



## Three Great Competitions for You to Enter.

Attention all Year 10 students – win the opportunity to travel to Gallipoli and the Western Front by entering The Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize

Submit an entry that addresses the following: **The 2015 Anzac Centenary is a time for us to reflect on the Anzac spirit. To what extent do you think it is relevant today? What can it teach us about the Australia we want for the future?**

Students are asked to refer to examples of the Anzac spirit from Australia's involvement in wars and conflicts from Gallipoli through to the present day, and relate those experiences to positive values in their community and activities in everyday life.

Entries can be in **ONE** of the following formats: Essay of up to 1000 words, Poem or short story, Audio presentation (maximum 10 minutes), Video presentation (maximum 10 minutes) Digital presentation on CD or DVD, Musical composition – a song or instrumental, Web page or PowerPoint on CD or DVD, Artwork – painting, drawing, photograph or textile.

Non-essay entries require a supporting statement of up to 500 words. Entries close **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014**. Early lodgement is welcome at any time.

For more info visit the [Spirit of Anzac website](http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/veterans/premiers-spirit-of-anzac-prize) <http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/veterans/premiers-spirit-of-anzac-prize>

## Book trailer and Book Cover Competition

How to enter the competition - just choose a book of your choice and create a book trailer (short film) or design a book cover. Shortlisted book covers and trailers will be featured on the *Paper Cuts* web page.

The competition is part of the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge initiative; however students don't need to be registered to participate.

Your school can win Penguin books and winning students in both categories can also win an iPad.

Visit the competition website for more information about how to enter: [www.education.vic.gov.au/papercuts](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/papercuts)  
**OR ASK AT THE LIBRARY. Entries close Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**



**Want to be a reporter and see your story published on Splash?** Start making your 90 second video now. **How to enter:** Decide on your story using the theme: 'What do we need to know about your community in 90 seconds' Use your mobile phone or digital camera. A team of ABC journalists will pick the best reports to feature in July on ABC online platforms. For more information go to the Splash website <http://splash.abc.net.au/ugc-competition/-/u/1199273?88>

**Entries Open: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Entries Close: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Important Dates - As previously advised, a reminder to all students and parents

As we approach the end of Semester 1 there is a need to keep parents and students informed of the arrangements between now and the end of Term 2.

### Exam and Test Period

A mini exam period for all students in Years 10 and 11 will be held during normal class time from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. To avoid students having a number of exams on the one day a blocking arrangement will be distributed to spread the tests over the week. Students will be expected to attend all classes as normal.

All students currently studying a Unit 3 VCE and scored assessed VET Subject, which is over 45% of our student cohort, must sit the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> June at the school. The GAT will commence at 10.00am and finish at 1.15pm. The GAT is a formal assessment tool used by the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) to verify individual student performance relative to all other students in the state. Students need to prepare and are encouraged to do the best they can on the GAT. Students will be provided with more details over the coming weeks but are encouraged to seek information from the VCAA website: [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au)

### Aspire Program - Early Entry

This new program in conjunction with LaTrobe University complements the aims of our Graduate Program by encouraging academic enhancement to ensure students achieve their goals and have the opportunity for early entry. Aspire takes into consideration a student's history of community service, leadership, and academic results, not just their ATAR score. Students who are selected into the program will be guaranteed entry into the degree of their choice with an ATAR of 50, as long as they meet prerequisite study scores. Professional degrees like Physiotherapy will have a higher ATAR requirement.

Those who are selected into the program will undertake an engagement program with LaTrobe University whilst they are still at school and completing their exams. Applications will open on 1<sup>st</sup> July and close on 31<sup>st</sup> August. Students will know if they have been selected into the program in September. To register for updates and to find out more information, go to <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school/aspire>

### Leaving the School Grounds without Permission

We have a duty of care to know where students are during the school day. Students who leave the grounds without seeking permission from either their parents or Year level Coordinators and have not informed the office at the time of their departure are putting themselves and the school at risk. I remind all students of their obligations with this matter. "Wondering off" down the street is not an option as significant consequences will result.

### Student Absences

There is an expectation that all students have a legal obligation to attend school. Where students are absent it is recorded as an unapproved absence until it is explained. All absences must be approved. Notes or phone calls from parents explaining the absence as a result of illness or pressing necessity are required. Thresholds have been introduced by the Education Department and Commonwealth Departments where student unexplained absences can result in fines or a reduction in benefits.

### College Fees

It would be appreciated that College fees are paid prior to the end of Term.

Should you need to make a payment arrangement please contact the College office on 0260 437 500. The College office is open Monday to Friday from 8:15am-4:30pm.

### Sick Bay

Students and parents are reminded that they must attend sick bay when they feel unwell or are injured at College. This is to ensure that this is accurately documented and the appropriate adults are called.

It also assists staff to locate students easily when they are waiting in sickbay for their parents. We ask that students report to sick bay where our first aid staff can call home on their behalf and complete all necessary documentation.



Vern Hilditch  
Principal

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May 2014**

## CALENDAR

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
SSV State Intermediate Girls Volleyball

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Tues 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
SSV State Senior Boys Baseball

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
Outdoor Education - Wee Jasper Caving

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
Inter-School Equestrian Challenge

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
GAT Exam 10.00am - 1.15pm

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
Classes as normal. Finalise Assessments and hand back marked Assessment Tasks and exams to complete Semester 1.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
Semester 2 Commences. All students must attend.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
Semester 1 Reports Distributed and Parent Student Teacher Interviews

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
Students dismissed for Term 2 holidays at 2.30pm

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Teachers Return to school

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** Students Return to commence Term 3

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**  
Transition Parent Information Evening for Year 9 students

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
Subject Expo



## VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

Located at  
WODONGA MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE  
Mitchell Street Wodonga

### Language Classes for 2014

The Victorian School of Languages is offering language classes in 2014 on Tuesday afternoons at the Wodonga Middle Years College in Mitchell Street Wodonga.

Classes are available in Spanish, Japanese, French, Italian, Punjabi and German on a Tuesday afternoons from 4.00 – 6.15pm

Enrol on line at [www.vsl.vic.edu.au](http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au)

You will automatically receive a confirmation email which you will need to print and bring to the supervisor before class outside Room A9 at the Wodonga Middle Years College. Classes have just commenced.

If you have attended VSL classes before you will need to follow the re-enrol prompts on the website.

Primary and secondary students are eligible to enrol, from Government and non-Government schools, in Albury as well as Wodonga.

If you require additional information please contact Chris Varker at [varker.christine.g@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:varker.christine.g@edumail.vic.gov.au) or on 0428 310001 or AH (03) 57261 269

Costs for the year:  
\$70 a year for students in Years 1-10  
\$210 VCE  
\$350 for adults per year.

CHRIS VARKER  
VSL Supervisor Wodonga Centre

## LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

Jacob Mildren, Ashley Whitehead, Natasa Sojic, Quinlin Retallack, Mary Shivani Sathiyamoorthy, Felicity Coleman, Letysa McDonald and Mikaela Riley-Edmonds all attended the first Leadership Breakfast held by Wodonga City Council. Mr Bridgeman and Mrs Kilner were also lucky enough to attend this great event. Will Elrick was the guest presenter who spoke about his experiences since becoming an amputee in his early twenties and since becoming one of the most accomplished one legged adventurers despite the obstacles he was confronted with. Will was able to empower students to understand they need to believe in themselves and set high goals to ensure they achieve great things.

Students came away with the knowledge that if you combine really hard work with a focus, self-belief and persevere through life's challenges you can achieve great things.

The next leadership breakfast is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June (Term 2, Week 9) with Dawn McKay as the guest presenter. Dawn is the inaugural Director of the Oaktree Foundation in South Africa. In 2008, Dawn co- founded an Australian/South African non-profit organisation called Key Change Music, whose purpose is to create positive social change through music. If any students are interested in attending this amazing event please see Mrs Kilner to confirm your attendance.



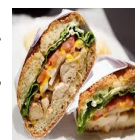
Sarah Kilner  
Student Engagement Coordinator

## CANTEEN ON FACEBOOK

The Wodonga Senior Secondary College Canteen has a Facebook page.

To find out specials and promotions or just the daily menu go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search WSSC-Canteen and join.

Anne Puiatti  
Canteen Manager



## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/ AMBULANCE COVER

Families are reminded that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and it is recommended that parents/guardians seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.



Bookings are now being taken for Pepper Restaurant. This is the training restaurant run by hospitality students. The restaurant is open from 6.00pm to 9.00pm on Tuesdays.

The dates available are:  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

To make a booking please phone the College on 60437500.

## CAREER NEWS

### PUBLIC RELATIONS, EVENT MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM ALL IN ONE

Starting in 2015, the University of Canberra will be offering a double degree combining the Bachelor of Tourism & Events Management and Communications in Public Relations. Students will develop skills in all three career areas and it will take 4 years to complete both degrees. If you aren't interested in Public Relations, you can combine Tourism & Events management with Sports Management, Commerce or International Studies, <http://www.canberra.edu.au/>



### CAREERS IN LEGAL SERVICES

Do you know what jobs exist in the legal sector apart from becoming a solicitor or barrister? Law clerks, paralegals and legal executives may be employed by law firms, government departments, legal aid organisations, financial institutions, corporations and court registries.

They perform legal work on behalf of clients under the supervision of a lawyer and can specialise in areas of practice such as litigation, conveyancing, personal injury compensation, criminal law, family law, probate or corporate and commercial law. To find out more about careers in legal services visit: [www.rmit.edu.au/programs/ad015](http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/ad015)

### ARE YOU READY TO SHOWCASE YOUR CREATIVITY?

Offset, Victoria University's creative arts journal, invites you to submit your prose, poetry, artwork, photography, music, textiles, sculptures and multimedia for inclusion in the 2014 edition. Accepted work will be published alongside this year's feature writer – columnist, playwright and social commentator Van Badham. You also have the opportunity to be part of a two-week exhibition of artwork at the Footscray Community Arts Centre. For further information, visit [www.offsetartsjournal.com](http://www.offsetartsjournal.com)

### INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

Bachelor of International Business students are now able to major in a specific country. This will involve 6 months overseas study in that country to enable the students to be able to immerse themselves in the culture and develop global knowledge of that career area, <http://www.canberra.edu.au/>

### MID YEAR WORKSHOPS AT JMC ACADEMY

The Academy is running intensive workshops for students in Years 10 – 12. You will be able to undertake introductory workshops in the following courses (dates are for July):

- 3: Music
- 2: Entertainment Management
- 4: Audio Engineering
- 4: Film
- 4: Animation
- 4: Game Design



[www.jmcacademy.edu.au/](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/)

Tamara Mason  
Career & Post School Options

Full Report on the Website