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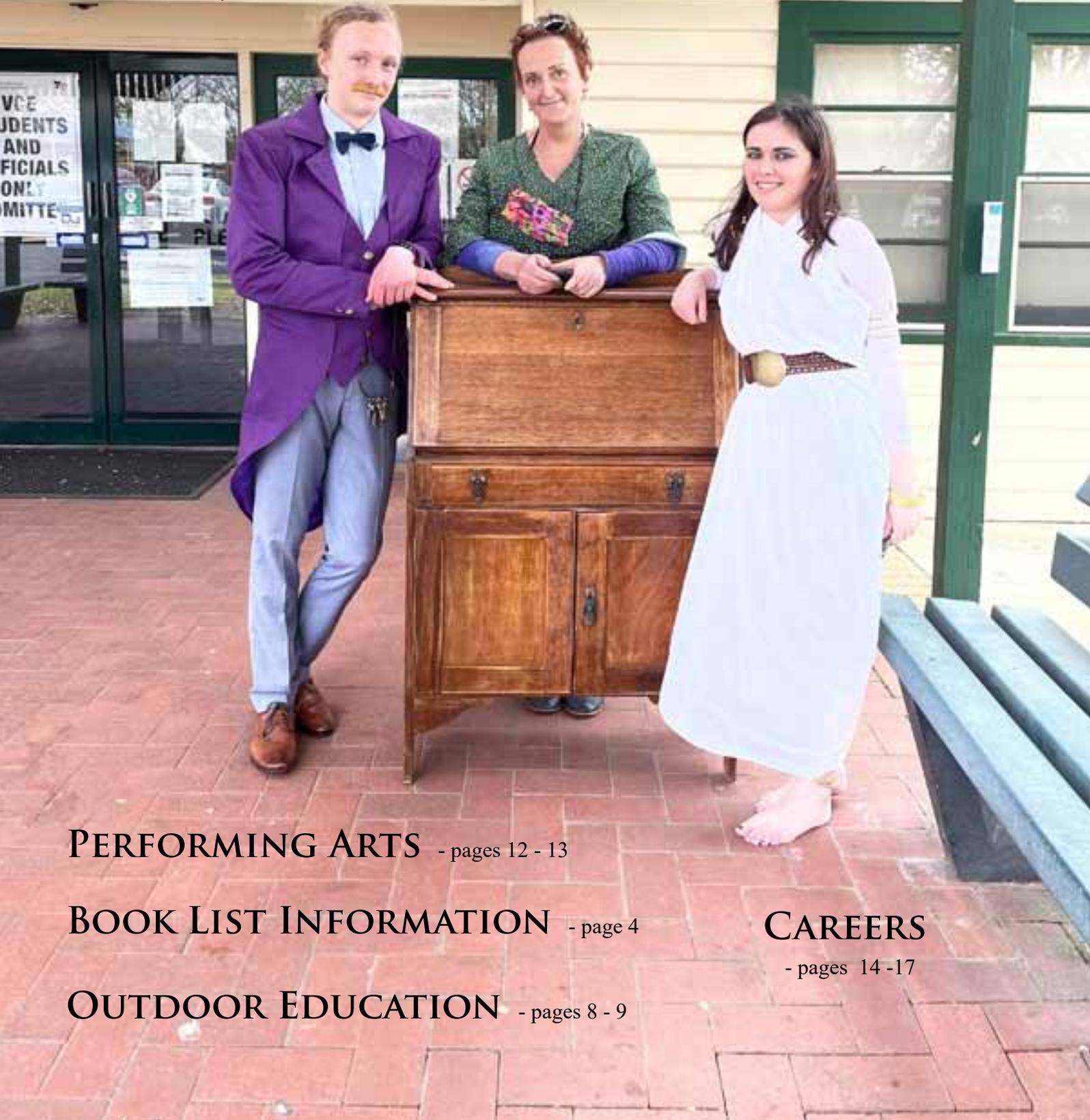
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From the Principal's Office



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students of Marian College,

- ❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*
- ❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

It has been a positive return to school with all classes enjoying face-to-face learning once again. I met with the teachers who have been involved in organising and running the tutoring sessions this year. We are seeing some positives in narrowing the learning gaps experienced by some students during remote learning. We know tutoring in a small group or one-to-one tends to work better in the lower year levels, from Year 7 through Year 9. We will continue to collect data to ensure our methods meet the desired outcomes for our students. This will include some process to meet the needs of any senior students adversely impacted by COVID-19. As you can imagine, this is not a simple process with so many learning variables involved, including student motivation and wellbeing. The government has promised the funding for tutors will continue in 2022. If you have any questions regarding the process please do not hesitate to contact the college for further explanation.

Thank you to Sister John who continued to lead us through the weeks of lockdown with our regular Thursday liturgy for staff. The focus this week is a timely one: To love your neighbour. It seems simple, and yet can be the most challenging, especially when we may be experiencing some remnants of lockdown fatigue and all that involves. We know students have missed face-to-face communication with friends. While Zoom and social media provide an excellent forum for connection, messages can appear ambiguous, confusing or be misinterpreted. Tone and manner are not always obvious online. The challenge for students as they return to school,

is to walk gently with their friends and nurture the conversations that will lead to better relationships. Remove yourself from online conversations that are not productive and positive. It is better for your wellbeing. We know the stress of the last eighteen months can skew our reactions to issues that would normally not upset or concern us.

Dear Lord,

***May we look at others as if through
your eyes, less judging, more loving,
and seeing them, like us,
as not perfect or finished but as
a work in progress that will be
completed in due time by your hands.***

This week will see our Year 11s participate in leadership training in preparation for selecting our school leaders for 2022. I pray for them and those working with them, that process is productive.

November 15th will see our early start program for 2022. All students currently in Years 10 and 11 will begin their studies for next year. It is absolutely critical that students attend these two incredibly valuable weeks to prepare them for next year.

Year 12 Exams

VCE exams commenced on site on Wednesday 27th October and will finish on November 17th. We wish all students well for the very busy period ahead. While it has been a difficult last two years, all Victorian students have been under very similar conditions. They have the ability, skills and perseverance to contribute their

best effort. At the end of this period, there will be time to celebrate their journey through Marian College.

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

Plans are well underway for the Year 12 Graduation ceremony on Thursday 18th of November. Due to COVID restrictions, we must once again conduct this on site for the students, and live-stream the event for parents. All students will need to be here promptly by 4.30pm. Dress is semi-formal. Further details will be forwarded to parents including the live-stream link closer to the date.

Student Free Day - Monday 22 November.

Unfortunately, with so many changes to the school calendar, we have moved important professional development for all staff a number of times this year. As part of the ReLate program running over the next three years, Marian College staff are engaged in a whole-staff learning day on the 22nd November. We know there are very few other disruptions between now and the end with sports, camps and excursions still on hold at this time. This is an opportunity for students to ensure they are up to date with all assessment tasks and prepare for any exams. I thank you for your understanding.

'Imaging a Future' Parent Survey.

Some weeks ago we spoke about our plans to review some of our current structures, practices and processes to ensure as a staff we continue to focus on school improvement. As an essential part of this process, we are inviting all parents to complete a survey evaluating aspects of the college. The intention is to gather comments and evaluations that are relevant to your experience, and your child or children. We value your engagement in this process and honest feedback.

A google survey has been emailed to all parents via the EdSmart platform. If you have any concerns please contact the College Office.

Uniform and Hair

With the remote learning periods disrupting access to hairdressers and

shops over the last few weeks, it is understandable that the uniform may need some attention. All students are required to wear the summer uniform in Term 4. Black runners and black shorts and black track pants are not part of this. Years 7-9 have the new uniform which must be worn in full. This applies to any other student in Years 10-12 who choose to wear the new uniform. Hair must be tied back if it is longer than shoulder length. Could I ask all parents to please address any uniform issues with your son or daughter by the end of this week.

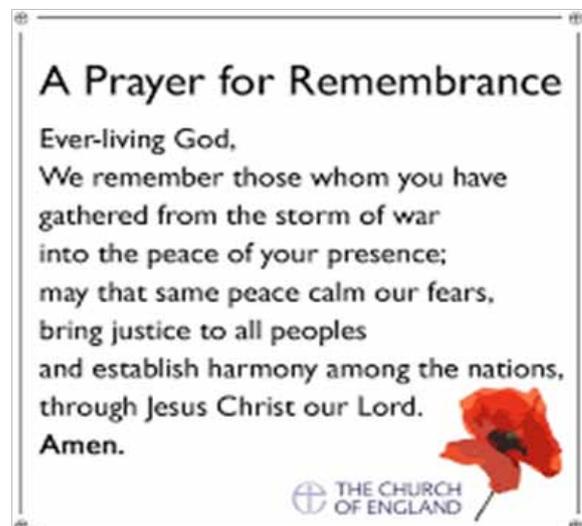
Remembrance Day

On Thursday this week, like many Australians we will observe a minute's silence in memory of all those that gave their lives, not only in WWI but every conflict that we have been involved in. Over the past few years our students have created ceramic poppies which can still be seen around town, particularly on ANZAC day and Remembrance Day. Keep an eye out for them.

Remembrance Day now, is linked to a speech made in 1993 by our then Prime Minister, Paul Keating in reference to the unknown soldier. One line from that speech rings true to me;

'He is all of them. And he is one of us'

I pray for all those who have died, been injured or lost loved ones in defending those that can't defend themselves and our home.



2022 BOOK LIST INFORMATION

Online ordering through Champion Education

All required textbooks and stationery will need to be ordered online. The online ordering system is simple to use. Go to the website (www.champion.com.au), create an account or sign in to your existing account, select the relevant booklist and complete your order. Payment can be made by Mastercard or Visa. More information is provided on the booklists (emailed via EdSmart platform)

Please note that orders should be completed by Tuesday 30th November, 2021.

Australia Post will deliver the packages to individual households. A surcharge will be added to your order at the time of submission.

Please note that the cost for Digital Textbooks (details emailed via EdSmart platform) **will be payable to Marian College in the form of a levy that will appear on your fees statement.**

If you have any queries regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Matthew Summers

Head of Learning and Teaching



All orders to be completed online at

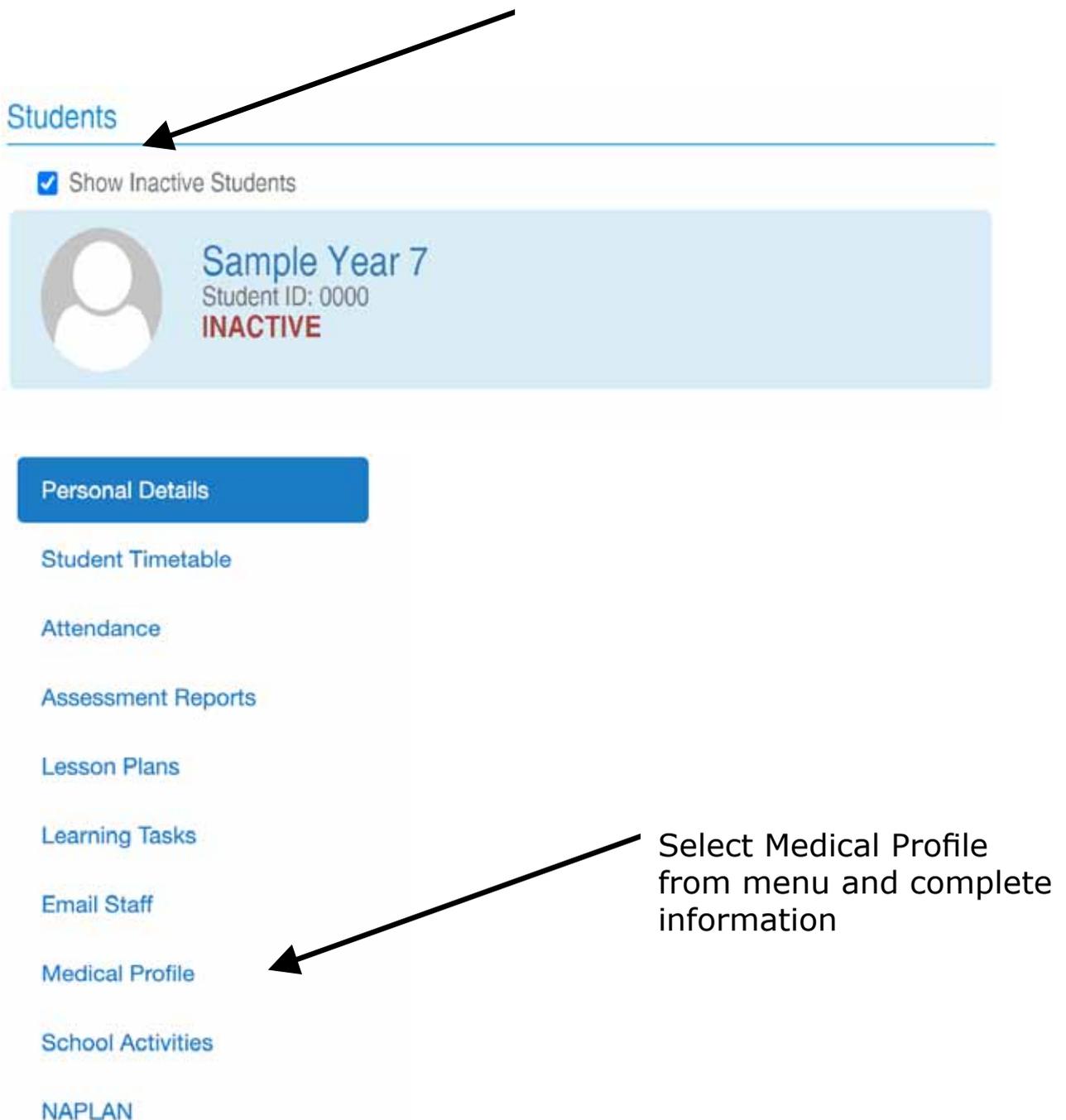
www.champion.com.au

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YEAR 7 2022 PARENT ACCESS MODULE

If you have a student enrolled for Year 7 2022 please access the Parent Access Module to complete your child's Medical Profile. As Year 7 Camp is early in Term 1 please complete by the end of November, 2021.

Each child's data can be accessed by clicking on their student photo. Your child is linked to the profile but is listed as 'inactive'. To view a pre-enrolled student tick the box as shown below:-



The screenshot displays the 'Students' section of the Parent Access Module. At the top, there is a 'Students' header with an arrow pointing to it. Below the header is a checkbox labeled 'Show Inactive Students' which is checked. A student profile card is shown for 'Sample Year 7' with 'Student ID: 0000' and the status 'INACTIVE'. Below the profile card is a menu of options: 'Personal Details' (highlighted in blue), 'Student Timetable', 'Attendance', 'Assessment Reports', 'Lesson Plans', 'Learning Tasks', 'Email Staff', 'Medical Profile' (with an arrow pointing to it), 'School Activities', and 'NAPLAN'. To the right of the 'Medical Profile' option, there is text that says 'Select Medical Profile from menu and complete information' with an arrow pointing to the 'Medical Profile' option.

BARRON

NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello, I hope you all enjoyed our three-day week after a lovely long weekend! We are in the final stretch of our school year (even though it doesn't quite feel like it!) and while that is exciting, it's time to focus and to make the most of time spent at school (on site) after so much time at home this year, especially during semester two. VCE exams continue this week for our senior students, and students moving into Year 11 and Year 12 in 2022 will begin their early start classes at the start of week 7.

I've been really impressed with the enthusiasm and energy with which students have returned to school. It is really wonderful to see everyone in person again and hear the laughter as students hang out at lunch or on the way to class - all of those casual interactions we missed so much of. Some may be finding it difficult to return to the boundaries and routines of school. We are well and truly into term 4 and as a SunSmart school, hats are required in the yard. Students should be in their correct summer uniform (check your diary if you aren't sure!). No one should be in and out during lunch and recess. Grab everything you need right at the start of the breaks. Remember to be respectful in the classroom, to raise your hand rather than interrupting a teacher or a classmate. We all had different routines during remote learning, so adjusting back to the environment of the classroom might require a bit of extra effort!

Good luck to those preparing for exams.

Communicate with teachers and submit assessments in the coming weeks. Let's call on Marian's 2021 theme every day for the remainder of the school year, something we can each achieve: MY BEST EFFORT.

Stay red, Barron!

Erica McConachy
Barron House Leader

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

Save the Date



Thursday 18th November 2021

College Gymnasium - Students only

4.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Further details to be provided

*Please note that due to COVID
restrictions this event will be live
streamed to parents from 5.30 pm*

OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRANGIA COOK



Outdoor Education students have been making the most of our time outside, even when we can't get away from school or venture very far each lesson. We have done some local geocaching to build navigation skills and managed to fit in some local bush walks as well. The other day, students learned about the safe use of Trangia camp stoves and planned a meal to cook with their groups. It was great to do something hands-on after such a long time in remote learning. Some of the recipes turned out really well! Working together in small groups, the energy and laughter among students was wonderful to witness.

Erica McConachy

OUTDOOR EDUCATION GEOCACHING



AUSSIE CROQUET

Aussie Croquet is a moderated game between two professional forms of the game - Association Croquet played with flamingos as the mallet on "Alice in Wonderland" and a very popular form of the game known as Golf Croquet.



Three classes have had their first very enthusiastic trials this week and look forward to next week when strategies will be used to gain "Freebies" to be the first pair to reach the top score of 14.

The lawns have been freshly mown and white boundary lines very clear. We are hoping after Friday to have a few Alexandra Croquet members to assist on the three lawns. A great time to be enjoyed by our Year 10 students.

Sr John



YEAR 11 VCAL RELIGION



At the start of Term one the Year 11 VCAL class wanted to leave a legacy of St Brigid. We brainstormed many ideas and thought a board displaying the Brigidine Cross would be appropriate. Due to Covid 19 and remote learning, we were able to successfully complete it during Term 4.

The board is mounted up onto the shipping container to show everyone who enters the Applied Learning Area that we are all still respecting the space in a Brigidine manner and encouraged to represent and show Brigidine values inside and outside of school. We have used wood and metal as our materials to also display our hands on learning.

VCE DRAMA EXAM

After the "Covid storms have passed through the Performing Arts it was so pleasing to see a number of resilient and triumphant presentations make it to the examination room.

Angel Thompson and Gabriel Tonks spent most of Term 3 researching, devising, planning, editing and Refining for the very challenging 7 minute solo exam (35%). In the VCAA exam, students are provided with 10 stimuli to select from. They are required to use their playmaking skills to show, not tell, the story through the use of eclectic performance styles, in other words, conventions you would see in everyday life. Gabe selected the 'Concierge' from the Savoy Hotel London and Angel chose the well known femme fatale 'Cleopatra'. Their tasks were onerous and made especially difficult due to the 'lockdown' mode of education which can not claim to be conducive to creativity. Regardless, we soldiered on, along with Abbey Rigby (Unit 2, Ida B Wells) to complete one of the most challenging but rewarding exams set by the VCAA.

Only a week out from exams, Angel was listed as 'exposed' and needed to stay for 14 days in isolation. We didn't think she'd make it to her exam. I am so proud of Angel and her continued positivity and drive. This was, indeed, a wonderful group to work with and I trust the examiners will appreciate their hard work. Now onto the written exam.

Teresa Tonks



Production 2021 - LUCKY \$TIFF

NEW DATES: December 9, 10 and 11 at 7.30pm at the Ararat Town Hall.

We have resumed rehearsals for our school production, LUCKY \$TIFF. We have put together a wonderfully talented and committed cast and I do hope that the Marian and Ararat Community will come and support this hilariously funny and light-hearted show.

Tickets will be available from 15th November on trybooking.com

\$25 Adults

\$50 Family 2 adults and 2 kids under 12

\$10 Students and concessions

Wakakirri

Finally, our resilient and very weary Waka team have decided to pull together what we have been rehearsing and create a video presentation of "Carpe Diem".

I need to acknowledge the super group of girls who turn up without fail to each and every rehearsal. I won't pretend it has been an easy journey for any of us and just seeing your daughters continually bounce back into the hall brings joy to my heart. You should be very proud if you see your daughter in this presentation . It means she has stuck it out with us, sacrificed her own social life abd supported and respected her peers. Wonderful qualities to read on a C.V.

A link will be sent to families involved once we have created and processed the piece.

Many thanks

Teresa Tonks



WEEKLY CAREER NEWS

EVENTS, NEWS, UPDATES
AND RESOURCES

Thursday 4 November 2021

Year 12 students

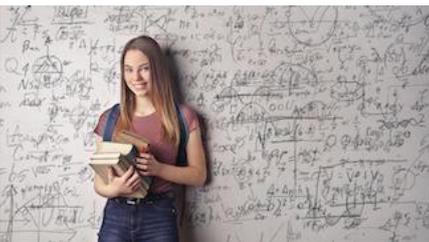
University applications

We know you're super busy at the moment preparing for, or currently sitting exams. You're doing an amazing job!

It's important to do a quick university application check to make sure you are up to date with your tasks and due dates.

Please note that if you don't pay the VTAC processing fee, submit required paperwork on time, or don't complete required tests/folios then your course applications may be at risk.

You can download a 2-page guide via <https://bit.ly/3GP3pJ>



UNSW - Medicine

The application timeline has been revised for Year 12 students applying for medicine at the University, <https://bit.ly/3GM3ujh>

The Hotel School

The Hotel School has been allocated a limited number of Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs) for 2022 to support high achieving students wishing to study the Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management commencing in session 1, <https://hotelschool.scu.edu.au/>



Apprenticeship/traineeship applicants

Now is a great time to be searching for your dream apprenticeship/traineeship!

There are many positions available for enthusiastic young people who are keen to work hard, earn while you learn, and obtain a portable qualification.

It's important to sign up to local Apprenticeship Network Providers. They will be able to assist you with your search. You can find their contact details via www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/apprentices

Positions

PwC offers a 'Higher Apprenticeship' program to Year 12 leavers. You'll build business and technology skills whilst completing a qualification in IT with one of the biggest accounting and consulting firms in Australia.

Applications close 7 November, <https://pwc.to/3mDDRJK>

Nutrien Ag Solutions – National Livestock Trainee Program: you will complete a 2-year traineeship with one of Australia's leading agri-businesses.

Applications close 26 November, <https://bit.ly/3mGGqdl>

TAFE applicants

Applications are open for most TAFE institutes and private providers. The following is important to know:

- Competitive courses may have early closing dates
- You may need to complete additional tasks as part of your application such as portfolios, literacy and numeracy tests, information sessions, apply for a Working With Children Check, etc.

For examples of TAFE courses and why TAFE is a fantastic post school pathway, download a resource via <https://bit.ly/3jZxBd6>



Gap Years

Announcements are currently being made by the Victorian and NSW Governments regarding eligibility for overseas travel.

This is exciting news as it may mean you can participate in a gap year program overseas in 2022!

Year13 have put together a list of companies that offer working holidays, travel, and volunteer gap year programs, <https://year13.com.au/explore/travel>

Keep checking information for the state you live in for up-to-date information.

If you aren't keen on heading overseas, you may apply for an experience in Australia such as working at a ski or holiday resort.

Year 11

ADFA Careers Virtual Information Session

Year 11 students considering applying for the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) during Year 12 for the 2023 intake should prioritise registering for this session.

Students studying at ADFA will receive service training while studying for a UNSW degree, and will graduate as an Officer in the Australian Defence Force.

When: Wednesday 10 November, 6.00pm
Info and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3BGkrb8>



The Australian Defence Force Cyber Gap Program

This program is for you if:

- You are an Australian citizen
- You want to be a cyber-warrior or be on the front line in cyberspace
- You are planning to study cyber security at university or TAFE in 2023
- You would like assistance, mentoring, Defence work experience and have your study course fees paid!

At the end of your studies, there's no obligation to join the ADF. Year 11 students can apply for this amazing program during Year 12 for the 2023 intake. Bookmark the following page and check for application dates next year, <https://dta.gov.au/cybergap>

Year 9 & 10

Residential Indigenous Science Experience (RISE) Program

RISE is an exciting virtual Indigenous science experience with hands-on experiments, virtual workshops and a chance for students to chat directly with STEM students and academics from the University of Melbourne.

The program is open to Indigenous students in Year 9 and 10 and applications are now open.

When: Monday 22 – Friday 26 November
Info and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/34ZUial>

Dates for your diary



Federation University

Federation University is running the following webinars for prospective students in November:

5	Future teaching careers
5	Why STEM careers are more important than ever
8	Kahoot! Quiz - science
11	Careers in sport and exercise science
22	Careers in engineering

Information sessions are also being run for TAFE courses such as Beauty Therapy and Building Design (Architectural).

For information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/2ZKHVP1>

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)

AIE is located at Melbourne and Canberra and offers courses in the following study areas:

- Game Art and Animation
- Game Programming
- Game Design and Production
- 3D Animation and VFX for Film
- Games and Virtual Worlds.
- Film and Virtual Production (new in 2022)

The Academy is running an open day for prospective students.

Date: Saturday 20 November
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3mQgdt>

Endeavour College of Natural Health

The College is located at Melbourne and offers higher education courses in:

- Naturopathy
- Acupuncture Therapies
- Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine
- Complimentary Medicine
- Chinese Medicine
- Remedial Massage
- Chinese Remedial Massage

The institute is running several online information sessions for prospective students before the end of the year. For information and to RSVP, visit <https://bit.ly/3kom6SO>

Dates for your diary

'Parents to parents' panel session

Parents of prospective RMIT students are invited to participate in an online information session run by RMIT staff and parents of RMIT students. The event will run on 25 November.

For information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3lQJOCr>

Defence Force – Virtual Career Events

Check for upcoming dates via <https://bit.ly/2MpyMUj>

La Trobe University Talk and Tours

La Trobe is running on-campus 'Talk and Tours' for prospective students on the following dates:

Bendigo: Monday 22 – Friday 26 November, <https://bit.ly/3GqINOs>

Albury-Wodonga: Monday 6 – Thursday 9 December, <https://bit.ly/2XMkKTN>

UNSW: Careers in Business

UNSW is running four online events for students interested in exploring careers in business, commerce, actuarial science, commerce or information systems.

Dates: 13 and 14 December
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3BEnsj>

SAE Creative Media Institute

SAE offers Bachelor, Associate Degree and Diploma programs in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, and Music.

The Institute is running an on-campus event called Creative Futures. Year 11 and 12 students and their parents will be able to

- Talk with lecturers and industry experts.
- See student support initiatives and services.
- Participate in informational seminars.
- Check-out student work on display.
- Learn about the application process.

Date: Thursday 9 December, 5.30pm – 9pm
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2ZToOQ4>





UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS - CHECKLIST YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Wednesday 3 November 2021



HAVEN'T APPLIED YET?

That's ok! There is still time to apply for courses for the 2022 intake.

State-based Tertiary Admission Centres process course applications on behalf of universities, some TAFE institutes, and some private providers.

Victoria

Information on how to apply for courses via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), <https://bit.ly/3EC9A3L>

NSW & ACT

Information on how to apply for courses via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), <https://bit.ly/3pW8w6H>



Applications for some courses have closed.



FORMS & TESTS

Now is a great time to double check your preferences and make sure you are on track with any additional selection criteria you may need to complete. This could include:

- Portfolios
- Auditions
- Interviews
- VTAC Personal Form
- Motivation to teach questionnaire
- CASPer test
- Nursing and Midwifery Declaration Form

Not sure what you have to complete?

Step 1: check your messages

Login to the Tertiary Admission Centre you've applied through and check the inbox or messages section.

Step 2: contact your Career Adviser

They will let you know what you need to complete and by when.



EARLY ADMISSION

Some universities have admission programs that take into consideration factors other than just your ATAR.

These are called 'early admission' or 'early entry' programs.

Most programs are now closed for the 2022 intake, but the following two universities still have programs open:

Federation University

Early Offer Program: applications close 3 December, <https://bit.ly/3Bw5tog>

Deakin University

Regional Access Scheme: applications close 3 December, <https://bit.ly/2YaDTiC>



You will need to add the relevant courses to your VTAC preference list as well as apply for the early admission program direct to the university.



SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Victorian applications

Applications for Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) have closed via VTAC.

If you missed the deadline and something occurs outside of your control that has a significant impact on your exams you can complete the 'academic performance' section of the VTAC 'Personal Statement.'

Universities may take your application into consideration during the selection process. Applications close 3 December, <https://bit.ly/2ZOX9mw>

NSW and Canberra applications

Applications for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) close on Friday 17 December for the main January offer Round, <https://bit.ly/3coktY>

Applications are made via your UAC account, www.uac.edu.au



ACCOMMODATION

If you haven't started your accommodation applications yet, don't worry – application dates vary between universities.

For information on how to apply for accommodation, visit <https://bit.ly/3GEYogY>

Deferring until 2023?

Some universities such as Deakin University and Monash University allow students to defer their accommodation offer.



SCHOLARSHIPS

For information on how to apply for scholarships, visit <https://bit.ly/31nM6RM>

Deferring until 2023?

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GASON BOOTCAMP FOR SENIOR STUDENTS: MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2021

This program is designed to give students a sample of the career opportunities available at Gason's.

There is a representative from Gason's coming to school on the morning of Friday 6 November to meet with interested students.

For further information, please contact Andrea Knights via email:- knightsa@mcararat.catholic.edu.au

APPRENTICE BOOTCAMP

Monday 29th November:

Gason Ararat Facility (7:30am - 3:18pm)

- Sign in at reception
- Introduction
- Factory tour
- Welding simulator
- Tour of workshop

Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd

Bus to Fed Uni (7:30am - 4:18pm)

- Induction/Tour
- Undertake project work (Mig Welding, Arc Welding, Spray Painting)
- Programming demo
- Machining

Friday 3rd December:

Gason Ararat Facility (7:30am - 3:18pm)

- Group skills challenge
- Individual skills challenge
- Mentoring
- Bootcamp overview - What did I learn?
- Job interview

We hope to see you there!

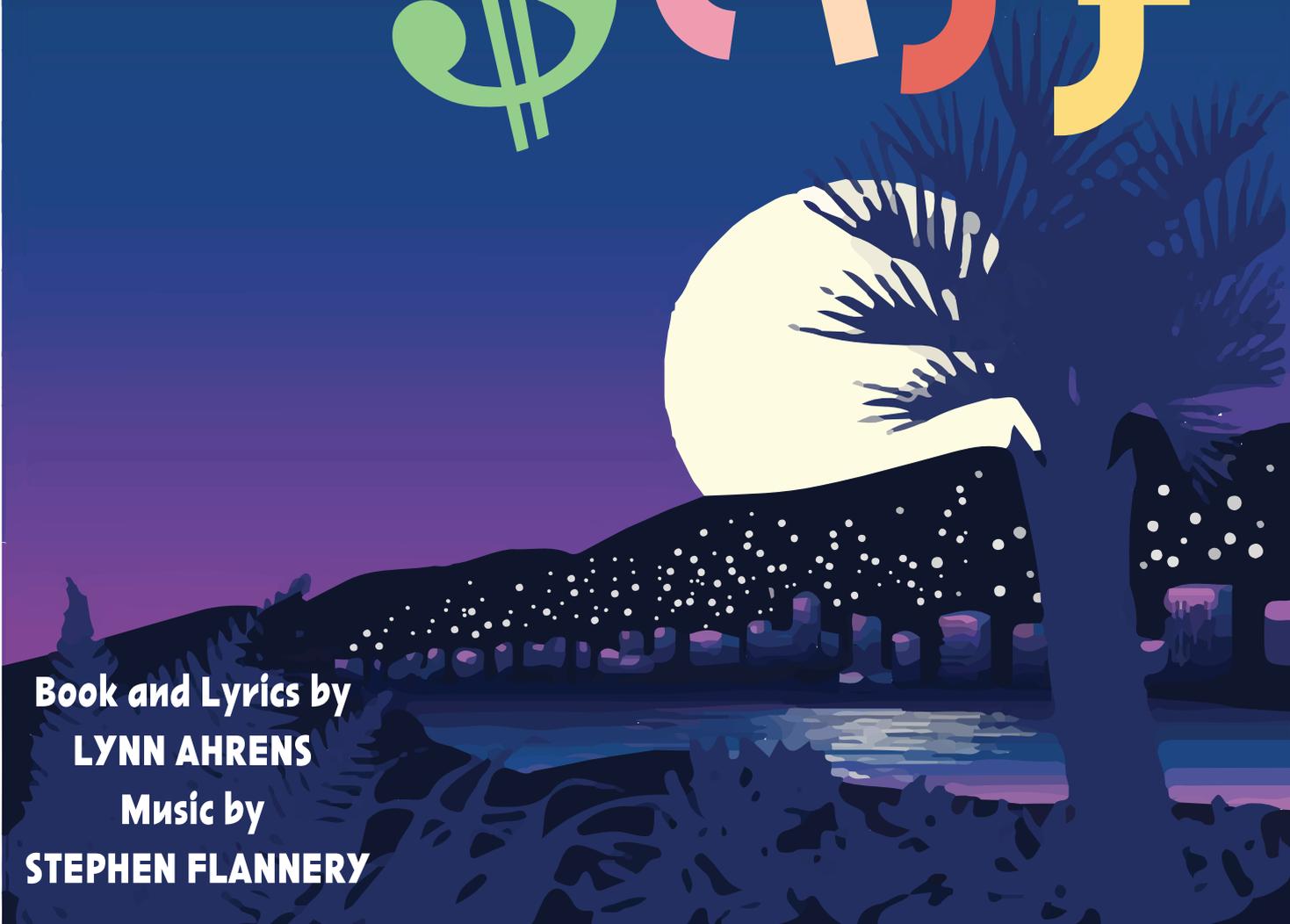


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Music by
STEPHEN FLANNERY**

7.30pm 9, 10, 11 December 2021

Tickets available at try.booking.com

November 2021

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