

DVC Newsletter

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Important College Dates

Term 4

2nd Nov
Year 7 2024
Information
Evening Online

3rd Nov -
Curriculum Day

3rd Nov -
Year 10
Formal

7th Nov -
Melbourne Cup
Day

21st Nov-
Year 7 and 10
Immunisations

24th October
Year 12 Exams
Commence

Principal's Report

Principal Report 20 October 2023

Congratulations year 12 finishing classes and celebrating 13 years of formal education. Best wishes for the next stage which could be starting full time employment or further study or completing exams, starting next week.

What a proud event for our college on Thursday night with our Year 12 graduation for 2023. Students looked amazing in graduation gowns and sash and there was an amazing sense of energy and joy. Students were beaming and the list of awards shows the depth of our students' aspiration to strive for excellence. Parents were full of pride to see their many years of hard work and emotional investment, pay off. A big thank you to Bec Taylor, Senior Sub School Leader, who organised the event with Gary Nicholls, Year 12 coordinator and Ben Strickland, Vocational Major Coordinator, bringing a team of staff to ensure a smooth running event. Thank you to all staff who attended to show support and pride in their students. The night was a true community event and was a testament to the culture of Diamond Valley College. Thank you to Ms Vicki Ward, local Member for parliament, Carole Jenkinson, School Council President and our Key note speaker, Ms Georgie Bradford an ex student of Diamond Valley College.

Uniform

With Spring in the air and longer days, students are looking happy and healthy and are wearing uniform with a sense of pride. We value our uniform and want to reiterate the importance of being part of the Diamond Valley Team. Uniform strengthens the culture that we build at our school and we need everyone to understand the purpose and reasons. We will celebrate students in uniform with some positive awards coming soon.

Focus on learning at home

Asking our young people how learning is going can be a difficult thing to do or difficult to get an answer sometimes. One way to address this is always assume they have done some learning or the teacher has done some teaching and ask, 'what is one thing you did or learned about today?' or 'tell me something that you found new or interesting today'. If you know their timetable, the more specific the question the better, like 'What did you do, discuss or write about in English today?' The more we can have a learning relationship at home, the stronger our learning connection can be across the school and the more we can lift our collective expectation and aspirations for learning.

Reg Byrne

Acting Principal

Respect

Excellence

Responsibility

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DVC - Assistant Principal's Report

Assistant Principal report – Senior School

Each term seems to start slowly and then proceeds to a galloping pace! It is lovely to finally experience some warmer weather as summer draws closer.

As we close out Week 3, we bid a fond farewell to the Class of 2023. Six years of secondary schooling draws to an end and while many adventures await them in 2024 and beyond, there is the grueling schedule of study and exams that will be the focus for the next few weeks.

Congratulations to Rebecca Taylor and the Senior School team for their hard work in organising a number of celebrations over the last week including the wonderful Graduation ceremony on Thursday evening.

In last newsletter's communication, I reminded all students that full school uniform is to be worn; sports uniform on days where Sport/PE is scheduled on their timetable and formal uniform all other days. I thank all students and families for the efforts being made – there were very few students in the principal's detention on Monday afternoon and I look forward to seeing this number reduced. A reminder that if any support is needed with sourcing uniform items, please contact your child's Home Group teacher or Coordinator.

This week staff undertook the annual update of Child Safe Standards training. All policies are available on the school website, and I encourage parents/carers to have a read through to understand how Diamond Valley College continually works hard to be a safe space for all students. While this can be an uncomfortable topic, it is an important conversation to have with our young people and ensure that our entire community is aware of best practice.

Year 12 exams begin on Tuesday 24th with the English exam and will continue until November 15. I wish students all the very best of luck in the remaining study period and their exams.

Lucy Blackburne

Acting Assistant Principal

Second hand uniform items

If you have any DVC uniform items that your child/ren have outgrown or no longer use, please consider donating them back to the school. We have several families who would appreciate being able to use secondhand items.

Any items can be taken to the front office.

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DVC - Teaching and Learning at DVC

Looking ahead – An update on DVC Teaching and Learning for 2024 and beyond

The development of a new industrial agreement between the Australian Education Union and the Department of Education has led to a reduction in timetabled teaching time for teachers. This is good news for students as it means their teachers will have extra time to prepare for the delivery of the curriculum program. However, it also means that in 2024 there will be changes to the period lengths and structure of the school day.

Currently, Diamond Valley College runs a 6 x 50-minute period timetable (300 minutes of instruction). In 2024, period lengths will change from 50 minutes to a 5 x 60-minute timetable (300 minutes of instruction). This change in period length is necessary to ensure that teacher timetables meet the requirements of the new industrial agreement. This change also supports our Diamond Valley Teaching Model where student and staff feedback wanted more time in each class for consolidation, elaboration and evaluation of skills and understandings.

As a result of this structural change to our day, this also presented a wonderful opportunity for our college community to review our current curriculum firstly at year 7 and 8 to ensure that it supported the academic, social and emotional growth of students and lay the foundations for their future learning pathways. Led by a working party, both staff and students across all levels have had the opportunity to provide feedback which has been used to construct the new Year 7 and 8 Curriculum to be implemented in 2024. To support the development of new programs our staff meeting calendar has been adjusted to be able to develop this work and begin to review our Year 9 and 10 curriculum programs to be implemented in 2025. Not only is this an exciting time for our staff to work together in areas they are passionate about and utilise their skills and expertise in developing some of these new programs, but it fits in perfectly with our upcoming College Review to be conducted this term.

Development of programs and adjustment to our learning activities to allow for the extra ten minutes of class time for 2024 will be a large focus for our upcoming Curriculum Day on Friday 3rd November, which is a great opportunity to have a large chunk of time to begin this work.

Shona McEnaney
Assistant Principal
Teaching and Learning

Eva Dean
Leading Teacher
Teaching and Learning

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DVC - Uniform Policy

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Diamond Valley College we prioritise our sense of community and adhere to the College values of 'Respect, Excellence and Responsibility'.

As proud members of this community, we expect that students wear the correct uniform.

Uniform plays an important role in learning and preparing students for life beyond school. Being in uniform supports students to be engaged in their learning and contributes to the following attributes: - Organisation and Self Discipline - Meeting Expectations - Readiness to Learn - Preparedness for employment.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring your children are wearing correct uniform. If there are any extenuating circumstances, please don't hesitate to get in touch for support in sourcing uniform items.

Students will be reminded of these expectations at upcoming year level assemblies.

Over the coming weeks, and following a warning process, we will be issuing after school detention notices for students who are not complying with our expectations. Detentions will be held after school and students will be expected to bring work to complete during this time.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support,

Lucy Blackburne

Shona McEnaney

Acting Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal

Senior School

Junior School

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DVC - 2024 Booklist VCE

2024 VCE Flying Start English and Literature booklists

Students currently in **Year 10 and Year 11** can order their **2024 English and Literature class novels** early so that they can both fully engage with upcoming orientation sessions and read the texts over the holidays.

This year the school is using Lilydale Books as its school booklist provider and the **VCE Flying Start booklist** is now available online, ready for parent orders. The direct link for parents is here: <https://www.lilydalebooks.com.au/BookList/School/diamond-valley-college>

Students need to order the English and Literature novels by **Sunday 5th November** for them to be delivered **FREE** to the school. This is only two weeks away.

School delivery date and location: Diamond Valley College General Office from Thursday, **November 16th** (the week before Year 12 Orientation classes).

PLEASE NOTE: Students who are doing Year 11 Literature and the Year 10 Literature elective in 2024 will be notified separately about what they need to order.

Any questions, please ask your English teacher or email Jane Overton - jane.overton@education.vic.gov.au

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BUS INFORMATION IMPORTANT



***Term 4 Bus Fees are now due to
be paid***

APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORMS 2024

**PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION AND NOTE BUS TRAVELLER PROCEDURES.
THESE PROCEDURES ARE DIRECTIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC
TRANSPORT VICTORIA.**

Parents and students please note that **all** bus travellers **must** complete an Application to Travel form for the 2024 school year. These forms are available for download from the Diamond Valley College website or by clicking on the following link [2024 Bus Application](#). Applications should be completed **in full**, including a **valid personal parent email** (please do not use a business email address) and returned to the General Office no later than Friday 15th September 2023 to allow planning for the 2024 school year. Students will **not be permitted to travel** via the College Bus Network without a current "Application to Travel" form, regardless of eligibility.

Regardless of your child's years of travel or eligibility, these processes need to be followed for each new year of travel.

The application form must be completed in full including the **correct bus** and stop as indicated on the relevant timetable available on the College website. Should you not nominate a preferred bus, one will be allocated to you on the basis of location and availability.

Late forms will be accepted, however no guarantees are given regarding a place on the preferred bus. Every endeavour will be made to accommodate students on their requested bus.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 9438 1411.

Marly Lucas
Bus Coordinator

Marly.lucas@education.vic.gov.au

DVC– State Schools' Relief Applications



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024 CSEF YEAR 7 UNIFORM PACK.



Welcome back to Term 4, 2023. Please be advised that applications for the **2024 CSEF Year 7 Uniform Package** are now open and can be submitted anytime via our [online applications portal](#).

Information sheets for schools & families, plus the order form - can be found on our [website](#) and downloaded as required.

Please note the following;

- Vouchers issued will have an expiry and **must** be redeemed before the expiration date
- Once vouchers have been issued, we are unable to exchange items for “change of mind”

In order for a student to be eligible to receive the 2024 Year 7 Uniform Package the student must be a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient. To find out more, visit the [Department of Education & Training website](#)

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The Eltham Fun Run/walk is a local event that proudly supports the Pat Cronin Foundation and their campaign to end the coward punch. It will take place on Sunday the 26th of November and starts and finishes at the Eltham Leisure Centre. The event includes various race categories that caters for all ages and abilities with a 10km run, 5km run and a 5km walk. There will also be food stalls, a ninja warrior course and many more activities on the day for everyone to enjoy.

Register as a Walker/Runner: Lace up your running shoes and join us on the day of the event. It doesn't matter if you're a seasoned runner or a beginner—this event is open to all fitness levels. There is a 5km and 10km run event along with 5km walk. <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/67940/eltham-fun-run-and-walk-2023>



DVC - Community News



Term 4 Classes
for KIDS, TEENS & ADULTS

KIDS (8-12yrs)
TUES 4-5pm \$160 for 8 classes

TEENS (high school age)
TUES 5:30-7pm \$200 for 8 classes
WED 5-6:30pm \$225 for 9 classes

ADULTS
WED 10:15-11:45am \$250 for 10 classes
THURS 10:15-11:45am \$250 for 10 classes

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ALL materials provided - just bring CURIOSITY!

HOLIDAY SESSIONS
- for approx 8-100 yrs old
2x a day from Mo, 18th Sept - Sat, 23rd Sept
Mornings: 10:15am-1:15pm
Afternoons: 2-5pm



STORYHOLDING

Rochelle Van Der Merwe

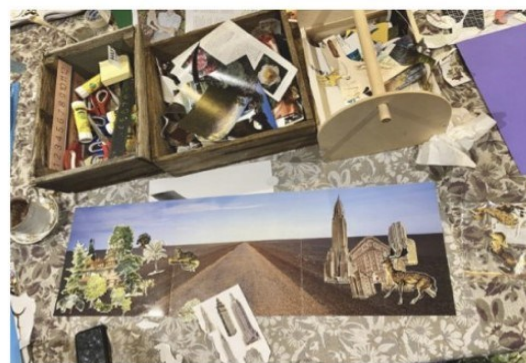
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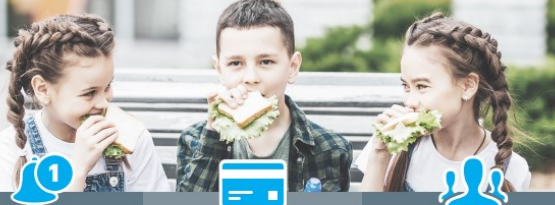
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Virtual volunteer

We all need support with those admin tasks. With QuickCliQ you get just that. Your virtual volunteer will automatically tally orders, count money and track stock.



Unlock process efficiencies

Enjoy QuickCliQ's process efficiencies. Helping staff manage menus, track sales and identify top selling products, all via a single platform.



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When it's time to update the school menu or remove an item from the uniform shop, QuickCliQ's online platform makes registered changes and updates in real-time.



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For families, parents & students

- It's free to sign up.
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Call 1300 11 66 37

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- ✓ No start-up fees or lock-in contracts.
- ✓ The only fee for your online canteen/uniform shop, is the commission from your order totals at the end of each week.
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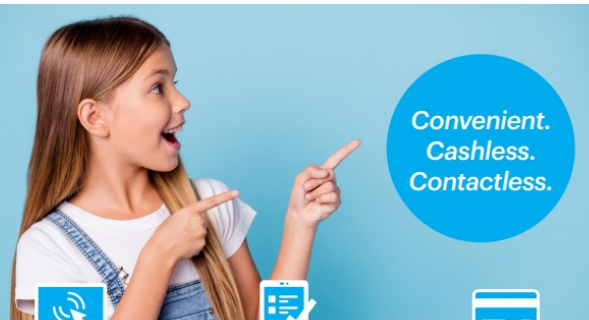
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4. You'll receive your
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5. Receive your
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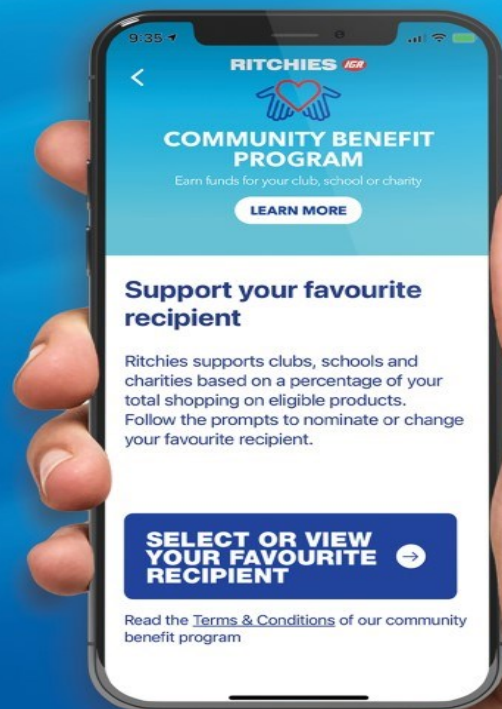
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