



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Monday 10 th March	- Labour Day Holiday (no students)	Wednesday 26 th March	- Student Free Day (Staff PD Day) no students
Tuesday 11 th March	- Division swimming carnival (selected students)	Thursday 27 th March	- Regional Swimming (selected students)
Wednesday 12 th March	- Year 10 Humanities Excursion, Docklands (except 10D)	Friday 28 th March	- REACH Workshop (selected students)
Friday 14 th March	- Year 10D Discovery Grand Prix Excursion	Monday 31 st March	- Year 7 Volleyball, tennis, cricket, Super 8s
Wednesday 19 th March	- Free Dress Day, gold coin donation		- Girls Softball Gala Day (all Levels)
Thursday 20 th March	- Year 9E Excursion to the Bionics Institute - Senior Volleyball, Tennis - Intermediate & Senior Baseball Gala Day	Tuesday 1 st April	- SEAL Information Night, 7.00pm the Shed, Year 7, 2015 students
Monday 24 th March	- Division Golf (selected students)	Friday 4 th April	- Cross Country Carnival - Last Day of Term 1, 2.30pm finish
Tuesday 25 th March	- Year 10 Excursion, Ringwood Magistrates Court	Tuesday 22 nd April	- Term 2 first day

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COLLEGE COUNCIL BALLOT PAPER

The Ballot paper for the Parent Representative for the School Council has been posted to all families. The ballot is open from Friday, 7th March 2014 to 4.00pm on Monday, 17th March 2014. Instructions on how to complete and lodge the ballot are included with the ballot paper. No campaign literature supporting candidates or groups of candidates may be distributed or displayed in the school and no school resources, whether human or material, may be used to support particular candidates or groups of candidates.

PUNCTUALITY/ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is important if students are to do well at school. Students are expected at school by 8.15am. Period 1 starts at 8.30am and students who are late to school are missing instructional time. Thank you to those parents who have been contacting the school before 10.00am to inform us that their children are ill or not attending for a particular reason. Parents can expect a telephone call from our Attendance Officer if their child is absent without approval. Please remember to provide a letter of explanation to the Home/Mentor Group teacher for VCE students when your child returns to school after a period of absence. If your child is away for a length of time (e.g. medical problem) please advise the Home Group or Mentor teacher in writing so work can be prepared for your child to do whilst they are away.

Students who present to school late on two or more occasions during the course of a week, without an explanatory note from parents, will be required to undertake a Friday night detention with the Assistant Principal. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

BUSES

The school buses which service the school from Hallam, Endeavour Hills and Narre Warren North require payment with a valid Myki. These buses travel within Zone 2 of the Metropolitan transport system. Transport inspectors do monitor these bus routes and the fine for travelling without a valid ticket is \$150. Students should not be surprised if they are fined when travelling without a valid ticket. Students are also reminded that they need to take care when crossing roads to catch a bus or after alighting from the bus. Some bus stops are on busy roads with high traffic flow and extra care must be taken.



BUS SAFETY TIPS

Always look for the safest place you can find to cross a road - traffic lights or pedestrian crossings are the safest places to cross.

Always stand on the footpath, away from the road while you are waiting for the bus to arrive.

Always wait until the bus has fully stopped before walking towards the bus.

Always wait until the bus has left before crossing the road, unless at a pedestrian crossing.



Always walk away from the bus so you have a clear view of the road and the car driver can see you.

Always cross a road in the most direct route.

Never try to cross a road from between parked cars, drivers can't see you and you can't see the driver.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

**2014 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION
AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2014**



**WHAT TO DO
IF SOMEBODY IS BEING MEAN TO YOU ONLINE**

The internet lets us watch videos, play all kinds of games and find out interesting stuff. But sometimes people can be mean on the internet, just like some people are mean in real life.

If someone is being mean to you while you are on the internet or on a mobile phone: -

- Tell one of these people: Your mum or dad, your teacher, an aunty, an uncle, a grandparent, your brother, your sister or a friend. Keep telling them until they help.
- Don't answer any of their mean comments. Save them and show them to a parent or teacher.
- Get a parent or teacher to help you block them so they can't contact you any more.
- Report them to the game/video host so they get blocked.
- Remember it isn't your fault if someone is mean online. Nobody should be bullied.

Further details are available on the following Link:
www.cybersmart.gov.au

Mr Van der Westhuizen, Cyber Security

VCE APP

VCE students are reminded to check the VCE App frequently to keep up-to-date on general Gleneagles happenings, careers notices, sports meetings, room changes, upcoming SACs and key dates. The VCE App is accessible to VCE students via their smart phones, netbooks and computers during class and in the VCE Study Centre (we prohibit the use of mobile phones in any other areas).

YEAR 10 DISCOVERY CLASS

The Discovery class put a lot of effort into organising a very successful barbeque at the Swimming Sports. We worked together organising for this day during numeracy and literacy classes, looking at prices for sausages, veggie burgers, bread and cans of soft drink. Throughout the day everyone had different jobs including cooking, serving and cash handling. The teachers that helped organise our event were Ms O'Brien and Mr Barker. Special thanks to Ms Morrissey who came over to help us cook. We were very successful in raising funds to go towards our Discovery Camp in 2014. We are planning to have another fundraising event at the Athletics Carnival in May.

Stefanie Randese 10D

Our School Is Taking A Stand Against Bullying And Violence In 2014. Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21st March 2014.

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. It's a day where school communities across Australia 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence. Gleneagles Secondary College is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, where there is no place for, or tolerance of, bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

Throughout the year, we will be addressing with the students ways to deal with such incidents, the importance of actively promoting healthy relationships in and out of school and the appropriate use of social media.

Information will be coming out about our special arrangements for Friday 21st March, when we hope many students will have signed up to start the day by joining in a 'Walking Bus' from scheduled locations in Endeavour Hills to promote our commitment to this stand against bullying and violence. The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the [Bullying. No Way! website](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence. Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years. We know many of our students have younger siblings for whom this may be of assistance.

Download these free apps now in the Student's section of www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

We will keep you informed about our plans and activities to celebrate the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday, 21st March 2014.

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience

It is less than one month before the deadline to hand in your signed **work experience arrangement** form (4th April). Year 10 work experience week is **Monday 16th to Friday 20th June** (second last week of Term 2). Students must also have completed their General and Industry safe@work OHS Certificates. Please see Chris Wood in the Careers office if you are having difficulty finding a placement.

Visit to Deakin University

Chris Wood attended the Careers Practitioner Day at Deakin University and met with a past student Hayden who is undertaking the second year of the Bachelor of Creative Arts (Film and television). Deakin news: There is a new Global Science and Technology program for Science, Engineering and Architecture students (\$3000 scholarship to study overseas), as well as options for work experience in industry; a Telstra Trading room for Commerce and Business students to learn about the stock exchange; two new double degrees – B Food and Nutrition Science/B Commerce and B Information Systems / B Health Science; Spanish is a new major in the Bachelor of Arts.



Pictured: Deakin students working in their Television studio.

At Monash Seminar Series

If you are in VCE and would like to find more about specific Monash degrees, attend one of the *At Monash* seminars in March (held 6.30pm to 8.00pm).

You need to register in advance at: -

<http://www.monash.edu.au/at-monash-seminar/>

- Wednesday 12th March 2014, Business and Economics – Clayton campus.
- Thursday 13th March 2014, Science – Clayton campus.
- Tuesday 18th March 2014, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy – Peninsula campus.
- Wednesday 19th March 2014, Information Technology at Caulfield campus.
- Thursday 20th March 2014, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science at Parkville campus.

Veterinary Science Open Day

- **Sunday 16th March 2014 10.00am – 3.00pm** University of Melbourne, Werribee campus, 250 Princes Highway, Werribee.

The Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day is an opportunity for future students and the community to go behind the scenes of the state-of-the-art Veterinary Hospital in Werribee.

Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with veterinary staff, meet current students and tour their outstanding facilities. There will be stalls and activities as well. To become a Vet you will need to study for six to seven years at University. For more information go to the website: <http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/futurestudents/how.html>

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator



Entry is now open in the 2014 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories or poems, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

There is no theme!! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on any topic and in any style.

Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by Sunday 30th March 2014.

One talented writer in each division (poetry & short story) will receive \$1,000 as First Prize (with \$500 going to the winning school and \$500 to the student) plus the choice of either a Xbox 360 and an Apple iPod Touch 16GB or a Xbox One or a Playstation 4.

<http://www.write4fun.net/>

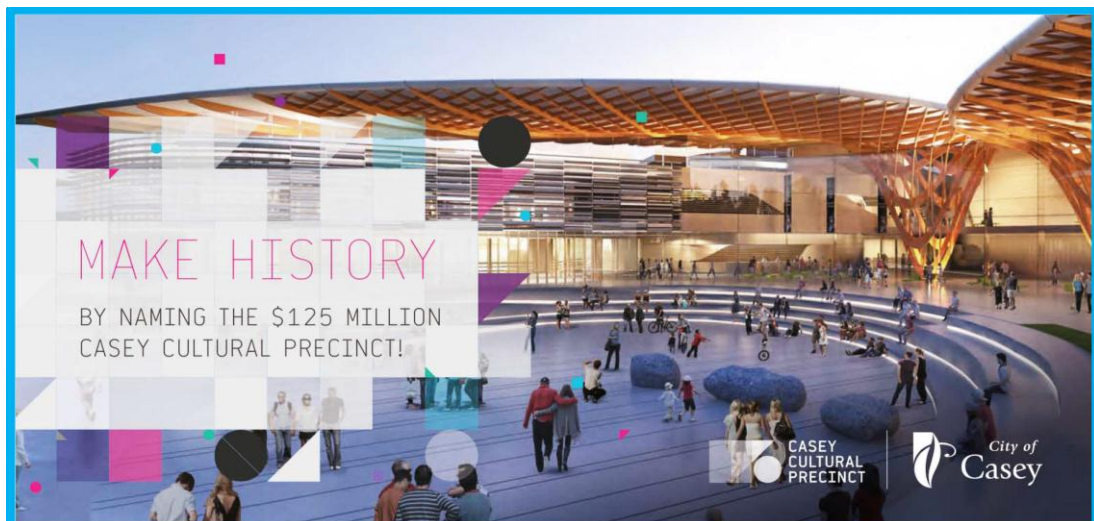
Please see Ms Moller in the library for details.

Lynne Moller, Library Co-ordinator

CITY OF CASEY
CASEY CULTURAL PRECINCT NAMING COMPETITION
COMPETITION CLOSES FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2014 AT 5.00PM

THE WINNER(S) OF THE NAMING COMPETITION WILL NOT ONLY MAKE HISTORY, BUT WILL ALSO STAR IN A VIDEO WITH COMEDIAN BEN PRICE TO ANNOUNCE IT. THE PRIZE ALSO INCLUDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE VIP OPENING OF THE PRECINCT IN 2017!

ENTER THE COMPETITION ONLINE BY VISITING THE WEBSITE BELOW, OR SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY IN A REPLY-PAID ENVELOPE, WHICH CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE COLLEGE OFFICE.



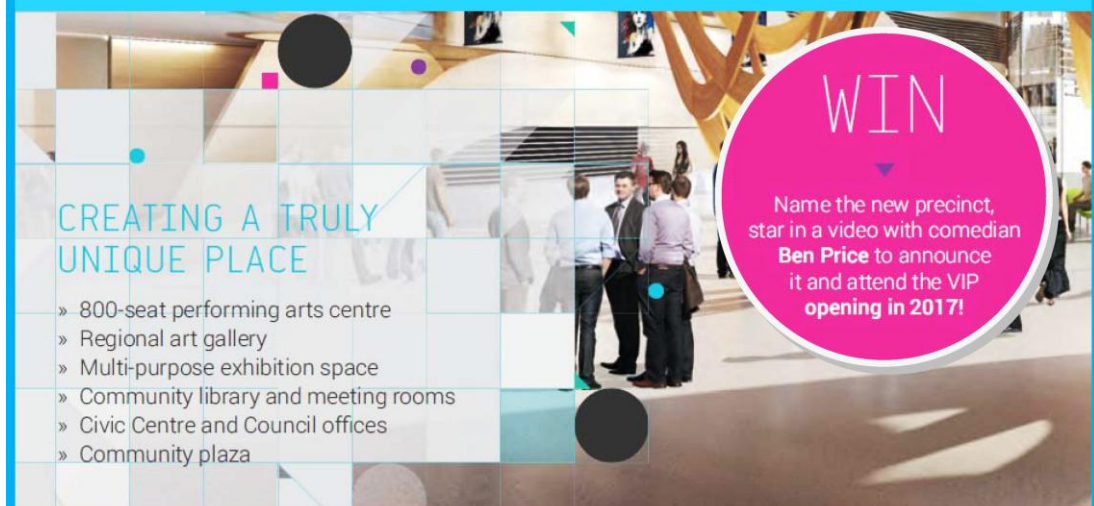
**ENTER THE COMPETITION
TO NAME THE
CASEY CULTURAL PRECINCT!**

There are two ways to enter:

Online: www.caseyculturalprecinct.com.au

Entry Form: Return the reply-paid form

Competition closes: 5 pm, Friday 14 March 2014



**CREATING A TRULY
UNIQUE PLACE**

- » 800-seat performing arts centre
- » Regional art gallery
- » Multi-purpose exhibition space
- » Community library and meeting rooms
- » Civic Centre and Council offices
- » Community plaza

WIN

Name the new precinct,
star in a video with comedian
Ben Price to announce
it and attend the VIP
opening in 2017!