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IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Name
22 nd Aug, 2019	Chemistry Ex Unit 4 – Space Science centre
26 th Aug, 2019	Curriculum Day – Pupil free day
28 th Aug, 2019	English/EAL Unit 4 incursion – The Crucible
2 nd Sept, 2019	Chemistry Ex Unit 2 – Space Science centre
4 th Sept, 2019	Y10 - Wild Action incursion
11 th Sept, 2019	Unit 4 Biology Exc – LaTrobe Uni
17 th Sept, 2019	School Council
20 th Sept, 2019	Last Day Term 3
7 th Oct, 2019	Commence Term 4
15 th Oct, 2019	School Council
22 nd Oct, 2019	Y12 Celebration Dinner - Karralyka
30 th Oct, 2019	VCAA Exams commence
4 th Nov, 2019	Unit 2 and Y10 exams commence
5 th Nov, 2019	Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup Day
18 th Nov, 2019	'Flying Start' commences for students undertaking Y11 or Y12 subjects in 2020
19 th Nov, 2019	School Council
20 th Nov, 2019	VCAA Exams finish
29 th Nov, 2019	'Flying Start' finishes

Principal's report

Visions are powerful mental images of what we want to create in the future. They reflect what we care about most, and are harmonious with our values and sense of purpose. The tension we feel from comparing our mental image of a desired future with today's reality is what fuels a vision (Parker, 1990).

Welcome back for Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3 and I look forward to working with our staff and students in making this another productive term, especially in preparing for exams and subject selections. Term 3 is a busy time for all.

It promises to be a busy term with our Year 12 students aiming to complete coursework and begin either studying hard for their end of year exams or putting plans into place for transition to the workforce or further training.

Our Years 8 to 11 students will be selecting subjects and programs for 2020. They need to spend time reading through the subject handbook and speaking to their parents/carers/guardians/advocacy teacher/subject teachers before they make their choices.

Good luck with the rest of the term and make sure that you are keeping up with all the tasks and homework and using your greatest resource, your teachers.

Parent Opinion Survey

The annual Department of Education and Training (DET) Parent Opinion Survey is now closed and I thank all those parents for their contribution.

Curriculum Day Monday 26th August 2019

The school will be holding a Curriculum Day (student free day) on Monday 26th Aug 2019. The day will involve:

- Leadership team working with all staff on the vision and values.
- Cultural Understanding and Safety Training (CUST) for Inner East schools. It is an expectation as part of Marrung that all schools complete CUST training.
- Developing our BHSSC Instructional Model.

Principal School Tours

I will continue to conduct a school tour every Wednesday for prospective families wishing to enrol at the college in 2020. I invite all prospective families thinking about changing schools to a more adult environment to join me on a tour as we visit classrooms, talk to teachers and students. Please book a place via our website (www.bhssc.vic.edu.au).

Mark Quinlan
Principal (Acting)

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS INFORMATION

Year 12 - VTAC

VTAC applications are now open and will close on Monday September 30. **It is strongly recommended that all students complete their VTAC application and payment by the end of Term 3.** If students have any concerns regarding their 2020 pathway, please see Frank De Melis in the Library.

Year 10 – Work Experience

Work experience is not compulsory but it is highly recommended that students have the opportunity to work in an area they are interested in.

A Work Experience Arrangement Form must be completed at least one week prior to the student starting work.

The form must be filled in by all parties then forwarded to the Principal for his signature.

If this process is not completed you will not be covered for Workcover or any public liability insurance whilst on the job.

If you require a work experience form please see Frank DeMelis in the library.

Yr 11 VET - Structured Workplace Learning

Students undertaking a Yr 11 VET program in the areas listed below are expected to complete 1 week of work placement in the week of September 16 – 20, 2019.

- Electro-technology (Pre-apprenticeship)
- Building & Construction
- Plumbing
- Landscape Horticulture
- Sport and Recreation

Work placement is strongly recommended by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority for vocational programs. Assessments are usually embedded into structured work placements. If a student does not satisfy the assessment requirements they will not be able to complete their certificate. In addition to this, work placements are a valuable aid to gaining an apprenticeship.

The final date to apply for a work placement is Monday September 9, 2019.

Any student who does not undertake work placement in the week beginning Sept. 16 will be required to attend school for all their normal classes.

Parents/Guardians are requested to assist in organising a suitable work placement. Work Placement forms and assistance are available from the Careers and Pathways Coordinator (Frank DeMelis) who is located in the Library.

VTAC information and applying for SEAS

The College's Careers and Pathways advisor, Frank De Melis ran a VTAC information evening last week, which was followed up with a Year 12 assembly to inform parents and students of the process for applying for courses for further study in 2020. Frank is working with Year 12 Advocacy groups to ensure students are supported through the process of creating a VTAC account and submitting course preferences.

Please see below for the dates and fees for VTAC applications and Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) applications.

Course applications	Open	Close	Fee
Timely applications	5 August (9am)	30 September (5pm)	\$39.00
Late applications	30 September (5.30pm)	1 November (5pm)	\$113.00
Very late applications	1 November (5.30pm)	6 December (5pm)	\$148.00
January applications	3 January 2020 (10am)	21 January 2020 (5pm)	\$58.00
Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS)	Open	Close	Fee
SEAS applications and supporting documentation	5 August (9am)	11 October (5pm)	N/A

Parents and students should read the below information regarding SEAS to determine if an application should be made.

Depending on the category, a SEAS application can take several weeks to complete. This is because some categories require supporting evidence, such as financial evidence or a statement of support from someone who can verify your circumstances. You may be required to get evidence from a health practitioner. This evidence can take a while to collect.

The application may also require you to provide your own description of circumstances and impact statement, which we recommend you make time to draft before submitting.

The categories for SEAS are as follows:

- **Category 1: Personal information and location.** This category includes age, living or school location, under-representation of a particular gender in a course or field of study, recognition as an Indigenous Australian, recognition for being from a non-English speaking background and recognition for being the first in your family to attend tertiary study.
- **Category 2: Disadvantaged financial background**
- **Category 3: Disability or medical condition**
- **Category 4: Difficult circumstances**

Category 4 applies to applicants who have been prevented from reaching their educational potential because of family or other life circumstances. Circumstances already claimed in any other category should not be restated here.

Further information can be found regarding the categories and process for applying for SEAS at the following VTAC page: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas/applying.html>

If students require guidance with a SEAS application they should speak to Andrea Wood, Teagan Cavill or Andrea Foster in Student Services.

VCAL students get responsible!

VCAL Senior (Year 12) students recently undertook a Responsible Service of Alcohol Course. The four hour program gave students a clear understanding of the requirements and expectations for the service of alcohol in the Hospitality Industry. All students who participated successfully completed the course and now have an additional qualification to assist them to gain part-time or transitional employment. Well done.

VCAL at BHSSC

The College is offering a VCAL Intermediate (Year 11) and VCAL Senior (Year 12) program in 2020. Please refer to the additional information provided in this edition of Contact. All interested students are asked to submit their *VCAL Application Form 2020* by Friday 23rd of August.

Catherine Manning
VCAL Coordinator
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VCAL Senior 2020 - Selection Process

Currently all Yr 10 and 11 students are undergoing subject selection for next year. Students at BHSSC have the choice of completing one of two certificates, the VCE or the VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning).

The VCE is a good option for students who would like to go on to further education at university. If students choose VCAL instead of the VCE, they will gain practical experience and 'employability' skills to go onto further training in the workplace or at a TAFE.

Can I get into university if I successfully complete the VCAL?

If students are considering entering university straight from school, VCAL is probably not the best choice. Students planning to go straight into university usually follow VCE programs which allow them to gain an ATAR score from the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

Students studying a VCAL program who decide that they might be interested in going on to university, should check with a careers counsellor because some universities will consider students with a VCAL Senior (year 12) certificate for admission.

Entry straight from school is not the only route into university. Some people study a vocational education and training (VET) course at TAFE while working, perhaps leading to a Diploma or Advanced Diploma, and then decide that they would benefit from a university course. VCAL would be a good start along this pathway.

What will my learning program look like at BHSSC?

The VCAL's flexibility enables students to study a program that combines VET, VCAL, VCE studies and structured work-placement in an individual learning plan that supports their chosen pathway.

Selection Process

All interested Year 10 and 11 students must complete a *VCAL Application for 2020 form* available from the Coordinator's office, Advocates or Cath Manning.

Closing Date: Expressions of Interest close Friday 23rd August 2019.

Further Information is available from the Coordinator's office or contact Catherine Manning.

Legal Studies



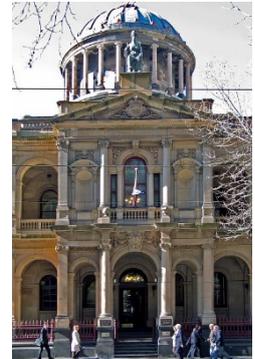
On July 18, the Year 11 Legal Studies class went on an excursion to the CBD to see how our legal system works in real-life. At the County Court of Victoria, Judge David Brookes gave the class a comprehensive insight into the work of judges, his legal career and some key points about criminal law. We were lucky to be allowed to hear an hour of evidence in a fascinating Armed Robbery case (admittedly, the dog handler's evidence seemed more relatable than the DNA evidence)! This case was one of the first cases in the County Court to use Ipads to view evidence, which was exciting.

After a break for lunch we went to the Supreme Court. What a different vibe! While the County Court is more office block than court house, more steel and glass than stone, the Supreme Court is a different story. Built as an imposing cathedral to the importance of the law as the state's highest court, with its' domed roof, blue stone walls, corridors and stately columns it is certainly an imposing building. It was built in an era when the court wanted to intimidate those accused of serious crimes with the judge looking down on the court, framed by darkly ornate timber.

We held a mock trial, where all students had a role. The unfairly accused innocent 'criminal' in the dock was somehow found guilty.

We then had a chance to observe the real thing – a murder trial. The accused had been found guilty and the court was concerned with sentencing submissions. So we heard a master class in the considerations in sentencing in comparable cases of murder. Seeing a person being led in by security, handcuffed and knowing that they were headed for a lengthy stint in jail was compelling.

The class had a great experience which they made the most of and which brought to life many aspects of their legal studies.



Damian Lynch

Teacher - Legal Studies and Business Management

PE News

On the last day of term 2, Friday June 28, the year 12 PE students met at Deakin Uni's school of exercise and sport science at 8am to participate in a 2 hour Lab: Kinematics of movement: Resistance training.

Students instructed, performed, and analysed several foundational resistance training exercises such as the squat and the bench press. Kinematics of movement was explored using the latest GymAware software. Students evaluated the vertical jump performance of fellow class members using portable force plates, and assess the effects of vibration training on vertical jump performance.



Sport News

Netball

Both terms 2 and 3 have been very busy for the students within our netball academy. The girls trained hard in order to put their best foot forward for the 2019 International Netball Tournament held at the Waverley Netball Centre. The girls played some great netball over the four day tournament and ended up in 5th position out of 21 competing schools from around Australia and Internationally. That is a fantastic effort by the girls and their coaches, Lauren and Rob, who gave up four days of the school holidays to attend this elite tournament. A special thank you also goes to Lynden Fielding for attending this event, as without her presence, the girls would have been unable to compete.. Also a big thank you to Marilyn Eaton for her and her daughters support throughout the tournament. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents who came along to support their daughters.

The girls also recently took part in the Netball Victoria Schools Championship and have their Regional Competition coming up for SSV this Friday. We wish them all the best.

Well done to all the girls involved for a successful campaign in 2019.

Basketball

This time of year is always busy with basketball and once again the results are excellent. Both the senior boys and girls number one teams won the Victorian College Championship with the 2nd teams runners up.

This week the senior boys and girls first teams won EMR and are through to the State Finals. At the same time the Intermediate boys joined the Intermediate girls in winning through to the Champions Cup Elite 8 and both first Intermediate teams won through to EMR. At district level, over seven teams represented our school in a fantastic display of sportsmanship and quality basketball. Congratulations to all students who represented the school with such a positive and fun attitude.

A special mention should be made of the fact that Box Hill SSC basketballers featured on the front page of the Whitehorse Leader, followed by a full colour report on page 14. This feature article highlighted the excellence of the basketball, and sports programs at BHSSC.



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Basketball at Box Hill - where more than 120 students have been offered US scholarships, nine Basketball Vic Championship cups have been won over the last 15 years, three students (2018) just competed for AU at the U19

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Finally, we recently had a return of some of our most successful basketball student athletes talking about College Basketball and balling with the senior boys.

A warm welcome home to BHSSC was extended to the following basketball alumni:

Michael Wearne - Saint Rose, New York.

Bryson Norris - Eltham Wildcats Youth team

Jackson Hall - Eltham Wildcats Youth team

Daniel Akuei - Northwest Community College formerly Nunawading Vikings.

Instagram News

Yr11 Student Saige Fletcher released her first single on Sat 3/8 at the 'Wesley Anne' in Northcote. Her superb performance delighted the packed venue. Saige was accompanied by BH students Finn Callanan, Rachel Hoch



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Congrats to Britney Gutknecht on her invitation to the AFL Combine. Brit is one of 45 players AU wide to be selected! #thisgirlcanvic @afiw_carlton @afiwomens @nthknights #afiwomens @paulhamerrmp

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BH Yr12 Psychology students as part of their SAC are studying - Exposure to rosemary can boost your memory, or is lavender better???? Our Yr10's were part of the experiment #boxhill #students #psychologyfacts #vcepsychology

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BH's Mitch Thomas is in the US travelling with 'World Baseball Showcases' & is currently on the West Coast playing tournaments in Eureka CA & Port Angeles WA. Mitch's Colts 🇺🇸 team will then head to Bakersfield CA

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Chemical Reactions! Join our yr 10's in the science lab - Precipitation Reactions or Not ?????!! #boxhill #sciencestudents #sciencefun #students #vcstudents

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Waverley Netball Centre International Schools NB Championships. Final day, BHSSC Girls won both playoffs against Blackwood HS (SA) & Tenison Woods College (SA). Well played to all. Congrats Rob, Lauren & Girls on

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