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Monday 14th May—Friday 18th May | Year 11 Outdoor Ed Croajingolong Bush Walk
Thursday 17th May | Year 12 Melbourne Universities tour
Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th May | Year 12 Theatre Studies Travelling North Production
Wednesday 30th May* Please note change of date | Vet Sport & Recreation Rock Climbing @ Licola
Wednesday 30th May—Friday 1st June | Outdoor Ed White-water rafting @ Mitchell River National Park
Tuesday 19th June | VET—Essendon Football Club Visit

“Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice.”  William Jennings Bryan

**STAY FOCUSED!**
The next couple of weeks will be quite intense with the completion of outcomes and SACs, whilst for many, also preparing for mid-year exams. It is important to keep things in perspective and realise the effort put in over the next few weeks can significantly improve your results, and so don’t make excuses or look for the easy option when planning your time. Maintain a balance of rest and social activities, and keep healthy through exercising and eating well. Do not start a rigorous training regime or something new that will wear you out. By this stage of your schooling you will have a good idea of what works best for you, commit to an approach that will deliver the best results for you. If anyone is feeling they are struggling see your teacher or the advocates for assistance.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**
The final progress reports for Semester 1 have been completed and will be mailed home shortly. We encourage all parents and students to use the reports as a way of initiating discussion with each other about progress at school and ensuring all requirements will be met for a successful result for the semester. Parents are welcome to contact the school if they have any concerns about student progress.

**COURSE CHANGES**
For most students their current course will continue into semester 2, however, occasionally a student will have either changed their pathway plans or become more focused on a particular goal that would benefit with a change to their course. Any student who is considering a course change for semester 2 needs to see their Performance Class Teacher to discuss the reasons and options. They may also need to see the Pathways and Careers team to ensure their course caters for their desired pathway beyond school. Course changes will be taken from 28 May to 8 June, so planning needs to commence now.
UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS

To ensure the smooth organization and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by the due date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

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TRAVELLING NORTH

A David Williamson play interpreted and performed by Year 12 Theatre Studies with support from Year 10 & 11 Theatre Studies.

Frank and Francis, an elderly couple living in Melbourne, discover in their old age the wonders of youthful love and decide to travel up north together, much to the dissatisfaction of Francis’ two daughters. Everything is happy for Frank and Francis; that is until disaster strikes.

The show is on at 7pm, Wednesday, 23rd May and Thursday, 24th May in the Hexagon.

Tickets must be pre-purchased at a cost of $5 from the General Office.

Contact Dan Swallow on 5132 3800 for further information.
Welcome to the first SAM newsletter for 2012!

It’s already been a busy couple of months, with activities underway in all of our SAM schools. As Term Two gets into full swing, we’re looking forward to hosting a number of school groups on campus at Caulfield, Clayton and Gippsland, as well as getting out to schools for activities and information sessions with students in Years 9 and 11.

Alongside the SAM program, students and parents have access to a great range of activities being run by Monash University’s faculties and Student Recruitment team - more information about some of these activities can be found in this newsletter.

Faculty Experiences for Year 11 Students

During the July school holidays, Year 11 students at SAM schools will have the opportunity to spend a day exploring a faculty at Monash University, through a program of targeted activities and hands-on experiences.

Faculties participating in the program include:
- Engineering (Clayton Campus)
- Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences (Clayton & Peninsula Campuses)
- Science (Clayton Campus)

More information about this program will be forwarded to SAM schools in the coming weeks, including details of transport for students coming from the Gippsland region. Year 11 students interested in any of these faculty experiences should speak to their year-level coordinator or careers teacher to stay up-to-date with information about this opportunity.

Parent Information Evenings

Monash University is holding a number of Parent Information Evenings in the coming weeks, providing lots of relevant and useful information about what studying at university might mean for your child.

Sessions will be held at the following locations and times -
- Geelong, Performing Arts Centre - Tuesday 8 May @ 6.30pm
- Albury, The Scots School - Thursday 30 August @ 6.30pm
- Caulfield, Monash University - Thursday 6 September @ 6.30pm

To register for any of the sessions listed above, please visit http://monash.edu.au/parent/

Access Education Revision Lectures

A reminder that students at SAM schools studying VCE subjects have access to discounted tickets for the upcoming Access Education Revision lectures. With mid-year exams for some VCE subjects just around the corner, the Access Education Revision lectures are a great study tool.

To secure the discounted price, registrations must be completed by your school. Speak to your year-level coordinator to find out more.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.monash.edu/access
Performance Review – Generations In Jazz Festival, Mt Gambier

The College Big Band just returned from their interstate performance in Mt Gambier for the Generations In Jazz Festival. Kurnai College was one of 130 schools from across the country at the festival, which hosted and featured some 2,500 music students.

Up on stage, this was probably one of the best moments the big band has sounded as a group. There were opportunities where we were able to hear other schools from other sections perform, and it was great to see what can be done from similar aged students.

In all, this festival is one experience the individual had to physically witness.

Any interested students wanting to experience such opportunities should enrol in the Music Program now in order to prepare themselves for future interstate/overseas performances.

Music Instrument classes available on:
Trombone; Trumpet; French Horn; Saxophone/clarinet; Flute.
Get an Expression Of Interest Form from the office if interested. Can commence classes on the above instruments asap.