



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

In 1999 the *Adelaide Declaration on National Goals for Schooling in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* articulated a vision for schooling in Australia. Since that time the world has become smaller in many ways and paradoxically, perhaps more disparate in many ways. Cognisant of the pace of change over the past eight years the Council for the Australian Federation established a steering committee to review the Adelaide Declaration.

A draft paper was published in April for consultation with various education stakeholders. The revised report entitled *Federalist Paper 2: The Future of Schooling in Australia* was released last month. This report "has substantial significance for all governments in Australia, the education community and the broader public" (DPC, 2007:4) and seeks to contribute to the development of a new Declaration for schooling in Australia.

The report identifies a number of key developments since the Adelaide Declaration that are particularly worthy of note.

1. More than ever, education is recognised as an investment that is crucial to secure Australia's future economic prosperity and meet the changing workforce demands.
2. Young people need the right skills and knowledge to thrive in an information-rich world.
3. Education is critical to both understand and address emerging environmental challenges.
4. Education can promote social cohesion by giving students the skills to relate their own values with the experience of others.

5. Education is a critical driver for delivering equality of opportunity in society.
6. While responding to these increased economic and social demands, education remains an important contributor to the spiritual, moral, cultural and physical development of young people. (DPC, 2007:16)

With a federal election now scheduled for November it is hoped that education will be at the forefront of the election campaigns of both the major political parties. Australia needs a federal government committed to policies that support and acknowledge the imperative of well resourced, vibrant public schools.

Reference: Department of Premier and Cabinet (2007) *Federalist Paper 2: The Future of Schooling in Australia, A Report by the Council for the Australian Federation*. [www.dpc.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au)

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### Dates and Deadlines

22 Oct	Yamamura High School visit
23 Oct	Resources Meeting 6.30pm Education Policy Meeting 7.45pm
24 Oct	Year 12 formal classes finish Valedictory Dinner
25 Oct	TST2 Performance 7.00pm
26 Oct	Year 10 PEP Day TST2 Performance 7.00pm
29 Oct	School Council 7.00pm
02 Nov	Unit 4 VCE exams start

## Student Scholarships

Scholarships are available to students that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development advertises but does not administer. Students will be able to apply for these scholarships once they receive their end of year results.

Scholarships which are administered by the Department can now be viewed on the scholarships website at <http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/> and online scholarship applications will be accepted commencing in late November 2007.

*Vicki Forbes, Principal*

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## Late to School

Could all students who arrive to school after morning home group please go to the General Office to be signed in for the day. All students present at school need to be entered onto HG rolls, this is a necessity due to the fact that all students need to be accounted for in the occurrence of an emergency.

*Leon Lilly, Assistant Principal*

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## From the Senior School Team

### Year 12

Our year 12 students are currently completing practice exams. This is a valuable opportunity for them. Students will gain critical insight into their strengths and weaknesses in each subject which will allow them to develop a revision program in consultation with their teachers to maximise their performance on the final exams. There are no year 12 classes running during the practice exams, but they will resume on Thursday 18 October and students are expected to be in attendance until Wednesday 24 October when the final assembly will be held at 11.00am in the Hall.

The Valedictory Dinner will be held later that evening. Each student in attendance will be recognised and presented with their certificate. Awards, including class awards, will also be presented.

Students are reminded that if they have applied for a course that had extra requirements they will need to make sure they have submitted the relevant folio/form/interview request by the due date.

Change of preference is now open on the VTAC website for students who have paid their application fee. This will close on the 19 October, but will be open again from the 3 to 24 December.

We would encourage students to maintain their normal sleeping routine during the exam period so that they are well rested when they arrive on time for morning exams. High protein foods build concentration so a good breakfast is an excellent start. Students are permitted to bring bottled water (with labels removed) to the exams and we would encourage them to do so. Nuts are a good snack food whilst studying. Large quantities of caffeine and junk food are not recommended.

The year 12 formal will be held on Tuesday 20 November.

Year 12 subject results will be available from VCAA on 17 December. Students have been given a pamphlet detailing how they can obtain their results via SMS or the internet. All students will receive a copy of their results in the mail.

Student achievement through VCAA will be recognised at Presentation Night, where students receiving an award will be required to be present in full school uniform.

### Year 11

For most of this term, our year 11 students will focus on the final events for this year, including exams and their formal. However, there are also activities which are essential in planning and preparing for year 12, 2008. Although some details are subject to confirmation, we have prepared the following lists now to assist families with their calendars of events and organisation of the various payments required. Of course, more detailed information regarding these events and charges will be provided. For example, a package will be sent home with detailed information about Myers-Briggs testing, year 12 camp, provisional year 12 subjects, course counselling and the program for the two days of year 11 to year 12 orientation.

### Senior School Calendar Date

Fri 26 Oct	2008 booklists distributed	
Wed 14 Nov	Year 11 Study Day	
Thur 15 – Thur 22 Nov	Year 11 Exams	Please note: full school uniform must be worn whenever students are at school.

Tue 27 & Wed 28 Nov	11 to 12 Orientation	Orientation will include Myers-Briggs testing and an opportunity to purchase English novels.
Thur 29 Nov	Year 11 Formal	Evening
Tue 18 Dec	Presentation Night	Evening (rehearsals during day)
Wed 19 Dec	Reports & school magazines distributed	Collect from SLC after 1.15pm
7-8 Feb 08	Year 12 Camp	Ormond College, University of Melb.

### Senior School Final Dates for Payment

Fri 19 Oct	\$25	Deposit for Yr 11 Formal
Fri 15 Nov	\$35	Balance for Yr 11 Formal
Fri 15 Nov	\$10	Fee for Myers-Briggs testing
Wed 28 Nov (Only avail on this day)		Payment for English texts (amounts will vary, refer to booklist)
Fri 23 Nov	\$160	Yr 12 Camp 2008 (or deposit of \$80, balance of \$80 to be paid by 29 Jan 2008)
Fri 14 Dec	\$10	Student subscription to The Age newspaper (on booklist, can be paid at school or directly to The Age online)

### Senior School Team

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## Vocational College Information

### Evening

Location: Moorabbin Campus  
 Time: 6.00 pm  
 Where: Holmesglen TAFE, 488 South Road, Moorabbin, Open Learning Area, Building 3, Room 1S26

The College offers VCAL, a skill based education & development program, to students who have completed Year 10 and have turned 16.

To register your interest, or receive an application form and information brochure phone 9209 5105 or email [voc\\_college@holmesglen.vic.edu.au](mailto:voc_college@holmesglen.vic.edu.au)

*Margaret Stanley, Careers Coordinator*

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## Year 11 Theatre Studies Production

The year 11 Theatre class will be performing a play based on the Pink Panther series and characters called Parelz-vous Francais. This is comic romp that has something for everyone.

When: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of October – 7pm

Where: BSC Hall – enter through new foyer

Cost: Gold Coin Donation on entry

Tea and Coffee supplied.

If you would like to come – please email Mr Joel Batalha – [bth@brentwood.vic.edu.au](mailto:bth@brentwood.vic.edu.au) or phone him through the school on (03) 8545 0300.

We hope you can make it.

*Year 11 Theatre Studies Publicity Team.*

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## Year 10 News

### Exams

Welcome back to Term 4 2007! With the end of the year nearly upon us students will be working hard to gain the best possible grades for their Semester 2 report. Year 10 exams will be held over 3 days (Monday 19, Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 November) and this will be the final part of student's assessment for the year.

### Year 10 to 11 Orientation

The year 10 to year 11 orientation process will take place on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 November. It is important that students attend school on these 2 days as they will be given important information for their year 11 subjects. Year 10 students will be dismissed early at 12.36pm on Friday 23 November.

### Dinner/Dance

In order to celebrate the end of Middle School, the year 10 Executive have been working hard to organise the year 10 dinner/dance. This event will be held in the school hall from 6.30pm to 11pm on Friday 23 November at a cost of \$30 per student. Students will have received a letter to take home informing parents/guardians of all the details. We ask that students return the slip at the bottom of the letter to their Coordinators. The \$30 should be paid to the Main Office by Friday 19 October.

### Camp

The trip to the Gold Coast is fast approaching. We leave Brentwood on Sunday 25 November. Students should arrive at school at 9.15am for a prompt departure. More information including what to bring and a gear list will be sent out within the next week. If you have been making

regular monthly instalments, the sum of \$400 should now have been paid. Please pay the school office with the final instalment of \$70. The total cost of the camp is \$470.

### **Work Experience**

Work experience for year 10's takes place during week 9 of Term 4 (Monday 3rd December to Friday 7 December). Please contact Mrs Stanley in the Careers Office if you require further information regarding Work Experience.

*Mr Exton & Ms Katz, Year 10 Coordinators*

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### **Year 8 Camp to the Grampians**

Reminder to parents that the final \$110 payment is due Friday 19 October. Medical forms, activity groups, cabin groups and camp booklets will be organised over the next few weeks.

*Junior School Team*

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### **AIM Test Results**

Students in year 7 completed the Victorian AIM (Achievement Improvement Monitor) tests in term three. Students who undertook these tests will receive a printed report of their achievement on those tests. These reports will be posted from Brentwood Secondary College on Friday, 19 October. The envelope will contain an information brochure for parents and the report. These results show each student's achievement compared to the majority of students across the state. The tests undertaken by the students were in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics.

These tests show a snap shot of your child's achievement. These results need to read in conjunction the Brentwood College report, to give you a complete picture of your child's progress. If the AIM results indicate a level of achievement significantly different from the semester one school report, or if you have a problem with the Aim results, then please feel free to contact the Year 7 Coordinators or Kerry Bainbridge (85450362).

If you do not receive the AIM results by October 24 please contact the College 85450362.

*Kerry Bainbridge, Head of Curriculum*

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### **Wellbeing**

In commencing Term 4, we have just completed activities highlighting 'Mental health Week'. We worked across the school to build a sense of

wellbeing through lunchtime events and workshops with year 9 run by Beyond Blue.

The Wellbeing Team has been working to build partnerships with community youth workers and volunteers to increase the support and care students receive at Brentwood. The College is committed to providing opportunities where students can engage in dialogue about values and relationships.

### **Leadership Program**

We are running a leadership workshop to support our year 11 students who would like to be involved in leadership during year 12. This provides the first step in preparation for conversations on becoming a member of the year 12 executive, including School Captains.

### **BASS Program**

This is a pilot project that will be run by Monash Youth and Family Services at Brentwood. It involves 24 year 9 male students who will be offered places in the pilot program. The sessions will focus on Thoughts-Feelings-Actions-Consequences.

### **Respect Protect Connect Project**

Aims to help schools broaden young peoples' values and raises awareness about the impact of violent behaviours on their health and on others. This interactive workshop is being offered to students in year 9 at Brentwood this term by members of the CASA (Centre Against Sexual Assault) team.

### **Essence**

This term will see the continuation of the year 8 girls' program run by Monash City Church of Christ. It provides all students with conversation and support as they examine issues over an eight week period. This program culminates in a graduation session for all girls who have participated.

### **EPIC Boys**

A year 8 boys' self esteem and personal management program. The program commenced in term 3 and all boys will be participating in a 5 week program. It's the first time we have been able to offer this program thanks to the team at Citylife.

### **Lunchtime Programs**

Each Friday of the school term, the leaders of EPIC boys run a lunchtime games for year 7 and 8 students. They also offer a Thursday's lounge for VCE students to create a 'chill space' for our very busy students.

### **Peer Support**

In early December, we will be asking our current year 9 students if they would like to be part of the

Peer Support program during year 10. Peer Support has three levels of participation. At the beginning of the year, there is a 5 week program to help year 7 student's transition into high school. Secondly, there is an opportunity to participate in the year 7 camp. Up to 24 Peer Support Leaders are able to come as part of the camp supporting the rotation sessions and the evening programs. Finally, Leaders can opt to be ongoing support for the whole year at afternoon homegroup times once a week.

### **Wellbeing Team**

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## **Sports Round Up**

### **Year 7 Girls Basketball Report**

On the last Tuesday of Term 3, 18 September, a group of 14 girls were huddled outside the gym ready for a day of intense basketball competition in Dandenong. Before the big day the girls needed to be split into two teams and trained up, this was done with the assistance of the student coaches, Gabby Tarabolsi & Vararie Teremaki.

#### **A Team:**

Meg Wrench-Joseph	Lisa Burns
Alison Knight	Lauren Cruse
Soraya Owens	Rhiannon Canning
Cassie Rowe – State Soccer	
Sophie Tarabolsi – State Soccer	
Mary Papastergiou – State Soccer	

#### **B Team:**

Kylie Chan	Alysha Bond
Sarah Delang	Lisa Bevan
Chloe Nansacawen	Aisha Jammeh
Melanie Stone	Mia Piljevic

Looking at the fixture the student coaches and I knew it was going to be a long day, the A team would play their match and then straight after would be the B team's match. The A team was rushed to the centre after a mix up with the buses, however, we made it with 5 minutes to spare, the student coaches got straight into action and started the warm up. Before we knew it the game had started and it was on!! Unfortunately the girls were not able to beat the competition, losing to Wheelers Hill 14-8. After that game the B team had their chance to play, they went out firing beating Wellington 10 – 3. As the day wore on both teams experienced wins and losses, with the A team finishing 3rd overall and the B team finishing 4th overall.

A fantastic effort by all girls, including the student coaches, well done!

**Sarah Hately, Coach**

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## **Community Corner**

### **The Ashwood Chadstone Family Fun Day**

When: Sunday 21 October 2007

11:00am to 3:00pm

Where: Batesford Reserve, Chadstone

### **Glen Waverley Uniting Church Annual Fete**

Annual Fete held on Saturday October 20 2007.

When: 8:30am to 2:00pm

Where: Glen Waverley Uniting Church  
Corner of Bogong Ave & Kingsway  
Glen Waverley

All proceeds go to community projects

### **Gifted Support Network Inc.**

You are invited to join us for an evening with guest speakers and exhibitors of products & services for gifted children. This is a free event and supper is provided.

When: 7:30pm, Tuesday 30 October 2007

Where: Southern Community Church of Christ  
Cnr. Chesterville Rd & Pine St.  
Cheltenham (Mel. 86 J1)

RSVP: [gifted-support@hotmail.com](mailto:gifted-support@hotmail.com)

For more information visit:

[www.giftedsupport.org](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

### **Student Exchange Host**

In February 2008, students aged 15-18 years, from over 15 Countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, please contact Exchange Australia. For more information visit: [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331

### **Mulgrave Country Club Open Day**

When: Sunday 21 October, 10am – 4pm, Free Sausage sizzle at 12noon. The Mulgrave Country Club is keen to attract younger members to the squash section and intends to field junior teams. Squash Club memberships area available at very reasonable rates. The squash section is currently putting one of our top A grade players through a Coaching course and intends to run coaching mornings on weekends.

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## **Canteen News**

Mon: S. Newsom, V. Mason

Tues: M. Levey, L. Mossenton (L)

Wed: J. Lindrea, C. Brown

Thur: C. Prossar, C. Kirwan

Fri: J. Knight

Thank you everyone.

**Shirley & Carol**

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CALENDAR TERM 4 2007			
Week	Day	Date	College Program
<b>1</b>	Tuesday	9 October	Year 9 Beyond Blue Presentation
	Wednesday	10 October	VCE Music Night
	Thursday	11 October	Year 12 October Tests begin
	Friday	12 October	Curriculum Day
<b>2</b>	Monday	15 October	Year 12 October Tests continue
	Wednesday	17 October	Year 12 October Tests finish
<b>3</b>	Monday	22 October	Yamamura High School Visit
	Tuesday	23 October	Resources Sub-committee Meeting 6.30pm Education Policy Sub-committee Meeting 7.45pm
	Wednesday	24 October	Year 12 Final Assembly Theatre Studies 2 Dress Rehearsal Valedictory Dinner
	Thursday	25 October	Theatre Studies 2 Performance 7.00pm
	Friday	26 October	Year 10 PEP day Theatre Studies 2 Performance 7.00pm
<b>4</b>	Monday	29 October	School Council Meeting 7.00pm
	Friday	2 November	Unit 4 VCE exams start
<b>5</b>	Monday	5 November	Curriculum Day
	Tuesday	6 November	Melbourne Cup Day
<b>6</b>	Wednesday	14 November	Year 11 Study Day Year 7 Music Night
	Thursday	15 November	Unit 4 Exams end Unit 2 Exams begin
<b>7</b>	Monday	19 November	Unit 2 Exams continue Year 10 Exams begin Education Policy Sub-committee Meeting 6.30pm Resources Sub-committee Meeting 7.45pm
	Thursday	22 November	Year 10 to 11 Orientation
	Friday	23 November	Year 10 to 11 Orientation Year 10 Graduation Dinner
<b>8</b>	Monday	26 November	School Council Meeting 7.00pm Year 10 Camp week
	Tuesday	27 November	Year 11 to 12 Orientation Year 8 2008 Information Night
	Wednesday	28 November	Year 11 to 12 Orientation
	Thursday	29 November	Year 11 Formal
	Friday	30 November	Report Writing Day
<b>9</b>	Monday	3 December	Year 10 Work Experience Week Year 8 Camp Week Year 9 Camp Week Year 7 2008 Information Evening
	Tuesday	4 December	Year 7 2008 Orientation Day Year 8-12 Secondhand Book sale
	Thursday	6 December	Year 10 2008 Sign Up
<b>10</b>	Monday	10 December	2008 Year 8 Sign Up Year 9 Careers Program Begins
	Tuesday	11 December	2008 Year 9 Sign Up Year 9 Peer Support Program
	Thursday	13 December	Year 9 Peer Support Program
	Friday	14 December	Year 9 Peer Support Program Finishes Year 7/8 Classes last day
<b>11</b>	Monday	17 December	Activities Program VCE Results available to students
	Tuesday	18 December	Activities Program Presentation Night
	Wednesday	19 December	Activities Program Students Dismissed 1.15pm for School Holidays
	Thursday	20 December	Environment Day
	Friday	21 December	Environment Day