



# Westall News



## News from the Principal, Mr. Lanarus

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

Oct 30-3 Nov—I-Create Outdoor Ed. Camp  
 Nov 1—School Council Meeting at 4.30pm  
 Nov 1-22—Year 12 VCAA Written Exams  
**Nov 7—Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**  
 Nov 13—Year 9 Werribee Zoo Excursion  
 Nov 17—Year 7 State Volleyball  
**Nov 21—Pupil Free Day**  
 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 4-8—2018 Year 11-12 Headstart Program  
 Dec 4-15—2018 Year 8-10 Headstart Program  
 Dec 12—Grade 6 Orientation  
 Dec 18-22—End of Year Activities  
 Dec 22—Last day of Term 4

#### 2018 TERM 1

Jan 30—First day for 2018. Classes begin 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,

This week, our Year 12 students finished regular classes and had a farewell assembly shared with all students across the school. There was singing, dancing, presentations, speeches, funny stories shared and reflected on and some beautiful messages thanking teachers for their support over the last 6 years. Our school values around CARE are much more than just written on paper. The CARE is very real and the learning environment and relationships at our school are something we should all celebrate. I couldn't be prouder of our school, our staff and our students. Our Year 12 students captured all of this beautifully at the assembly. Our Year 12 VCAL students are wrapping up their final pieces of work and requirements and our Year 12 VCE students will spend the next week studying before beginning their written exams. Good luck to all of you and I look forward to our more formal farewell and recognition of your time at Westall on the evening of Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, at the Clayton Church of Christ.

Selected students from other year levels will also be invited to attend this event on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, and, this will be followed by a whole school awards ceremony the next day at school, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Headstart classes for 2018 will commence on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The final day of classes for current Year 10 and 11 students is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, while students from other year levels will continue through to the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. It is a later finish this year. I urge all families, including International students, to make note of these dates and ensure you don't make travel plans until after classes finish.

A couple of other dates to make note of in November: Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November is a normal school day; Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November is Melbourne Cup Day and our final Student Free Day this year is scheduled for Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November.

There have been a number of important staffing appointments completed in recent weeks. Mark Henderson has been appointed as a new Assistant Principal joining Sue Simadri and myself in the Principal Team. Mark will commence with us from the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Eva Kesidis for her tireless work as Assistant Principal over the last 10 years.

Alice Paget, Tom Tahos, Hari Nikoloau and Carmela Santucci were reappointed as our Sub School Leaders, and, we will soon be adding a Literacy Leader and Numeracy Leader to the team.

At this time of the year, all Victorian Government schools are completing a review and assessment of their yearly goals and targets. I am pleased to share that we have hit nearly all of our targets that we set 12 months ago.

We have increased enrolments from 420 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 developed even further, e.g. VET Aviation will be offered in 2018. We have worked more closely with our

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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 reach Year 9/10. This will be our focus, along with, getting the best possible VCE and VCAL results. Last year our Dux, Iliia Kucherov, achieved a 99.85 ATAR and Matt Yang came in second with an ATAR of 99.75. I look forward to celebrating our Year 12 results later this year and I am confident that we will achieve excellent results again to complement all of the other success we have achieved this year.

Until next time,

Mr. Tristan Lanarus  
Principal

## Assistant Principal — Mrs. Sue Simadri



### Victorian Government Schools Recruitment Trip—China



I am currently in Beijing, my final stopover before heading back to Melbourne. I have been travelling with a team of Assistant Principals and International Student Coordinators from neighbouring Victorian government schools, promoting the International Program and Westall Secondary College to potential students and their families, as well as, to many of the agencies that assist students in China to begin the process of applying to Australian schools. We spent our first couple of days in Shanghai, drove to Suzhou, then Nanjing, and finally took the bullet train to Beijing. It has been an amazing experience to visit this magnificent country with such rich culture and history. The days were mostly spent meeting with two or three agencies and the evenings, debriefing and

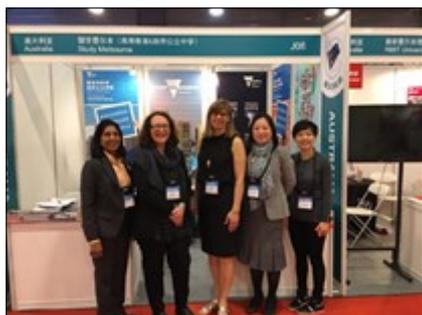


preparing for the next day. Each of us were able to get a half day to ourselves, and of course, most of us took this opportunity to visit famous landmarks, such as the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City!



I was very fortunate to meet with parents of a few of our current international students to provide them with teacher feedback and to reassure them their children were settling into the school and making suitable academic progress.

The International Program at Westall is one of the largest in the state as we have more than 20% of our student population make up of international students, not only from China, but also, Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, Japan, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia. I was extremely proud to speak about our school, our students, the programs we offer, our results, and the international team, headed by Ms Ngian! Many of the agents knew Westall well, particularly with regard to our strong Mathematics program, and had students to refer to our school. We look forward to strengthening our relationship with the Chinese agencies and further developing our International Program at the school.



Mrs. Sue Simadri  
Assistant Principal

# Senior School Report

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

### Its Never Easy to Say Goodbye

This week, our year 12 students have celebrated a significant milestone and the end of formal secondary school classes. It is a funny time in their life journey, as they are not quite finished with secondary school as the exams and results still loom, yet their time at school has been acknowledged and celebrated.

As educators, our job is to build student capacity. It is now time for the class of 2017, as individuals, to discover what truly matters to them. In this new chapter, this new journey, the school community wishes you all the very best. For the students who will be sitting exams – study hard, complete lots of practice exam papers, be punctual to your exams, and make sure you bring all the required equipment. “Don’t leave anything in the tank” - in other words, you will never regret working hard – your resilience and perseverance are also being tested. Your teachers have attempted to prepare you for the task ahead and want you to do well and to achieve your dreams.

On behalf of the teaching and non-teaching staff, congratulations and all the best. We look forward to seeing you at the graduation / awards night celebrations.

**PS - a special thank you to the staff who became students for the day. Unfortunately, they failed to read the school uniform policy and some did not adhere to the requirements!**

Ms. Haritini Nikolaou



### End of Year 12 Celebrations

On Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> October, the class of 2017 celebrated the end of Year 12 with a whole school assembly to talk about their journey as students at Westall Secondary College. There was lots of dancing, singing, speeches, as well as messages to teachers. There were even surprises with teachers dressed as students.



That afternoon, students went to Le Mans Go Karting in Dandenong South to participate in their end of year activity. They played paintball, go karting and laser tag. I would like to thank the school captains, especially Vi Vuong, for the work put in this year to make the day a success. I would also like to thank the Year 12s for their assistance in setting up, cleaning up and ensuring the day ran smoothly.

Thanks guys!

Ms. Ngan Nguyen  
Year 12 Coordinator



# Senior School Report Cont'd...

## The Big Sleep out – A focus on HOMELESSNESS

On Friday, 13th October, a group of 30 students from years 9 to 12 volunteered their time to sleep overnight in the Balook Centre. The event was a platform to raise awareness for those people experiencing hardship as a homeless person.

The night was spent in each other's warm company. During the technology-free period, students bonded over classic card and board games. Dinner was served 'family-style'. Students even helped themselves to a few more bowls of soup. Mr B shared his stash of snacks with us - the night wouldn't have been complete without junk food. We unwound as the night progressed. The atmosphere was pleasant and students generally enjoyed the night.

Our guest speaker, Nick Ivanoff from the Kingston Council, offered to come and speak about the importance of making conversation about the issue of homelessness. Nick also shone light on the issue from his perspective as an outreach officer and from his broad, first-hand experiences with it.

Many had a sleepless night, and the others that had a wink of sleep woke up groggily.

Big thanks to Lily Ung for organising the event, Nick, Ms Armstrong for making the soup, Mr Bandara, Mr Richardson, Ms Stennings, Mr Mangelsdorf and the two student teachers, Adriana and XXL, for lending their time to supervise us, and the students who were present to set up and clean up.

Lily Ung  
Year 12 Vice Captain



## Westall SC Trivia Night

On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, Westall SC hosted its first Trivia night. This event was run by the SRC to raise money for Melbourne youth homelessness. A number of tables were sold and the participants tried to answer questions around Geography, Sports, History and Entertainment. The night was full of fun and laughter, with all proceeds going to our charity fundraising goal. Congratulations to Jarrod Johnstone and friends who won first place. We look forward to more people joining us in 2018 for another exciting night of Trivia.

Mr. Jared Bandara  
VCAL Coordinator

## Year 11 Hospitality Students

Walter Trupp, previously Macro Pierre - Whites Executive Chef, took students through the fine art of preparing duck in 8 different ways. Students learnt about the different types of ducks and how Australian ducks compare to those overseas. The first step was to learn how to prepare a duck for sectioning, then to completely debone it ready for rolling, roasting a whole duck, preparing duck liver pate as well as confit duck. Hands on experience like this, delivered by a michelin star chef was a wonderful opportunity and a welcome support for the students moving into Year 12 Hospitality.



Ms. Julie Armstrong  
Materials Technology Teacher

**Best wishes  
to all our Year 12 students  
for their upcoming final  
exams**

# Middle School Report

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

Welcome to Term Four. I hope you had a relaxing term break.

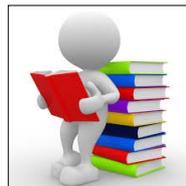
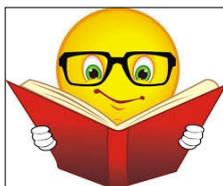
We have a few new students who have joined the Middle School; we welcome you all and look forward to working together in our learning journey.

A couple of reminders:

- Students should now be wearing their summer school uniform.
- Mobile phones are NOT allowed in class
- We need your updated contact details— if there are any changes to your circumstances such as where you live or family phone numbers, please let us know ASAP.

Have a great term

Mr. Tom Tahos



### I-Read Program

**Reading for pleasure** builds the enthusiasm and skills for lifelong learning.

At the start of every period 4 class (not Wednesdays), every student is expected to bring along some reading material that is school appropriate. Students have 15 minutes of personal reading time set aside.

Reading can lead to many benefits, such as:

- **Teaches us about the world around us**

Reading a variety of books - you learn about people, places & events outside your own experiences

- **Helps develop empathy** – students begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation
- **Reading is fun** – books do not take up too much space, they are light to carry and can reduce boredom
- **Great way to spend time together** – the social aspect when, we visit the library etc.
- **Read to achieve better at school**

Promotes achievement in all subjects. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across all areas.

- **Develops imagination**

As we read, our brain translates the descriptions of people, places and things into pictures

- **Improves vocabulary and language skills**

We learn new words as we read, subconsciously we absorb information on how to use words effectively when we write and speak.

- **Improves concentration**

We have to sit still and quietly to focus on our story. If we read often, we develop this skill for longer periods.

- **Exercises our brains**

It is a more complex task than watching TV or phone clips. Reading strengthens brain connections and builds new connections.

- **Get better at reading-** If you read often, you get better at it- practice makes perfect

### Excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria

The Year 9/10 Art Class had a fabulous time at the National Gallery of Victoria last Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017. It was the first time for most of the students to visit an Art Gallery and they were not disappointed. They spent time looking at the general collection and then viewing the Hokusai Exhibition which showcased the beautiful Japanese woodcut prints from the Edo period. Students then experienced printmaking themselves, creating wonderful works based on the sites of Melbourne. All who attended had a wonderful time!!!



Ms, Mary-Jane Wagenfeld  
Year 9/10 Art Teacher

# Junior School News

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

Welcome back to Term 4!

### A few reminders:

- The Library in the Hub behind the college has also now opened; there is an extensive range of books that can be borrowed for the I-Read program. All students need to bring a book of choice to Period 1 and 2.
- Summer Uniform is to be worn for Term 4.

### Upcoming events in Term 4:

- Grade 6 Parent / Student Information Night is on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. Grade 6 Orientation Day will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new students and parents of the college and we look forward to making the transition for your son/daughter a positive and supportive experience.
- Year 7 students will be involved in an Aboriginal Culture Virtuality Reality experience on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, as part of their Global Literacy classes. Without leaving the classroom, students will fly to the far North Queensland Rainforest, where they'll witness the Aboriginal dances of Rain forestation. There will be interactive exercises about Aboriginal life pre 1788, 360 degree feature about 'The Dreaming' and much more!
- Arts Week, including a Lion Dance Workshop for the Year 7 and 8 students.
- Our Year 7 Girls Volleyball Team will be competing for the State Titles on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, good luck girls!

Headstart will begin in Week 9 (4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> December so they can make an organised start to the 2018 year!

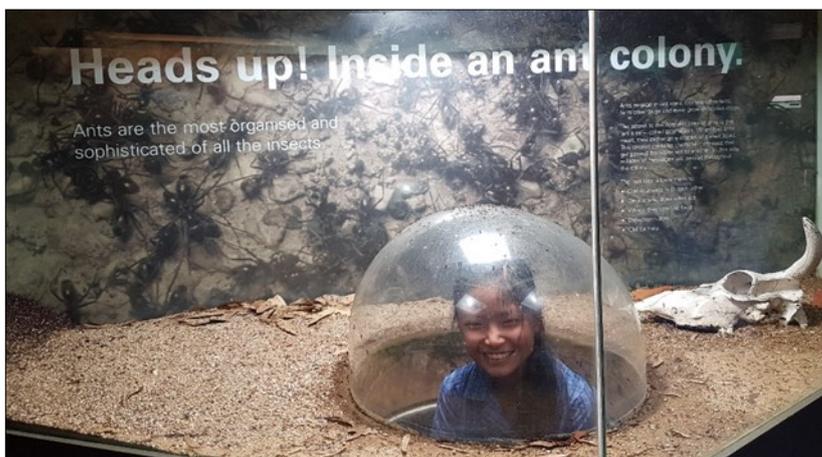
## IMAX and Melbourne Museum Excursion

All Year 7 and 8 students went on an excursion to IMAX and the Melbourne Museum on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October. This provided the students with an alternate learning environment that linked in with their Global Literacy and Science Curriculum. IMAX provides the most immersive cinematic experience, with the largest cinema screen in the world. Year 7 and 8 students watched 2 movies at IMAX, including Egypt: Secrets of the Mummies, Mighty Micro Monsters, The Beautiful Planet and Prehistoric Dinosaurs. All the movies provided some fascinating insights for the students!



Main Dinh, a Year 7 Aim High student in Global Literacy said, "Learning about ancient Egypt through the biggest screen in Australia brought in a whole new perspective of how we as humans lived thousands of years ago. It turned facts into a story film that was education in a disguise. Visual media and expressive music made us understand thoroughly about how the ancient Egyptians saw their world".

The students also had an opportunity to have a guided tour of the Melbourne Museum. The students had a great time and gained a lot of knowledge from a range of exhibits and displays. The highlights for the students included the Bunjilaka, an exhibition marking a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and Bugs Alive, the amazing world of insects and spiders!



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## Respectful Relationships (Year 7 Health)



As part of the Health & Physical Education curriculum, Year 7 students do a unit of study on Respectful Relationships that also incorporates Adolescence Issues. For this important area of study, wherever possible, the class will be divided so that the boys are instructed by a male teacher & the girls will have the opportunity to work with a female teacher, and in this case, Mrs Christalia the School Nurse. By organizing the classes in this way we often find that the students are more relaxed in their learning environment and therefore able to ask questions and discuss issues that they may be reticent to in a mixed class. Feedback from the students has been extremely positive. I would like to thank Mrs Christalia for making herself available to take these important sessions.



Mr Scott Newton  
Health & Physical Education Teacher

## Getting ready for Camp (i-Create Outdoor Education)

As the I Create Outdoor Education Camp is just around the corner, the Year 7 & 8 students did a practice run for setting up their tents. They were well tested too because in between strong wind gusts, they also had to dodge the rain drops! All students got their tents up in good time and they really impressed me with the level of cooperation they exhibited in helping each group erect their tent properly.

Mr Scott Newton  
Health & Physical Education Teacher



## Centenarian Project (Year 7 Art)

Tara Chea, Monica Maroki and Melissa Heng in Year 7 participated in the 2017 Centenarian Project. The project is produced by Embraced Inc. and Arcare Aged care and the Victorian Senior's Festival. It is about bringing the community together through inter-generational interactions. For our students it was meeting with a centenarian for the first time; for the centenarians it was chance to share history and for both generations a memorable experience exchanging perspectives. The exhibition by Melbourne teenagers, features 100 portraits of 100 year olds . '100' - a celebration of Melbourne's oldest residents exhibition was held at the The Stables@ the Meat Market (2 Wrekyn St, Melbourne).



Congratulations to the students who took up this incredible opportunity, not to mention a memorable and rewarding experience! The portraits will be given as a gift to each of the centenarians. Well done girls!

Ms Ifandis  
Arts Coordinator



## Message from the WELC Coordinator: Mrs. Carmela Santucci

Welcome to our new students and welcome back to our returning students.

This term the Language Centre has established another class to accommodate the growing numbers of students. We would like to welcome Ms Jillian Samuels, Ms Donna Linnett and Ms Rebekah Vass who have joined the WELC teaching staff.



Term 4 will be busy as many students are preparing for their transition into mainstream schools, which includes students attending Orientation Days and Head Start Programs. The intensive nature of the New Arrivals Program offers the best opportunity for students to prepare for further studies in an Australian school.

### WELC Art Elective

## *Halloween Spooky Silhouette Paintings*

In the lead up to Halloween celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> October, the students in Art created art work around the theme of Halloween. They used water colour to paint a transitional sky and then painted spooky silhouettes including bats, owls, spiders, skulls, ghosts and haunted houses using black acrylic paint.

The paintings will be on display outside the English Language Centre staffroom in A corridor.

Below are the students at work along with some of the art work.

Ms Anna Kotsiou  
WELC Teacher



# I-Create Program News

## I-Create Building and Construction

As part of our partnership with Industry, Bunnings South Oakleigh attended our Building and Construction I CREATE to bring to the students a cabinet project. The students gained knowledge and experience on how to assemble flat pack designs. Rob and Saray from Bunnings provided students with the opportunity to make their own three dimensional storage cabinet with a roller drawer and hinged door. Though a challenging task the students enjoyed their final product, some of the students couldn't wait to take their cabinets home, others donated these to the teachers. A huge thank you to Bunnings and Saray the Events Coordinator for donating materials and providing us with the building and construction workshop.



We still have a few left if any teachers or students would like one for home or the office!

Ms. Helen Ifandis  
I-Create Building & Construction Teacher



## I-Create STEM

On Wednesday 20th of September, STEM i-Create class went on an excursion to Quantum Victoria. We had the opportunity to learn how to design and program 3D shapes to suit real life situations. Our design challenge was to make an earphone holder where the cords would not get tangled. We even got to use the 3D printer and see our design in real life! The class describe the experience as "*educational, awesome, extra ordinary, new, magnificent, and our future*".



Ms. Loan Luong  
I-Create STEM Teacher

## I Create - Outdoor Education Primary School Visit

As the temperature hit 30 degrees, the Outdoor Education class visited Spring Parks Primary School (West Campus) to do some physical activities and interact with 50 Grade 5 & 6 students.

This activity was an important part of the students' assessment for this subject and they had prepared themselves well for this event. I was extremely impressed with how well the Westall students interacted with the Primary children who were given encouragement and positive feedback every step of the way.



It was a very interesting & rewarding experience for all involved. A big thankyou to the Principal Mrs Julie Fisher for her support in making this valuable activity happen.

Mr Scott Newton  
I-Create Outdoor Education Teacher



# I-Create Program News cont'd ...

## I-Create Martial Arts

It has been a very busy term for the ICREATE Martial Arts Program. This term our student numbers in the program has increased and as a result, we welcome Mr Andy Tran to supervise and participate in the program. For the first time, we ran an inter-house sparring competition throughout the school. It was great to see many students participate in the event and to see many students turn up to watch this spectacular event.

### The winners for the Inter-house sparring competition are:

Winner Male Division: Ambrose Lou (Year 9) – Paterson

Winner Female Division: So Ma Ya (Year 9) – Lawson

Runner Up Male Division: Manvir Singh (Year 9) – Dennis

Runner Up Female Division: Emily Liong (Year 8) – Paterson

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our students in the program who have been promoted to the next rank. Their fitness and skills have improved. It was exciting to see that our senior rank students starting this term taking on the challenge in mentoring and training our junior belts.



### Term 3 grading results:

Yellow 1: Sarah Alkaff (Year 9), Hasan San (Year 9), Mohammed Alqahtani (Year 9), Sulin Tun (Year 9) & Ah Zi Zar (Year 9)

Yellow 2: Ace Dongalen (Year 7), Christos Langiotis (Year 7), Joshua Nagliati (Year 7), Metsophee Myint (Year 8) & Chau Chen (Year 9)

Yellow 3: Akhilesh Dadwal (Year 8), Ambrose Lou (Year 9), Jeanette Mhundwa (Year 9) & Mr Andy Tran

Blue 1: Sa Ah (Year 8), Joshua Balista (Year 8), Kevin Ly (Year 8) & Justin Li (Year 11)

Blue 2: Emily Liong (Year 8), Mali Ma (Year 9) & Manvir Singh (Year 9)

Blue 3: Jessica Dang (Year 8), Nurza Nurza (Year 9), Han Tang (Year 9), So Ma Ya (Year 9), Zinmin Hton (Year 9), Jano Nadesalingam (Year 9) & Peter Chen (Year 10)

Red 2: Ngan Trinh (Year 9)

I would like to thank Mr Bandara and Jake Tran (Year 12) for organising the Inter-House Sparring Competition and end of term grading. If there are any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to contact me. Have a great break.

Mr. Charles Tran

I-Create Martial Arts Teacher

## I-Create #Code

Year 11 student Rico Yung, our IT Manager Mr. Baker and myself participated in the 'Smart Cities Blockchain Hackathon', supported by the Kingston council and the Blockchain Association of Australia.

This year's Hackathon was held in the RMIT campus in the city from Friday the 20th to Sunday the 22nd.

This is the first such coding experience that Westall Secondary College has been part of and as such we did not know what to expect.

A 'hackathon' turned out to be a competition where teams competed by developing a software application to solve a problem, and in our case our project needed to involve Blockchain technology.

Blockchain is the innovative technology behind Bitcoin, the electronic currency that is now causing a revolution in today's financial markets.

The competition comprised a diverse set of ten teams. Melbourne Girl's Grammar School had two teams, other teams were made up of individuals who meet on the day.

Our group of three from Westall was joined by three others, a student from Norwood Secondary College, an architect, and a marketing expert.

Our final entry in the competition was a product that connected international students with an Australian home stay family in a safe secure manner with a financial benefit to all parties. Although we did not win the overall competition, our entry was very competitive and impressed many of the guests.

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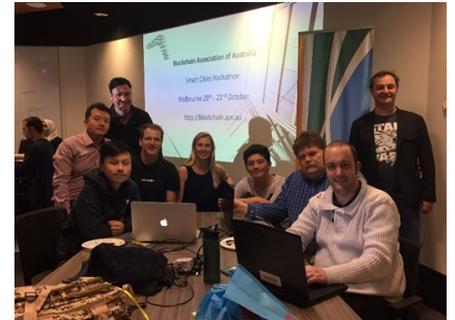
The event provided a fantastic opportunity for our #Code student, Rico, to work with experts from various industries and the technology community, as well as representatives of local and the state government. With the support Mr Lanarus has shown for the event, Mr Baker and I are both very enthusiastic to form a team of competitive students for next year's competition. There was talk that such a competition may even be held at the new Westall Community Hub next year.



*Rico and Vincent (from Norwood HS) speaking with (Back, Right to Left) the Hon Luke Donnelly, Minister for Ports, Minister for Roads & Road Safety, 2018 Melbourne Girls Grammar School Captain, and Chami Akmeemana, President of the Australian Blockchain Association*



*Year 11 Student Rico Speaking with Jonathan Reichental, CIO/CTO City of Palo Alto. Jonathan is recognised as one of the 100 most influential Chief Information/Technology Officers, and as a leader of the Smart Cities Initiative. Jonathan was a keynote speaker and judge at the event*



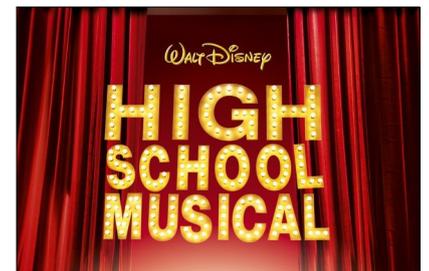
*Our Team (and VIP's) on the Sunday (L-R) Edison, Rico, Tim Bearup (Manager Libraries and Social Development at Kingston Council), Steve, Anne-Marie, Vincent, Mr Richardson, Mr Baker, and Jonathan Reichental*

Mr. Ralph Richardson  
I-Create Code Teacher

## I-Create Performing Arts—High School Musical

Our First College production in 25 years!

Well, the first Westall College production has come and gone, and it went off with a bang! Along the road, there were many challenges, surprises, highs and lows as well as a modest selection of the near-catastrophes that no true theatrical production would be complete without. However, the Westall students stuck to their tasks and they had a good time and proudly presented a great show .



School productions are always challenging, doubly so when it has been a while since the college has done a show. Having to “re-invent the wheel” for a thousand details and to start from scratch right down to learning the specialised terms and skills that theatre demands was, on occasion, downright daunting for all concerned. It was a challenge that our students rose to magnificently. Even while practicing lines, dances and songs our students learned stage direction, theatre discipline and the intricacies of props handling, sight-lines and cues.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to see our students grow and develop, finding their individual niches and adding layer upon layer to the final product, a show to be proud of. Theatre is the ultimate team sport, a chain defined by its weakest link but the cast and crew of the Drama, Singing and Dance iCreate worked together to grow, learn and become a supportive, creative and resilient team.

There is nothing quite like the excitement of opening night when months of effort coalesce into the first of a few short hours of stage time. No matter how prepared a person is, that first step on stage is like the first time bungee jumping or skydiving. As a teacher it is always fascinating watching anticipation become excitement (maybe tinged with a little terror) and excitement become exhilaration. Then the slight disappointment when the show is done. That having been said, I'm not entirely sure the last of the audience was out of the theatre on the last night before students were asking “what show are we doing next?”

I won't try to list the members of our college community who supported this project. There are too many and the support was too varied, but I will say that we never lacked for care from any angle.

# I-Create Program News

In the end, however, I-Create is about students and our students certainly stood up and shone. Willing to learn, striving to achieve and showing maturity often well beyond their years they took some books and a CD and turned them into a fine theatrical performance that I hope will establish a growing tradition at Westall College.

Mr. James Graewolfe  
I-Create Performing Arts Teacher

## Other School News

### 2017 Australian Mathematics Competition Results

Hundreds of schools in Australia and overseas entered the 2017 competition. A selected group of 25 students from year 7 to year 11 participated in the Australian Mathematics competition on 27th of July 2017 this year.

#### Our School Statistics

1	High Distinction
7	Distinction
11	Credits
3	Proficiency
3	Participation

The performance statistics indicate a high standard again this year. We have three students scoring above 90th percentile and 32% of our students scored a distinction or above and 76% scored at least a credit which is amazing. Well done and congratulations to all our participants.

Ms. Melinda Chee  
Mathematics Coordinator

### Congratulations Rafi Fatoni



Rafi won 2nd place award for Victoria's best students from the Centre for Multicultural Youth. He received the award because he has been a fabulous student in Dixon House Homework Club. He has always been an enthusiastic person in the club. He has been organising games so that the club is more enjoyable for everyone and he makes them feel welcomed and comfortable. The Victorian Minister for Education, Hon. James Merlino, presented the award to Rafi.

### Great Recess & Lunchtime Activity To Get You Moving & Socialising

While out on yard duty, I came across some students engrossed in a game called Cane Ball (similar to the popular game hacky sack) where the students stand around in a circle and randomly pass the ball to each other. It occurred to me that this simple activity had every positive I could think of. Firstly, it had the social component whereby conversation could readily take place, it required a good degree of flexibility & agility and probably the most important: it got you moving!

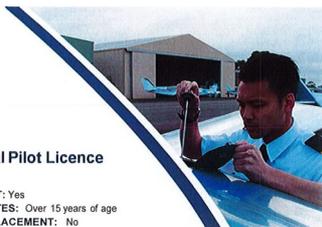
This would be a great activity for Senior students to participate in at recess & lunchtime to reduce stress and take them away from technology for a brief time.

Mr Scott Newton  
Health & Physical Education Teacher



# Parent Information

## 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 REGISTRATION:** 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 Instructor

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 Vic 3194

RTO 22509

Ph: (03) 9580 6200

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
AVIE4001	Maintain aircraft radio communications
AVIF0011	Manage aircraft passengers and cargo **
AVIF0014	Manage human factors in aviation operations **
AVIH4001	Navigate aircraft under visual flight rules *
AVIH4001	Manage Pre and post flight actions
AVIY4001	Control aeroplane on the ground
AVIY4002	Take off aeroplane
AVIY4003	Control aeroplane in normal flight
AVIY4004	Land aeroplane
AVIY4007	Manage aircraft fuel **
AVIY0018	Execute advance aeroplane manoeuvres and procedures **
AVIF0008	Manage safe flight operations **
AVIY0005	Operate at a controlled aerodrome **
AVIF0001	Apply aircraft safety procedures

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**YEAR 10, 11 & 12**

**SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM**

**2017**

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](http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au) no booking is required.

For further information please call 1300 764 807.

**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.



### FREE Information Session for Parents and Career Practitioners who are supporting young people with additional needs

You are invited to attend an information session to learn about the current services and resources available to parents, students and career practitioners for post year 12 and how best access and use these.

This information session will include presentations from:

**The Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston Local Learning and Employment Network (BGKLEN):** Discussing the work they do in the local community and supports available to young people with additional needs

**The Endeavour Foundation:** Discussing and explaining supported employment options and other supports on offer through the foundation

**Holmesglen:** Providing insight into post school work education programs

**SkillsPlus:** Providing information about Disability Employment Services (DES), including how a DES operates and other programs on offer through SkillsPlus

**Sandy Beach Centre:** Highlighting the program for people with disabilities hosted at Sandy Beach Centre

**Sally Bailey, National Disability Co-ordination Officer (NDCO) for the Southern Melbourne Region:** Discussing the NDCO role, in school supports and resources as well as post school transition options



#### Details

**Date:** Tuesday 31st October

**Venue:** Parkdale Secondary College  
Warren Rd, Mordialloc VIC 3195

**Time:** 6pm start

**RSVP:** via email to [samantha.hewitson@bgklen.org.au](mailto:samantha.hewitson@bgklen.org.au)



SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP 

## Buy and Sell

Second-hand **Textbooks**

Second-hand **Uniforms**

### Simply

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website  
- [www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://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

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- 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](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

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**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](mailto:png@westallsc.vic.edu.au)



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



**LOOK GREAT IN 2017!**  
**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**

**heartlinks**  
Sharing, Learning, Building

**Parenting after separation is quite a challenge!  
 Do you need to improve your co-parenting arrangement?**

This Positive Parenting after Separation workshop aims to equip parents with greater skill in remaining child-focused, reducing conflict, improving communication with the other parent, and developing a positive post-separation co-parenting relationship.

Parents will be supported to reduce the stress around a challenging situation, while providing a safe space to discuss and explore co-parenting issues. You will develop a range of strategies to manage and improve the relationship with the other parent, and most importantly enhance the connection with your child.

**Topics include:**

- Communication
- Children's development
- Co-parenting strategies
- Parenting styles
- Managing conflict
- Self-care

Nobody wants their children to struggle in a relationship breakdown. Our workshop can help you to navigate the twists and turns of separated parenting.

**Best suited to:**  
 Separated or divorced parents, and carers. Only one party of the relationship can be accepted in each workshop.

**When:**  
 Wednesday 15th November, 9.30am to 5.00pm  
 Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea provided.

**Where:**  
 Family Life meeting room, 197 Bluff Rd, Sandringham

**Cost:**  
 \$220 per person (\$200 concession)  
 Certificates of participation, suitable for submission to Court are available on completion of the workshop.

**Bookings and more information:**  
 To book or for more info, visit us at [heartlinks.com.au](http://heartlinks.com.au)  
 Email [heartlinks@familylife.com.au](mailto:heartlinks@familylife.com.au) or call (03) 8599 5488

**heartlinks**  
Sharing, Learning, Building

**Would parenting be easier if you were on the same team?  
 Could your communication do with some focus?**

Relationships require regular tuning to help couples stay connected, assist each other in understanding differences, and manage conflict while continuing to cooperate as a team.

The aim of the Better Relationships Workshop is to encourage participants to identify strengths in their relationship while fostering attitudes of respect, trust and positive partnership communications.

Over the course of four weekly sessions facilitated by an experienced family relationship practitioner, this interactive program will encourage participants to learn, develop and practise positive relationship skills in a supportive group environment.

**Topics include:**

- Building trust, commitment and emotional closeness.
- Re-discovering and focusing on the positive in your partner.
- Understanding and managing conflict.
- Creating shared meaning, life goals and dreams.
- Sharing appreciation and fondness for each other.

Investing a few hours now, will support improved well-being for yourself as an individual, as part of a couple, and for the benefit of your whole family.

**Best suited to:**  
 All couples - same sex and heterosexual, long term de-facto or married, new, engaged or starting again, later in life couples.

**When:**  
 The workshop runs across four Thursday evenings  
 Thursday 26th October 7pm to 9pm  
 Thursday 2nd November 7pm to 9pm  
 Thursday 9th November 7pm to 9pm  
 Thursday 16th November 7pm to 9pm  
 Light refreshments provided.

**Where:**  
 Family Life meeting room, 197 Bluff Rd, Sandringham

**Cost:**  
 \$390 per couple (\$350 concession)

**Bookings and more information:**  
 To book or for more info, visit us at [heartlinks.com.au](http://heartlinks.com.au)  
 Email [heartlinks@familylife.com.au](mailto:heartlinks@familylife.com.au) or call (03) 8599 5488

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