DVC Newsletter

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Important College Dates

Term 4

20th November Year 12 Orienta tion Week

21st Nov-Year 10 Immunisations

24th November Year 11 Celebra tion Day

4th December Year 10 Celebra tion Day

11-15th Decem ber Year 7/8 End of year program

11th December Year 12 ATAR Released to stu dents

12th December Year 7 2024 Orientation Day

20th December School Closes

Principal's Report

To all members of our wonderful Diamond Valley College community, I wish to advise you that while on my long service leave, I have made the decision to retire. It is a decision that I have not made lightly and have had to take time to consider if it is the right one for me, my family and for the college. After thirty plus years at Diamond Valley College, I have experienced many amazing opportunities, built wonderful relationships with students and their families, and been privileged to lead the college for the past eight years.

Being Principal of a school is an honour, we are entrusted with responsibilities that impact young people in many ways. It is not only the educational needs of our students that we focus on, but also the many layers of wellbeing support and personal development guidance that helps shape young people into the adults of tomorrow. It has always been a pleasure to speak with past students, to discover where life has taken them and how their time at Diamond Valley College supported their journey.

I have been fortunate to collaborate with amazing teams of teachers and administration staff, to see the college grow and develop into the school it is today. I leave feeling proud of what we have achieved and confident that the foundations are in place for continued improvement and success.

I look forward to having a break from full time work and taking the opportunity to travel, spend more time with my family particularly my elderly mum and just take a moment to do nothing. Having said that, I know that I will soon be looking for a new challenge and I think that this will be in some area of volunteer work. The biggest challenge for me will be the lack of interaction with people, the conversations, problem solving and the way in which we support each other.

I will deeply miss the Diamond Valley College community and the broader education connections, it has been a significant part of my life for so long. I feel blessed to have been part of it.

Thank you and wishing you all the absolute best.

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Respect Excellence

Responsibility

DVC - Art Exhibition

The Annual Arts and Technology Exhibition officially opened on Monday the 13th of November. This evening showcased the wonderful talent and final Art & Technology works of Diamond Valley College Students for 2023. The Library was converted into a Gallery space, which displayed a range of works and disciplines from Junior, Middle and Senior School subjects. Awards and prizes were presented to the students below for their efforts in their arts and technology subjects during the Exhibition Opening speeches.

"We had the privilege of inviting Nick Currie, a past student. He graduated in 2019. Nick was always pro-active in the Arts during his time at Diamond Valley College so he was thrilled to be asked to speak to the group of parents, students and teachers. During his time here, he was immersed in Art and Performing Arts (drama and music). Throughout his schooling he was often in the School Productions acting in a lead role. Nick is a talented artist in his painting, media arts and is also a wonderful singer. One of my fondest memories of Nick was during our Northern Territory school trip in 2018 when he sang acapella (without music) at King's Canyon. His voice was breathtaking to listen to while it echoed across one of Australia's stunning landscapes. Nick is proud of his indigenous culture a connection through his dad. Nick currently is studying his honours degree at the College of the Arts. He has been involved in community murals and collaborating with other artists.

During his speech, he was proud of the standard of work by the students, congratulated their efforts and encouraged students to work towards their dreams. He is proud to be a past Diamond Valley College student because this is where he was given many creative opportunities."

Barbara Chiodo - Technology Teaching and Learning Leader

Light refreshments were also provided and were highly appreciated by our guests.

The evening commenced and concluded with fantastic performances from our junior DVC student band; Ayla Coxford, Gabby Mardisich, Mia Spillman, Penny Harrison, Oliver Stocco.

I would like to thank the Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Technology staff that contributed to the fantastic evening. I also congratulate students who were represented in the show and look forward to seeing their wonderful creative work evolve into the future.

Gemma Patterson - Arts Teaching and Learning Leader Award winners

Technology Year 7

Sabine Pidot

Woodwork Year 8

Sammy Rith

Electronics & Robotics Year 9

Amelie Thomas

Woodwork year 10

Jasper Young

Product Design Technology: Textiles Year 11

Ella Uniacke

Product Design Technology: Textiles Year 12

Alana Thwaites

Arts Year 7

Matilda Geere

Arts Year 8

Occy Mcculloch

Arts Year 9

Lilli Wilson

Arts Year 10

Phoebe Whitworth

Arts Year 11

Eleanor Triegaardt

Arts Year 12

Evelyn Mitchell

Media Year 9

Connor Sandford

Media Year 10

Ruby Butterfield

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DVC - Year 10 Formal

Year 10 Formal

On Friday 3rd November, we celebrated Diamond Valley College's Year 10 Formal at Heidelberg Golf Club. It was fantastic to see our young adults dressed up and ready to enjoy the evening.

Over 100 Year 10 students attended this special celebratory event. The venue was beautiful and the atmosphere was magnificent.

Lots of photos were taken and the dancing kicked off immediately. A big thank you to the Senior School staff for their help in the organisation, along with Paul for the photography and the wonderful staff at Heidelberg Golf Club. All of their contributions made the night a success.

It was great that the award winners were voted by their fellow students as this is always a highlight of the night. Whether they were humorous or academic awards, congratulations to the winners for being such good sports.

It is worth noting that we received high praise from the venue with respect to the excellent behaviour of the students.

We are very proud of the year that our students have had and wish them the best of luck for their upcoming exams.

Tara Librio

Year 10 Coordinator

















DVC - Sport News

INTERSCHOOL SPORT HAS FINISHED FOR THE YEAR!

What a lot of sport we have been involved with this year!! As we come to the end of sport for 2023, we will begin the report by having a look back across the year. Diamond Valley College has definitely played their role in keeping the community fit and active. Let's crunch some numbers!!!

- · 46 days of sport across the year (from year 12 year 7)
- · 73 sports teams going out to compete
- · 13 different sports on offer
- · 16 teams as Division Champions
- · 6 teams Regional Champions and through to State Finals
- 11 students completed individually at State level (athletics, swimming and cross country)
- · Four athletes medaling at State Championships

This is something Diamond Valley College Sports Department are so proud of and where we will continue to strive for excellence.

Thank you to everyone that has played a part in this program across the year, including students, staff, pre-service teachers and parents. Without your support this would not be possible!

Please find below a wrap of the last 2 weeks in sport, including 3 days of School Sport Victoria State Finals.

Football Victoria and School Sport Victoria hosted the State Championships for Futsal with our Year 7 boys earning a position in the event. The boys played some high intensity football and fought hard against quality opposition, tying one game and losing in some very tight matches. Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and dedication to training. Special mention to Graham Sinclair, Darcy Kinash and Archer Harvey with regard to their support and coaching. Also, to Tate Bardon, who broke his collar bone during the first game!





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Our Year 7 girls hockey team won the Regional Hockey convincingly earlier this term to book a place in the SSV Hockey State Finals. Despite limited experience in hockey, our girls have been training hard and working with senior students Imogen McIntosh and Madi Ball to improve their skills and increase their knowledge of tactics and understanding. The team had an outstanding day winning two games and drawing one, only to miss the State final on goal difference! Such an amazing effort! Congratulations on such a successful day!



The boys Year 7 baseball team played their way to an invitation to the State Baseball Finals. Again, the boys had some terrific tournaments throughout the year and were guided by students Charlie Flint and Jett Clayton. It was a great day out with some close encounters – the boys leaving everything out on the field. Congratulations on your achievement in making it all the way to state

Finally, it was a successful start to 2024, with next year's Year 8 round robin (current Year 7's) competing across our sports. Congratulations to the Year 7 boys and girls tennis teams, as well as the Year 7 boys cricket team that became Division Champions. They will get the chance to compete at regional level next year.





DVC - Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

Congratulations to Chloe Shaw and Sienna Beddoe on being accepted into Melbourne University's Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program.

This allows them the opportunity to take part in a two-year program of events and activities that will expand their academic and personal horizons. Being accepted into this program can also guarantee them a place in an undergraduate degree at Melbourne University.

With over 2000 applications from students, it is a huge achievement to be accepted so we are very proud of these two students.

We wish them the best of luck in their involvement and cannot wait to hear all about it.

Tara Librio & Graham Sinclair



DVC - Career News

Careers News:

Key Dates:

White Card Training 24th Nov all day. Yr 9 Work Experience 27th Nov- 10th Dec. Yr 12 Change of Preference Time

White Card Training 24th Nov.

Students from years 9-12 will have the opportunity to complete the White Card training here at DVC. This micro-qualification is also known as the Construction induction Card. Some students must have this as a part of their work experience, for other students they may like to complete it as they are looking at heading into the trade fields. The white card is required for some people to be able to enter certain building sites. If you would like your student to complete this training, please contact me so I can add them to the event being held on 24th of November. Cost \$120. Student will receive the qualification within 24 hours of completion. **Students who have paid need** to provide enrolment information prior to delivery using this link

Yr 9 Work Experience 27th Nov- 10th Dec.

Parents and students are reminded that we have the Year 9s out for work experience shortly. Students and families are hopefully finalising placement, and I know some students already have some exciting opportunities in place. If students need help, they have been encouraged to talk to me. Forms should be handed to me, I regularly visit homegroup rooms and classrooms to assist students collect forms and hand out blank forms.

Yr 12 Change of Preference.

With exams now completed for our Year 12 students attention will be shifting towards results, and what is the next step for students in their career journeys. Students results will be released to the on the 11th of December, these are released directly to students. Following receipt of the results, for those students that have completed a VTAC application a member of the senior sub school will be in touch with the students to check-in with them and see if the wish to discuss and explore their options. Student can also reach out to me prior to results being released to look at pathway and employment options.

Graham Sinclair
Work Experience Coordinator and Career Practitioner.

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DVC - Immunisations Banyule City Council

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to announce an upcoming immunisation catch-up session for all students who may have missed their vaccinations during the year or in previous years. Your child's health and well-being are of utmost importance, and ensuring they are up to date with their immunisations is a crucial step in safeguarding their future.

Date: Tuesday 5th December 2023

Time: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Water Marc, Level 4 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough

This catch-up session is a great opportunity for your child to receive the necessary vaccinations to protect against preventable diseases. The session will be administered by qualified Nurse Immunisers and ensure the safety and well-being of your child. The vaccines being offered will be HPV which is free up to 25 years of age, Boostrix and Meningococcal ACWY which is free up to 19 years of age.

Why should you take advantage of this opportunity?

Immunisations are a vital part of your child's health and overall well-being.

Protection against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases.

Helps prevent the spread of illnesses within the community.

This opportunity can be booked through the Banyule City Council website.

https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Community-services/Immunisation-services/Book-an-immunisation-appointment

We understand that your child's health is a top priority, and we are here to support you in ensuring they receive the protection they need.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Banyule City Council Immunisation team on 9457 9964 or email immunisation@banyule.vic.gov.au

Let's work together to protect the health and well-being of our students. We look forward to seeing you on the 5th of December.

Sincerely,

Banyule City Council Immunisation Team

DVC - 2024 Booklist

This year the school is using Lilydale Books as its school booklist provider
Please be advised that the 2024 Booklist are now available on the Lilydale Books Website.
https://www.lilydalebooks.com.au/BookList/School/diamond-valley-college
PLEASE NOTE: Students who are doing Year 11 Literature and the Year 10 Literature elective in 2024 will be notified separate ly about what they need to order.
Any questions, please ask your English teacher or email Jane Overton - jane.overton@education.vic.gov.au
Book Collection from the school is on Monday 22nd January, 2024 from 10:30-1:30pm.

DVC- Bus Information



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 <u>all</u> bus travellers <u>must</u> 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 <u>2024 Bus Application</u> Applications should be completed <u>in full</u>, including a <u>valid personal parent email</u> (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 <u>not be permitted to travel</u> 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 <u>correct bus</u> 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 guestions please feel free to contact me on 9438 1411.

Marly Lucas
Bus Coordinator

Marly.lucas@education.vic.gov.au



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Tuna in oil of any size (95g, 185g or 425g)

- Tomato paste
 Coconut cream or milk
 Honey (small jar), jams
 Full cream UHT milk 1 litre
 Instant coffee / black tea bags
 Sweet / savoury biscuits
- Basmati rice

- Tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, corn kernels)
 Oil (750ml 1 litre)
 Dried legumes (chickpeas, red lentils, yellow split peas)
- Unsalted dried nuts
- **Dried fruit**
- Spices (cumin, turmeric, chilli, coriander) Laundry powder 1kg packs Laundry liquid 1 litre

If you prefer, you can donate supermarket vouchers or gift cards

PLEASE DROP OFF AT 718 MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM VICKI WARD MP - STATE MEMBER FOR ELTHAM



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 <u>website</u> 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 <u>Department of Education & Training website</u>

DVC- Community News



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



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