



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

While you are at school you are encouraged and supported by your teachers to develop the skill of learning. This involves being reflective, accepting feedback, acting on feedback and developing a capacity to learn in different ways, not just in your preferred learning style. Learning to be a good learner is a skill that has to be mastered just like any other skill. Once you leave Brentwood you will be expected to have mastered the skill of learning. Whether you go on to tertiary education, training or employment you will be expected to know how to learn. You will be expected to know how to manage your emotions when you are learning new things. In fact the capacity for learning is a skill that is highly regarded by employers. I have found Brentwood's Good Learning Ps to be a useful tool when I am struggling with my own learning.

#### 1. Participation

- Do you choose your attitude?
- Do you listen carefully?
- Do you ask questions?
- Do you check your understanding?

#### 2. Planning

- Do you plan a step by step approach?
- Do you assess what you already know?
- Do you manage your time effectively?

#### 3. Patience

- Learning is not instantaneous – it takes time!
- Do you give yourself time to think?
- Do you reflect on how you are learning?

#### 4. Practice

- Do you practise, again and again and again?
- Do you build on you prior learning?
- Do you practise even more?

#### 5. Persistence

- Do you keep trying even when it is tough?
- Do you seek feedback from your teachers?
- Making mistakes is part of the learning process.

I would particularly like to encourage our year 12 students to use the break to consolidate their learning. Using the 5Ps as a mantra has always helped me to consolidate my learning, I would hope that it can help you too. Being a good learner is a skill that must be continually practised.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday to all members of the Brentwood community.

*Vicki Forbes, Principal*

### Dates and Deadlines

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|--------|--|
| 08 Oct | Students return for term 4                                     |
| 10 Oct | VCE Music Night 7.00pm   |
| 12 Oct | Curriculum Day (student free)                                  |
| 22 Oct | Yamamura High School visit                                     |
| 23 Oct | Resources Meeting 6.30pm<br>Education Policy Meeting<br>7.45pm |
| 24 Oct | Valedictory Dinner   |
| 25 Oct | Year 10 PEP Day<br>TST2 Performance 7.00pm                     |
| 29 Oct | School Council 7.00pm  |
| 02 Nov | Unit 4 exams start   |



## Year 7 Window

As we come to the end of yet another term, I would like to congratulate all year 7 students at Brentwood. It has been another busy term, with students participating and achieving in a wide range of areas.

Throughout term 3, there were many events to look back on. We had victorious sport achievements, painful injections, and a great author visit from Archie Fusillo, just to name a few!

During term 4, once again there are many things to look forward to. In particular, we have an exciting event coming up in week 3. This is the 'Red Rider' program, where an Australian Motor Cross champion will come with their bike, to give a special talk. Also next term, year 7 students will be given the opportunity to choose their subjects for next year, year 8.

Finally, as we near the end of the term and indeed the year, it is important that all year 7 students ensure that they complete any outstanding assignments, tests or homework. This will optimise your final results. Once again, well done on making it three quarters of the way through the year. Have a fun and relaxing holiday and we'll see you in term 4.

Happy holidays!

**Dennis Rodwell, Year 7 Co-ordinator**

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## Year 8 Excursion – 22 October

A year level excursion for all year 8 students to Adventure Park Geelong. Admission to the park gives the students access to a large number of rides including; 2 water slides, a jumping castle for adults, aqua bikes, moon bikes, archery, canoeing and flying foxes. There are also Go-Karts and an Aqua Golf Hole in One Competition – however, both of these activities are an extra cost. Students may bring their lunch or purchase it at the park on the day.

**Cost:** \$15.50 - payable to the office by Thursday 11 October – Week 1 of term 4. The cost of

transport to the venue will be covered by the school.

**Cut off date: Thursday 11 October**

All students have been given information and a permission form to take home. Spare copies are available from the Junior School Office. Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the year 8 coordinators.

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| Mr Watts     | 8454 0338 |
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### Year 8 Coordinators

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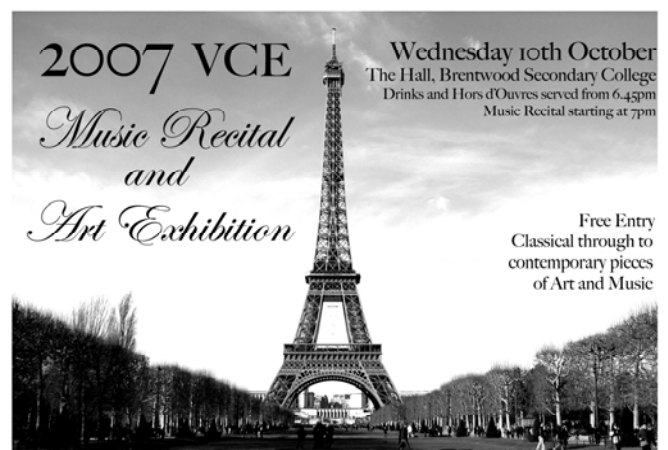
## Music

Over the last two years, art and music students have been working towards presenting their final folios and performing at their recital exams. During October the VCE music students will undertake their final recital exam at MLC in front of a panel of examiners. Before this though, they would like to share with you the fruits of their labour in the form of a Music Recital.

On Wednesday 10 October family and friends are welcome to attend the 2007 VCE Music Recital and Art Exhibition in the hall at Brentwood Secondary College. Drinks and Hors d'Ouvres will be served from 6.45pm and the music recital will begin at 7.00pm.

Please come and support all the hard work of this year's VCE Fine Art, Visual Communication, Media and Music classes by attending the Recital/Exhibition. Pieces of Music and Art will be presented covering Classical through to Contemporary styles.

ENJOY!!!



**Katie Yeung, Director of Music**

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## Lost Property

The General Office have quite a lot of lost black school shoes. If your child has recently lost a pair or a single shoe please come to the office and have a look.

As we have had them in the office for several weeks, we will only continue to keep them for the first week of term 4.

*Barbara Atkinson, Office Manager*

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## Sports Round Up

### Year 7 Hockey

15 very enthusiastic year 7 boys headed for the Waverley Hockey Club on Tuesday September 18 for our Waverly District Round Robin. Most of the boys had never played hockey before and after 8 training sessions had shown great improvement.

We remained undefeated all day in our pool games playing great defence, passing the ball well and moving with great speed into our attacking area. Mysteriously, we were unable to put the ball into the back of the goal despite many sensational attempts. Our extremely capable defence was ably led by our goal keeper Ashley, Zac, Angus and Joel at full back and sweeping us in attack Justin, Rob, Ansen and Ben. Our speedy forwards included Nic at centre, Leslie, Sean, Ariel, Jamie, Dillep and Callum.

We finished second in our pool and did not let any teams, including the eventual pool winner score against us.

Overall we finished third – a terrific effort.

Thank you to our wonderful student coaches Philip Vang and Mason Chan for helping prepare the boys so thoroughly.

Congratulations to all team members on their great endeavour and excellent team play all day.

### Team members:

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Justin Mason (Captain) | Nic Fabrici (Captain) |
| Rob Sumner             | Dilleep Yogasingham   |
| Ariel Garpian          | Anson Lee             |
| Sean Sripapattanwang   | Zac Pellow            |
| Angus Leung            | Jamie Thomas          |
| Leslie Leong           | Joel Quillian         |
| Ashley Ventura         | Callum Pygall         |

*Suzanne Plant, Coach*

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## Community Corner

### The Brady Bunch – Are they for Real?

Workshop for step/blended families.

REFS is presenting a series of workshops that hope to help step and blended families improve their family relationships. These workshops will include informal discussion and support.

*Week 1 – Wednesday 17 October 2007*

The Brady Bunch – Are they for Real? Exploring the myths and looking at the adjustment period.

*Week 2 – Wednesday 24 October 2007*

The Emotional Rollercoast, Dealing with feelings and handling stress.

*Week 3 – Wednesday 31 October 2007*

Creating Peaceful Families. Communication, solving problems peacefully and encouraging co-operation.

*Week 4 – Wednesday 7 November 2007*

The Brady Bunch – a new Beginning. Roles/Identities/Boundaries and creating new family rituals.

Where: REFS  
57 Wantirna Road, Ringwood  
9879 3634

Time: 7.14 for 7.30pm start – 9.30pm

Cost: \$5 per session.

Please ring and book a place and please come as a couple.

### Both Sides Now – A-Muse Theatre Group Inc

All abilities production starring Daisy Cox from year 10.

This production is about Australia's diversity including a wheelchair dance and a group of Irish dancers.

Where: The Whitehorse Centre  
397 Whitehorse Road  
NUNAWADING

When: Friday & Saturday September 28 & 29 at 8.00pm  
Sunday September 30 at 2.00pm

Cost: \$25 Full, \$20 Concession, \$60 Family

Wheelchair Access – Carers Welcome.

For bookings phone 9262 6555.

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## **Canteen News**

Dim Sims not available in Term 4

Mon: M Kocsis, G Feldtmann, L Shaw  
Tues: T Robinson, J Harris  
Wed: C Huebner  
Thur: H Yooh, S Remmington  
Fri: L Smith, M Tyler, M Williams (L)

Thanks everyone for your help this term.

Thank you everyone.

***Shirley & Carol***

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