WERRIBEE SECONDARY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we reach the end of another successful year at Werribee Secondary College, I am immensely proud of all that has been achieved and the many accomplishments of our students. Seeing our year 12 class of 2021 graduate last week, as well as celebrating our many award and scholarship winners has been a true highlight. I am very proud of you all for working hard, overcoming the challenges of the past two years and ultimately achieving great success. I also say a huge thank you to the teachers, parents and carers who have supported these students along the way.

We are also proud to announce our full Student Leadership team for 2022 as listed on page 18 of this newsletter. Well done to you all. We look forward to seeing you in action carrying out your roles leading the student body next year.

We look forward to welcoming our new year 7's to the College in 2022, as well as seeing all of our student's back for what is sure to be a great year ahead! Booklists for 2022 were recently released via Compass and our website. Links can also be found on page 3 of this newsletter. Along with this, we also released the Parent Payment information for 2022. Our College very much appreciates all parent contributions, helping us provide the best possible educational support, facilities and programs for our students. Should you require financial assistance in preparing uniforms or books for school in 2022, please reach out to our well-being team for support.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season and a very happy and healthy new year. We look forward to starting the 2022 school year with students ready in full uniform and prepared to learn.

Amanda Mullins
Principal

2021 AWARDS CEREMONIES

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS & YEAR 12 CLASS OF 2021!

On Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December, awards presentation ceremonies were held in the College Recital Centre for students across all year levels, recognising excellence, perseverance and high achievements this year. We also welcomed some special guest award presenters including Joanne Ryan (MP). Well done to all students who received awards this year. We were glad to see many families tune in to the live streams of the events to watch the presentations.

Alongside the awards ceremonies was the year 12 graduation, celebrating the class of 2021! Students dressed in formal attire and were joined by their teachers to celebrate this great accomplishment. As well as awards for high achievers, each year 12 student was also presented with a unique commemorative keyring as they all now become part of our Werribee Secondary College alumni. We wish our class of 2021 all the very best as they now follow their pathways into further studies and careers.

Further pictures from all ceremonies will be shared on our College Facebook page.

EVENTS

13-16 December
Year 7 & 8 Activities Week

16th December
Year 7, 8 & Office Last Day

17th December
Office closed to 24th January

31st January
Year 7 & 12 Commence

1st February
Year 8, 9 & 11 Commence

2nd February
Year 10 Commence

10th February
House Swimming Carnival

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UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

It is very important that we have up-to-date contact information for all students so we can contact parents or guardians quickly in case of emergency. **If you have changed your address, phone numbers or emergency contact person, please complete an 'Update Contact Details' form** and forward to the General Office or email to werribee.sc@education.vic.gov.au

PARENTS & FRIENDS

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second-hand uniform shop is open **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.00pm to 4.00pm during school terms** in RW12. Our last trading day for 2021 will be Tuesday 14th December. The shop will re-open on **Tuesday 1st February.**

We regrettably advise that the second-hand uniform shop will be **permanently closing mid-2022**. We are still accepting clean and good quality second-hand uniform until the end of the year, but **no more uniform submissions will be accepted in 2022** to enable us to clear the garments we have on hand.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Parents and Friends second-hand book and uniform sales over the last twenty years. If you have any garments in the system for sale, we suggest that you stop by the shop to review your prices and to check that your contact telephone, email and payments details are up to date on our file. All unsold uniform items will be required to be collected by the end of term 2, 2022. We also hold uncollected books from 2019-2020 which are available for immediate collection. If you are unable to attend the second-hand shop in person, Parents & Friends can be contacted at parentsandfriends@parents.werribeesc.vic.edu.au

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETINGS

The next meeting of Parents & Friends will be held on Tuesday, 8th February 2022 at 6.30pm.
New members are always welcome to join. Email us at the above address or leave your details with the Office.

BUY OR SELL SECOND-HAND TEXTBOOKS

Families of Werribee Secondary College can use the online service of the Sustainable School Shop site free of charge; Simply pay the seller directly for any book purchases you make. You can buy/sell using our pre-loaded booklists, making the process of finding or listing the right book easy. Try It at: sustainableschoolshop.com.au

2022 Booklists are now live on SSS.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

The current school bus runs are as follows:

- Hoppers Crossing 1 to Werribee Secondary – depart Heaths/McIntosh at 08:00am
- Hoppers Crossing 2 to Werribee Secondary – depart Pannam Drive at 08:02am
- Wyndham Vale 1 to Werribee Secondary – depart McGrath/Heaths Rd at 07:50am
- Wyndham Vale 4 to Werribee Secondary* – depart McGrath/Ballan Rd at 08:05am
- Wyndham Vale 5 to Werribee Secondary* – depart Westminster Dve/Ballan Rd at 8.18am
- Tarneit to Werribee Secondary – depart Tarneit/Heaths at 7.30am
- Werribee Sth 1 (DET bus) – depart Aviation/Point Cook Road at 7.45am
- Werribee Sth 2 (DET bus) - depart Aviation/Point Cook Road at 7.35am

Note that all bus routes and times are subject to change due to roadworks – Refer to Compass for updates.

Copies of bus routes can be found on our College website.
For any further information regarding school bus departure times please contact CDC Werribee on 9977 9911 who can assist with locating your nearest bus stop and current timetable.

Students (and parents) who utilise school bus services should familiarise themselves with the **Code of Behaviour for Safe Bus Travel** available in the transport section of the College website.

SCHOOL PICK UP & DROP OFF REMINDER

School drop-off and pick-up time can be very busy and we encourage you to use the **Soldiers Reserve** drop off point where possible to avoid congestion at the front of the school.

Importantly, we ask that parents **do not stop in the designated disabled carparks at the front of the school** unless permitted to do so. There are disabled members of our school community who require these parks.

We also remind you to **please observe all signage regarding bus zones and keep them clear,** do not stop in front of the staff carpark gates and if crossing the road on foot/bike please use the designated school crossing.

We thank you all for your cooperation.

CANTEEN

Click To View The New 2022 Canteen Pricelist

SPECIALS

Tuesday's: Nothing over $5* | Wednesday's: $2 Fruit Box Day
Free hot chocolate with any hot breakfast item purchase

EFTPOS available (cards only) | Most dietary requirements accommodated on request

2022 BOOKLISTS

JP BOOKS ONLINE BOOKLISTS

View and Order Booklists For All Year Levels Here (JP Books)

Full ordering and collection information is available in the sidebar of the booklist.

PLACE YOUR ORDER BY

IB: 17th December | Y7-VCE: 4th January

COLLECT ORDER FROM SCHOOL

January 28th | 8:00am to 6:00pm

RESOURCE ITEMS

Additional resource booklist items as can be purchased through the College Uniform Shop.
View Resource Item Lists Here

SECOND HAND BOOKS

Second-hand textbooks can be purchased and sold via the **Sustainable School Shop** website, allowing you to connect with other buyers and sellers in our community. A free subscription is provided for all WSC families on sign up.

WERRIBEE SECONDARY COLLEGE

UNIFORM SHOP

Last Trading Day For 2021 | Tuesday 14th December

JANUARY 2022 OPENING HOURS

Monday 24th	12:30pm to 3:30pm
Tuesday 25th	08:15am to 3:30pm
Thursday 27th	08:15am to 3:30pm
Friday 28th	12:30pm to 3:30pm
Monday 31st	12:30pm to 3:30pm

FEBRUARY 2022 OPENING HOURS

Tuesday 1st	08:15am to 3:30pm
Wednesday 2nd	12:30pm to 3:30pm
Thursday 3rd	08:15am to 3:30pm
Friday 4th	12:30pm to 3:30pm

NORMAL HOURS RESUME 8th FEBRUARY

Each Tuesday During Term	08:15am to 1:30pm
Each Thursday During Term	08:15am to 3:30pm

FITTINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Phone: 9974 8646

uniform@staff.werribeesc.vic.edu.au

Adult visitors must be fully vaccinated & check-in on arrival

View the uniform pricelist and policy online at werribeesc.vic.edu.au

UPDATE STUDENT MEDICAL PLANS

If your child has a medical plan for the management of a health care need, please ensure you have provided the College with the most current version.

You can update or add to your child's medical plan details any time via email to werribee.sc@education.vic.gov.au or by providing a hard copy of your plan to the office.

STUDENT COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENTS

If your child is identified as an education contact of someone who is a confirmed case of COVID-19, you must ensure **your child quarantines until they have completed a PCR test and returned a negative result**. A PCR test is the test you have at the main testing sites or local doctors. The PCR test result is usually available within 24 hours and the result will be texted back to your phone. **You must show evidence of the negative result to the school before your child can return to onsite learning**. If you are ***not*** able to show evidence of a negative test, your child cannot attend school for the following length of time depending on their circumstances:

- 7 days if they are fully vaccinated, or, if under 12 years & 2 months old and all of their household are fully vaccinated.
- 14 days if over 12 years & 2 months old and not fully vaccinated, or, if all of their household are not fully vaccinated.

Rapid antigen tests are provided free at all PCR testing centres for school students who are education contacts. If your child is an education contact they will receive a pack of five rapid antigen tests. Instructions are provided and there is also information available about rapid antigen tests at coronavirus.vic.gov.au Rapid antigen tests should be completed on school days in the morning (one each day) before attending school for the week after receiving a negative PCR test result. Using rapid antigen tests in the week after a school exposure is very important to keep our school community safe.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

I am pleased to welcome a new Student Representative to College Council, Yesha Tesoro. Yesha will step in to fill the position vacated by Suchir Shetty. Thank you to Suchir for your contributions to Council and the respectable way you represented the student community. College Council was also introduced to the new School Captains who spoke about their vision for 2022. We look forward to seeing all our student leaders perform their roles next year. WSC continues to grow the opportunities for student voice, including the new student committees on Positive Climate for Learning and Community Engagement which have been well engaged in the activities of the school.

At the last College Council meeting we discussed the important topics of the school budget for 2022 and the Parent Payment Policy.

- When approving the budget, it is College Council's responsibility to ensure a financially responsible program. The money received from the government does not fully cover the costs for the educational programs, the ongoing running costs of the school or any building improvements. To make sure we run the best possible program, the school seeks to make up some of this difference through, for example, the Canteen and the Uniform Shop, as well as through financial contributions from our families.
- This year the Department of Education has changed the way it expects schools to communicate with parents about financial contributions (fees). **For 2022 the request for parent payments will look different to previous years**. The ongoing financial support of our families ensures that Werribee Secondary College can offer the best possible education and support for our students. For more information, please see the Student & Parent Information page of our College website and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or the school.

Damian Marinaro
School Council President
Damian.Marinaro@education.vic.gov.au

LIBRARY NEWS

LOANS

Can all students please remember to return their borrowed items promptly. The library would like all things books and equipment back well before the end of year so we can complete our yearly stocktake, Thank you.

If there is anything that is lost or damaged please come and speak to one of the library staff and we will sort something out together.

CALCULATORS

If your CAS calculator is giving you trouble feel free to bring it into the library to charge on our dock or get a system update.

Also note if you have been having ongoing battery problems, we have a few replacement batteries available for sale for $20.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe summer holidays!

- ***Ms Fernandez***
  Library Technician | IB Administrator

LIBRARY CATALOGUE

The library catalogue can be accessed from favourites in Compass, from this link or by scanning this QR code.

The library catalogue site is your best portal for accessing the schools databases as it has all the links and information on its news page.

DATABASES

The library subscribes to two databases: **Jstor**, and the **Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre** which are great resources for students completing research in a wide range of topics.

Below are the access details:

JSTOR
Log in to www.jstor.org
Username: Werribee
Password: library20

REFERENCE CENTRE

Access the live link to the ANZRC database via the library catalogue 'News' tab or via Compass: *Community> School Documentation> Research Database- Aust/NZ Reference Centre*

YOUTH FOR PEACE AWARD WINNERS 2021

Climate injustice: The Psychology Behind Our Inaction

WSC Year 10 students, Marat Schegeni, Yuji De Vera and Mikaela Fernandez *(pictured)* were recently announced as winners of the 2021 Youth for Peace Award. They worked collaboratively to create a media campaign aimed at inspiring more action on the climate crisis and to inform young people about this existential threat of the climate crisis.

The animation video they created was engaging and clearly explained the concept of climate injustice and the psychological barriers and biases contributing to inaction. Their animation provides a timely global perspective on the impact of climate change by comparing topical events in Australia with more serious and overwhelming events impacting on other countries. View it here.

The group receives a shared prize of $1500 for their efforts.

Congratulations and very well done Marat, Yuji and Mikaela!

-Ms Aydin

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE OLYMPIADS

The Australian Science Olympiads are a national enrichment program for secondary science students. The Australian Science Olympiads provide rewarding opportunities for students to extend themselves way beyond school science through challenging exams, stimulating extensions and enrichment programs and international competitions.

Once again we had students across Year 10 entering the Junior Science Olympiads, and Year 11 students entering the Biology Olympiad. The exams are difficult, and really stretch students' analytical abilities and critical thinking skills. Congratulations to all participants for taking the opportunity to extend themselves and looking to improve their science skills.

Year 10: Hilda Tay, Alex Park, Marat Schegeni, Meghana Janumpally, Shanuka Bandara-Athauda, Vedant Vyas, Minahil Mehr

11 Biology: Aneesh Jaiswal, Anjeline Anslum, Abdullah Abdosh, Mohammed Ahtesh, Matthias Ong, Mahir Nainesh Kumar Shah, Lalith Ramesh, Marc Capriciu

Particular congratulations to the following students who achieved highly in the competition:

- Alex Park (High Distinction)
- Matthias Ong (Distinction)
- Marat Schegeni (Distinction)
- Aneesh Jaiswal (Credit)
- Marc Capriciu (Credit)
- Meghana Janumpally (Credit)
- Shanuka Bandara-Athauda (Credit)

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE INNOVATIONS

The science department offers this opportunity for all students in Years 9, 10 and 11 and we look forward to having more students involved in 2022. Those interested in undertaking this next year can find more information here: [Australia Science Innovations » Australian Science Olympiads (asi.edu.au)]

- ***Ms Regina Miller***
Director of Science

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

As the end of the year nears, we are moving quickly to a time where classes and programs need to be ready for 2022. On Wednesday night, 24th November, parents of the incoming Year 7 students in 2022 met with the Junior Sub School Team to introduce them to the Orientation Program that will support their children as they move into our school community.

At the time of writing, the Year 8 students were close to learning of their electives for 2022. These are printed and given to them during week nine of term. The transition of students from Year 7 to Year 8 and from Year 8 into Year 9 is in full swing. During this process, class readjustments will be made to better address the learning and social needs of students. Reviews of student performance and attendance will be considered at this time.

After spending 12 months as Year 7 Coordinator, Mr Tom Breed has won a position as Director of Health, Physical Education and Food. Tom has been invaluable as a member of the Junior School Team and we wish him well in his new position.

After 2020, we thought we were through the hard stuff but 2021 was not going to be outdone! The Junior School Team is looking forward to a more 'normal' year in 2022. We wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and hope to see our staff and students back for a more unbroken run through next year.

- ***Mr Kerr | On behalf of the Junior School Team***

HARDING MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS AYAN NIZAM & XIN YU TAN OF 8J

These two young ladies are the recipients of a scholarship provided by the Harding Miller Education Foundation.

Both have been identified as students with enormous potential to achieve academic excellence and attain significant professional success. This scholarship will provide them with practical support to boost educational achievements and help realise their career aspirations.

Well done Ayan and Xinyu!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

As 2021 comes to a close, the Middle School Team would like to congratulate our Year 9 and 10 students.

After another very unusual and eventful year, our Year 10's have begun their new pathway post Middle School, undertaking orientation, having their first taste of Year 11 Senior School. We wish each and every one of them success in their future endeavors whether it be VCE, VCAL, IB, or a placement beyond Werribee Secondary College.

At the beginning of 2022 our Year 9 students will become the Year 10's and the emerging leaders of the Middle School. Some Year 9 students will experience our VCE Early Commencement program. We congratulate the students that applied and that were nominated and wish them every success.

It has been a rewarding journey watching our students mature and grow into extraordinary young adults whilst enduring remote learning for a lot of their school year. For some, the journey was relatively easy, and others encountered a few challenges along the way. Regardless, the Middle School Team is so proud of each student and them navigating their personal development throughout the year.

LOCKERS: With Year 10 Classes (Work Experience) finishing on 8th December and Year 9 on the 10th December, it is expected that all students will remove all items and locks from their lockers to allow for the maintenance and reallocation over the summer break. No student will be allocated the same locker for next year. If any materials are left behind, they will be stored at the school for a short period of time in 2022.

LIBRARY: Reminder to return borrowed items from the library, and the Middle School Office.

EXITS: If you are leaving the school, we wish you well. You will need to collect exit forms from us and depending on where you are transferring you may need an exit interview with our careers team. Please let us know so we can assist you in the process. If you are willing to donate your uniform to others, please hand them into the Middle School Office so we can distribute the clothing items to those in need.

RETURN TO SCHOOL IN 2022: If your child will not be present on the first day of school in 2022, please notify the College in writing. Below are the start dates for Middle School:

Year 9 & 11 commence on Tuesday 1st February
Year 10 commence on Wednesday 2nd February

The Middle School Team will be changing next year as Ms Scott and Ms Bakotic take on different positions within the College for 2022 and Ms Lesley McLaughlin will be taking charge of the Middle School office. Both year 9 and 10 students have been fortunate to have such wonderful and supportive coordinators at their respective year levels. The Middle School Team is looking forward to welcoming in the new team:

MIDDLE SCHOOL STRUCTURE FOR 2022

Assistant Principal: Mrs Helene Refuerzo
Middle School Ed. Support: Ms Pauline Wearmouth
Director of Middle School: Ms Lesley McLaughlin
Year 9 Coordinator: Ms Joanne Hammond
Year 10 Coordinator: Mr Christopher Duffin
Middle School Wellbeing: Mr Matthew Keogh

Lastly the Middle School Team would also like to thank the students and parents of Middle School for their ongoing support and wish everyone a safe holiday and a Happy New Year - be safe and have a great holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2022.

-Ms Bakotic | On Behalf Of Middle School

THE HUDDLE

'The Huddle' programs are FREE for school students and young members of the community, offering a safe, inclusive environment, empowering you to learn, grow, and belong. Offering everything from Sports, activities; study squads, pathway, free courses, and summer programs to keep you active. The huddle is located just around the corner at 15-226 Watton Street.
Learn more at: https://www.nmfc.com.au/huddle/programs

LEARN. GROW. BELONG.

CELEBRATING OUR 2021 YEAR 10 SCHOLARS

KWONG LEE DOW SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Congratulations Kwong Lee Dow Scholar: HILDA TAY (10K)

The Kwong Lee Dow scholarship is for students in the top 5% academically of the year 10 cohort. The school can refer 5 students to the program, and only 1 student was selected by the organisation. Hilda was endorsed for her leadership potential, active citizenship and community involvement.

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program offers access to exclusive University events and academic enrichments activities for two years. The University selects at least one Young Scholar from each participating secondary school. The main program benefits include a guaranteed place at the University of Melbourne in the Bachelor of Arts, Biomedicine, Commerce, Design or Science provided the student achieves an ATAR of notional ATAR of 95.00, plus a scholarship to study overseas and access to the largest library collection in the southern hemisphere. Well done Hilda!

WESTERN CHANCES SCHOLARS

Congratulations Western Chances Scholar: ALEX XIONG (10B)

Western Chances Scholarships are tailor made and based on the needs of each recipient. They average around $1000.00 annually.

Western Chances supports young people on their educational journey for as long as the need exists (annually, even after high school once you enter your tertiary course). Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Western Chances Scholarship assessors, to applicants who best meet the criteria.

We hope Alex is able to utilise this scholarship to help set him on track to a very successful future.

ABCN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Congratulations ABCN Scholars: JULIE UNG (10J): $7000 & LAY MU KU TAW KEH (10J): $500

The three-year Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) Accelerate Scholarship program provides students with a dedicated corporate mentor and financial support.

This includes time with the mentor to help set goals and develop valuable workplace skills and up to $7000 in financial assistance over a three-year period.

Students can spend the financial assistance on study materials, education costs and transport.

Well done to you both!

SYSTEMS & MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

Since returning to school, technology students have made the most of access to tools and equipment and relished the opportunity to embark on practical work.

Year 7 Systems Technology students have created their own clock designs, demonstrating safe cutting, filing, and sanding techniques while working with plastic. They have personalised their designs to different shapes, used engravers, and stickers and it was exciting to see the level of creativity in the designs. Students have also engaged in the Solar Buddy program, where they have learnt about energy poverty and that 1 in 5 people in the world are denied easy and affordable access to electricity. Students created a solar lamp that will be sent to a child experiencing energy poverty to improve their life and lives of their families. This program addresses the UN Sustainable Development Goals of good health, quality education, renewable energy and climate action. It also and allows students to develop their roles as global citizens.

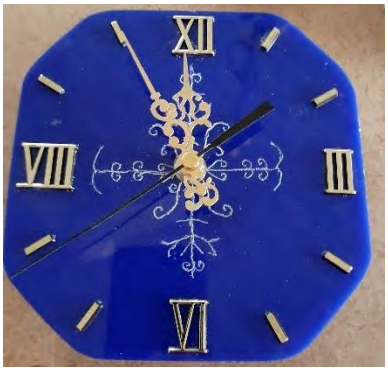
Year 8 Materials Technology students were tasked with building their own bird houses. This demonstrated wood working techniques and the students decorated their designs in a range of unique styles.

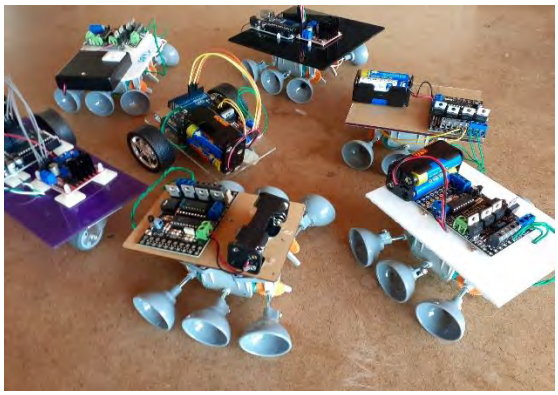
Year 9 Robotics students have built their own mobile robots to demonstrate how microcontrollers can be programmed up and interfaced to various motors and gearboxes.

Year 10 Mobile Robotics students had very little time in the classroom, despite this they have created a variety of mobile robots and robot hands using a variety of kits. These demonstrated hydraulics, mechanics, and programming, and I look forward to seeing how our students can build on these in their studies next year.

A big well done to all our Technology students who have embraced getting involved to produce such impressive products!

-Mr Tyley-Miller
Head of Design & Technology





INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) EVENTS

YEAR 10 TO 11 IB ORIENTATION DAY

On Friday 26th November, we held an Orientation Day for our current Year 10 students who will commence the IB program next year.

Students learnt how the IB helps develop *"a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect"* and reflected on their own Learner Profile strengths and areas of growth. Students spent the day learning about the program, developing collaborative relationships, and engaging in a series of activities designed to get them drawing on the IB Learner Profile attributes; to be more curious, open-minded, and balanced learners.

Current Year 11 IB students led several of these sessions and established mentoring roles through our IB Buddy program. We are so excited to start these students on their IB journey and see how they grow in their lifelong journeys of learning over the next two years.

YEAR 1 IB TOK EXHIBITION

Year 1 IB students came together on Tuesday 30th November and showcased their IB Exhibitions; the culmination of their first year of learning in the IB Theory of Knowledge course. Year 10 students and many staff attended the Exhibition and explored how Theory of Knowledge key concepts and questions are manifested in the real world. Some of the knowledge questions that students explored were:

- How can we distinguish between knowledge, belief and opinion?
- How might the context in which knowledge is presented influence whether it's accepted or rejected?
- What is the relationship between knowledge and culture?
- What constraints are there on the pursuit of knowledge?
- Does some knowledge belong only to particular communities of knowers?

It was wonderful to see students articulate their ideas in such depth, and model many of the IB Learner Profile attributes: to be Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers and Communicators. We look forward to welcoming the wider WSC community for this event in 2022.

VISUAL ARTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS IB VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS

Students selected for the 2022 'Glen Eira - International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Exhibition'

Congratulations to our IB final year candidates **Annika Velasco, Mikhail Montilla** and **Emma-Lee Connolly**, who have all received notification that their artworks have been selected for the prestigious IB Diploma - Visual Arts state-wide exhibition.

The Exhibition will be held in February of 2022 and the Exhibition details will be published early next year.

Our school continues a long run of successful candidates that have been selected for this annual Art Exhibition, which highlights some of the best IB 'Visual Arts' work in both Victorian and Tasmanian IB schools. This achievement is particularly remarkable given that much of the student's final year has been interrupted with Covid 19 lockdown, resulting in limited access to art supplies and working spaces at school.

A big CONGRATULATIONS from Mr Olver and the Art Team for the following selected students and their Artworks…

MIKHAIL MONTILLA
TITLE: 'Bookmark'
MEDIA: Acrylic on Canvas
SIZE: 152 x 101cm

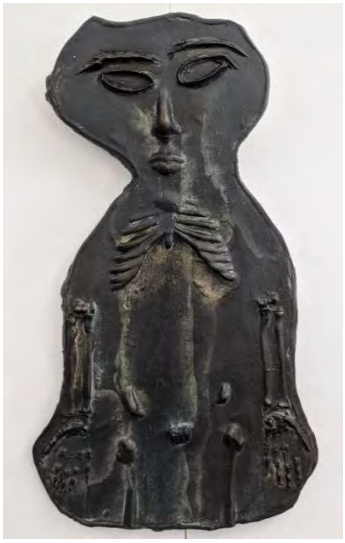
"Bookmark explores the importance of chapters in life as we exist day to day highlighting our growth as who we are as a person. This fluidity and freedom of the brush techniques represent the disorientation and cascade of past events revolving around the lack of restrictions of our decisions. The seated figure represents myself where the realization that the unexpectedness of both past and future events accumulate to the definition of life as I wanted to move onto the next chapter in my life".

MIKHAIL MONTILLA
TITLE: 'Memories by the River'
MEDIA: Pyrography, wood stains, plywood, shellac
Measurements: 121 x 15cm

"This series is inspired by my experience in visiting many various landscapes that had connected with me on a personal level. The landscapes that are burned are inspired from the images that I had taken of these places. Each of these burnings document my emotions and experiences that I have with these landscapes, by coloring sections it emulates these strong feelings. I hope to communicate the message that the relationship with memories and emotions between landscapes is universal and comforting".

ANNIKA VELASCO
TITLE: 'Mad Tea Party'
MEDIA: Clay fired earthenware, coloured slips, crackle glaze, transfer paper decals, oxides, ink
SIZE: 32x30x15cm (pot) | 17x18x18cm (cup)

"This tea set refers to the mad tea party that Alice finds in Wonderland. Everything Alice had learnt about social norms, rules and etiquette were completely disregarded. It tells a story of a young girl who has grown up with social conformity and is familiar with having structure in her life, until everything she knows turns upside down in Wonderland. I experimented with Surrealist imagery and inspired by Hieronymus Bosch".



EMMA–LEE CONNOLLY
TITLE: 'We Are The Same'
MEDIA: Plaster relief form with copper paint
SIZE: 50cm x 31cm

"This form developed out of experimenting with clay and plaster molding techniques with found objects. I wanted to express the inside of the body showing us to be human and that we are all human and our bodies don't make us who we are. Beauty standards are so high and sometimes unrealistic. This piece is about how we perceive ourselves and how we can distort our own reality if we have the condition of body dysphoria".

WERRIBEE SECONDARY COLLEGE ART GALLERY WEBSITE

I would like to congratulate all of our Art students who were chosen by their class teacher for their talent and creativity, as well as for their diligence in both practical work and theory. The award recipients have received a certificate at their year level assemblies as well as have had their artwork featured on our Art gallery website.

Please click on this link to access the Werribee Secondary College Art gallery website to view artworks created by our talented and amazing students.

A REMINDER FOR ALL ART STUDENTS:

As the end of the year approaches, we would like to remind our students to please come in and collect any artwork/sketchbooks to take home.

The Art department wishes everyone a happy and safe holidays.

- ***Ms. Sidiropoulos | Head of Art***

CAREERS NEWS

VISIT US ONLINE:

Did you know WSC has a dedicated Careers website?
Our aim is to provide you with all the latest information that will help you make decisions about your future career and your life beyond school. You can use this site to locate University, TAFE and any other type of course across Australia, get information about the VCE, work experience and much more.
Click this link to begin exploring: **Werribee Secondary College Careers**

KEY DATES

VCE results and ATAR	16th December 2021 (7am)
IB Notional ATAR	2nd January 2022 (3pm)
Change of Preference Closes	17th December (12pm) – International students 20th December (4pm) - VCE domestic students 4th January 2022 (4pm) – International Baccalaureate

FOR VCE/VCAL STUDENTS:

The Careers Office will be available to assist students at the following times. Please contact the careers office to make an appointment with Ms Devereux on 99748638 or 99748619:
Thursday 16th December: 9.00am to 5.00pm
Friday 17th December: 8.30am to 11.00am
Saturday 18th December: 10.00am to 4.00pm
Monday 20th December: 9.30am to 3.30pm

FOR IB STUDENTS:

Once IB students receive their results, careers assistance can be obtained by emailing Ms Devereux at jennifer.devereux@education.vic.gov.au. Your appointments will then be held over Webex at https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/devereux.jennifer.m on Tuesday 4th January, between 8.30 am to 3.30pm.

SUMMER WORK

With summer holidays soon approaching, students may want to now start looking for casual or part time work. For help with resume writing, cover letters and interview techniques, explore the following resources:

JOB SEARCH RESOURCES | MYFUTURE

COVID-19 Series: Where are the job opportunities? | Job Jumpstart

For job vacancies, whether it be part time or casual work you may want to use the following websites such as **SEEK** or **jobactive JobSearch**. Many retail shops also post job opportunities on shop windows, so keep an eye out while shopping for potential casual job opportunities.

CEAV - Jobs Victoria Career Counsellors Service

Jobs Victoria Career Counsellors provide personalised career guidance to Victorians who are looking for work, are underemployed, unsure of what to do or who are working but looking for a career change. They will help you understand your career options and give you the tools and confidence you need to pursue them. For more details please follow the above CEAV link.

AIR TRANSPORT PROFESSIONALS

(Pilot, Air Traffic Controller, Instructor)

Air Transport Professionals fly and navigate aircraft, control and direct air traffic to ensure the safe and efficient operation of aircraft in flight and on the ground and instruct students in flying aircrafts.

AIR TRANSPORT PROFESSIONALS

AVIATION COURSES IN VICTORIA 2021

The aviation industry is not only about pilots and flight attendants, but also includes aircraft manufacturing, ground crew, management, customer service, cargo and logistics…the list goes on. An interesting website to browse can be found **here.** Below are a number of courses offered in Victoria. For a full list of all courses, their majors, and double degrees on offer visit **VTAC.**

RMIT: **Applied Science (Aviation)** *(Operations or Piloting)* **Applied Science (Aviation)/Business (Management)**

SWINBURNE: **Aviation** | **Aviation/Business** | **Aviation Management** | **Aviation Management/Business** | **Laws/Aviation Management**

WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE: **Aviation (Cabin Crew)**

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE INFORMATION:

How to approach the change of preference period | Good Universities Guide

INSTITUTION	CHANGE OF PREFERENCE INFORMATION
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	ACU | Change of Preference advice Victoria Thursday 16, Friday 17 and Monday 20 December 2021
CHISHOLM TAFE	Change of preference | Chisholm TAFE
COLLARTS	**Change Of Preference:** Hotline: 1300 818 777 *(press option 1)* **Operating hours:** December 16th, 17th & 20th: 9am - 5pm
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY	Changing your uni preferences? Here's what you need to know | Deakin Support for high school students | Deakin **VIEW FLYER**
FEDERATION UNIVERSITY	Change of preference - Federation University Australia Your Fed Future webinars - Federation University Australia **On-Campus Info Day** (federation.edu.au/infoday): 16 December, 10am-3pm. **Virtual Info Day and change of preference information** **VIEW FLYER** Register for the virtual event here: Friday 17 December, 10am-3pm **Contact Hours:** The university can be contacted on 1800 333 864 Mon to Fri – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm *(Sat 18–Sun 19 December 10.00am–3.00pm)*
GORDON	**Information Session |** December 7-9 **|** Register online at thegordon.edu.au **Customer Service** | 1300 851 428 | custservice1@gordontafe.edu.au
JMC ACADEMY	**Contact:** (03) 9624 2929 | melbourne@jmc.edu.au **Office closed:** Wednesday 22nd December – Sunday 2nd January **Office open 9am – 5pm:** Monday 3rd January onwards **Open Day:** Saturday 22nd January 2022
KANGAN INSTITUTE	Pathways To University - Change Of Preference (kangan.edu.au) https://www.kangan.edu.au/courses/tafe-courses/change-of-preference. Call 9279 2390 or email vtac@kangan.edu.au
LA TROBE UNIVERSITY	Prefer La Trobe, La Trobe University Change of Preference information Undergraduate webinars, Study with us, Your first degree La Trobe University Melbourne Campus Tours 6 – 9 December Albury-Wodonga Campus Talk & Tours 6 – 9 December
MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC	TAFE Courses Melbourne | Melbourne Polytechnic Creative Arts Higher Education Information Session - November 23rd - Melbourne Polytechnic
MONASH UNIVERSITY	Change of Preference - Change of Preference (monash.edu) **Change Day Expo:** Fri 17 December, 2-6pm & Mon 20 December, 10am - 12pm Register for Virtual Event: https://www.monash.edu/change-of-preference/change-day-expo Through this link you can Book in for a one-to-one chat with a course advisor
PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIES COLLEGE	Book a Campus Tour
RMIT	Change of Preference - RMIT University Student Hotline – 03 9925 2260 Contact Hours: 16&17 Dec 8.30AM–5.30PM | 18&19 Dec 10.00AM–4.00PM | 20 Dec 8.30AM-4.00PM Transitioning to University with RMIT Eventbrite Parents to Parents with RMIT University Eventbrite Future careers - RMIT University Campus Tours - YouTube
SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY	Embrace Change (of Preference) | Swinburne 8 Questions About Preferences You're Dying To Ask **CHANGE OF PREFERENCE EVENT** **Date:** Friday 17th December, 10AM- 4PM, Hawthorn Campus **2022 Study Expo (Online):** 23rd of November: 4PM – 6PM
TORRENS UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA	**Open Day:** 29th Jan 2022 *(196 Flinders Street Campus)* https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day **Careers Advisor Hub:** https://www.torrens.edu.au/studying-with-us/high-school-students/school-career-advisor-hub
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	Change of preference (unimelb.edu.au) **Consultations 6 – 14 December**, offered to all undergraduate VTAC applicants Future Student Enquiries team extended hours on weekend of 18-19 December **Experience Melbourne Online Sessions:** 13-15 December **Explore Melbourne Campus Tours:** 15, 17 & 18 December *(Parkville, Southbank, Dookie)*
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY	Change your preference – Choose VU | Victoria University Change of preference 101: everything you need to know post-ATAR **VIEW FLYER** **On campus tours:** December 13th –16th: City, Footscray, Sunshine & St Albans **Virtual Event:** December 17th **VIEW FLYER** **1:1 consultations with Future Student Advisors:** December 17 – 20

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

Victoria Police Recruitment
Victoria Police have four different roles available for students who might be interested in pursuing a career in policing:

- **Police Officer:** General duties Police Officers are based at police stations, which have responsibility for a local area. Members of these police stations patrol areas to prevent crime and respond to requests from the community.
- **Protective Services Officer (PSO):** A community safety role based at train stations and surrounds.
- **Police Custody Officer (PCO):** Assist police at police stations to safely manage people in custody.
- **Victorian Public Servant (VPS):** Play a supporting role across various areas such as human resources, communication, legal, IT, finance, analytics, forensics etc.

For students interested in a career with Victoria Police as a Police Officer or PSO, please find some helpful information below:

Not every 18-year-old will be ready to apply but those who are gathering life experience whilst they are in high school will be more competitive throughout the recruitment process. For example:

- **Part-time work experience in a customer service environment** - provides exposure to people from diverse backgrounds and develops communication, teamwork, and conflict resolution skills. For example, working at McDonalds one day a week.
- **Volunteer experience** - develops a sense of community-mindedness and communication skills. For example, working at the local surf lifesaving club or community centre.
- **Sporting club experience** - develops teamwork, communication, and leadership skills, not to mention the healthy level of fitness that is a requirement of the role.
- **Overseas travel** - provides exposure to other cultures, religions and languages and fosters a sense of independence and assertiveness.

To see the full eligibility criteria, visit the Victoria Police careers website.

For more information regarding recruitment, click on the following links:
Police - myfuture | Careers (police.vic.gov.au) | Recruitment process: police officers | Vic police recruitment

SOLAR BUDDY

ENERGY POVERTY – WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The IB & VCAL Cohort worked together on environmental responsibilities planning to help countries with energy poverty by assembling and sending 'Solar Buddy' kits. The project was led by VCAL students Harry Grimes and Tarra Schuerer *(pictured below)*.

Harry and Tarra planned and raised funds to buy solar kits from the organisation Solar Buddy. Year 12 VCAL and IB students assembled the kits, also creating a lovely letter to their solar buddy across the other side of the world. The letter was included in with the kits as a way of connecting with these people in need. The Solar Buddy Organisation then send the packages to the children in need of these kits. The students also factored in lockdown and have set up a Solar Buddy account organised through the account's manager and the Principal, for the school to accept donations every Tuesday and Thursday. There were 75 Solar Light kits successfully sent to people in need.

DID YOU KNOW THAT JUST 25 SOLAR KITS CAN:

- **Impact over 125 lives**
- **Reduce kerosene expenditure by 80%**
- **Give those 125 students over 18240 more study hours per year!**

IB students contributed a video of awareness: With a goal to gift 6 million solar lights to children living in energy poverty by 2030, SolarBuddy is on a path towards a future where no child spends their life in the dark. We, Year 12 IB students, share the same vision for the future and want to make a difference in the world. To raise awareness for energy poverty and to promote SolarBuddy, we collaborated and created a short video. Our aim through this video is to inspire current and future students to share the same vision for the future and encourage them to take action.

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO

If you feel the video is valuable, please share it and do your part in raising awareness. For more details regarding SolarBuddy visit their website at: https://solarbuddy.org or for school events: roberta.bakotic@education.vic.gov.au

Envisioning a brighter future, these are the individuals that contributed to this vision:

- Pranshu Patel, Sharon Shaju, Chanmin Oh, Paraxit Goyat, YaoHao Li, Abdul Kalam Mohamed Rafeek, Amrtesh Manojkumar, Jim Botsaris and Philip Goutama | 12 IB CAS

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are pleased to announce our Student Leaders for 2022 are as follows:

Last Name	First Name	House	2022 Leadership Position
Abdalla	Jana	HOL	IB Year 2 Rep
Abuelmagd	Salma	HOL	House Vice Captain
Ahsan	Zainab	HOL	Middle Leader
Ajit	Tanya	BUR	College Captain
Ali	Zack	DUN	Junior Leader
Alom	Arham	BUR	Junior Leader
Anslum	Anjeline	CHI	PCLC Captain
Babar	Adil	EVA	Sports Captain
Barman	Arnab	HOL	College Vice Captain
Barrow	Jordyn	BUR	VCAL Captain
Bharadwaj	Khushi	GIL	College Captain
Bhat	Anika	HOL	House Vice Captain
Debebe	Ben	DYN	House Captain
Ganesh	Anirudh	EVA	House Captain
Grewal	Bisman	GIL	Junior Leader
Hai	Mia	GIL	House Vice Captain
Hickey-Sorbello	Arlequin	EVA	House Vice Captain
Janmaat	Caitlin	DUN	House Vice Captain
Janumpally	Meghana	CHI	PCLC Vice Captain
Jhajj	Gurleen	MUR	Junior Leader
Kahn	Sameeha	DYN	CEC Captain
Kalubowila	Yoshini	EVA	House Vice Captain
Kayani	Amna	BUR	House Vice Captain
Liu	Ian	BUR	House Vice Captain
Lozada	Kitchie	MUR	House Vice Captain
Areja	Maharanee Xyziah	MUR	House Captain
Mampusti	Artemis	MUR	House Vice Captain
Miles	Jackson	BUR	Junior Leader
Mohamed	Shiraz	CHI	House Vice Captain
Mohamed Fahim	Farha	DYN	Middle Leader
Mohsin	Daania	DYN	House Vice Captain
Mok	Qistina	MUR	Senior Leader
Momen	Zuni	MUR	Middle Leader
Mutte	Vanshika	EVA	Middle Leader
Nacor	Angela	CHI	College Vice Captain
Nguyen	Nhu	DUN	House Vice Captain
Nizam	Ayan	EVA	Middle Leader
Pe Than	Sar Ni Than	BUR	VCAL Captain
Park	Alex	GIL	Technology Captain
Ramanath	Suda	HOL	Middle Leader
Ranaweer	Dinara	EVA	Visual Arts Captain
Reyes-Danci	Yasmin	MUR	Middle Leader
Ryan-Tomek	Hope	GIL	House Captain
Santiago	Juliana	DUN	House Captain
Sarkar	Ashmi	HOL	Middle Leader
Schegeni	Marat	DUN	CEC Vice Captain
Sekhon	Chahatpreet	DYN	House Vice Captain
Shah	Meet	DYN	Middle Leader
Shoeb	Eshal	BUR	House Captain
Smile	Ariana	CHI	House Captain
Smith	Brooklyn	CHI	House Vice Captain
Sripaul	Vishal	EVA	Middle Leader
Tachie-Menson	Priscilla	HOL	Middle Leader
Tay	Hilda	GIL	House Vice Captain
Tesoro	Yesha	HOL	House Captain
Thomas	Noah	MUR	Middle Leader
Thomas	Sophia	MUR	Middle Leader
Thorenoor	Shishir	GIL	Junior Leader
Toleafoa	Angel	HOL	Middle Leader
Trinh	Julie	DUN	EAL Ambassador
Venkatsrinivasan	Nandhini	MUR	Middle Leader
Ye	Tong	DYN	Middle Leader
Yudhanto	Naval	DUN	Sports Captain

2021 COLLEGE CAPTAINS REPORT

FROM YOUR 2021 CAPTAIN: SIMONÉ NIENABER

Once again, we're reaching the end of a year. And for some students, we're reaching the end of our secondary education. It's been a chaotic –but overall– memorable time. Being a school captain through COVID-19 was definitely an intriguing experience. I went from loving the role to stressing about the role to loving the role throughout the entire year. Honestly, I grew through this role. I learnt so many things from the people around me; whether it be my teachers, my co-captains, the Positive Climate for Learning Committee (PCLC), the Community Engagement Committee (CEC) or just leadership as a whole. I've learnt how to speak up about my thoughts. How to be honest about my feelings. How to understand my identity as a young, queer leader. And most of all, I've learnt how to embrace my role as a leader – despite being a massive introvert with many, many different ideas.

As for our achievements throughout the year – well, we made many achievements but also experienced many setbacks. Working alongside the team brought us a successful Harmony Day, Swimming Carnival and Athletics Carnival. Working with the PCLC gave us a new positive rewards system which I hope will be wonderfully implemented and considered. Putting myself out there as a leader brought me new friends and new inspirations, people which I will be thankful for, for the rest of my life. I find it ironic how my favourite memory of this role is at the end of it, where I listened to new leaders as I helped pick our new school captains (congratulations by the way!).

Yes, upon reflecting on my goals, I wasn't able to reach all of them. But I think that's okay. I do, however, believe I achieved my main goal. Throughout my interview last year for captaincy (which I never thought I'd get) and throughout every meeting or speech I had one main goal; to show that I'm human. That I make mistakes. That I don't achieve everything I want even if I work really bloody hard. And that that's okay. I wanted to show that for: you, the new captains, any student or teacher that reads this. I want you to know that we go through many ups and downs in our lives. It's okay to fall down and it's okay to struggle getting back up. It's okay to not have all the answers. A grade doesn't define you. Neither does a friendship nor a job or role.

I want to thank Mr Kwok, Mr Avery and Ms Wieland – for giving me this opportunity and supporting me as I grow. I want to thank Mikhail, Liz and Ihsan, for being the greatest team I could ask for and working with me despite all our setbacks. I want to thank CEC Captain Sophia for working extremely hard and being so dedicated to her role. I want to thank PCLC Captain Vishmi, as watching her grow was inspiring and encouraging. I want to thank every single leader that worked diligently and did their best. And finally, I want to thank you. Maybe I didn't interact with you, maybe you don't even know who I am, but every single one of you inspired me to do better. To be better. I wish you all the best of luck in your following years. It's been an honour.

REMINDERS

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare and Private Health Insurance.

PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, iPods, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all school clothing, books and personal property are clearly labelled with the student's name. Many items are not returned to their rightful owners because they are not labelled correctly or clearly.
USBs should include a folder with the student's name and form to assist in returning it to the correct person. If you have lost anything please ask at the General Office during recess, lunch or end of day.

Werribee Secondary College

Student Community Page