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IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Name
11 Sep, 2015	VET Dance Showcase – JD Stove Theatre – Koonung Secondary College
18 Sep, 2015	Last Day Term 3
5 Oct, 2015	Commence Term 4
8 Oct, 2015	Fashion Parade - Hall
13 Oct, 2015	Art Exhibition opening
20 Oct, 2015	Y12 Celebration Dinner – Karralyka Centre
28 Oct, 2015	VCE English Exam
3 Nov, 2015	Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup Day
4 Nov, 2015	Y11 Exams commence
17 Nov, 2015	Y10 Exams commence
18 Nov, 2015	'Flying Start' commences
26 Nov, 2015	India Tour departs
16 Dec, 2015	Awards Night
18 Dec, 2015	Last Day Term 4

Principal's report



Unfortunately from time to time, like nearly every school in the State, Box Hill Senior has to deal with issues related to some form of cyber bullying. In these instances the cyberbullying usually relates to unpleasant and inappropriate comments made on Facebook about one student by another student.

For any parents not aware of how Facebook operates, participants can be invited to have access to another person's personal page. Once you have been accepted as a 'friend' you are able to post comments on this other person's page. Most interaction on Facebook, takes place in an open forum, with all comments open for anyone within the friendship group to see. Once a comment is made, it is permanently on the record and available for others to see, read and comment on.

If the comment made in this public forum is derogatory, slanderous or threatening to another person then this constitutes cyber bullying. If the comment is made using a college computer then the sender has contravened the Student Computer Acceptable Use Policy and may face a possible suspension. In some instances Facebook conversations can be viewed on other sites (one example is Google) which pose an even greater risk. Comments deleted on Facebook can still be retrieved and can be downloaded as proof they have been made.

On certain occasions the cyber bullying issue becomes a police matter. In instances where police become involved, these downloaded comments can be used as evidence if the matter eventually ends up in court. If inappropriate comments are made from a personal computer at home and outside of college hours, then the sender may still be eligible for a penalty if it is found that they have cyber bullied another student. This will particularly be the case if personal disagreements are allowed to spill over into the College environment.

The message to all students is very clear regarding any form of bullying made in an open forum such as Facebook - don't get involved in such behaviour. For parents, I would suggest that you become aware of how sites such as Facebook operate. Many parents are of the belief that if their child uses Facebook to send

derogatory comments to another student from the privacy of their own home and outside of college hours, then they have done nothing wrong. Please be aware that this is not the case. Students are open to not only a college sanction, but also a possible legal sanction if they use sites like Facebook to bully another student.

College Tours

Following on from a very successful Open Day back in May, our regular Thursday morning tours are well underway. Please pass on to any families who may be considering enrolling their child at this College that we hold weekly Thursday morning tours commencing at 9.15am. There is no need to make a booking. Prospective families need simply to come into the general office area where they will be welcomed by a staff member.

Please contact our enrolment officer, Marilyn Eaton on 9890 0571 for further information regarding the Thursday morning tours or any aspect of the enrolment process.

Steve Cook
Principal

BHSSC Fees and Charges

Statements of outstanding fees and charges will be sent to families in early September. These statements should also reflect any additional charges incurred due to subject changes made for Semester 2. If further information or clarification is required, please contact staff in the General Office.

Families should note however, that if an agreed payment plan is **not** in place then:-

- The College **Essential fees and Elective fees are now due** and should be finalised prior to the end of Term 3.
- **Instrumental music lesson fees** – the second instalment was due on 25/6/15 and is now required.
- **Sport Development Programs** – The fees for all sport development programs should now be finalised.

Many families have an agreed payment plan in place and if these plans are being managed by College staff, payments will be processed on the dates agreed. Please ensure that the information used to process your payments is kept up to date and if there is a change in your credit card details, please advise staff in the College office of this change as soon as possible.

Payments can be made to the College by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY (details available upon request) or COMPASS.

If you have any queries regarding the College fees and/or are experiencing difficulties in making payments, please contact Karen Leeder (Business Manager) on 98951101 or email. kleeder@bhssc.vic.edu.au.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Students attending a Victorian registered primary or secondary school may be eligible for assistance. This is a new initiative and the program will run over four years.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of the particular student.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

The CSEF system only allows one application per student and parents in shared custody situations are encouraged to make decisions as to who applies for the CSEF.

CSEF payments will be processed directly to schools and are expected to commence from Term 3 each year.

Application forms are available from the general office and the **closing date for applications is 18 September 2015.**

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS INFORMATION

Year 12 - VTAC

VTAC applications opened on Monday August 3 and will close on Wednesday September 30. **It is strongly recommended that all students complete their VTAC application and payment by the end of Term 3.**

Students requiring assistance with their VTAC application are encouraged to attend lunchtime sessions currently being held every Wednesday in room 10. Start time is 1pm sharp!

If students have any concerns regarding your 2016 pathway, please see Frank DeMelis in the Library.

Year 12 – University/TAFE ‘Open Days’

All students expecting to complete further studies in 2015 are encouraged to attend as many Open Days as possible. Dates have been displayed in the Library and on the Canteen window. A complete listing of dates can be found on the VTAC website.

Year 10 – Work Experience

Work experience is not compulsory but it is highly recommended that students have the opportunity to work in an area they are interested in.

A Work Experience Arrangement Form must be completed at least one week prior to the student starting work.

The form must be filled in by all parties then forwarded to the Principal for his signature.

If this process is not completed you will not be covered for Workcover or any public liability insurance whilst on the job.

If you require a work experience form please see Frank DeMelis in the library.

Yr 11 VET - Structured Workplace Learning

Students undertaking a Yr 11 VET program in the areas listed below are expected to complete 1 week of work placement in the week of September 14 – 18, 2015.

- Electro-technology (Pre-apprenticeship)
- Building & Construction
- Plumbing
- Landscape Horticulture
- Sport and Recreation
- Hospitality
- Fashion

Work placement is strongly recommended by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority for vocational programs. Assessments are usually embedded into structured work placements. If a student does not satisfy the assessment requirements they will not be able to complete their certificate. In addition to this, work placements are a valuable aid to gaining an apprenticeship.

The final date to apply for a work placement is Monday September 7, 2015.

Any student who does not undertake work placement in the week beginning Sept. 14 will be required to attend school for all their normal classes.

Parents/Guardians are requested to assist in organising a suitable work placement. Work Placement forms and assistance are available from the Careers and Pathways Coordinator (Frank DeMelis) who is located in the Library.

Students looking for Structured Workplace Learning placements

Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (IMVC) are providing a free service to students that assists in finding a suitable work placement. Their primary function is for VET students seeking a work placement but they will also consider other students wishing to do work experience.

The application is done online through their website www.imvc.com.au. Select ‘Workplace Vacancies Portal’ to complete your application.

SPECIAL ENTRY AND SCHOLARSHIPS (SEAS)

SEAS allows year 12 students who experience continuing personal circumstances that may affect their performance, during the period of their VCE, to apply to the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) for special consideration for selection to tertiary courses of study.

Criteria for eligibility

A student is eligible to complete a SEAS Application If during the completion of their VCE programme, he or she is:

- Affected significantly by illness, by any factors relating to personal environment, or by any other serious cause, or
- Prevented by illness, by any factors relating to personal environment or by other serious cause from completing a task for graded assessment, or
- Disadvantaged by a disability or impairment.
- Applying to a course where their gender or BHSSC are considered to be underrepresented.

The application form is completed online through VTAC who pass it to the selection authorities of all the courses that the student has listed on their VTAC application form. Students need to note that they are not automatically eligible for additional consideration. This consideration is determined by each individual tertiary institution. For further information refer to www.vtac.edu.au.

The application form

The aim of the form is to convey to selection authorities why the student's overall final year 12 performance does not genuinely reflect the student's ability because of various circumstances AND that the student has an expectation that his/her performance at tertiary level will not continue to be adversely affected.

Please note:

- **All students** should apply for Category 1 (Under represented schools and gender)
- Students can only be advantaged by submitting an application
- Students who require help can speak to Amy Pascoe, Andrea Wood or Fiona Erwich before the end of Term 3.

Fiona Erwich
Assistant Principal

VCE Expo

VCE Subject Expo Thursday the 23rd of July.

Year 10 students were given the opportunity to ask teachers and Year 12 students questions about the subjects on offer for 2016.

They received booklets with subject details and Frank De Melis was available for consultation regarding career advice

This is part of the subject selection process at B.H.S.S.C. and assists the students to make informed decisions.





The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science assesses students' skills in the key scientific areas of:

- Interpreting data, including observing, measuring and interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs
- Applying data, including inferring, predicting and concluding
- Higher order skills, including investigating, reasoning and problem solving

The papers covered content on:

- Earth and Beyond (incorporating the Earth Sciences and Astronomy).
- Energy and Change (incorporating Physics).
- Life and Living (incorporating Biology and Ecology).
- Natural and Processed Materials (incorporating Chemistry).

Congratulations, to the following students:

Y6 - Kajol Babu from achieved a credit certificate

Y9 - Jasmine Starr and Jessica Toole achieved a credit certificate.

Y10 - Noah Gadsden achieved a merit certificate



NATIONAL
YOUTH
SCIENCE
FORUM



Rory Kendall-McHugh has been chosen to participate in the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2016. This is a **National** selection process with rigorous written submissions and interviews, conducted by Rotary.

Rory will be meeting with the other State delegates in Parkville later this month.

And future BHSSC Science stars.....

BHSSC students performed well in the Australian Science Innovations, Big Science Competition with the following awards being received

Noah Gadsden - Credit in the Senior division

Yuwen Chen - Credit in the Senior division.

Brodie Hamilton - Distinction in the Intermediate division

Christopher Cagle - Credit in the Intermediate division

Thomas Strmecki - Distinction in the Intermediate division

Kaiden Hamilton - High Distinction in the Senior division

Unit 3 and 4 Biology Excursion

Box Hill Senior Secondary College Year 12 Biology Students took to the Genetics Lab at The University of Melbourne on Friday 24th of July. They spent the day carrying out investigation using DNA manipulation tools and techniques and an investigation of inheritance in *Drosophila melanogaster* (otherwise known as fruit fly).

The investigations made up part of their assessment for Unit 4 Biology. They worked exceptionally well and demonstrated great skill in the laboratory.



Fashion News

Preparations are well underway for the **BHSSC Fashion Parade** next term!

Make a note in your diaries....**Thursday October 8th**
7.30pm \$ 2.00 gold entry

Special Guest Designers will be attending too!



Food News!

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Students also spent a morning at TAFE, working in their commercial kitchens and producing delicious patisserie including Chocolate Éclairs and Profiteroles.

A fantastic learning experience was had by all and students were very proud of their accomplishments.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Food Technology of VET Hospitality programs run here at the College, feel free to pop into kitchens at any time or contact Natalie Murray or Patricia O'Donnell.



Outdoor & Environmental Studies- Snow Camp 2015 – Y12, 4th-6th of August



At 5am the bus left BHSSC, with some very tired students on board, and headed to the beautiful Mt Buller. The snow was fluffy and deep, which made many of the students very excited as most of them had never been to the snow before.

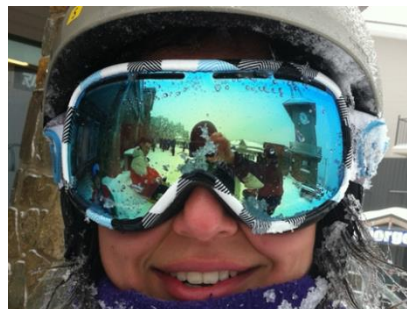
Despite a couple of hiccups, power outage limiting lift access and no telecommunication, the students quickly learnt how to snowboard and the art of conversation! Games and magic tricks (thanks Andrew – staff) kept them everyone entertained at night plus Kelsa's (staff)

stories of course!

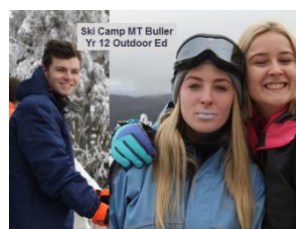
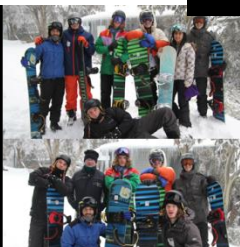
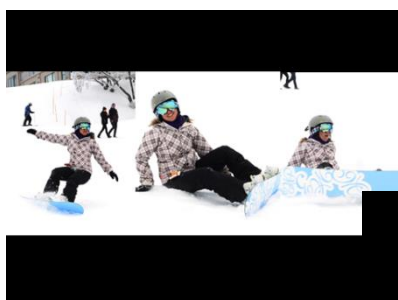
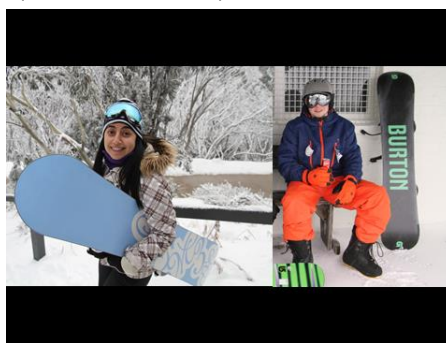
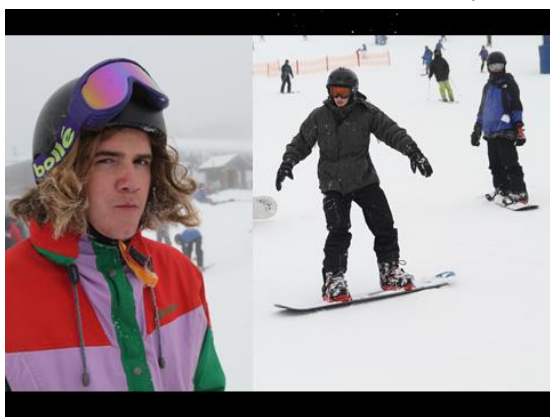
The second day was as magical as the first, with a heavy fall over night there was fresh powder snow for the students to practice what they had learnt and even do a bit of showing off!

The photography pictured here was taken by Jim (staff) who captured the enthusiasm, beauty and talent (?) witnessed by us all.

After another massive day on the snow fields, we all went out for a group dinner to share epic rides, rad crashes and funny lift stories. We were able to wrap up what was an amazing camp!!!!



I would like to thank the staff who attended camp (Andrew Delfinis, Kelsa Taleb and Jim Hooper), they were amazing and helped the camp run smoothly. I'd like to thank my Outdoor Class as they were ALWAYS on time and ready to lend a helping hand, a shameless plug to Quest Coaches who provided me with the loveliest driver who went out of his way to accommodate us and finally.... To the parents of my students for getting the kids to school on time, making sure they were packed and ready to go, and for allowing me to take their children on my last camp (for a while at least).

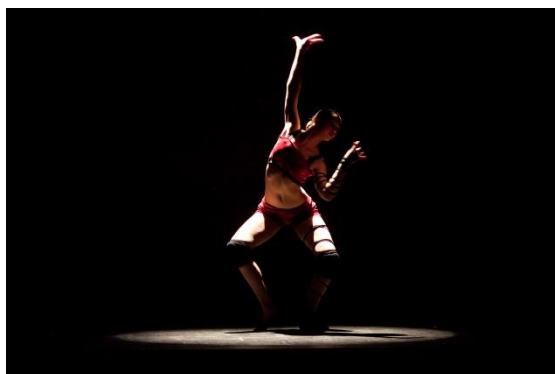


Jodie Williams (Yr 12 OES teacher)

VET Dance Showcase

Date: **Friday 11th September, 2015**
Time: **7pm**
Where: **Koonung SC-JD Stove Theatre**

Showcasing this year's VET Dance students feature works both, teacher & student choreographed, in a range of dance styles including Contemporary, Jazz and Hip Hop.



Ticket purchase details will be issued shortly through Compass and Trybooking.

Seats are limited so please make your purchase quickly!

We look forward to seeing you there!
Karen Ermacora – Dance teacher

Sport News

Victorian Women's Indoor Cricket - Congratulations to Lani De Jong- Y12, for being selected in the team. They played in a recent National completion in Brisbane, Queensland. The team won 1 game but from all accounts played competitively.

Intermediate boys AFL

The team recently won the EMR grand final against Lilydale HS by only 5 points! It was a tough game with only a 4 goal buffer at the most, and we could never put LHS away. LHS came back strongly in the last quarter and we just managed to stay in front! Final scores: BHSSC 6.6.42 defeated LHS 5.7.37

Best: Dan Clarke, Nick and Josh Walkden, Stef Fazzolari, Bailey Stevens and Pat Vardy.

The State Quarter finals this year were played at Wangarratta against Galen College. Galen College were the Hume region winners.

After a 3 hour trip and raining all the way up there, the boys acclimatised quickly to the wet conditions.

Plenty of 'Grip' was used. BHSSC were victorious on the day.

Charlie Young and Pat Vardy were strong in defence and Isaac Silic was unbeatable on the half back flank. This was a very good win.



Thanks to the parents who came up to support the boys. Special thanks to Mrs Walkden and Mrs Abicair for the oranges and lollies.

Next round is the State semis and Grand final to be played on Wed 26th August at Highgate Reserve, Craigieburn.

AFL Leadership program

Recently 9 students (7 year 10's and 2 Year 11's) visited the Hawthorn Football Club for an AFL leadership program.

The aim was to use AFL football as a vehicle to increase awareness around a range of topics that can influence and effect young people's wellbeing.



The topics that could be included in the program;

- Leadership
- Use of Social Media (Cyber Bullying)
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Financial Advice
- Social Responsibility

A day in the life of an AFL footballer -Students met Hawthorn stars such as Sam Mitchell, Jack Gunston. Ben McEvoy, Taylor Duyrea and Brad Hill.

Whitehorse district athletics will be held on Wednesday, September 2.

Basketball

BHSSC girls named in the Australian Sapphires U17 Basketball team!

Lucy Cochrane and Najvada George will be part of the team playing in New Zealand this month. The Australian team will be competing against New Zealand, New Caledonia and Tahiti and is the curtain-raiser for the Oceania Championship game between the Opals and the Tall Ferns in Tauranga.



In 2016, the team will compete in the World Championships.

Victorian College Championship.

Box Hill SSC has had a very successful month in basketball at the Victorian College Championships.

Both Senior and Intermediate girls teams won their respective Grand Finals!

Although the boys senior and intermediate teams played in the Grand they just fell short winning.

The girl's Intermediate second team were runners up in Division 2 with Mia Motto winning MVP for the Grand Final.

BHSSC basketball is the strongest ever in both age groups. We have 12 teams qualifying for Senior and Intermediate VCC finals!!!

McDonalds Cup.

In the first round, BHSSC was successful in qualifying both boys and girls Intermediate first team and in senior's the boys and girls first team were also successful in making it through to the elite 8.

The boys senior second team also played for a spot in the elite 8, but despite a supreme effort, fell short of winning.

Good luck to all teams the very best as they battle through the elite 8 to make it through to the Grand Final held at the end of term three.

Wellbeing Section

LOCAL INITIATIVES

Dig Deep

Melbourne's premiere hip hop program for rappers, singers and producers aged 14-24. A free program on Tuesdays at 5pm. Register at www.digdeep.com.au

Eastern Diversity Group

EDG is a social support group for young people aged 15-25 who identify as sexually diverse and/or gender diverse. We always welcome new members so feel free to contact Beck on 9890 2673 or alternatively via email rgranata@fan.org.au.

Circus Time..... The Crew

The Crew is a group of young people who get together to strengthen social and community links. A perfect means for this is circus. Circus offers opportunities to participate at different levels, with many different activities to choose from, ranging from juggling, stilt walking, hula hooping to trapeze! The program will include equipment making, a family and friends session and the chance to participate in the end of term cabaret. It will be a fun, safe environment to explore new friendships and learn the art of circus performance!

Session times: There will be 8 sessions run on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm, with the exception of 12/08 which will be from 3 - 4.30.

The group starts on Wednesday July 29th and concludes on Wednesday 25th September with a cabaret performance for those that are interested.

If you're interested in finding out more or booking a place, please contact Julie Ritchie at EACH Youth and Family on 8878 3800, 0427 862 865 or jritchie@each.com.au

Who: Young People aged 15-25

Where: Alternating between EACH, 10 Silver Grove Nunawading, and Ruccis Circus school, Kilsyth Sports Center, 123 Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth (We can help with transport to Ruccis if needed)

When: Wednesdays, 29th July to 16 September from 1- 3 pm.

Mankind

Mankind is a fun, experience-based program for young men aged 14-16 years of age. The program aims to help participants develop coping skills, enhance self-esteem and confidence, as well as connect with activities that they enjoy.

Who Young men aged 14-16 years.

Where EACH - 6 Silver Grove Nunawading, 3131

When Thursdays 13 August- 10th September, with a follow up session on Thursday 22nd October

Time 9:30am-2:30pm *May vary depending on activity

For more information or to register please contact Sean Rayner on 98906833 or Julie Ritchie on 88783807

Kids Chat Pilot Program

Kids Chat is a Scope pilot program that provides individualised non-electronic communication aids to children with complex communication needs in Victoria. Through Kids Chat, children under the age of 17 can receive a

customised communication aid that is theirs to keep. Applications for Kids Chat are open from the 1st of July 2015 until December 31, 2015. There is no cost to receive this device.

How to apply

- Complete a [Kids Chat application form](#)
- Make sure you have all the information before submitting your application. The application cannot be processed without all relevant documents and files.
- Send the form back to Scope's Communication and Inclusion Resource Centre by email, post or fax:

Email: circ@scopevic.org.au

Post: Communication and Inclusion Resource Centre

830 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill, VIC 3128

Fax: 03 9843 2033

If you would like to discuss your application or would like some advice from our speech pathologist about selecting communication aids, please contact us 03 9843 2000.

Participant opportunity for Green Army

The Green Army is a hands-on, practical, grassroots environmental action programme that supports local environmental and heritage conservation projects across Australia. It's an initiative for young Australians aged 17–24 years interested in protecting their local environment. Participants will receive an allowance and gain hands-on, practical skills, training and experience in environmental and conservation fields.

Location: Heatherdale, VIC

Work Type: Contract/Temp

Classification: Farming, Animals & Conservation -- Conservation, Parks & Wildlife

Green Army Participant – Heatherdale Parklands

- Hands on practical, grassroots environmental action programme
- Support local environmental and heritage conservation
- 23 weeks contract; start date September 28th 2015

AGA with IntoWork Australia is looking for young Australians aged 17 – 24 years who are interested in protecting their local environment. The Green Army is an Australian Government initiative that helps connect young Australians with meaningful work through environmental and conservation projects. Being part of a Green Army team will provide you with skills, training and experience that will support you in your future prospects.

We are looking for individuals:

- passionate about protecting the environment
- willing to work in a hands on environment
- willing to undertake training
- interested in gaining new skills & experience
- Have a positive attitude and a resilient nature
- Safety conscious
- Wanting to work as part of a team
- Willing to help others
- Willing to take direction and work under project guidelines

As a Green Army participant you will be involved in a project for up to 30 hours per week for a period of 20-26 week, get paid an allowance and undertake a range of activities including but not limited to

- Propagating and planting native seedlings
- Weed control
- Re-vegetation and regeneration of local parks
- Habitat protection and restoration
- Improving water quality by cleaning up waterways
- Re-vegetation of sand dunes and mangroves
- Creek bank regeneration
- Foreshore and beach restoration
- Construction of boardwalks and walking tracks to protect local wildlife
- Cultural heritage restoration

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to become a Participant, you must be: between 17 to 24 years of age at the time of commencement; and an Australian citizen or a permanent resident.

How to Apply

To apply please send your cover letter and resume online by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.seek.com.au/job/29141405>

For more information please email: Jess.B@aplus.org.au

All Green Army participants must undertake a National Police Check prior to be offered a position.

Gender Diverse School Holiday Program

The Gender Diverse School Holiday Program is a chance for young people to have fun, make friends and explore the world in a safe and friendly environment. Held over three days, young people attending will get to pick the activities they do & the places they explore in a group of peers that welcomes the diversity of our community.

Time: Term 3/4 break September 2015

Location: Carlton based FOR: Young people aged 12-17

If you want to register or have any questions, please contact:

Anoushka Wootton on 9663 6733 or Anoushka.Wootton@ds.org.au

Chantelle Higgs on 9663 6733 or Chantelle.Higgs@ds.org.au

Erik Ly on Erik.Ly@ds.org.au

WEP Australia

Interested in becoming a WEP Australia exchange student? Read on to find out how!

WEP Student Exchange

A WEP student exchange allows teenagers to exchange their school, culture, family and possibly language for a selected time period in another country. It is far more rewarding than simply being a tourist, as students live like locals and acquire knowledge not available to the general traveller. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel and study at an overseas school with the support of a volunteer host family.

Hear from one of our returned students:

"Honestly, choosing to go on exchange is one of the best decisions I have ever made. You experience so many different aspects living in a different culture for a couple of months that you would never experience any other way. I have made so many memories with my host family, friends and improved my French so much that I wouldn't change this experience for anything. I will truly miss everyone I have met!"

-Sophie, France

Find out more on WEP's social media pages!



If overseas travel isn't right for you, why not host?

WEP Student Hosting

We are now looking for volunteer host families for our exchange students arriving in February. Open your hearts and home to an overseas student and benefit from the following:

- Gain longlasting friendships
- Rediscover your backyard
- Experience another culture
- Most importantly, have loads of fun!

"Our hosting experience exceeded expectations. Seb was an absolute delight to have in our home for three short months."

Kaye, Melbourne

Request A Free Information Pack

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