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## Warrandyte High School

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## Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

**Tuesday 21 November**  
Valedictory Dinner – 7pm Karralyka Theatre

**Wednesday 22 November**  
Year 7 Sports Gala Day

**Wednesday 22 November**  
Taking the Challenge City Experience

**Saturday 25 November**  
Great Victorian Bike Ride departs

**Monday 27 November**  
Year 12 (2018) Transition week

**Monday 27 November**  
Year 11 (2018) Transition week 1

**Thursday 30 November**  
Year 8 Sports Gala day

DECEMBER

**Friday 1 December**  
Year 11 Final Assembly

**Thursday 7 December**  
China 2018 Information Night for current Year 7-9 students



**Principal:** Dr Stephen Parkin  
**Assistant Principal:** Joseph Caruana  
**School Captains:**  
Vivien Todd and James Puls-Welsh



From the Assistant Principal

### The 2017 WARRANDYTE HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

The Warrandyte High School annual Art Show officially opened on November 2 with School Council President, Lynn Dyason, formally acknowledging the students' impressive achievements. The 2017 Warrandyte High School Captain, James Puls-Welsh, also addressed the opening night crowd. James made a boat and spoke about how a year of VCE Product Design and Technology can take over your life – in a good way!

An engaging collection of imaginative and poignant art work illuminated the DLC at Warrandyte High School. The artists and designers are VCE 2017 Warrandyte High School students of Studio Arts, Design Technology, Visual Communication Design and Multimedia.

The art pieces were the culmination of many weeks of dedicated work. The students established an ongoing connectedness to art and the work itself was realisation of their developing confidence through the simple act of perseverance.

The Art Show is when the year's focus for VCE Art and Technology students reaches its zenith. The grand opening was well attended by parents, grandparents, students, friends and teachers.

To the students of 2018 we look forward to the mesmerising work you will generate – the bar has certainly been set very high!

**Valedictory Dinner – 2017** – this extravaganza is occurring on Tuesday November 21! What excitement! The Class of 2017! Full details next edition!

### China 2018 Experience

December 7, Thursday at 6pm! An information night for all parents and students currently in

Year 7, 8 and 9 interested in our China 2018 Experience! This life changing opportunity is available to all students who will be in Year 8, 9 or 10 in 2018! This experience will incorporate sightseeing in cities like Shanghai and Beijing, attending classes at our Sister School in China, experiencing life as a university student also! Come and learn more about this amazing opportunity on the night! Venue: the DLC!

### Bushfire Emergency Management Evacuation Drill

A highly successful whole school Bushfire Alert and Evacuation Drill took place on November 16. Our Emergency Management procedure was followed effectively. Initially the school was placed in Alert mode, then we entered into evacuation mode. The building that includes the Theatre, gymnasium and administration area is our Shelter in Place area. Staff and students are to be commended for their participation in this important exercise. The debriefing which took place soon after will contribute towards our procedures constantly improving.

### Digital Technology (STEM) at Warrandyte High School

Recently we had the pleasure of hosting students from both Anderson's Creek PS and Warrandyte PS as part of our joint STEM initiative. Our visiting Year 5 students were treated to a lesson in Robotics and Digital Technology! The fun they had! The learning! A huge thank you is extended to our primary school students and teachers who were awesome! A big thank you is also extended to our amazing Digital Technology teachers here at the high school.

### Visiting Primary Schools

We are currently visiting Grade 6 students across a plethora of different primary schools, all of whom will be commencing with us next year

## Maths/Science News

Our Year 10 Maths and Science students have completed another solid semester of work, and are now preparing for their exams on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November. These exams are an important part of the student's preparation for VCE exams, with many students already involved in at least one Year 11 exam this year. The classroom teachers guide the students in how to study effectively, summarise the course and complete an exam in the time given.

Our Year 11 and 12 students are already deep in their exam period, with some Year 12 students already finishing their exams. It can be a particularly stressful time for our students, and all the teachers work closely with the students to help them through. Here are some useful tips to remember as parents to help our kids get through this demanding time:

- Help organise a quiet study space at home
- Encourage study sessions with friends in a non-distracting environment
- Remind them to take regular breaks, and get some exercise
- Encourage them to snack on healthy food, and to get enough sleep

**Robbie Gedge**  
PLTT Leader

## Library news



Local author, Barbara Gaskell Denvil is launching her latest book in the Bannister's Muster series at the Eltham library on Saturday 2 December. If you enjoy reading about wizardry, magic and travelling through time this is the series for you.

Barbara has kindly donated a copy of her book to our school library... so get in quick to borrow this entertaining read.

### Makerspace events:

During December the library will be offering makerspace activities at lunchtimes so that you can get a head start on your Christmas gifts, cards and decorations .... Everyone appreciates a handmade gift.

**Judy Steel**  
Library Leader

in Year 7. Between myself and our Middle School Leaders: we are visiting in-coming students in many schools including: Warrandyte Primary, Anderson's Creek Primary, Wonga Park Primary, Pantom Hill PS, Warranwood Primary, Kalinda PS and Croydon Hill PS – just to name a few! Our incoming Year 7 students will spend the day with us on December 12- this will be their official Orientation Day!

### Year 11 and 12 (2017) Transition

Transition in the senior school is about to begin with Year 12 (2018) students undertaking one week of transition commencing Monday November 27 and Year 11 (2018) students participating in two weeks of transition classes also commencing on Monday November 27. This is designed to give our 2018 VCE students a useful head start!

Year 10 students (2017) who will be undertaking a VCE subject next year are also taking part in our exciting Head Start program. During this time VET classes, internal and external, are not being run. All students will receive compulsory summer time homework which will be due during the first week of Term 1 next year. It is strongly recommended that students who

miss any component of our Head Start/Transition program email their teachers prior to the end of the year to receive the essential work they need!

### School Packages and Student Movement

Exceedingly soon most students at Years 7-11 will receive their re-enrolment packages for 2018. This will include useful information concerning uniform, laptops, text books etc...

If your child is not returning to Warrandyte High School in 2018 please notify the General Office by phone or via email via Compass. This is essential, not only because the appropriate paper work needs to be completed but also because we are currently turning away potential enrolments at specific year levels which are currently full.

### End of Year Assemblies

The dates and times for the end of year assemblies are as follows:

- Year 11: Friday Dec 1 at 2.30pm
- Year 10: Friday December 8 at 2.30pm
- Year 7-9: Wednesday December 20 at 2pm

**Joseph Caruana**  
Assistant Principal

## ELC Students Visit Healesville Sanctuary

The English Language Centre students have been out and about again! They recently spent a day at Healesville Sanctuary viewing a variety of Australian animals. Having a chance to get up close to Australian native animals was an exciting experience. One of their favourite animals was the extremely rare Pygmy Possum. Students were lucky enough to be given a special viewing and feeding session of this highly endangered mammal.

Students have been studying Indigenous culture in class and this was enhanced at the sanctuary by seeing a canoe tree, trying on possum cloaks and hats, and by learning to recognize flora and fauna which Indigenous people use to live off the land.

The excursion provided English Language Centre students with a rare opportunity whilst they are in Australia to experience



the Australian native environment. Some students also commented on how pure the air was in Healesville and on what a beautiful, scenic drive we had through the Yarra Valley on their way there and back, providing them with yet more opportunities to see and learn about Victoria.

**Wendy Tziotis**  
English Language Teacher



Following their success in term 3 the Year 7 girls and Year 8 boys hockey teams progressed through to represent the division at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals. Both teams went in to the day knowing they were going to be challenged and were going to have to step up and work as a team.

The Year 8 boys were put under pressure having 2 goals scored against them early in the first half. To the boys credit they regrouped and started to play some more defensive hockey which enabled them to challenge the opposition in offense. This led to the boys narrowly missing a few scoring opportunities whilst also not conceiving any further goals. Their 2nd game was up against another strong team. The boys however never gave up and continued to work as a team. Whilst they didn't come away with a win the most impressive part of the day was how the boys conducted themselves. Even the umpires made special comment on how impressed they were with the boys' perseverance and teamwork. Congratulations to all the boys involved.

Following the boys competition the Year 7 girls had their opportunity to perform at the higher level. For many of the girls this was the first time they had played competitive hockey yet this did not deter them. In all 3 games the girls worked hard, listened to instructions and used the competition as a real learning experience to enable them to develop their skills and game play. The girls represented the school with pride and demonstrated the school values at all times. Congratulations to all the girls involved and I look forward to seeing them develop over the years. A special thank you goes out to Oscar Mitchell and Ethan Buchanan from year 8 who coached the girls on the day. They demonstrated natural leadership and coaching abilities and their insight on the day was greatly appreciated.

The final team to represent the school at Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals was the Year 8 Boys volleyball team. The boys went into the day a player down however this only spurred them on to work more as a team. Their first game was against Ringwood where the boys started strong with some strong serves and great defensive work eventually winning 2 - 0. Their second game was up against past champions Kew. This however did not intimidate the boys. Even being a player down the boys went in

positive and committed to play their best. The first set was tightly contested with the boys eventually winning the first set. This took the game into the second set where both teams stepped up both offensively and defensively. Neither team could make a break with the second set being decided by end of time. When time ran out the Warrandyte boys were up 19 to 18 and as a result the boys won the game 2-0.

The boys were extremely pleased with their efforts and took the momentum into the 3rd game against Glen Waverley which they had to win to secure a place in the finals. This is exactly what they did winning 2-0. This meant the boys progressed through to the finals against an unbeaten Rowville.

The boys played their best volleyball of the day and pushed their opposition to the very end. Unfortunately the boys did not win the final however being runners up is a huge accomplishment. We congratulate Brady Poole, Jeremy Broad, Jacob Broad, Lachlan Haberfield and Spencer Wilson on their fantastic achievement and look forward to seeing them continue with their volleyball success in the coming years.

## Dance

This year for the first time Dance has been included in the Year 7 - 9 Physical Education curriculum. To expand the students' knowledge of and skills in different Dance formats the Year 8 and 9 students participated in a 2 week hip hop program. This program was run by instructors from street dance studios and enabled students to develop an appreciation for hip hop dancing and the opportunities available to students interested in dance as a form of physical activity. All students took on the challenge of developing their skills and learning both the individual and partner routines. It was also fantastic to see students engaging in an activity that not many had previous experience with and seeing them develop over the 2 weeks.

Congratulations to students for stepping outside their comfort zone and challenging themselves during this experience

**Katie Cook**  
Sport Leader



## Hello Everyone

I have had the best holiday. Went away for a week down to the beach with Jill. I am really getting used to swimming now but the waves do still bother me. I run and play with Quinn and find some very interesting smells. One not so nice experience was when I tried to get into the cow paddock and met with the electric fence. I gave out a yelp and ran away. Jill is hoping that this has taught me a lesson so that I stay close and not wander. It is snake season after all.

I have been on my first train ride with Jill. As I had already been visiting train stations seeing a train pull in and getting on was of no concern to me. The movement and noise of the train did not bother me as I lay at Jill's feet. People did stare at me but I think for all the right reasons.

I have been going into small shopping centres and walking around. I must be doing okay because I get treats. However when we get home I am quite exhausted from all that concentration.

I have also visited a hospital. I was very quiet and kept close to Jill, lying at her feet. The nurses there made quite a fuss of me, which excited me. I am trying to learn to ignore people but it is so hard.

Please keep coming into see me. I am losing my puppy look but I am still gorgeous.

**Love Reggie**

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**KALINDA  
KARNIVAL**  
*Family Fete*

**SAT. 25TH NOV**  
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**11AM - 4PM**

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