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BENDIGO SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE

Parent Newsletter



1 April 2010

Principal's News

College Council

The first meeting of the new College Council was held on March 16. New parent members of Council are Herbie Schneider, Valerie Farnell and Jim Dannock. New student members are Pat Clark and Kelsey Fyffe. The college is still to appoint one co-opted member.

Office Bearers for 2010 are:

Peter Harvie	President
Jim Dannock	Vice President
Meredith Fetting	Treasurer
Dale Pearce	Executive Officer

Congratulations

Nicholas Whan has been accepted as one of 125 students from around Australia to attend the 15th National Schools Constitutional Convention being held at Old Parliament House in Canberra from March 23 –25. This is a significant achievement as around 4000 applications were received for this program.

Guided by experts in constitutional law, Nicholas and the other delegates will spend three days exploring the division of legislative powers between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories with a particular focus on issues relating to water and hospitals. In particular, they will consider a range of arguments relating to the current division of responsibilities, assess whether it is working or if it is time for a change.

Council of International Schools (CIS) Accreditation

Most parents will be aware that BSSC was the first government school in the world to be accredited with the Council of International Schools (CIS) almost 10 years ago. We have commenced our 10 year reaccreditation process, which will culminate with a week-long visit from an international accreditation team in March 2011.

This comprehensive process examines our college against a rigorous set of criteria and will involve every member of the college community in some way. Each member of staff will participate in a committee which examines one aspect of our operations and performance. Staff and students will all be surveyed in early Term 2 and many will take part in face to face meetings with the accreditation team.

Council of International Schools Survey

Parents are also asked to complete an online survey. We have invited parents and students to book a time to complete the online survey while attending the Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews on Wednesday 14 April or Monday 19 April. Parents are also able to complete the survey by following the instructions given below. I encourage you to participate.

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- 2/5 College Open day 1-4pm

Our College Purpose and Values

As you will be aware, our College purpose states “Our ROLE is to empower learners for individual, community and global leadership. We value Respect, Optimism, Learning and Environment.” Our purpose and values are used to guide our decisions and to create an environment where everyone is valued and has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

As a College that is accredited with the Council for International Schools, we are also very much aware of the importance of our purpose and values being aligned to and underpinned by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular:

- All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. Therefore we expect everyone to treat each other with respect.
- Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.
- Everyone will be treated justly and not subjected to degrading treatment or punishment.
- Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person and freedom from fear.
- Everyone has the right to freedom of speech, thought, conscience and religion.
- Everyone has the right to freely to participate in the cultural life of the community.
- Everyone has the right to privacy and to be free from attacks upon their honour and reputation.
- Everyone has the right to education to develop the full potential of the whole person. Education shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial and religious groups.

Our policies and practices have been designed to ensure they reflect our purpose and values, and very much reflect the rights of all individuals according to the United Nations. You are welcome to contact the College for further information.

Instructions for Completing the CIS Self Study Survey - Parents



Self Study Survey Instructions

PARENT SURVEY



Bendigo Senior Secondary College is beginning a yearlong self-study process. The purpose of this process is to help our school determine its strengths and the areas in which we need to improve. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Please go to the website www.endicottresearchcenter.net

On that page you will see:

HERE TO TAKE A SURVEY?

Enter Your Survey Code Here:

Enter the following survey code: **CP9778A9** **Note: This survey needs to be completed during April.**

Click GO. Follow the instructions. When you reach the last screen, click FINISH.

Thank you for your help with this important work.

College Facilities

2010 will be an exciting year for the college. Two major building projects will commence in Term 2; the first will be a \$2m Language Centre followed by a \$4.3m Trade Training Centre.

The college is also working to finalise a new Master Plan, the centrepiece of which – if all goes to plan – will be a significant performing arts complex in the old prison grounds. Other elements of the plan include refurbishment of existing buildings, a range of other new facilities, removal of many relocatable classrooms and the addition of student recreational space.

I expect to be able to make a public announcement regarding our plans for development in Term 2.



Dale Pearce, Principal

Parents & Friends Forums

We invite all parents to attend our Parents & Friends Forums in 2010. Please add these dates to your calendar.

Date	Time	Venue	Topic
Wednesday, 28 April	7.30pm	Library	elearning and Wellbeing
Thursday, 20 May	7.30pm	Library	GAT and ENTER Scores
Tuesday, 27 July	7.00pm	JKH	Accommodation Expo
Wednesday, 11 August	7.00pm	JKH	VTAC
Tuesday, 12 October	7.30pm	Library	Exam tips and strategies



Linda Lyons, Assistant Principal

Old Gold Ex-Student & Staff Association



Saturday May 1st 2010 - BHS 1974-1979 Annual Reunion

Saturday May 15th 2010 - BHS 1970-1975 40th Reunion

**Please contact Wendy Talbot 5449 6176
or Jean Capuano 5446 9431 for further information.**

Parking

The City of Greater Bendigo have contacted the college and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to schools is a major concern to the safety of children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with the parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.



Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident's nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have time restricted areas that assist with the pickup and drop off of students and these restrictions must be adhered to.

The law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing.

Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers will conduct random patrols throughout the school year to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

John Hasty, Parking Coordinator, City of Greater Bendigo

Phone: 5434 6270 Fax: 5434 6209 Email: j.hasty@bendigo.vic.gov.au



Parents, guardians and students are asked not to enter Gaol Road or School Road to drop off or collect students. **Gaol Road is a no stopping area** and you may be fined, even if only stopping momentarily. Cars entering these roads make it dangerous for pedestrians in these areas. **ONLY** taxis and cars displaying a disabled permit are to use the semi-circular road in front of the former goal as a drop off area. Please use the drop off bays available in Park Road or Barnard St where students can be dropped off safely and then walk to the college. **Parents are not permitted to drive onto school property to drop off students and students are not permitted to park on College Grounds.**

Park Road Closure

Parents are advised that the southern end of Park Road (the one-way section alongside the Chinese Museum) is still closed due to road works. The entry into Park Road from Barnard Street will remain open as usual.

Other areas available for drop off include: QEO, Bull St and Williamson St adjacent to Rosalind Park.

Dale Pearce, Principal

Who to Contact . . .

Pathway Community 1



Tony Carroll

Pathway Community 2



Simon Wood

Pathway Community 3



Ian Kellett

Pathway Community 4



Michael Lennon

Pathway Community 5



Steven O'Bree

Pathway Community 6



Mark Fox

Student Coordinators

There are eight Pathway Communities and each community has a Student Coordinator as a key contact person.

The Student Coordinator is primarily responsible for the coordination of course planning, attendance and the academic progress of students within the Pathway Communities.

Parents are encouraged to communicate with their Student Coordinator if there is a concern or if there is information to pass on to the college.

Communication with a Student Coordinator can often resolve concerns or allow for appropriate action to be taken that will minimise any impact on your student's progress and wellbeing at the college.

How to contact?

Phone the General Office and ask to speak with the appropriate Student Coordinator, email or contact via post.

Parents and/or students are welcome to arrange a personal interview to discuss any issues or concerns.

Student Coordinators will assist you with questions about:

- Enrolment procedure
- Course planning
- Changes to academic programs
- Absences
- Illness
- Special provision
- Family holidays during term time
- Problems with academic progress
- Issues with a class
- Issues with other students

**Absence Hotline
5442 7416**



Please call this number if your child is absent.

Pathway Community 7



Jane Wame

Pathway Community 8



Scott Alterator



Congratulations to a Former Student

In the March edition of this newsletter we congratulated **Jaan Butler**, our 2008 Student of the Year, for his significant achievement in being awarded one of seven Hawker Scholarships.

The Charles Hawker Scholarships, valued at up to \$60,000 over four years, are the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate and postgraduate students in Australia. They are sometimes referred to as Australia's equivalent of the Rhodes scholarship. Selection is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability.

The awards were presented by the Hon. David Hawker MP, member for Wannon, former speaker of the House of Representatives and family member, at a recent ceremony in Adelaide.

Pictured is Jaan Butler with David Hawker

Student Council

Over the past few weeks, the Bendigo Senior's Student Council has been busy planning out our events for the coming year. Focusing on ideas that were produced at our training day earlier in the term, all representatives have been working hard towards our goals. With Relay for Life just around the corner, the group has been organising a number of fundraising events to contribute towards this great cause and look forward to involving the entire college community in this fantastic annual event.

A theme of this year's Student Council is to have an "international focus", aiming to give all students a voice from within our college. In early Term 2, the Student Council is planning an international picnic. We are inviting all students who have a background other than English (and families) to a barbecue with members of our college community, where we will share food, fun and ideas. We look forward to this event and many more in the near future.

If you or your children have any ideas that you would like to express to Student Council please feel free to email me or our president Emma Lewis, we'd love to hear your ideas!

Emma Lewis, Student Council President: LEW0023@bssc.edu.au

Patrick Clark, Student Council Vice President: CLA0101@bssc.edu.au



Patrick Clark, Student Council Vice President

Molecule with a Twist

The Gene Technology Access Centre in Melbourne is bringing their program "Molecule with a Twist" to BSSC on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 April. All students studying Biology Units 3 and 4 will have an opportunity to attend a lecture and a laboratory session. In this program students will attend an explanatory lecture on the structure of DNA, and the application of DNA to forensic science. In the laboratory session the students will be able to see some of the techniques used in DNA analysis.

This will be a fantastic experience for our students to see real scientists in action and there is no charge to students for this program.



Mary Nash, Science Teaching & Learning Coordinator

Curriculum

Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews will be held on April 14 and April 19 from 2.30-7.00pm. Bookings are made online using the login code provided in your student's Progress Report mailed to parents in the last week of term. Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews provide an opportunity for parents/guardians and students to talk with teachers about current progress and strategies to support student learning. We would also encourage you to make a time to see your student's Pathway Advisor and Interviews can also be made with Student Coordinators and members of the Wellbeing Team. Careers staff will be available in the careers room throughout the day.

Survey

As part of our accreditation process for the Council of International Schools, we have invited parents and students to book a time to complete the online survey while attending the Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews on Wednesday 14 April or Monday 19 April.

The GAT

The GAT or *General Achievement Test* is a 3 hour test of a student's general knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- written communication
- mathematics, science, and technology
- humanities, the arts and social sciences

These areas are very broad and represent a body of knowledge that student's are likely to have built up through their school years.

Who has to do the GAT?

- All students enrolled in one or more VCE Unit 3 and 4 sequences must sit the GAT.
- Students whose only enrolment at Unit 3 and 4 levels is in a VET study **must** sit the GAT.

Why do students have to do the GAT?

Although GAT results do not count directly towards a student's VCE study score, they can play an important role in some subjects where there is a bunching of marks state-wide. If this occurs, then elements of the GAT are used to separate student's marks. The GAT is also used to check that school assessments and examinations have been accurately assessed and in circumstances where students require a Derived Exam Score the GAT is the major assessment used to calculate the exam score. It is therefore essential that students sit the GAT and complete it to the best of their ability. Even if a student sat the GAT last year, they must sit it again in 2010. A student requires an exemption from the Principal if they cannot sit the GAT.

Details of the GAT

When: Thursday 10 June 2010

Time: 10.00am – 1.15pm

15 minutes reading time, 3 hours writing time

During the GAT students will undertake 2 writing tasks (approximately 30 minutes each) and a multiple choice section with 70 questions (approximately 2 hours). Further information can be found on the VCAA website: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Improving GAT Performance Day

When: Tuesday 25 May 2010

Time: 8:50am -10:40am

While students cannot study for the content within the GAT, it is important they prepare for the techniques and skills necessary to complete the GAT. For this reason, students will undertake a practice GAT. This will enable students to:

- prepare as best they can for the GAT
- eliminate any surprises in terms of the task and allow them to plan how they will approach the GAT
- get feedback and advice on how to improve their performance
- achieve their best on the GAT.



Paul Seery, VCE and Special Programs Manager

Linguistics Olympiad

Bendigo Senior Secondary College again sent two teams down to Melbourne University to participate in the Linguistics Olympiad, a competition which requires students to determine the rules of little-known or extinct languages. The students are given a range of language problems, such as showing them the rules of applying different plural markers to words, then asking them to correctly apply the plurals to a new set of words.

Our "Gang of Lang" consisted of **Jessica Bassett, Todd Dawkins, Alysha Williams, Josh Chittick, Karena Lane** and **Karl Kirkham**. While we didn't make it through to the National Round this year, Karena, Karl and Josh's team did manage to achieve a perfect score on the second question! Coming first and equal second this year were teams from Scotch College, the University High School and Presbyterian Ladies' College.



We encourage any Year 11s interested in being involved next year to visit the OzCLO website www.ozclo.org.au and have a look at the sample problems on the page. Email Kathryn Hamilton if you'd like to form a team to train for next year's competition!



Kathryn Hamilton, English Language Teacher

Economics Students Head to the City

On March 11 Year 11 and 12 Economics students travelled to Melbourne. The morning was spent at the Immigration Museum, where students participated in activities that helped them understand push and pull factors that explain the waves of immigration experienced in Australia. Students discussed the economic impact of immigration on the Australian economy and will use this experience later in the year, when population growth is studied in more detail.



After a brisk walk through the city, students worked in small groups at the Queen Victoria Market to observe and gather information regarding demand and supply, competition, advertising, prices, consumer sovereignty and other economic concepts. Students engaged positively in all activities. It was a delight to watch these young people learning and enjoying their economics.



Janine Carpenter & Trish Randles, Economics Teachers

Student Wellbeing

Harmony Day

On Wednesday 17 March students and staff celebrated Harmony Day. This day is about bringing our college community together to promote Australian values and to celebrate community participation. It was a day to understand and commit to the benefits of living in a country that embraces common values of respect, fairness, participation, acceptance and a fair go for all. We celebrated and promoted acceptance and respect of all types of diversity including differences in nationalities, cultures, religions and sexuality. Students were encouraged to wear something orange on this day. Activities included a performance by the Chinese dragon team, Country Awareness Network stall, barbeque, orange snow cones, oranges, music, and Harmony Day ribbons.



An opportunity to earn \$500 to assist with education costs

Do you have a child at school and would like \$5000 help cover your education expenses?

Saver Plus is a nationally recognised program developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ that is being delivered in Bendigo by Loddon Mallee Housing Services. Saver Plus pays people one dollar for every one dollar they save (up to \$500) to help pay for education. By joining you could receive up to \$500 from ANZ to help pay for items like computers, books and uniforms.



You must be over 18 and have a child in school or be studying yourself, earnings from a job, and a Health Care or Pension Card. Contact Sam Taylor at Loddon Mallee Housing Services on 03 5444 9082 or 0409 909 554, Email: samt@lmhs.com.au

The Wellbeing Team includes:

Donna Weightman - Student Wellbeing Coordinator (Student Counsellor) – Monday to Friday

Kelvin Curnow - Chaplain (Student Support and Pastoral Care) – Monday to Friday

Angela Walsh-Edgar - Health Promotions Officer (School Nurse) – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday am

Angela Casey - Visiting DEECD Social Worker

Sue Inglis - Visiting DEECD Psychologist

We can be contacted on ph. 5443 1222 or email counsellor@bssc.edu.au



Donna Weightman, Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Bendigo ESL Learning Support (BELS) Program Launch

The Bendigo ESL Support program – an afterhours study centre for New Arrival refugees – was officially launched in P03 on Tuesday 16 March. Over 60 people attended, including students from Bendigo Senior Secondary College (BSSC), Weeroona College and Bendigo South East College (BSEC), their parents, volunteers who assist the students in the BELS sessions twice a week, and other people who have been instrumental in the program's establishment. These include; Rosaly McNamara (DEECD), Noemi Cummings (Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services), Brendan Moloney (BSESC), Leanne Preece (Weeroona SC) and supported by Centre for Multicultural Youth.



The event was hugely successful with key drivers of the program highlighting the significant work of the various people from the schools and the community groups. Although the program has been running for a number of weeks already it was a great occasion to acknowledge the work of Anna Beilharz, one of BSSC's qualified ESL teachers, who coordinates the BELS program and the numerous volunteers from the community who come to the homework centre and support the ESL students.



Michael Lennon, Student Coordinator

Cultural Diversity Quest Awards 2010

The work completed by the Foundation VCAL classes in 2009 about 'Telling Stories and Sharing Journeys' has been recognised in the 2010 Victorian Cultural Diversity Quest.

The class work was showcased as a Photostory, which won the Year 10-12 Multimedia Award. This will become part of a display of winning entries at the Melbourne Immigration Museum later in the year. Representatives from the class attended a presentation ceremony at Parliament House on Thursday, 18 March.

The students attending were **Htoo Bo Htoo**, **Htoo Shee Mying**, **Eh K'Paw**, **Eh Nay Mu** and **Eh Kaw Tee**. The students received a certificate and a \$400 voucher for a cultural performance or workshop in the school from Multicultural Arts Victoria.



Jenny Moloney, Applied Learning Coordinator



International Student Program

Sister school visit to China

Linda Lyons and June Featherstone have recently returned from a visit to China where they met with staff from our sister schools in Shanghai and Haimen and also met with many parents of our Chinese international students. Our education partnership with Dongzhou middle school in Haimen allows sharing of best education ideas between our schools and opportunities for staff from each school to spend some time learning and teaching in each other's environment. We would hope that some students from BSSC, who are studying Chinese Second Language, will take the opportunity to travel to Dongzhou with our staff in November this year, to further enhance our school connections and promote language development and cultural understanding for our students.

International students at BSSC

Some of our 29 fee paying international students will be visited by their parents during the Easter holidays and some will be going away with their Homestay families. Students staying in Bendigo over the Easter break are encouraged to join with other students to enjoy the many Easter Festival activities on offer in Bendigo at this time of year.



Homestays

The success of the BSSC international program is very much linked to the high quality Homestay arrangements provided by host families for our students. Our Homestay coordinator, Chris Laity, is in regular contact with our Homestay families and home visits occur to ensure that students and families are both enjoying a rewarding experience. It has been pleasing to hear positive comments about the variety of activities being shared between Homestay families and students which help promote English language development for our students and activities which lead to student connection with the broader community.

Are you interested in becoming a Homestay Family for International Students?

We are pleased to hear that by word of mouth the positive experience of being an international homestay parent is generating interest and enquiries from other families wishing to host our international students. If you are interested in being a homestay family please contact Chris Laity or Dan Dwyer who will be pleased to provide further information.

Exchange Students

Our current exchange students are all doing well and some are looking forward to an Australian 'safari' in April. There are a number of organisations arranging exchange for Australian students as well as students coming to Australia. We have a summary of organisations and other information available if you are interested. To access information from the range of organisations who support student exchanges, please contact Dan Dwyer in the international office or by email dwyer.dan@bssc.edu.au



Dan Dwyer, International Program Coordinator



Chris Laity, Homestay Coordinator

Pathways and Careers

Tertiary Information Service Day

When: *Wednesday May 19*

Where: BSSC Gym

Tertiary Information Service (TIS) is a compulsory event for all Year 12 students. All universities, TAFEs, Centrelink, HECS and Defence forces are invited to attend this event. Have all your questions answered about VTAC, applications, course offerings and provider facilities. This event is valuable for all students as it covers many different options for students once they leave BSSC.

Taking a GAP Year

The Goldfields GAP and Student Exchange Expo was successfully held on March 18. Whilst it seems early to be contemplating options for next year, most GAP providers require applications by May/June of the previous year. If students are considering a GAP year, now is the time to do so. With the changes to Youth Allowance which were passed in Parliament on March 17, students would also be advised to contact Centrelink from mid-April onwards to discuss their individual situation with regards to how these changes may affect them. Further information is available in the Careers office.

School Holiday Events

La Trobe University (Bundoora) - has a 'Talk and Tour' aimed at school students wanting to find out more about La Trobe. A great chance to check out courses and careers.

When: *Friday 9 April 9.30am-12 noon* (optional afternoon activities)

Where: West Lecture Theatres

Registration: www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour or 1300 135 045

Further Information: www.latrobe.edu.au/keepintouch

Melbourne University – is holding 'Access all Areas' for Years 10-12 students and families, allowing them to come on campus and gain personal insight into the university. After an introductory session there are information sessions on specific study areas.

When: *Friday 9 April 9.00am-2.00pm*

Where: Melbourne University

Registration: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic

Further Information: Ph 1800 801 662, or 8344 6543

Swinburne University - Art and Design Discovery Day. Doing Year 10-12 with a passion for art and design or film and TV? Then this is for you.

When: *Thursday 8 April*

Where: Prahran and Wantirna campuses

Further Information: www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events/artsanddesign/

University Of Melbourne New Doctor of Veterinary Program (DVM)

The new veterinary program being offered at The University of Melbourne features two entry pathways:

1. High school leavers can enter veterinary science through the Bachelor of Science (BSc) with selection into the DVM after completion of their second year of the BSc, including a number of prerequisite subjects. The clearly-in ENTER for the BSc in 2010 was 89.05. It will take high school leavers six years to complete the combined BSc/DVM. High achieving school leavers (ENTER 98.5 or above) will be guaranteed progression into Commonwealth Supported Places in the DVM provided they maintain an average grade of at least 70% in the BSc and complete the prerequisite subjects.
2. Alternatively, students can complete a science degree at Melbourne or another institution, before entering the DVM as a graduate. Students must have completed at least one semester of biochemistry/molecular biology and one semester of a biological science during their undergraduate degree. These students will enter the four year DVM program.

The program will focus on equipping graduates with the scientific basis for a career as a veterinarian in all the varied careers available to graduates.

Nursing Options

Nursing courses are offered at university and TAFE (and independent providers). **Division 1** nursing is a three year university degree qualification while **Division 2** is a one year TAFE Certificate IV qualification (this can be upgraded to a Diploma or Advanced Diploma, for example, by studying specialist units such as critical care or palliative care).

Many universities offer nursing degrees (ACU, Deakin, La Trobe, Monash, RMIT, Ballarat, Victoria), some with **double qualifications** such as nursing/midwifery (Deakin/La Trobe), nursing/psychology (Deakin), nursing/public health and health promotion (Deakin), nursing/paramedicine (ACU), nursing/ emergency health (Monash). The required ENTER varies, but 70-80 has been a good guide for metropolitan Melbourne nursing single degree courses.

NB: Providers like Mayfield Education (www.mayfield.edu.au) offer a range of nursing courses as well.

Monash Medicine Interviews Information

Last year, Monash Medicine had an applicant pool of approximately 3,330 and from that, 710 students were interviewed for 253 Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP). 51.4% of this intake was female, 80.5% were Victorian students and more than 19.4% (including 1 Indigenous student) were from rural locations. This year, the traditional interview will be replaced with a "Multiple Mini Interview" (MMI) process. The format will most likely consist of 8 sequential 'stations' plus 1 rest station. At each station, the applicant will be interviewed for 8 minutes (with a rest in between). Interviews will take place late November to mid-December.

Qantas and Kangan Institute Industry Tour



Qantas have partnered with Kangan Institute to provide unique industry tours to schools throughout 2010. The tour will include hands-on onboard aircraft experiences inside the training facility. Sessions include overviews of the industry and pathways from high school into various facets of the industry, tour of the heavy maintenance facility at Qantas, viewing and accessing aircraft being maintained by Qantas Engineers and Apprentices.

The Careers staff will be conducting an excursion in May in conjunction with other Bendigo schools. **Interested students need to see Careers staff as soon as possible in Term 2, as places are strictly limited to 15 students.** All costs of attending the excursion will be covered by the college. Students will need to provide their own packed lunch and be dressed according to Qantas requirements.

Architecture Study Options

Currently, four universities in Victoria offer degrees:

- **Deakin (Geelong Waterfront campus)** offers a 3-year Bachelor of Design (Architecture), leading to the 2-year Master of Architecture. This can be combined with the Bachelor of Construction Management as a double degree. Prerequisites: Units 3 & 4 English (2009 ENTER/ATAR: 81.55).
- **Melbourne** offers the 3-year Bachelor of Environments which provides an appropriate pathway into the 2-year Master of Architecture. Prerequisites for Bachelor of Environments (architecture stream): Units 3 & 4 English (2009 ENTER/ATAR: 85.15).
- **Monash (Caulfield campus)** offers the 3-year Bachelor of Architectural Design leading to the 2-year Master of Architecture. Prerequisites: Units 3 & 4 English and maths (any) (2009 ENTER/ATAR: 91.85).
- **RMIT (City)** offers the 3-year Bachelor of Architectural Design leading to the 2-year Master of Architecture. Prerequisites: Units 3 & 4 English (2009 ENTER/ATAR – not available as it is only one of the selection criteria used). Applicants must also complete a pre-selection kit and interview.

Also on offer:

- Students interested in architecture might also consider **landscape architecture**, offered by RMIT (Bachelor of Design plus Master of Landscape Architecture) and Melbourne (Master of Landscape Architecture), usually after completing the Bachelor of Environments.
- 2-year **Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural)** at Box Hill, Chisholm, Gordon, Holmesglen, RMIT, Swinburne, Ballarat, Wodonga TAFE's.

Keeper for a Day Program at Healesville Sanctuary

Keeper for a Day is a full day of animal keeper related activities and involves students in Years 9-12 in the real tasks that keepers do in their working day. Career and course information, possible pathways and the chance to speak with keepers about their jobs are all a part of this day. Participants also get the chance to go 'behind the scenes' and see the inner workings of the Sanctuary.



When: *Term One, April 7 and 8.* Keeper for a Day runs during the school holidays throughout the year.

Where: Melbourne University

Registration: http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers/Keepers

Further Information: Dates for all school holidays can be found on the sanctuary's website.



Mark Zulian, Careers and Pathways Coordinator

MIPs

MIPS Team (Located in G17) – Contact Details

Lorelle Pearce - MIPS Coordinator

pearse.lorelle@bssc.edu.au

Mobile: 0400 221 800

Marla Carlier – MIPS Case Manager

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Mobile: 0400 025 568

Helen Martin – MIPS Case Manager

martin.helen@bssc.edu.au

Mobile: 0458 458 807



Responsible Service of Alcohol Course

When: *Monday 3 May, 4pm – 8pm*

Where: BSSC

Cost: \$80

Registration: All interested students to leave their names in the MIPS office in G17.

NB: You do not have to be 18 to complete this certificate.

Looking for the full package?

Complete your Year 12 (earn credits for VCE/VCAL), earn money, and receive a certified qualification!! CVGT currently have vacancies for School Based Apprenticeships in Administration and Hospitality in a local organisation.

Fantastic opportunity – all enquiries to MIPS G17.

Are you an INTJ or an INFP or even an ENTJ?

We are very fortunate in the MIPS team to have a trained Myers Briggs administrator. The Myers Briggs Type Indicator, or MBTI, is "the best-known and most trusted personality assessment tool available today". If you are interested in accessing this confidential questionnaire and receiving expert feedback relating **to your career, pathway or personal development**, please see **Helen Martin in the MIPS office in G17**. There would be a cost of approximately \$35 which would allow for an individual consultation and assessment/feedback session.



Lorelle Pearce, MIPS Coordinator

Youth Allowance

Just this week, the Government have negotiated with the Opposition to allow an amended version of the Legislation around Youth Allowance to be passed in the Senate. There is a large amount of speculation in the media about what this legislation will mean, especially to Bendigo students.

The MIPS team is organising a briefing by Centrelink Staff from B Central early in Term 2 to clarify the changes and their impact on current students, as well as those who graduated in 2009 and earlier. As soon as we have clear and accurate information for students and parents, the college will provide this information to you.



According to the press release from Julia Gillard on Tuesday 16 March, up to 150,000 students will receive the new Start Up Scholarships available from April 2010. To be eligible for the Start Up Scholarships, students must be enrolled as a full time student in a tertiary course and be in receipt of Centrelink support e.g. Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living allowance. Even if students are not on the maximum payment from Centrelink, they will receive the full amount of the Start Up scholarship. From 1 July 2010, the parental income test threshold is being raised to allow more students to be eligible for financial support from Centrelink.

As quoted from the press release from Julia Gillard's office, the key aspects of the legislation passed on 17 March are:

- All students who receive Youth Allowance will receive a **\$2,128 start up scholarship** every year, indexed for inflation (\$1,300 in 2010).
- Students who live in **very remote, remote and outer regional areas**, who have to move away from home to study and whose parents earn less than \$150,000 a year will be eligible for the existing independence test criteria.
- The **parental income test will be raised** so that families with two children studying away from home can earn more than \$140,000 before their allowance is cut completely.
- Students who choose to move for study may be eligible for an additional **relocation scholarship, worth \$4,000**, in the first year of study and \$1,000 each subsequent year.
- From 1 July 2012, **students will be able to earn \$400 a fortnight** (up from \$236) without having their payments reduced.
- The **age of independence will reduce progressively** from 25 years to 22 years by 2012, which will see an estimated 7,600 new recipients of the independent rate of allowance.

If you wish to find more information on the new Youth Allowance Bill, click on the following links, contact Centrelink on Ph: 13 24 90 or visit the Youth and Student Services team at B Central in Lyttleton Terrace. Please be aware that this is very new legislation and that agencies like Centrelink are still confirming and receiving information.

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_100316_175824.aspx

http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/changes_youth_allowance.htm

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Programs/YouthAllowance/Pages/default.aspx>



Marla Carlier, MIPS Case Manager

VET Class / SAC clash on Tuesday Afternoons

Bendigo Senior Secondary College policy is that VET classes, and School Based Apprentice work, which are scheduled on Tuesday afternoon's take precedence over SACs. **Students must reschedule their SAC.** Parents should not be getting SMS notification for absences from VET classes because their student has attended a SAC.

Depending on year level and class groupings, students in the following VET programs **MAY** need to reschedule SACs when they are run on Tuesday afternoons.

Off Campus: Hospitality, Hairdressing, Building & Construction, Aust College of HDB

BSSC: Dance, Fashion, Auto, Business Administration, Sport & Recreation and Beauty Services.



Rosalie Lake, Vocational Learning Manager



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Bayside Film Festival 2010

Call for Entries

Now in it's seventh year, the *Bayside Film Festival* continues to attract a diverse range of films from filmmakers who all have a vision to share. Across the four days, the Festival offers a comprehensive program of award-winning international and Australian films. The program also showcases short documentaries and digital stories, which have been created specifically for the Festival. Additionally, the Festival will screen films made by students beyond Bayside in the Jump Cut sessions.

JUMP CUT

Young people aged 10 – 26 across Australia are invited to submit short films for screening throughout the *Bayside Film Festival*. The Festival will occur between 14 and 17 July 2010 at Palace Brighton Bay, 294 Bay Street, Brighton, Melbourne.

Young filmmakers can submit short films in any genre up to 10 minutes in length which were made in the last two years. All works submitted will be subject to a competitive selection process, with the strongest films showcased throughout the four-day event. In addition to this, an industry panel will determine which films will be awarded a prize. The award categories are: 10 – 13 (Primary), 13 – 18 (secondary) and 19 – 25 (tertiary).

Please refer to the website address for conditions of entry, entry & submission forms, and other relevant information.

For entry details: www.bayside.vic.gov.au/jumpcut

Closing date for films: Friday 30 April 2010

Enquiries

For further information please call the Jump Cut Coordinator on 0400 484 471 or email AssistantBff@bayside.vic.gov.au



Team Bendigo

Team Bendigo is finding ways for children to play sport in their local community. The program is aimed at humanitarian new arrivals and any disadvantaged persons who require assistance to play sport at a local Bendigo club. We will assist find clubs for children to play the sport they choose, and assist with financial resources and equipment and clothing needed.

Team Bendigo is setting up a Sporting Equipment/Clothing Bank and would appreciate any donations of second hand equipment that is of good enough quality to be used again. Equipment can be handed in at the City of Greater Bendigo main office, Lyttleton Terrace.

For further information please contact:

Heather Beever 5434 6483 or h.beever@bendigo.vic.gov.au



Eating Disorders – Carers Support Group

Support group for relatives, partners and friends of people with an eating disorder.

When: First Wednesday evening of every month, 7pm to 8.30pm

Where: Bendigo Health, 8 Olinda Street Bendigo.

Guest speakers:

Wednesday 7th April 2010: The Family/Carer Project worker will speak on self care and support services for Carers.

Wednesday 5th May 2010: The Senior Clinical Psychologist, Primary Mental Health Program, will be speaking on the program services provided for clients with an eating disorder.

Wednesday 2nd June 2010: The Senior Dietician, Bendigo Health, will seek input from the group on a discussion related to dietary issues /eating disorders.

Support:

The support group will also allow members an opportunity, if desired, to share their personal experiences as a carer, relative, partner or friend of someone experiencing an eating disorder. Supper will be provided.

Cost: Gold coin donation

For Inquiries: Contact Shonelle at Bendigo Community Health Services on 5448 1600

'A Man of Influence'

A Tribute to Edmund Beilharz OAM

**Bendigo Chamber Choir
Bendigo Chamber Orchestra
Former music students & colleagues
Bendigo High School Madrigal group**

Conducted by Michael Bottomley

*Bach Handel
Palestrina Mendelssohn*

Bendigo Town Hall

Sun 11 April 2010 - 2:00 pm

Proceeds to Edmund Beilharz Scholarship Fund
Bendigo Senior Secondary College

\$25, \$20 – Tickets from Capital Theatre 5434 6100 or at the door



Building a healthier community



Bendigo UFS Pharmacies School Partnership & Club Sponsorship Programs are positive initiatives directed at assisting your school or club.

The programs are designed to provide your school or club with a recurring source of sponsorship income and is based on you and other members supporting Bendigo UFS.

How does it work?

Bendigo UFS Pharmacies will donate 50% of the annual membership fee (new and renewals) back to your school or club. Each year a sponsorship cheque is sent based on the number of members who join or renew their membership with Bendigo UFS Pharmacies and nominate your school or club.

How do I participate?

1. Become a member of Bendigo UFS Pharmacies.
2. Nominate your school or club on your membership form.
3. Encourage all friends and family to do the same.
4. Sit back and watch the sponsorship cheques come in.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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- Bendigo North Primary School
- Bendigo Senior Secondary College
- Camp Hill Primary School
- Comet Hill Primary School
- Dr. Harry Little Memorial Pre School
- Eppalock Primary School
- Holy Rosary Primary School
- Huntly Primary School
- Kennington Primary School
- Lockwood Primary School
- Lockwood Sth Primary School
- Maiden Gully Primary School
- Marong Primary School
- North Bendigo Pre School
- Quarry Hill Primary School
- Spring Gully Primary School
- St. Francis of the Fields Primary School
- St. Joseph's Primary School
- St. Peter's Primary School
- St. Kilian's Primary School
- St. Therese's Primary School
- Strathfieldsaye Primary School

CLUB SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

- Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services
- Bendigo Breast Cancer
- Support Services Network
- Bendigo Squash Club Inc.
- Midland Amateur Radio Club
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