



Principal's Report

The Gonski Report on School Education

Over the last month there has been a lot of media coverage regarding the Gonski report on Australian schools' funding which was released on 20 February. This is the most significant research into the funding of Australian schools conducted in the last forty years, since the Karmel Report in was released in 1973. The Gonski report provides a rigorous evaluation of funding for the education sector and it recommends a \$5 billion investment in Australia's government and non-government schools.

The report recommends a National School Resource Standard as the basis for general ongoing funding of government and non government schools. This standard would reflect the base level of funding needed for every student in every school to achieve desired results in student learning outcomes. Gonski recommends that additional funding be allocated for students with greater needs regardless of whether these students are in government or non government schools, such as, low economic status, non English speaking background, indigenous, remoteness and disability. The report seeks to create a more balanced funding model to address disadvantage and focus the impact of extra spending in education on student needs.

If the longevity of the Karmel Report is any indication, then we can expect that the Gonski Report will impact on the funding of school education for future generations of students, from prep through to year 12, for many years to come. Interested parents and students can access the report on the federal government website for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) at: www.schoolfunding.gov.au.

School Events

The VCE Parents' Information evening was held on 29 February with over 40 families in attendance. Parents provided very positive feedback about the format for the evening and the value in meeting each of their child's subject teachers. Their comments indicated that they had a better understanding of assessments and ways in which they can directly support their VCE student. From past experience I can say that a family undertakes the VCE not just the student!

We look forward to meeting the year 7 parents next at 'Switched On In Year 7'. This parent information evening will be held on Monday 26 March commencing in the library at 6:45 for a 7:00 start.

Recently four Parkwood students participated in the Lions Youth of the Year public speaking competition with the Lions Club of Park Orchards. We are told that the adjudicators had a difficult time separating the students and the result was a close call. Congratulations to Sarah Kerr who was the overall winner and went on to the zone final. Elise Heuston won the best speech - you can read her speech later in this newsletter - and Aaron Westwod gave the best impromptu answer. The



Student Leaders receiving their badges at a whole school assembly earlier this term

members of the Lions Club of Park Orchards generously donated the proceeds of the evening to the Wombat Ridge Wildlife Shelter which was the topic of Josh Gordon's speech. These students represented our college with distinction and the Parkwood community is very proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to the 30 Parkwood students who proudly represented our college at the Maroondah inter-school swimming finals last Friday. Our students really 'punched above their weight' coming third overall by a close margin and easily winning the Per Capita Shield. The team displayed sportsmanship and team spirit and enjoyed a fantastic day with a fabulous result.

On Saturday 3 March many staff and school families had the pleasure of attending the annual Presentation Ball for year 11 students. The evening was held at Cathie's Lane and was a resounding success. The girls looked graceful in their stunning gowns and beautiful coiffure, and the boys were handsome in their suits and waistcoats. It was lovely to see the smiles on their faces as they danced together and were so obviously enjoying the evening. The instructors had worked their magic at the parents' evening on the Thursday preceding the ball, because when time came for the students to invite a special person to have a spin on the dance floor what we all witnessed could best be described as poetry in motion!

The Presentation Ball is a wonderful occasion for families to celebrate together and many students thanked their extended families for making the evening possible. Congratulations to the staff, students and parents who contributed to this fabulous event.

Letter to the Parkwood Community

On Thursday 1 March the School Council President Johann Ferdinands and I wrote to all Parkwood families to provide the community with clarity regarding discussions about the proposed merger between Parkwood Secondary College and Norwood Secondary College. This letter was e-mailed and also posted to all families and a copy is included in this newsletter.

The merger between the two schools was proposed as one element of the broader plans for the regeneration of the seven secondary colleges in the Maroondah Education Coalition (MEC). The merger between Parkwood and Norwood will not go ahead. The MEC re-gen project also included plans for the merger between Croydon Secondary College and Maroondah Secondary College and this merger came into effect on 1 January 2012.

The Maroondah Education Coalition continues to be a strong and vibrant school collective which is dedicated to providing excellent learning opportunities and pathways for students within this local area now and into the future. As is stated in the letter to the school community, this college is committed to working with all schools within the MEC to provide a dynamic future for the students and staff of Parkwood Secondary College.



Barbara Laidlaw
Principal

Ryan Allsopp, Year 9, opened a school assembly earlier this term playing keyboard



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S E C O N D A R Y C O L L E G E

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1 March 2012

Dear Parents and/or Carers

We write to provide you with some clarity regarding discussions about a proposed merger between Parkwood Secondary College and Norwood Secondary College. As parents and local residents you may be aware there has been some ongoing speculation about the schools merging which has created a degree of uncertainty regarding the future of our college.

Parkwood Secondary College will not be merging with Norwood Secondary College. This decision has been unequivocally confirmed. We would like to thank you for your patience and for your ongoing support.

The Regional Director for the Eastern Metropolitan Region of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Michael De' Ath, has assigned Barbara Laidlaw as the principal of Parkwood Secondary College. Barbara is committed to working with School Council, the parents, staff and students of the college in leading our school community.

Parkwood Secondary College has a proud history of serving the local community for over 30 years and we will continue to provide excellence in education for students within the North Ringwood area and the Maroondah district. Parkwood will continue its commitment to working with all schools in the Maroondah Education Coalition to ensure that students are provided with the best possible learning opportunities now and in the future.

Together we are confident that with our united community and committed staff, a strong and dynamic future for Parkwood Secondary College is assured.

Yours sincerely

Johann Ferdinands
School Council President

Barbara Laidlaw
Principal

School Council Elections 2012

The Parkwood Secondary College Council is made up of parents, employees and community members who set key directions of the college within a clear set of guidelines. This year the election process to fill vacancies will begin on Tuesday 6 March with a call for parents to stand for election on the School Council.

Being a member on School Council does not require any experience or expertise, simply a desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

I encourage parents to consider being involved in the School Council. For more information please click on the following link to the college website: http://www.parkwood.vic.edu.au/text/school_council_aaey.htm

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Parkwood Secondary College. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 20 March 2012. The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Friday 30 March 2012.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows -

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014	4
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Barbara Laidlaw
Principal

School Council Election Process and Timetable 2012

- a) Notice of election and call for nominations: Tuesday 6 March
- b) Closing date for nominations: Tuesday 20 March
- c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted: Wednesday 21 March
- d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed: Wednesday 28 March
- e) Close of ballot: Friday 30 March
- f) Vote count: Friday 30 March
- g) Declaration of ballot: Friday 30 March
- h) Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the Principal will preside): Monday 23 April
- i) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside): Monday 23 April

If you have any questions regarding School Council or the election process please contact the Principal.

Notice posted for the second time.

VCE Parent Information Evening

On Wednesday 29 February Parkwood held its inaugural VCE parent information evening. The evening started with a 20 minute general introduction to the VCE. This was followed by sessions with each of the subject teachers. Parents followed a timetable similar to the one their child follows at school each day. The subject teachers gave an outline of the topics covered in each unit, the assessment tasks and the many ways that they can help their child succeed at VCE.

The evening was a complete success! Parents commented that they appreciated the opportunity to meet their children's teachers, and that they now felt like they were better equipped to effectively support their student. We look forward to making this an annual event.

Simon Braknys
Senior School Coordinator

A date for your diary: *Switch on to Year 7 Parent Information Evening*

Date: Monday 26 March
Time: 6:45 for a 7:00pm start
Venue: College Library

Casual Dress Day: Friday 16th March

Students are reminded that casual dress day will be held on Friday 16 March to raise funds for State Schools' Relief. Students need to bring a \$2 donation and wear suitable clothing. The following dress code applies:

- covered footwear e.g. runners, ballet flats, skater shoes. Thongs and sandals are not permitted.
- no singlets or low cut tops
- shorts are to be modest and not brief
- no offensive logos on any items of clothing
- students must bring their sports uniform to change into for physical education classes

Please support the college in raising funds to assist eligible students in Victorian state government schools with uniform and school shoes.

Jackie Harris
Assistant Principal



Tennis Hot Shots Coaching Offer

\$75 for 5 weeks - including a **FREE** Tennis racquet.

Tennis Hot Shots is designed for kids using modified equipment suitable to their age and ability as showcased by The Tennis Guru students on Rod Laver Arena and Margaret Court Arena during the 2012 Australian Open. These 45min. classes cover stroke technique, motor skills, etiquette and match play. Kids want to play a match and these classes establish a skill & knowledge base to allow participation in Hot Shots Challenges & Competitions.

For more information contact The Tennis Guru
0488 722 538 or info@thetennismaster.com.au

Calendar

Term 1, Week 7:

March 15 Presentation Ball - Photo viewing
March 16 Casual Dress Day

Week 8:

March 19 Senior Golf
March 20 Eastern Zone Swimming
March 23 Year 7 Summer Round Robin

Week 9:

March 26 Year 7 Transition Evening
March 28 Junior Golf
Year 8 Summer Round Robin
Top Designs Excursion (VCD)
March 29 Top Designs Excursion (Food Tech)
March 30 Last Day Term 1

Term 2, Week 1:

April 16 Student Free Day
April 17 Students First Day Term 2

Year 11 Presentation Ball

Last Saturday, 3 March 2012, the Parkwood Secondary College year 11s had their Presentation Ball. The girls were busy all morning getting their make-up and hair done whereas the boys were just...well, relaxing at home. We then drove in our limos to the venue which was a bit of a squishy ride as the puffy dresses took up a lot of space. Once we arrived at The Grand on Cathie's Lane we had our photos taken and something to eat. We then had our full and final dress rehearsal which went well, as we adjusted to the different dancing conditions of wearing suits and dresses. After that we were kept behind a wall of black curtains until all the guests arrived.

The guys opened the evening with a solid display of the classic "Cha Cha Slide". The couples were then presented which was a bit nerve racking but very exciting. Then came the dances. Everybody was doing well after perfecting the Viennese Waltz, Modern Waltz and Samba, but then came the Pasodoble! There were a few mishaps throughout the dance, the worst being when the music stopped before we had finished causing us to miss out on the best part - the drop. Then we danced with our parents and family friends. There were a few mistakes considering not many had remembered the dance from their one lesson on Thursday night, but it was good fun. A little later the couples came back on the floor to do the Pasodoble again as the first time didn't go to plan. Fortunately this time we all got it right. For the next few hours the band played a number of songs where the majority of the guests got up on the dance floor to show off their moves. Family photos were also taken and the main meal and dessert were served during the dancing.

We all had a fantastic night and everyone looked great all dressed up. It was a very memorable evening for us and I recommend that younger year levels participate in the Presentation Ball when they get to year 11 as you only get this opportunity once. It's something you'll never forget! A big thankyou goes to the school for organising the event and all those people involved in making the night a success. Also our thanks to Andrew and Gayle Elliott for teaching us all of the dances and in such a short time which made the night run smoothly. Well done to all the students who participated in the ball. We all did a great job and we can all be proud of ourselves.



Daniel Cox
Year 11

Photography Reminder

Families are reminded that the photographs taken on the night by National Photography will be available for viewing on Thursday 15th March from 5-7pm in the College Library. Families will have the opportunity to view, order and pay for photographs. These will then be delivered to the school at a later date. Furthermore a DVD of the event will be provided to every participating student in a couple of weeks. Families have already paid for the cost of the DVD.

Jackie Harris
Assistant Principal

March 3, 2012

On Saturday night the months of dance lessons and dress shopping, the hours of hair, makeup, spray tans and nail appointments all became worthwhile. Everyone arrived in their limos looking their best and looking forward to a night full of fun and nerves. The afternoon was spent practicing and preparing for the night ahead and soon we were behind the screens, listening to the guests arriving getting more and more nervous about what was to come. The boys opened the show with their energetic performance of 'Cha Cha Slide' the girls dancing along back stage. One by one the couples were announced and the serious dancing began.

The night was wonderful, filled with lots of nerves, laughter and fun. It was great for everyone to be there together, celebrating with their families and friends. There was a lot of hard work and preparation put in by all the debutantes and their partners and although we were all nervous, everyone was incredible on the night. We all looked amazing and though there were many sore feet and tired faces the next day, I'm sure it was an occasion that none of us will ever forget.



Alana Christensen
Year 11



Lions Youth of the Year

Elise, one of our College Captains, participated in the Lions Youth of the Year competition earlier this term, and was awarded Best Speech. This is her speech.

Lily is an average seven year old girl; she wants to go into cities to shop and to go to school to learn and see her friends. However, Lily is not a typical seven year old. Instead of going to school, she spends her whole day doing chores, washing dishes and collecting water, without having eaten a full meal. Lily's grandmother wants to send her to school, however she doesn't have the money to buy the materials that going to school requires. Lily lives in East Timor and in the dry season, her grandmother and her sell their crops and earn a little money. However in the rainy season there are no crops growing and as a result, there is no money being made. She is malnourished due to the small amount of food she has access to. Lily is not alone: 44% of those who live in East Timor are malnourished and 41% live below the poverty line, only earning around 90 cents a day. And it doesn't end at East Timor. More than 3 billion people live on under \$2.50 a day; that is almost half of the world population. What is possibly the saddest thing about this massive issue is that it is preventable.

We live in a society that is overtaken by the importance of fame and possessing unnecessary amounts of gadgets, gizmos and money. Magazines pump astronomical amounts of money in writing pointless and blatantly false articles about celebrities just to entertain a small percentage of the population. You'd think that, with the amount of money that is played with for these superfluous belongings and ridiculous

articles, we could easily help eradicate poverty and help to feed those in poor and developing countries. However, these countries continue to suffer. There have been campaigns started, such as "Make Poverty History", which was launched in 2005, but our governments don't seem to consider how easy it would be to help these organisations. The government does so little to assist these underprivileged countries, instead looking in on our own country and, quite simply, being selfish. So, who gave them the right to play God, deciding whose lives were more important? While they may spend their day arguing over trivial things that may not impact our society at all, 25,000 people die. That is in just one day... Don't they, as our leaders, have a moral responsibility to support Lily and her grandmother? To help the 1.7 billion people who will die this year from poverty live? In the world, there is an estimated 2.2 billion children. Out of this great number, every second child is living in poverty, with every 1 in 3 living in inadequate shelter and 1 in 5 without safe access to water. If there is enough money in this world to feed almost double the people then what is necessary, why is poverty even an issue?

Another factor to consider: if you were living in poverty, think. Would you want to be fully dependent on someone for the rest of your life? The answer is probably no. This is the same for those living in developing countries. Yes, they need our help; however, once we have given that assistance, they would be able to provide for themselves and their family. All we need to do is to give them that chance to take the first step. It does not take much! It might just involve sending teachers to help to educate the children so that, when the time comes, they are able to enter the work force and begin to create a life that they never thought they could have. It might just be to introduce safe water taps closer to their homes to help cut out the hours of strenuous walking, meaning they can attend school. It might just be to plant more durable crops so that growing food is not an issue and food is always available to them. It might be to provide electricity to the 1.6 billion people (one quarter of the world) who live without it.

Our College Captains, Josh, Elise, Sarah and Aaron, all of whom participated strongly in the Lions Youth of the Year Competition



These things are easily achieved and would aid these countries a huge amount. This is what World Vision has been starting to achieve.

World Vision is an organisation that, over its many years of service, has seen so many lives transformed for the better. With 400,000 Australians supporting them, they are able to help 20 million people a year, assuring that so many children in disadvantaged countries are getting the life that they deserve.

Although the government is not doing enough, they have said that they will raise the amount of money being given to poverty stricken countries to \$8 billion a year. Though this is an amazing start, is this really enough? Australia is a rich country, full of willing, kind and caring people. There is definitely more

that can be done by us in order to eliminate poverty entirely. As a teenager, I don't know fully what that is, however by simply donating a small amount of money or being a part of the 40 Hour Famine that is run by World Vision every August, I know that I have helped to make a difference to this world. Now it's time for the government to pitch in as well, so that, one day, we will live in a world where 80% of humanity don't live on under \$10 a day, where everyone has enough food to sustain them for a day and going to school is essential for all instead of a privilege for some. Let's work towards this amazing future, so that Earth is by far the best place anyone could possibly live!

Thank you.
Elise Heuston
College Captain

Maroondah Zone Swimming Carnival

After the disappointment of having to cancel our School Swimming carnival, we were able to field a team of 30 competitors to represent the school at the Maroondah Zone Swimming Carnival. This team was established with last year's results and volunteers, particularly at Year 7 level as we had not previously seen them swim. So on 9 March we set off to Ringwood Pool to compete against the other 5 schools in our district. The team of students we took were absolutely phenomenal! Students were enthusiastic and certainly did the school proud. We had students representing our school in most events and the passion and commitment of the 30 students was amazing. Overall Parkwood came third, behind Ringwood and Norwood and beating Heathmont, Croydon and Maroondah, schools who are all bigger than us. The result of third is a fantastic effort from our students and we could not be more proud of each and every one of them. Congratulations to all the students who competed on the day, we could not have got this fantastic result without you. We also once again won the Per Capita Shield, another fantastic achievement. This year is the best result that I have been involved in at my time at the school and the excitement of our students when we were announced in third place was priceless.

Congratulations to Skye Fantin (year 12) for winning the 20 year old age group champion, a fantastic effort. The Eastern Zone Swimming Competition will be held on 20 March. The competitors are:

Phoebe Britton	Skye Fantin	Amy Learmont
Sam Caldwell	Rob Gray	Olly May
	Sarah Kerr	

A big thank you to all the students who competed on the day:

Year 7:	Year 8:	Year 9:	Year 10:	Year 11:
Josh Alles	Brooke Johnson	Tim Higgs	Daniel Lerner	Seb Britton
Ashleigh Allsop	Jake Moss	Ben Shield	Taylor Vanderwal	
Aleece Biewer	Josh Roberts	Ryan Westwood		Year 12:
Therese Hird	Adam Scobie			Josh Gordon
Brooklynne Lacey	Teagan Stanley			
Harry May	Mase Wilson			
Keegan Scheller	Connor Vanderwal			
April Synhur				

Andrea McGuinness
Sports Coordinator

REMINDER: Melbourne Uni **Veterinary Science and Hospital** Open Day. Attend lectures, pet



demonstrations, tours and get course advice; 10am-3pm, Sun 25 March, 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee. See: www.vet.unimelb.edu.au

1. WHERE CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS?

The Careers Centre is the obvious starting point, however, there are many other places to obtain information. Examples are **CAREER EXPOS**, university and TAFE **OPEN DAYS**, **CAREER EVENTS** held during the year, and **WEBSITES**.

○ CAREER EXPOS:

Why attend? Career Expos are a great opportunity to collect information and to talk to staff from a wide variety of education and training providers at the one time and location. Expos are an excellent starting point in your exploration. Coming up (dates for your diary):



- The **Age VCE and Careers Expo** is from Thurs 3 to Sun 6 May at the Caulfield Race Course
- The **National Careers and Employment Expo** is on 18 & 19 May at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
- The **Herald Sun Career Expo** is on 27 – 29 July
- **Engineering Careers Expo** is 2-7pm, Thurs 29 March, Etihad Stadium;

www.engineeringexpo.org.au

○ OPEN DAYS:

University and TAFE Open Days

are a great source of information as attendance at these provides the opportunity to speak to staff and see facilities. (If you plan to apply for a course requiring an interview, folio presentation or audition as part of the application process, attendance at Open Days really is essential). Open Days generally run from 10am to 4pm. Dates for your diary are as follows:

- Sat 23 June – **Holmesglen**
- Sun 24 June – **Victoria Uni** and TAFE
- Sat 4 Aug – **Monash Uni** (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula)



- Sun 5 Aug – **La Trobe** (Albury Wodonga); **Monash** (Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville)
 - Sun 12 Aug – **Australian Catholic Uni** (Melbourne); **Deakin** (Warrnambool); **Melbourne** (Parkville & Southbank); **RMIT** (Uni and TAFE)
 - Sun 19 Aug – **Deakin** (Geelong campuses); **La Trobe** (Bendigo); **Swinburne** (Uni & TAFE)
 - Sun 26 Aug – **Australian Catholic Uni** (Ballarat); **Ballarat Uni**; **Box Hill Institute**; **Deakin** (Melbourne Burwood); **La Trobe** (Melbourne Bundoora)
- CAREER EVENTS:

Various Career Events run throughout the year, and you will be notified in CareerNews.

- ✓ Starting very soon is the annual **'At Monash' Seminar series**. These give you a head start when considering where a university degree can take you. **What/When (all 6.30-8pm):**



- **Architecture** - 7 Mar
- **Nursing, Paramedics** - 8 Mar
- **Pharmacy** - 13 Mar
- **Business** - 14 Mar
- **Physio & Occupational Therapy** - 19 Mar
- **IT** - 20 Mar
- **Health Science & Social Work** - 26 Mar
- **Teaching, Sport & Outdoor Rec** - 27 Mar
- **Medicine, Biomed Science, Radiography & Nutrition/Dietetics** - 28 Mar
- **Arts** - 29 Mar
- **Design & Fine Art** - 18 April
- **Psychology** - 19 April
- **Science** - 8 May
- **Performing Arts** - 15 May
- **Law** - 17 May
- **Engineering** - 28 June

Information: 1800 Monash or 9903 4810; **Register and locations:** www.monash.edu/seminars

- ✓ **Trial-a-Trade day at William Angliss Institute**, offering 14-18 year olds the opportunity to experience foods and hospitality careers (eg chef, baker, barista or patissier); **When:** 9.30am-12pm, Sun 18 March; **Where:** William



Angliss, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; **Cost:** \$28.00; **Info/registration:** 1300 264 547 or www.angliss.edu.au/trial.

- ✓ Experience **environmental science and engineering day at RMIT**. Undertake interactive workshops in environmental engineering, urban planning, environmental science and geospatial science; **When:** Thurs 5 April; **Cost:**



Free (incl lunch); **Information/register:** www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays; **Call:** Clare, 9925 3699; more 'Get Real Experience' activities coming in arts/design, computing, marketing and medical sciences (see website)

- ✓ **What Really Happens After High School?** Find out by being a **uni student for a day at La Trobe Uni**, which is opening its doors, inviting Yr 10 - 12s and parents to 'Experience La Trobe'. Join in workshops, find out about student life and check out the campus. It's free, entertainment and lunch provided. **When:** Fri 13 April and Tues 3 July (holidays); **Where:** La Trobe (Bundoora); **Register** (and check sessions at Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga): www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

- ✓ The **Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine** is holding a Career Information session offering insights into career opportunities in the forensic sciences. **When:** 12:30 - 4:00pm, Fri 13 April; **Where:** VIFM Lecture Theatre, 57-83 Kavanagh Street, Southbank; **Registration form located at:** <http://www.vifm.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Registration-Form-13-April-20121.pdf>. For info. visit: <http://www.vifm.org/events/16/vifm-careers-information-afternoon/>. No seats for parents.

○ WEBSITES:

University and TAFE websites are a great source of information. NOTE: A website in last newsletter about **tertiary study, costs and financial assistance** (with links to other careers sites) for tertiary education is now at www.studyassist.gov.au. A very useful site with a wealth of information...

2. DEAKIN UNI LEARNING HUB OPENS IN



DANDENONG – The Deakin Learning Hub in Dandenong has opened, providing opportunity for

students for Melbourne's south-east to study the **Bachelor of Health Sciences** using community-based learning. This links the classroom experience with input from community groups and local industry. Students study online, with access to academic staff via the hub, providing support, advice and guidance. The hub provides computer resources and access to Deakin's library and online resources. **Where:** Level 3, 237 Lonsdale St, Dandenong; **When:** Business hours, Mon - Fri; **Info:** www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/hsd/dandenong.

3. FOCUS ON A CAREER – I WANT TO BE

A NURSE – If so, you have many study options and combinations to consider:

- The **Bachelor of Nursing** (a 3-year undergraduate degree for registration as a Division 1 nurse) is taught at many universities (ACU, Ballarat, Deakin, La Trobe, Monash, RMIT and VU). It is also taught at some TAFE Institutes (eg Holmesglen)
- A number of universities such as ACU and Monash offer a **Bachelor of Midwifery** (for those who wish to work with mothers)
- Some offer a double degree in **Nursing/Midwifery**, where students complete both qualifications in four years (eg Deakin, La Trobe and Monash - Gippsland)
- A number of universities offer other combinations of double degrees such as **Nursing/Business Administration** (ACU), **Nursing/Paramedics** (ACU – Ballarat, Monash), **Nursing/Psychology** and **Nursing/Public Health and Health Promotion** at Deakin
- Melbourne University has a post-graduate nursing degree (**Master of Nursing Science**)
- Specialisations: Nursing (**Community Health** – Monash Berwick), Nursing (**Mental Health**) ACU and Nursing (**Practice Leadership**) ACU
- In addition, many institutions offer the 18-month **Diploma of Nursing** (Division 2), for example, Holmesglen (Moorabbin) Swinburne (Lilydale), and also a number of independent providers. It is sometimes possible to up-grade this qualification to Division 1.



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Careers News

more dates and details of upcoming opportunities:

Universities:

Australian Defence Force Academy Open Day
Saturday, 25 August 2012 from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm
Northcott Drive in Campbell, ACT.
Experience first-hand this unique, world class training and educational facility
www.openday.adfa.edu.au

Expos & Forums:

The Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo 2012
When: 27th July – 10:00am to 3:00pm, and 28th & 29th July – 10:00am to 4:00pm,
Where: Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Clarendon Street, Southbank
Cost: Free for School Group Bookings & children under 13, \$6 for Photo ID Concession Card Holders, \$12 for General Admission, \$26 for Families (2 adults and up to 3 children).
www.careerexpo.com.au

The Age VCE and Careers Expo 2012
3rd and 4th May, 9:00am – 3:00pm, 5th and 6th May, 10:00am – 4:00pm
Caulfield Racecourse (opposite Caulfield Station)
Cost: \$10 per person and \$25 for families (3 or more including an adult, children 14 and under free). Admission covers all 4 days and includes seminars plus a copy of The Age. School group discounts are available.
www.vceandcareers.com.au

Driving Science, Driving the Future 2012 Formula 1™ Australian Grand Prix Careers and Skills Forum
Careers Seminar for Careers Advisors: Thursday 15th March 2012
Careers Seminar for Students: Friday 16th March 2012
Years 9 to 12 students and careers advisors have the opportunity to discover the exciting career pathways available in the Victorian industry.
Contact: schools@grandprix.com.au
<http://www.inllen.org.au/news/events-calendar/icalrepeat.detail/2012/03/15/33/-/driving-science-driving-the-future-2012>

agIdeas 2012 Futures
Wednesday 23rd May – 4:00pm to 8:00pm,
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Center,
Tickets cost \$40 each.

Explore pathways to a career in a broad range of design disciplines including film and television, graphic design, industrial and product design, animation, illustration, photography, architecture, interactive media and advertising.
<http://www.agideas.net/coming-event/secondary-school-forum>

Scholarships:

Australian Defence Force - Defence Technical Scholarships
Applications Close March 9th 2012
Rewards technically-savvy students for staying at school and enrolling in specific subjects.
Year 11 recipients will receive \$2000, and Year 12 students will receive \$3000.
Contact: dts@dataresponse.com.au or 1300 880 818
<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/technicalscholarship/>

Victorian Healthcare Association Scholarship
Applications close Friday 9th of March.
Scholarships worth \$5000 each to rural students commencing an undergraduate allied health degree this year.
Contact: scholarships@vha.org.au
http://www.vha.org.au/?c_id=923

Interested in Surveying?

Work Experience at a Surveying Company. Surveying Task Force Inc. and Surveying SA will have details of placements in surveying firms.
To register your interest and to find out more about surveying visit <http://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/student-work-experience/secondary-students/>

Stacey Miriklis
Careers, VET and VCAL coordinator

Wildlife Shelter Fundraiser

Where: Park Orchards
Farmers Market, Sausage Sizzle.
Cnr Park road and Hopetoun road
Park Orchards Vic.



When: Saturday 17th of March

See you there!!



We Serve

Proudly sponsored by the Park Orchards Lions club, in conjunction with Josh Gordon for Wombat Ridge Wildlife Shelter.



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Access All Areas 2012

Friday 13 April

Friday 13 July

Thursday 27 September

Come and explore the University of Melbourne.

Access All Areas is a series of events especially designed for Year 10 to 12 students and their families, offering a personalised insight into the University of Melbourne.

Whether you're an international or Australian student, studying locally, interstate or in regional Victoria, join us at the Parkville campus and enjoy the opportunity to gather information and talk to University staff about all aspects of studying and life at Melbourne.

Find out about:

- **Undergraduate degrees** and **graduate pathways** at Melbourne
- Unique opportunities to **enrich your degree** such as **concurrent diplomas**, going on **exchange and study abroad** or participating in **sporting or community involvement** activities
- Admissions and **entry requirements**
- **Access Melbourne** and Melbourne Scholarships
- **Accommodation** options
- Student services and **transition programs**

Program schedule

When?

Friday 13 April 2012
Friday 13 July 2012
Thursday 27 September 2012

Who should come?

Year 10, 11 and 12 students
Year 10, 11 and 12 students
Year 10 and 11 students only

Time and venue:



Each event will be held at the Parkville campus from 9.00am to 3.00pm. A map and program details will be emailed to registered participants.

Cost and registration:

Admission is free but places are limited. Register to secure a place at:
www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas

MORE INFO

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