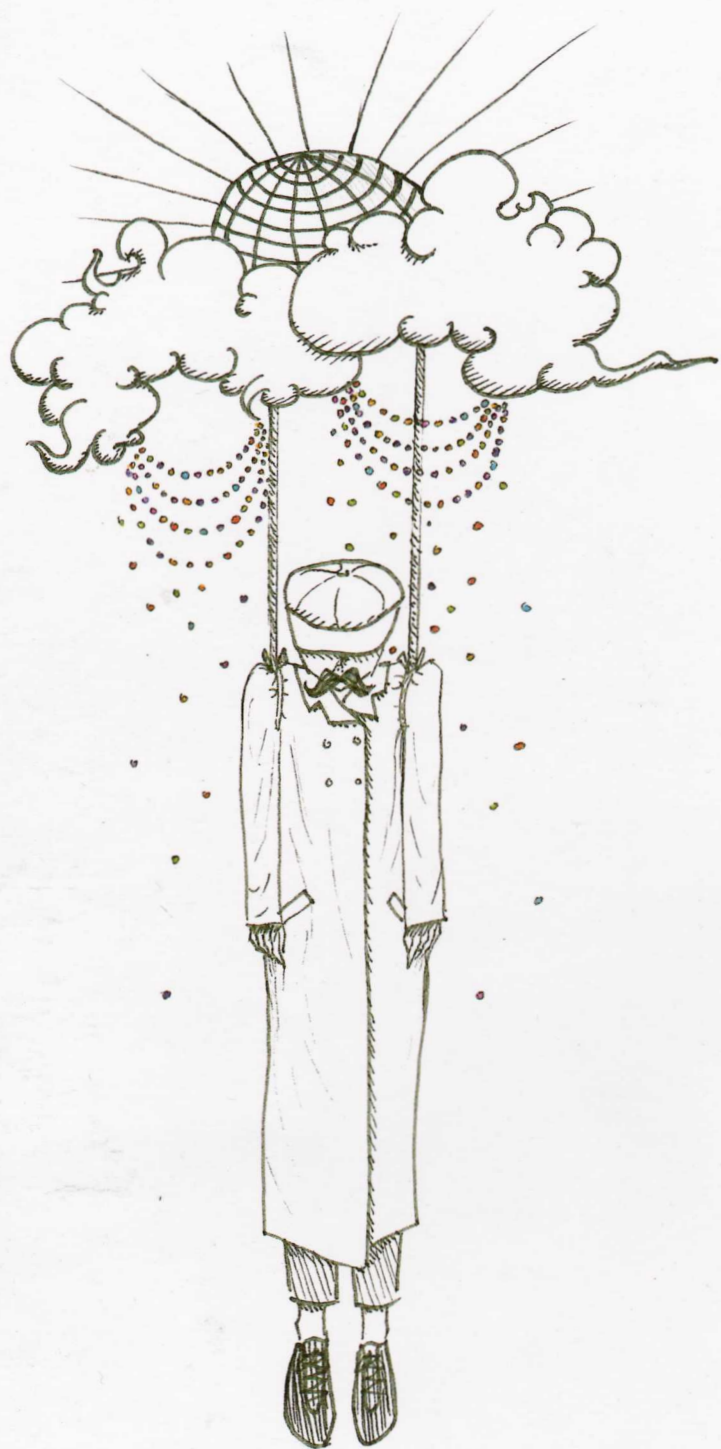


# High Tide

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# College Principal

Taking a few moments to look back on another year in the life of our school has allowed me to reflect on what is really important about schools, and the learning that takes place in them.

For some people the answer to that question is simple; student results. The grades of the students are enough for them to judge the students and the school they attend. But those of us who are fortunate enough to work with these young people and the team of adults who create, manage and support their learning know that there is far more to a school than an academic score taken from a test. Our school, like every other one, does pay a great deal of attention to exams and the resulting grades. But whether these are the best measure of the success of our place is questionable, mainly because almost every day here presents us with another example of the rich learning that takes place in ways that are not measurable by simple tests. Let me give a few examples.

Throughout 2012 we have been fortunate to witness and participate in some really rewarding events and interactions which could never be measured in a test. I think back to our brilliant production of *"The Three Penny Opera"* from earlier in the year. I think of the stunning performances of our bands, ensembles and debating teams, who with the help of our very enthusiastic coaches and teachers met great success. I also look at the performance of our sports teams, and in particular the girls' senior netball team who have remained undefeated in their six years at WHS.

These are all fairly high profile, but on another level there has also been great growth. The fund raising and activities of our student leadership teams have resulted in thousands of dollars being donated to worthwhile charities chosen by the students, and some very important awareness days taking place led by students. Our extra-curricular activities have also really taken off, with students involved in a huge range of activities and clubs each day. Our programs have also continued to develop and have been through an accreditation process. We have been able to offer students a wider selection of VET subjects at our local cluster schools. VCAL has continued to prosper, and good physical examples of the work of the students can be found in the development of the recording studio and the building and maintenance of a herb garden for the food room, where students planted and cared for a number of plants. VCAL students also ran an Amazing Race around Williamstown. In each of these examples it has been the growth and interactions of the people that have been the main learning, the responsibility shared, the initiative shown, and the risks taken and rewarded or learned from. And whilst at the end of the year we will look at the test results and reflect on what they mean, they are only a tiny part of a very big picture. Schools should be so much more, and I am happy to say that ours is.

Can I finish by again thanking the families who support us so well every year? Your help when we do run into problems, and the support you give us generally, is truly appreciated. I hope there is a memory for every student and family in this magazine. There certainly are many from 2012 for me.

Thanks for another great year!

Lisa Sperling





# School Council

This is the fourth time I have had the privilege of contributing to High Tide on behalf of the School Council. Every year I am amazed at the breadth of the school's activities and the wealth of opportunities here for our students.

Our school is a big business led by many talented and hard-working people. I see great commitment from our principals and staff, great talent from the students and great support from groups such as the Parents and Friends and the WHS Ex-Students and Staff associations.

This year has been a difficult one for the education sector. Financial constraints have resulted in reduced services from the education department and brought about a disruptive dispute with the teacher unions. In addition, some independent schools in the West have been forced to close their doors.

Despite this, Williamstown High School continues to set ambitious goals for itself and its students. School Council's purpose is to set a vision for the school and to write policies that ensure we get there.

This year we come to the end of our current strategic plan and next year will begin setting new goals. We note with pride that the school will have achieved all the goals of the 2010-2013 strategic plan, including quantifiable improvement in our VCE results, significant improvement in student engagement through reduced absentee rates, and noticeable improvement in student pathways and transitions. Further, our school curriculum has been critically reviewed and all subjects will be accredited by early 2013.

This work has been done by dedicated staff, supported by Council through its Education Policy sub-committee, and they deserve our thanks.

On top of this, Council has been working hard during the year to plan for the school's Centenary and, in particular, to start fund-raising for the WHS Centenary Theatre. To help us in this endeavor, Council employed education and marketing consultants to provide advice and expertise.

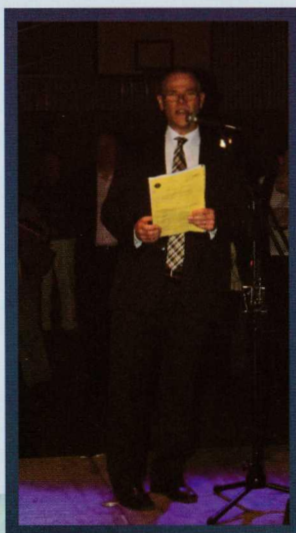
We have taken their advice and in late August launched the campaign to raise \$2 million, a sum that will comfortably enable us to build a theatre suitable for our needs.

It is not uncommon for a government school to raise significant funds to improve infrastructure and others have built facilities such as theatres. However, it has not been commonplace at Williamstown High School. Despite this, Council remains confident that the community, including past students of the school, will see the addition of a theatre in the school as a great asset and willingly contribute.

Already, many staff, parents and past students and staff have given much time to help with the fund raising but this project will last several years and others will be required to help. Many in our community might find their skills ideal for this project.

My thanks go to my fellow school councilors who have given so much of their time during the year, to College Principal Lisa Sperling, Campus Principals Gino Catalano and Darryn Kruse and their leadership teams, school Business Manager Tracey Fogarty, the teaching staff and support staff on both campuses for their dedication. And finally, thank you to Council Secretary Rosemary Hyman, who returned from retirement to help us this year.

**Hugh Jones**  
**School Council President**





# Parent & Friends Association



WHS PFA meets monthly on Tuesday evenings, and provides an informal venue for parents and friends to get to know one-another, and also support teachers and students of Willi High. We do this by:

- Maintaining open communication between staff, School Council, parents and friends. We invite the principals to speak at our meetings, giving you a chance to meet, usually early in the year, and we have a representative attend School Council meetings monthly.
- Co-ordinating social events which encourage interaction and networking between staff, parents and students, such as hosting the annual "Staff Thank-You", the Bayview St campus Art Show, occasional movie nights, and 2nd-yearly Trivia nights.
- Fundraising to assist in the purchase of items for the students, such as this year we purchased black-out curtains for the Drama Room.
- On-going yearly organisation of the PFA Second-Hand Book Sale in December, providing a valuable service to all families.

Over the past 12 months we have supported the Williamstown High School Centenary Launch, donated funds to support students in the drama department, and supplied the WHS staff with an afternoon gathering as appreciation of their services to our children, amongst other things.

Coming up in December is our annual 2nd-hand book sale, which benefits parents, and usually raises nearly \$10,000 for the school.

Also we have continued funding our yearly PFA Citizenship Awards for two students in each year level, and supporting the House Sports.

We wish all the school community a happy and healthy festive season for Christmas 2012,

Your Office Bearers - President: Sue Breedon, Vice-President: Jane Angell, Treasurer: Deb Michelsen, Secretary: Trish Anderson, SC Rep: Sue Reushle.



**Committee members assisting at the Williamstown High School Centenary Launch in August**



**Treasurer Deb Michelsen, VP Jane Angell, President Sue Breedon, Committee Member Wendy Harvey at the Art Show Opening Night**





# School Captain

23 days from now and the Year 12's will be sitting in here, completing our English exam, certainty that I'm still trying to confront and come to terms with. The new reality that we are facing has become a great topic of discussion.

On more than one occasion I've found myself sitting in class discussing the idea that soon enough we won't be able to do things like this anymore.

And by this we meant talking and catching up with people that we love being around everyday, who we aren't best friends with and don't see outside of school, but classmates who we have spent so much time growing up with at school.

For many of us our paths will cross again down at the shops or in years to come but it won't quite be the same.

But that's the unique thing I've come to realize about school, it's a journey we share together, the camps, lunchtimes, classes and crazy school drama's.

It's all ahead of us. Finishing our exams, recovering from schoolies, graduating and seeing our last year of school out. I think only then will the irreplaceable experience of school begin to hit us. We all face new horizons, some will stay close to home, some will move further away, but we will always have the experience of Williamstown High School in common. It's such an exciting time for Year 12's at the moment yet one also of great ambivalence.

The small things that we take for granted start to have corny sentimental value: *"this is the last, last day of term 3 ever"* was a revelation I had two weeks ago, and as silly as it sounds it made me really sad!

For the Year 10's I know Year 12 seems far away and in many ways it is. All the talk of exams and missing school seems crazy, and I thought the same thing when I was sitting there, but trust me if really does come that quick.

The other day my friends Katherine, Lily and I were daydreaming about how fun it would be to go back and relive the crazy adventures of Year 9 ... the camps, the freedom and stress free reality we had.

And what it made me realize is how much you have to make the most of the present because soon enough the next chapter begins.

For the Year 11's your time is soon approaching to take over the canteen chairs, as you move up and face the challenge of Year 12.

Moving on with our lives has a grain of sadness for all of us, no homework, bell times, lockers, school shoes, recess filled with gossip of the weekend, awkward small talk at the toasted sandwich makers and just the everyday routine that will no longer applies to us.

The class of 2012 has accomplished many things together; the diverse personalities will allow you to never forget the faces. For some it may be the events spent together ... athletics, school productions, clubbing at Year 12 camp, bin shot and down ball.

This year has had its ups and downs. Through the stress of all night folio sessions and SAC crammed weeks, we've survived it together. I think we've all managed to stay positive and supportive.

Although you really know that Year 12 is taking over your life when you find yourself quoting on the waterfront daily trying to explain things ... definitely?

To Ms Petroff who has been a great mentor and support throughout the year for both Darcy and I and the SSC for their organization especially Hannah Smith and Tom Harrison who kept the whole leadership team afloat when Darcy and I were stressing over Year 12.

Before I finish I think we all want the chance to say goodbye and thanks to the people that have helped us get to this stage in our life.

To the Principals, Ms Sperling, Mr Catalano and Mr Adamson ... along with Mr Cook and Pobjoy at the junior campus thank you for the opportunities you have offered us.

So on behalf of the Year 12's I'd like to take a moment to thank Ms Bermingham, for the effort she's put into getting us through the year and it couldn't have been easy ... she never fails day in and day out to call me Oliver. Along with Mr Pacher and Ms Roddick for their guidance and support. As well as all the co-coordinators over the years.

And the biggest of thanks of all to our amazing Year 12 teachers who carry the stress and burden of the year with us, keeping us on track, teaching us so much, putting up with the endless emails and questions ... the guidance you've shown us all has shaped us to be the motivated hardworking and intelligent people we will leave Willy High as.

To the rest of Year 12, thank you for all the friendship, and support you've provided. Approaching the next 5 weeks together will be the biggest challenge yet. Let's make a promise to keep motivated and on track because the end is so close and we want to leave knowing we've done our best.

I'd like to thank you all of you for giving me the opportunity to represent you this year as school captain. It's been a lot of fun and a great honor.

**Olive Gilbert, School Captain**



**Olive Gilbert**



# Bayview Campus Captains

2012 has been a massive year for the Bayview Campus Captains and Ambassador Group. We have worked as a team to improve our leadership skills and have achieved a huge amount in a short amount of time. Our first outing as Captains led us to the Impact Leadership Day in March. Held at Moonee Valley Race Course, the conference taught us to be fearless as a leader and how to leave a legacy. The day was filled with ways to be an effective and inspirational leader and we took some of those skills and put them into action as captains and vice-captains, hosting our own Williamstown High School Leadership Day. We took the SRC and Ambassador Groups through some of the things we had learnt in March. Everyone worked so well and we really felt part of a team.

The Ambassador team worked like clockwork this year, from hosting special assemblies to raising money for charities and raising awareness for some very important causes. Athletics Day was a big success for the leadership group. We held a hair-colouring booth at the Athletics Carnival that raised over \$1,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

During Harmony Week, we organised a week full of activities that celebrated the diverse cultures of the school and held a multicultural food stall.

In August, we had a very special visitor come to talk to us. Our national UN Youth Ambassador, Dan Ryan, visited our school to give us a little insight on what it is like to be a UN Youth Ambassador and how to borrow and adapt other people's leadership ideas to suit our own causes.

We conducted several tours of our school through April and May for prospective students in Year 7 2013, as well as hosting a parent information evening with more tours. At the end of each term the captains hosted an assembly celebrating the term's events and achievements.

It has been a pleasure working with everyone in the leadership team this year and we are very proud of each and every one of them. We have achieved a great deal as well as raising plenty of money and awareness for a range of worthy organisations.

Some events the Ambassador Group participated in/organised and ran during 2012:

- Impact Leadership Conference
- Leadership Day
- Athletics Day – World's Greatest Shave
- Tours around the school
- Parent Information Evening
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Harmony Week
- Jeans for Jeans Day
- Melbourne City Mission's Pyjama Day
- Harmony Week – 21 March
- 40 Hour Famine
- Hosted Assemblies
- UN Youth Ambassador Speech
- Tour with the Principal for a Day

**Jack Van Wyngaarden & Jessie Davidson, Bayview School Captains**  
**Francis Hanlon & Oregon Guillox-Cooke, Bayview School Vice Captains**



**Jack  
Van Wyngaarden**



**Jessie Davidson**



**Francis Hanlon**



**Oregon  
Guillox-Cooke**





# Student Leadership @ Pasco

## The 2012 Senior School Council (SSC)

2012 was the second year I had the privilege of coordinating student leadership at Williamstown High School's Pasco Campus. The 2012 SSC was comprised of an extraordinary group of students who regularly inspired and impressed not only their peers but also their teachers and principals. From Year Seven onwards, there are always a group of special students who distinguish themselves with their capacity to lead, to organise, to speak their minds and to contribute towards a better world and educational environment. This year, the SSC's successes are largely attributed to the students who, for some, have been dazzling us with their leadership skills since Year Seven, but also to the new voices that have joined student leadership more recently.

2012 has been a very busy and productive year with students working on some fantastic projects. Each Tuesday, students had a lunchtime commitment where they would either meet in L3 for our official SSC meetings to discuss and brainstorm the needs of the student body, or in L2 where working bees were held to carry out projects. For many members of the 2012 SSC, their journey began in 2011. Last year, Mentors were involved in Supportive Friends Training. The Supportive Friends program educated students on how to recognise, reach out and support fellow students who exhibit signs of isolation, loneliness, anger and depression. Students in the program learnt basic skills that helped them to recognise peers who may be in need of support and how to offer troubled students an open and caring dialogue. They were also trained to refer serious problems to an adult.

Our School Captains and Vice-School Captains participated in a very challenging selection process at the end of 2011.

School Captains were required to write an application, be interviewed by a panel of teachers and principals and then, if short-listed, conduct a two week 'election campaign'. This was concluded by a whole-campus election.



Darcy's and Olive's Campaign Posters

This year commenced with a 'meet and greet' pizza lunch for new local and international students. New students lunched with mentors, school captains, student management leaders, our Student Wellbeing Coordinator and our principals. It was a lovely way for new students to meet many members of our school community.

Tom Harrison, our SSC President, organised a term of after-school Spanish classes for students attending this year's World Challenge adventure. Neil Orchard, our Spanish teacher, was really impressed with the commitment and effort of course participants.

Other initiatives students were involved in this year were organising free dress days to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis, War Child, Oscar's Law, 40 Hour Famine and Prostate / Breast Cancer Research. Students and Mr Russell organised well-attended Teachers vs. Students netball and volleyball games

throughout the year. These games were fantastic for players and spectators alike and really highlighted the genuine rapport between our students and their teachers.

This year many students had the opportunity to attend a series of leadership conferences and forums. Various students attended Hobson's Bay Youth Forum, an Anti-Gambling Conference, World Vision's 2012 Global Leaders Convention and the second annual Teen Expo. In all instances, students actively participated in workshops and activities and were excellent representatives of the school.



Teen Expo.  
Austin Murphy-Hill and Sam Callard busting some moves with professional dancers from the Freestyle Academy.

A highlight this year was our second annual Awareness Week. Awareness Week was an initiative launched by the Social Justice Ambassadors in 2011 with the objective of raising awareness and educating the campus about a different issue each day and also providing students with extracurricular activities. This year's Awareness Week focused on thinking about our environmental footprint, the importance of being both physically and mentally healthy, animal cruelty and poverty in



Ethiopia – this was connected to our participation in the 40 Hour Famine. Students organised an Earth Hour for Monday where the entire school turned off all unnecessary electricity during period six. On Tuesday a pseudo Jump Rope for Heart was planned and students spent lunchtime playing skippy. On Wednesday a guest speaker from Oscar's Law visited Pasco Campus and she told Year Ten and Eleven students about the cruelties endured by animals bred in puppy farms across Australia. She also brought in her own rescued dog. Thursday focused on mental health and student leaders 'pasted-up' the campus with useful and important information about organisations, such as Headspace, that offer young people assistance if they are feeling down or needing someone to talk to. That lunchtime, students screened feel-good movie The Lion King in the library to an audience of over ninety students. Thursday evening was also the day students and staff commenced their 40 Hour Famine. Across the campus on Friday, students participating in the 40 Hour Famine were 'giving up' furniture, food, limbs, speech and sight. At lunchtime, with the help of the amazing VET Music students, we had a fundraising concert where students and our own Mr Hudson performed a range of musical numbers. I'm happy to report that Pasco Campus raised \$3,785.15 to help the people of Ethiopia.



Ben Versteegen and Arky Elston taking skippy to a whole other level!

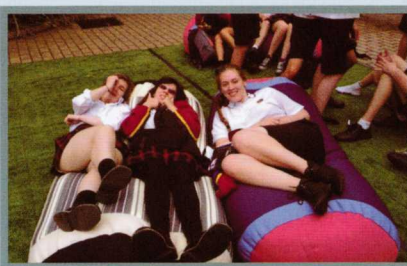


Year 10s enjoying the beanbags and the Pop-Up Park!



Year 12s jumping rope

During Terms Three and Four the SSC, under the watchful eyes of School Captain Olive Gilbert, SSC Vice-President Hannah Stewart-Smith and the Promotions Committee, organised a Pop-up Park for the Year Ten area. The girls, inspired by Yarraville's recent Pop-up park, ordered bean bags, many, many, many beans and fake turf. This area has been happily utilised by students and we hope to continue to improve this great space in 2013. The 2013 SSC will also happily accept any donations the community may wish to offer this initiative.



Many Captains and Ambassadors have worked independently with teachers, coordinators and principals on a myriad of projects such as concerts, school productions and community events. I would like to thank all staff at Pasco Campus for working with the SSC and would especially like to thank our amazing Student Wellbeing Team Becc Ferretti, Brett Russell, Dean Commons, Chris Pacher, Caitlin Ryan, Liza Bermingham, Laura Ruddick, Tamy Stubley, Ann Goller and Ross Adamson for your continued support of our student leaders.

Through their enthusiasm and spirit, the Senior School Council has truly embodied John F. Kennedy's maxim that 'Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other'. Finally, I thank these incredible students for their hard work and dedication and wish all of them a wonderful 2013 and encourage them to always be their best.

**Leanne Petroff**  
Student Leadership Coordinator



Year 12s at their last SSC meeting. Shaya, Rose, Cynthia, Victoria, Melanie, Sam, Olive, Kirtana, Darcy, Olivia and Tom.



Darcy, Olive and Victoria at their final SSC meeting





# The 2012 SSC @ Penco

## School Captains

Olive Gilbert 12B (Yellow House)  
Darcy Wall 12E (Blue House)

## Vice School Captains

Victoria Lang 12D (Green House)  
Hannah Brown 12F (Red House)

## SSC President

Tom Harrison 12G

## SSC Vice-President

Hannah Stewart-Smith 11E

## VCAL Captain

Katherine Moore 12K

## Secretary

Callum Blow 11A

## Treasurers

Cynthia Xydias 12D  
Kit Millais 11C

## Social Justice Ambassadors

Olivia Grey 12F  
Nikki Gholizadeh 11K  
Nala Taukilo 10D  
Kirtana Bharathi 12F

## Editorial Committee

Ayub Fahiye 10D  
Jake Bokhove 10A  
Jasper Kinder 10C

## Promotions Committee

Matilda Warner 10K  
Gemma Walker 10A  
Simrandeep Singh 10K

## Drama Captains

Richard Saxby 12F  
Eliza Watson 11K

## Debating Captain

Hannah Brown 12F

## 'Honorary' House Captains

*Red:*

Melanie Thompson 12D and Jackson Pennington 12G

*Yellow:*

Lachlan Thomas 12K

*Blue:*

Lucy Craigie 12E

*Green:*

Sam Herrick 12F



Tom and Hannah



Simrandeep, Gemma and Matilda



Kirtana, Nikki, Nala and Olivia

## Music Captains

Kit Millais 11C  
Hailee Love 11H  
Katherine Crisp 12F

## Student School Council

### Representatives

Shaya Minns 12J  
Hannah Stewart-Smith 11E

### Environmental Officer

Krisztina Plaganyi 10J

### Sports Captain

Cameron Davies 11G

## Homegroup Representatives

Alice Watson 10G  
Jett McMaster 10H  
Samantha Philipps 10K  
Jessica Jamieson 11B  
Grace Hayward 11C  
Bradley Erickson 11J  
Lainey Savage 12B  
Clarice Campbell 12C  
Cynthia Xydias 12J  
Rose Wilson 12J

## 2012 Mentors

Ben Keene  
Eliza Warne  
Davida Graham  
Lainey Savage  
Dylan Barnaby  
Joey Bartolotta  
Jovana Kuvac  
Tom Harrison  
Will Ainslie  
Shaya Minns  
Chantelle Salazar  
Erana Parker  
Melanie Thomson Allan  
Chelsea Goslin  
Victoria Lang  
Annie Bourke-Ibbs  
Brigid Virtue  
Callum Blacklaw  
Nicole Pearce





# International & ESL Program

2012 has been a vibrant and successful year for Williamstown High School's International and ESL Program. A federal government survey of our international students revealed that an extremely high number of our international students are very happy with their experience at Williamstown high School. The survey also overwhelmingly rated the teaching at Williamstown High above the state average.

From Year 10 to Year 12, ESL and International students have been working hard in all subject areas. While the International ESL students have specific ESL classes for English, for all other classes they study alongside native speaking English students. This is particularly challenging, but it is impressive to see how well our non-English speaking background students have performed in their assessment tasks. They should be commended on their hard work and determination.

This year our international, exchange and ESL Students were:

## Year 7

Lorenza **FINCO** – Italy

## Year 9

Francesca **FINCO** – Italy

## Year 10

Maggi Yi **BAI** - China

Agathe **GIRAULT** - France

Ryutaro **MAEJIMA** - Japan

Max Tra My **PHAM** – Vietnam

Yukang **DING** – China

Leon Yi Tao **JU** – China

Mizuki **MIYAMOTO** - Japan

Aileen **SCHIFFER** - Germany

Muriel **GILLES** – France

Claire **LAURENCON** - France

Mia Huyen My **PHAM** – Vietnam

Steven Cuong **TIEU** – Vietnam

## Year 11

Dexiang **AI** – China

Hagen **HAGENS** - Germany

Chenyu **LIU** – China

Sam Tam **TRUONG** – Vietnam

Ganesan **CHELVAGNANAM** - Malaysia

Cecilia Yixin **HU** - China

Josie **MAURER** – Germany

Viktoria **TWARDOWSKI** – Germany

Byrne **GREIDER** – USA

Caroline Xintong **LIU** – China

Tyler **PHAN** – Vietnam

Thibault **WEIL** – France

## Year 12

Vieri **CANSCHI** – Italy

Huan **JI** - China

Bella Ngoc **NGUYEN** – Vietnam

Francesca **SANDULESCU** - Romania

Kenzo **VITUCCI** - Italy

Alan **ZHU** - China

Ken Ninh **CHU** - Vietnam

Maria-Eleni **MICHANETZI** - Greece

Cindy Quynh **NGUYEN** - Vietnam

Thao **TRINH** – Vietnam

Joe Bao **VU** - Vietnam

Sam **HUGGETT** - Canada

Amber Thao **NGUYEN** - Vietnam

Max **RICHTER** - Germany



**Mia PHAM** (15 October 1994 to 20 August 2012)

The International and ESL program had some sadness this year with the unexpected passing of Mia Pham. She was a much loved member of class with a bright future ahead of her. Mia will be remembered fondly by her friends and family in Vietnam and Australia.



**Rowan Cairns and Tasha Paquier** - ESL teachers

**Lucie Compton** – International Program Co-ordinator





# SRC @ Bayview

The SRC has worked really well this year. In Term 1 the SRC Executive and School Captains attended a Leadership Conference held by Impact Leadership. From the conference we gathered some important points, ideas and activities to share with the rest of the SRC on our Leadership Day. The Leadership Day consisted of team building activities led by the student leaders, listening to some of the teachers in leadership roles speak and coming up with great ideas on how we could improve the school. In Term 3 Year 7 & 8 SRC Representatives organised and presented a Kids Teaching Kids week. This involved making their fellow students more aware of environmental issues in our community and ways they could help.

We held a Sports Colours Day which was a great success, seeing all kinds of different sports jerseys and raising money for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Coming up is our Halloween week, a whole week of Halloween inspired activities at lunch times, and to top off the week a Halloween themed dress up! Also coming up is the Halogen National Young Leaders Conference, which should be a great experience. Overall it has been great seeing the SRC group co-operating together to produce all kinds of ideas to improve the school!

**Sapphire Wolley**  
SRC President





# Environmental Leadership Team

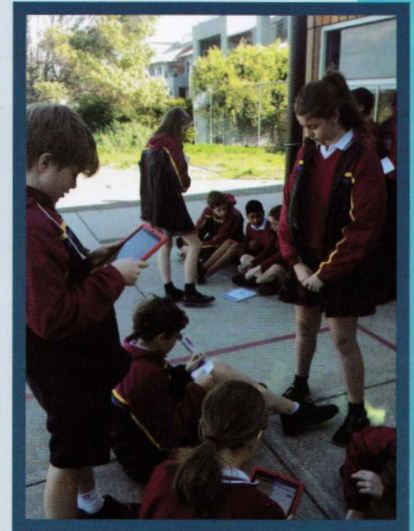
This semester, our Environmental Team have been busy with Kids Teaching Kids week, setting up vegetable gardens and working at the Jawbone.

During Kids Teaching Kids week, our Environmental Leaders and SRC Leaders taught their Year 7 peers about the Jawbone Marine Sanctuary and what they could do to protect it and their Year 8 peers about Recycling, offering practical ideas for recycling at school and at home.

During Term 4 the Environmental Team are undertaking two new projects. They are working closely with Melbourne Water at the Jawbone. Students are learning about the North Pacific Sea Star and how they can help to remove them from the bay. They are also testing water, monitoring fish and supplying the data they collect to the Jawbone Marine Sanctuary. Students are also working hard to develop two new raised vegetable gardens. They are growing corn, tomatoes, baby spinach, mixed lettuce and carrots.

Next year our Environmental Leadership team will grow. We will be electing an Environmental Captain at Year 9 and a Vice Captain at Year 8 or 9. We will be looking for an Environmental leader from each home group to join our team. We will be involved in many new projects including the Think Act Green project at Melbourne University where teams of our Environmental Leaders will attend conferences, create Sustainability Initiatives for our school and compete against other schools to win money to fund their initiative.

Stay tuned for more information on becoming an Environmental Leader in 2013!



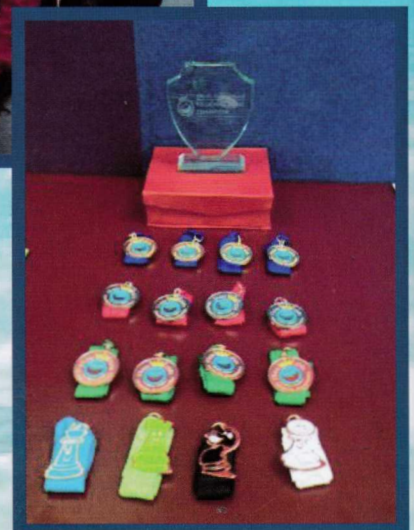


# CHESS CLUB R BV

Chess Club is run every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch. Students turn up each time to try to improve their chess skills, by having friendly matches with each other, which can quickly turn competitive. From humble beginnings in 2011, where only a few Year 8s turned up, to the thriving club where up to 30 students can turn up, Chess Club has been one of the most successful clubs in the past year. Chess Club is a great place to train our mental muscles and meet new competitors from different year levels. Year 7 students are also showing up to some of the Year 9 seasoned chess players.

Also, with the coming of Chess Club, interschool representation has followed. Just recently, the Year 9 side took out first prize at the regional chess championships, with individual honours going to Riley Kane (1st), Lewis Kennedy (2nd) with Edward Wilkins and Kyle Michelsen tying for 3rd place. These four competitors along with Alex Diederich will represent Williamstown High School at the State Championships, which is to be held at Monash University. Hopefully there are more honours to be won with the help of Chess Club.

**Riley Kane**  
**Chess Club**





# Sports Captain @ Bayview

It has been a busy year of great sporting prowess at Williamstown High School.

Williamstown High School has dominated the district and region with all the talent of our students. We have had many students progress through to state and regional finals.

On behalf of my co-captains Olivia Klamann and Dani Karl, I wish all the competitors the best of luck and once again, congratulations!

**Conor Lynch**  
**Accelerated Sports Captain**

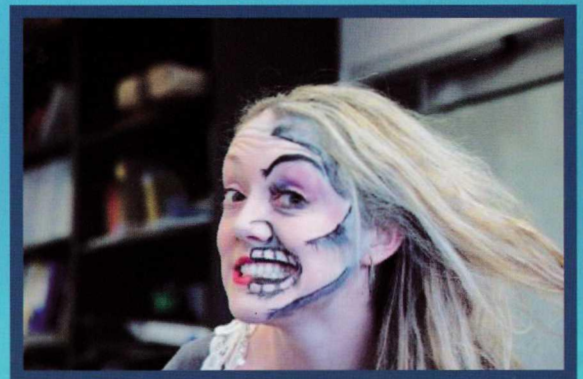
# Student leadership @ BV

2012 has been a big year for the Student Leadership Team. They have learnt a lot about being a leader, the rewards and the setbacks.

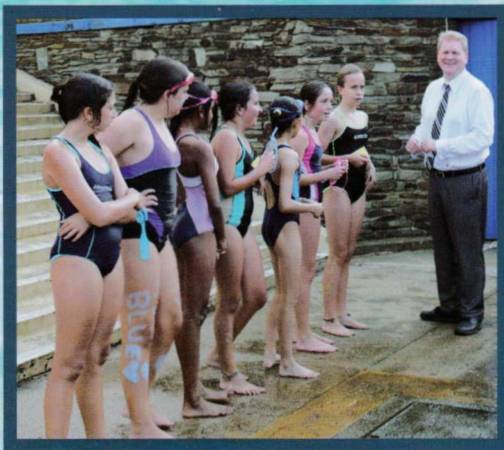
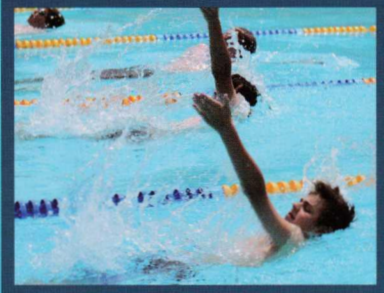
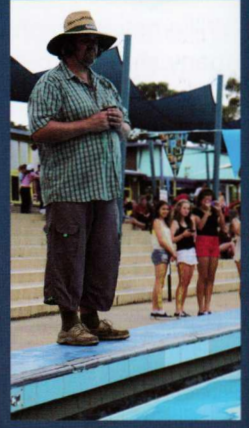
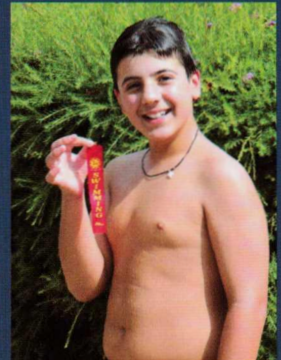
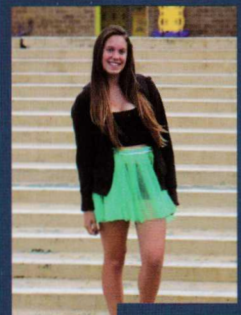
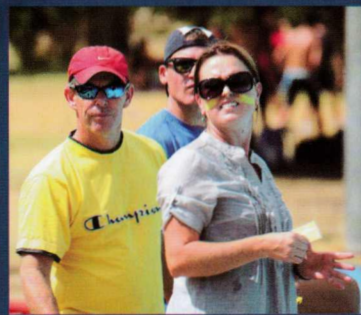
Students have actively organised and run events such as fundraisers, community awareness and assisted with tours around the school.

Congratulations to the student leaders for all their hard work and commitment throughout the year. Best wishes on your endeavors as leaders in the future.

**Anna Quan**  
**Student Leadership Coordinator**

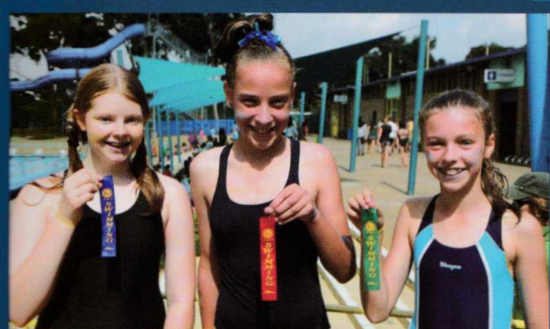






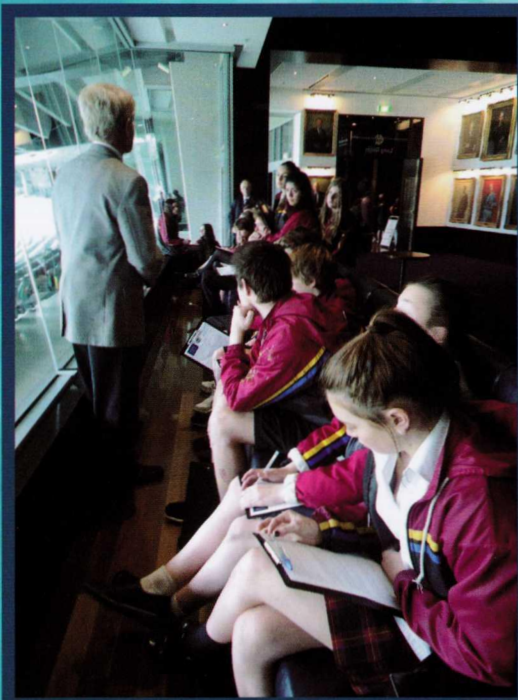


# SWIMMING SPORTS





# Writing Sports



Boys, you know what to do. I tell you everyday, every game; just go out there and try your hardest and never give up! - James Wright, 9NA

You don't need me telling you what you did wrong, you know what you did wrong! You got cocky, big headed, thought you were safe. It doesn't work like that! You gotta fight til that last siren blares. Show me what you got. Play harder, run faster! Be my dream team. I know you can be. Don't settle for a 2 point win, strive for a 30 point defeat! - Jessie S, 9HL

The thousands of fans out there are waiting for you to take this game home. - Georgia W

How did it feel to be winning, with the sun on your back and glory in your eyes. It felt good, didn't it? And how do you feel now, that that exhilarating feeling has been taken from you? You can get it back, I know you can, but you've got to give it everything you've got, and you got to give it now! - Bridget Walker

Let's start over. The beginning of the match? You all ran out there with a dream in your eye, ready to take this match. I want those boys. Those boys are going to run out there, knowing they'll win, and take what is theirs. I know you can, you know you can, and thousands of screaming fans know you can. You made it this far, don't lose it now! - Ally P

OK boys ... what happened, you guys just stopped? I need 110%, no half heartedness. We need to go all out and grip this victory with both hands. - Jordan Partridge



I think we did a great job. We all worked well together as a team even though we had a rough start we pulled through to win the game. - Oregon

It's an indescribable feeling ... they are an extremely hard team to beat and to get the winning goal. I can't explain it, but at the end of the day, it's not about who won it for the team, its about the team as a whole and we couldn't be happier! - Leyla Cross

Look, I couldn't of done it without that strong pass from Jack. He lined it up and I delivered. My coach really strives to place us in every scenario to be in this position. I am just so grateful for all the support and everyone who was here to share this with me. - Jessie S, 9HL

Well well, we finally won something as we are at the bottom of the ladder and lost every other game played. Well done you lot! - Sean





# Future Journalists



Hawthorn wins the Grand Final on the siren after an outstanding 60 metre kick from Lance Franklin! Cries of passion echo throughout the stadium as Hawthorn supporters cheer. What a game! - Ambrose Moore

As cliché as it sounds, the crowd's gone wild! Tension built in the air as the siren counted down the last few seconds, both teams tied up. No-one seemed to be able to keep their heads in the game and hands on the ball, and it was dropped and missed, and wasn't until Collingwood managed to snap the ball and run it across the field that we could hope for a clear winner. A kick for a goal and as the ball flies into the air, hopes fall and in that moment we lose faith in our team ... and the ball bounces on the ground and into the behind! - Ally P

News just in, someone has just taken the most highest specky jumping over six people. - Sean

The atmosphere is electric, the roar from the crowd deafening. It's grand final day and the tension is high, who will win? - Oregon

The crowd roars as the Sherrin flies through the goal posts. The supporters stand up rejoicing in a chant full of claps and cheers. Multiple flags spring up, flapping around wildly and accompanied by large pointing hands, pointing up towards the sky. The volume is probably giving the elderly deafness but they don't even care. The siren blares. They've won! - Bridget Walker

The ball starts in the middle, it's a ball up. It can go any direction, go either way, but one team can only win. The colours of their jerseys separating each team but showing their unity for the thrill of the game. The ground thumping and cheers echoing. Every player on edge waiting for their moment to take the glory, to score that much needed goal, to win! - Jesse S, 9HL

A magnificent play, Gibbs passes it to Judd, as he sprints along the centre square, fending off incoming opponents with the rain pelting him as he makes his way out of the muddy glue pot. Passing it to Betts, as he is running at full pace towards the ball, marking it, snapping it for a goal on the siren! - Georgia W

It was magic. Kruezer tapped it to Juddy from the centre, then bangs it straight to Hampson who marks strongly just outside the 50 and boots a goal. That's how you do it! - Leyla Cross

There was 30 seconds left of the game, the crowd was going crazy. There were so many different sounds in the MCG. The player grabs the ball. - Caitlin Casley





# VCAL @ WHS

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) program at Williamstown High School has seen the delivery of both Year 11 Intermediate and Year 12 Senior certificates in 2012. The program is an equivalent to VCE that centres on providing an educational and training program for students wishing to enter into apprenticeships, employment or further study.

Students attend WHS three days per week and undertake a TAFE course one day per week. TAFE courses selected by students in 2012 varied from Automotive at Kangan, Carpentry, Plumbing, Engineering and Childcare at Victoria University, Fitness at Smart Connections to Fashion at Point Cook Secondary College. WHS students were well received by the training organisations and they completed all the required outcomes.

The other day that is not spent at school is taken up with work-placement. It's a daunting task approaching a business and convincing them to take on a student for an extended period of time. It's a credit to both Intermediate and Senior students that they were successful in completing their required number of hours. WHS enlisted the assistance of Youth Now again in 2012 in facilitating a number of placements for our students and they did a remarkable job, so we look forward to a continuing relationship with them.

Year 12 Senior students had a visit from Constable Scott Sutton, the Youth Research Officer from Victoria Police. He spoke to the group about rights and responsibilities in the Victorian legal system and how young people must be, not only aware of their rights, but also respectful of the right of others.

Year 11 Intermediate students joined with VCE students in participating in the Fit2Drive program, where they learned valuable skills and focussed on personal safety, responsibility and strategies to make them safer drivers and passengers.

They also participated in a team project at Yarraville West Primary School's Athletics Carnival. Students were required to run the activities for the P – 2 students, where they ran games such as hurdles, long jump and parachute games, in order to give the children some understanding of how to get involved in athletics, once they reach Grade 3. WHS would like to thank YWPS for allowing us to participate and especially to Re Casey for organising such a great project for our Year 11 Intermediate students.

Another community project they worked on was with the Williamstown Childcare Centre to redevelop the vegetable garden and paint a prehistoric jungle theme mural in the big play area at the crèche. They conducted a site assessment, where they measured the work space and discussed design ideas with the manager and chairperson, before costing and completing the work. The project simulated a tradesperson/client relationship, with the crèche as the client and VCAL students as the tradespeople. The client was happy with the results and the students had a great learning experience.

Both Senior and Intermediate students were involved in other projects to assist them with real-world learning. With the help of Literacy teacher Rowan Cairns, the students worked tirelessly to clear weeds and debris from the school's chicken and duck enclosure; the residents were clucking happily in their new and improved environment. Rowan is also planning the building and maintenance of a herb garden for the food room, where students will be planting and caring for a number of plants. And with assistance from Steve Jones, students ran an Amazing Race around Williamstown, where they planned a problem solving activity to be completed by the rest of the group. Despite the torrential rain on the day, both teachers and students had a great time. The results of these projects have been really rewarding and the students have had positive learning experiences.

At the conclusion of classes Intermediate students completed the Polish program delivered by the Beacon Foundation, which prepares young people for the workplace. They learnt deportment, grooming, interview tactics and employers' expectations. They also attended a lunch with local business leaders and had the opportunity to utilise the skills they'd learned in the program.

A number of guest speakers and programs were delivered into the Senior VCAL classrooms throughout the year. These included speakers from the Department of Justice and Consumer Affairs, an industry specialist from the





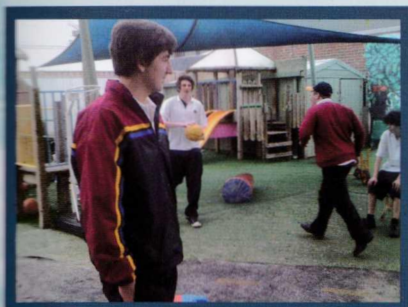
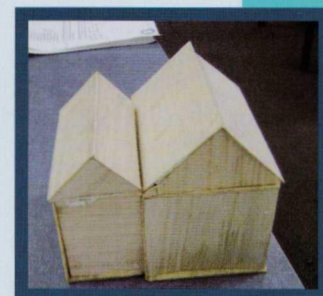
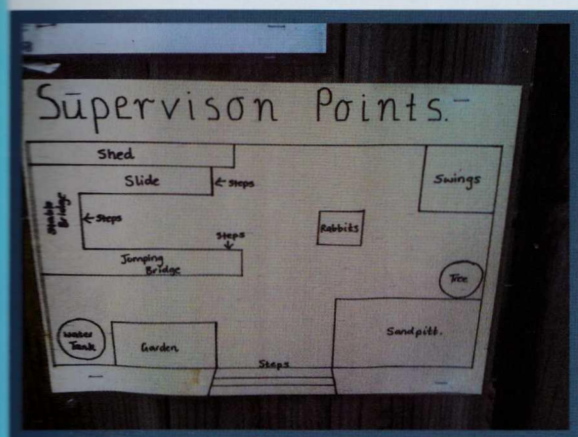
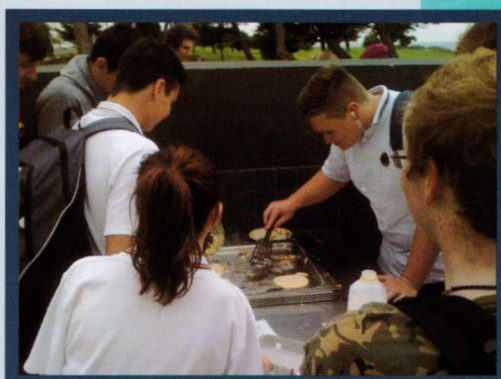
Victorian Employer's Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a consultant from MEGT Group Training. Senior students gained valuable knowledge from these speakers that they could utilise in the fast approaching world of work.

Senior students also undertook Level II First Aid Training Course. It was a rigorous test of their ability to respond to emergency situations and will be a great asset for future employment prospects. All participating students successfully completed the course.

A number of students have confirmed apprenticeships; others are off to further study at TAFE and University, continuing the journey of gaining extra qualifications. For others still, it's a complete change of career choice altogether, perhaps even beginning again in a different workplace or TAFE. Congratulations to all students who completed their VCAL certificates and best wishes to those who are leaving WHS to pursue apprenticeships, employment or further education.

The 2012 VCAL teaching team consisted of myself (Work Skills - Senior and Intermediate), Rowan Cairns (Literacy - Senior and Intermediate), Brett Russell (Numeracy - Senior), Jarryd Mills (Numeracy - Intermediate), Tony Fear (Personal Development - Senior) and Steve Jones (Personal Development - Intermediate). Some were old hands and others were new to the VCAL program. Teaching VCAL is a challenging but ultimately very rewarding experience and on behalf of the students and myself, I would like to thank all the teachers on a wonderful year's work.

**Kat Perdriau**  
VCAL Coordinator



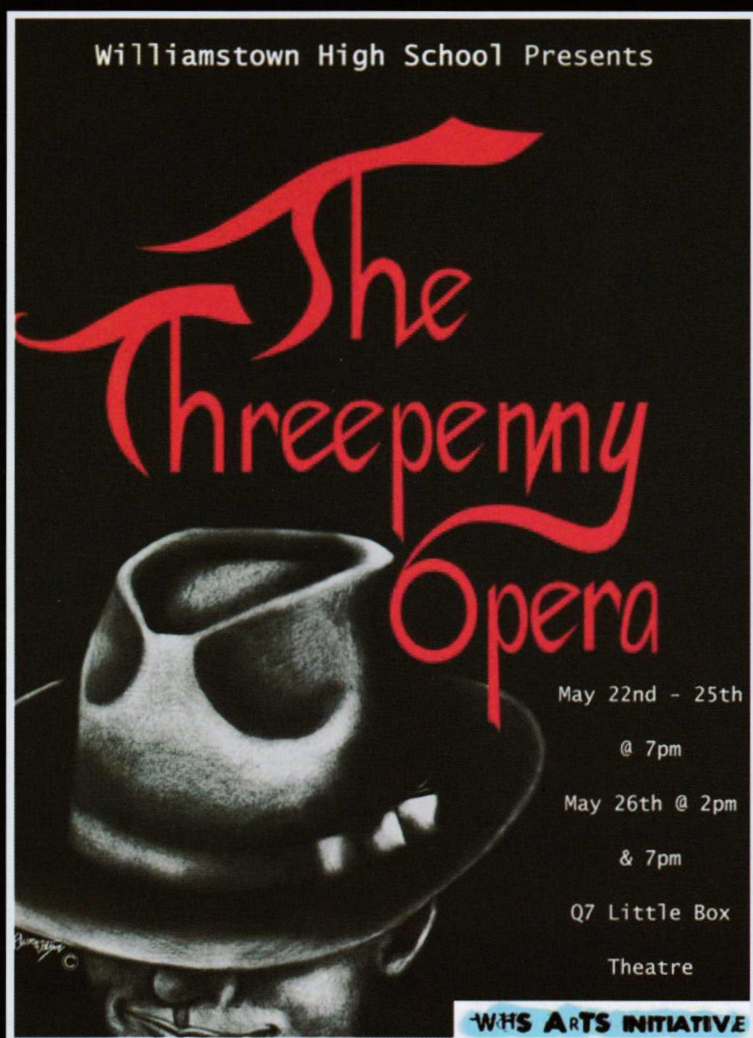


"No one can be good for long if goodness is not in demand." German playwright Bertolt Brecht wrote the social-political play **The Three Penny Opera**. Exploring Marxism and through its display of social deprivation – Brecht brought Theatre to the people rather than the 'Elite Society'. Williamstown High School was proud to stage a play that highlights society's 'darker side' and presented a cynical look of how "whenever there are great virtues, it's a sure sign that something's wrong". With the genius score by German-Jewish composer Kurt Weill - and original composition (drawing on the seven deadly sins) by student Ben Keene - **The Three Penny Opera** was an evening of theatre that awakened the senses and encouraged the audience to change their wicked ways.

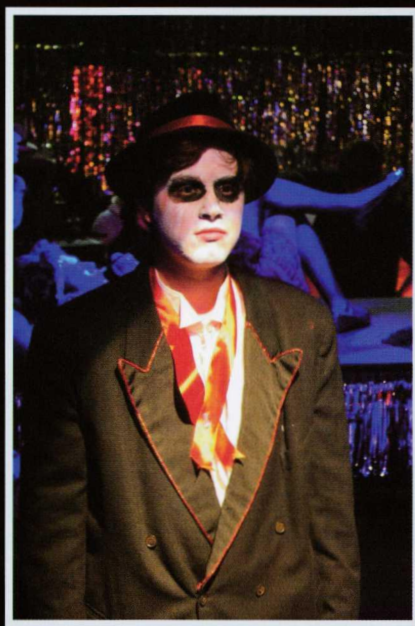
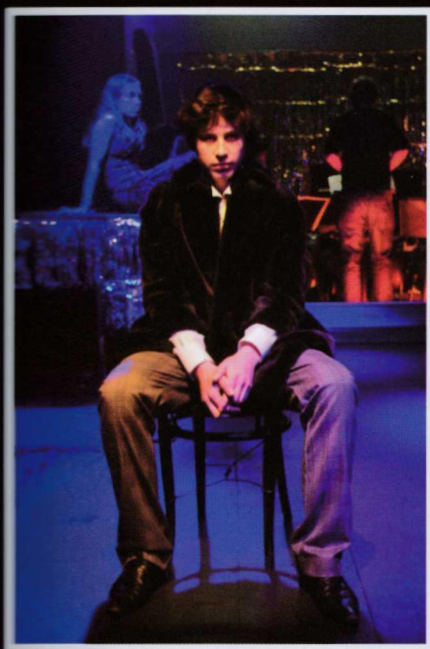
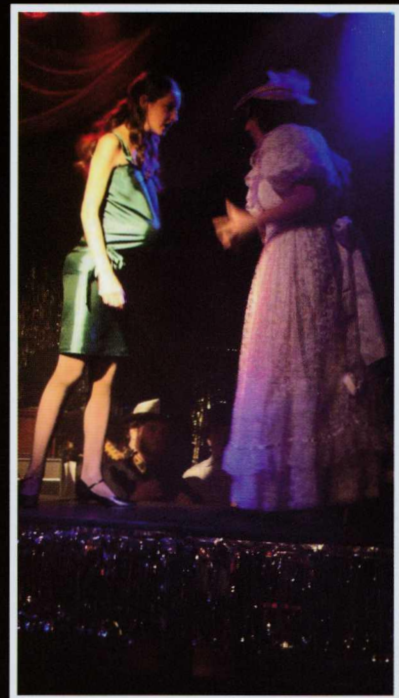
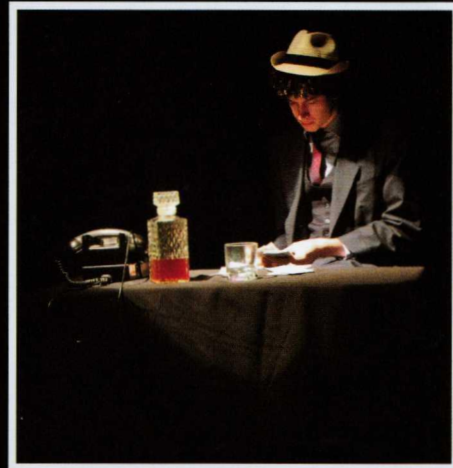
### Dean Commons

*Congratulations to Dean Commons, Tracy McNeil, Will Salisbury and our talented WHS students for the highly successful performance of The Three Penny Opera. This was a highly professional production. Students were fully committed and passionate. The level of talent at Williamstown High School demonstrated in this production was exceptionally high. This was in all areas - from acting, playing instruments, singing, dancing and working as a team. Congratulations to everyone - what an event!*

Lisa Sperling

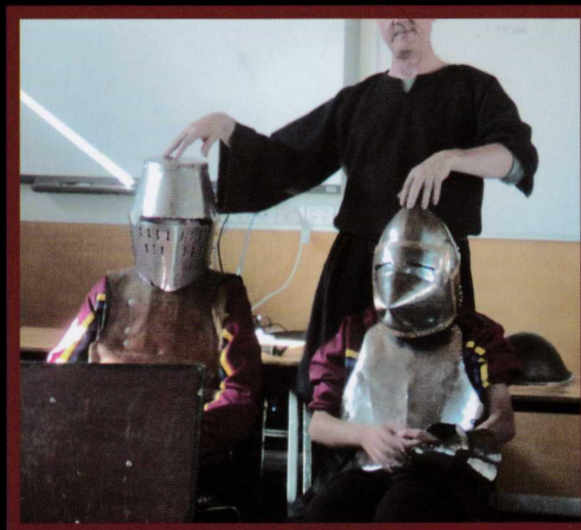








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The nominations for awards (and the top awards in bold) in each category went to the following students:

**Best Screenplay**

We need to Talk – Ben Keene (Year 12)

The Thief - Solly Gelman & Finn Hubbard (Year 11)

**Concerning the Future – Darcy Wall (Year 12)**

Procrasti Nation – Darcy Weir (Year 12)

**Best Sound**

The Undead - Michael Miller (Year 11)

Fou Rouge – Nino Beiers & Eliza Katsourakis (Year 11)

Le Femme – Keegan Mew (Year 11)

**Not Alone – Isaac Mitchel-Frey (Year 12)**

**Best Actor**

**Ben Keene**

Hannah Brown

Imogen Rose Stroud

Isaac Mitchel-Frey

Nikki Sheils

**Best Editing**

Le Femme – Keegan Mew (Year 11)

The Sky That Only Lovers See – Matthew Montalvo (Year 12)

**Interlude – Rachel Tobin (Year 11)**

Not Alone – Isaac Mitchel-Frey

**Best Cinematography**

Interlude – Rachel Tobin & Elly Efthimiades (Year 11)

Le Femme – Huw Davies and Keegan Mew (Year 11)

The Thief – Solly Gelman and Finn Hubbard (Year 11)

**Not Alone – Isaac Mitchel-Frey (Year 12)**

**Best Director**

Le Femme – Huw Davies & Keegan Mew (Year 11)

The Sky That Only Lovers See – Mathew Montalvo (Year 12)

**The Thief – Solly Gelman & Finn Hubbard (Year 11)**

Concerning the Future – Darcy Wall (Year 12)

Wunderland – Jac Meddings (Year 12)

**Best Picture**

The Thief – Solly Gellman & Finn Hubbard (Year 11)

**We Need To Talk – Ben Keene (Year 12)**

Concerning The Future – Darcy Wall (Year 12)

Not Alone – Isaac Mitchel-Frey (Year 12)

**Best Photography**

Frankenstein – Matilda Bengtzen (Year 12)

Tilly Portraits – Joe Gentry (Year 12)

**Cinderella – Helena Witte (Year 12)**

Equality – Lia Hempell (Year 11)

**Best Print**

**Fashion shoot – Kristian Nikoloski (Year 12)**

Loose Cannen P.I. - Jeremy Costa and Callum Page (Year 11)

Code – Bobby Andonov (Year 12)

Fructeaux – Matilda Johnstone (Year 12)

**People's Choice**

Dawn – Peter Matthews (Year 12)





# English @ Pasco

Australia is Home

Australia is vast, with so much to explore

Australia looks like a paradise, but underneath has so much more

Australia feels like summer, with beaches up and down her coasts

Australia smells like land, and all the splendour that it brings us

Australia tastes like so many things, from every single culture

Australia sounds like our anthem, and all of the joy that it brings

Australia feels like Home



Georgia Lee

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# Australia

## Australian Sensory Poem

*Australia is a Barbie on the Beach*

*Australia is a land full of adventure and opportunity*

*Australia looks like packed beaches on a summer's day*

*Australia feels like warm sand between my toes*

*Australia smells like beer at the local pub*

*Australia taste like snags on the Barbie at the family picnic*

*Australia sounds like cheering at a footy game*

*Australia is M H M*

By Jackson Carroll, 10J



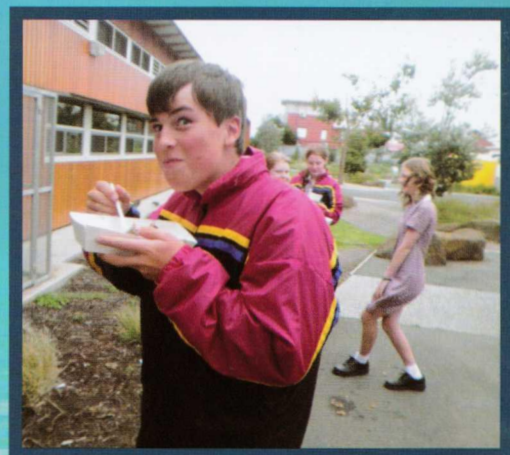
The American Dream



John Stroud



# French Crepe Man!





# BAYVIEW MUSIC

## INTERMEDIATE BAND

There have been many performance highlights this year. During the Music Camp in May we had the opportunity to improve our skills. We performed The Lion King for the Jamieson community and together with the senior band we played with Benalla High students. For the Spring Concert we played for our family, friends and the Williamstown community. Playing together in the town hall made us sound amazing! Over the year we have made new friends and have had a great time learning music. Thanks to Ms Brogan for all her hard work.

Dylan Jepsen

## BAYVIEW CHOIR

I am speaking on behalf of the Choir of Bayview Street Campus. Choir is pleasurable extra curriculum activity, which takes place on Tuesdays at lunch times. We exercise our god given talents by exploring our vocals to different lengths and try a variety of styles of music. Our coach educates us on different ways of expressing ourselves and encourages the group to write songs. Our band put singing to the test as we performed at our very own vocal concert. We had solo artists performing unique tunes as well as their own material. The choir sang together magical songs with beautiful harmonies. It was a very memorable night and I greatly enjoy being a part of this choir.

Stephanie Rauza

## INTERMEDIATE BAND

My name is Louis I'm 13 years old and leader of the Williamstown High School Intermediate Band. I play percussion; I've been playing for six years now, I started at the age of 7. The intermediate band is a combination of several instruments including clarinet, saxophone, bass guitar, trumpet, trombone and of course the different forms of percussion. Intermediate Band has been a great experience we've all learnt lots and we have all had fun. I guess my favorite experience I had during Intermediate Band this year was band camp. We had so much fun. The intermediate band has been a great opportunity and I'm very proud to say that I'm leader.

Louis Schofield



## JUNIOR STAGE BAND

Stage band this year has been an amazing experience! From performing at the Spring Concert, to holding our own smaller concert in the school's drama room, the year has been packed full of excitement, practice – and best of all – music! Despite many of our musicians being new to stage band, they performed brilliantly and always worked hard. We performed in many different venues, including Mansfield (at a local high school and in a church), at the Williamstown Town Hall (for the annual Spring Concert) and in our own drama room (for a smaller but nonetheless fantastic concert). We have played some easy pieces, some difficult pieces, and some pieces we thought that we would never be able to play, but we always got it in the end and finished the piece with a brilliant performance! We had a variety of instruments in our band – including a saxophone section, a trumpet section, a bass, trombone and drums. Junior Stage Band was held every Wednesday morning and Will Salisbury was our conductor. Junior Stage Band this year was so much fun, and we all loved every minute of it!

**Morgan Clifford, 8AG**

## KOOL SKOOLS RECORDING

The Kool Skools recording session at Studio 52 was an amazing experience and unlike any other I've ever had before. It was amazing learning what it takes to record songs. After recording a few tracks of the same bit the recording engineer would find and put all the best bits together, then she would edit it with different effects as well as changing the balance making the final product a near perfect track. It took a whole day just to record two songs and it left me feeling tired. This made me wonder what the artists who record entire albums must feel like. This was one of the best things I've done in my life and it was helped by the fact that the staff from Hobson's Bay Youth Services and Studio 52 were very friendly and actually cared about making the album the best it possibly could be. Overall the whole thing from the bus ride to recording tracks was awesome!

**John Sen Cummings, 7TJ**

## JUNIOR BAND

Junior Band was, as Year 7's, our first step into the world of music. We were all nervous not knowing if it would be hard or if it would be easy. It turned out not to be too scary or difficult. There were some challenges, like if one person didn't know how to play a part in our piece, but we all seemed to rise to the challenge and now we sound great. Our first concert was one that was held in the drama room at the end of first term. This was quite a big experience because this was the first time we could all show off the things we had learnt. We ended up playing brilliantly and did a fantastic job overall. Our next concert was The Spring Concert. Now, this was a big deal as this was the biggest concert of the year and you only got one shot at it. Everyone was very excited to be a part of it. The concert went off really well. Our parents were so proud to see us up on the stage playing our pieces, and at the end of it all I think everyone was relieved they could get off the stage and back into their seats. Overall, Junior Band has been a great experience and a nice boost into harder music.

**Michael Pehm 7KL**



# Music program

Our music camp/tour to Mansfield and Benalla was a great way to kick-start the year. Performing for the first time for the Intermediate Band in the tiny town of Jamieson was an experience - many of the town's residents had turned up for the concert, and they provided us with a memorable afternoon tea. Combining our Senior Band with that of Benalla Secondary College allowed our students the opportunity to mingle, rehearse and perform with their students, and some lasting friendships were made.

This year's Warchild Benefit concert was yet another memorable occasion for the whole school community and someone put it, a joyful experience! It was managed for the first time by both VET Music Industry classes. In the past it was just the Unit 1/2 class that managed the event, including sound, but this time the Unit 3/4 class covered the technical production of sound and recording whilst the Unit 1/2 students took care of overall management, logistics and fund-raising. In each case the students were assessed for one of their main SACs.

The annual Spring Concert in September at the Williamstown Town Hall was a great night of entertainment. The concert included performances by Junior, Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands, Bayview and Pasco Stage Bands and the Woodwind Ensemble. All bands performed very well with a highlight being the Senior Band's performance of Tequila.

This year the Spring Soiree had a new focus, which was the VCE students who have completed Unit 4 VCE Music Performance and Music Investigation. The Soiree was timed to be just before their final performance exams, so it was a very good opportunity for them to practise their exam program with an audience. It was an excellent concert in the lounge style ambience of the Atrium, with some delicious refreshments being served at interval by students and staff in the World Challenge team.

In June parents and friends were invited to witness the song writing and song crafting of students from both campuses, including the Bayview Singers Club and Sparks and Ashes. With soft couches around the piano, the audience was treated to an informal and intimate evening of songs, including covers and originals.

The whole school assembly was the first opportunity for the Bayview Stage Band to perform before the whole school at the Williamstown Town Hall and they sounded great. It was fantastic to hear performances from student from Years 7 to 12 and be reminded of how far their musicianship progresses throughout high school.

Mid-year Orchestra Victoria again opened their doors to orchestral music students from the West to offer students an opportunity to work and play with them. Students were tutored for two days and then performed a combined concert at Wyndham Cultural Centre that was well received.

The Junior, Intermediate and Bayview Stage Bands performed an end of term concert in June that took place in the Drama room. For the Junior Band's debut performance, some very proud parents and a few wet eyes were spotted in the audience!

Bayview percussion students were treated to a performance featuring an ex-Willy High percussionist from Speak Percussion - Eugene Ughetti. Held at the Newport Substation, the performance allowed students to interact with robotic drums and soundscapes.

The Pasco assembly performances in the gym this year have been much appreciated by all students and staff. Each assembly is run by a different year level and features music students accordingly.

The VCE Masterclass program continued again this year, with professional musicians (including ex-students) working with the Unit 4 students on high-level aspects of performance. A notable masterclass was with young concert pianist Konrad Olszewski who had just returned from competing successfully in the Sydney International Piano Competition. The students were very inspired by the occasion that included a lunchtime concert on the Atrium grand piano at Bayview campus.

VCE lunchtime recitals was a feature once again at Pasco campus, where all 20 Unit 4 Music Performance and Music Investigation students performed their entire exam program for students and staff in the Q6 performance room.

In April and July Willy High students recorded for Kool Skools and took their talents out into the community with some fantastic performances at the Williamstown and Newport Folk Festivals. The Senior Stage Band featured at two important community events in Term 3: the Hobsons Bay Festival of Performing Arts for schools in the region and the opening of the new Williamstown library. Their sophisticated sound was much appreciated at both occasions.

Term 4 still has many more performances and music events to come. Saxophone students will be visiting Parliament House for a saxophone quartet recital and will have the opportunity to meet the Governor. Junior Band students will be performing again at Robina Scott Kindergarten in November and the Senior Stage Band will be performing at Hazeldean Retirement Home in Williamstown. The Senior Concert Band will be performing for next year's year seven students in December, for a music recruitment session. And stay tuned for performances at the final whole school assembly at the town hall, the Graduation evening at the town hall and the Bayview end of term lunchtime Bayview rock concert!



On behalf of current music students, ex-students and music staff, we wish to acknowledge with affection the excellent contribution of the late Cassie Hammond to the music program from 2008-2011. She was a valuable member of the Senior Concert and Stage Bands and her fellow band members miss her greatly.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the on-going contribution of the music staff, including all instrumental and the classroom music teachers Aydin Abdullah, Robert Harry, Catherine Cabena, Steve Jones, Will Salisbury, Tracey McNeill and to the vocal/choir teachers Juleiaah Koren and Ally Kaye.

**Jamila Brogan and Finn Koren**  
Directors of Music (Bayview and Pasco)



## Music Captains 2012 Report

My name is Kit Millais. I play the trombone and I am one of the music captains at Williamstown High School this year. This year has been a continual progression of my skills on trombone and of my involvement with the music department within the school, and also music outside of the school.

This year we again went up to Mansfield and Benalla at the start of May, which was another great tour with the intermediate and senior concert bands and senior stage band. We played to many schools and we also combined with Benalla Secondary College, which was a great experience. This tour was a great preparation for the Spring Concert where all WHS instrumental music bands performed in the Williamstown Town Hall in September.

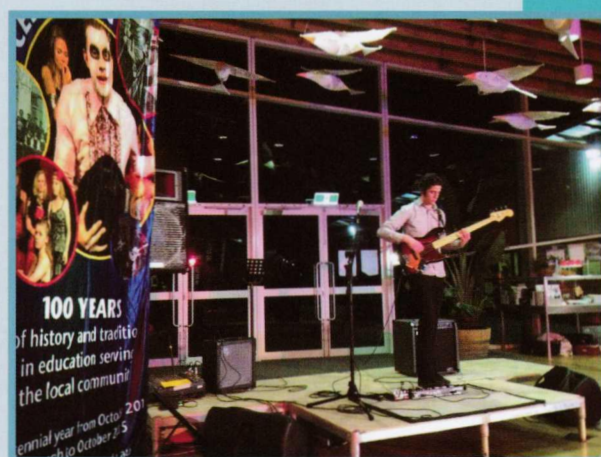
The year was dotted throughout with many musical events such as the Orchestra Victoria Youth Workshop over two days in late July. There was also an opportunity to perform with the local ska band 'The Ska Vendors' on the Commonwealth Reserve Rotunda for the 2012 Williamstown Festival. It was a great evening experience and there was loads of energy on the stage; I even got to have a solo. The school hosted the 'Three Penny Opera' production this year, which included many musical numbers and as such a band was involved. It was a great experience to work in the show with band director Will Salisbury for the week in May.

Outside of school this year I continued my participation in the Hobsons Bay City Band and the Hyde Street Youth Brass Band which has other WHS students in it. In the latter part of this year I also signed up for a summer school for one week organised by the Melbourne Youth Music program early in January next year.

My classes this year included VCE Music Performance Unit 3/4, this was the start of my solo playing. The repertoire for my program was varied from Jazz to Classical, it really tested my skills as a trombonist. I wouldn't have been able to complete the subject to the level I did without the help of my instrumental teachers: Robert Harry and Bob Collins and also my classroom teacher Finn Koren and also the accompaniment of Catherine Cabena.

It has been a great year for my musical abilities, and I have been glad to do everything I have done and I look forward to my final year in the Williamstown High School Music Department and my continual stride in music outside of school.

By Kit Millais, Year 11



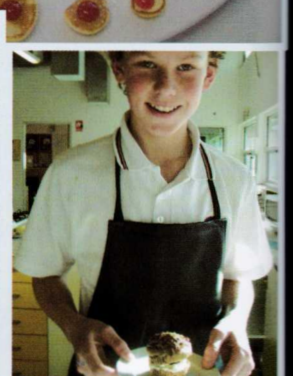
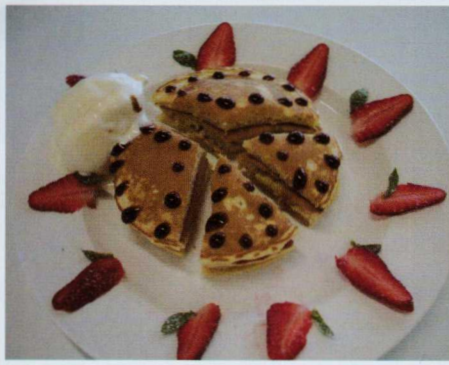
## War Child 2012

War Child is an organization that supports the children affected by war. Williamstown High School organizes an event every year where the school's musicians come together and throw down some tasty jams. On the 21 June, the students of the school ran this concert and raised over two thousand for the War Child organization. The night kicked off with an electronic explosion from DJ Bassester, alter ego of student Daniel. MCs Louis Nicoll and Nick Xuereb went on to introduce Bayview Street acts, featuring a memorable performance of Green Day's *Good Riddance* from Jon Sen. Later in the night, metal act Said the Virgin, who commanded the attention of the audience, with their electronic post-hardcore sound. Moshing ensued. Pasco Street's own indie band, Native City, captivated the crowd with their very own style. Singer/songwriter Ben Keene proved to be one of the night's many highlights, whose rendition of *You Are My Sunshine* inspired a cheery sing-a-long. Little Fields (under the guise of 'Williamstown Girls' Choir') stole the night with their closing hit, *The Chariot* by the Cat Empire. They had every audience member in their hands, singing the chorus with as much energy as they had left. Overall, the night was hugely successful, organised by Unit 1 VET Music class, and on the technical side of things, the Unit 3 VET class. The night was enjoyable for all who attended.

Michael Miller and Keegan Mews  
VET Music Industry Unit 2 class









# Bayview Food & Textiles

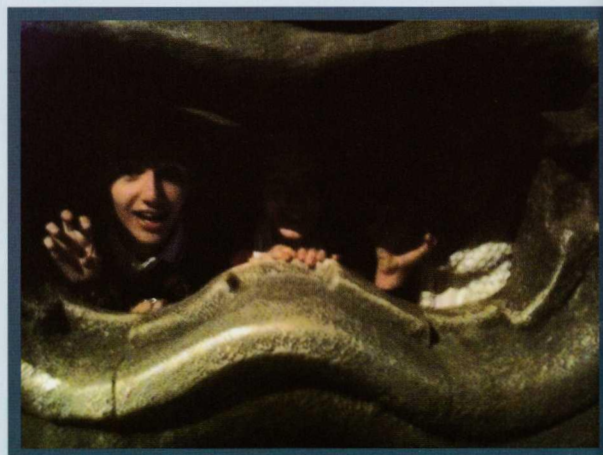
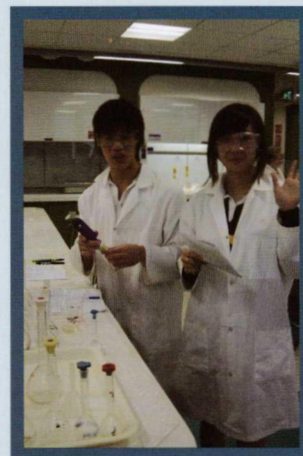
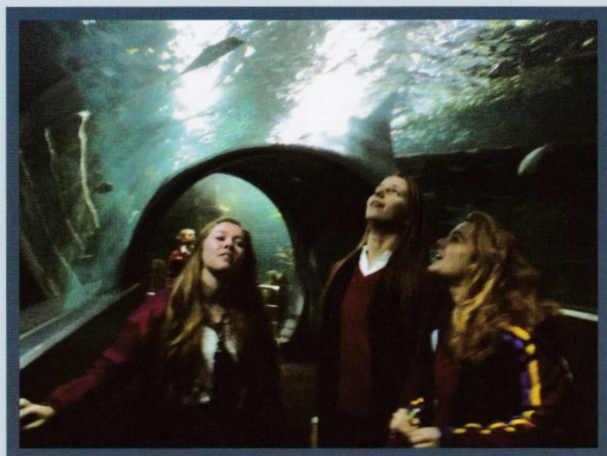




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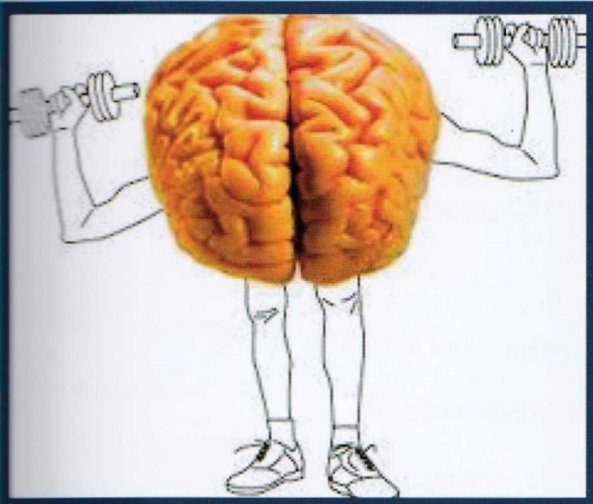
In February Year 12 Chemistry students had the opportunity to go to Melbourne University and work in the first year laboratories on some very expensive analytical equipment. We got through the day without them breaking anything and they all kick started their unit 3/4 course with great understanding of these new techniques.

Year 11 Chemistry students went to the Melbourne aquarium to look at how they manage the chemical balance of the tanks to keep the plants and animals alive. They got to go behind the scenes and do some water testing as well as observe some members of staff diving in the tanks.



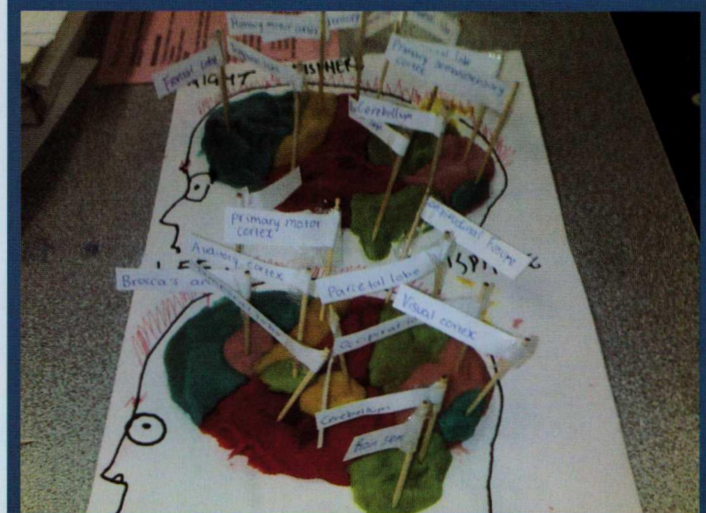


# YEAR 12 PSYCHOLOGY



Year 12 Psychology students explored the functions of the human brain, the mystery of what happens to us when we sleep and how we are affected by a lack of it. They were mesmerised by 'memory' and learnt about how we learn, but before they knew it they were learning about Stress and Anxiety. What a busy year it has been! Team Psych wish all our Psychology students great things in the future!

Ms Bovdis, Ms Gallagher and Mr Pacher



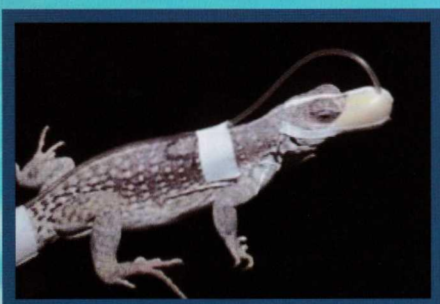
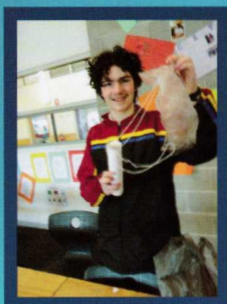


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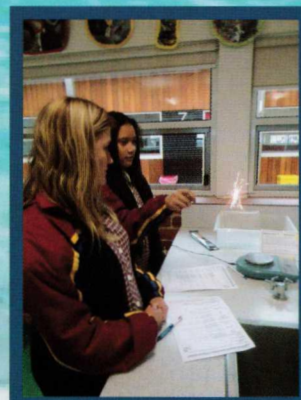
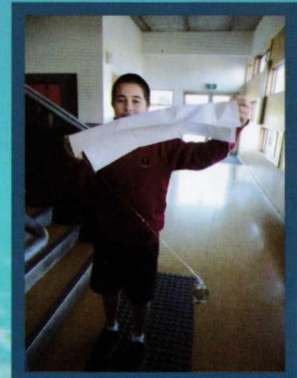
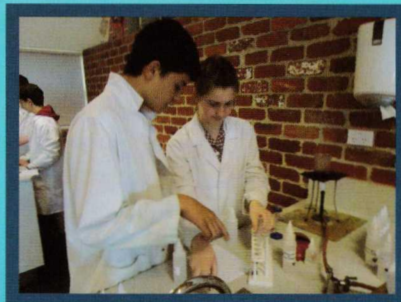
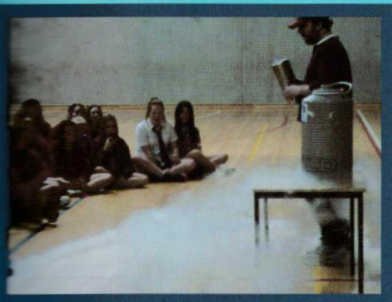
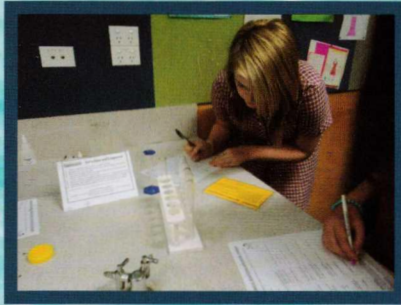
**A** is for the hormone **adrenaline** that was released as Year 8s watched the VU Science Show  
**B** is for **Brian** the lizard who survived a near-death experience with the help of oxygen therapy  
**C** is for **cabbage** extract that provided Year 9s with a colourful pH indicator  
**D** is for the **digestive system** and the amazing human body  
**E** is for all the **eggs** dropped in the name of Year 7 physics  
**F** is for **friction** a force that often works against you  
**G** is for **Garrett**, our wonderful marine biologist who offers invaluable support to our ecology classes  
**H** is for the two **High Distinctions** received in the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition  
**I** is for the **invertebrates** in our marine room  
**J** is for the **Jawbone Reserve**, our outdoor classroom  
**K** is for all the **kids** who did great work in Science this year....  
**L** is for our **laboratory technicians** Annette and Felicity who quietly work so hard behind the scenes  
**M** is for **Monty** our favourite guest speaker from Minerals Victoria  
**N** is for **Neil Armstrong** (1930-2012) whose achievements changed astronomy forever  
**O** is for **observations** taken during practical activities  
**P** is for the **parents** who have supported our students in their all scientific ventures  
**Q** is for all the **qualitative** and **quantitative** data WHS science students collected and analysed  
**R** is for **Rube Goldberg** and all those simple machines  
**S** is for **STELR** a hands-on physics program on Renewable Energy from the ATSE  
**T** is for the **teachers** who have worked extremely hard all year to bring Science to WHS  
**U** is for **understandings** shown through the unbelievable results of the Year 9 examination  
**V** is for **Venus** whose transit across the sun was observed at WHS on the 6 June  
**W** is for **water purification** that occurred in our Year 7 classes  
**X** is for **x-rays**, part of the electromagnetic spectrum  
**Y** is for the **Y** chromosomes studied in Genetics  
**Z** is for **zapped**; the feeling when Year 7s touched the Van de Graaff generator and got a static shock

Anita Gatti-Smith

Science Co-ordinator (Bayview Street)









# HAPE @ Bayview

2012 was a fantastic year for Health and Physical Education

at the Bayview Street Campus. Students developed and refined a range of movement and manipulative skills. They participated in a variety of team and individual games and activities, using and building on skills and strategies from other sports as well as continuing to develop new, sport-specific, skills.

All classes from Years 7–9 participated in Fitness Testing in Terms 1 and 4. Students participated in a range of testing to measure their ability in each fitness component. Students also experienced a range of activities, which involved each component. The Health and Physical Education department are continually encouraging students to experience healthy activities, and make good life choices that will benefit health and wellbeing.

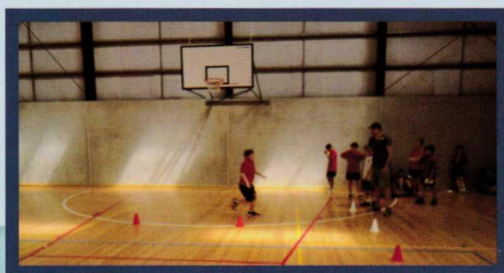
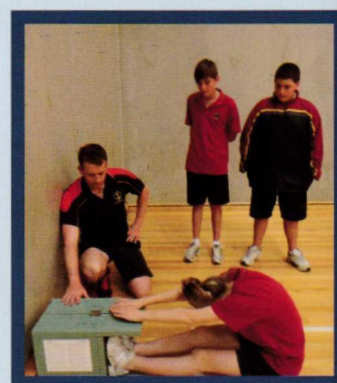
Year 7 students experienced Health for the first time, looking at the topics of Adolescence and Change, Personal Identity, Mental and Physical Health and lastly Healthy Food Choices. In practical sessions students participated in Athletics, Badminton, Soccer, Basketball, AFL, Cricket, Cycling and a number of minor games.

Year 8's this year got to improve their understanding of Danger of Drugs, Reality and Risk, Shifting Knowledge and Playing It Safe in Health. At Year 8 students also had a greater range of sports to help expand their understanding of strategies and tactics. Some of these included: Volleyball, Touch Rugby, Netball, Korfball, Softball, Tee-ball and European Handball.

Year 9 students got to experience new sports with a skill based approach. There were court (netball, korfball, basketball), invasion (lacrosse, European handball, tchoukball), striking/fielding (cricket, softball, baseball, tee-ball) and net/wall sports (volleyball, badminton, newcomb). The Year 9 program develops students understanding of movement and physical activity with a focus on future studies in Health and Physical Education.

Last of all the Bayview street HAPE staff would like to congratulate students for their enthusiasm, and effort in classes this year. We would also encourage students to continue their high standings for 2012.

**Liam Keating**  
Health and Physical Education Coordinator



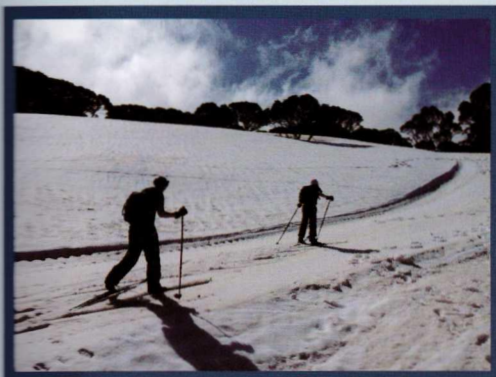


# HAPE @ Pasco

2012 has been a very satisfying one for HAPE. Our curriculum area is very diverse as evidenced in the outlines below.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our Outdoor Education Program has incorporated a number of adventure activities including ski camps at Mt Buller and Bogong Outdoor Education Centre.



Sailing at Eastern Beach Geelong, Mountain Bike Riding around Lake Eildon, Surfing at Torquay, Indoor Rock Climbing, an overnight bushwalk in The Cathedral Range National Park, Rafting down the Goulbourn River, canoeing on the Anglesea River and a visit to Toolangi State Forest. While some of these activities have tested the resilience of some students, I am confident that on reflection they would feel a great sense of satisfaction and enjoyment. It has been a jam packed but rewarding year!

## HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Health area has been busy studying a range of issues this year. The Year 10's focussed on current issues such as cyber bullying, mental health, drug and alcohol abuse and sexual health. The VCE Health classes have looked at the Health of Australians and Global Health. This subject has continued to be a popular choice for students. Perhaps this is because it provided them with a chance to work shop issues that are relevant to them in the here and now.

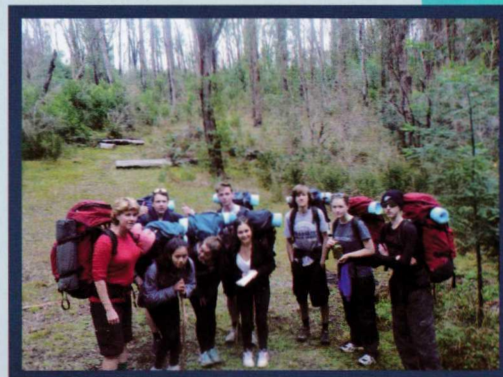
## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Year 10 Physical Education students have been looking to improve their own fitness levels by participating in Cycle, Pump and Pilates classes at a local gym as well as completing fitness activities in class.

The VCE classes have been focussing on Bodies in Motion, Sports Coaching, Exercise Physiology, Biomechanics and Injury Prevention. After completing these units, we hope that students have an increased awareness of the importance of physical activity in their lives and that this knowledge will motivate them to remain physically active as they move into adulthood. There has also been lots of activities in the gym at lunchtimes. These have ranged from student v staff challenges, indoor soccer, cricket, basketball and netball.

Marie Glass

HAPE CAT Leader, Later Years





# Accelerated Sport

The Accelerated Sport Program has had a big year. With the introduction of a new sport, Cricket, into the program along with a new coach in the Basketball program, the Williamstown High School Accelerated Sports Program achieved some great results.

## SWIMMING

This year the accelerated swimmers have been concentrating really hard on refining their technique, as well as being exposed to different training methods, including circuit training. Mat Tippet has worked extremely hard on tailoring a specific program for each individual athlete. Both Mat and the students should be very proud of their achievements in 2012.

### Hobson's Bay District Carnival

This was the interschool competitive hit out for our swimmers for the year. Competing against schools within the Hobson's Bay district, the Accelerated Sport swimmers proved too strong for their rivals with all swimmers qualifying for the Western Metropolitan Championships.

### Western Metropolitan Championships

On the 19 March Williamstown High School competed in the Western Metropolitan Championships. Only swimmers who won their events at the district stage qualified for the Western Metro finals. Erin Devlin and Jacob Sell both qualified for 5 individual events and 2 relays. All swimmers worked hard and many achieved personal best times on the day. Whilst Williamstown High finished second overall on the points tally (due to the cut throat nature of the competition), only the winners on the day progressed through to the state finals.

### School Sport Victoria State Finals

Held at MSAC in the outdoor pool Williamstown High School was represented by 16 swimmers. The best result coming from the 12-13years boys relay which included Accelerated Swimmer Charlesey Jensen who came fourth overall, narrowly missing a medal by less than 0.2secs. Former participants in the program Stacey Cockram, 3 individual events, Cara Rowe and Monika Scally made the 16 years final.

Well done to all those that competed for the school over the year.

## NETBALL

The Netball Program continued under the tutelage of Marg Lind. Marg's continued drive and enthusiasm has been a driving force behind the program's success over the years. The current Senior Netball team has been one of the most successful school sporting teams over the last seven years. Members of the current team have not lost a game in 6 years that they have been at Williamstown High School. Over this time girls have come and gone from the team, but the core of the team has remained the same has been extremely successful.

This year the senior team continued its undefeated streak winning the two tournaments they entered this year. First the girls were successful in defending their Netball Victoria Schools Championships, and secondly defending the School Sport Victoria State finals.

Of this group Maggie Lind and Morgan Mitchell represented Victoria at the 19 years and under National championships along with former students and Accelerated Netball students Vanessa Augustini and Olivia Mitchell. With the Victorian team winning the championships both Morgan and Maggie were successful in making the squad for the under 21 national team.

Askani Pirihi, Emily Post and Bess Schnioffsky represented Victoria in the 17 years and under team at the National championships. Again the girls were successful in winning the National title.

Eliza Wright represented Victoria in the School Sport Victoria 15years and under team.

Well done to all the girls in the senior team and best of luck to the Year 12's who will be leaving us. Hopefully those following in your foot steps will see you as an inspiration to strive to achieve what you girls have.

Our junior girl's teams also had some success throughout the year. Both the Year 7 and 8 teams won their respective days at the Netball Victoria Schools Championships. The teams worked well throughout the day of the finals but were unable to replicate the feats of the senior girls.

Of these teams a special mention must go to Tegan Hindle who represented Victoria in the 12 years and under National Championships. The Victorian team was again successful in winning the championships with Tegan being an integral member of that team.

## BASKETBALL

### Victorian College Basketball Championship Finals

#### Intermediates

The Year 9 and 10 intermediate team played at the Victorian College Basketball Championship Grand Final Day on 30 July, in the Division One competition. The girls played with a slightly depleted team, only losing to the highest ranked team and eventual winner Rowville Secondary College. The boys' team were undersized being only Year 9's competing in the Division One competition against Year 10 students. The boys only managed one win, but gained valuable experience.





## Juniors

The junior girls' team qualified for the State finals again coming up against the strong Rowville outfit. The girls faced a tough ask in their pool coming up against strong basketball school in championship favorite Rowville, Luther College and Cranbourne East High School. The team won 3 from 4 pool games only losing to eventual champions Rowville by a small margin. The girls won both other games convincingly by a minimum margin of 15 points.

### Basketball Day 26 June

On the 26 June our accelerated basketball squad members went to Darren Hindle's stadium to participate in a full day program.

Students had a session with a Sports Psychologist where they covered a range of different topics related to a young athletes including nutrition, preparation and dealing with expectations as an athlete.

Students were also involved in a shooting session. Darren is one of only a couple of coaches who has his own shooting machine. This machine will basically allow students to work consistently on technique without worrying about chasing balls around. Darren has been a valued addition to our sports coaching team and we are looking forward to continued improvement from our students.

### Rachel Jarry participates in the Olympics

Former student and a member of our Basketball Program Rachel Jarry was successful in being selected to represent the Opals at the Olympic Games. Rachel did us very proud, she averaged 15 minutes a game and was continually sent to the opposition's best scorer as her defensive game is highly regarded. Rachel had a stand out game against the world's best in the USA and also was a key player in the Bronze medal game playing 24 minutes.

We are all very proud of Rachel all would like to congratulate her on her achievements.

## ATHLETICS

### Schools Knockout Competition

The accelerated athletics athletes competed at the 2012 Schools Knockout Competition Final, which was held at the Lakeside Stadium Athletics Track.

There were some excellent individual results in the junior section. Girls: Celeste Mucci winning the 80m hurdles and 100m sprint and Catie Hardeman coming third in the javelin. The junior girls finished 5th overall in the state finals. Boys: Cossimo Mucci and Sweeney Preston recorded the two quickest times in the 100m sprint and Jack Noonan came 5th in the javelin, along with the relay team recording the 6th fastest time. The junior boys finished 8th overall in the state finals.

### All Schools Relay Championships

Our junior athletics team along with one senior boys athletics team represented the school at the Adidas all track relay championships. We had 5 teams compete in different events. Our under 14 boys competed in the medley relay which consisted of the following: 2x200, 1x400, 1x800. They finished 5th in their heat and did an excellent job in competing in this event. Our under 16 boys consisting of: Cossimo Mucci, Ben Collins, Sweeney Preston and Jeremy Kirkham came second in their heat in the 4x100m relay. They advanced through to the semi-final and finished 6th due to interference on the last leg. Our U/16 girls finished second in their heat, unfortunately only the first placed team went through to the final. Our U/16 girls team consisted of: Celeste Mucci, Matilda Stack, Beth Harkins and Christina Kripintiris. Both these teams will be available to compete in the same age group next year and we are extremely proud of their efforts in competing against teams from private schools. Our senior boys came 5th in the 4x800, the team consisted of Nathan Pearce, Jack Rayner, Riley Kane and Jeremy Kirkham. Again this was a very good result as 3 of the boys have two years remaining in this event.

At the time of writing this article the School Sport Victoria State Finals had not yet been run. Williamstown High School will be represented by 14 athletes competing in 20 individual events and 2 relay teams.

### Morgan Mitchell represents Australia

Morgan Mitchell represented Australia at the Junior World Championships (Youth Olympics) held in Barcelona. Morgan ran a personal best time of 53.88 seconds in her semi-final finishing fourth. Overall Morgan finished 13th. On her way over to Barcelona she competed in the world's biggest junior athletics competition, the Bauhaus Junior Gala, held in Germany where she won a silver medal.

Kristen Smith – a former student of Williamstown High School competed at the World Oceania Games in Cairns. Kristen competed in the open women's high jump, winning gold with a jump 1.68m (equaling her personal best).



## Cricket

Cricket is the newest edition to the Accelerated Sports Program, beginning in Semester Two. Coach Dean Russ has worked extremely hard with the entire group. Their first hit out was against Huntingtower College. With outstanding fielding and bowling and controlled batting Williamstown High's team consisted of Year 7 and 8 students whilst Huntingtower had students from Years 7 to

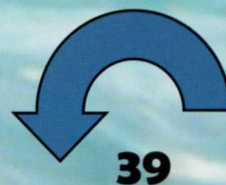
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In trying conditions Williamstown batted first posting a solid 3 for 121 (Sutter 50, Roosenboom 23, Fine 17) off 20 overs. With tight bowling to start, followed by some deadly spin Williamstown High bowled Huntingtower out for just 75 (Wood 5/16,

Roosenboom 1/6, Linder 1/10, Parker 1/10, Carter 1/20).

Being only the start of the cricket season the Year 7, 8 and Intermediate teams are yet to play there Western Metropolitan Region finals. Also the first annual local grudge match against Emmanuel College will be fought out in early November.

**Martin Walsh and Adam Potter**  
Accelerated Sports Coordinators





# SCHOOL SPORT

2012 saw Williamstown High School achieve some excellent sporting success. Our school competed in a variety of sports from Tennis, Volleyball, Cricket, Baseball and Swimming for Summer and our Winter Sports were Cross Country, Hockey, AFL, Soccer, Table Tennis, Badminton, Netball and Basketball. We also entered teams in Rugby League, Gymnastics, and School Surf League. In many of these sports we won at the district level and progressed to Western Zone finals where the competition is stronger. We may not have always won at this level but we were always competitive and our staff and students displayed the good sportsmanship we are known for. There was certainly a buzz around the campuses on the mornings of interschool sport and it will be the friendship and fun that will be remembered when our Year Twelve's complete their VCE.

## SWIMMING

Our school swimming carnival was held on Friday 10 February and was held at Oak Park pool. From this event we were able to select a strong team to compete at district level. We had many excellent achievements and WHS won the district meet. Mr Walsh then took that familiar route back along the ring road to Oak Park pool where many of our students battled against swimmers from many schools including Maribyrnong High School. We were just beaten by Maribyrnong and came runner up in the Western Zone Final. Our swimmers who placed first at zones then progressed to the State Finals at MSAC on 29 March. Many of our swimmers were competitive but with the tight competition just missed out on medals.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross country team did very well this year with many notable achievements. Our 16 y.o. girls, 14 y.o. boys, and 15 y.o. boys did so well individually at zones that they were invited to run in the team event at the State championships. Achievements of particular note at the State Championships were

Gold - Jack Rayner 17-20 yr

Sliver - Nathan Pearce 16 yr

## ATHLETICS

This year our school athletics event was tested by the weather but it did not stop the enthusiasm of the students particularly the Year 12's. A special thank you to the Student Leadership Team which took an active role in the organisation of the day to make it such a success. It was a great day and once again gave us the opportunity to select our team for districts. We won the Hobsons Bay District and then returned to Newport Athletics track on the second last day of term 3 for the zone final. We once again had many notable achievements and we were runners up on the day to Maribyrnong. We then took a small team to state championships on 23 October where our team came 6th overall.

### Gold

Morgan Mitchell 18-20yrs 100 metres

Morgan Mitchell 18-20 yrs 200 metres

Morgan Mitchell 18-20 yrs 400 metres

Celeste Mucci 12-13 yrs 100 metres

Celeste Mucci 12-13 yrs 80 metre hurdles

Nathan Pearce 16 yrs 800 metres

Nathan Pearce 16 yrs 1500 metres

Girls 18-20 yrs 4x100 relay Morgan Mitchell, Askani Pirihi,

Celeste Mucci

Christina Kripintiris

Silver

Erana Parker 18-20yrs shotput

Maggie Lind 18-20 yrs Discus

Jack Rayner 18-20 yrs 1500 metres

Jeremy Kirkham 15 yrs 800 metres

### Bronze

Jack Rayner 3000 metres





### **Other notable results**

Girls 16yr relay 4x100 relay 4th Carli Rickman, Jess Kantarovski, Amy McLelland, Matilda Stack  
Matilda Stack 14yr 400metres 5th  
Jack Noonan 13yr Javelin 6th  
Charlotte Gemmell 800metres and 1500metres,  
Carli Rickman 16yrs High Jump 8th  
Connor Lynch 2000m steeplechase 9th

### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

This year we were approached by some students keen to compete in a Rugby League competition. After some research we found that the Melbourne Storm ran a competition for high school students. We were fortunate enough to have one of the Melbourne Storm development officers come out to the school and run a training session with our team. They then ventured out to Sunbury under the guidance of David Barling and a parent Jeremy Gunning who offered the team some invaluable advice. The boys had a great day and came away with some valuable experience and a victory at the pool level.

### **SURF LEAGUE**

I was approached by one of our year eleven students asking if we could participate in the school surf league completion. This runs late in term 4 and then through term one the following year. The team is organised by Joel Farrow of Year 11 this initiative of Joel's demonstrates the great leadership of our student body.

### **NETBALL**

This year sees the end of an era of our senior netball team who have been undefeated at every level in both Netball Victoria competitions and School Sport Victoria completions. It is an honour to watch these girls and the commitment they not only have to the game but to each other. It would be remiss to not highlight the Year 12 members of the team who have played their final school netball game, they are Maggie Lind, Abbey McLellan and Morgan Mitchell. A special thanks goes to our accelerated netball coach Marg Lind.

State champions 2012

Netball Victoria State Champions 2012

### **BOYS NETBALL**

Congratulations to our junior boys netball team that worked hard all winter to place second in the state.

### **BASKETBALL**

Our VCE girls basketball team are the 2012 state champions. The state final was hard fought and they dug deep and worked together as a team and came out with the title, Well done.

### **BADMINTON**

We fielded a very strong team in the Year 8 girls badminton this year. The team consisted of Lily Rigg, Amy Young (Year 7), Trixie Bustos, and Kelly Cheng. The girls dominated most of their matches this year before going down in the state final in a very tight match. Amy and Lily also went on to individual success at state and national titles.

At the time of writing this report we also had teams waiting to compete in state finals for Year 7 boys baseball and Year 8 girls tennis. Along with this there are some very strong teams in boys hockey and cricket still to compete at zone level that are expected to progress onto state finals.

### **PIERRE DE COUBERTIN**

On Sunday 9 September I had the pleasure of attending the award Pierre de Coubertin s at MSAC. Students are nominated for this award by schools and there were over one hundred students attending on the day to receive this award. This year Morgan Mitchell was the recipient from our school. This was a well earned award as Morgan was a member of both our state netball and basketball team and in July represented Australia in the world Youth championships. Congratulations Morgan.

**Melissa Bell and Shane McLean**  
Sports Coordinator SY and MY





# Senior Girls Basketball

2012 has been an incredibly busy year and the WHS Senior

Girls **Basketball** and **Netball** Teams have been the undeniably success stories of 2012 for girls sport in Victoria!

## Senior Girls Basketball—SSV State Champions

On 3 September the Senior Girls Basketball Team departed WHS for Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre to compete in the SSV State Final. The girls had progressed through Divisional, Western Metropolitan Region and Western Conference with ease, but the challenge was ahead of them on the day. With only 6 players: Morgan Mitchell, Emily Post, Askani Pirihi, Grace Levens, Brittany Mitchell and Jess Kantarovski the day loomed ahead with the prospect of playing four full 40 minute games. The first game was a hard fought tussle with the lead changing a number of times throughout the game. WHS beat Lavalla Catholic College 32 to 29. The second game was also a closely contested one against Doncaster SC 39 to 33. The final game of the round was against Wangaratta HS and the final score was 53 to 45. After winning 3 games the girls won their way through to the Grand Final against Mill Park SC. The first half was closely contested and scores were level at half time. In the second half the girls put the pedal down and worked as a team. Incredibly at the final siren the score was 47 to 33. Whilst the State Final score showed an easy win, the girls had often had to fight to win games throughout their journey. During one of the WMR games against Sunbury, Morgan was at the foul line with approximately 10 seconds to go in the game. With a great deal of pressure the scores were level and Morgan had to make the second foul shot ... with much excitement she made the shot and WHS progressed. Phew a win by 1 point was a heart stopper! During another game Grace scored an incredible 40 points - an amazing individual effort amongst a team of talented players.



## Senior Girls Netball—SSV State Champions and School Championships

On 10 September the Senior Girls Netball Team headed to Waverly Park to compete in the SSV State Final. Four 7 minute quarters was the order of the day and the only way through to the final was to win every game. The team: Maggie Lind, Morgan Mitchell, Abbey McLellan, Bess Schnioffsky, Emily Post, Askani Pirihi, Brittany Mitchell, Eliza Wright and Coach Marg Lind (Assistant Coach, Nicole Richardson). Unfortunately, Carli Rickman was a late withdrawal due to illness. WHS played Wonthaggi in the first game and won 33 to 12. The second game was against Ballarat and the girls won 28 to 11. The final game of the rounds was against Bendigo and WHS won 43 to 18. Looking at the scores most games were won with ease, but at times the girls were pushed to extreme levels and Marg made team changes at crucial times that impacted both WHS teams and the opposition. The semi final was played against Wodonga and won 30 to 15. So the final loomed at Emmanuel - now was the time for cool heads. Emmanuel came out strong and were in the lead, but cool heads, some strong defence and turnover ball changed the game and the girls prevailed, winning 27 to 15.

The next challenge for the team was on 19 September at the State Netball and Hockey Centre where the WHS team had progressed through to the School Championships for 2012. This was not going to be an easy day—needing to win 6 games (2x7 minute halves) to progress through to the semi final. The scores of the day were: WHS v St Francis Xavier College 14 to 8, WHS v Beacons Hills College 9 to 5, WHS v Carey Baptist Grammar 14 to 4, WHS v Catholic College Bendigo 12 to 7, WHS v Geelong





# & Netball 2012

Grammar 12 to 7 and WHS v Hamilton & Alexandra College

12 to 9. The semi final was played against Start of the Sea Brighton and the girls won 16 to 5. The final loomed and there was excitement as the girls were playing Sacred Heart College. After an incredible game the girls won 9 to 6. The mid court (Askani, Emily and Brittany) and defence (Bess and Abbey) had to fight incredibly hard for every rebounds or turnover ball. The goalers (Maggie and Morgan) were under incredible pressure to ensure every goal counted. Unfortunately, during the game Abbey went down with a serious ankle injury ... Brittany and Carli stepped in ... the girls regrouped and prevailed after one of the hardest fought games they have encountered together!

Finally, I would like to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to the WHS Senior Girls Netball Team. Under the coaching prowess and direction of Marg Lind your individual and team journeys have been incredibly successful, exciting and amazing to watch and hear about! The team has been extraordinarily devoted and successful and under Marg's tutelage they have not lost a game in any tournament (well over 400 games)!

Thank you to all of the girls—I have been incredibly privileged and lucky to have been chief taxi driver, scorer and spectator over the past few years. I would like to make a special and heartfelt thank you to Marg Lind for her support, coaching and mentoring of all the girls on this incredible journey. Her dedication to coaching and mentoring should not be understated and we thank you for being part of this incredibly historic team. Thank you also to the parents, supporters, staff members etc who have helped in this incredible story. It must be said that the background administration and commitment to ensuring a team runs as smoothly and efficiently is often forgotten in the aftermath of glory. Thank you all for your teamwork and success!

**HOLD FAST and GO WILLI HIGH!**

Diane Donoghue





# All Girls Unit

How

the year has flown and how the Girls Unit students have grown. This year the Unit has set up a Leadership Team that comprises two students from each year level joining the ambassadors of the Girls Unit to form the Leadership Team.

This year's Ambassadors are:

Aster Haile and Kathleen Sawadtad - 9KW  
Kate Wall and Mia Yarnall - 9WR

At the start of the year International Womens Day on 8 March was celebrated in a big way with posters placed around the school and ribbons of purple, green and white given to students and staff. Rachel Jarry (Olympic Basketballer Bronze Medal star) spoke of her wish to go to the Olympics. Rachel is a former student and at the age of 20 has accomplished a lot. She spoke of her achievements and her challenges as she achieved a place in the Olympic Basketball team. The Year 9 students heard from Deb Cox (Director and Script Writer of "Sea Change", "East of Eden" and "Phryne Fisher"). She discussed how "Phryne Fisher" is made and showed the girls different aspects of media. Both speakers were excellent! The ambassadors helped with many arrangements on this day including the annual cupcake stall.

This year a pizza lunch has occurred for all Year levels. The Year 9's were the first to have lunch together. The girls filled out a survey that now provides data on what the majority want to see changed in extra curriculum activities and features of the school. One important feature is that the girls not only of the Girls Unit, but all girls would like a better change room for Sport and PE. The Principal, Mr Kruse, is looking into changing one part of the gym to accommodate a larger change room for all girls. The girls want to have more activities at lunchtime especially the Year 7's students. Both basketball and netball was offered to Year 7 Girls students at lunchtime during winter. Zumba was first introduced to the Girls Unit and now is offered to all girls on a Friday. All these activities have been met with enthusiastic students.

World Environment Day, 5 June was a big feature of the this year with students being offered the opportunity to plant their own plants and the older levels to watch a relevant video "Avatar" for this event. Our ambassadors planted a commemorative tree (an Australian native) to honor this day.

Working with the SRC, the Girls Unit raised money for 40 hour Famine. Their Zumba teacher gave the money for her class to the funds. All over \$2,000 was raised. Well done to Ms Quan, the SRC and the Girls Unit.

Finally I would like to thank the home group teachers of the Girls Unit, Mr Axup, Mr Kruse and the Ambassadors. This unit is growing in leadership skills and will have a stronger knowledge of where girls can succeed in our society.

Sally Hayes





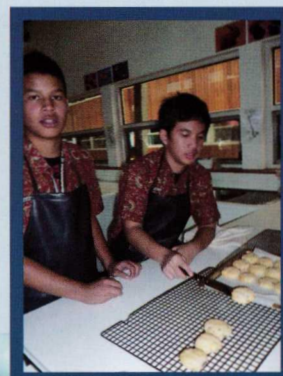
# Labschool Visit

The third visit by our Indonesian sibling school took place towards the end of Term 3. Ibu Yoanita, Pak Joni and 18 very excited students arrived for an action packed program. Whilst at Williamstown HS the Indonesian students sat in on a range of different classes. Highlights included a cooking lesson run by Ms Aldons where many of the Indonesian students baked cookies from scratch for the first time. Mr Drago ran an interactive marine biology activity which was very popular with the students. Ms Rashid and 9PG organised tours of Williamstown as part of their Humanities work on tourism which gave the Indonesian group the chance to see some beautiful scenery and experience Melbourne's café culture. Our students were also involved in a host student pizza lunch - cooking pizzas from scratch using the wood fired oven. Senior students accompanied the Labschool students to Victoria Market and worked with the Indonesian students and teachers to improve their oral communication skills. The visit culminated in a cultural performance by the Labschool students for the host families.

Many Labschool students were in tears as they headed to the airport for the trip home. This was truly a reflection of how much they enjoyed their time here. The students commented particularly on how much they enjoyed spending time with their host families, how well-cared for they were and how welcome they felt. Host students and families play such an important role in these exchanges and a huge thank you must go to you all. We hope to continue to build the culture of hosting at Williamstown High School.

During the Term 3 holidays Mr Axup travelled to Jakarta to make a reciprocal visit to Labschool. He was warmly welcomed by staff and students. Williamstown High School is planning a student tour to Indonesia which will include five days in Jakarta at Labschool during Term 3 of 2013.

Sharon Croft





# BAYVIEW SNOW

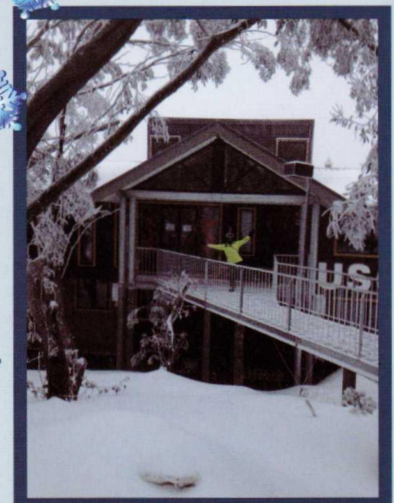
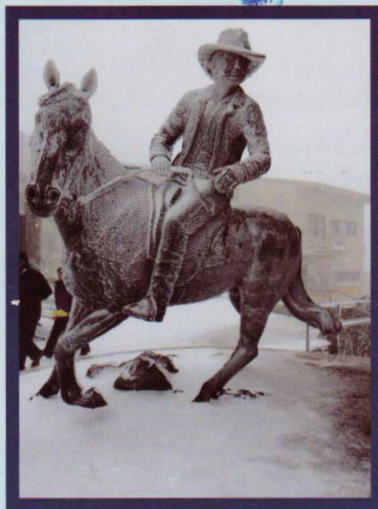
**MOUNT BULLER 21 TO 24 AUGUST**

Some of the best snowfalls in many years were enjoyed by a large group of 46 students who took to the slopes at Mt Buller last month. During skiing or snowboarding lessons over the four days, skills and confidence were developed. This ranged from complete novices learning to control their turns and speed through to a more advanced group learning to jump and use the terrain park safely. Outside of lessons, groups practised together with assistance from teacher and parent helpers. At times the weather was challenging with strong winds, reduced visibility and soft snow but everyone persevered and really made the most of the conditions. Each afternoon, many tired but happy faces returned to the lodge for a lunch break then headed out again for more practice.

Once again our accommodation was at the very comfortable University Ski Club, located very close to the village and ski school. Students worked cooperatively with a hard working team of parents and teachers to prepare meals and keep our area of the lodge running smoothly. Students were complimented by ski hire staff as being the 'best school group they'd had in all season'. The lodge manager and many of the members were also impressed with the general conduct of our group. Being a private lodge shared with members, it is important that we continue to be seen as welcome guests in the future!

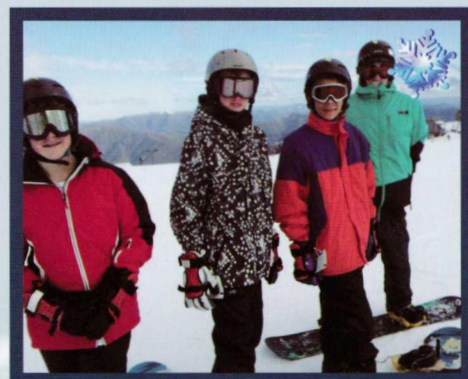
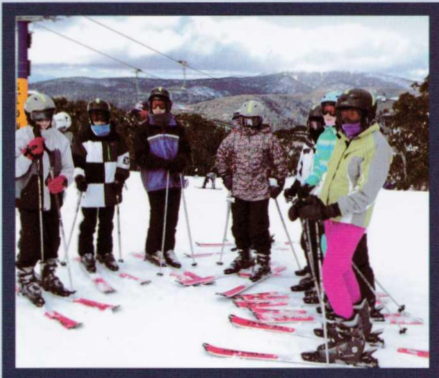
Congratulations to the students and many thanks to the great team of workers who contributed to the smooth running of this year's camp: Parents - Jenny Erickson, Scott Hovenga, Terry Schwarze, Peter Sell and Teachers - Ann Hyland, Garrett Drago and Scott Twycross.

**Sonia Aldons**





# SPORTS CAMP



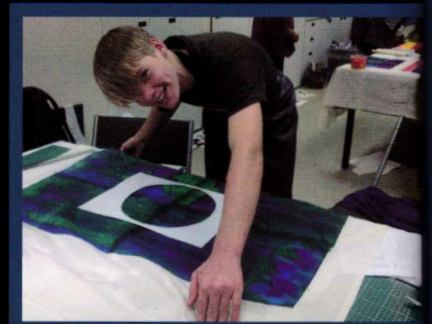


**ART AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION 2012**

**Bayview Street Campus Atrium**  
**Opening Thursday 25th October**  
**@ 7.00 pm**

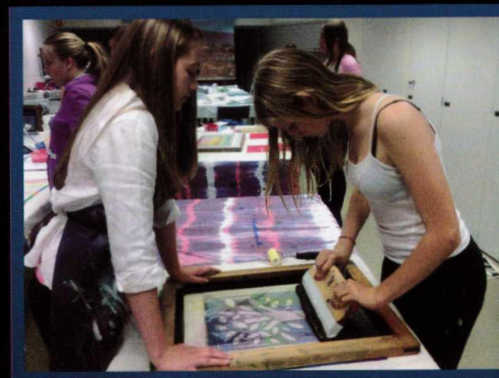
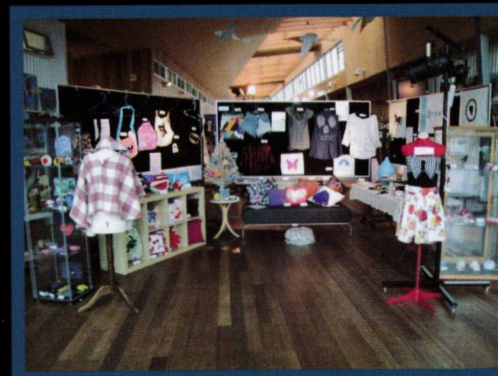
**Closing 31st October**  
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**WHS ARTS INITIATIVE**





# Art and Technology





# YEAR 12 VCD

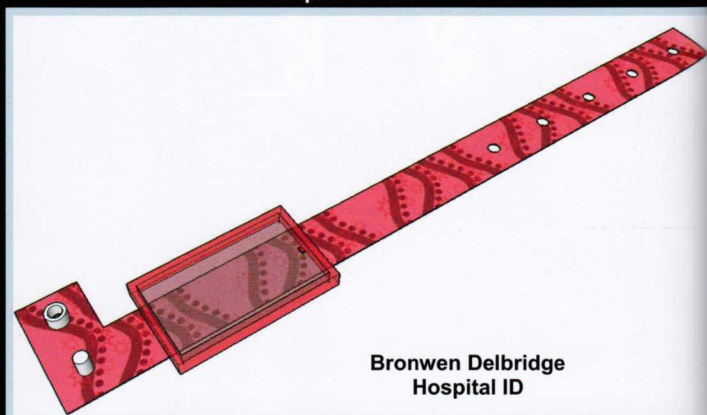
Unit 4 students developed a wide range of "real world" design briefs and final presentations in 2012. Here is just a small sample of some of the impressive final presentations designed and produced by students. The communication needs and contexts ranged from company logos, packaging, promotional material and merchandise through to environmental design for skate parks and hospitals.



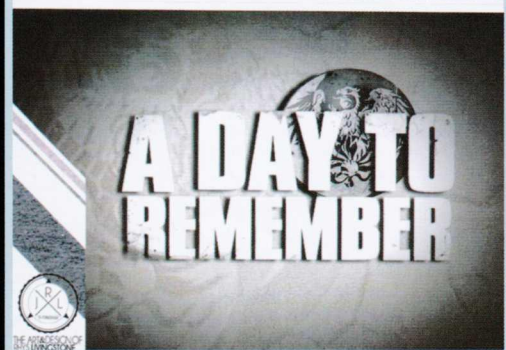
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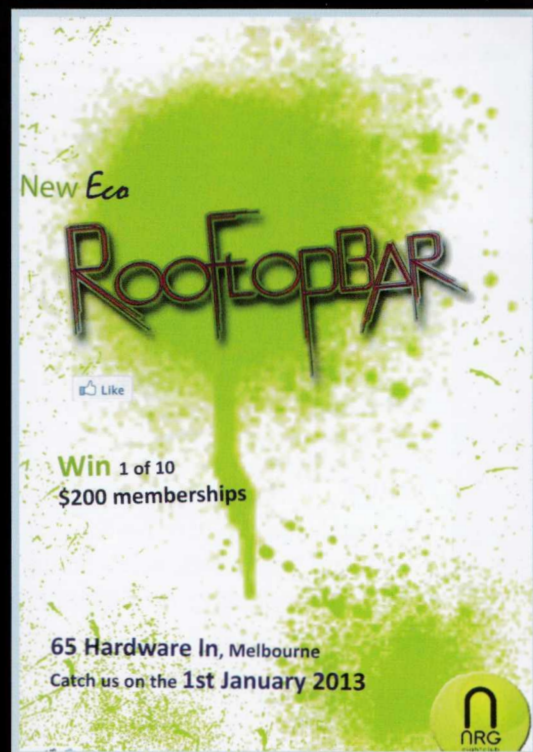
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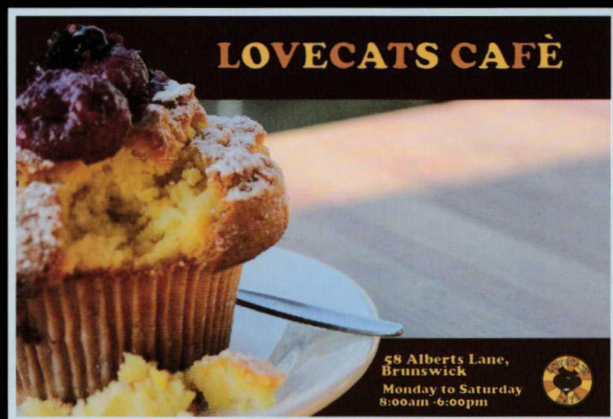
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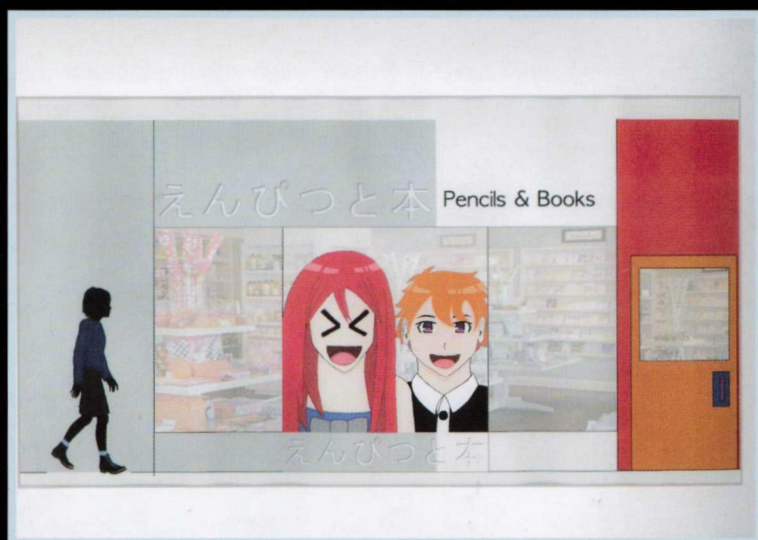
Nathasha Devapura  
Café Logo



Nathasha Devapura  
Café Poster



Isabelle Mead  
Labelling



Julian Cobb  
Shopfront Window





# YEAR 10 CADETS

## Term 1

After completing a swim test and some water safety, we learned to sail 'Extremes' and 'Pacers' at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria in Williamstown. Back at school we practised knots and learned more about boat handling.

We also set goals for our Duke of Edinburgh Award: Skills, Physical Recreation and Community Service and started preparations for our Adventurous Journey/Expedition to the Gippsland Lakes.

## Term 2

We organised our boat crews, planned our menus, shopped and finally set off for our five day Sailing Camp on the Gippsland Lakes. We learned how to sail our fleet of cruising yachts – two Dufors and a Catalina and took turns on the helm, navigating, crewing and operating the marine radio. We also prepared meals, did our two-hour theory class each night and afterwards enjoyed relaxing on each others boats and fishing. When we weren't too busy sailing, we walked along magnificent Ninety Mile Beach to the entrance to the lakes. The days were mostly warm and sunny and some of us enjoyed a dip. The winds were also kind to us, light in the mornings and more challenging later in the afternoons. After a few days we were able to do some racing which was lots of fun.

After Camp, we wrote up our reports, and completed our navigation and marine radio projects. Then it was more sailing theory and exam preparation.

## Term 3

We completed a Level Two First Aid Course with Life Saving Victoria and also did an online Emergency Response Certificate with St John's Ambulance.

We finished the term learning about weather maps and watched Jessica Watson's 'True Spirit'.

Everyone then had to complete a research project on an area of marinecraft, safety or related careers or organisations and present their work to the class. Some of the Power Point presentations were particularly impressive.

## Term 4

Sailing lessons resumed at Royals and we learned to roll tack and improved our racing techniques. We investigated the history of the Williamstown maritime precinct and the future plans for the Seaworks site. We visited Seaworks, the old morgue and toured the Sea Shepherd ship 'Steve Irwin' prior to its next anti-whaling campaign to Antarctica.

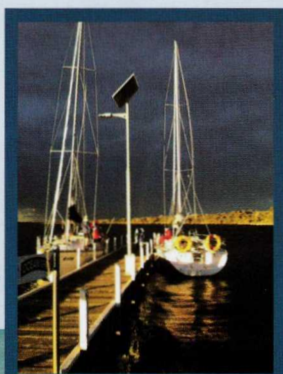
We also did a Fire Safety and Extinguisher Training session with a Community Education Officer from the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. We practised putting out fires with powder, water and foam extinguishers. We also learned how to use a fire blanket and set off flares. That was pretty exciting and hopefully the neighbours weren't too panicked!

Some students have completed their Duke of Ed. Bronze Award. Well done Sean Fell, Adam Wilkinson and Stacey Cockram - hopefully others will complete theirs in the near future.

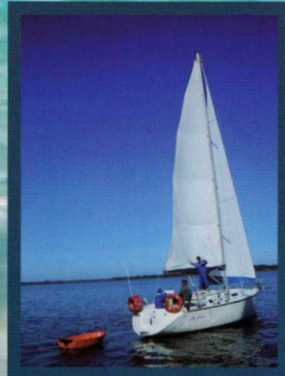
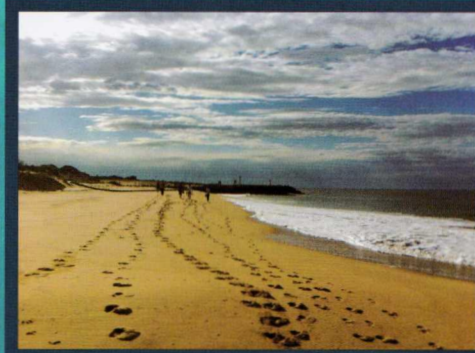
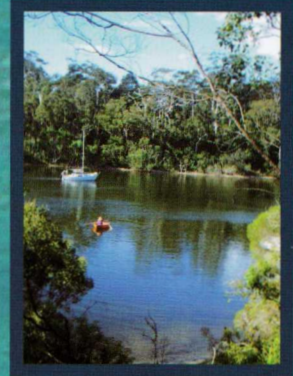
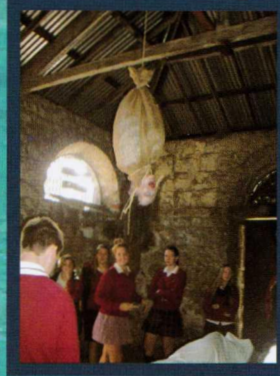
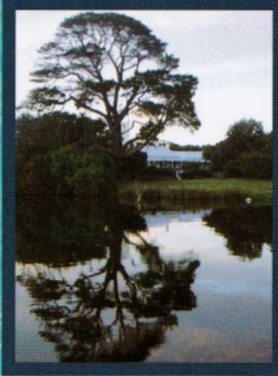
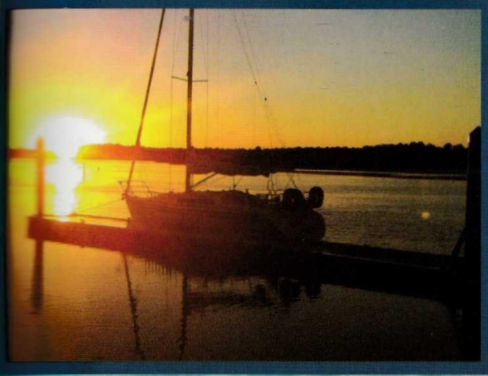
Many thanks also to Ian, Tanya and Stefan our instructors at Royals plus Tony Lopreiato and Colin Axup for their great work once again on our sailing camp.

Finally, best wishes and smooth sailing to the Cadet Class of 2012.

**Sonia Aldons**  
Coordinator









# Food Styling & Make a Meal



Food Technology is always a popular subject at Pasco Street with wonderful aromas wafting over the Pasco Campus! Students were exposed to a range of new culinary experiences. The Year 10's have enjoyed cooking up a storm in the two units on offer: Make a Meal and Food Styling. Their food photography has improved greatly over the semester. The Year 11 students worked on developing their food presentation and cookery skills, and food technology knowledge. The Year 12 students approached their Folio Tasks with great enthusiasm especially after their visit to Top Designs at the Melbourne Museum. Some of the selected topics included Country Women's Association, Greek Easter, Thai Australian Fusion, Mad Hatter's Tea Party. We have some very talented students at our school and they should be proud of their achievements.





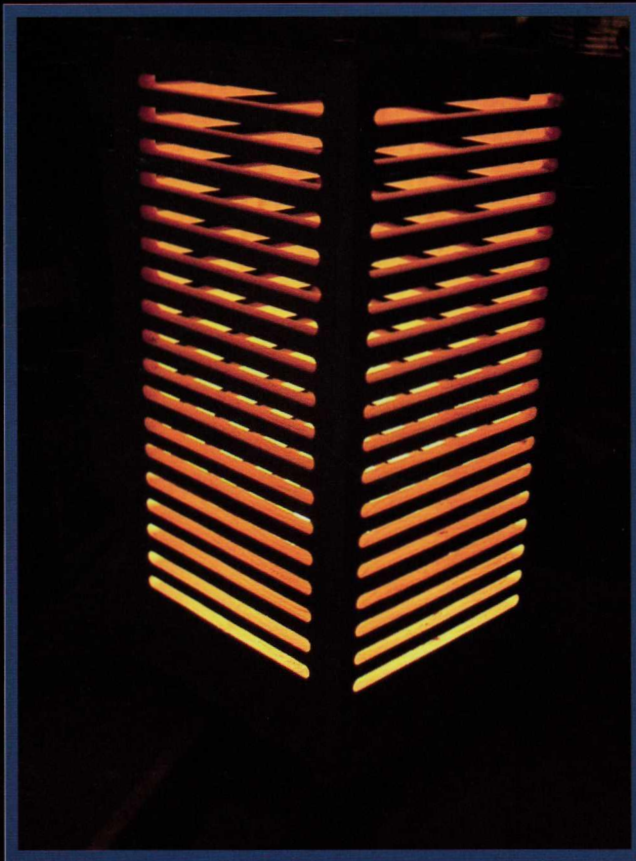
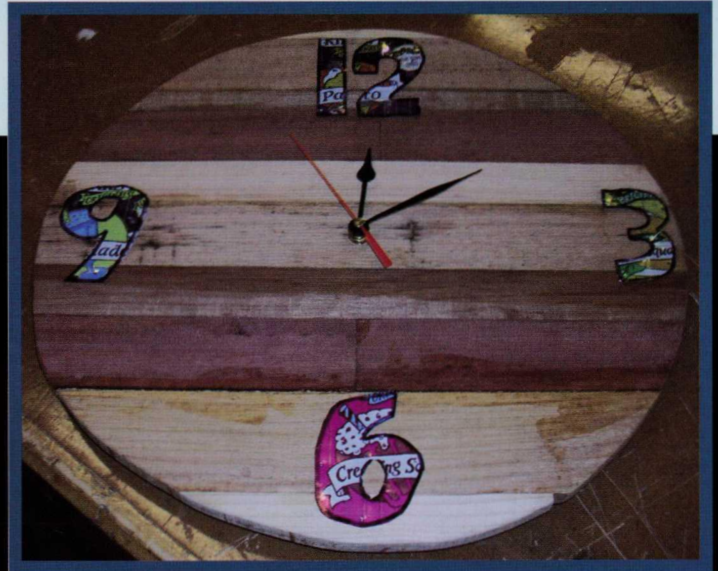


# Technology

## Textiles

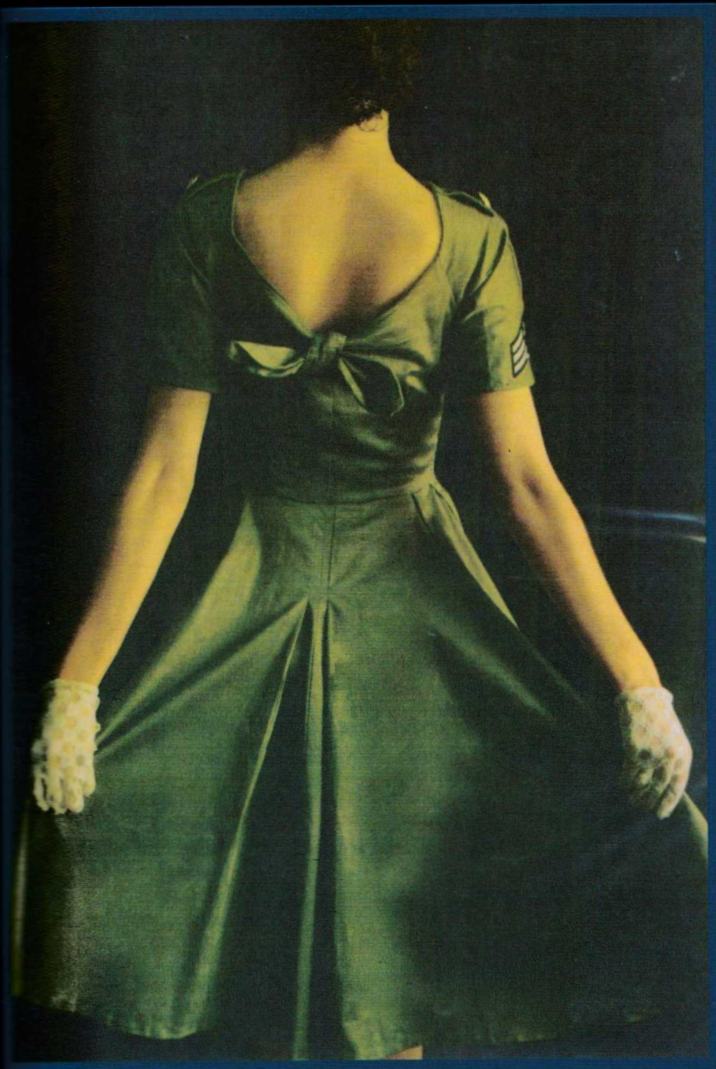
Once again it has been a great year at Williamstown High for Textiles and Design and Technology at the Pasco Street campus. The VCE students made some fabulous garments based on their own designs. They were inspired by the Top Designs exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. Year 12 major production pieces included rag dolls, a vintage Second World War dress, 1920's inspired garment, and a Black Swan Lake ballet costume. Year 11 students showed their creative flair with both their folios and garments. The Year 10 Textiles students participated in a workshop based on Akira Isogawa, made a garment of their choice, an ugly doll, used the fabulous Genesis Creations Dyes, and received their machine licence by creating heat bags. The Year 10 Design for an Event class created a garment of their choice so as it could be entered into either a school based fashion shoot, the Royal Melbourne Show, or Victorian Fashion awards.

We wish our Year 12 students good luck and hope that those who have selected careers in Design or Food can come back and share some experiences with our students.



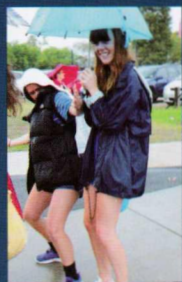


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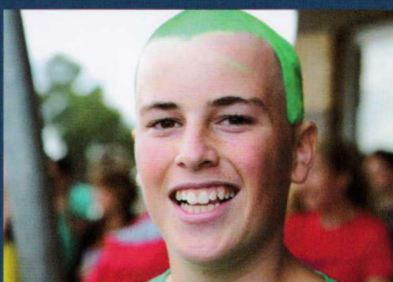




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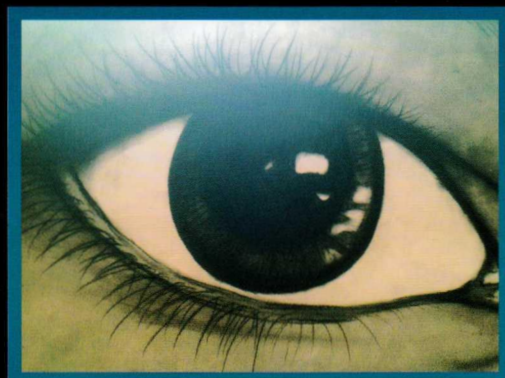
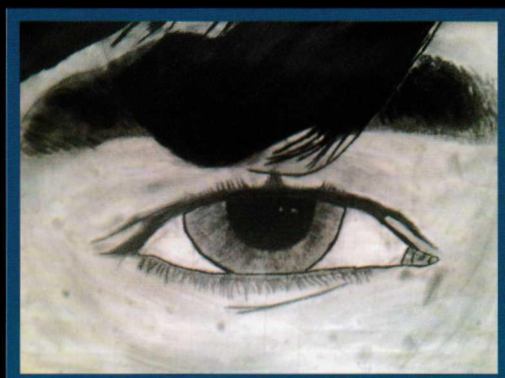
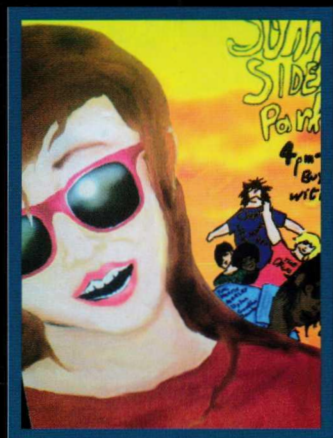
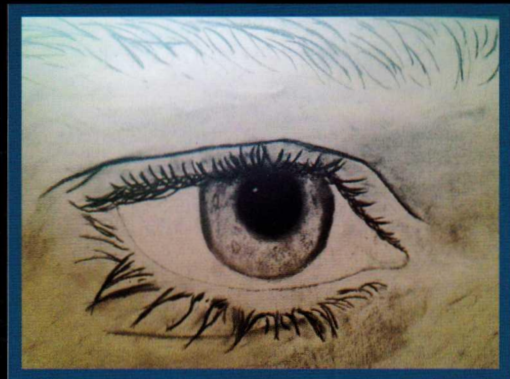
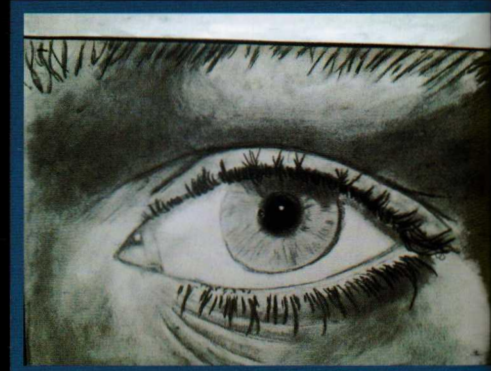
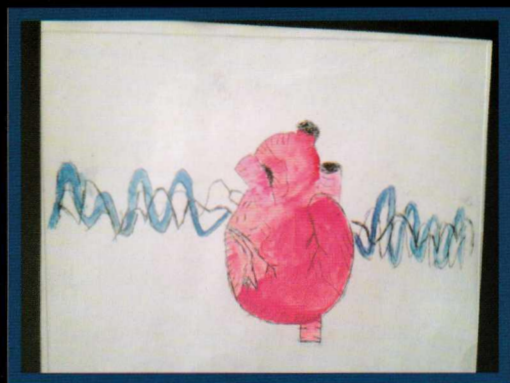








# YEAR 10 & 11



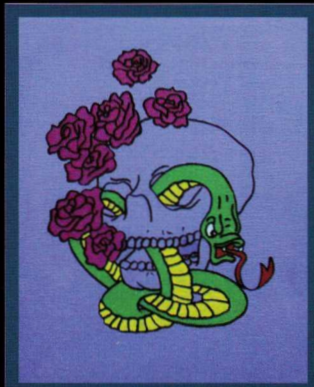
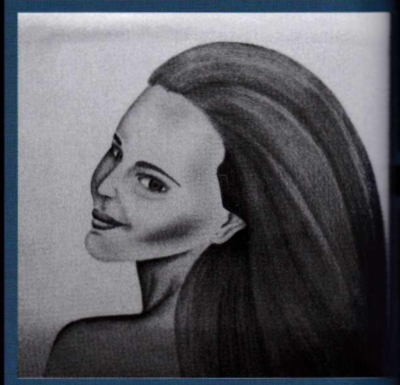


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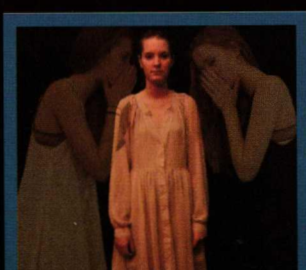
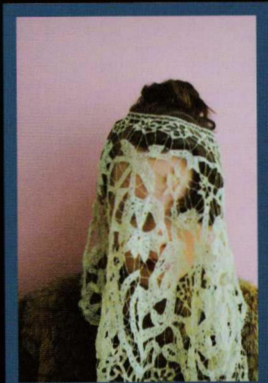
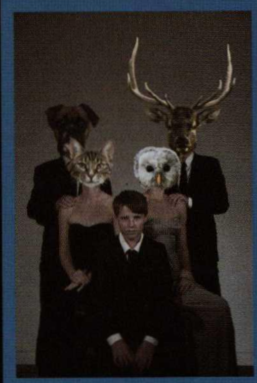
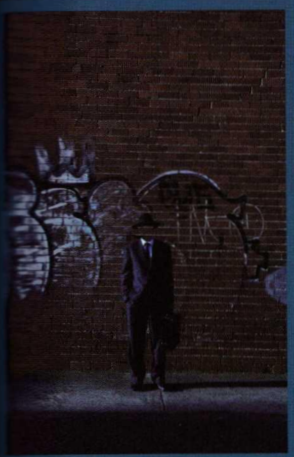


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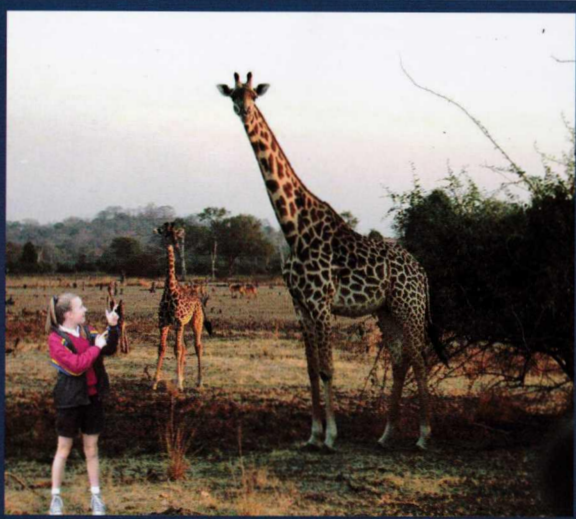




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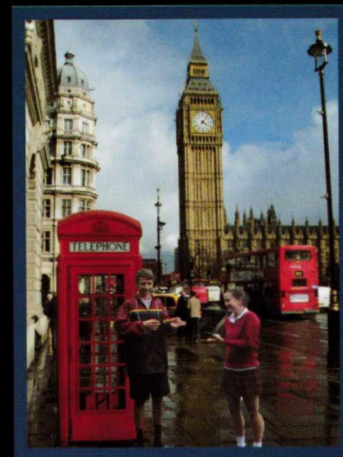
## NEON BALLROOM

Thurs 15th June - Canberra Royal Theatre  
 Mon 19th June - Wollongong Ent. Centre  
 Sat 25th June - Perth Ent. Centre  
 Sun 1st July - Adelaide Ent. Centre  
 Thurs 12th July - Melbourne Hisense Arena  
 Tues 17th July - Sydney Pavillion  
 Wed 24th July - Brisbane Ent. Centre

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW.**



# Digital Imaging





# YEAR 7

It all began late in 2011...

The Year 7's of 2012 started their Williamstown High School journey back in December 2011 when we first met as a group on Orientation Day. The then Grade 6 students met their new classmates, their excited Home Group teachers and all those who would become crucial to everyday life as a Year 7 student at Williamstown High School.

## Off to Camp Kangarooobie...

Just as the Year 7's were starting to become accustomed to life in High School at Williamstown High School they were whisked away to Camp Kangarooobie.

Camp Kangarooobie was a fantastic start to the year, with **223** Year 7 students jumping on the coaches bound for the Great Ocean Road. On the way to Kangarooobie the students visited Triplet Falls and the Otway Fly. The Otway Fly was breathtaking, with students experiencing the treetop walk 30 metres above ground amongst the thousand-year-old forest. Triplet Falls was equally as inspiring, and students enthusiastically completed the bushwalk to view the falls. After finishing both activities and a lunch stop students hopped back on the bus. The next stop was Camp Kangarooobie! Upon arrival the buses were unloaded and students had an orientation talk. The first group of campers quickly packed up, left for their walk to the campsite, while the other students found their rooms for the night. Over the next three days students participated in a range of activities including low ropes, a farm visit, canoeing, a bush game of survival, an tour of Indigenous sites and activities at Tower Hill, swimming at the beach at Port Campbell and the new obstacle course. All students spent one night at the campsite by the river, where they enjoyed a BBQ dinner, some quiet time and a few roasted marshmallows on the campfire.

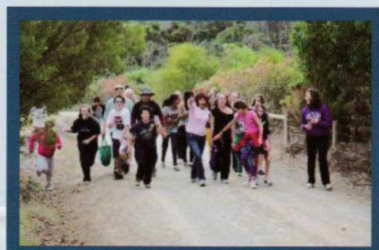
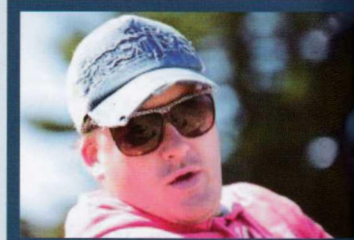
Night activities were also planned, with students appreciating the night walk to look at the fascinating glow-worms, lots of laughter at bush dancing and watching the beautiful sunset at Loch Ard Gorge and the Twelve Apostles. On Thursday all staff and students spent the day swimming, relaxing, eating and playing games at the beach. Students took on teachers and camp leaders in a game of rugby, enjoyed the water, and some even took part in the sand castle competition. Friday meant one last activity and packing up. The exhausted students were looking forward to their own beds, a good night's sleep.

## Into the swing of things...

With a camp under their belt, the newly initiated Year 7 students set about daily life at Williamstown High School. During 2012, Year 7 students have participated in a wide range of activities and excursions. These included many interschool sports, LOTE excursions, swimming and athletic carnivals, French Crepes Days, an Indonesian Cultural Exchange, French Film Festival and the Writers Festival to name a just a few. Students also participated in a range of lunchtime activities including netball, indoor soccer, the Marine and Science clubs, Book club, Debating and Chess Club.

## In the classroom...

During their timetabled homegroup periods students completed activities on organisation, time management, study habits, team building, body image, bullying and cyber bullying, habits of the mind, multiple intelligences and goal setting – skills







which they will take with them through the remainder of their secondary education. All of the students enjoyed the Project Rockit incursion, and learnt lots of practical, not confrontational ways to tackle bullying.

### Sport...

There were many outstanding sporting achievements achieved by this group of Year 7 students. During the school swimming carnival we had two outstanding achievers, Erin Devlin (7BN) and Chris Breedon (7TJ) who led the way in the pool. Chris along with Charlesey Jensen (7RD), Dylan Jepsen (7GY) and Daniel Cave (8WI) made the State Final for the 12-13 year old boys 4x50m relay, finishing 4<sup>th</sup>.

On the track Celeste Mucci (7WL) and Jack Noonan (7AQ) blitzed the track. Both Celeste and Jack will compete in the state finals in multiple events. Celeste will compete in the 100m sprint, 90m hurdles, high jump and the 20yr 4x100m relay team whilst Jack will compete in the 90m hurdles and the javelin.

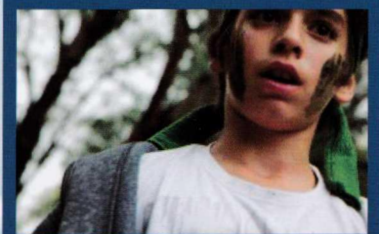
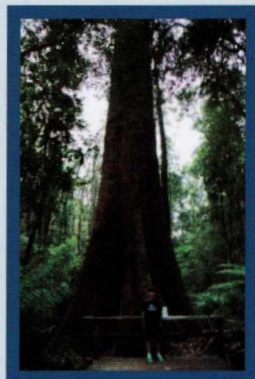
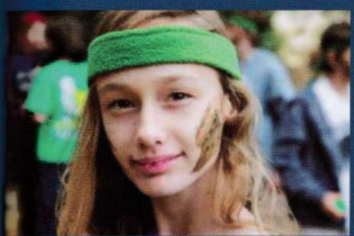
Amy Young (7TJ) one of the schools star badminton players competed with the Year 8s to make the State Finals. Amy worked tirelessly all day helping her team to finish runners up.

At the time of writing this article Williamstown High still had two Year 7 teams competing. The boys cricketers competing at the Western Metro level and the boys baseball team are competing in the State finals in early December.

### Moving up...

Congratulations Year 7s of 2012! It has been a fantastic year and the Year 7s have been a wonderful cohort of students. It has been great working with them and we wish them all the best for Year 8 and beyond.

**Martin Walsh & Anna Paterson**  
Year 7 Student Management Leaders





# Ripper of a Roses Gap

The 2012 Year 8 camp to Roses Gap was an amazing experience with great organisation on the teacher's behalf. The bus trip there and back was great fun with a stop in the middle for lunch and a toilet break. The activities we engaged in were based around team building and overall entertaining. Some of the activities we did were the giant swing, leap of faith, abseiling and vertical playpen. They each encouraged us to overcome our fears and step outside our comfort zone. The teamwork and encouragement that was required enhanced everyone's relationships with each other. Every night after the day activities and dinner we attended night activities, some of which were spotlighting, movie night and camp fire cooking.

As we reached the driveway to Rose's Gap we realised that the bridge way was flooded, we were stranded for 20 minutes and the students soon became restless. However the teachers managed to find a back entrance as what we thought would be our saviour. We soon realised that the gate was locked and there was no other way in and the back way was locked. The teachers then let out a fleet of students carrying an excessive amount of sugar.

As we gained access to the camp we were fronted by an array of flora and fauna. Kangaroos got up, close and personal as they were curious as to what creatures had arrived. We were stunned at the sight of the upcoming activities. Lanky poles towered over and we soon gained the knowledge that we would be jumping off them. We were greeted by great hospitality and a welcoming bunch of staff. From that point on we were assigned our cabins and the race began to pick the best bed.

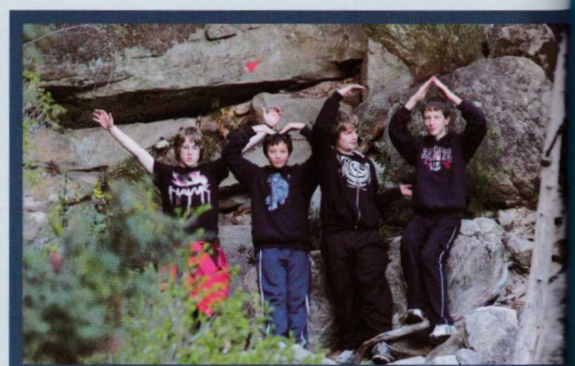
Day after day we were fronted with challenging activities and rain that was daring to fall. Everyone was supportive and was willing to have a good laugh with you when you failed. The thick black night soon flooded the sky and the most demanding challenges of all began.

In spotlighting we pushed through the thick terrain seeking a red blinking light that was heavily guarded by fierce teachers waiting to pounce. A bell would sound if the light was found and we would all groan as we had to trek back to the start to begin again. The sun would rise, we peered out our cabin windows and saw that the rain was continuing to fall at top speed.

It was a devastating thought when the sudden realization popped into our heads that the last day had slyly approached. Everyone was in a frenzy to find missing items such as phones and beloved possessions. The trip back was long and the students were groaning with hunger. We stopped at a nearby park and students snatched at their sandwiches like seagulls.

On behalf of the Year 8's, we would like to thank all teachers that were a part of making these experiences a memorable one.

**Rebecca Grey, 8AP and Jes Evans, 8SM**





# YEAR 8

Well done to all the Year 8's for a sensational year! It has been full on with countless extracurricular activities and excursions, but I don't think any of you would have it any other way.

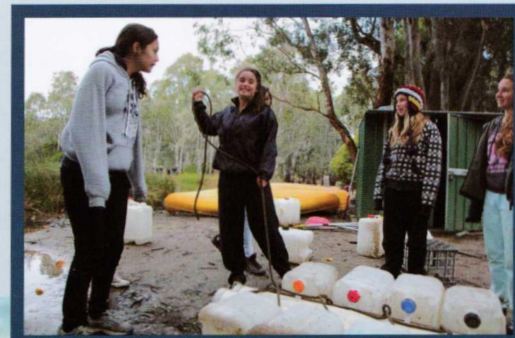
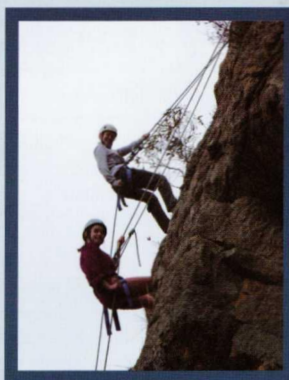
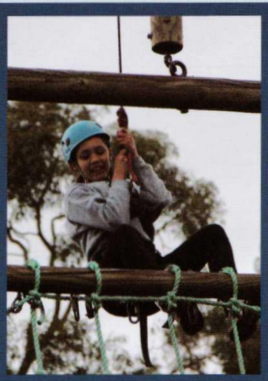
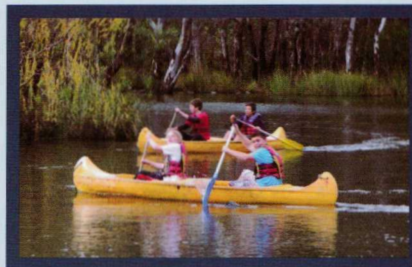
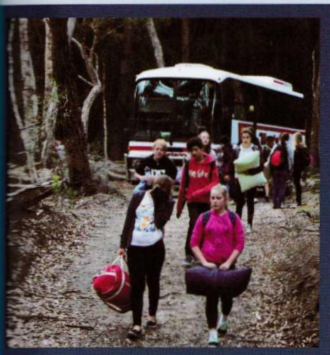
Just to give a snip it as to what our Year 8's got up to this year.....

2012 saw the incorporation of a home group curriculum at the Year 8 cohort. Term 1 started off with students looking at developing their study skills. We had elevate educate incursion where students gain valuable skills. Bully busters came to Williamstown High and performed for the Year 8's talking about relevant and serious issues in a very engaging manner. The kids were a captivated audience. Term 2 also had students jumping, climbing, canoeing, swinging, cooking and building at Roses Gap for the annual Year 8 camp. It also saw them participating in a Cyberia play from Brainstorm productions, which goes through the issues and dangers associated to social media such as Facebook, Twitter etc. We also arranged for a free 'talk out loud' session conducted by the Australian Red Cross which links in with our home group curriculum, that being mental health.

We know the students would agree that this year would not have been the standout that it has been without the tireless dedication of our fantastic team of HG teachers. Their support for their students is endless and we can't thank them enough for all their assistance this year.

Finally, we would like to wish all our students all the best for next year as they step up and become the leaders of the campus. We hope you have a safe a relaxing break and come back ready for another big year!

**Karen Mahoney and Dean Russ**  
Year 8 Coordinators





# YEAR 9

The year 2010 recorded some of the worst natural disasters in history. There were volcanoes erupting, bedbug infestations and world floods. Then there were the man-made disasters such as oil spills, mine collapses and WikiLeaks. Ray Meagher won the Gold Logie, The Hurt Locker won the best picture Oscar and Collingwood won the Grand Final Replay after drawing with St Kilda the previous week. All this fades to insignificance compared to 250 anxious boys and girls who were about to begin their journey into the unknown of Williamstown High School's Bayview Campus.

Now the year is 2012 and the anxious boys and girls have survived their time at Bayview. They are now ready to take on the challenges that confront them on their way to Pasco.

So, let's look back on the year that was.....

The Year 9 students have participated in a lot of activities this year. We have had Home Group days with various themes. Term one we invited guest speakers to talk to the students about bullying. Term two we had more guest speakers to talk about safe partying and risky behaviors. Term three we took the students to Melton for a fantastic day with the Reach Foundation. It was wonderful to see the students take chances and perform in front of an audience.

Term three saw 150 intrepid travelers make their way to sunny Sydney. It was enjoyed by all who attended. The food supplied by Eleanora and all the varied activities easily outweighed the lack of sleep awarded to those who travelled by Coach. Those who had to fly up or back (or both!) don't realize what they missed out on.

The weather was a winner after the cold we had to endure in Melbourne for months. The travelers also braved the night ghost tour at the Rocks Quarantine Centre, although many screams could be heard throughout the historical site over the sounds of the wind blowing through the deserted buildings.

Term three was a big term as the students had to make some tough decisions about their courses for next year. A subject "supermarket" held at Pasco Street, followed by course counseling at Bayview Street held the students in good stead for the decisions that were to be made.

Term four saw the introduction of the dreaded exams to the Year 9 cohort. Most students worked hard to ensure they got the best from the experience.

Congratulations to the following students who were the recipients of the Year 9 awards throughout the year.

Ben Hodge	Thomas Gentry	Ashlea Hoenig
Tegan Dyer	Natalie Dynon	Ina Anackov
Harrison Croft	Lucy McCracken-Bell	Renae Molles
Nicholas Bugeja	Jordan Davies	Bridget Walker
Evangeline Leontos	Halima Badra	Courtney Elliot
Stephanie Veljanoska	Mia Yarnall	Lewis Kennedy
Kayla Jackson	Alan Qian	Jack Van Wyngaarden
Jordan Tripodi	Matthew Burton	AJ Proska
Karli Kenny	Jordan Partridge	Dani Karl
Sophie Lim	Jacob Cikorski	

We'd like to wish the Year 9 class of 2012 all the best for their new adventures on the senior campus. We would also like to thank them for ensuring that our time was not boring!

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Narelle Roberts and Warren Patterson









# YEAR 10

Looking back over the year of being a Year 10 I think I can speak for my entire cohort that it has been a terrific year. I feel my year and I have grown, matured and experienced a lot since the days of Bayview. The thought of moving up to Pasco Street was no doubt for everyone, a daunting nevertheless exciting prospect. We were no longer going to be the top of our campus; feeling in total control and comfort, no longer to be looked upon with awe of our age and height. It was to be Year 7 all over again but thankfully, we had friends to help us tackle it. However, I myself feel that we all adjusted rather quickly. The older year levels welcomed us warmly, treating us as equals and making settling in easy. Additionally the teachers were lovely and eager to have us. Pasco campus has a very different aura to Bayview. It has a very relaxed, mature feel about it that I think my year level were all ready for after spending three years with-and being-energetic and boisterous younger pupils.

I think a definite highlight of the year was the Gold Coast camp. I am sure I can speak for everyone when I say that, as promised, it was the best camp we have been on. The long, tiring trip up was definitely worth the excitement of Wet 'n' Wild, Movie World, Sea World and Dream World. Everyone enjoyed the freedom of buying a trolley worth of food for our groups, the talent show, the beautiful morning walk on the beach and night out to the movies.

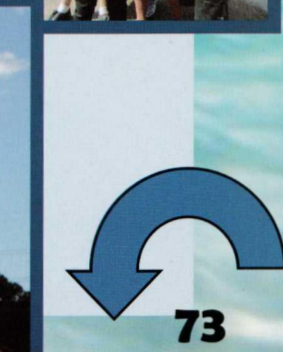
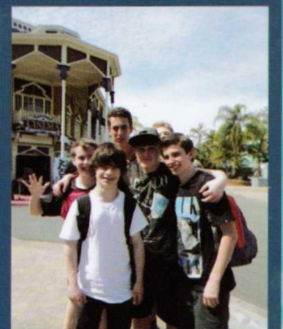
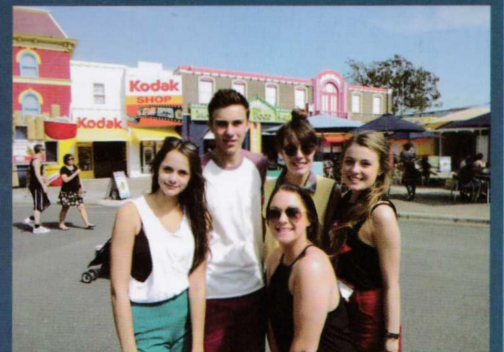
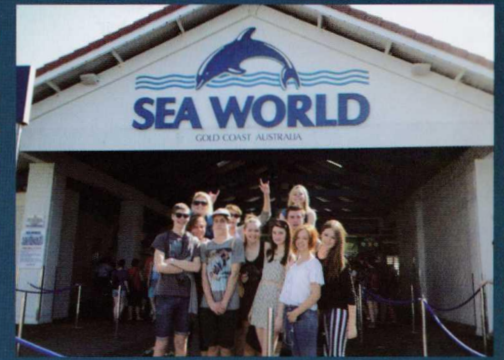
On the first week back of Term 3 most of Year 10 went to try their skills out at their chosen Work Experience. I think we all learnt quite a bit from that experience about the real world and the skills and attitudes needed in the work place. I think it was a great way for us to feel or improve our independence, maturity and expectations. We hopefully made some great connections for future employment.

However, for now, we are all still relishing being teenagers, at high school. This year I know we have all branched out and made new friendships, met new inspiring teachers and enjoyed and learnt from new subjects. We're working out who we are and where we want to go but I feel that Year 10 has really started stimulating those feelings and thoughts and set us up well for our final two years. I know that the VCE years will be something that my year level will all determinedly and positively go through together, like we always have..

**Jess Zanoni**









# YEAR 11

What an amazing cohort of students the Year 11's have been this year! Making the transition from Year 10 into Year 11 to begin their VCE studies can be a quite daunting and stressful experience for many. However the group of Year 11s have coped extremely well with the challenge of their often difficult first year of VCE, with many also undertaking one or two Year 12 subjects to add to their already demanding loads.

Throughout the year, students have been involved in various seminars, workshops and information sessions aimed at maximizing student outcomes and promoting student well being. These include parent and student workshops and information evenings held early in the year; study skill workshops run by Elevate Education which provided students with a road-map for what work they will need to do during the next couple of years ahead; formal counseling sessions regarding individual student subject choices for next year; the Fit 2 Drive program which focused on being safe and avoiding risks on the road; and the recent Talk Out Loud workshops which was developed by the Red Cross and Beyond Blue, designed to help young people to increase their knowledge and understanding of mental health and provide support to peers who maybe experiencing mental health problems.

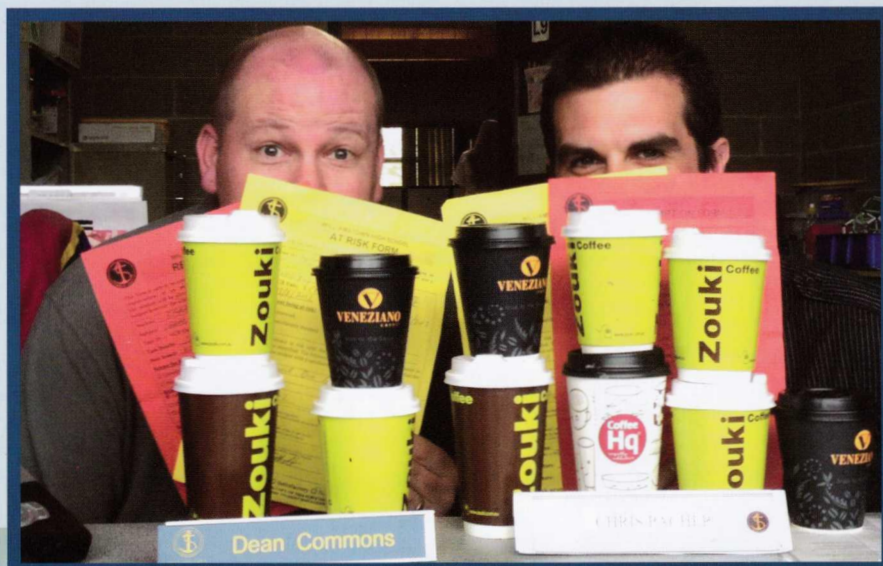
The Year 11 students have also shared many achievements with the school and the wider community this year. Sporting achievements have been impressive including cross country, track and field, netball and basketball, and the remarkable talent of our Year 11s that has been demonstrated and put on display in many of the arts and technology festivals and exhibitions throughout the year continue to impress, captivate and inspire audiences.

It is difficult to express how rewarding it is, as the Year 11 Student Management Leaders, to have been a part of the lives of these extraordinary individuals that make up the Year 11 cohort. The lively, bright eyed and bushy tailed characters that greet us with their cheeky smiles everyday, the laughter and positivity that resonates throughout the school yard and corridors, their humor, wit, charm and kind, supportive nature are all characteristics of this amazing group that make us feel privileged to be in this role. It has not been a particularly easy year for this group and we have observed the strength and resilience of these young individuals who have demonstrated their caring and benevolent nature by providing tremendous support for one another during the difficult times they have endured.

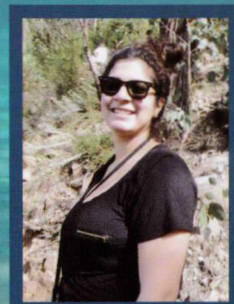
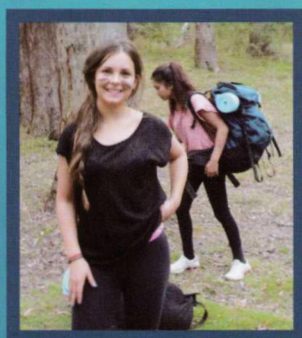
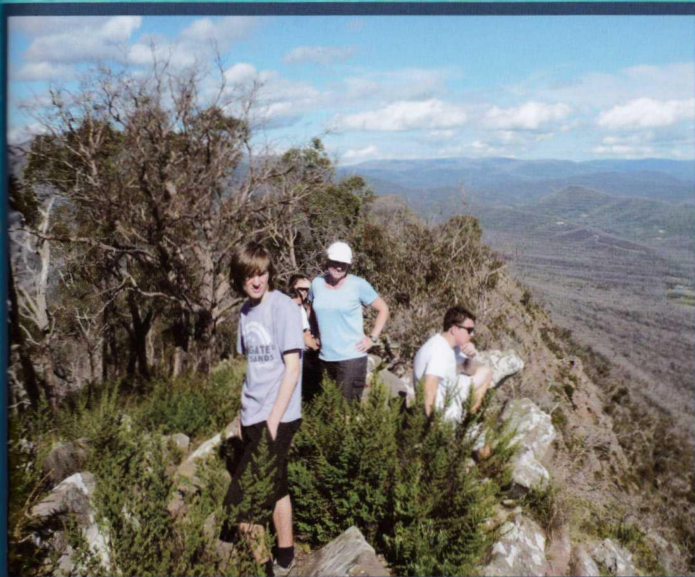
We wish to thank the Year 11 teachers for their dedication, professionalism and hard work they have put in this year. The time and effort that is given to ensure that students are provided with engaging and enriching learning experiences, as well as allowing students to take advantage of a wide range of curriculum choices, excursions and extra-curricular activities is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank the student well being coordinators, careers councilors, home group teachers and support staff who have dedicated so much time and effort in supporting the Year 11 students this year and ensuring that their needs are met. A special mention must also go out to Caitlyn Ryan for all of her time and support given to the students in her role as Year 11 Student Management Leader during Semester 1.

The Year 11s should be extremely happy and proud of all of their efforts and achievement this year. We have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with and get to know the Year 11 students and to support their efforts in 2012. It is students like these that make what we do at Williamstown High School fulfilling, rich and worthwhile and who make the school a very special place. We are extremely proud of every individual in the Year 11 group and wish them all the best for Year 12 and beyond.

**Dean Commons and Chris Pacher**  
**Year 11 Student Management Leaders 2012**

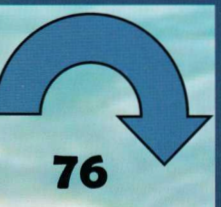
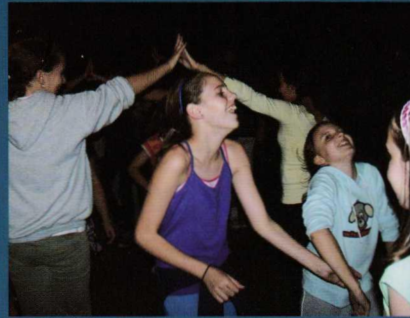




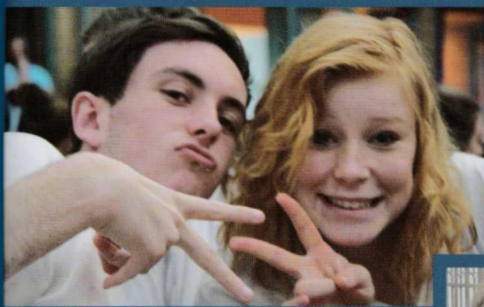
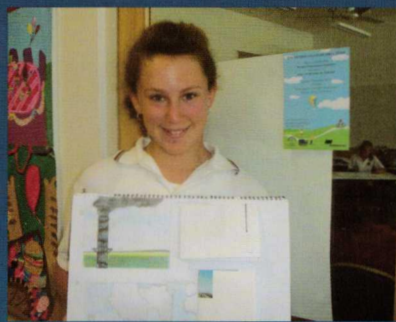




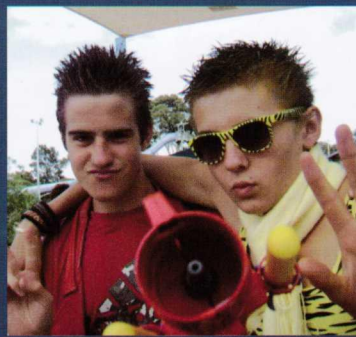
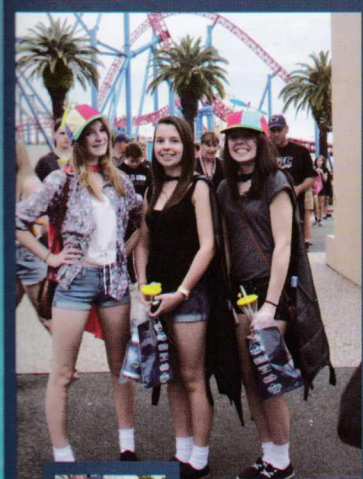
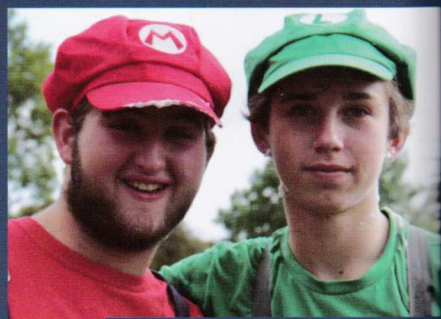
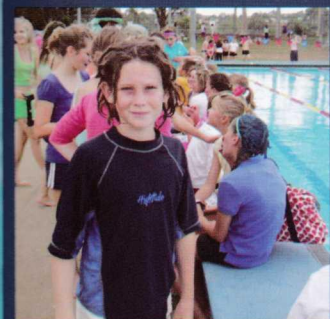
# YEAR 12



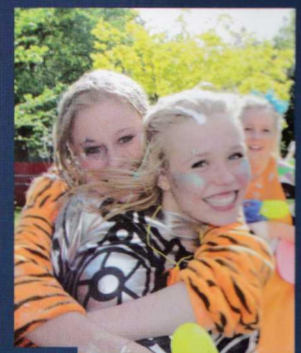
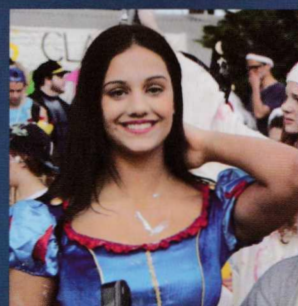
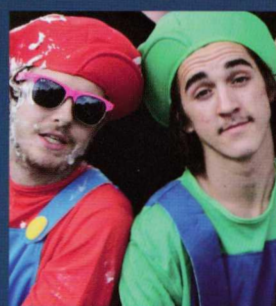
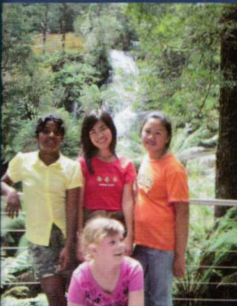














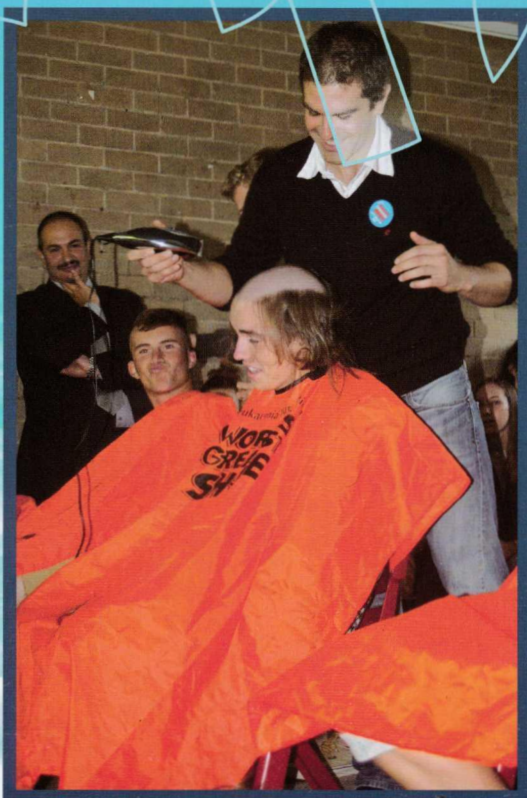
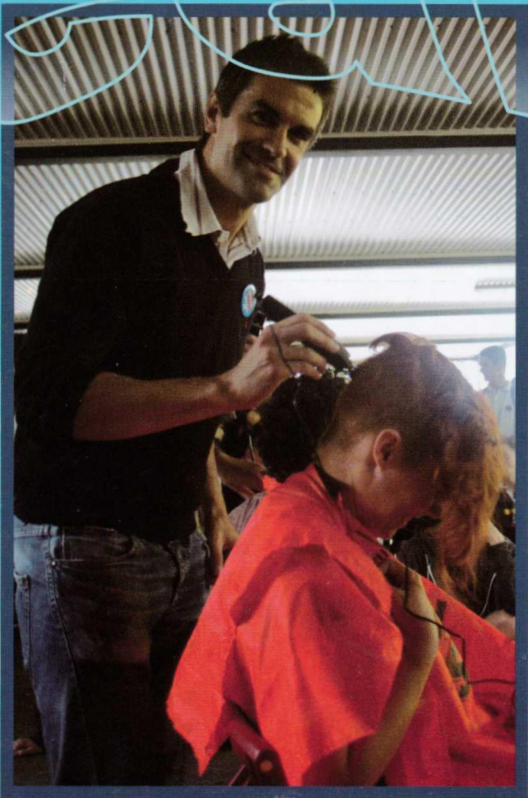
What an amazing year, well really 6 years, it has been for our Year 12 cohort. They have shown themselves to be mature young adults who have great respect for themselves, their teachers and the school. As we write this they are preparing for their end of year exams, making great use of the Study Centre they have called their own this year.

We moved into Year 12 twelve months ago as students undertook the Head Start program. It doesn't seem that long ago and yet so much has happened. Countless folio's, SACs, oral and performance exams have taken place. We started 2012 with a study camp at Lady Northcote where our students received advice on calculating their ATAR, being their best selves and even how to build a raft! The talent show on the final night of camp saw the depth and breadth of the talent in this cohort on display and they even managed to get a few Year 12 teachers up on stage too. Chris Pacher joined the school and the Student Management Team and quickly became a favorite amongst the students.

Back at school students lost no time in making use of the Study Centre and we often left late in the day with a few still furiously pouring over their notes in the back of the room. Bin Shot found it's way into the school providing lots of entertainment for the senior boys and many a raucous cheer. Some of our students faced harsh adversity and came through proving to us all once again what a fabulous group of students they really are. Educate Elevate were back again, to kick start the year during camp and then again at the end of Term 3 to prepare our students for the exam period ahead. Chris Pacher left the Year 12s to be Year 11 Student Management Leader (although he still comes down for snacks and visits) at the end of Term 2 and we were joined by Laura Ruddick for Semester 2. She has become well liked and well respected as she has advocated for our students constantly.

Celebration Day was a joy for staff and students with some thoughtful and intelligent pranks are our Year 12s leaving a great legacy as conscientious leaders (and they sure can shrink wrap a car). As we head towards the exams, Year 12 Formal and Graduation what is most striking is how cohesive this group of students are. It's been a real pleasure to work with such a dedicated and mature group of students. They will surely be missed by the school community.

**Liza Bermingham and Laura Ruddick**  
**Year 12 Student Management Leaders 2012**





*"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow  
belongs to the people who prepare for it today."*

**Malcolm X**

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*"What lies behind us and what lies before us are  
tiny matters compared to what lies within us."*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**





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