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IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Name
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 – 6pm Administration building
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
16 Nov, 2015	Y10 Exams commence
17 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



When students leave secondary school, hopefully they will have accrued many fine memories they can take with them. It may be of the wonderful friends they have made, the teachers that have influenced their learning or the array of extra curricula activities they have been involved in.

I would like to think it is the many fine Maths or English lessons students have undertaken which they remember most about being at Box Hill Senior. In reality though, I know what students will remember most vividly in years to come will be one of the many extra curricula activities they have had the opportunity to be involved with.

In 2012 the College entered into an educational partnership with the Neerja Modi School in Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan. Last year 12 students and 3 teachers formed our third cultural exchange tour of Rajasthan in Northern India, spending around 10 days away from Australia and having the opportunity to spend time with students of Neerja Modi as well as working with the underprivileged girls of the Nischay School.

Nischay is a separate campus of Neerja Modi. The girls who attend Nischay are from the slums of Jaipur and normally these girls would be denied the opportunity for any form of education. However the main campus sponsors these girls and allows them to experience school and gain a limited education. As part of their cultural experience our Box Hill Senior students work directly with the Nischay students to help them with their literacy and numeracy development. Working at Nischay is confronting, but at the same time is a very rewarding and uplifting experience.

In 2015 under the leadership of Susan Connell (tour leader), Peter Taylor and Andrew Delfinis we will again send students to visit the Nerja Modi school. As part of the tour students will visit many places of cultural and historical significance including the elephant safari at the Amber Fort, a tour of the pink city (Jaipur), day and night tours of the Ranthambore tiger safari, visit the Red Fort and the Taj Mahal in Agra and go camel riding through the sand dunes near the holy city of Pushkar.

This year's tour group are busily involved in raising funds to support the underprivileged girls of the Nischay school. They have been wonderfully supported by our VCAL students who have run a series of very successful morning teas for students and staff, with all proceeds going to the Nischay girls.

In the last weeks of term 3 and early into term 4 we will continue to hold a number of additional fund raising activities across the College including:

- A silent auction and a raffle of two beautiful gourmet hampers
- The 'Walk to India' sponsored walkathon
- A footy colours day
- The annual College Fashion parade

At this stage we are on track to raise over \$4000, but we would like an ever greater amount to present to the Nischay girls school. If any family would like to make a personal donation to one of these events I would ask you to contact Susan, Peter or Andrew at the College.

Debutante Ball

On Saturday August 19, I had the pleasure of attending our annual Debutante Ball. The Grande in Wantirna South accommodated over 350 extremely proud mums, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, friends and teachers of our students. We had 19 couples who presented on the evening. Our girls looked absolutely stunning – with some of the girls making their own dresses in their Fashion class. Our boys scrubbed up magnificently as well and even managed to not put a foot out of place as they glided around the dance floor.

Thank you to Damian Dwyer and Andrew Delfinis for managing our students and making this event such a success.

I hope those who attended enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

Steve Cook
Principal

MYKI Usage on Bus services

We have received request from Transdev Melbourne regarding the **low number of 'touch on' with MYKI cards for the bus service at the school.**

We ask students to remember to 'touch on' their MYKI card as the low numbers at present means the services are under-utilised and **Transdev Melbourne will be reviewing the need for the service.** As a consequence, the bus service is **at risk of being modified or possibly taken away!**

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS INFORMATION

Year 12 - VTAC

VTAC applications opened on Monday August 3 and will close on Wednesday September 30.

If students have any concerns regarding your 2016 pathway, please see Frank De Melis 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.

September Holiday Timetable for Year 12 students

Teachers have generously made themselves available during the September School Holidays. Please refer to the table below for details of subjects they will be offering Revision for and the Room they will be located in. Attendance is not compulsory, but you are strongly advised to take advantage of this opportunity. All students enrolled in listed subjects are welcome to attend scheduled sessions.

Monday Sept 21 –	Subject	Location	Staff
9:00 – 12:00	English	Lib	Anna/Kat
9:00 – 12:00	English Language	Conference Room	Kathy Curlis
12:30 – 2:30	Further Math	Lib	Cath Mallis
2.30 – 4.30	Legal	Rm 7	Paul Sturgess
Tuesday Sept 22 -			
10:00 – 12:00	Outdoor	Lib (studyroom)	Jodie Williams
10:00 – 12:00	Biology/Physics	Lib (main area)	Cameron Black
10:00 – 12:00	Studio Arts /Art/ Media	Conference Room	Chris Russell Eva Foxall
12:30 – 2:30	Chemistry	Rm 11	Louise McFarlane
12:30 – 2:30	Literature	Rm 9	Tash
12:30 – 2:30	Global Politics	Rm 6	Jim Hooper
2:30 – 4:30	Maths Methods	Rm 8	James Wallace
Wednesday Sept 23 -			
9:00-12:00	Psychology	Hall	Teagan Steen Albany Baccini
12:30-2:30	Foods	Rm 2	Natalie Murray
Thursday Sept 24 -			
10:00-12:00	History	Rm 5	Steve Sarafian

Other study sessions:

- Health & Human Development exam preparation - September 7th
- Studio Arts & Arts exam preparation - Melbourne University Saturday 29th August.
- Theatre Studies exam prep - Thursday 1st Oct at 10.30am-2pm
- Music exam preparation/performance- Wednesday 30th September 10:30am - 2:30pm

SPECIAL PROVISION - VCAA (Year 12 subject) Examinations and Illness

Special Provision allows all students to have the maximum opportunity to complete their VCE studies. Any student who is not well or who has experienced a traumatic event in the 24 hours prior to any of their VCAA examinations should ring Fiona Erwich, Amy Pascoe or Andrea Wood via the College office on 98900571.

Students who are ill can apply for **Special Examination Arrangements**. They will need to collect a form to be completed by their doctor to enable them to have rest breaks, a separate room or to take medication into the examination room. If the student believes they are not well enough to attend the examination they will need their doctor to sign to say that they have recommended that the student not attend.

Without this recommendation students are advised to attempt the exam and apply for a **derived examination score**.

Derived examination scores can be applied for where a student is not well on the day of the exam or who has experienced a traumatic event in the 24 hours prior. Please contact the college ASAP for assistance with this.

VCAA examinations cannot be rescheduled. Parents are encouraged to contact Fiona Erwich if there are any concerns regarding their son/daughter during the exam period.

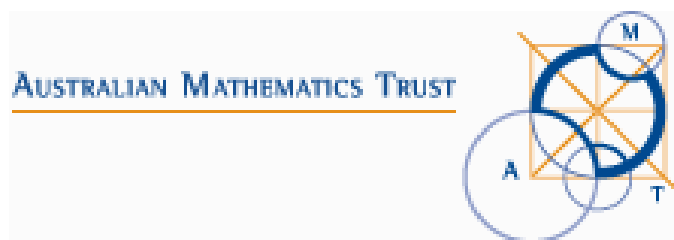
Year 12 Celebration Dinner

The Year 12 Celebration Dinner is a chance for Year 12s and their families to celebrate the milestone of completing Year 12. The event is being held on Tuesday 20th October at the Karralyka Centre, Mines Road Ringwood. Tickets are \$70 per guest and includes a three course meal, soft drinks and a glass of champagne to toast the students.

Tickets can now be purchased through the trybooking link <http://www.trybooking.com/IZVH>

Please be aware that tickets must be purchased for the Year 12 student.

Maths News



Congratulations to the following students who obtained outstanding results in the AMT Maths Competition:

Ray Sheng and Mathew Woerndale both received Distinctions.

Babu Kajol, Marcus Whitelock, Smit Lize, Jessica Toole, Mark Kotsimbos, Ignatius McDonald, Danaya Malenda received Credits.

The Australian Mathematics Trust Competition (AMT) is sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. It is one of the world's largest school-based mathematics competitions and is run by the Australian Mathematics Trust. It has become the largest single event on the Australian education calendar, allowing students to attempt the same tasks on the same day in over 30 countries around the globe. By 2015, the AMC has attracted more than 14.5 million entries.

It is very pleasing that our students have done so well considering the number of entrants who participated worldwide.

Art News

Art Exhibition 13th October, 2015.

"Inside the box" The Annual Visual Arts Exhibition official opening night is at 6pm with an opening speech at 6.30pm on Tuesday 13 October. The exhibition is held in the college Foyer Gallery and room 1. Video production work will be shown in the conference room.

Students, parents, family and friends are invited to come along and view the excellent work produced at Year 10, VCE Year 11 and 12 this year. Refreshments will be provided to all guests.

The work has been created in the following classes: Fine Art, Studio Arts photography /video / computer Illustration, Media – video production/ animation / photography, Fashion and Visual Communication & Design. The main exhibition of work will continue to be displayed on Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 October from 8.30am till 4pm and on Friday 16 October from 8.30am – 12.00pm.



After the exhibition closes please look out for the online version of the exhibition and short films displayed on our You Tube channel. You can find it by searching BHSSC Photo – Arts 2015.

The artwork should be online approximately two weeks after the event. So tune in, tell friends and relatives to give the show a like on You Tube and encourage our students.

Here is a sample of what will be on display.

Look forward to seeing everyone support the students and college.

If you cannot make the show, thank you for supporting your son /daughter this year while they have taken on the challenge of creating varied and outstanding works of art.



Best wishes from
Chris Russell, Susan Connell, Eva Foxall, Mark Bambery, Maria Repanis

Music News

Boxfest - The Music Department's annual concert

Boxfest was once again held at the fabulous Thornbury Theatre's Velvet Room on August 19.

The audience were amazed at the fabulous performances by over 20 groups, featuring students from year 10 to 12 and even a music staff band!



The evening ran like clockwork with each group appearing exactly on time, thanks to capable planning and technical support from the Year 11 Technical Production class and Lily Apicella and Lucia Ritch who performed MC duties.

Congratulations to all the performers and to the Year 11 VET Technical Production class who organised the event and thanks to all the families, friends and staff who came along.



Science News

Wild Action at BHSSC

On September 8th and 9th Wild Action brought out a range of Australian animals for our year 10 Science students. This is part of our Evolution unit, with students having the opportunities to examine the structural adaptations first hand.

Pictured here is Tom Strmecki, Dyson Sumsion and Laura Ryan with a black headed python.



VET News (if the information below applies to you please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter)



Australian Government
Department of Industry

Skills
Unique Student Identifier



Student Information for the Unique Student Identifier

USI...bringng your skills together

From 1 January 2015 if you are undertaking nationally recognised training delivered by a registered training organisation you will need to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes studying at TAFE or with a private training organisation, completing an apprenticeship or skill set, certificate or diploma course.

A USI gives you access to your online USI account which is made up of ten numbers and letters. It will look something like this: 3AW88YH9U5.

A USI account will contain all your nationally recognised training records and results from 1 January 2015 onwards. Your results from 2015 will be available in your USI account in 2016.

When applying for a job or enrolling in further study, you will often need to provide your training records and results. One of the main benefits of the USI is that you will have easy access to your training records and results throughout your life.

You are a continuing student if you are a student who has already started your course in a previous year (and not yet completed it) and will continue studying after 1 January 2015.

Once you create your USI you will need to give your USI to each training organisation you study with so your training outcomes can be linked and you will be able to:

- view and update your details in your USI account;
- give your training organisation permission to view and/or update your USI account;
- give your training organisation view access to your transcript;
- control access to your transcript; and
- view online and download your training records and results in the form of a transcript which will help you with job applications and enrolment in further training.

You can access your USI account online from a computer, tablet or smart phone anywhere and anytime.

If you are an international, overseas or an offshore student please visit usi.gov.au for more information.

Do you need a USI?

You will need a USI when you enrol or re-enrol in training from 1 January 2015 if you are a:

- student enrolling in nationally recognised training for the first time, for example if you are studying at TAFE or with a private training organisation, completing an apprenticeship or skill set, certificate or diploma course;
- school student completing nationally recognised training; or
- student continuing with nationally recognised training.

How to get a USI

It is free and easy for you to create your own USI online.

While you may create your own USI, training organisations are also able to create a USI for you. Training organisations should do this as part of the enrolment process when you begin studying. Where this service is provided, training organisations will let you know.

Steps to create your USI

The following steps show how you can create a USI:

Step 1 Have at least one and preferably two forms of ID ready from the list below:

- Driver's Licence
- Medicare Card
- Australian Passport
- Visa (with Non-Australian Passport) for international students
- Birth Certificate (Australian)
- Certificate Of Registration By Descent
- Citizenship Certificate
- Immi Card

IMPORTANT: To make sure we keep all of your training records together, the USI will be linked to your name as it appears on the form of ID you used to create the USI. The personal details entered when you create a USI must match exactly with those on your form of ID.

For more information please visit: usi.gov.au

Or contact us at Email: usi@industry.gov.au

Phone: Skilling Australia Information line – **13 38 73**

To view this document online please visit: usi.gov.au

If you do not have proof of ID from the list above, you can contact your training organisation about the other forms of ID they can accept to help you get a USI.

Step 2 Have your personal contact details ready (e.g. email address, or mobile number, or address).

Step 3 Visit the USI website at: usi.gov.au.

Step 4 Select the 'Create a USI' link and follow the steps.

Step 5 Agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Step 6 Follow the instructions to create a USI – it should only take a few minutes. Upon completion, the USI will be displayed on the screen. It will also be sent to your preferred method of contact.

Step 7 You should then write down the USI and keep it somewhere handy and safe.

Sport News

Basketball

Basketball is coming to the end for 2015 with only a few matches left to be played.

Box Hill SSC have been busy getting extra games this year with Box Hill High visiting this month again for some friendly games with the year 9 and 10 boys. Eastern Washington College players as well as ex students from Box Hill, who are in the US college system, have also been playing a number of practice games with year 9,11 and 12 Box Hill boys. These games have really been a showcase of BHSSC's past and present students' basketball talent.

Watch out here come our girls.

Well done to the intermediate girls' team for winning district and going through to EMR in October with a strong prospect of playing off for State in November. As well, the senior girls' team won through to the McDonalds Cup Grand Final on the 20th of September, the first Sunday in the holidays.

It would be great if we could turn out in numbers (parents, teachers and students) to support the girls in their quest for a Grand Final win and a possible National challenge in Canberra if they win through on the 20th of September.

SAPPHIRE MAGIC.

On a special note the school would like to proudly acknowledge and congratulate both Navjada George and Lucy Cochrane for representing Australia as Sapphire players in the recent qualifying Oceania games that saw Australia advance through to the under 17 world games. Well done Ladies. We would like to wish Navjada George good luck this weekend in her SEABL grand final this weekend.



It was great to have Eastern Washington Head Coach Jim Heyford at the school on Wednesday. Jim is Michael Wearne's head College coach for the next four years.

Also welcome back Harris Kondzic, Michael (Fuzzy) Wearne, Jedekiah Wilson and Jordan Vandenberg all back at Box Hill hooping.

Football

1. Congratulations to the year 10 football team for making it to the State finals recently, which involved the last 4 teams in the competition.
In the knockout semi, BHSSC was pitted against Catholic College Bendigo. This turned out to be a very tight tussle with little between the teams. With scores level with seconds to go, Bendigo managed to squeeze the winning goal. Scores were: BHSSC 6.5.35 defeated by CCBendigo 7.5.41
Beterr players were the Big W's, Isaac Silic, Muon Le, Bailey Stevens and Rory Kinsella.
2. Congratulations to Ashlea Baldwin (Yr 11) winning the Eastern Football League Youth Girls Div 1 Best and Fairest. Ashlea plays for East Ringwood club which also won their respective grand final. Unfortunately, Ashlea broke her leg in the game and we wish her a very speedy recovery. Sarah Farmer, also in year 11 and a team mate of Ashlea's as well, finished 4th in the B&F.

Athletics

Over 80 students recently participated in the Whitehorse District track and field competition. This number is significantly higher than in previous years. Everyone participated with enthusiasm.

Our Rachel Limburg won five gold medals and one silver. An outstanding effort!

First place results:

Charlotte Sparkes 16F 100m

Rachel Limburg 20F javelin, shot put, high jump, 100m hurdles and long jump

Kyle Latu-Green 20M 100m

Paige Cantone 15F 100m

Jayson Miller 16FM 800m

Maddi Tuhan 17F 800m

Shiba Sotounzadeh 14F 200m

Murray Leonard 17M Shot put

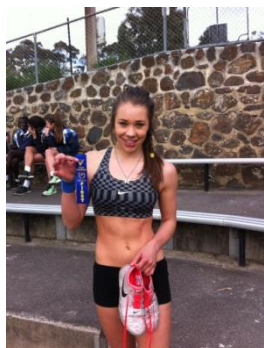
Chris Baldwin 17M 200m and 110m hurdles

Barclay Kaipuke 17M Discus

Dan Faalele 16M Shot put

Bri Dalglish 16F Shot put

20M 4 x 100m relay



All winners will compete in the EMR track and field Oct 9th @ Knox athletics track.

More Past student success stories

Lachlan Puyol - 2007

My first year at Middle Years Tennis School was in 2007 in year 9, and I continued in the program through until completing year 12. I wasn't thinking of college until half way through year 12. From here, I contacted an agency that helped me find a college that was best suited for my tennis and academic studies.

My twin brother, Alexander, was also interested in earning a degree in the US while playing on a tennis scholarship. In the fall (nth. hemisphere autumn) of 2011, we attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, which is a 2-year institution that allows you to transfer university credits onto a four-year university. We both graduated and then transferred credits to Belhaven University, a small private institution located in Jackson, Mississippi that was (then) part of the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA).



In May of this year, we both graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Medicine & Exercise Science and have returned to Australia. Going to college was challenging socially, culturally and emotionally. The challenges of being put into a completely different environment away from home and family were tough to

deal with. Going together made adapting to college life a lot easier. Even though going to college brought many challenges, there were many aspects that I would not have experienced anywhere else. The typical day of a student/athlete consists of classes followed by training with team mates on-court and in the gym. Players on my team were from countries all over the world. Despite our diverse backgrounds, the best experience was becoming part of a team and family.

I would highly recommend US college tennis to anyone. It has developed me not only as an athlete, but as a student and a person. I found myself in situations out of my comfort zone. My end of year 12 ATAR score was not high enough to get into the same course in Australia. However, gaining a tennis scholarship in the US allowed me to do that. My degree has allowed me entry into a Masters of Exercise Science (Strength & Conditioning) at Edith Cowan University which I am completing online. I have an interview at the University of Melbourne for the Doctorate of Physiotherapy program later in the month.

In addition to my study, I am currently tennis coaching at Box Hill Senior Secondary College, Nunawading Community Tennis Centre and Canterbury Tennis Club. At BHSSC, I also conduct physical training sessions for students at MYSC (Years 5 – 9) which focus on agility, speed, footwork, strength and power. I also volunteer as Strength and Conditioning coach at Watsonia Football Club.

I completed my Tennis Australia Junior Development Tennis Coaching Qualification in 2010.

Being back at B.H.S.S.C. brings back a lot of memories of what it was like being a student again. Sometimes it feels weird being a coach rather than being a student. Being a former student definitely helps the way I coach and relate to the students as I was once in the position that most of them are in now.

Wellbeing Section

LOCAL INITIATIVES

School Holiday programs

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

Whitehorse Youth Services School Holiday Program

The SHP is provided to young people in the community aged 12 – 18 years by the City of Whitehorse Youth Services. Activities include: Tie Dying Workshop, African Drumming Workshop and Movie and Popcorn afternoons. All programs are FREE but young people need to register ASAP to get a spot! See attached flyer for more information. Contact Jacqueline on 98989340 or email: jacqueline.piper@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Youth Street Art Workshop

Work with Melbourne's best street artists in this all-day street art workshop! For young people aged 12-18, all materials provided.

Date: Monday 21 September 2015

Time: 10am-3.30pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill 3128

Cost: \$90

Bookings essential: Phone 9895 8888 or visit www.bhcac.com.au

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.



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17 September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may be aware, from 1 January 2015 all new and continuing students studying any units of **accredited VET training** in 2015 will be required to have a Unique Student Identifier – USI. (*The Student Identifiers Act 2014*).

Students studying in 2015 and beyond will not be able to receive a Statement of Attainment or their qualification until they have a valid USI.

As your son or daughter is studying VET accredited training external to the college they will require a USI in order to receive an official Statement of Attainment from the RTO. The RTOs concerned have asked us for assistance in collecting and passing on the USI information.

How do students obtain a USI?

To obtain a USI, you can apply yourself online

Attached is further information about the USI and the steps to apply for your USI.

Please complete and return the attached reply slip as soon as possible

Yours sincerely

Fiona Erwich
Assistant Principal

Name:..... VET
Program:.....

I have applied for my own USI. My USI number is.....

Parent/Guardian Name:.....

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date:/...../.....