



ST ALBANS
SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Calendar - 2015

June

Mon 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE YR 9 CAREERS FAST TRACK STAGE 3 Year Level Assemblies (7-9) Yr 12 VCAL I-Track Face to Face all day GH Yr 9 PE Elec Laser Skirmish P3&4
Tue 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE YR 9 CAREERS FAST TRACK STAGE 3 Yr 9 Choices - Nindethana Yr 12 REV3 Chinatown Visit & Shandong Mama Restaurant P5&6 KPA
Wed 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE YR 9 CAREERS FAST TRACK STAGE 3 Yr 11 VCAL PDS Health 101 P5&6 LK MAC Rehearsals - Dancers
Thu 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE YR 9 CAREERS FAST TRACK STAGE 3 MAC Rehearsals - Dancers
Fri 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE YR 9 CAREERS FAST TRACK STAGE 3 Yr 11 100 days VCE/VCAL success Term 2 Ends

From the Principal Class Team.....

Dear Parents and Guardians

Staff have been busy writing End of Semester Reports over the last few days and they will, for the first time in the school's history, be posted on the school's Parent Portal. Parents will be able to view electronic copies of their child's semester report. Reports will be available at the end of term 2.

Ms Dowsley on leave

As stated in our last newsletter the School Principal Ms Kerrie Dowsley will be on leave for the last 2 weeks of this term and the first 2 weeks of Term 3. In her absence Mr Ian Crocker will be Acting Principal and Mr Louis Turner will be Acting Assistant Principal. Mr Turner has previously been a Leading Teacher in Teaching & Learning at the school and he is warmly welcomed to the PCO Team

We wish Ms Dowsley a well-earned break and a safe trip.

Farewells

Three members of our staff are reluctantly moving on and we wish them all the best and thank them for their contributions to our school, the students and the wider community.

Allie McArthur was appointed to the position of our Individual Needs Coordinator at the start of 2015 after filling the role of the visiting speech pathologist in previous years. Allie is a very motivated person and her attention to detail and proactive management of the area has contributed significantly to the high quality support students, and the parents of those students, involved in this program receive. Her positive manner and commitment to our students are just two of her outstanding characteristics that will be sadly missed. We wish her the best for her future endeavours and thank her for the great work she has done for our school.



Ms Allie McArthur & Mr Seijiro Nishioka

Andrew Pitman is an instrumental teacher who has been working with our students whilst our regular instrumental guitar teacher has been on leave. Andrew's position will transfer back to Mr Sam Agostino when he returns next term. On behalf of the staff, students and broader school community I would like to thank Andrew for the support, encouragement and expertise he has brought to this important area of the school's music program. We wish him well for his future.

Seijiro Nishioka has had a number of roles at the school in replacing staff on leave. He has an amazing capacity to change roles and continue to provide our students with high quality teaching and development opportunities.

Seijiro has been a strong participant in the development of plans to redesign the school's art rooms in 2015/16 and his Japanese lessons are always innovative and exciting. Students and staff will miss him and I join them in wishing him every success in his education career.

Work Experience – 15 to 26 June

Year 10 students are out on Work Experience for the last 2 weeks of Term 2 and this is an excellent opportunity for students to engage in a real life experience, develop an understanding of work and appreciate what it takes to become a valued and productive member of the workforce. It is also an ideal opportunity for students to try a particular field of work to see if it is something they would be interested in pursuing as a career.

Many thanks to our Middle Coordination Team, MIPS/Careers staff and teaching staff for their contributions to making Work Experience the valuable program it is.



Year 10 Work Experience Students,
Left to right - Timoci, Mario & Taani with Mr Tony Gavrilovski



What's been happening at SASC...Principal Class Report

Nepal Earthquake Fundraiser

The devastating earthquakes near Nepal's capital city of Kathmandu claimed more than 8,000 lives, caused thousands of injuries, and destroyed homes, ancient sites and infrastructure. The people of Nepal are still in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

Our excellent and compassionate team of VCAL students, in partnership with OXFAM, led a huge fundraising drive at the school by organising a variety of activities this term. These included an out of uniform day, a staff lunch and a table tennis competition.

The school has raised more than \$1000 in support of the Nepal Earthquake relief fund. The funds will help provide more lifesaving emergency aid like clean water, sanitation, medical care and shelter.

Thank you to all staff and students for their generous donations and support of this very worthy cause.

House Table Tennis Tournament

The tables have been folded, the nets put away and the sound of bat on ball has stopped but what a great event it was. The Annual House Table Tennis Tournament saw plenty of exciting action as the students proudly played off for the champion's title and bonus points for their house colour. There was a special theme for this year's tournament as the money raised from the entry fee was donated to the victims of the Nepal earthquake.

The successful students were:



Edward Huang 7/8 - SASC boys table tennis champion 2015
Yvonne Chan 7/8 - SASC girls table tennis champion 2015



Dominic Lay 9/10 - SASC boys table tennis champion 2015
Christina Said 9/10 - SASC girls table tennis champion 2015



Paris Guanzon 11/12 - SASC boys table tennis champion 2015
Michelle Pho 11/12 - SASC girls table tennis champion 2015

The Year Level Champions will be announced at assemblies this term and we look forward to upcoming house events next term.

Parent Portal News

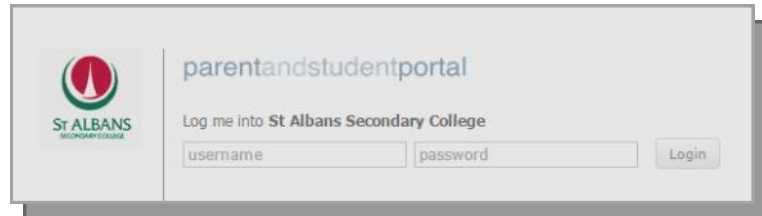
The parent portal will be upgraded shortly. We hope to be able to commence payments for Fees and Excursions electronically soon after this.

As you would be aware, there are assessment results for some subjects already available on the portal. We are awaiting an upgrade to the teacher side of the system in order for all staff to be able to do this. Further information to follow. In the meantime, all progress reports, available on the portal, have an assessment grade included.

For the first time, Semester 1 reports will no longer be printed and mailed home. They will be available online through the portal. Please ensure you are able to log in to be able to view the reports. An SMS will be sent home when the reports have been added to the portal, which will be during the last week of term.

If you need assistance to login, or have lost your login details, please contact the General Office on 9366 2555.

Website details: <https://portal.stalbanssc.vic.edu.au/>



A Great Partnership

For the past 15 months St Albans Secondary College has been an active member of the Brimbank Proactive Police Unit. This coalition of the Brimbank Police and local Primary and Secondary schools meets monthly to discuss ways of supporting our communities and keeping our students safe. The police provide free cyber-safety talks for schools, free security checks for school premises and up to date advice on how we can keep our students and members of the wider community safe from crime.

At our most recent meeting the police highlighted that theft of personal belongings from cars is at a very high rate at the moment. It is a common and serious crime and we urge our community members to practice some simple things to protect themselves and their belongings:

- Never leave your car unlocked no matter how long you think you will be away from your vehicle.
- Do not leave personal belongings in clear view of someone looking in the window.
- Don't leave mobile phones or other digital devices on car seats when the car is unoccupied.

Place items in the boot of the car in preference to inside the cabin.

For community members wanting to keep up with services provided by the Victoria Police, from missing persons to installation of security screws on number plates (Safe Plate Days), please log on to the internet address below.

<https://www.facebook.com/eyewatchbrimbankpsa>

The school values our association with the Brimbank Proactive Police Unit and believes that they have made a positive impact on the school providing a safe and supportive environment for staff, students and our broader school community.



What's been happening at SASC...Principal Class Report

BYOD Program

The BYOD Program at the school has gone from strength to strength since its introduction at the start of the year. Over 80% of our students in Years 7 & 8 have their own device. The school has specially trained staff who are working with the teachers to explore the use of technology in deepening student learning and improving learning outcomes. There is a genuine excitement from students in finding new ways of researching an idea/topic and sharing that knowledge with others.

Several staff have just returned from an EDUTECH Conference which is the largest Technology conference in the southern hemisphere and they have brought back with them many exciting new ideas that our students will benefit from.

If you haven't purchased a device for your child as yet please make it a priority as the school expectation is that all students will have a digital device to support their work. The skills that students learn from using the devices are vital for their ability to work and be successful in the future.

If there are reasons why you cannot purchase a device at this time please advise the school by contacting Mr Ian Crocker/Mr Louis Turner on 9366-2555. We want all students to have a device so that they can participate in this bright new future.



And finally....

We hope the 2 week break is an enjoyable one for all our school community members. Please be safe and we look forward to returning to school on Monday 13 July and beginning another productive and rewarding school term.



Acting Principal: Mr Ian Crocker
Assistant Principals: Mr Craig Jennings, Ms Losh Pillay and Acting Assistant Principal Mr Louis Turner



What's been happening at SASC...Local Newspaper Reports

Brimbank Star Weekly



STUDENT MENTORS: The Smith Family has launched an iTrack program in Brimbank. The iTrack initiative matches students, such as Elmira, Andrew and Dung, in secondary schools with adult mentors from a range of professions. The volunteer mentors give students advice, guidance and encouragement on future career and study paths. The students communicate with their mentors via a monitored internet site. Last week students from St Albans Secondary College started chatting to their iTrack mentors.



Reynold Nguyen and Linda Nguyen with artist Le Phu.

Picture: STEVE TANNER

Kinship exhibit on show

AN EXHIBITION celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Vietnamese community settling in Australia was launched in St Albans last week.

The Vietnamese Community in Australia – Victorian Chapter organised the creative showcase to mark four decades since the end of the Vietnam War, when many Vietnamese refugees came to Australia.

The mobile exhibition will travel through municipalities to increase understanding of, and support for, a multicultural Australia.

The art show's launch in St Albans came about in partnership with the Brimbank Council, St Albans Secondary College and with support from the Archive for Vietnamese Boat People Inc.

The Vietnamese Community in Australia – Victorian Chapter's commissioner for youth and culture, Giang Nguyen, said many people had spent months organising the exhibition.

"We do believe it's a good opportunity for us to share out stories with the younger generation," she said.

"Australia is a multicultural country, it's good to share these things."

Ms Nguyen said the exhibition's themes included what Vietnamese citizens went through before and after the war, the contribution of the Australian Army to the Vietnam War and the support and assistance of Australians embracing Vietnamese refugees.

This week, during International Refugee Week, the exhibition will be on show at VU at MetroWest, 138 Nicholson St, Footscray from June 16 – 21.

What's been happening at SASC

Write4fun Competition

Teachers are happy to announce the wonderful results of the Write4fun competition. The competition is open to school students nationwide, and this year received 12,000 short story and poetry entries. Year 7 extension students participated in the contest and each received a certificate of participation. Four students, however, also deserve a special mention, as they received an excellence award. Congratulations Dea Vidovic, Kathryn Chenh, Yvonne Dang and Sophia Chen.

Ms Jill Donaldson
Teacher English and Humanities



Dea Vidovic



Kathryn Chenh



Yvonne Dang



Sophia Chen

Literacy Book Competition for Education Week

We had great entries come in from Junior school, Middle school and staff and you can find them on display throughout the school. Take the time to read them as you pass by and appreciate the time, effort and talent that has gone into them all.

And now, drum roll please.....

Winning Entries

Junior School – Mathilda from 7G (Buttrose) on Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets J.K Rowling

Middle School – Danya Halefom from 10C (Rosewall) on the trilogy Matched, Crossed, Reached A. Condie

Senior School – no entries

Staff – Marion Mortimer (Freeman) on The Lorax Dr. Seuss.

Congratulations to all!

Please see Ms Pillay for your prize!

Ms Tania De Silva
Visual & Performing Arts
Literacy Coach



Mathilda Van Keulen



Danya Halefom



What's been happening at SASC

French Poetry Competition (Alliance Francaise de Melbourne)

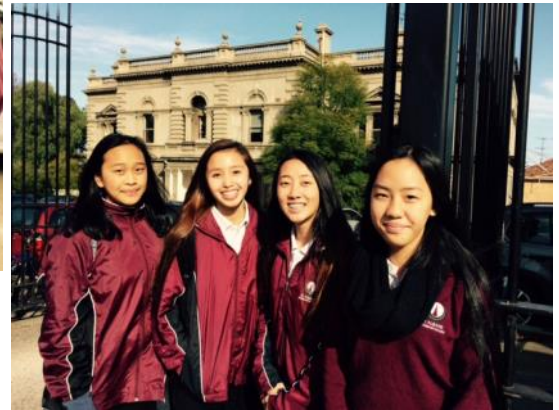
Le 9 Juin, les étudiants de année 9 et 10 sont allés à St Kilda participer à l' Alliance Française de Melbourne. Quand nous sommes arrivés, un par un nous avons recite poèmes. Après nous avons fini nos poèmes, nous avons visité un café français chocolat. " Cacao" a st Kilda. Le café avait beaucoup de gâteaux, de biscuits et de bonbons français. Quand nous sommes parti s le café français, les professeurs ont donné les étudiants les temps libres voir South Bank.

Helen Tran & Yen Tran 10E

Year 9 and 10 students attended the Alliance and recited a poem. They were judged by an adjudicator and are competing against students from other schools in Victoria. The students had been rehearsing for a couple of months and performed well. They went to a French Chocolate shop and Patisserie in St Kilda called "Cacao" and were fascinated by all the delicacies. Results of the completion will be known in July. The students presented themselves well in the city and we were very proud of them.

Merci bien.

Madame Honeycombe
French Teacher



Years 10-12 New Caledonia Trip 2016

The college is proposing a 7 night trip to New Caledonia in the last week of Term 2, 2016. The primary purpose of the trip is to give students an opportunity to practise their spoken French in an authentic setting. However, students not studying French are also welcome to attend. For more information on New Caledonia go to: <http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/new-caledonia/Pages/new-caledonia.aspx>

If you are interested in finding out more about this trip, please contact Patricia Herr on 9366 2555 or herr.patricia.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

The cost of the trip will depend on how many students attend but it is projected at \$ 2,400 including flights, accommodation (hotel + homestay) and some meals. Payments will be made in instalments to allow for budgeting.



Ms Patricia Herr
LOTE Coordinator





What's been happening at SASC

Debating

The debating team participated in their fourth debate at Mercy College on Wednesday the 3rd of June. The year ten team consisting of Karman Bhinder, Danya Halefom and Lani Nguyen debated against East Preston Islamic College and they won the debate by one point. The topic was 'That we should only imprison violent offenders'. Danya Halefom was awarded best speaker. A special thank you goes to Lani Nguyen of year 9 for filling in with very short notice.

The year 9 teams also performed well on Wednesday evening; their topic was, 'That music is the most important form of art. Team 1 consisting of Phung Tran, Rachel Pinto and Shani Nguyen debated against Santa Maria 2 and they won by two points. Shani Nguyen was awarded best speaker. Team 2 debated against Princes Hill Secondary College and were defeated by 3 points. Hannah McEniery, Hayley Webb and Laura Van Keulen performed very well. Team 3 were also defeated by a narrow margin of 2 points against Santa Maria 3. Nakita Lee, Anna Le and Kellie Phan did a great job.

A special thank you goes to Mr Ian Crocker for driving the bus and Ms Avril Good for coaching and supporting the teams.

Also, some very exciting news, Danya Halefom of Year 10, has been selected to participate in a debating training squad. She has been identified as a debater with great potential and the Debating Association have offered her a great opportunity to be a part of the squad and participate in training sessions. Congratulations Danya!

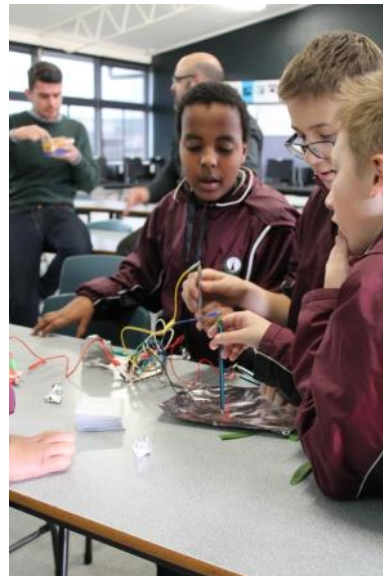
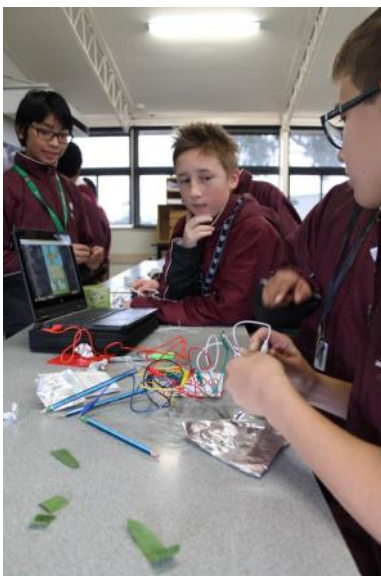
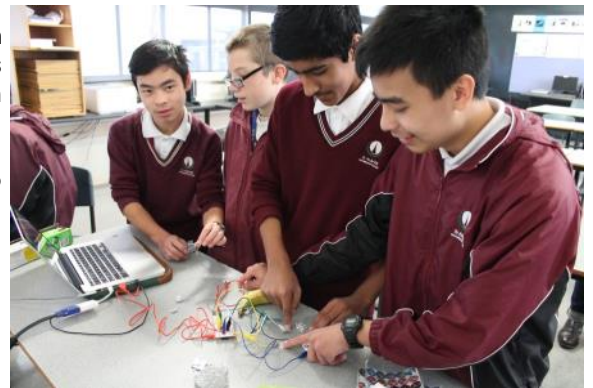
Ms Nicole Carbonaro
Debating Coordinator



Makers Club

Makers Club operates according to the belief that *everyone* can be an inventor. Participants are provided with cutting edge technology such as arduino boards, Makey Makeys, Little Bits and Scratch to create their own inventions. A competition will be running in Semester Two for students with the culmination to be a Makers' Fair where the most impressive creation will win its creator an iPad Air. Everyone is welcome to attend Makers' Club and enter the competition.

Mr Louis Turner
Digital Learning Leader



What's been happening at SASC

GENE TECHNOLOGY ACCESS CENTRE (GTAC) EXCURSION YEAR 9 EXTENSION SCIENCE BIOLOGY

By Ling Sun and Alana Nguyen

Our Extension Science class travelled to the city with Ms Cassar and Ms Mair on the 15th of May 2015, to participate in a "DNA and Forensics" program at GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre), University High School to complement our unit of work on genetics.

At GTAC, the MU (Melbourne University) science mentors and MU scientists organised a variety of "hands on" activities for us to apply our knowledge of inheritance, genetics, DNA and blood typing to real life scenarios.

We explored testing procedures and used advanced scientific equipment and materials such as blood reactants, metrical pipettes, an electrophoresis conduit box, UV light boxes to observe STR strands.

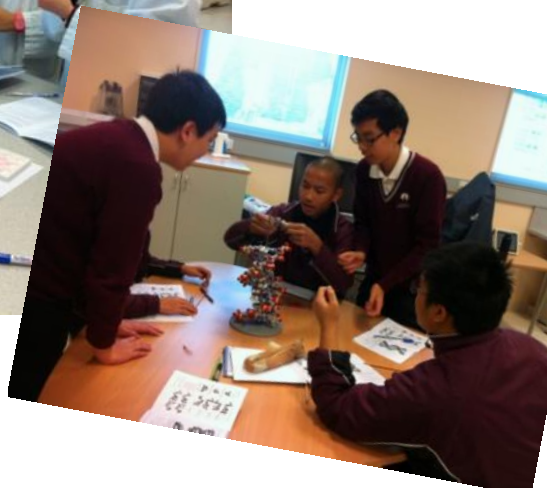
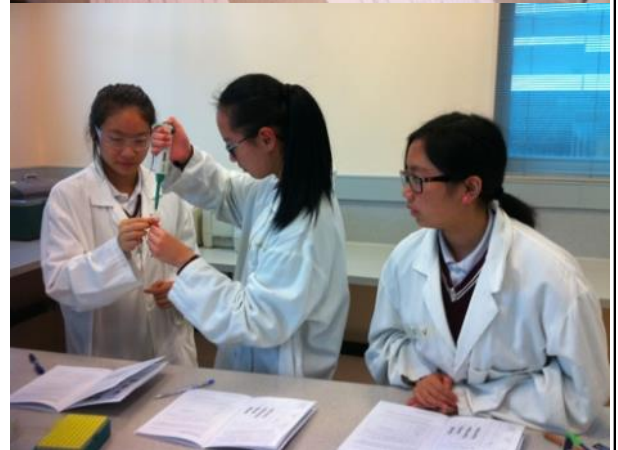
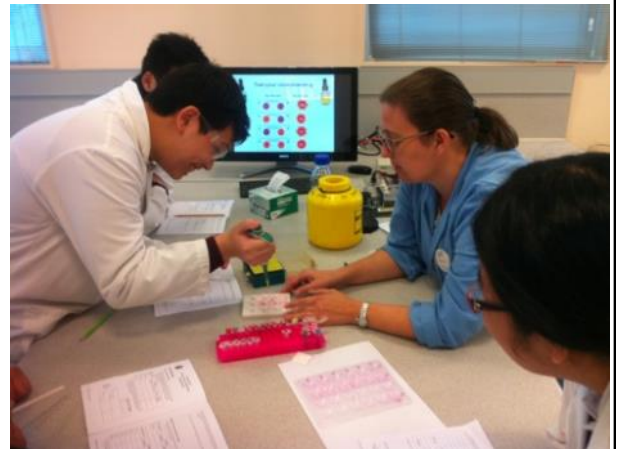
In one activity we acted as forensic scientists and applied our knowledge of genetics to solve a murder case. We examined trace evidence to determine if an unknown substance is blood; eliminated suspects; and prepared DNA profiles using gel electrophoresis.

Our MU science mentors showed us how to collect and test the synthetic blood samples, as well as how to read STR strands and hence, solve the murder mystery scenarios provided.

We learnt how to use the equipment correctly, as well as gain further knowledge about the double helix structure by constructing models of DNA molecules.

Overall, the GTAC experience gave us a valuable insight into a working laboratory, and allowed us to develop a greater knowledge of genetics and forensic testing procedures.

It was an enjoyable and memorable experience which has continued to spark our passion for science.





What's been happening at SASC

Year 9 Advance – DUKES Adventurous Journey

The Camp by Taneesha Tauall'i (9B)

On the 18th May, our Year 9 Advance class had a practice hike at Riddells Creek for their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. On the camp, we had the tasks of putting our tents up in small groups, making our own food, putting our tents down the next morning and also supporting and encouraging each other during the ten kilometre hike.

What I learnt:

- Make sure that there were no sticks or rocks underneath the tent.
- It is better to start cooking early as it is difficult to clean in the dark.
- The hike was easier than I expected and it was great how different groups had a chance of leading and to show good teamwork.
- It was fun to play ambush and to stay outside at night.
- Put your backpacks inside the tent – it might rain.

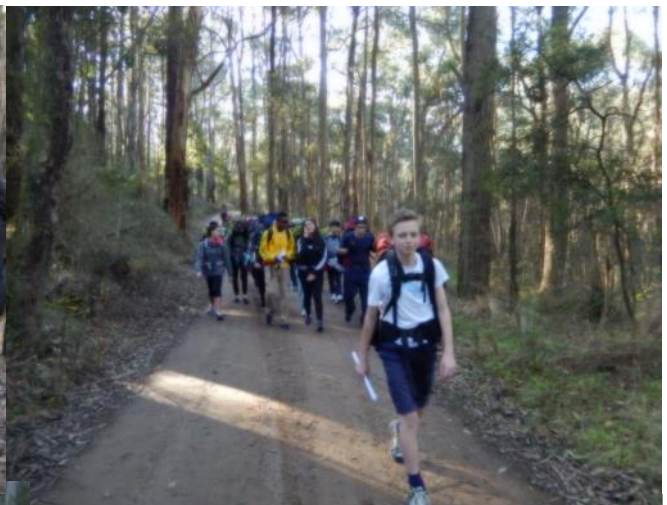
I think it was an amazing time and experience spent with my friends and I really enjoyed it!

The Mt Charlie Hike by Jimmy Vo (9G)

First the hike wasn't bad as we reached the resting points quickly, but as the hike continued, it started to get more tiring and difficult to finish. Although the hike was long and tiring, it gave me a chance to observe the fragile yet amazing bugs and beautiful plants. Towards the end of the hike, I spotted a kangaroo blending in with its surroundings and sadly, a dead snake. Taking off the backpack really made me feel like I was super light and I could jump really high as it took a big weight off my body. Hiking was much more fun than I expected it to be!

Camp reflections by Vinh Nguyen (9B)

The hike met all my expectations - I was excited to be there and it was so amazing like "I couldn't believe I survived that walk"! I can't wait for the next hike at Lorne. We'd like to thank Ms Mortimer, Mr Micallef and Ms Borle for sharing this hike with us and having fun along the way! :)





What's been happening at SASC

40 Years of Settlement The Vietnamese Community in Australia



What's been happening at SASC

VCAL

The senior Year 12 VCAL classes have been very busy with their complex projects over the last few weeks. Here are just some of the things they are up to.

Ms Laura Gough
VCAL Coordinator

VCAL AND VET MUSIC MEET THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On the 9th of June my group (Andrew, Elmira, Dung and I) took some students from Mr Orchard's VET music class to travel with us to St Albans Primary School. We travelled there by the school bus along with the trailer for the music equipment. Mr Crocker was our bus driver and the teacher who accompanied us and helped set up the music equipment was Mr Orchard. We left the school grounds at 1:00pm and started performing at the primary school at 2:30pm.

When we arrived we got the music equipment set up in their hall. Then at 2:30 we started to get the first group to perform who were called "Lux Harmony" which Andrew featured in along with another group called "Mr Orchard's music class". Andrew did a solo of Titanium. While Mr Orchard's music class performed "Rude" and other sets of songs. We performed to the grade 5 and 6's. They loved the performance and sang along to the songs they knew.

Mickayla Jeanes



LUNG CANCER INFORMATION SESSION

On Wednesday Year 12 students were given the opportunity to learn more about Lung Cancer (one of the leading killers of Australians) in a presentation given by Mary Duffey, a Cancer patient nurse from Peter Mac Hospital. She spoke to the Year 12 VCAL class about the need to raise awareness and money for research in to this deadly disease.

Leading this project were Kelly, Nardia, Anastasia and Grace who have so far raised money to go towards this worthy cause. They produced a pamphlet that also gave information about the disease and how it is treated.





What's been happening at SASC

VC DELIGHTS

The goals of VC DELIGHTS are to:

- Provide an alternative to the school canteen where students can purchase their lunch
- Raise the profile of the Year 12 VCAL, class raise funds to go towards the VCAL camp, build teamwork, managerial and leadership skills while learning how to run a successful business.

The students buy, prepare and cook a variety of foods to sell to students each Wednesday at lunch time.



IMMIGRATION MUSEUM & RMIT UNIVERSITY

On Friday the 5th of June 2015, the Year 12 VCAL students went on a full-day excursion to Immigration Museum and RMIT University that was organised by two complex project groups Kayla, Linda, Cindy, Janice and Rosanna.

We all met up at St Albans train station approximately 8:45am. We caught the 9:00am train and got off at Flinders Street station at 9:32am and walked to the Immigration Museum from there (which only took us 10 minutes). The museum was huge, with lots of photographs that were olden European style. We were on one floor which had two separate rooms, Identity Exhibition and Freedom Exhibition. Our host for the day was Alex the program officer. We all sat in the Identity room and listened to her talk about what Immigration Museum is, how immigrants would always talk about their stories/journeys arriving into Australia, explained why people left home, how people came here into Australia by boat, what they do once they have arrived into Australia and then explained about the two exhibition rooms and what they're about. We then spent around 35 minutes in the Identity Exhibition "first impressions" with an activity to do (Identity & Belonging booklet). After that we went to the Freedom Exhibition where it's almost like an art gallery of Andy Drewitt's photographs of people's stories living happily in Australia. After 10 minutes of looking/reading the photos, one of the group members Cindy made a thank-you speech for coming to the excursion and enjoying the time there.



Portrait screen projectors showing two sides of the families showing both their welcoming and unwelcoming sides to the first arrivals in Australia. This is from the Immigration Museum- Identity Exhibition room



Immigration Museum- Freedom Exhibition



What's been happening at SASC

RMIT

We all arrived in front of one of the university's buildings. Connie, our RMIT representative and speaker for the afternoon spoke about a few things: "Today we will be going on a little tour around this building, talk about options and pathways to RMIT, the SNAP (Schools Network Access Program) program, showed us a 30-second video and an overview slideshow/PowerPoint of RMIT. After that, we had two RMIT SNAP champions speaking to us and we got to ask them as many questions about RMIT as we wanted.

The "RMIT Race" begins. This was our activity and tour of the day. It went for 25 minutes and in my group were Michael Tran, Andrew, Charles, Mickayla and I. The race was fun and I wished that it would go longer but we didn't have much time. After the race we met up and Tea's group won. I forget what the prize was. Then Janice, one of the group members made the final thank-you speech and we thanked them for the amazing and interesting excursion we had. We were dismissed with our teachers at 2:43pm, Melbourne Central. We took the 3:00pm train back to St Albans.

Dung Tran



GRIP National Leadership Camp 2015

Would you like to develop valuable leadership skills whilst having enormous fun during the July school holidays? Students in Yr 10-12 are invited to participate in a national leadership camp being held in Sydney, hosted by the GRIP Leadership team. Teenagers from around Australia will be gathering for this 4-day camp from July 7-10. GRIP Leadership is well known for organising Australia's largest student leadership events and helping students reach their potential as a leader. Full details available at www.gripleadership.com.au.

The Uniform Shop is now available for orders online

Parents can now order school uniform via the DCS Uniforms website for online ordering at <http://dcsuniforms.com.au/>

or via the St Albans Secondary College website under the tab 'Uniform Shop' at <http://stalbanssc.vic.edu.au/>

The Uniform Shop Operating Hours at the College are:

Monday 12.15pm to 1.20pm
Thursday 12.15pm to 1.20pm








News from our Sub Schools...

Junior School Report

Junior Sub School: T: 9356 4066

Year Level Coordinators work closely with students, families and teachers to ensure that your child is happy and supported at school. Please contact them if you have any concerns or for any information about your child's progress.

 <p>Ms Lauren Honeycombe - Sub School Leader 7I, 8A, 8I</p>	 <p>Ms Laura Gough - Sub School Coordinator 7C, 7G, 8C, 8G</p>
 <p>Ms Marlene Cassar - Assistant Sub School Leader 7A, 7H, 8H</p>	 <p>Mr Loue Traianou - Sub School Coordinator 7E, 7F, 8E, 8F</p>
 <p>Mr Louis Turner - Sub School Coordinator 7B, 7D, 8B, 8D</p>	 <p>Ms Micki Minogue – Sub School Assistant</p>

INDIGENOUS SPEAKER

On Friday 22nd June Year 7 students had the opportunity to experience two indigenous speakers who explained aboriginal culture and lifestyles. Fred and his son Troy showed some sacred tribal dances; one of them was called the Emu. Some students and teachers got up and joined their dance. Fred showed the audience how to make all kinds of things and we spoke about the tribal meetings. Students found the speaker very educational and the speakers showed us a part of their life and a part of the indigenous people who came before us. A great experience was had by all.



CYBER BUSTERS

Year 8 attended a performance from Class Act on Wednesday 27th June on Cyber Bullying. Here is an outline of the play.

CJ and Jess bump into each other at the park after school. They both agreed to meet someone at the exact same spot at the exact same time. What a pain – they barely know each other except they share the same Maths class. They definitely run in different circles.

When they eventually start talking to each other, they discover each of their dark secrets of cyber bullying and it is revealed, to their mutual dismay, that they have become victims as well as perpetrators!



The play explores all facets of electronic bullying, including:

- Internet
- Emails
- Web Sites
- Social Networking
- Chat Rooms
- Mobile phones
- Text messages

Students enjoyed the play and had follow up activities in their IS classes.

LOCKERS

Please ensure that your child has a lock on their locker. We cannot be held responsible for things taken from unlocked lockers. Also every child must have a spare key lodged with their Learning Manager. Could you also ensure your child's clothing and books are labelled.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are to be turned OFF before entering the school and locked in student's lockers. They are not to be used during school hours. We do not take responsibility for lost or stolen phones.

ATTENDANCE

St Albans Secondary has a 90% attendance policy. Daily school attendance is important for young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Young people who regularly attend school and complete year 12 or equivalent qualifications have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. Please ensure on your child's return from an absence that they provide their coordinator with a medical certificate or note.



News from our Sub Schools Continued...

SOME REFLECTIONS OF YEAR 7.... SO FAR

I have enjoyed Year 7 because it has been an awesome experience because I have been having lots more subjects and more learning. I also got to meet my other friends from primary school.

Lorenzo 7A

This year has been a awesome year we have done so many things but my favourite thing about this year was camp we did so many fun activities that I probably won't do ever again, it was an awesome experience.

Shauna 7A

This year, Year 7 has been really fun and we have done and seen lots of things. You get lots of subjects with all different teachers. Being a Year 7 is lots of fun because the work is not that hard we also get to do lots of things.

Lizzi 7C

This year is awesome I made so much awesome friends and learn a lot of stuff. This term I enjoyed 7A Camp its was awesome we did so much stuff like bush walking and much more. I have a of a lot of different teachers and subject. This best stuff I did in 7A I rated this 10 out of 10.

David 7A

Meeting new people and making new friends.

Phyllis 7A

This year has been amazing. I loved every bit of it. All my teachers had been supportive. All the excursions had been terrific. Thank you to the teachers for organising the excursions.

Johnny 7A

So far so good I enjoy learning with my friends and teachers and have a great experience with friends and teachers.

Jai 7B

I like the event the school hold and learning with my friend and classmate and meeting new people.

Henry 7B

I've loved everything so far, but most of all meeting a bunch of new friends.

Tara 7A

Enjoyed meeting new friends and everything in year 7.

Nhi 7B

I enjoyed going camp and having fun with my friends. Ho Ha ho!

Shihao 7A



10 IDEAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- Go to a local bike track and go bike riding or rollerblading. A great way to get out in the fresh air and enjoy the sunshine and exercise.
- Have a movie afternoon great for a rainy day. Rent a couple of good movies, make some popcorn and snuggle up with blankets and enjoy the movies.
- Cook some special treats or family favourites
- Smile! Get the camera out and take some photos, download them on the computer and create a slide show.
- Do some Gardening or make a herb garden pot, they are fantastic and useful too
- Write and create a play or short story, see who is great at drama, acting and writing.
- Play board games Monopoly, Scrabble, Hungry Hippos, and more if there are a few of you have a tournament.
- Do a Jigsaw, set up a special area and let everyone help - the harder the better.
- Lots of Local Libraries hold story-telling/writing workshops during school holidays, and then you can borrow some new books to read
- Have Fun!

Happy Holidays from the Junior School Team.







Ms Laura Gough
Junior Sub School Coordinator



News from our Sub Schools...

Middle School Report

Middle Sub School: T: 9356 4088

 Ms Janet McKenzie - Sub School Leader 9H, 10D	 Mr Brendan McFarland - Sub School Coordinator 9D, 9E, 10B
 Ms Becky Annetts - Assistant Sub School Leader 9B, 9C, 10C	 Ms Sandy Dorigo - Sub School Coordinator 9A, 9I, 10E
 Mr Sean Ryan - Sub School Coordinator 9F, 9G, 10A	 Ms Nermina Fetahovic - Sub School Assistant

It has been an action packed few weeks for middle school students especially those in year 10. Year 10 students sat their first set of formal exams and we were extremely pleased with how they conducted themselves in the process. They have also been busy finalising arrangements for work experience and making sure the correct paper work is completed.

Last week the students were engaged in a range of activities which focused on issues faced by young people today. We saw a presentation from a group called 'Stop One Punch Can Kill'. We have heard of too many tragic events in the media recently where young people have died from a single punch. This group was formed after David Cassai was punched and killed in a senseless, violent and unprovoked attack on New Year's Eve in 2012. His mother and friends formed the group in a bid to change the way people view violence and to challenge young people in how they can look after their friends when alcohol is involved. Although students were confronted by the presentation it was a high impact presentation which provided a powerful message about violence.

Other highlights of the week included workshops on safe partying and alcohol abuse, an African drumming workshop and a Zumba class. It was wonderful to see so many students participating, working together and enjoying themselves.

In the last few weeks, we also saw the launch of the ABCN Goals program. Twenty year 9 students have been selected to participate in this program. On May 26th they met their mentors and participated in get-to-know you activities. The mentors were all given a guided tour of the school and by all accounts were very impressed. Supporting the program this year we have Norton Rose Fulbright and for the first time American Express.

The following awards were presented at the final year 10 assembly:

Most outstanding male athlete Duwayne Kara
Most outstanding female athlete Adut Mathieu
Table Tennis Champion Dominic Lay

10A

Helen Gebru For persistence and determination
Jessica Vo For contribution to the school community
Blair Collins For significant improvement in all areas

10B

Christina Yakovlev For excellent contribution to your new school
Kanokwan Srikhum For excellent contribution to your new school
Hao Tuan Truong For excellent contribution to your new school

10C

Gino Hammal For kindness and respectful treatment of other students
Danya Halefom For contribution to extra-curricular clubs and teams

10D

Aaron Arcega For commitment to exams and education
Anne Rivera For outstanding performance at the whole school assembly
Anh Tu Hoang For outstanding effort and academic excellence

10E

Judy La For outstanding effort and academic excellence
Jessica Mangalindan For positive contribution to the school community
Helen Tran For maintaining a conscientious approach

Ms Janet McKenzie
Middle Sub School Leader

What's been happening at SASC

Year 10 Activities Week










News from our Sub Schools...

Senior School Report

Senior Sub School: T: 9356 4099

 <p>Ms Julie Bird - Sub School Leader Year 11B (I-M), Year 12B (I-M), Year 11 VCAL - V1A</p>	 <p>Mr Robert Krynski - Sub School Coordinator Year 11D (R-Z), Year 12D (R-Z), Year 12 VCAL - V2A</p>
 <p>Ms Anna Woods - Sub School Coordinator Year 11A (A-H), Year 12A (A-H), Year 12 VCAL - V2B</p>	 <p>Ms Rosemary Bambery – Sub School Assistant</p>
 <p>Ms Melissa D'Amico - Assistant Sub School Leader Year 11C (N-Q), Year 12C (N-Q), Year 11 VCAL - V1B</p>	

Term 2 is almost over now, and we are moving into Semester 2 classes for the last two weeks of the term. In Senior School we make this transition before the end of term because the Year 12 classes finish in the third week of Term 4, and we need to have about the same number of weeks in both Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Our students have worked very hard to get through the end of Semester 1 assessment, and teachers are now writing their end of semester reports for parents. Year 11 students have just completed their exams in Weeks 7 and 8 of the term. The Year 12 students sat the GAT (3 hour exam) on Wednesday 10th June and their Practice English Exam (also 3 hours!) on Friday 12th June (Week 9). These exams were compulsory for Year 12 VCE students and there was a full turn out to both exam sessions.

The VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) runs one examination at midyear on Wednesday 12th June – being the GAT or “General Achievement Test”. As there was only one VCAA mid-year exam, the VCE Exam Navigator booklet for students will be coming out later this year. However, the VCAA full end-of-year exam timetable for Year 12 exams can be viewed at the following address: <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx>

Enrichment programs have been running for Year 12 students in English, Accounting, Business Management, Maths Methods, Specialist Maths and History of Revolutions.

The “Stretch” Study Skills Program runs for Year 11 students in Terms 2 and 3, based on teacher feedback, and aims to improve the outcomes for students who need some extra support.

On Friday 26th June we will be running our celebration day for Year 11 students. We have a special event to mark “**100 Days of Success**”. **100 Days of Success** celebrates the progress of VCE and VCAL students through Year 11. The Senior Team has organised an afternoon event for Year 11s where we will have a guest speaker and the presentation of Awards. Awards are given for achievement attendance and participation in a variety of programs.

Many thanks to the parents who contact us when their child is absent for any reason. This is of great assistance to the Year Level Coordinators, as we will call home regularly if there are any unexplained absences for your child. The Case Management process continues to monitor closely the attendance, achievement and individual needs of all our students. Please contact us on 9366. 2555 if you have any queries or concerns about the progress of your child.

Ms Julie Bird
Senior Sub School Leader



General Office Hours

8.15am to 4.15pm

College Expectations –

Attendance, Uniform, Punctuality

We greatly appreciate the support we receive from parents to make sure that your child attends school regularly & punctually, is in full uniform, and is well prepared for all classes with books and equipment.

Some important expectations are outlined below:

Being prepared for classes

It is expected that students have the required books & equipment for each subject, as well as a student diary to record homework & assignments.

If you need any assistance with ordering books, please contact the General Office.

Attendance

Students must have a minimum of 90% attendance in all classes at each year level.

Uniform

Full uniform must be worn to and from school, at school and on all school excursions, including interschool sports.

Please note:

- Only the 3 approved styles of school shoes are to be worn
- PE / Sports shoes must be lace up runners with non-marking soles
- Facial piercings are not to be worn at school
- Make-up is to be kept to a minimum.

Punctuality

Is expected at the start of each day & for all classes. Any student who is late more than 4 times will have a Friday detention from 3.20pm to 5.20pm.

The consequences for lateness to school are as follows:

1st Late - Coordinator Warning.

2nd Late - After School Detention: 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Sub Schools to contact home.

3rd Late - After School Detention: 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Sub Schools to contact home – advise that next late will be a Friday Night Detention.

4th Late - Friday Night Detention: 3.20pm - 5.20pm
Students that complete their Friday Night Detention have their next late treated as a 3rd LATE. A subsequent LATE means a second Friday Night Detention & student is placed on a 'Blue Sheet'.

Blue Sheet

- Student is on a 'Blue Sheet' for 2 weeks
Coordinator meets Parent/Guardian to explain the Blue Sheet process.

Unsatisfactory Blue Sheet

- Parent interview with SSL & PCO
Strategies discussed – possible suspension.

July Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 3 Begins • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • MAC Rehearsals - Dancers 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • MAC Rehearsals - Dancers 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • Interschool Sports Senior & Intermediate Boys & Girls Table Tennis at St Albans SC all day BE • Interschool Sports Senior & Intermediate Boys & Girls Basketball all day BM • TERTIARY INFORMATION SERVICE
<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • YEAR 10 HOLLAND TESTS P1 & 2 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • MAC PRODUCTION in Performing Arts Centre - MZ 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • MAC PRODUCTION in Performing Arts Centre - MZ • Yr 9 ABCN Goals - BAN 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • MAC PRODUCTION in Performing Arts Centre - MZ 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • Yr 10 Applied English Selected Students - ABCN Interview Workshop Skills BAN • Yr. 12 VCE & VCAL reports available on SAMS
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • Interschool Sports Intermediate Boys & Girls Badminton all day OMI • Yr 9E&9I Science Yakult Factory Visit all day DA 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • The International English Competition for Extension English AD • Interschool Sports Senior Girls Badminton all day OMI • VCAL INFORMATION NIGHT • VCE INFORMATION NIGHT 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • Year 8 Maths Games Day (Selected Students) • Selected Yr 11 Girls Focus Forum Goldman Sachs WS • YR 10 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • Yr 11 going into Yr 12 Parent Information Evening in Performing Arts 6.00pm - 7.30pm 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 9 PRE-COURSE COUNSELLING ASSIGNMENT • Australian Maths Competition (Selected Students) (Periods 1 & 2) • Yr 12 Selected Students Cert III Sport & Rec St Albans PS P4-6 BM 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interschool Sports Junior Boys Netball all day LK

What's on around SASC in 2015



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning			Breakfast Club 8.15am - 8.45am Free Breakfast served in D3		Breakfast Club 8.15am - 8.45am Free Breakfast served in D3
Lunchtime	Chess, boardgames, cardgames, jigsaws & puzzles in Room G5 with Ms Leontiadis	Chess, boardgames, cardgames, jigsaws & puzzles in Room G5 with Ms Leontiadis	Chess, boardgames, cardgames, jigsaws & puzzles in Room G5 with Ms Leontiadis	Chess, boardgames, cardgames, jigsaws & puzzles in Room G5 with Ms Leontiadis	Chess, boardgames, cardgames, jigsaws & puzzles in Room G5 with Ms Leontiadis
	Sports TRAINING Sport will change every few weeks – will announce on the day In the gym with Mr Lakovski	Sports TRAINING Sport will change every few weeks – will announce on the day In the gym with Mr Lakovski	Sports TRAINING Sport will change every few weeks – will announce on the day In the gym with Mr Lakovski	Sports TRAINING Sport will change every few weeks – will announce on the day In the gym with Mr Lakovski	Sports TRAINING Sport will change every few weeks – will announce on the day In the gym with Mr Lakovski
	Garden Club Meet in front of Nindethana with Mr De Gabriele	Debating Team In F9 with Ms Carbonaro	Futsal Competition In the gym and on the oval with Mr Lakovski	Garden Club Meet in front of Nindethana with Mr De Gabriele	Futsal Competition In the gym and on the oval with Mr Lakovski
		Book Club Share your reading experience Library with Ms Harris		Drawing Club Learn how to draw (paper & computer) In G3 with Mr Nishioka	Makers Club It is a chance for students to create using Makey Makeys, Arduinos, Scratch and other learning technologies. A Makers Fair will be held later in the year with the prize for the best creation being an iPad Air. In G5 with Mr Turner
		Glee Club Singing & Dancing in Performing Arts			
Afterschool	Library open to 4.30pm	Library open to 4.30pm	Library open to 4.30pm	Library open to 4.30pm	Library open to 3.30pm
		Year 11 International Students - English Class 3.15pm -4.15pm in the Library with Mr Tairr		The After School Study Program 3.15pm until 4.30pm in the Library with Ms Woods	

The following Interschool Sporting Teams are competing for 2015

Soccer
Futsal
Netball
Badminton



Want to find out more about what your child is learning at school in each subject at each year level?

Need practical tips about what you can do at home to help support your child's education?

SchoolMate is an essential App for parents of school-aged children in Victoria, Australia.

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Financial Assistance

Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camp**s provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



To apply for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund, please complete the CSEF Application Form on the next page and return it to the General Office by Friday 26 June.



ST ALBANS
SECONDARY COLLEGE

CSEF Application Form

School REF ID - 8330

Office Use Only:
School Reference: _____

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____
 First name _____
 Address _____
 Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____
 Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____



St Albans Secondary College Musical Activities Club (MAC)
in association with Pioneer Drama Service, presents

Alice @ WONDERLAND



2015

Tues 21st July
Wed 22nd July
Thurs 23rd July

Performing
Arts Centre
7:30PM

Adults	\$12
Concession	\$10
Family	\$40



St Albans Secondary College - 60th Anniversary

2016 marks the 60th Anniversary of St Albans Secondary College.

Planning for the celebrations are well underway thanks to the members of the 60th Anniversary Committee.

Former students, including one from the school's first year, are organising a dinner dance and an open day as part of the celebration. See details below.

If you know any past students who may be interested in finding out more about the 60th or in registering their interest for the dinner dance, ask them to visit us on Facebook at St Albans Sec College Alumni, (as shown below) or to register on the College website at <http://stalbanssc.vic.edu.au> and click on 'Our College' then 'Alumni.'



St Albans Secondary College Alumni Facebook Page

ST ALBANS SECONDARY COLLEGE INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Dinner Dance
Moonee Valley Racecourse
Saturday 11 June, 2016 *(bookings open early 2016)*

Open Day
St Albans Secondary College
Sunday 12 June, 2016

More details to come