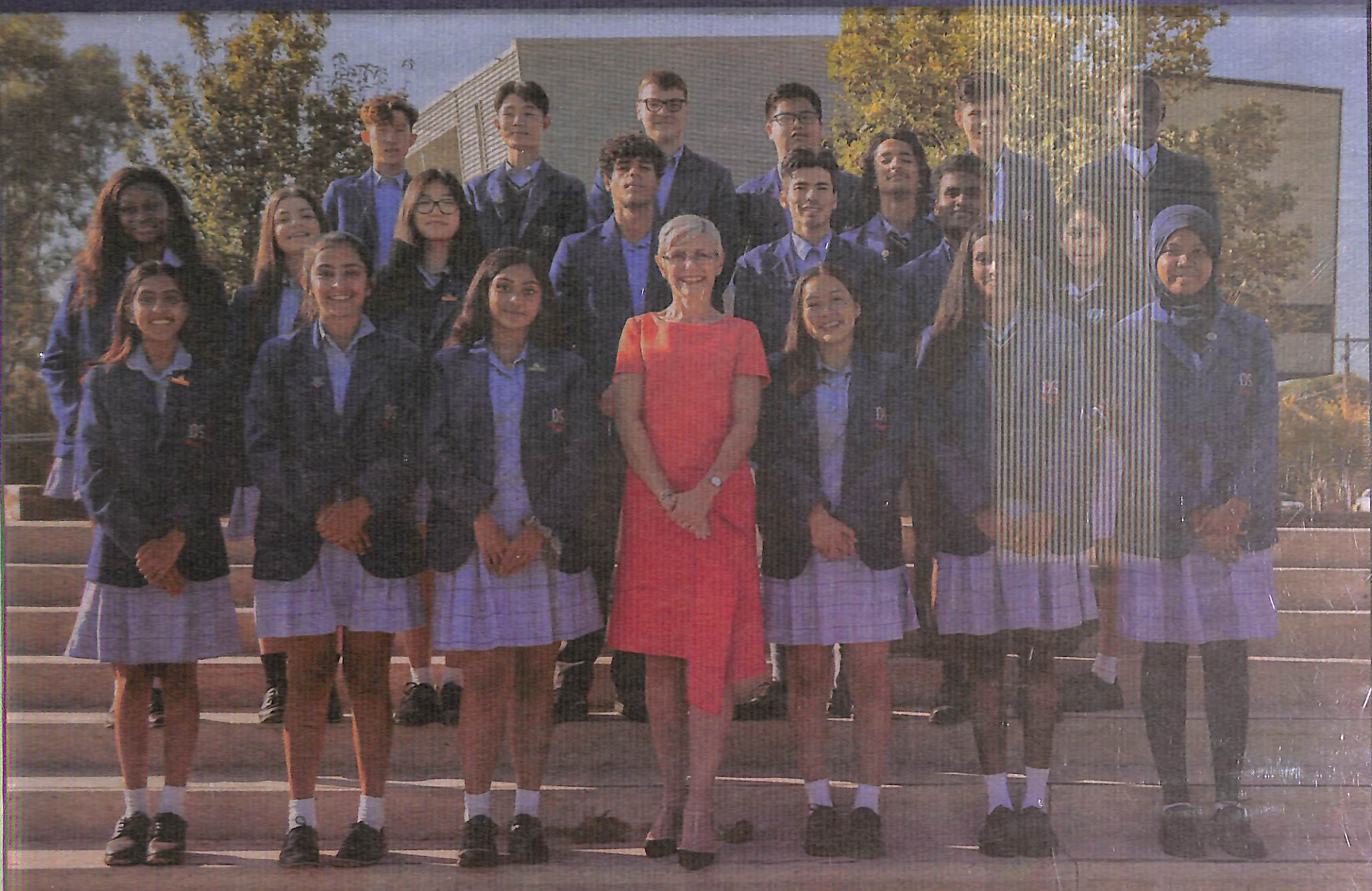


DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL



CONGRATULATIONS

to our Year 12 students on completing
your VCE or VCAL certificates in 2021

GOOD LUCK

to all of you
in your exams



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Engineering by design

The world is changing very rapidly, with new technologies driving both future growth and a significant increase in demand for new job roles and skillsets, particularly in the STEM fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

With rapidly evolving technologies comes the need for schools to adapt their programs to ensure students are receiving quality education in the fields that are likely to result in continuous, sustainable employment.

Dandenong High School has recognised the need to ensure their students are thoroughly prepared for University study and the workforce and have decided to launch a dedicated Design Engineering Academy commencing for Year 9 students in 2022.

The Academy program will be taught in the new Design Centre, a purpose-built, state-of-the-art and future-focused learning precinct. The Academy will provide students with a deeply immersive and full-faceted STEM program and a clear learning pathway to an extensive array of tertiary courses and career opportunities.

Although a specially designed STEM program, all units and subjects studied in the Academy will have a direct link to VCE subjects under the Victorian Curriculum, examples of these units may include: Cyber Security, Computational Thinking, Engineering and Robotics, The Psychology of Artificial Intelligence, Applied Physics, Emerging Technologies, STEM Innovators, Coding and Programming, Software Development, Digital Design and Manufacturing, Algorithmic Problem-Solving, Data Analytics and Chemical Engineering.

In addition, students will be actively encouraged to compete in STEM competitions at a very high level.

The Academy promises to offer a stimulating educational environment. Students will enjoy a range of enrichment and co-curricular experiences through partnerships with universities, including RMIT and Swinburne, as well as study trip opportunities to Silicon Valley in California.

These opportunities will enable students to gain recognised micro-credentials and qualifications.

The Academy will be phased in. In 2022 and 2023, the Academy will initially be available to a cap of 25 existing Dandenong High School students and external students.

The program will then expand to 50 Year 9 students by 2024. In 2025, the program will be offered to 50 Year 7 students and 50 Year 9 students from Dandenong High School and external students.

If your child shows interest in the STEM fields, we will be having an online Information Session later in the term.

Please visit the school's website or contact the general office for further details on 9792 0561.

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DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL Design Engineering Academy



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'Troubles' left off the stage as students act their parts

Despite Covid-19's "double double toil and trouble", Dandenong High School found a way for its 2020 shows to 'go on'.

The school's productions *Clue On Stage* and *Macbeth: A Kid's Cautionary Tale Concerning Greed, Power, Mayhem and Other Current Events* were recorded for posterity.

The staff-student collaborations premiered as films at a red-carpet event at the high school.

The shows can also be viewed online at dandenong-hs.vic.edu.au/2020-production-premiere



Dandenong High School staffer Mr Lloyd and students during the production of *Clue*.



Dandenong High School principal Susan Ogden at the red carpet premiere.



Dandenong High students Nishadi and Alley in *Clue*



Cast members Rachael and Peter in *Clue*.



Natalie during the *Macbeth* production.



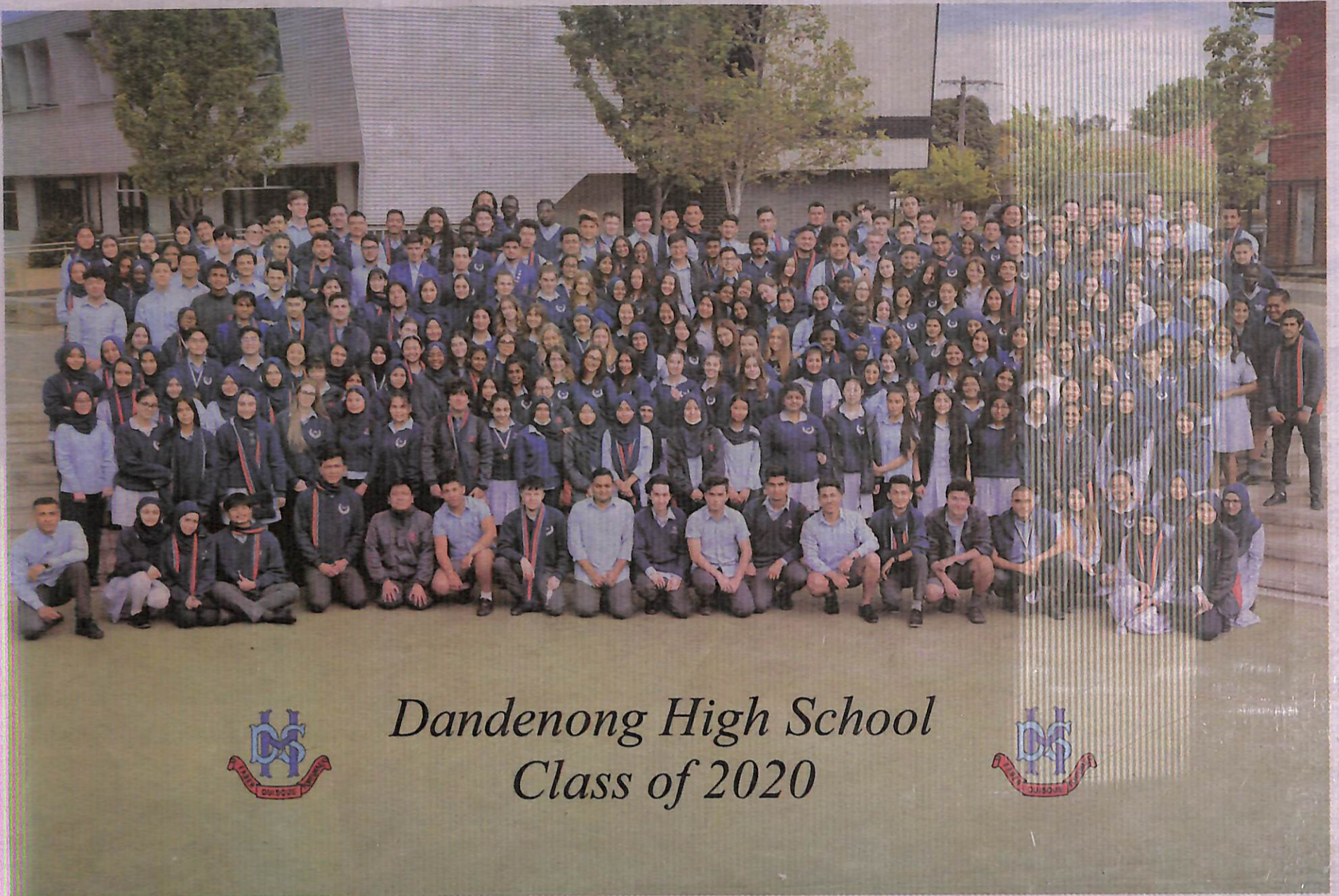
Guests grace the red carpet event.



Samir and Natalie in *Macbeth*.



DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS



Dandenong High School Class of 2020



"The final year of secondary school is challenging for anyone. In 2020, the level of challenge has been magnified. Senior students across the state, have had to grapple with disruption, isolation and the loss of many celebratory events, they would normally have taken for granted. At Dandenong High School, the way our Year 12 students have faced these challenges, has been extraordinary. They have demonstrated immense courage, resilience and grit. They have approached the year with determination and a "can do" attitude, that has been inspiring, and they have provided tremendous support to each other.

However, the class of 2020 should not just be defined by their response to the pandemic. As a group they are unique and have made a significant contribution to our school community during their time with us. The staff describe them as "generous of spirit", culturally inclusive and empathetic. They challenge each other, have fun together and as a collective, view the world in a positive way. This group want to make a difference and have the confidence to believe they can. The class of 2020 share a strong connection with each other and with their teachers and we will miss them.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish all our students well in their exams and hope they achieve success in their future. May they make the most of the opportunities that come their way and always strive to reach their potential.

We are incredibly proud of you and all you have achieved."

Susan Ogden
Principal



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Students reach skyward

By Gabriella Payne

Ten bright, up-and-coming stars from Dandenong High School have been chosen to participate in the Skyline Education Foundation's 2021 program, joining a record number of high achieving VCE students from around the state as they further their education and help create a better future for all.

Believing that all students should have the opportunity to reach their full potential, the Skyline Education Foundation has been helping empower academically talented VCE students from socially and economically challenged backgrounds for years now, helping them overcome adversity and achieve their full potential.

The amazing work being done by this organisation has not gone unnoticed, with the Bank of Melbourne Foundation recently awarding Skyline their inaugural multi-year grant of \$500,000, which over the next three years, will help an extra 90 students and their families reap the benefits of this program.

Thanks to this grant, Skyline will support 133 new students from 26 schools across Victoria transition from year 10 into their final years of secondary school, with 10 of these students being pupils from Dandenong High School.

Michaela Abraham, one of Dandenong High School's high achievers who will be joining Skyline's 2021 program said that she was "incredibly honoured" to have been chosen to take part.

"The term serendipity comes to mind, because I didn't ever think that I would be given this opportunity," Ms Abraham said.

"When I consciously made the effort to do well at school, I had no intention of getting any kind of scholarship or anything like that. I just didn't have any idea where this would lead me, but I am very happy to be a part of the Skyline family."

Ms Abraham is a talented, high-performing student, a strong swimmer and has a keen interest in learning about health and the human body, hoping to one day work in the medical field.

Her family immigrated to Australia from Ethiopia before she was born, hoping to find a better life here but her father, who studied business information systems and was also one of the best in his class, has struggled to find work.

Ms Abraham said that her father had been



Dandenong High School student Michaela Abraham who was awarded a Skyline Education Foundation scholarship. 223717

Picture: ROB CAREW

a huge inspiration for her in pursuing and fulfilling her academic potential, and she aspired to follow in his footsteps and make him proud.

"He's been a very influential part of my life," she said. "He's been mentoring me, so I think the partial reason why I got this opportunity was because of my Dad and his influence in my education and in my mental wellbeing."

Ms Abraham joins the program along with nine fellow Dandenong High students, including Aditya R, Alanna E, Alley H, Joanna A, Mahdia S, Shogoofa F, Stephanie S, Tanisha L and Vahini R.

All students will receive financial support from the program as they undergo a two-year intensive learning experience, participating in masterclasses, workshops and other activities intended to inspire the students and pave their way to higher education.

After a particularly difficult year for everyone, the chief executive officer of the Skyline Education Foundation, Jane Sydenham-

Clarke, said that the Bank of Melbourne grant could not have come at a better time and it was "just amazing" to be able to expand the program to help more students and their families.

"The course of a student's life can literally change after joining the program, like for year 12 student Steph who never dreamt it possible that she would attend university," Ms Sydenham-Clarke said.

"Living in a broken home in a disadvantaged suburb, she struggled with mental health, trauma and had no confidence until we intervened at a critical moment in her life with emotional, practical and financial support."

Ms Sydenham-Clarke said that over the years, many alumni had gone on to achieve incredible things and she was proud to be involved with helping the next generation of leaders find their feet.

"We've been operating for fifteen years now and we have many incredible alumni from our program who are truly change makers, work-

ing all across the world, making major changes for a better future," she said.

"It is a joy to be working and to be finding these great young Australians and to be investing in them into the future."

Ms Sydenham-Clarke said that whilst the foundation looked to invest in students who were academically gifted, they also looked for qualities like "leadership, humility, emotional intelligence" and also for those students who showed "immense resilience" in the face of adversity.

She added that students like Michaela "have the character and the capacity to withstand the challenges that come their way" and are "truly inspirational".

"It gives me faith that we are in such good hands going into our future with these incredible young people, who are in our government schools like Dandenong High School, who are also doing extraordinary work cultivating these incredible young Australians," Ms Sydenham-Clarke said.

PRESIDENT'S (DHDHS)
NOTES FOR
LUNCHEON

Agenda for Annual Luncheon 15th June 2019

12.30 President - welcome to country

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting, and I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present.

12.35 Welcome to guests

We are delighted to have with us today ~~the Mayor Cr Roz Blades,~~ Cr Angela Long and Cr Zaynoun Melhem. For the last 56 years the City of Greater Dandenong has given us support and guidance for which we are extremely grateful because, without their sponsorship we could not exist.

I would like to invite ^{Angela Long} Cr ~~Roz Blades~~ to say a few words.

Also a very warm welcome to our guest speaker Martin Culkin, ex principal of Dandenong High School. We look forward to hearing more from him later.

Sponsorship The Dandenong Club has sponsored our Society since 1995 and not only with the good hospitality of their club but also financially. I now would like to introduce Cr Charlie Daly President of the Dandenong Club.

1.00 Main meal served

1.30 Sweets served

2.00 Introduction of Speakers -

I am delighted to introduce to you Martin Culkin.

3.00 Vote of thanks - Christine Ware, vice president

3.05 Close.

- **Thank you for inviting me. Dandenongised.**
- **A school for the ages was built in 1919, a new school for the ages was built 90 years later.**
- **I will give you some insights into what happened and why**
- **Viewing the school, reputation**
- **Had been a Principal for 10 years**
- **Solid but unexceptional**
- **Issues with staff, run down facilities – 19th century**
- **Department disinterest**

- **Ideas of a merger had been discussed before, not on the immediate agenda**
- **Issue of a school across the road**
- **2003 squeezed for funding because of District Provision**
- **No access to funds for real maintenance of professional development**
- **State education budgets of 2002, 2003 and 2004 favoured eastern suburban schools, nothing for the broader Dandenong area.**
- **This was also a time of rapidly changing demographics for the school, needed to change approaches to education and the physical environment.**

- **Continuing pressures around the district provision issue.**
- **Department conversations with the two schools with agreement to investigate a new future.**
- **Demographic study to ascertain future student numbers and examine whether there was a long-term future.**
- **Idea of a DHS, Cleeland, Doveton collaboration – did not immediately warm to.**
- **Department consultant appointed to investigate curriculum and physical needs of each of the school. The finding was that none of the schools were offering a truly comprehensive curriculum.**

- **As you can appreciate more questions than answers. How to go about creating a new environment, where, what size etc.**

- **2005 3 principal trip to NZ and Uk and later USA to look for ideas – found it in NZ and gained general agreement.**

- **When the idea and the projected cost was put before the Minister for Education she laughed.**

- **And so the meetings frenzy commenced during which we set ourselves a goal that this would be the best project of its type that Victorian education had seen. Many previous failures.**

- **Broad School Council approval achieved during late 2005.**

- **Principal appointment 2006.**

- **Master Plan developed with an innovative model to be developed to cater for 2100 students, 245 staff.**
- **Very difficult time as three schools continued to run.**
- **Focussing on SWIS model.**
- **Time of significant school self determination.**
- **Had to appease parents, primary schools and their families, had to prove our worth to the Department.**
- **2006 Architect chosen, but fight about design, locations, staff etc. What we taken on. Self doubt.**

- **Future of Doveton Secondary College - community.**
- **First funding of \$12M was granted in 2007 for 3 buildings.**
- **But did we really know what we were doing? Absolutely not.**
- **Issues of using the spaces we wanted to build, how to teach in them, how students would deal with it and how they would learn.**
- **Prototype, teacher and leader visits.**
- **Consultancy support.**
- **It must be remembered that this kind of approach on this scale was a world first and it generated much attention. That was good.**

- **Second funding grant of \$10M in 2009 to continue with SWIS – but not enough. Dealt with. Bonus was BER.**
- **Must be remembered 3 projects TTC at Chisholm.**
- **Off to Vienna.**
- **Next funding in 2012 through very unusual circumstances for P Arts?PE**
- **Had to go hunting for the \$2.5M shortfall.**
- **2011 to Paris.**
- **Visitors to the school.**
- **Where did this all end up?**

- **Did we have and fun and enjoy the journey?**
- **Where will this school and schools go in the future?**
- **What was the secret of our success?**

School's purple amazement

Enter the wondrous world inhabited by the 1986 cult film *Labyrinth*.

Yasameen Timori and Kristian Edgecumbe star in the Dandenong High School Performing Arts Department's production of the Jim Henson-directed classic that starred David Bowie.

The story is a dark fairy-tale of Sarah who bravely seeks to rescue her brother from the Goblin King and his mischievous goblins in the middle of a magical maze.

About 50 students and five staff rehearsed tirelessly on stage and in the live band for six months, after school and during school holidays.

Tickets for this spectacular singing-dancing musical will be on sale at the box office. It is at Melaleuca Theatre, Dandenong High School, David Street Dandenong on Friday 9 August and Saturday 10 August, 7pm.

Yasameen Timori and Kristian Edgecumbe are spied upon by other cast on the *Labyrinth* set. 195911 Picture: GARY SISSONS



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The image shows three students in a classroom or lab setting. A female student in a blue school uniform and a black hijab is smiling and looking at a male student who is also in a blue school uniform. They are both looking at a complex robotics project on a table. The project consists of a metal frame with various components, including a motor and a camera lens. A third student, a female with long brown hair, is standing behind them, also smiling and looking at the project. In the top left corner of the image is the Dandenong High School logo, which features a shield with the letters 'DHS' and the words 'DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL' around it.

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SCHOOL'S BIG YEAR

DANDENONG High School has 100 reasons to celebrate.

Established in 1919, the school launched its centenary celebrations at the annual 'badges assembly'.

Student leaders including captains, vice captains and SRC presidents received their badges, while also wearing current and historic blazers to mark the occasion.

"This occasion took on greater significance as the school reflected on the changes and impact of student leadership over 100 years," principal Susan Ogden said.

"We will hold events throughout the year to recognise the 100th milestone and acknowledge the past, present and future."

Details, visit dandenong-hs.vic.edu.au

**Dandenong High students
Kathleen Faalavaau and Timothy
Ivaschenko.**

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Principal Susan Ogden, James Merlino and Gabrielle Williams with Dandenong High students.

Dandenong High election pledge made

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

Dandenong High School will receive an \$8.4 million upgrade under an election pledge by the State Government.

Education Minister James Merlino announced that a re-elected Government would fund new Science, Technology, Engineering

and Mathematics (STEM) facilities. New canteen and food technology spaces would also be created. It comes on top of a recent \$3 million State allocation to upgrade the school's library. "We're already upgrading the school library but there's more to do and only Labor will deliver it with \$8.4 million for a new canteen and

food technology space," Mr Merlino said. Dandenong MP Gabrielle Williams said the Government had built or upgraded more than 1300 schools since coming to office. "No matter where you live in Victoria, every student deserves to have a great school - a re-elected Andrews Labor Government will make sure they do."



L-R: Noel Chapple with students Zengqin, Ali, Akbar, Nandini, Ela and Isabel. 183316

Picture: GARY SISSONS

Enduring high school teacher is all class

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

What's the key to not only surviving 55 years at high school, but being a widely-admired teacher?

Dandenong High School teacher Noel Chapple says it's all about the kids.

Like the student who gave him a hug and started crying at the end of her Year 12.

She was so happy to be the first child in her family to have completed school, Mr Chapple recalls.

"It's the little things like that which makes it so worthwhile."

Education Minister James Merlino personally congratulated Mr Chapple for his 55-year teaching milestone in front of proud students on 23 July.

One of his students told him they shed a tear when they saw the scene on a TV news bulletin.

"Some of them were rapt," Mr Chapple said.

"It's nice when you think about that recognition but a bit embarrassing."

In 1963, Mr Chapple started as a student teacher at the former Doveton Technical School - which was considered "out in the country" in those days.

Since then he's taught art, geometry, PE and most recently woodwork. He was assistant principal as three schools merged into Dandenong High School a decade ago.

In that time, change has crept up on Mr Chapple. Not least the rich diversity of cultures now in Dandenong, as well as the digitising of arts.

Then there is the shock when Mr Chapple realises he's taught a student's parent - or even grandparent.

But as time marches on, the premise of teaching remains the same.

Throughout, Mr Chapple has made a point of connecting and building a rapport with his students.

"If they see you as fair, honest and reliable, they'll trust you. You get that respect back.

"They also keep you on your toes because teenagers are teenagers. Though they think they invented it, they don't realise you were a teenager before.

"You know all the tricks - there's nothing new there."

JOHN LEAH: a tribute by Don Metcalfe

John Leah, who passed away just before Christmas, became a friend at DHS, which meant we attended during the 1950's. We shared time together in the month before his death.

He came to Dandenong, the son of post-World War 2 English migrants, via Tasmania's west coast. In 'The Gate' of 1957, (Form 4), he wrote a most erudite piece, titled 'Tasmania's Limestone Caves'. Even as a boy, John had acted as a guide to tourists and as a budding writer: "A crawl through a winding muddy tunnel may be rewarded with sights of rare and wondrous beauty".

That he was called 'Prof', should come as no surprise, as in his penultimate year he commenced a frivolous piece for 'The Gate' with the words, "To one of a scientific bent ..."

He matriculated in 1959 and he had been a Prefect, Co-Editor of 'The Gate' under the Editorship of Greg O'Loughlin, and represented the school in soccer in his last two seasons.

After school, his tertiary studies started in Melbourne, he married a fellow ex-student, Angela Szidat, but lost the marriage.

His lifelong friend, David Caddies, speaking at a celebration of John's life, took up the story in 1966, when they were both at a teacher training establishment in Sydney. He thought John was wise.

They met up again as teachers in Papua New Guinea. He hugely admired John's "great driving passion to create, publish or broad-

cast literary, sound and film pieces, at first educational, but widening in scope. He produced educational broadcasts for the ABC in Papua New Guinea". "...it was as if there was a creative effervescence about him which bubbled up constantly and infectiously—he was driven by it". "Science, literature, history were his themes, and words and images his methods".

His passion for argument is admired. He would often play devil's advocate just to prolong a debate,"...but the rascal never admitted to it. His quick and hearty laugh was never far away, as was his keen sense of the absurd".

As David concluded his speech, reading a poem by Dylan Thomas, I was reminded of our introduction to the work of that charismatic poet, by John's school-time Editor, the late Greg O'Loughlin.

I thank David for allowing me to use parts of his text.

Whilst in Port Moresby, John met Robyn Clark, who became the absolute love and mainstay of his life.

Upon his return to Australia, John and Robyn raised a family, and John continued his television passion, creating the pilot for a children's TV series, attracting the inimitable Spike Milligan for the lead role.

Subsequently he continued his publishing work, including as Editor of STAMP NEWS, and in 2007 from their home in Ferntree Gully, he and Robyn launched Australian **STAMPS PROFESSIONAL**.

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Because Ion Whykes, OAM, a past teacher at DHS during the 1950's and 1960's, and a then active Dandenong community member, has donated funds to the current, self-sustaining refugee students' support program, the Association has invited the following advertisement, as an expression of our appreciation.

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When the members of our School community step into financial commitments, for example into retirement funds or property, their greatest guarantee is trust in the advice tendered.

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A name which stands out in that pantheon of notable staff, is ION WHYKES AO. Today, after being the Principal of Healesville High School from 1974 to 1993, and being awarded an Order of Australia, ION has established the following business:



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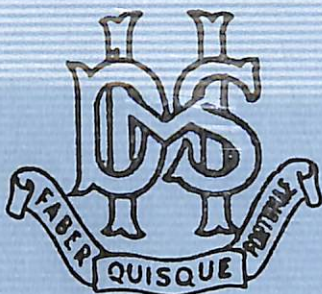
The firm's three pillars are — personalised advice; ongoing support and valued client-adviser relationships.

JOHN LEAH—continued

The last years of John's life were extremely challenging, and he fought so bravely. As I finished writing this story, I felt so strongly about the Dylan Thomas poem, I thought we might all share it; and it is titled:

"Do not go gentle into that good night..."





B. Moss

Retirement Dinner

B. M. MOSS RETIREMENT DINNER

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Master of Ceremonies - Mr. Don Thompson,
President of School
Council.

'ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR'

written & composed by Peter Dodds McCormick, 1880

Australia's sons let us rejoice,
For we are young and free.
We've golden soil and wealth for toil
Our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare,
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair.

1. Call to Tables.
2. Anthem - Advance Australia Fair.
Toast to Basil Moss and Family.
3. Introduction of Special Guest, announcement of
apologies.
4. Mayor's welcome to Dandenong.
5. Soup and Main Course.
6. Formal introduction of Mr. & Mrs. Moss and family
and presentation of flowers to Mrs. Moss by
Mrs. Sutton (Mother's Club & Council Representative).
7. Speech in honour of Mr. Basil Moss by Mr. Gill Newitt,
(Principal of Balwyn).
8. Support speech by Mr. T. J. Ford (Director of Secondary
Education).
9. Sweets and coffee.
10. Council presentation - Mr. Don Thompson.
11. Presentation on behalf of school staff and guests.
Mr. Leigh Ward (Acting D.P. Dandenong High School).
12. Response - Mr. Basil Moss.
13. Final Thanks - Mr. Ray Ellingworth (Acting Principal,
Dandenong High School).

BASIL MERVYN "JACK" MOSS MBE

Basil Moss came to Dandenong High School from Monbulk High School in 1972, and he retired from the school, and education, in 1981.

In his commencing report in 'The Gate', he noted a time of great change in the following passages.

" I have come to Dandenong High School at a time when many important changes are occurring in education. Within the last 4 years, the decisions as to what a school teaches have passed from the Education Department and the Victorian Universities and Schools' Examination Board to schools and teachers. The inspection of schools, and the external exams for below form V1, have also lost their effect.

Not only have teachers individually within the school assumed responsibility for the content of education, the methods and assessment, but teachers collectively have applied policies on admission to the teaching service, on the work-load, the conditions of work, and so on.

Students also, both within the school and collectively throughout the state have sought more say in education".

He ended his piece, seeking democratic outcomes among the stakeholders.

"In a time of flux, when we ought to be able to make the necessary changes by constitutional means, we must ensure that no group (students, teachers, parents, principal, Department, or others) extends their "rights" at the expense of someone else's rights".

His professional achievements centre about the Victorian High Schools Principals Association, of which he was a member of the executive from 1964 to 1981, being President in 1972—1973. His MBE was awarded for services to education.

Born in 1920, his beginnings were humble, commencing in South Gippsland, and later at Maffra. Growing up in a house which had no power, reticulated water, or books, his notable scholastic achievements at the Maffra State Primary school enabled him to attend Sale High School. The book prizes he received, which he kept all his life, led to a fascination with books.

Upon leaving secondary school, he was able to commence teaching immediately at the two-teacher, Newry State school.

He attended Melbourne Teachers College, won numerous academic prizes, and commenced an arts degree majoring in philosophy at Melbourne University in 1940-41.

He joined the RAAF late in 1941, and after training at the Radar School, he was sent to Papua New Guinea as the commanding Officer of the new Port Moresby radar station.

During this time he married his Teacher's College sweetheart, Eileen; was promoted to Flight Lieutenant; received a gunshot wound and was evacuated, then repatriated.

He completed his arts degree and completed majors in philosophy, geography and international relations. His results included four first-class honours and three second-class honours.

After his Dip. Ed year, he taught at Sale Technical School, then High Schools at Colac, Upwey, Monbulk and Hadfield before his arrival at DHS in 1972.

BASIL MOSS.....Continued

'The Age' published an obituary on Friday January 19th, which I commend to our members, for it sets out the style and character of this man which made him so respected in Victorian education circles.

Basil also found time to be a member of the Senate of the State College of Victoria; the Councils of Rusden State College and Victoria College; and the Graduate Committee of the University of Melbourne. He was also a member and later a Fellow of the Australian College of Education.

His wife, Eileen, (Tilly), pictured on our front cover, was also a fellow of the Australian Coll-

ege of Education for her role as a primary school principal, and as the first female primary school inspector.

The Sydney Morning Herald (also a Fairfax paper, the producers of 'The Age'), headlined its obituary:

"Basil Moss rose to become one of Victoria's most influential secondary school principals".

Our President has had the pleasure of dealing with Basil and his family in recent times. In the next 'From the Chair', she will relate how he bestowed most generous Scholarship funding on his beloved school, via our Association.

EDITORS NOTE:

The VHSPA became the Victorian Association of State School Principals, and Ion Whykes AO, former teacher at DHS in the 1950's and 1960's, was the inaugural President for 1987-1988, when it was re-branded. You will note that on page 5 we carry an advertisement for Ion's Financial Services Company, in appreciation of his ongoing financial support of our Association.

EDNA VUKMIROVIC (DAWSON) PAID TRIBUTE TO BASIL MOSS IN A PERSONAL LETTER IN 1981, TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

I would like to pay a tribute to our Principal, Mr Basil Moss, on his retirement. Mr Moss is the seventh man to have charge of Dandenong High School, and during his years at the school he has maintained stability and strength in a period of time fraught with uncertainty, rumour and complexity. He has upheld the traditions of the school making us all aware of the worth of our inheritance in this regard.

The new library block is a monument to his forethought and planning, and council members know we have received the

benefits of his directness and wisdom in all aspects of organization of the school.

His office door is open at all times to staff, students, parents and visitors to the school, and he gives his complete attention to those who seek his advice, showing a real sympathy for the deserving.

Dandenong High School is indeed indebted to Basil Moss who has devoted so much of his time and labour and thought to the progress of the school and the well-being of its students.

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■ The Voice's Hoseah chases his dream with Boy George on tour ...

Boy's made good

By Casey Neill

Hoseah Partsch has one of the country's highest selling singles and is going on a national tour with Culture Club.

Not bad for Dandenong High School Year 12 student who auditioned for television talent contest The Voice just a few months ago to help his single mum and three siblings.

"I'm the happiest person right now," the 18-year-old told the Journal.

"I'm just a normal kid from Melbourne trying to chase his dream and make a better future for his family.

"I'm really prepared for whatever the man upstairs has in store for me."

Hoseah finished in second place on The Voice grand finale on Sunday 2 July.

"I didn't see myself coming this far. I'm just going to take it all in," he said.

His single Paper Planes is sitting at number three on the iTunes chart and on Wednesday 5 July Culture Club frontman Boy George announced Hoseah would join the band's Australian tour.

It will kick off at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne on 30 November.

"That's bloody huge, man," Hoseah said.

He chose Boy George as his coach after all four coaches indicated they wanted him on their team.

"I did know of him, I didn't know any of his music," he admitted.

"I did know Karma Chameleon.

"I grew up listening to that song but I didn't know it was Boy George.

"On SingStar me and my brother would always karaoke to that song.

"To get mentored by the person that wrote that song, it's like 'what the hell's happening?'"

Boy George said he was "so very proud" of Hoseah.

"He's not only a wonderfully talented artist, he's a fabulous guy with a big heart and I'm backing him," he said.

In the finale he joined Hoseah on stage to perform Louis Armstrong's What a Wonderful World.

"Just rehearsing with him was giving my goosebumps," Hoseah said.

"I'm honestly just truly blessed to have him as my mentor.

"I'm never going to forget that performance."

He thanked the '80s music icon during the show, and Boy George said he wasn't going anywhere.

"I'm part of the family now," he said.

Fellow coach Kelly Rowland, of Destiny's Child fame, was so impressed by Hoseah's single she declared that she would buy it.

Hoseah also performed John Legend ballad



The Voice coach and Culture Club frontman Boy George.

Hoseah Partsch performs All of Me on The Voice grand finale.

All of Me, playing piano as he sang. He said his family was proud of what he'd achieved.

"It just brings light to me that I get to see smiles on their faces," he said.

"They said I'm a winner in their eyes and their hearts."

He's going to keep working hard and "push to get that house that my mum's always wanted" and can't wait to return to his classmates.

"During the competition I was studying myself, I was getting through the stuff I needed to get through," he said.

"I just want to make the most of my last year in school with my friends.

"When school finishes, I'm just going to write music.

"Music is going to be my everyday job." Dandenong High School principal Susan Og-

den was blown away by Hoseah's performances.

"The Dandenong High School community is incredibly proud of Hoseah, not just in what he has achieved but by the way he has achieved it," she said.

"He has a quiet dignity, humility and he has stayed true to who he is despite the hype.

"He is an inspirational young man and we wish him well."



VIDEO LINK

See Hoseah Partsch perform with Boy George at

dandenong.starcommunity.com.au

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IT'S NONE OF OUR BUSINESS BUT...

Model singer

Dandenong High School student Hoseah Partsch has landed a modelling gig.

The 18-year-old is about to head out on tour with Boy George and Culture Club after finishing in second place on this year's season of television singing contest The Voice.

As if that wasn't enough, menswear brand Johnny Bigg has announced him as an ambassador for its spring/summer campaign and unveiled a series of images from a photo shoot with The Voice winner Judah Kelly.

Hoseah wowed the coaches and the public with his soulful performances on the show.

"I'm just a normal kid from Melbourne trying to chase his dream and make a better future for his family," he said.





Student Aparna, teacher Ryan Anderson and student Pujith with a memento from last year's ride. 170742
Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

Get on ya bike

By Casey Neill

Dandenong High students and teachers will ride 50 kilometres Around the Bay in a bid to support The Smith Family.

The school took part in the cycling event last year, and this time has more than 20 entrants in the Sunday 8 October ride who hope to collectively raise \$3000.

Year 8 student Aparna said her fund-raising strategies included a cake stall, hosting games and competitions at school, and collecting donations from individuals.

"I think it's a great idea to raise money for The Smith Family because it supports children who are struggling to afford an education and school supplies," she said.

Youth development co-ordinator Jenna King said there was tough competition among students to get into the team.

They're taking part to meet the community service component to earn the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

Ms King said the school was known for its strong community spirit, and this was clearly shown in last year's Around the Bay.

Students battled terrible weather conditions to

push through to the finish line.

"It took our team one and a half hours to ride 25km down to Mentone, and nearly six hours back with that very, very strong headwind," she said.

"We thought about pulling the plug, but our students were begging to continue.

"It was the best feeling for them to get over the finish line and hear the team's name called out.

"The motivation the team had on the day was outstanding."

The Smith Family's Victorian general manager Anton Leschen praised the school's commitment to the event and for lifting their fund-raising goal again.

"As the official charity partner, The Smith Family is thrilled to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Around the Bay in 2017," he said.

"For more than two decades, dedicated riders have got sponsored by friends, family and colleagues to help The Smith Family, raising over \$10 million for our Learning for Life program.

Mr Leschen said the program gave disadvantaged children and young people the support they needed to thrive at school.

Visit aroundthebayfundraising.com.au for more information or to sponsor a rider.

Omid is in tune with the keys to his music talents

By Casey Neill

Omid started playing the piano just one year ago and unearthed a remarkable talent.

The 15-year-old Dandenong High student can't read a note of music.

"I had a teacher for two weeks and then I couldn't learn the notes. I left the teacher," he said.

But he was right at home on stage at the school's recent choir competition.

The Year 9 student replaced a professional pianist as the accompanying musician for his house's rendition of The Lion King classic I Just Can't Wait to Be King.

"I learnt that song in 45 minutes," he said.

"I felt great. I don't get nervous, I don't know why.

Omid said he sits down at the piano and plays whenever he has free time. "I play by ear," he said.

"When I first started doing it, I got a cheap keyboard from Kmart.

"I brought it home and I started playing it.

"I started learning the chords and stuff on YouTube. That was really helpful. My sister and my brother, they thought I was really good at it.

He studies music at school - at Year 12 level - and hopes to continue to learn more and hone his natural skills.



Omid practices on the piano.

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Teachers face test of violence

Recent assault comes amid growing concern for educators

Kieran Rooney

A HIGH school teacher was punched in the head by a student and taken to hospital, with new data revealing the scourge of teacher assaults in Victoria's schools.

The *Leader* understands the Dandenong High School employee's nose was broken while breaking up a fight between two students, adding to the hundreds of teachers who will report a serious injury at school this year.

Principal Sue Ogden said the school management had taken immediate action after the recent incident.

"I treat any issue relating to the health and safety of my staff and students extremely seriously," she said.

"Unfortunately, one of our teachers was hurt separating

INCIDENT STATS

- The Department of Education and Training recorded 11,092 health and safety incidents (2015-16)
- WorkSafe Victoria received 1613 injury claims in 2016

two students during an incident earlier this week.

"Incidents like this are rare at Dandenong High School, and this is the first time in my 28 years at the school I have seen one of our teachers hurt like this.

"We are supporting the teacher and have taken appropriate measures to address the conduct of the students."

Australian Education Union Victoria president Meredith Peace said that

while all risks could not be eliminated, the Department of Education and Training must ensure sufficient resources are provided to schools, with appropriate policies and procedures to mitigate any risk.

According to the 2016 Principal Health and Wellbeing Survey, 44 per cent of Australian principals, deputies and assistants received a threat of violence last year.

Actual violence reported in the survey increased from 27 per cent in 2011 to 34 per cent today, representing more than eight times the violence rate experienced by the general population.

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Principal Sue Ogden says violence against teachers at Dandenong High is rare. Picture: CHRIS EASTMAN

EDUCATION CHOICES



Rotary Club of Dandenong's Don Cantwell with students Zolfiqar, Habib, Zabi and Ejaz. 159838
Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

Helping hands changing lives

Dandenong students are giving six people a life-changing hand.

Dandenong High School raised more than \$2800 for Rotary Club of Dandenong's Building Hands for Landmine Victims project.

The cash bought six prosthetic hands, which Rotarians helped VCAL students to assemble at the school on Tuesday 4 October.

Rotarian Don Cantwell said the club had now provided 40 hands thanks to sponsorship from businesses and community groups, and that Doveton College had also contributed one hand.

"There are estimated to be 384,000 people who have lost one or both hands to landmines and these are mostly children," he said.

"There are 120 million landmines still set in the world, mostly in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, and there are being cleared at a rate of only 100,000 per year.

"At this rate it will take 1200 years to clear all the mines!

"If you lose your hands you lose your independence.

"By fitting these hands, although not perfect, we restore some independence and hope."

The hands are supplied in kits of 10 priced at \$4000 and it takes two people two hours to put them together.

Each hand is sent to its recipient with the name of the people who assembled it and the sponsor.

"We are now getting emails from some of the victims who have some of our hands fitted, telling us what a difference it will make to their lives," Mr Cantwell said.

Ny Khom, a 59-year-old Cambodian rice farmer with a wife and six children, travelled 68km to receive his new hands and sent his thanks.

Another recipient was Cambodian girl Phov, who lives with her nine-year-old sister and grandmother.

Her hand-written thank-you note says "thx you for your donation" followed by a love heart.

"Grandma is a rice farmer so the girls can go to school," the note goes on.

"Grandma thanks for the hand which will help Phov."

Call Mr Cantwell on 0400 306 311 to support the project or for information about joining Rotary.



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Students are encouraged to be independent learners, self-motivated and curious about the world around them. Our teachers and support staff inspire and nurture our students to achieve success, explore the best possibilities for their future and strive for excellence in every endeavour.



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Handy help for landmine victims

Dandenong High School students lent a helping hand to landmine victims in more ways than one. They fund-raised \$2820 for Rotary Club of Dandenong's Building Hands for Landmine Victims project. They welcomed Rotarians to the school to learn more about the project and to help assemble prosthetic hands to be sent overseas.

■ See page 32 for the full story.



Tony, Sahar, teacher Ryan Anderson, Lora and Adam. 160676

Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

Wind at their back for Smith Family

By Casey Neill

Dandenong High School students battled 120kmh wind gusts during their 50km bike ride to support The Smith Family.

Student Sahar and 19 peers from her youth development class took part in the Around the Bay – Ride for a Child in Need event on Sunday 9 October to contribute to the service component of their Duke of Edinburgh Award tilt.

“We are aiming to raise at least \$3000 for The Smith Family,” she said.

“We are running different activities within school in order to raise money.

“Raising money isn’t easy but thinking about the children in need for education motivates me all the way.

“Every step I take I think about the children.”

Student Lora said crossing the finish line was “the best feeling ever”.

“It was a hard and long day riding due to the windy conditions,” she said.

“When the wind was with us it only took us an hour to get there and when the wind was against us it took us five hours to get back to the city.”

Bicycle Network runs the event, which is Australia’s largest one-day bike ride as a major fundraiser for The Smith Family.

The Smith Family’s Victorian general manager Anton Leschen said the support from Dandenong High School would provide disadvantaged children with tools, resources and extra support to thrive at school through Learning for Life.

“More than one in 10 children are living in disadvantage in Australia today and this limits their choices, opportunities and outcomes in life,” he said.

He said Learning for Life provided disadvantaged students with mentoring programs and other support to help them fit in at school and keep up with their peers.

Visit aroundthebayfundraising.com.au and search for Dandenong HS to sponsor the riders.



Dandenong High School students Imran and Andreea star in the school's production of *The Miser*.

Picture: JASON SAMMON

Generous load of giggles in Miser show

THE annual theatre production from Dandenong High School will be anything but a miserly experience.

Production co-ordinator Rob Lloyd said it would be a fun night for all at its two performances of *The Miser* this week.

"It's a big, fun comedy with big, broad, cartoon characters with a lot of fun songs that people will

know," he said. Written by French playwright Moliere in 1668, the production is about an old, greedy man who likes to keep his money and tries to marry his daughter off to a wealthy older man.

"It is about young kids trying to trick an old man into letting them marry who they want and away from the evil clutches," Mr Lloyd said.

To modernise it, the production is set in the 1950s and the performance will feature a band on stage, a choir and dances.

The band will play 1950s songs between each of the acts, such as *Rock Around the Clock* and *Shout*. "It will be a big, fun, colourful night of theatre," Mr Lloyd said.

About 60 students from Years 7 to 12 will be

involved, either acting, in the choir, band, dance troupe or helping backstage.

It is the school's second annual production since the new Martin Culkin Theatre was completed last year.

The Miser will be performed at Dandenong High School at 7pm on Friday and Saturday. Tickets, \$5, can be bought from the school or on the night. Details: 9792 0561



Year 12 student Habib gets into the spirit of Harmony Day.

Harmony Day event a hit

A MULTICULTURAL celebration, organised entirely by students who have recently arrived in Australia, was held to mark Harmony Day at Dandenong High School.

The school has a team of 30 students, called Harmony Ambassadors, who organise a range of projects and events at the school, including the festival of music, food and fun for Harmony Day on March 18.

The school's transition program co-ordinator Elena

Di Mascolo said the event included the students wearing orange headbands and face paint (acknowledging the colour of Harmony Day) and putting out picnic rugs so students could share lunch together.

"The also played harmony-themed music, screened a film they made about harmony and had students write 'harmony' in their own language, or their hopes for harmony on orange paper birds," Ms Di Mascolo said.

Ms Di Mascolo said the Harmony Day celebration was one of a number of projects the Harmony Ambassadors had taken on as part of their role.

She said other programs led by the Harmony Ambassadors recently had included holding a "Secrets of Afghanistan" afternoon tea for teachers to educate them about Afghan culture, speaking at an interfaith concert and mentoring younger, recently-arrived students.

Lower speed limit success spurs students' safety bid

Lucy Callander

THE lowering of the speed limit outside Dandenong High School has accelerated student efforts to further improve road safety.

A 60km/h zone on Princess Highway has been extended to include the section at the front of the school, from Fifth Ave to Henty St.

Principal Susan Ogden said community members and the school had been campaigning for the change since the 2013 death of a student.

Shaye Kosky died after being hit by a car while trying to cross Princess Highway.

Principal Susan Ogden said she was "relieved" and students "felt empowered" by the move to lower the speed limit.

"Anything that increases the safety of our students is a positive step," Ms Ogden said.

"I think the students now feel like they can really make a difference and help bring about change in their community."

Ms Ogden said the stu-

dents took part in VicRoads workshops late last year that were designed to improve road safety.

"The students are really motivated to continue to

promote road safety and in particular encourage their peers to be responsible when navigating Princess Highway," she said.

Dandenong MP Gabrielle

Williams said Shaye Brown's mother Stacey had been working with the community to lobby VicRoads and Roads Minister Luke Donnellan to ensure the

speed limit was consistent on both sides of the road.

"We had a responsibility to make it as safe as possible, and we've delivered," she said.



Dandenong High School Principal Susan Ogden and school captains Imran Rasoli and Rebecca Mersin with the new 60km/h sign on Princes Highway.

Picture: CHRIS EASTMAN