



Westall News



News from the Principal, Mr. Lanarus

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4, 2017 & TERM 1, 2018

Nov 17—Year 7 Volleyball State Final

Nov 21—Pupil Free Day

Nov 21—U14 Girls Rugby Tag State Final

Nov 24—Year 7 Science Excursion

Nov 27-30—Year 11 Exams

Nov 29-30—Year 10 Exams

Nov 30—WSC Awards & Graduation Night

Dec 01— Awards Assembly

Dec 4-8—2018 Year 11-12 Headstart Program

Dec 4-15—2018 Year 8-10 Headstart Program

Dec 5—2018 Year 7 Parent Information Night

Dec 6—Last School Council for 2017

Dec 12—2017 Year 7 Orientation Day

Dec 15—Aim High Day

Dec 18-22—End of Year Activities

Dec 22—Last day of Term 4

2018 TERM 1

Jan 30—First day of 2018. Classes start at 8.55am

**REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/
GUARDIANS TO UPDATE
EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS
AND MEDICAL INFORMATION AT
THE FRONT OFFICE, IF CHANGES
HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE
RECENT HOLIDAYS**

Dear Westall Secondary College Community,

I mentioned this in our last newsletter and wanted to again communicate and celebrate what we have achieved in 2017. I am pleased to share that we have hit nearly all of our targets set 12 months ago.

We have increased enrolments from 420 students to 520 students. We have improved our attendance data across the board at every year level. Our Parent Opinion data and Student Attitudes to School Survey results are above State means. We have implemented new programs in I-Create and Aim High, and next year, these programs will be further developed, eg VET Aviation will be offered in 2018. We have worked more in our feeder Primary Schools and have increased our Facebook followers to over 1000 people. Finally, and most importantly, we have achieved the expected 2 years of growth between Years 7 and 9, in the key areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Our challenge now is to improve more than 2 years so those students behind the level can bridge the gap by the time they leave Westall. This will be our focus along with getting the best possible VCE and VCAL results. Last year, our Dux achieved a 99.85 ATAR, with another student achieving 99.75. I look forward to celebrating our Year 12 results later this year and I am sure we will achieve excellent results again to complement all the other success we have achieved this year.

These outstanding results will form the basis for our 2018 plan and targets. Our 2018 Annual Implementation Plan will be tabled at our final school council meeting this year on Wednesday 6th December, at 4.30pm. I invite anyone interested in this, and in possibly joining College Council in 2018, to attend this meeting.

Mark Henderson, our new Assistant Principal, who will oversee the Junior School and our Literacy and EAL programs, will commence on Monday 20th November.

There is so much on and the year is getting away from us. I would like to communicate the following. I urge all families, including International students, to make note of these dates and ensure you do not make travel plans until after classes finish.

Our final Education Department endorsed Student Free Day is Tuesday 21/11.

Other key dates and events coming up:

- 30/11 - Awards Night at Clayton Church of Christ
- 01/12 - Last day of classes in 2017 groups including awards assembly and sub school activities (so really last day of normal classes will be 30/11)
- 04/12 - Headstart commences
- 05/12 - Year 7 2018 Parent Information Night
- 06/12 - Last College Council Meeting for 2017
- 08/12 - Last Day of Headstart classes for current Year 10 and 11's (11/12 – 2018 cohort)
- 12/12 - Year 7 2018 Orientation Day
- 15/12 - Primary School Aim High Day
- 15/12 - Last Day of Headstart classes for current Year 7's, 8's and 9's (8/9/10 – 2018 cohort)
- 18-21/12 – Activities Week

Until next time,
Tristan



Student Leadership

It is the time of year when Year 11 students are asked to step up and nominate themselves for leadership roles in 2018. We were impressed, not only with the number of students who applied, but also, with the confidence in which they were able to articulate their vision for an even better Westall Secondary College! Twenty-four Year 11 students put themselves forward for the prominent positions of School Captains. After a lengthy process of workshops, written applications, interviews and speeches to their peers and staff, the following students have been selected to represent the student body and the college for 2018:

School Captains	Mona Issa and Shannon Bone
School Vice Captain	Muniat Ali
International Captains	Kelvin Le and Joanna Wang
Arts Captain	Amy Nguyen

Congratulations to all students who were successful in securing a leadership role for next year. We look forward to working with you. Congratulations also to all those who were not successful. It takes a great deal of courage to put yourself out there and be vulnerable! We are equally proud of you and your efforts, and, trust that you will apply to other positions of student leadership that will be advertised in the not too distant future.

The selection process for Junior and Middle School Captains positions will occur over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to Mr Bandara, who is leading these selection processes.

Head-Start 2018

As has been the case in previous years, Westall Secondary College students will commence their 2018 classes prior to the end of the year. The “roll over” for all Year 8-12 classes will commence on Monday, 4th December, at which time all students will begin work in the next year level. VCE and VCAL Head-Start will run for one week, finishing on Friday, 8th December. Year 8-10 Head-Start will run until Friday, 15th December. Attendance during the Head-Start period is compulsory. Students are required to attend in full school uniform and with all required equipment (with the exception of textbooks), to enable their full participation in classroom activities. Students will be issued with holiday homework, which must be completed and submitted to subject teachers on their return to school next year.

Head-Start will enable a seamless transition from one year to the next, providing students with a substantial understanding of the requirements in all subjects.

Graduation Night and Awards Assembly

The College Graduation Night will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, 30th November, at the Clayton Church of Christ. We look forward to acknowledging our highest performing students across the school, particularly those in Year 12, in academic as well as co-curricular areas. This event will be followed by the Awards Assembly at 9:30am on Friday, 1st December, where the focus will be on recognising student achievements across Years 7-11. We invite all families to join us in these celebrations.

Book Week

We have come a long way this year in encouraging our students to read and highlighting the benefits of reading through the iRead programs across Junior and Middle schools. The overall aim of the iRead program is to support the development of a love for reading. It was therefore very fitting to include Book Week in our calendar and celebrate the achievements of our students. The number of students who are attending class prepared with a book to read, has significantly increased throughout this semester, as has the borrowing of books from the library. We look forward to the programs continuing into the future and seeing the benefits demonstrated in student outcomes.

As part of Book Week, last Thursday was a free-dress day, where students had the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. It was great to see students, and teachers, go to great lengths to emulate characters such as Harry Potter, Belle from Beauty and the Beast, etc.!



Message from Director of Learning - Senior School: Ms. Hari Nikolaou

This time of the year is one that has a very unique feel in the senior school; we have students finalising assessments as well as preparing for exams.

VET enrolment data for 2017

There are 67 783 students across Victoria undertaking VET programs in 2017, which means that there are many using the flexibility of learning provided by Vocational Education. Data indicates that there are fewer students who are undertaking a school based apprenticeship in Victoria. What that means, is that it is getting harder to obtain a school based apprenticeship, and competition for those opportunities is increasing.

What is senior school education all about?

Exams form a major part of assessment in the VCE. This means all VCE students need to develop a good understanding of how an exam assesses learning, and also how and why teachers and VCAA, use exam results to develop study scores. Our year 11 and 10 students are introduced to exams to develop the skills required to be successful in the Year 12 exams.

Here are a couple of strategies for students to consider when looking at the exam period:

Begin studying early

- Start thinking about the exam preparation from the beginning of your course. Keep your ears open for hints and tips.
- Revise your notes after each class in order to have a clear and complete set of notes to study from.
- Start more revision about 2 weeks before your exams.
- Don't cram the night before—it's ineffective, because you're taking in so much information at once, that it's impossible to memorise it all. You'll hardly retain anything, and will be tired, and stressed, when the time comes to actually sit the exam.

Organise your time

- Fill out a weekly study planner and use it to organise your time. Cross out the hours when you can't study, because of other commitments (e.g. work). Then plan 45 min time slots to use for exam revision.
- Make use of short study times. Fifteen minutes can be ideal for revising notes, or looking through note cards. Use time spent on the bus or train, to review your course materials.
- Don't study for longer than 50 minutes without a break. It's better to study for short intense periods with sustained concentration, than long blocks of time, when you are tired, and not working effectively.
- Work out when you can study most effectively. Are you more alert in the morning or evening? When can you find quiet time and space within your day? Schedule study times that suit your personal rhythms.
- Don't study when you're really tired. It's better to get a solid night's sleep after a short study period, than to push on until 2am. You won't remember much, and will be less effective the next day.

Survey: Before you begin to study, survey the material to get a quick overview. Skim through notes to get a picture of the main ideas. If studying from a book, look at tables of contents, possible chapter summaries, graphs and tables.

Question: Your reading will be more active and memorable, if you look for specific answers to questions. If there are headings in the material, turn the heading into a question.

Read: Read through the material once, without making notes. On your second reading, make notes of the main ideas. Try to use your own words.

Recall: Close the book/ cover your notes. Try to recall what you have read. Make notes of what you remember, then check their accuracy against your study material.

Review:

- Review all your notes at the end of the study period. This is an important part of the study process, because it can really help you remember what you have studied.
- Try summarising your notes down to key words, that will act as memory triggers for related ideas.
- Set review times separately from your study times. Read through your review notes, cover them and then recite them. Check the originals for accuracy.

Good luck for your exams and we look forward to seeing you at the Headstart program. This is the first week of classes for all senior school students. Teachers will explain and begin delivery of content. Any student absences will impact on your attendance for the unit. If you are unable to attend during the Headstart program, you MUST notify us ASAP.

Ms. Hari Nikolaou
Director of Learning – Senior school

Middle School Report

Message from Director of Learning - Middle School: Mr. Tom Tahos

Congratulations to all Middle School students on their efforts in relation to uniform, their work output and work in the reading program. We are coming towards the end of your 2017 studies, so make sure all outstanding tasks are completed. Keep up the good work.

Mr. Tom Tahos
Director of Learning – Middle School

Year 10 Pre-Cal

During Term 4, boys in the Year 10 Pre-Cal class have been taking part in a Martial Arts Therapy Program (MAT). The MAT Life Skills Program is an active therapeutic modality that combines the principles of psychosocial development with those of traditional martial art training techniques in a format that engages young people. The primary focus of the program is to teach students a range of life skills to better manage challenges in their lives. This is achieved through martial art drills, games, metaphors and stories.

The students have enjoyed the program and have developed a relationship of trust and respect with their instructor. They have particularly enjoyed the 'boys only' time, where they have been able to share and listen to stories in a safe environment.



EAL Excursion

On Thursday 26th October, The Year 10 EAL cohort and teachers travelled into Melbourne to see a production of 'Much Ado About Nothing' at Shakespeare's Pop-Up Globe at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl. The weather was lovely (a bonus, considering the stage was uncovered!) and the students enjoyed themselves, learnt more about Shakespeare and had a giggle at the comedy that played out before them on stage. Ms O'Brien was a unwitting performer: one of the main actors forced her up onto the stage as an extra!

Thanks to Ms Dewhurst, Ms Ball, Ms Parlanti for their attendance and Mr Tahos for his support of the day.



Message from the Director of Learning Junior School: Ms. Alice Paget

Term 4 has been a very busy term with two fantastic workshops for the Year 7 cohort, including the High Resolves Workshop and the Aboriginal Culture Virtual Reality incursion (see below). We have two state sport finals coming up with students from the junior school and I would like to wish all these students the very best. The Under 14 Girls Rugby Tag state final is coming up on the 21st of November and the Year 7 Girls Volleyball state final, on the 17th of November. Good luck girls!

Headstart is fast approaching, and students will begin their new classes in Week 9 (4th December). Year 7 students will transition into their new Year 8 timetable and Year 8s into their Year 9 timetable for 2018, commencing their first electives. Please make sure students have new exercise books / folders by the 4th December so they can make an organised start to the 2018 year.

Aboriginal Culture Virtual Reality Reality incursion (Year 7)

All Year 7 students were involved in an Aboriginal Culture Virtual Reality Reality experience on the 10th November, as part of their Global Literacy classes.

Without leaving the classroom, students flew to the far North Queensland Rainforest, where they witnessed the Aboriginal dance of Rainforest. There was interactive exercises about Aboriginal life pre-1788, a 360 degree feature about 'The Dreaming' and Aboriginal games that were played. They also learnt about the customs and traditions that make up the world's oldest culture. The Year 7 students found it to be a very interactive and insightful incursion.



Ms. Alice Paget
Director of Learning—Junior School

High Resolves Workshop (Year 7 Global Literacy)

On the 2nd of November, the year 7s experienced a thinking program called "High Resolves". For 2 full periods, we were tested on our current thinking skills and were taught to look for the 'truth' from influencing media, like the news.

Main ideas that our guest speaker John, preached were:

'The Expert Fallacy': where we believe it is true because it is given by a person with the 'expert' title. We can't believe that the given information can be true without evidence from the 'expert', or evidence that the 'expert' is actually an 'expert or not'.

'Biases': usually meaning to side with a certain group or person, especially in a way to be considered unfair. Media can display extremely biased reports, to a point where it can be false and portraying the wrong idea to the public.

Different activities taught us these concepts, putting together our teamwork and intelligence to the test. At the end of this session, the main idea of "High Resolves" was to teach us to look for the truth— to not be blinded from the truth from unsupported 'experts', biased information and other false influences. At this modern day and time, it is important for younger generations like us to develop these thinking skills while we are still young.

Mai Dinh
Year 7 Aim High Student



'Yishu Festival' Celebration

'Yishu Festival' ('Yishu' meaning 'art' in Chinese) was celebrated for a full week last October. As Chinese was another language the year 7s are learning for the first time, it was important for us to experience a festival, something that is very unique in China. We held our final celebration on the last day of Art and Chinese Week, when all the year 7s gathered in the ALC to celebrate Yishu Festival.

艺术节("Yishu"在中文是艺术的意思) 在十月底的最后一周庆祝。中文对于七年级来说, 这是我们第一次学习外语, 对我们而言感受中国节日非常重要, 可以体验中国文化。我们在艺术节(艺术和中文周)的最后一天(星期五)一起在ALC庆祝这个热闹的节日。

During the celebration, the three Year 7 classes started off with singing different iconic songs we learnt in Chinese, including *Molihua*, *My Chinese is not good*, and *Zhao pengyou*. After that, we were invited to three Chinese incursions. Traditional dancing, Tai Chi and Kung Fu fan. Each individual activity was both fun and interactive, something we were all open to. Learning doesn't have to be through pen and paper, as interacting and experiencing a culture can be just as, or more, effective than that. Of course - it wasn't just that. At the very end, we were treated to dumplings, specially made by Ms Zeng; we also delighted to feast upon mooncakes and other snacks.

在庆祝活动中, 三个七年级的班分别演唱了茉莉花, 我的中文不好, 还有找朋友。演唱结束后, 我们就开始了三个中国文化活动, 有民族舞、太极拳和功夫扇。每一个文化活动都很有趣也吸引我们, 这让我们都开了眼界。原来学习不一定只通过笔和纸, 一次别开生面的文化活动也一样有效甚至更有意思。当然除了一系列的活动, 我们最后居然还品尝到由曾老师准备的饺子、月饼以及其它中国零食, 我们都很高兴能尝试中华美食。

My host partner Zi, myself and all of the year 7s are very grateful to Ms Zeng for putting together a wonderful celebration for the year 7s. Thank you!

我和我的主持人搭档Zi, 代表全体七年级学生向曾老师表示感谢, 谢谢老师为我们组织安排了一场精彩的文化活动, 谢谢你!



Mai Dinh Wang



and Zi

Year 7 and 8 Sport

As part of the Year 8 Sport Program for Term 4, students have been given the opportunity to try a variety of sports that most have not previously undertaken.

There is no inter-school sport this term, so it is the ideal time to trial different sports & activities and the change has proven popular with the students. They have chosen from European Handball, Soft Crosse, Ultimate Frisbee and Golf.

Mr. Scott Newton
Physical Education / Sport Teacher



Message from the WELC Coordinator: Mrs. Carmela Santucci

WELC Excursion to the Old Melbourne Gaol and the Shrine of Remembrance

On Monday 6th November, all teachers and students went on an excursion to the Old Melbourne Gaol and the Shrine of Remembrance. We walked to Westall station and caught the train to Melbourne Central station. When we got off the train it was cold. Then we walked to the Old Melbourne Gaol.

When we got to the gaol, we split up into two groups and we met our guide. Our guide took us into the gaol and told us many interesting things about the history of the gaol and we learnt what the prisoners did and ate every day. Then the guide took us on a tour of the gaol. He showed us a replica of Ned Kelly's armour that was on display. It was fake, but it looked awesome and heavy. We knew that the original armour was made of iron and weighed 47 kg. Next, we saw death masks including that of Ned Kelly. There were lots of other death masks in the cells as well, some of women and some of men, and they all looked really creepy.

After that, we went upstairs to see the gallows where Ned Kelly and hundreds of other prisoners were hanged. Our guide then showed us some of the cells in which prisoners would have stayed in. The cells were very small, dark and creepy. They were surrounded by thick walls and they also had massive thick iron doors. At the end of the tour, we got to roam around the prison. We went to all of the cells and then we went up to the top of the gaol. It was really creepy because the walkways were old. Next, we went back down the stairs and got out of the Old Melbourne Gaol.

Later we had lunch at Southgate. We also saw the Melbourne Cup horse parade on Swanston street on the way to Southgate. After lunch, we caught a tram to the Shrine. We walked up to the Shrine and saw a fire. My friend told me that the fire is never extinguished and it is called the 'eternal flame'. There we experienced the ray of light ceremony in the sanctuary. A ray of light falls onto the stone of Remembrance over the word 'love'. It was great to experience this as well as the magnificent view of Melbourne city from the balcony of the Shrine. We took photos on the steps of the Shrine with my friends and my teachers. I think that was awesome because we can save beautiful memories of that day.

Finally, our time was up so we had to go back to the station to catch the train back to school. When we returned to school it was time to go home.

Overall, I loved the excursion because my friends and I experienced many new and interesting things. I know more about the history of Melbourne and what they have done in the past for this country.

Aiden (Group 1B)



WSC Arts Festival October 23-27 — “Where the Arts and LOTE unite”

Walk down the main school corridor to experience the elements of colour, shape, texture and design. Free flowing satin fabrics line the ceiling, intricate exotic and traditional garments made by *Sa Me La* in Year 12, and a designer-influenced black dress made by *Rames Williams* in Year 11, all create an atmosphere of ambience, and that of an art gallery. It is here where the Arts and LOTE unite: where the East meets with the West. The spectacular dragon, dominant with its rich red glossy painted head, feathers and trimmings and glorious yellow fabric accentuates artistic flair. Behind the dragon sits the textured fabric ‘Yishu’ banner to mark the opening of the 2017 Arts Festival. As you move through the corridor, embrace the colourful paper butterfly installation created by *Yvonne Hoang* in Year 10. Final folio pieces made by the VCE students demonstrate exceptional skill and imagination. *Monica Ouk’s* ‘Nihilistic’ pen and ink art work, shows incredible hours of pointillism and detail of the large bold skull that rests against the easel. *Peter Biel’s* beautiful digital photographs and body adornment jewellery, portray African culture and tradition. Not to mention *Alofa Taula’s* canvas paintings, which demonstrate the richness of geometric line, design and Samoan art.

The launch of the Festival began with the spectacular opening, highlighting incredible student talent in singing, instrumental music, performance, drama and dance. *Phil Egan* from *Dance Factory* Melbourne, along with the I-Create Performance students, opened the show with ‘hip hop’. Mr Robb’s bagpipes almost took the roof off, whilst the ‘Taekwondo’ group left us breathless with the art of breaking wood! WOW!!

Lunch time activities included T-shirt transfer designs, Badge making, Henna and an ‘Art Blitz’! Thank you to *‘Jimbo’s Photobooth*, the students had great fun working with the props. Some of them couldn’t believe how the machine produced instant photographs. The talent Quest held on Friday was awesome with electric guitar expert Tynan Samason stealing the lunch hour. Thank you to our lovely judges Amy, Shannon and Florensia, who had to make some tough decisions. We were privileged to have professional filmmaker *Wendy Di Donato*, who worked with the Year 7 students in making professional films looking at culture. Sarah Sullivan showed students how to create digital images that could be transferred onto material and other merchandise. *Soubara Zoory*, ex-Westall student, ran a workshop on fashion tips creating a 10-minute dress made from CDs.

Thank you to Ms Zeng for her great work in organising the many activities for LOTE; including the Chinese Masonic Society who held a lion dance workshop, a big thank to the students studying Chinese who made lanterns, Beijing opera masks and Chinese fans which are on display in the Balook centre. The Year 7-10 students celebrated the ‘Yishu Festival on the last day with Tai Chi, traditional dances and eating delicious dumplings.

Watch the space outside C7! A PVC art installation is yet to come, not to mention life-size wire figures that will dress the entrance to the front office.

I would like to thank many behind the scenes staff: *Ms Wagenfeld*, *Mr Alex Kourkouridis*, *Mr Bandara*, *Mr Graewolfe*, *Ms Maggie Casey-Dalglish*, *Ms Nicole McAlister* and *Mr Michael Coco* (instrumental staff), *Ms Minnie Zeng*, *Mr Charles Tran*, *Ms Katerina Tetoros*, *Ms Julie Armstrong* and hospitality students. A huge thank you to the large number of students who contributed in many areas: invite design and *Tara Chea* in making the beautiful banners and organising activities during the week.

Another great year in our celebration of the incredible and powerful **Arts!**

Ms. Helen Ifandis
Arts Coordinator



WSC Arts Festival October 23-27 — “Where the Arts and LOTE unite”



I-Create Outdoor Education Camp - a True Test of Endurance, Patience and Resilience

On Monday 30th October, the I Create Outdoor Education class set off at 8.15 am for their much anticipated 5 day camping trip. We headed to Wonga Park for our 3 hour kayaking experience on Melbourne's famous Yarra River. Even before we got the first kayak in the water, the rain was pounding down & the wind was steadily increasing, with the odd clap of thunder thrown in at random intervals. Although it made the going tough, it didn't dampen the spirits or enthusiasm and everyone enjoyed the challenge and thrills of the rapids we had to negotiate.



We arrived at the Colac Caravan Park just on 9 pm with the wind & rain still howling. As we had unpowered sites, students had to all work together quickly and efficiently to erect their tents - all using the only light we had - the headlights of the bus. It had been a very long day and we were all wet & tired. To everyone's credit, no one lost their sense of humour and we managed to get dinner organized, shower and be in bed by 10.30 pm.

Day 2 we undertook the Otway Trees Challenge Course. The beauty of this activity was that each student could choose their own adventure by selecting a blue, red or black level challenge, according to the amount of risk they were prepared to take. We spent 3 hours at this activity and were all quite physically exhausted at the end of it (and for days afterward!).

Day 3 saw students engage in 5 separate paintball skirmish challenges and ride the 2 wheel Segway motorised scooters around a bush course. Both of these activities really took students out of their comfort zone and everyone enjoyed the challenges these experiences offered.

We had side excursions to Lake Corangamite - Australia's largest Salt Lake, West Barwon Reservoir, Red Rock the Volcanic Complex that was the site of many volcanic eruptions, which resulted in the craters and lakes found in the Colac and to Port Campbell and the 12 Apostles on Day 4.

Each night we had a campfire, toasting marshmallows and adding chocolate and then putting them in between two dry biscuits to make what are known as "smores". These late night snacks were insanely delicious & moorish (you just kept wanting more!). On our final night, we celebrated by having dinner at a pizza restaurant which was greatly appreciated by all as there was no preparation or washing up!

I would like to conclude by acknowledging how well ALL of the students adapted to, and dealt with, the constant wet, cold & windy weather conditions for the duration of the camp. It required huge levels of cooperation, negotiation, patience & resilience to keep smiling and remaining positive throughout. As I said to the students at the end of the camp, it is easy to be smiling & jovial when everything goes right, but, to remain calm and positive when the chips are down (as they well & truly were), then that is a true test of character, and everyone passed with flying colours.

Thank you to teacher Ms Mary Liu & student teacher Adriana for helping to make this camp a success & to Mr Lanarus for the introduction & ongoing support of this wonderful program.

Mr Scott Newton.
I-Create Outdoor Education Teacher



The city of Kingston are running a number of **free programs** on parenting and families.

People of all languages can now contact **Kingston's language Line** on one number: **131 450**

1. **Strengthening and Raising Healthy Families.**

Day: Every Thursday

Time: 10am – 12pm

Dates: 12th October – 7th December 2017

Location: Westall Community Hub – 35 Firkbank Road Clayton South

- The purpose of these information sessions is to equip parents with a combination of knowledge, tools and resources to raise healthy children.
- Community guest speakers will be invited to speak about range of topics
- Bookings are essential
- Registrations close Friday 6th October 2017
- Please contact Kingston Family Services on 1300 369 436 or by email myouth.services@kingston.vic.gov.au for further Information
- Also see the Facebook link for further information <https://www.facebook.com/events/1963781067217952/>

2. **Pit Stop Parenting Tune-up**

Helping dads hit their parenting stride Kingston Family Support Service together with Better Men Australia and Parentzone are partnering to bring the Pit Stop Parenting Program for men to Kingston.

Pit Stop was created by men for men, to get a better handle on what fathers can do to help raise happy and healthy children.

The program will provide strategies to:

- develop healthy parenting styles
- improve family communication and closeness
- steer children through stressful stages
- discipline children
- balance life, work and family
- motivate dads to be committed, confident, capable and caring.

Pit Stop has something for every dad with children of any age.

The course is **FREE** but registrations and bookings are essential. Registration closes on 18th of October

The next **Pit Stop Parenting Program** runs from **24th October to 5th December**

Location: Kingston Council's Mentone Office.

Dates and Times: The group meets 7pm-9pm Tuesdays (except for Cup Day).

Please contact: 1300 369 436 or by email myouth.services@kingston.vic.gov

3. **Kingston Family Support Services**

Support in your local community.....

Family Support Services provide a free and confidential service committed to providing support, information and referrals to families. Family Support Service staff work with families to achieve specific goals as identified by families.

From time to time everyone has difficulties and families or carers may need additional support. Sometimes, these difficulties can be addressed within the family. Sometimes, you can turn to extended family, friends or colleagues for help. There may be times when you may benefit from talking with someone who is outside of the situation, and who can provide some professional assistance.

Service Areas:

- Parenting
- Supporting family relationships
- Routine management in the home
- Referrals
- Budgeting
- Promotion of self-esteem & confidence
- Social skills development & support

Wellbeing News cont'd ...

Service Delivery:

- **Parenting Support Groups;** Provide the opportunity to socialise with other parents and carers in the local area, meet with family services staff and participate in regular informative and recreational activities.
- **Positive Parenting Service;** Sessions are run throughout the year with a focus on promoting child development and supporting parents/carers to increase their knowledge and understanding around parenting issues.
- **Information and referral;** Family support workers are able to assist in providing information and/or referrals that may be required by families.
- **Case Management;** Family support services are available to families with children aged 0-18 years, dependant on place of residence.

If you would like to enquire about the availability of assistance please contact the Family Support Coordinator on 95814860

Ms. Kristi Lynch
School Councillor/Wellbeing Co-ordinator

Girls Zone

Salute!

My name is Adriana and my colleague's name is XXL. We are Social Work students from Monash University and we are doing our school placement here at Westall. Since the middle of October, we have been organizing and running the Girl Zone lunch-time activity for Term 4. Girl Zone is a girl's group designed to bring together the female students at Westall, providing them a weekly chance to come together, to befriend, to connect, to build positive and lasting relationships in a friendly and casual atmosphere. So far, we have successfully finished the first two sessions, which are "Paper Craft" and "French Braids" under the patient guidance of our task supervisor, Ms Kristi.

Every session revolves around a specific theme and the first two sessions were focused on building rapport amongst the girls. In "Paper Craft" students were taught to fold A4 paper into the shape of a heart and asked to write down anything they wished to say to anyone but were afraid to say it to their face. In "French Braids", we demonstrated various ways to do hair braids and encouraged students to help each other out. While doing our hair, we chatted about family, relationships, how it felt to have their own hair done and body image, which are all currently prominent issues for girls of their age. The atmosphere was light-hearted and trusting, and students built their friendships with each other by sharing their experiences.

The girls are still very enthusiastic about attending each session and many of the girls are even keen to facilitate the events. They seem to be really enjoying themselves. We have more sessions planned for future weeks where we hope to learn more about our girls in the game of "Truth or Dare?", give them a preview of the careers they may choose in a session about their "Career Path" and talk about respectful relationships in "Tea Party". We really look forward to our final session of Girl Zone by making French toast, which we are going to make during the "Cooking Class" session. We have really enjoyed our experience with the Girls Zone group so far and our genuine wish is to provide a wonderful experience for the girls and pave the ground for a brighter future.

Adriana and XXL





YEAR 10, 11 & 12



SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Has your child missed the Meningococcal vaccine this year?

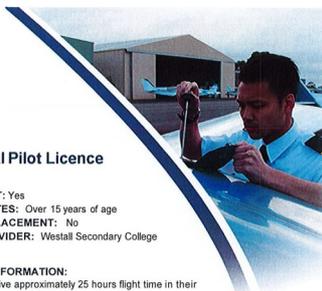
It's not too late to receive this vaccination. You may attend one of our free community immunisation sessions or alternatively visit your local GP.

This vaccine is currently free for 15 to 19 year olds until 31st December 2017.

Our schedule is available on our website www.kingston.vic.gov.au no booking is required.

For further information please call 1300 764 807.

TRISTAR AVIATION



DIPLOMA OF AVIATION-(Partial) Commercial Pilot Licence

QUALIFICATION CODE: AVI50215
COMPLETION: Partial
DURATION: 2 Years
CLUSTER PROVIDER: Westall Secondary College
DAY & TIME: 1st Year: Wed 1.30pm-4.30pm
 2nd Year: Wed 1.30pm-4.30pm

PROGRAM COSTS 2018 (approximate only)
 1st Year Fee \$9,170
 2nd Year Fee \$9,116

OUTCOMES:
 Satisfactory completion of this two year program entitles the student to a partial Diploma of Aviation.

ENROLMENT TYPE: VES
VET in VCE: Yes
VCAL RECOGNITION: Yes

STUDY PATHWAYS:
 Recreational Pilot Licence (RPL)
 Private Pilot Licence (PPL) completion
 Commercial Pilot Licence
 Diploma of Aviation
 Advanced Diploma of Aviation
 Bachelor of Aviation
 Various other Bachelor Courses

BLOCK CREDIT: Yes
PRE-REQUISITES: Over 15 years of age
PRACTICAL PLACEMENT: No
CLUSTER PROVIDER: Westall Secondary College

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
 Students will receive approximately 25 hours flight time in their first year and 25 hours of flight time for their second year. This course provided opportunities for students to work towards or complete a Private Pilot Licence (PPL)

SPECIALIST COURSE INFORMATION:
 Students are required to have a CASA medical before commencing flying. This medical will need to be completed before the end of term one, at a cost of approximately \$150. Students may require extra flying time to be deemed competent, this will be charged separately at our published rate.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS
 Emergency Services Pilot
 Airline Pilot
 Flying Ins tractor
 Air Force Pilot
 Licensed Aeronautical Engineer
 Helicopter Pilot
 Airline Program Manager
 Agricultural Pilot (crop duster)
 Helicopter Pilot

REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION
 Tristar Aviation Co Pty Ltd
 14 Northern Ave Moorabbin Airport Vc 3194
 RTO 22509
 Ph: (03) 9580 8200
 Email: info@tristaraviation.com.au

COURSE STRUCTURE

The units of competency delivered are part of the Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence)
 ** Units are delivered over 2 years * Unit delivered 2nd year only

UNIT CODE	UNIT NAME
AVI4001	Maintain aircraft radio communications
AVI4011	Manage aircraft passengers and cargo **
AVI4014	Manage human factors in aviation operations **
AVI4001	Navigate aircraft under visual flight rules *
AVI4001	Manage pre and post flight actions
AVI4001	Control aeroplane on the ground
AVI4002	Take off aeroplane
AVI4003	Control aeroplane in normal flight
AVI4004	Land aeroplane
AVI4007	Manage aircraft fuel **
AVI4018	Execute advance aeroplane manoeuvres and procedures **
AVI4008	Manage safe flight operations **
AVI4005	Operate at a controlled aerodrome **
AVI4001	Apply aircraft safety procedures

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Learn English

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Every Monday starting from 24th July

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

English classes for all parents, carers and guardians of students of Westall Secondary College.

Do you want to learn English?
 Are you an Asylum Seeker?
 Are you on a bridging visa?
 Are you on a safe haven visa?



Classes to be held at Westall Secondary College for only \$12.50 per term.

All enquires and to register for this class please contact Springvale neighbourhood House on 9548 3972.



SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP 

Buy and Sell

Second-hand **Textbooks**

Second-hand **Uniforms**

Simply

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- An annual subscription to this service has been kindly provided by Westall Secondary College

Second-hand textbook & uniform trading systems

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's book and uniform lists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
 - Exactly the right items to buy
 - Who has the most items you need
 - The cheapest items
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
- Excellent email and telephone helplines are provided:
0438 743 444

Also Buy & Sell

- Calculators
- Sporting items
- Musical items
- Electronics & DVD's
- Stationery
- And lots more

Pricing Guide

- Like New 70%
- Excellent 60%
- Very Good 50%
- Good 40%

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

ABN 55 114 136 211



WESTALL
Secondary College

Wanted: Homestay Providers

Homestay Providers wanted

Do you have a spare bedroom?

Are you able to provide a caring, safe and supportive environment for an international student?

Westall Secondary College's International Program is looking for English speaking families to accommodate for secondary aged International students who require homestay provision.

Our students are predominantly from China, Vietnam and Cambodia. Families receive weekly payment for providing this valuable service.

For further information, contact Mrs Po Sim Ngian on **95463233** during school hours, mobile: **0457369361** or email: png@westallsc.vic.edu.au



College Blazer—\$110.00—buy direct from the General Office



LOOK GREAT IN 2018!

The College Blazer can be purchased from the College for only \$110. Students are encouraged to wear their Blazer to and from School every day.

Community News

Dear Westall Parents and Students,

The Westall Hub library is now open. I encourage you to make a visit and join up as members.

Kingston Libraries have purchased many copies of titles on this year's School Book-list. If you've forgotten your own copy, call by the Westall Library and use one of ours.

We have free WiFi throughout the Library for Library Members and free access to many OnLine Educational Data Bases including learning other languages.

We have large areas for quiet study and group discussion.

We have a 3D printer and can offer classes in how to create your own designs or how to print an existing design.

Free downloadable music from Freegal which accesses over 6 million tracks from the Sony Music Catalogue.

LIBRARY ADDRESSES & HOURS

Chelsea Branch Library
1 Chelsea Road, Chelsea 3196 Melways: 97 B1

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
10-8	10-8	1-8	10-6	10-6	10-2	2-5

Cheltenham Branch Library
12 Stanley Ave, Cheltenham 3192 Melways: 86 J2

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
10-8	10-8	1-8	10-6	10-6	10-2	2-5

Clarinda Community Library
58 Viney St, Clarinda 3169 Melways: 78 J6

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
10-8	10-8	1-8	10-6	10-6	10-3	2-5

Dingley Village Community Library
Harold Box Hall, Marcus Road, Dingley Village Mel: 88 F6

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
2-6	2-6	X	10-2	2-6	10-1	X

Highbett Community Library
310 Highbett Rd, Highbett 3190 Melways: 77 E9

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
10-6	10-6	X	10-6	10-6	10-1	X

Moorabbin Community Library
Shop 5, 1 Taylor St, Moorabbin 3189 Melways: 77 E5

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
1-5	10-2	X	10-5	1-5	10-1	X

Parkdale Branch Library
96 Parkers Rd, Parkdale 3195 Melways: 87 C9

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
10-8	10-8	1-8	10-6	10-6	10-2	2-5

Patterson Lakes Community Library
54 Thompson Rd, Patterson Lakes 3197 Melways: 97 H6

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
10-5.30	2-5.30	2-5.30	2-5.30	2-5.30	10-1	X

Westall Community Hub Library
35 Fairbank Road, Clayton South 3169 Melways: 79 F7

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
10-6	10-6	1-6	10-6	10-6	X	2-5

1300 135 668
kingston.vic.gov.au/library
facebook.com/kingstonlibraries



KINGSTON LIBRARIES LOANS & CHARGES

ITEM	LOAN PERIOD	RENEWALS	MAX ITEMS PER FORMAT						
Any combination of items up to a total of 40 per card.									
Books - Print & Audio	3 WEEKS	1	40						
CD-ROMs	3 WEEKS	1	40						
DVDs	3 WEEKS	1	40						
BluRay	3 WEEKS	1	10						
Magazines	1 WEEK	1	40						
CD Music	1 WEEK	1	40						
Wii Games	1 WEEK	1	10						
XBOX ONE	1 WEEK	1	2						
Launch Pad	1 WEEK	1	1						
Ebooks & eAudiobooks also available: 3 week loan Available for loan from: kingston.vic.gov.au/library									
Late fines charged at 35 cents per item per day, up to \$7.00 per item. All charges must be paid and outstanding items returned prior to borrowing.									
Your information may be given to debt/ property recovery agencies if you do not return library resources.									
Interlibrary Loan Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-charging library \$7.00 (\$1 upon request, balance on delivery) • Charging library \$17.00 (\$1 upon request, balance on delivery) 								
Lost and Damaged Items	Cost of replacement or repair - Price on application								
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A3 - 40 cents	A3 - \$4.00								
3D Printing	First hour \$5, \$2.50 per hour thereafter								
Public Fax - National	Sending - 1st page \$5.50 (Australia wide) - following pages \$1.10								
Replace Lost Borrower Card	\$4.40 each								
Reservation Fee	\$1.00 per title								

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UNIFORM PRICE LIST* **WESTALL SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Your uniform is available at the **PSW STORE IN CHELTENHAM**



15 Mills Street, CHELTENHAM VIC 3192

Phone: 03 9768 0332

REGULAR TRADING HOURS**

Tue to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

EXTENDED TRADING HOURS**

WED 8 NOV 2017 TO SAT 10 MAR 2018

Mon to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sat: 9:00am - 2:00pm

www.psw.com.au Save Time, Shop Online!



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LAYBY
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STORE ***



***No new lay-bys in January, Lay-bys require a 20% deposit, Lay-bys available in-store only, Extended lay-by for 'Back to School 2018' must be placed between Mon 6th Nov and Fri 22nd Dec 2017. Lay-bys must be paid for and picked-up by Sat 27 Jan 2018.

**Store trading hours are subject to change, please refer to www.psw.com.au for all store trading hours, holiday trading and public holiday information, or call the customer service team on (03) 9768 0333.

*School Price Lists are subject to change throughout the year.



The School Uniform Specialists



Westall Secondary College

Uniform Price List
Price as at: 23-10-2017

Unisex		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1101015	S/S Hip Shirt	White	Embroidery	10/3XS-16/S 18/M-5XL	29.95 31.95
1101055	L/S Shirt - Stand Collar	White	Embroidery	10/3XS-16/S 18/M-5XL	30.95 32.95
1105050	Wool Blend Jumper - 50/50	Royal	Embroidery	10/3XS-14/XS 16/S-5XL	79.95 85.95
1100148	Mesh Sports Top	Royal_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	33.95
1102709	Rugby Jumper - 2 Colours	Royal_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	86.95
1100850	Micromesh Sport Shorts	Ink	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	28.95
1100408	Microfibre Trackpants - Lined	Navy	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	45.95
1100207	Oxford Jacket	Navy	Embroidery	10/3XS-5XL	82.95
Male		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1103030	Elastic Back Shorts	Ink		10/62cm-117cm	38.95
1103010	Pleated Front Shorts	Ink		10/62cm-117cm	39.95
1104010	Pleated Trousers	Ink		10/62cm-117cm	50.95
Female		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1108016	Summer Dress	Blue/White/Black Check - 8019		10G-16G/10L 18G/12L-26L	49.95 61.95
1104001	Box Pleat Skirt	Royal/Navy/White/Gold Winter Check - 90		12G/6L-16G/10L 18G/12L-26L	50.95 61.95
1111991	Girl's Expandable Tailored Pant	Ink		12G/6L-22L	55.00
Accessories		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1101912	Hijab	White		ALL-ALL	16.50
1100515	Baseball Cap - Brushed Cotton	Navy	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	14.95
1100600	School Tie	Navy/Navy/White/Yellow		137cm-137cm	21.95
8303200	College Backpack w Laptop Insert	Ink		ALL-ALL	55.95
2511050	Up & Down Ankle Socks - 3 pack	Navy		9--12-8--11	14.95
2512000	Turnover Knee Hi Sock - 3 Pack	White		9--12-8--11	17.95
2513000	Girls Tights	Navy		4--6-11--14 MID-X TALL	11.95 15.95
2513050	Opaque Tights	Navy		MID-X TALL	12.95

Your School Uniform is
available at PSW Cheltenham
15 Mills Street
Cheltenham VIC 3192
03 9768 0332
Shop online at www.psw.com.au

Trading Hours
Tue to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm
*Store hours subject to change



Edunet Computer Services
26 Milgate Drive
Mornington, VIC, 3931



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Edunet are excited to be the preferred partner for the BYOD Portal at Westall Secondary College. Please find enclosed all information regarding the purchase of your son or daughter's device.

Edunet is based in Mornington and is committed to providing good quality student notebooks at affordable prices. We support our hardware at every stage of the process and pride ourselves on high quality service.

The online ordering portal is accessible via <http://westallsc.technologyportal.com.au>. The password you will need to access the portal is **WSC2018**

If you would require assistance in person, please call our office to make an appointment time to visit our office.

Please be advised that to receive your order prior to Christmas, All Lenovo laptops have had an additional air freight charged added. To receive your order by Christmas your order must be placed and paid for by November 3rd.

To receive your order for the first day of Term 1, 2018, your order must be placed and paid for by December 8th. Order delivery dates are subject to change if there is a constraint on parts with the manufacturer.

Apple orders can be fulfilled within a fortnight of ordering, but is dependent stock levels.

If you have any questions about the device or the ordering process, please contact us on 9708 8700 or email portal@edunet.com.au.

Kindest Regards,

Matthew Gordon

Managing Director
Edunet Computer Service