Westall News

News from the Principal, Mr. Lanarus

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

Dec 19—Aim High Challenge 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

2018
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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,

As 2017 draws to a close, we have so much to celebrate. We have achieved almost every target we set 12 months ago. Student, Parent and Staff opinion data are all above State means and our school has grown from 420 to 520 students.. Our new 4 period day, Year 9 and 10 elective subjects, and the I-Create program have been a huge success, and have no doubt, impacted on student attendance rates, which have improved by 20% across the school. At our final School Council meeting for 2017, we reflected on these successes and tabled our 2018 plans and targets.

To complement the growth and improvement already happening, our big focus in 2018 will be around Literacy, EAL and English support and intervention. We now have a team of three coaches across the school led by our new Assistant Principal, Mr Mark Henderson. We will also be working with the Westall Community Hub in offering Adult English classes. If you are interested in these classes or know someone that might be, please contact the Hub on 1300 653 356. We will be starting with two courses:

- Oracy class aimed at those with limited English skills on Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am, during school terms, starting the 13th February 2018
- Reading & Writing skills for those who have lower levels of these skills than oracy skills on Wednesdays 9.30am – 12.30pm, during school terms, starting the 14th February 2018

A recent event I thoroughly enjoyed was our International Student Dinner on Thursday 7th December in Clayton. We celebrated seven students who had birthdays in December and all students enjoyed the night, each other's company and the food on offer. It was a great opportunity for our International students to get together and celebrate the year's achievements before many head back overseas for the summer holiday period.

I am looking forward to meeting our Year 7 students for 2018 on Orientation Day, Tuesday 12th December. I am sure they will be impressed with our fantastic school and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. We also host prospective future students from our feeder primary schools on Tuesday 19th December for our Aim High Challenge Day. The Aim High program at Westall has become an important aspect of what we offer our students. It ensures those working above standard are extended and challenged to keep improving and reaching the highest possible standards.

We have a number of exciting building developments taking place. Balook is currently being refreshed and refurbished, and over the summer holidays, improvements will begin in A1, A5, A6 and the ALC. This work will ensure all of these spaces meet the demands and expectations for modern teaching and learning. In regards to improvements around the school, I would like to thank Bill Pontikis (School Council Member) and the Clayton Church of Christ, for their work painting and mulching on Saturday, 9th December. Special mention to Alex and Dave for supporting this day and for their tireless work throughout the year.

Congratulations to every one of you on your achievements this year. Have a fantastic holiday and we look forward to seeing you all here again in 2018. The last day of activities this year is Thursday 21st December and students return at 8:55am on Tuesday 30th January, 2018.

Until next time,

Tristan Lanarus

Assistant Principal — Mrs. Sue Simadri

Graduation Night

On Thursday, 30th November, Year 12 students, their families and their teachers, gathered at the Clayton Church of Christ to begin the Graduation celebration over a scrumptious buffet of finger food and cakes. Entertainment included a couple of short films put together by the Year 12 students, highlighting key events of their final year at Westall.

Following the light meal, students and guests moved into the main area for the formal part of the program, which was opened by the Percussion Group, who raised the roof with their sensational performance of 'Jingo'. The opening speech was from our Principal, Mr Lanarus, and our guest speaker for the occasion was ABC News Breakfast Presenter, Paul Kennedy. He spoke about his time in education, some of the challenges he overcame, and his unwavering persistence, which got him into journalism.

School Captains, Monica Ouk and David Chen, were excellent MCs and kept the evening moving along smoothly. The following students were presented Overall Personal Best and Overall Academic Excellence awards at each year level. These students are to be congratulated for consistent effort and performance throughout the year!

Year	Personal Best	Academic Excellence
Year 7	Arunthida Ngoun	Mai Dinh
Year 8	Harshita Varanasi	Aditi Krishnan
Year 9	Arnetta Wijaya	Ngan Trinh
Year 10	Con Sa Wong	Phuong Le
Year 11	Israa Assem	Vitou Vathna
Year 11 VCAL	Ha De Za	Ka Ni Pha

The **Special Awards** section acknowledged a number of students who have made a significant impact, through one, or more of, community spirit, leadership, citizenship, sport, high academic performance.

Australian Defence Force	Chanachai Momkyatok	Lily Ung
City of Kingston Citizenship	Brenda Heng	Sally Maele
Rotary Club of Clayton	Eh Moe	
Clare O'Neill MP Community Spirit & Leadership	Yashika Malik	
Insight Punblishers	Shannon Bone	
Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program	Con Sa Wong	
Caltex Best All Rounder	Sothearath Chan	
Sporting Excellence Male	Sanlypros Tang	
Sporting Excellence Female	Takisha Filipaina	

Assistant Principal — Mrs. Sue Simadri cont'd ...

The 2017 College Captains and members of the SRC were acknowledged for their great work this year, and the 2018 Captains were announced. Congratulations to the following students and we look forward to your leadership and contribution to the college!

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

The main event of the evening was the much-awaited announcement of the Year 12 VCE and VCAL Subject Awards. These students have demonstrated exceptional skill, knowledge and work ethic in their respective subjects:

Muniat Ali	Health & Human Development
Sothearath Chan	Accounting
David Chen	Math Methods, Physics & Specialist Maths
Amanda Firmansyah	English as an Additional Language
Chavez Su'a	Business Management
Jason Ung (Year 11 student)	Further Mathematics
Lily Ung	Biology and Chemistry
Monica Ouk	English, Studio Arts and Visual Communication & Design
Rika Alford	VCAL Numeracy
Twa Yee Bah	VCAL Work Related Skills
Rehena Rafique	VCAL Personal Development
Owen Tei	VCAL Literacy

The Applied Learning Awards – Bayside Glen Eira & Kingston Region – were announced by Ms Nikolaou. We are extremely proud of the following achievements:

VCAL Student of the Year	Twa Yee Bah and Rehena Rafique
VCAL Teacher of the Year	Mr Jared Bandara
Applied Learning School of the Year	Westall Secondary College
Applied Learning Employer of the Year	Kanooka Childcare Centre

The final part of the evening included a presentation by Mr Lanarus to each of the Graduating Class of 2017 and a closing speech by Ms Nikolaou. The thoroughly enjoyable evening truly showcased our students' talents across the school in the areas of music, sport, co-curricular and academic excellence!

Assistant Principal—Mrs. Sue Simadri cont'd ...

Whole School Assembly

Following Graduation Night, we had our annual Awards Assembly on Friday morning, to recognise and applaud more than a hundred students across the college, for their achievements in the areas of sport and leadership, applied learning, as well as excellence in the academic field. We were delighted to have a number of parents, as well as employers from local businesses, who provided tremendous support to our students, through the provision of apprenticeships and training, attend the assembly. Congratulations to all award recipients, who should be very proud of their accomplishments this year! The 2018 School Captains were fantastic in their conduction of the entire assembly!

Semester 2 Reports

It is the time of year that parents and students look forward to, namely, the Semester Two Reports! This term, our staff have been busy completing their assessments and preparing this feedback. Reports will be available on Compass via the parent login: click 'View Academic Reports' and select '2017 – Semester Two Final Report'. **Parents will have access to their child's report as of 4pm on Wednesday, 20th December**. If you have any issues in accessing your child's report or with any aspect of the report, please contact the General Office on 9546 3233 by Thursday, 21st December.

Wishing you a safe and restful summer break!

Sue Simadri

Assistant Principal — Mr. Mark Henderson

Thank you for the warm welcome

I would like to thank all staff and students for the warm welcome I have received since starting at the College three weeks ago. I have started my role as Assistant Principal, having moved from Elisabeth Murdoch College in Langwarrin. Westall is such a warm and friendly place, it has made it a very easy transition. I am really looking forward to working with Years 7-9, working with the Literacy team on improving Literacy across the school, continuing to support the Year 6 transition process and generally continuing to promote the great work of our College in the community. I am also going to be teaching the VCAL Health and Sport elective, I can't wait to get stuck into the program in Term 1. Feel free to continue to introduce yourselves, students have been really great at saying hello so please keep it going :)

I-Create

It has been great to experience the amazing range of programs on offer in the I-Create program, I-Create is so unique and not only provides students with the opportunity to follow their passion, but a chance to build self-confidence and interact with students of all age groups. Well done to the students who took part in the I-Create video, they showed a great deal of confidence and pride in their work. You can view the video here on Facebook.

Year 7 Parent Info night

Ms Paget, Ms Travitz and I welcomed our new Year 7 students and their parents for an Information night at the College last week. All families were given a great insight into life as a Westall SC student and the day-to-day requirements of life at Westall. Ms Paget and Ms Travitz set clear expectations of our students and provided all the essential information for starting Year 7 in 2018. All the information discussed during the evening can be found here on the College website. Well done to the Junior School team!

Junior School Captains

Please congratulate Mai Dinh and Gloria Kiden on being appointed Junior School Captains for 2018. Both girls are brimming with excitement and great ideas, the Junior School is in for an amazing year in 2018!

Assistant Principal — Mr. Mark Henderson cont'd ...

VCAL Beacon High Impact program

I was privileged to be a part of the High Impact program presented by the Beacon Foundation, involving the Year 11 and 12 VCAL students. The level of maturity and engagement by our students was outstanding. Thank you to Ms Nikolaou, Ms Borgonha and Ms McMahon for organising such an inspiring and relevant program for our VCAL students. Thank you to Ms Armstrong and Ms Hansen for providing such tasty food!

National Volleyball Championships

Well done to the Junior Boys and Year 10 girls who competed in the National Volleyball Championship over the past week. Not many of us can say we finished in the top ten nationally for our sport, so it is a fine achievement for all of the students and coaches involved. I was lucky to witness the Girls team on Friday and was really impressed by the outstanding teamwork and spirit on display - a very proud moment all round.

Upcoming events:

- **Orientation day**: Tuesday 12/12/17 – Our new Year 7s will spend the day at the College participating in an exciting, action packed Orientation day. This day is important to our families as it provides the Year 6 cohort with a snapshot of life at the College and a snippet of all the fun to come. We look forward to a fun day!
- **Aim High Challenge day:** Tuesday 19/12/17 – An exciting opportunity for our local feeder Primary Schools have been asked to send their potential 'Aim High' students to our College for a day of fun and challenging activities which will introduce the young students to the wide range of curriculum at Westall SC. Students will also get to experience The Hub for the first time, a brand new facility next door. Watch this space!

Happy holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students, families and staff a wonderful summer holiday and a happy new year, we hope you take a break and come back recharged and ready to make 2018 an even greater year at Westall!

Mark Henderson
Assistant Principal

2017 In2Science Award Winner—Ms. Loan Luong-Nguyen

On a balmy November evening, more than 100 guests from universities, schools, government and industry gathered to celebrate the achievements of university student mentors, secondary teachers and their students in STEM engagement. The 2017 In2Science Awards, hosted at Melbourne Museum, highlighted the achievements of university student mentors, secondary teachers and students in connecting science and maths in the classroom to the real world and highlight pathways university courses.

Advisory Board Chairman, The Honourable Professor John Brumby AO, welcomed attendees and distinguished guests, including the Honourable Judith Graley, Parliamentary Secretary for Education. He spoke of the achievements of this program in 2017, the time generously given by university students into classrooms and the teachers who support them. He highlighted the sheer number of people who have been involved since the beginning of the program in 2001, with 140 participating schools and nearly 2000 mentors, supporting more than 59,000 students. Professor Brumby presented the Mentor Support Award to teacher **Loan Luong-Nguyen of Westall Secondary College** for her exceptional support of the several mentors she hosted.

Below is a brief introduction about Ms. Luong-Nguyen's background and what she has achieved.

Congratulations Ms. Luong-Nguyen!

Ms. Loan Luong-Nguyen (Westall Secondary College)

- WINNER of the IN2SCIENCE MENTOR SUPPORT AWARD 2017

Ms Luong-Nguyen has been an enthusiastic supporter of In2science mentors at Westall SC. As the school's link teacher, Ms Luong-Nguyen is proactive in making mentors feel welcome, valued and celebrated at the school. She has encouraged colleagues to take advantage of the program, leading to 7 In2science mentor placements at Westall in 2017 (including 5 female mentors). Equally, she has sought to enhance the placement experience by facilitating a workshop for In2science partner teachers in Melbourne's south-east. Last but not least, Ms. Luong-Nguyen has been a fantastic host teacher, drawing on the expertise of several In2science mentors this year in her science classes and STEM elective, whilst completing a Grad Cert in STEM Education as part of the VicSTEM Catalyst Program.

Westall SC Teacher Ms. Loan Luong-Nguyen
presented with her award by
The Honourable Professor John Brumby AO

Senior School Report

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

The Senior School team is a very large part of the school and will be supporting over 200 students in 2018. We welcome the students who have just exited the WELC program, students who are transitioning from other schools, and from our own Middle School. Headstart is an opportunity to get a feel for the subjects you have selected. Your teachers have prepared some work for you to undertake during the week of classes, and are also providing you with homework to complete during the holiday period. The homework has been set so that you can prepare yourself for learning in 2018.

The Year 11 and 12 programs are a little different as they involve so much choice. Firstly, students have selected to either complete a VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) or the VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning). Some students' programs require that they complete work placement, in other cases the student needs to undertake a more challenging maths/ science program.

Westall Secondary College as a school community is keen to support students in developing individualised learning programs. Students must balance their wants with their needs, the skills required to develop, as well as consider their passions/interests. Senior students' success comes from self management and learning to balance conflicting demands. A VCAL student who balances school delivery with VET training, as well as ongoing work placement, is operating at a very sophisticated level. This is one of the challenges that our VCAL students undertake.

This week, students in the Senior School have attended classes, participated in workshops and been challenged to think about what 2018 will look like, feel like and how their success will be measured in December. The Senior School provides students with many opportunities to combine their learning and make it real…..Please see the article on the Year 11 EAL students, who are now published poetry authors.

During this week, students have been involved in the Elevate Educate (Student Elevation program) as part of their welcome to the Senior School. This program is all about setting goals and expectation for oneself.

Another presentation was from The City of Kingston, Westall Hub Library who introduced our students to the library services and support systems available. Westall Hub Library showed our students they can undertake library searches. The library also provides access to educational resources as well as resources for relaxation and enjoyment, such as books, magazines and video games.

VCAL students undertook a highly engaging program which was also supported by the Beacon foundation. They enjoyed job search activities, writing resumes, and OHS Safe at Work modules.

To the graduating class of 2017, we wish them well. Their results will be released in the coming days. We recognise their accomplishment of finishing Year 12 and achieving their highest score in a subject, however, by far the most important accomplishment for all students is to continue to try to achieve their personal best. These are the people who regardless of the challenges, have worked on developing themselves.

Ms. Hari Nikolaou

Senior School Report cont'd ...

Introducing the 2018 Senior School Team

Ms. Ngan Nguyen – Year 12 Coordinator (also the Accounting teacher)
Please contact her for any Year 12 student curriculum, wellbeing and attendance issues.

Ms. Claire Chomiak – Year 11 Level Coordinator (also an EAL and Biology teacher)
Please contact her for any Year 11 student curriculum, wellbeing and attendance issues. She has organised the Year 11 Camp for the 12-14th February 2018. Consent forms must be returned early 2018. All Year 11 students are expected to attend the camp during those 3 days, as it forms part of our wellbeing and engagement program.

Ms. Carole McMahon (VCAL Coordinator and a Literacy teacher)
Many of the parents have already met with Ms McMahon. She has been meeting with students and parents to ensure that they are aware of the demands and expectations of the VCAL program. Ms McMahon works closely with the Year Level Coordinators to support students achieve success in the VCAL program.

Ms. Erika Rojas —Senior School Educational Support Officer
You will see her in VCAL classes as well as supporting teachers and the Year Level Coordinators.

Ms. Kerry Burns— Senior School Educational Support Officer
You will see her on Wednesday and Friday and like Ms Erika, she will support the team, but, you will also find her in the EAL classes.

Final Day of Year 11 – Friday 1st December

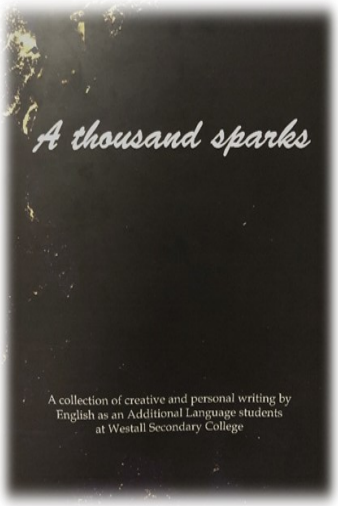
After an interminable year of VCE, the Year 11s were given the opportunity to brush off all of the frustration through an exciting game of bowling. On a rainy summer morning, we started the day with a whole school assembly to recognize all of the award recipients in each subject. Despite the freezing and wet atmosphere, the students' enthusiasm warmed up the day. It was great to witness many of Westall students receiving one or even two awards to celebrate their achievements, dedication and hard work throughout the year.

In the middle of the day, all of the Year 11s went to the local AMF Bowling Centre in Clayton. During the trip, both buses were filled buzzing with excitement, joy and loud music to celebrate the end of Unit 2 exams. Once we reached AMF, the students were randomly placed in different groups, who they had to compete against. As the time went by, new friendships were established through 'friendly', but, fiery matches of bowling. Although some students displayed a bleak outlook of the situation, the others who contributed and collaborated for the sake of the activity, were pushed to the limit of their comfort zone. This is a true reflection of the progression of their potential to persevere and a building block to succeed in VCE.

Thanks to Kevin Phan for the photos!

By Jason Ung, Zidan Adiwidyitama, Kevin Ho and Armin Badir
Year 11

"A Thousand Sparks" - Book Launch



The Year 11 English as an Additional Language (EAL) students are celebrating the launch of their own collection of creative and personal writing, "A Thousand Sparks."

The book was written in response to Alice Pung's anthology "Growing up Asian in Australia". Year 11 EAL students worked really hard in Terms 1 and 2 to come up with their own poems, interviews, biographical writing, and, they participated in a series of creative writing activities, including writing workshops with practising writers Diana Nguyen and Soreti Kadir.

Our book was launched on Tuesday 5th December, with some of our writers performing and sharing their creative writing with everyone. There were a lot of teachers and students who joined us to celebrate our first book. All Year 11 EAL students were presented with their own copy of the book, which is a memory of Year 11 at Westall Secondary College. We also sold the book to the other students in the school and our teachers, with the money going to charity. Copies of "A Thousand Sparks" have been placed in the school library, as well in the new library at the Westall Community Hub.

To our Year 11 students, you did a really good job and now you are "becoming a writer". Just keep writing and creating more and more in the future!

Thank you to members of Westall Media Club for taking photos at the launch.

The Year 11 EAL students would like to give big thanks to our two amazing teachers, Mr. Robb and Ms. Chomiak, for helping us to make our first book. We also want to say goodbye and thank you to Mr. Robb for helping us a lot in Year 11 and we wish to see you again in the near future.

Phu Loc (Kevin) Phan
Year 11 EAL student
Westall Media Club member

Thu presents her poem

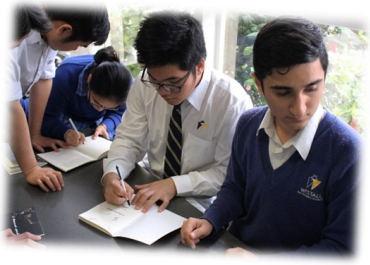
Kelvin Le presents his poem

Teachers having books signed

Ngoc presents her poem

Rico presents his poem

Zidan presents his Poem



Kelvin Le signing our book

Middle School Report

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

As we approach the end of this year, I would like to congratulate all middle school students and staff on a wonderful year. I wish the Year 10s all the best for their transition into their senior years, and, I would like to welcome the Year 8s, who are embarking their journey in the middle years. I also want to welcome the many new staff joining our team.

A reminder, we are here to work together so learning and growth occurs while focusing on our wellbeing. We all have a role to play with building and maintaining a 'culture that promotes learning' (how we interact with each other), and, working on a 'culture of learning' (this means, we are aware of why we are here and support this).

One of our key programs is the iRead program, in which we read every day. I encourage all students and staff to continue this throughout the holidays.

Year 10 TAFE Visit

As part of their Transitions and Pathways program, all Year 10s travelled to Box Hill TAFE, where they elected two courses of study to trial. Students had the opportunity to choose between, Automotive, Beauty, Hairdressing, Hospitality, Fitness and Graphic design. This was a fantastic day, where our students had a great time experiencing a TAFE program and gaining knowledge and understanding regarding TAFE pathways.

Welcome our new Middle School Staff for 2018

Mr. Charles Tran
Hello, my name is Mr. Tran and I teach Mathematics, Science and I-Create Martial Arts Program at the College. I'm really excited about coming back to Middle School.

Ms. Sue Parlanti
Hi, my name is Mrs. Parlanti and I teach EAL. This year I am a Literacy/EAL Coach and the Integration Coordinator. I am very happy to be back in the Middle School. I love animals, being outdoors and things Japanese.

Ms. Rebeka Vass
Hi, my name is Ms. Vass. I will be teaching Year 7, 9 and 10 EAL at the College next year. I have come from the Northern Territory education system and I am looking forward to joining the Middle School Team.

Middle School Report

Middle School Activities Day

Our final day as the 2017 Middle School was spent travelling to the AMF bowling centre, where students had a wonderful day Ten pin bowling, We had some great challenges and results. Students also were involved in the Laser Tag challenge. It was a fantastic way to spend our final day as a sub school.

Year 9 Werribee Zoo Excursion—13th November

As part of the science curriculum, all the Year 9's went to Werribee Zoo to link the theory and practical experiences of an ecosystem.

We entered a grassland ecosystem educational program where the presenter showed us what a grassland ecosystem looks like. She also spoke about the bandicoot and how it is endangered due to the unbalanced factors such as the small percentage of grassland left and predators in the area.

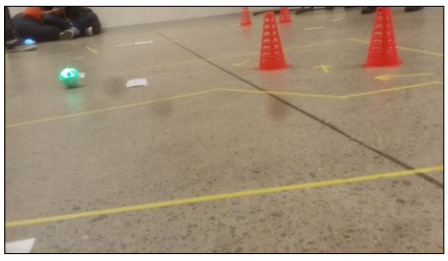
The students absolutely enjoyed the safari bus ride. Our carriage was so close to the camels and rhinos, the animals were within our arms reach!

The Year 9's not only behaved excellently at the zoo and helped the general public, they actively contributed to the activities related to the food web which has been part of our ecosystem topic.

Well done!

ConocoPhillips Science Experience

On Tuesday the 5th December and spanning for the course of three days, I along with Vishesh were chosen by our Science teacher to partake in the program by ConocoPhillips which intends to develop us more on our passion for Science and learn new things. We also got to meet other students from other schools and worked with new people. In those 3 days, we get to experience a Chemistry demonstration and experiment, Robotics and Electronics.



These events was all made possible because our Science Teacher. Ms. Luong had recommended us to take up the ConocoPhillps Science Experience, which was thankfully sponsored by the In2Science Program.

Daniel Oeung

Junior School News

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

Congratulations to our Year 7 students, who have completed their first year of secondary school and now transitioned into their Year 8 classes. There are some very exciting opportunities for our Year 8 students as they transition into Year 9 and begin their electives.

After meeting our new Year 7 cohort at Orientation Day on 12th December, I am looking forward to continuing their transition and welcoming them into Westall Secondary College in 2018. We will be running an alternate program for the Year 7 students, as part of the first 3 days of 2018, to allow them to settle into their new environment, meet new friends and build a rapport with their teachers and other support staff.

Please take the time over the holidays to ensure you have bought all the required textbooks, exercise books and stationary to ensure your child has the best learning opportunities. On behalf of the Junior School Team, we wish you a safe and relaxing holiday!

New Junior School Team

We are very excited to welcome a new team into the Junior School for Headstart and 2018.

Director of Learning (Junior School): Ms. Alice Paget

I'm Alice Paget and I am the Director of Learning of the Junior Sub-School Team. I will oversee a core group of teachers in the Junior School, who will be responsible for your child's learning, wellbeing and future pathways. I will be teaching Sport and Mathematics in the Junior School this year. I look forward to welcoming our new Year 7s into the College next year and making their transition a smooth, enjoyable and successful experience.

Year 7 Coordinator / Transition Coordinator: Ms. Rochelle Travitz

Hello, my name is Rochelle Travitz and I am the Year 7 and Transition Coordinator. I have worked at Westall SC for 6 years, teaching Food Technology, Hospitality and VCAL. As a Coordinator, I am here to support students with their transition from primary to secondary school. I will follow up with absent students and am here to support parents and students with any questions or concerns they may have throughout 2018.

Year 8 Coordinator: Mr. Jarrod Johnstone

I have taught for 8 years in a range of secondary and primary schools, and started teaching at Westall SC from the beginning of 2017. I believe that building relationships with students and keeping them interested, is the most important key to successful learning. I encourage students to take ownership of their learning as well as themselves, and to develop into young adults alongside their academic development. In addition to coordinating Year 8 in 2018, I will teach Physical Education, Global Literacy and Sport. Outside of school, I am a keen triathlete and I love discovering and learning new things by reading and travelling.

We have a team of skilled and dedicated teachers, who we will introduce over the upcoming year, who are all looking forward to learning with your children.

Junior School Awards 2017

On Thursday, 30th November, we celebrated the achievement of many students at the College and said farewell to our Year 12 students. With only 2 prestigious awards presented at each year level, it was a very tough choice to nominate the recipients this year. The Academic Excellence Award is presented to a student who has excelled academically in their subjects right across the board, and the Personal Best Award, to a student who strives for excellences in all of their subjects.

Year 8 Academic Excellence:	Aditi Krishnan
Year 8 Personal Best:	Naga Harshitha (Harshitha) Varanasi
Year 7 Academic Excellence:	Mai Dinh
Year 7 Personal Best:	Arunthida (Thida) Ngoun

On Friday, 1st December, we held a whole school assembly, where we recognised academic excellence and personal best in individual subjects. Congratulations to all the award winners!

Ms. Alice Paget
Director of Learning (Junior School)

Junior School News cont'd ...

Junior School Captains 2018

We are very excited to announce our Junior School Captain appointments for 2018, Mai Dinh and Gloria Kiden. Mai and Gloria went through a written application and interview process to be selected for the position. Both girls are ecstatic to be selected and looking forward to bringing some great idea to the junior school in 2018. Well done girls!

A message from Gloria and Mai:

My name is Mai and I have been selected as one of the Junior School captains for 2018. It was a great opportunity to earn this title but it doesn't mean I'm more or less than anybody. It's an honour to be able to represent the Junior Sub-School with Gloria, and I'm looking forward to improving the well-being of our students and the school, and welcoming the new year 7s of 2018.

My name is Gloria and I have also been selected as one of the captains of the junior sub-school for 2018. I am really excited about my role next year and can't wait to meet the new Year 7 cohort. Next year I want to help out students through any difficult times and help everyone to make new friends. I'm looking forward to working with Mai to improve the school, especially for the junior sub-school.

Orientation Day 2017

On Tuesday 12th December we held our Orientation Day for our new Year 7 students coming into the College in 2018. We had a jam-packed day of activities to assist students in getting to know the school, teachers and other students. The highlight of the day was definitely the amazing race, where the students had to discover multiple locations and pass through a couple of roadblocks. The students had a great time on the photo booth, as part of the final destination for the Amazing Race!

The day was filled with opportunities for the students to get to know students from other Primary Schools, including a 'get to know you' Bingo. They also developed a bunting to help decorate the Junior School and provide an opportunity for the teachers and students to get to know each other. Each student decorated part of the bunting, with their talents, hobbies and flag of origin.

They then had a taste of what it is like to be in a secondary school class. Students were able to participate in a class: Food Technology, Chinese or Art. Some of the activities involved were: decorating a terracotta bowl, making rice paper roles in Food Technology and learning some songs in Chinese.

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students into the College next year.

Year 8 Access Monash Program (University Discovery Day)

Year 8 students were involved in a University Discovery Day at the Caulfield campus of Monash University on the 1st December as part of the Access Monash Program. The Access Monash Program works in partnership with Westall Secondary College from Year 8 to Year 12 to inform students' decision-making and support their engagement and knowledge of university and campus life.

The University Discovery Day exposes students to a university campus through fun and interactive challenges. The day aims to help students become familiar with, and feel connected to a local university campus and to start considering university as an accessible and dynamic environment. It opened up the students mind to the options available in tertiary education and potential pathways in areas of interest.

Ms. Alice Paget
Director of Learning (Junior School)

Message from the WELC Coordinator: Mrs. Carmela Santucci

Westall English Language Centre will be exiting a large number of students who have completed their Intensive English Language course. Many of these students will transition to Westall Secondary College and some will transition to other local secondary colleges. All the students leaving the Language Centre have had either an Orientation Day, or, are currently attending Headstart programs at their mainstream school. The feedback so far has been positive and the students are enjoying the experience of mainstream classes.

The Language Centre held its Graduation on Thursday 30th November, where students were presented with Certificates of Completion. All exiting students gave a short speech, reflecting on their time studying in the Language Centre. As teachers, we are so proud to see the confidence with which students present themselves on such occasions. The growth in their English Language skills is testament to their desire to learn and become part of our Australian school community.

Westall English Language Centre would like to wish all our students success in their future studies.
To all the Language Centre students and families, thank you for being part of our community and have a safe and happy holiday.
The Language Centre will resume classes on Tuesday, 30th January.

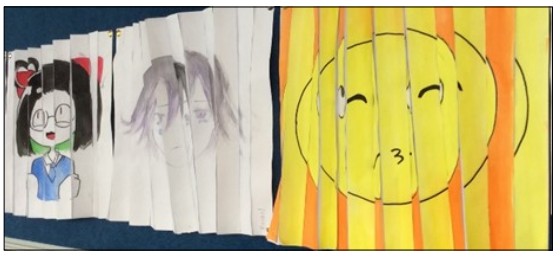
Ms. Carmela Santucci

WELC Art Elective

Students have enjoyed creating art work known as an 'agamograph' (named after the Israeli sculptor, Yaacov Agam), which is a series of images that change at different angles. Students followed step-by-step instructions to create their agamographs of which many chose to paint emojis. The students were eager to complete their art work and see their paintings change at different angles.

The students' agamographs below are on display in A corridor in front of the WELC staffroom.

Ms Anna Kotsiou
WELC Teacher



School News

Instrumental Music News

On Thursday 9th November, the Westall Secondary College Woodwind Ensemble was delighted to perform at the official Westall Community Hub Opening. The Woodwind Ensemble included: Arnetta (Year 9), Mai (Year 7), Shabana (Year 7), Monica (Year 7), and Jenae (Year 11). The Westall Community Hub will provide the local community with a range of resources, including a library, kindergarten, and health services. The ensemble entertained members of the community, including the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Jenny Mikakos, and the Kingston Mayor, David Eden. The group performed a selection of popular songs, including Adele's "Rolling in the Deep", and classic Disney tunes. The ensemble received overwhelmingly positive feedback and were invited back to perform at the Westall Community Hub in the future. I would like to congratulate the ensemble, and thank woodwind teacher, Mrs. Nicole McAlister, for her preparation leading up to the event and her support on the day.

Ms. Jessica Premier
Instrumental Music Coordinator

Congratulations to our Hospitality Students

Congratulations to ALL the hospitality students who entered the Royal Melbourne Show. All the comments were very positive, and, considering the huge field, all of them should be very proud, I know I am. Particular congratulations to Jenae, who won 1st prize for her gingerbread man; Josh, 2nd prize, with his own show-inspired dog biscuits for humans; Amy, a Highly Commended; Alofa, Commended.

We done again, as a school we are all very proud of your amazing efforts!!!

Ms. Julie Armstong
Materials Technology Teacher

I-Create Performing Arts

The I-Create Performing Arts group have been extremely busy outside of school hours. We have collaborated with Keysborough College and presented an hour-long performance at Bunnings, Keysborough, and a further two hours at IKEA, Springvale. This was St. Lucia's celebration and took place on December 14th at IKEA. This has taken many hours of organisation and practice, both independently and with Keysborough. A great comradery was built between the two schools. Extra rehearsals took place over a couple of weekends and this helped solidify the friendships. A great deal of Facebook contact has also taken place. These events give the students a place to shine and develop confidence. It also exposes Westall Secondary College to the general public. All the performances were excellent and showcased the talents of our I-Create students.

Ms. Maggie Casey-Dalgheish
Instrumental Music Teacher/I-Create Performing Arts Teacher

Girlzone

The Girlzone finished the year with a tea party during lunchtime last Friday to celebrate the friendships developed this term. We shared tea, cake, fruit and stories on what the girls believe the important elements of friendship are. We also talked about how we can maintain respectful relationships in our lives. Girlzone has been a lovely way for students to get to know each other, and, the two Monash University Social Work students working with Westall.

Ms Kristi Lynch
Wellbeing Coordinator

YEAR 10, 11 & 12

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

2017

Has your child missed the Meningococcal vaccine this year?

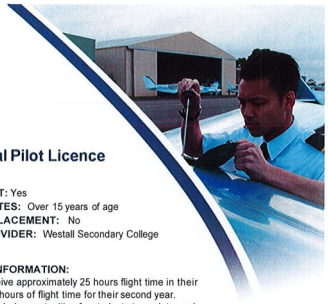
It's not too late to receive this vaccination. You may attend one of our free community immunisation sessions or alternatively visit your local GP.

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 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.

ENROLMENTTYPE: 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-REQUESITES: 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)

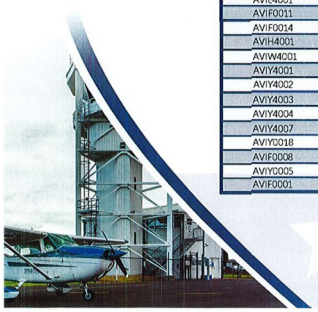
SPECIALIST COURSE INFORMATION:
Students are required to have a CASA medical before commencing flying. This medical will need to be com-pleted before the end of term one, at a cost of approximately $150. Students may require extra flying time to be deemed competent, this will be charged separately at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

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS
Emergency Services Pilot
Airline Pilot
Flying Instructor
Air Force Pilot
Licenced 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 STUCTURE
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 *
AVIW4001	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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Learn English

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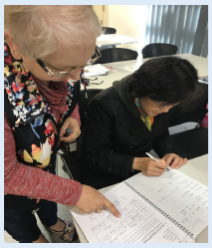
Every Monday starting from 24th July

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.

Springvale Neighbourhood House

WESTALL Secondary College

Sustainable Schools Shop Information

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

Buy and Sell

Second-hand **Textbooks**
Second-hand **Uniforms**

WESTALL
Secondary College

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

Wanted: Homestay Providers

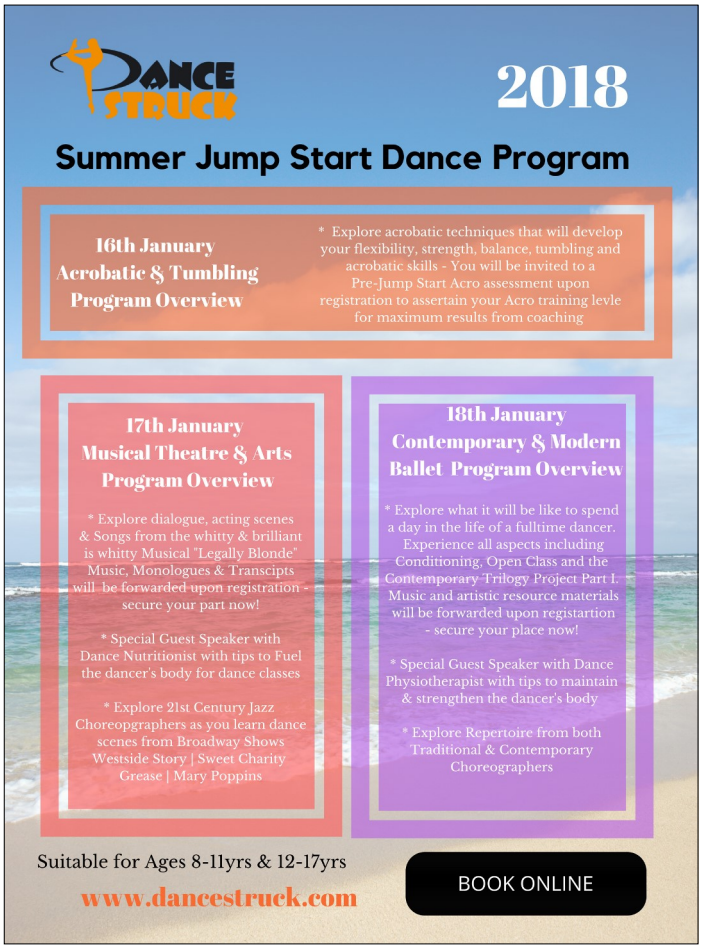
College Blazer—$110.00—buy direct from the General Office

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



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OAKLEIGH DISTRICT FOOTBALL Nnetball CLUB

Affiliation: Southern Football Netball League Division 1

AFL VICTORIA

MACCA'S ON YOUR TEAM

Girls U/18's Football 2018

In partnership with AFL Victoria,

OAKLEIGH DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

invites:

PLAYERS & HELPERS

for the 2018 Season

AFL Women's Football is Australia's fastest growing participation sport.

Oakleigh District Football Netball Club already has a women's senior football side and strongly supports girls youth football.

To find out more contact:

STEVE - 0450 172 972

SALLY - 0412 002 427 (Female Football Manager)

Find us on Facebook

Westall Library
Summer Holiday Activities

We have a number of activities which will appeal to both Primary and Secondary School students.

Tuesday 9 January 2018 1.30pm- 2.30pm
Minecraft 3D Printing Learn all about 3D printing . Design and take home your own 3D creation. Ages 8-14

Wednesday 10 January 2018
Harvey Norman –Canon Photography Workshop . Learn how to use a digital camera and improve your photographic skills Equipment provided. Age 9-13.

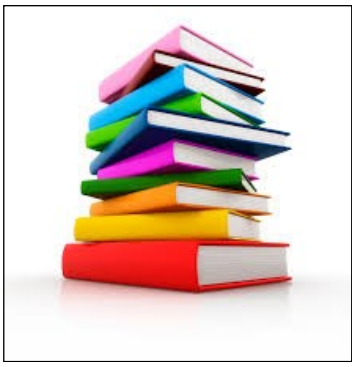
Friday 12 January 2018 10.30-11.30am
Games day. Variety of fun and oversized games Ages 5-12.

Tuesday 16 January 2018 10.30-12 noon
Xbox One Tournament. Play Xbox to decide the Kingston Champion . Win prizes. Ages 7-12.

Monday 15 January 2018 10.30-11.30am
The Great Toy Contest (Performance) Interactive show . Ages 4-10.

Thursday 18 January 2018 10.30-12.30pm.
Free movie screening. Superheroes save the world. Rated PG. All ages.

Friday 19 January 2018 10am -12 noon.
Dungeons and Dragons. Table top fantasy role playing game. Ages 12-17.



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