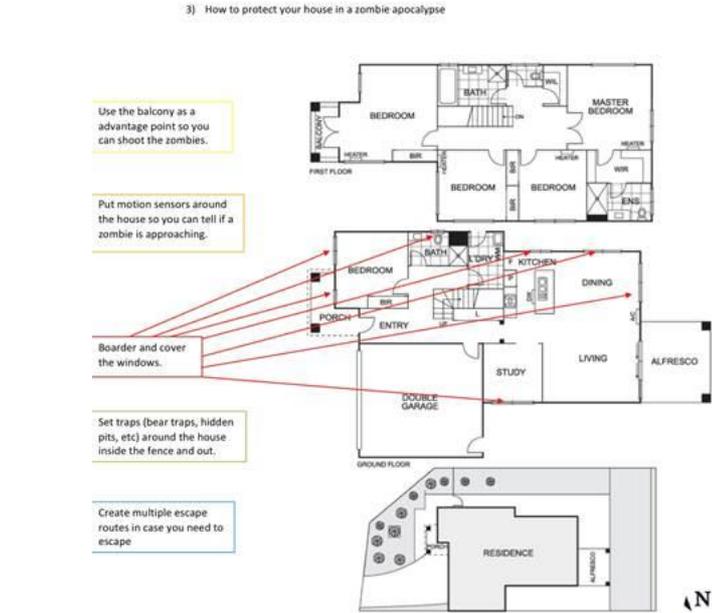
1. How do I identify a zombie?

You can identify a zombie in 3 ways:

1. They often emit a horrible smell of rot and decay.
2. They look discolored and disfigured (and covered in blood).
3. They often make odd sounds of gargling and snarling.

2. What do I do if I contract the virus?

There is a way to save yourself, it involves preventing the virus from getting too far into the bloodstream, very much like you used to treat a snake bite. By cutting off the circulation from the limb, this however can only be done by amputation in some cases.



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YEAR 7 ENGLISH—ZOMBIE SURVIVAL GUIDE

Paige Fuller – ‘Zombie Survival Guide’

PART FOUR-HOW TO LEAD A GROUP OF PEOPLE IN A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE:

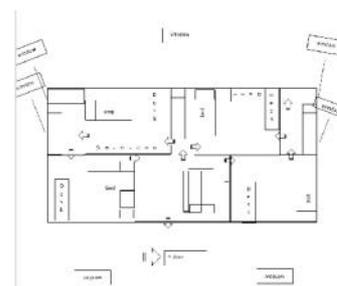
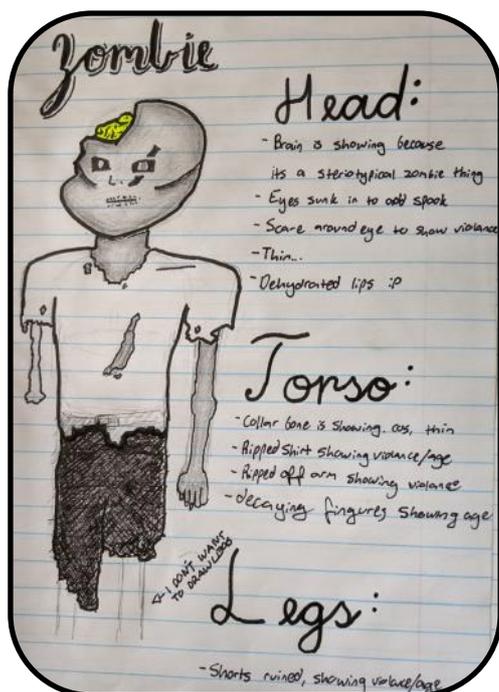
What are some qualities that make a good leader?

- Trustworthy
- Caring
- Supportive
- Put others before themselves
- Stimulating work
- Good example
- Role model
- Inspiring
- Clears goals
- Focuses on the team’s interests and needs
- Encouraging
- Positive
- Helpful
- Nice
- Kind
- Risk taker
- Understanding
- Ability to make decisions

Some qualities that I have that could make me a good leader are:

- Kind
- Caring
- Supportive
- Understanding
- Helpful
- Focuses on team’s interests and needs

I think that I would make a good leader in times of crisis because I can think quickly, and I make good decisions and always put others before myself.

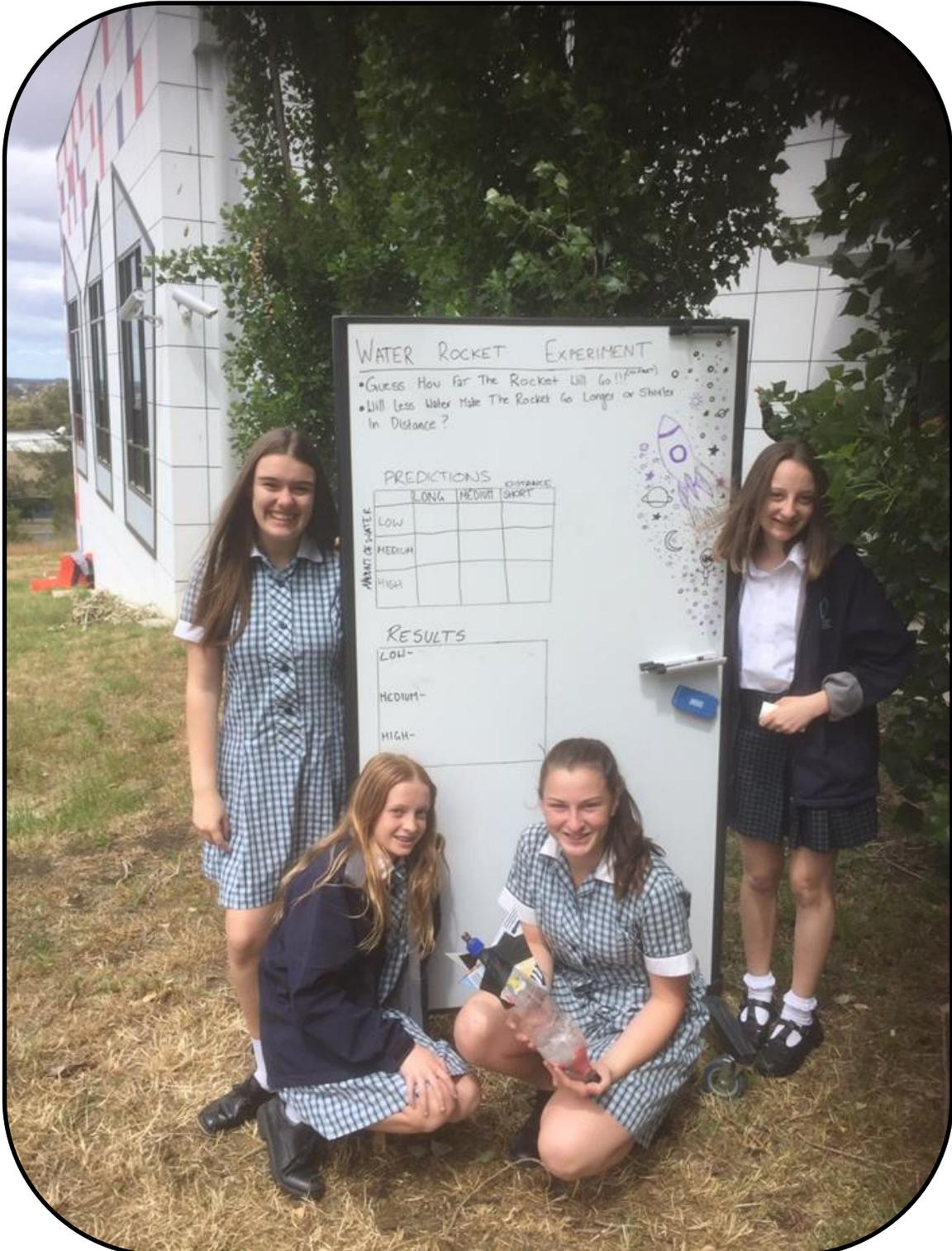


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BANYULE NILLUMBIK MAKER FAIRE

On Tuesday the 3rd we went to the Maker Faire at Banyule Nillumbik Tech School. Where we demonstrated a water rocket experiment to the primary school students at lunch time. We taught them how the rocket worked and how different amounts of water changed the distance. While we were there, we saw other great experiments from the other high school students. It was a great opportunity to see how other experiments worked and being able to experience teaching younger children.



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BUS INFORMATION



BUS INFORMATION IMPORTANT



Several buses on the College Bus Network are now up to capacity. If you have not completed an Application to Travel form for 2020 and wish to use this service, please be aware that you may be placed on a waiting list.

If you have registered for the bus but have decided to use another form of transport could you please notify the General Office as soon as possible.

Invoices have been forwarded via emailed requesting payment by Today, Friday 13 December 2019. If you have not made payment please contact me urgently as failure to pay may result in your child being removed from the database

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