



# KILLESTER COLLEGE

# newsletter

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24th February 2017

## Prayer

*Gracious God,*

*We pray that we conduct all of our daily lives with honesty, integrity and fairness.*

*We pray that we will arise and meet every challenge and will never shy away from the righting a wrong. Please bless us God, so that we too, may bless others. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*Amen*



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Friends,

It was great to see many parents at this week's Year 12, 11 and 7 nights. It was especially heart-warming to meet many ex-students who are now Year 7 mums. They expressed their excitement and confidence in bringing their own daughters back to Killester and, having taught some of them, I must admit I felt proud of them as I listened to them share stories. Tomorrow (Saturday) we are interviewing 2018 Year 7 applicants. Every girl and parent takes a leap of faith when choosing a secondary school. For those parents who are first time secondary school parents there will be many questions but, for the girls, there is one overriding question – will I have friends? It takes courage to start over in a new place. I often reflect on the courage that was required by some of our parents who migrated from other countries or came as refugees. Hospitality is one of the qualities attributed to St Brigid, our patron saint, and 'welcoming all' is one of our key values as a school. I hope the years ahead bring many more second and third generation students to Killester who help build a tradition to welcome everyone.

Congratulations to all House and Sports Leaders for a successful swimming carnival last Friday. The competition was exciting, with one point between first and second at the commencement of the last events – the relays. We couldn't have asked for a better ending to what was a great day. Many of the girls will now be turning their heads to preparation for the interschool competition. Thanks to Ms Roberts and the PE staff who organised the carnival.

In speaking to the girls at the opening school assembly this year, I talked about our 2017 theme – encourage courage. Often we think courage is a result of action, but it can sometimes be silence. We spoke about the courage it takes not to support friends who behave in an unfriendly way towards other students. The courage to be honest with friends is also important. This could be a valuable topic at home as well – 'if your friends are doing something that is wrong or hurtful, how do you let them know this?'

Best wishes for the coming week to you and your family,

Leanne Di Stefano  
Principal

## The Week Ahead

FEBRUARY/MARCH	
<b>Monday 27th</b>	Open Morning Yr 8 Beach Day Yr 11 Justice & Democracy Day Excursion Yr 10 Parent Night 7:00pm
<b>Tuesday 28th</b>	Peer Support Training Yr 11 Justice & Democracy Day Excursion
<b>Wednesday 1st</b>	Ash Wednesday Yr 11 VET/12 PE Excursion Melbourne Cable Park 10:30am - 1:15pm Mac Attack Evening 7:00pm
<b>Thursday 2nd</b>	Yr 8 Parent Night 7:00pm Yr 9 Outdoor Ed Day Walk
<b>Friday 3rd</b>	Yr 7 Immunisations

## Easter Egg Donations

All students are asked to donate ONE EASTER EGG each for the annual fundraiser raffle.

Please give eggs to your homeroom teacher or Student Development Leader



## Year 7 Orientation to the Library

Each Year 7 class is participating in two lessons of library orientation activities in Weeks 3 and 4 this term. The aim is for the girls to explore how the library can assist them with all their learning experiences. The students are enjoying working with their class mates in a 'treasure hunt' style adventure of the different library areas. This is followed with an online exploration of the wide variety of resources on the library website-Pocket library.

## A Few Reminders

The Easter Raffle will be up and running next week. Tickets will be given out to students on Tuesday to sell. Each student will receive ten tickets, which will be \$1.00 each.

Thanks to the student leaders and the parents from the Killester Involvement Committee (KIC) who are assisting with this. Any member of the Killester community who is interested in joining KIC are welcome to attend our next meeting on Monday, March 6th, at 7.00pm in the Admin Building.

Students have been asked to donate one Easter Egg and to give it to their Student Development Leader (who each have a basket in his/her office).

Can I please remind girls that it is a requirement of school rules that the blazer is worn to and from school. The jumper is not the outer garment. Also, shoes are to be lace up and not TBars.

The Opening Mass is Tuesday, March 7th, from approx. 10.55am - 12.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be a free BBQ lunch afterwards for all students. Periods 1 and 2 and 5 and 6 will run as normal. Any parents who are available to volunteer time to assist with the BBQs are asked to please contact Petrina Trajer at the front office.

The Family Learning Centre has courses up and running. If you are interested in learning computer skills, completing a Business course or improving your English language then we have something for you. Mr Roger Van Langenberg and Sr Helen Toohey can be contacted here at the College if you have any queries.

"Mac Attack" Wednesday March 1st at 7.00pm in KD02. This is a session for parents and students regarding the use of the school laptops. All are welcome.

Years 7, 11 and 12 camps are quickly approaching. If you have any queries you are encouraged to please speak to your daughter's Homeroom teacher.

Parents are reminded to please save a date on your calendar: March 28th 3.30pm - 6.30pm or March 29th 12.00pm - 8.00pm there will be Student Learning Conversations in Kennedy Hall. Students are expected to attend with their parent. Information regarding the online bookings for these meetings will follow shortly, via Mr Richard Kelleher (E-Learning Leader).

Best wishes  
Loreto Cannon

School Operations and Community Development

## Winter Uniform - Term 2

All students are required to wear FULL WINTER UNIFORM from the commencement of Term 2. This can be purchased from:

Buxwear, 8/169 Dandenong Road, Dandenong  
Phone: 9792 0424

## Computer/Mobile Devices at School

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This week we have held a number of Parent Information Evenings for Year 7, 9, 11 and 12 students and their parents as an introduction to the school year. Students have been able to discuss their learning goals for the year and each Student Development Leader has delivered information relating to our Computer/Mobile devices protocols. Next week Parent Information Evenings will be held for students and Parents in Years 8 and 10. The management of computer and mobile devices at Killester is a priority with the main focus being guiding our students on how to use technology to support and enhance their learning.

Included in this week's newsletter is information from the office of the ESafety Commissioner regarding advice on how parents can guide and manage their daughter's use of technology at home.

If you have any concerns regarding your daughter's use of technology at home, please contact your daughter's Homeroom teacher or Student Development Coordinator for some helpful advice.

Luana Doko  
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

## Year 10 Romeo and Juliet Performance

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### The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company

This term, the Year 10s have been studying 'Romeo and Juliet' in English. We were lucky enough to see a live performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' by The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company. The performance included key scenes from the play, which were performed in a way that were relevant to our everyday lives. This performance helped us see the play from a different perspective. The actors and actresses gave us some background information on the language and choices Shakespeare made when writing the play. With comedic lines and student participation, this incursion was an insightful experience that helped us grasp a better understanding of 'Romeo and Juliet'. *Isabella Dingli and Carla Arias Allendes.*

"We learnt much about Shakespeare's language and we liked how the actors portrayed his characters" - *Southraksa, Acacia, Lina, Sienna*

"The actors modernised some dramatic scenes using comedy. The exaggeration resulted in a hilarious scene which deepened our understanding" - *Genevieve, Lisa, Vivian, Selina*

"We enjoyed the humorous introduction to the performance" - *Maya, Alyssa, Martina, Sherin*

"We really enjoyed how the actors interacted with the audience, the connections with the audience helped our understanding of the action and language of the play" - *Angie and Matisse*

"The talent and expertise of the actors was amazing. For two of the actors, it was the first time they had performed the play to a school audience!" - *Susan and Tina*

"The performance was breath-taking especially the Romeo and Juliet balcony scene. We admire the ability of the actors to play multiple characters. The actors explanations gave us a deeper insight into the characters motives, personalities and actions" - *Stefina, Arunni, Senthma, Arooma, Abba, Brandy Celinna*

Linda Kowski  
English Learning Leader





Office of the Children's  
eSafety Commissioner

# 7 WAYS

parents can manage  
web-connected devices  
in the home.



ALMOST

# 1 in 3

parents are disconnecting  
the internet between  
10pm and midnight.



1



# 39%

of teens use a  
tablet to go online.

Parental control tools are available for Apple's iOS & Android.

2

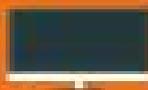


# 47%

of teens play games online.

PlayStation, Xbox, Wii and Social have parental controls.

3



# 64%

of teens stream videos on YouTube & TV.

YouTube and YouTube Kids have a safety mode. YouTube Kids offers  
ad-free videos, filters and data offer age-based settings.

4



# 74%

of teens use a computer to go online.

Microsoft Windows and Apple's MAC OS offer family restrictions  
and monitoring.

5



# 78%

of teens research  
and browse on  
the internet.

Safe search settings are available for Google Safe Search, Google  
Chrome and Yahoo!

6



# 80%

use a mobile device.

Mobile Makers, Parental Vetting, Question, Swift OS and Forward have  
safety options.

7



# 86%

teens have  
limited internet access.

Mobile parents parental control  
tools are available from Microsoft,  
Opera and Vodafone among  
others on mobile.

## Parental controls can keep kids safe on many screens

### THEY CAN

- ✓ Block sexually explicit sites
- ✓ Set screen time limits
- ✓ Block in-app purchases
- ✓ Block messages and SMS
- ✓ Allow or block websites
- ✓ Restrict chat features
- ✓ Allow parental monitoring



## REMEMBER

No parental control is 100% fail safe.  
Keep children's trust by using these  
tools openly at home.

[esafety.gov.au/parent](http://esafety.gov.au/parent)



# Killester College Career News

Here's hoping you had a great holiday break, and that you are ready for a challenging school year, with lots of opportunities to check out the so many **career options** available. You need to be **informed, flexible, ready to re-train, with good communication and team-work skills** to assist you to build a sustainable career.

Attending **career expos, open days, information sessions and career seminars will assist you in your career development process, and this newsletter will keep you informed.** As a rule, those students who attend career functions, do research and talk to others about careers are **able to more readily make decisions.**

## WHAT IS A CAREERS EXPO?

As a rule, career expos have representatives from **universities, TAFE's independent training providers and employer groups** (eg defence force) in attendance to provide information and an opportunity to ask your questions. There are a number held throughout the year, some large ones running for a few days (eg the **VCE and Careers Expo** 4<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> May @ Caulfield Racecourse), while others are **smaller regional expos** (eg @ Lilydale). Career expos are of a **general nature and are a good starting point for some career exploration** - more information later.

## WHAT IS AN OPEN DAY?

Universities, TAFE's and some independent providers open their doors, usually once a year on Sundays in August, for the public to **see facilities, attend information sessions, talk to staff and current students, and to check out clubs and societies.** These are useful for obtaining a **more in-depth experience** of a particular institution and its courses. Dates will be published soon (for your diary).

## WHAT IS A CAREERS SEMINAR, AND WHY ATTEND?

Many institutions run **seminars about particular courses or careers**, often on weeknights or in school holidays. For example, **Monash** (see below) and the **University of Melbourne** run **evening seminars** on particular courses, while RMIT, La Trobe and Deakin run school holiday programs about their courses (note: this list is not exhaustive). In addition, seminars on studying **psychology, sport related** careers, and on **occupational therapy** have been run for many years. These programs give an in-depth picture of courses and career outcomes, and provide an opportunity to ask your questions. More information in later editions.

## HOW CAN I ACCESS UNIVERSITY COURSES?

Many courses accept Year 12 graduates on the basis of their **ATAR** (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) and meeting any **prerequisite subject requirements.** Some courses, however, have **additional requirements** (eg an audition, a folio presentation, completion of a selection kit, attendance at an interview). You are advised to check these out on the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)** website ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)). Applicants for courses apply on the VTAC website, commencing in August each year. Up to eight courses can be applied for.

## MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS

### WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ACCESS UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AT MONASH UNIVERSITY?

Monash has both an **undergraduate medical degree** (at Clayton) and a **post graduate medical degree** (at Gippsland). Applicants for the **undergraduate** degree must sit for a multiple choice test known as the **Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)**, with a testing time of three hours. Applicants must **register for this test**, with applications now open, and **closing at 5pm on 2 June**. The test is on 26 July. The registration fee is \$250.00, including access to **online practice test 1**).

The UMAT **Information Booklet** is also available online at <http://umat.acer.edu.au>. The application process for the undergraduate medical degree at Monash also involves a multi-mini interview and also requires a very high ATAR. In addition to Monash, the University of Melbourne and Deakin (Geelong) offer post graduate medical degrees.

### HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AT MONASH UNIVERSITY?

One way is to attend an **'Inside Monash'** seminar. Get the inside story of **what it's really like to study at Monash**. You'll hear from a **current student, a past student and an academic**. It's the best 90 minutes you could spend researching your course.

**When:** 6.30pm-8pm

- **March** 7<sup>th</sup> Arts, 8<sup>th</sup> Business, 9<sup>th</sup> Science, 28<sup>th</sup> Pharmacy;
- **April** 6<sup>th</sup> Design and Fine Art, 11<sup>th</sup> Architecture, 12<sup>th</sup> Interior Architecture;
- **May** 2<sup>nd</sup> Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, 4<sup>th</sup> Nursing and Midwifery, 9<sup>th</sup> Education, 11<sup>th</sup> Psychology, 16<sup>th</sup> Medicine and Biomedical Science, 16<sup>th</sup> Education, 17<sup>th</sup> Law, 18<sup>th</sup> Health Sciences, 18<sup>th</sup> IT, 23<sup>rd</sup> Biomedical Sciences, Radiography and Nutrition, 25<sup>th</sup> Engineering;
- **June** 14<sup>th</sup> Business;
- **August** 15<sup>th</sup> Music, 31<sup>st</sup>: Education, 31<sup>st</sup> Science and Careers;
- **September** 5<sup>th</sup> Education.
- **Register your attendance at:** [www.monash.edu/inside-monash](http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash);
- **Other Information:** Call 1800 MONASH.

### MONASH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE DAY

International students can get a taste of what it is like to study at Monash, find out more about university study, with workshops exploring different interest areas. Find out how Monash courses prepare you for the global workforce and how to make the most of your school years. There will be a masterclass in English as an Additional Language (**EAL**) covering study strategies and skills.

**Who for:** Year 11 & 12 international students;

**When:** 9.30am-3pm (lunch provided), Friday 31 March;

**Where:** Exhibition Space H1.16, Building H, Caulfield Campus;

**Booking details** coming SOON;

**Information:** [amy.little@monash.edu.au](mailto:amy.little@monash.edu.au).

### MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Immerse yourself in medicine at Monash through virtual reality (VR). Have you wanted to visit the Monash campus but never got there? Learn more about medicine, nursing and health sciences at Monash through **360o video**. Be one of the first 200 to get in touch and receive a **Monash Cardboard** to enhance the VR experience. **Visit:** [monash.edu/virtual-reality](http://monash.edu/virtual-reality).

## DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Deakin University has **54,000** students, 25% of whom are 'cloud' or online students. The university has received some **excellent ratings** in surveys recently, such as having the most satisfied students for 7 years in a row for Victorian universities, rated in the top three Australian universities for graduate employment, and having the world's best Exercise and Nutrition Science School.

### INDUSTRY TRENDS IN THE COMMERCE FIELD

Employers are wanting to look at the '**whole package**' when searching for **employees**. It's no longer sufficient to have a **degree** and to have had a **part-time job**. Employers want employees to have an understanding of **industry standards**, to be a '**cultural fit**', to have **soft skills**, broad life **experiences**, and **technical skills**. They need **transferable skills** and an ability to handle diversity. Some **forecasts** suggest that today's graduate can expect to be **retrenched three times** in their working life, they will have **several careers**, and they will need **adaptability and flexibility** to remain employed. Jobs in the commerce field that are **disappearing** are in entry-level accounting, routine contract writing, financial planning entry-level jobs and in routine data entry jobs. An **ability to interpret and analyse** will be important, and artificial intelligence will be used increasingly.

University students need to start **thinking and acting regarding employment in their first year** at university, for example, seeking out opportunities to attend **interest days** run by potential employers at the university. These can lead to further invitations for involvement with these employers (known as pipelining) and eventually to employment.

All commerce students at Deakin must complete a **compulsory unit** help them present in the best possible way to potential employers. Students need to seriously consider **Work Integrated Learning (WIL)** as part of their course. Students need to understand early on that **they are responsible for their career**, and shouldn't wait till their third year at university to think about this.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AVIATION?

The power of **military aviation** will take centre stage at **AIRSHOW 2017**. See the latest heavy metal put through its high-octane paces at this event. Combat jets from home and abroad, bombers, heavy lift aircraft, military display teams and rotary winged warriors will strut their stuff. There will also be **historic aircraft** from the classic years of aviation, along with displays of the latest **innovations** in aerospace, aviation and defence products.

**When:** Public sessions: 10am-4.30pm, Friday 3 March – Sunday 5 March;

**Where:** Avalon Airport Geelong;

**For bookings and further information:** [www.airshow.com.au](http://www.airshow.com.au).

## Buy and Sell

Second-hand **Textbooks**

Second-hand **Uniforms**



### Simply

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- [www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

### Second-hand textbook & uniform trading systems

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's book and uniform lists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
  - Exactly the right items to buy
  - Who has the most items you need
  - The cheapest items
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
- Excellent email and telephone helplines are provided:  
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### Cost

- Browse and search the for sale ads for free
- Single items can be advertised for \$1.50
- Annual subscriptions \$21.95 (includes Ad Matching)

### Also Buy & Sell

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- Sporting items
- Musical items
- Electronics & DVD's
- Stationery

### Pricing Guide

- Like New 70%
- Excellent 60%
- Very Good 50%
- Good 40%

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### Helpful tips

- Be patient items transact all year round
- Peak trading times: Textbooks: Nov-Mar Uniforms: Change of season; end of year and year start
- Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
- Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
- Be realistic when pricing items
- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
- Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities



# FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE PROGRAM TERM 1

## CONVERSATION ENGLISH CLASSES AT KILLESTER ON MONDAYS

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- Conversational English Classes will be held on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.30 am.
- They will be held in the Family Learning Centre. Please report to the reception when you come into the school.
- Classes start on Monday 13th February 9.30 am. The classes will run each Monday till the end of term
- The classes will be conducted by tutors from the Adult Multicultural Education Services in Springvale. (AMES)
- Please bring a pen and an exercise book or note pad.
- Classes are free. There is no cost to participants
- All parents and families of Killester and wider community are welcome to join these classes

RSVP your attendance by clicking on link below  
[rvanlangenberg@killester.vic.edu.au](mailto:rvanlangenberg@killester.vic.edu.au)

## MAC ATTACK – MANAGING THE APPLE MACS AT HOME

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 7.00PM – 8.30PM IN THE FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE**

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**All parents are invited to attend this parent forum about how to best use the computer in the home.**

- How can you best support your daughter to use her computer to enhance her learning?
- How are the computers used in the classroom?
- Can Parents have any control over how computers are used at home?
- What's the best way to do this?
- Must all Homework be done on the computers?
- What about issues of safety and misuse?

Mr Richard Kelleher, e-Learning Coordinator at Killester will be the guest speaker.

The Family Learning Centre is running this free session on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 7.00pm to 8.30 pm to discuss these questions and provide you with lots of options and support.

Interpreters will be available

All parents of Killester are welcome to attend.

RSVP your attendance by clicking on link below  
[rvanlangenberg@killester.vic.edu.au](mailto:rvanlangenberg@killester.vic.edu.au)

## CERTIFICATE 3 BUSINESS COURSE CONTINUES

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This course resumes for 2017 on Monday 6th February from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm each fortnight for parents who have already enrolled in this course.



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## KILLESTER COLLEGE TENNIS COACHING

### PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS – 2017 – Term 1

First Term coaching lessons for 2017 will commence on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February and will end on Friday, 31 March. Tennis coaching this year is taken by Stephen Sruk, who was a member of the winning 1997 State Grade Pennant team for Dendy Park and in 1999 played in the winning State Grade team for Royal South Yarra. Stephen also won the Victorian Hardcourt Singles Championships in 1995 and was runner-up in 1997. He is a registered T.C.A.V. and Tennis Australia Club Professional Qualified Coach.

Classes will be conducted on Monday to Friday, lunchtimes from 12.40pm. The lessons will be 45 minutes in duration but alternative times and days can be arranged.

The cost for the eight week term will be **\$80.00** for a tennis lesson each week (consisting of maximum six students per group).

New students will be placed into groups with vacancies. You will be informed of available time slots when the reply slip is returned to Stephen or school office.

If you would like some more information or interested in having tennis lessons, contact Stephen Sruk – Mobile Phone 0419 311 291 by Friday, 18 February so that groups and times can be arranged according to available time slots.

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### REPLY SLIP

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCE:** Beginner                      Intermediate                      Advanced  
(Please circle one answer)

**PREFERRED DAY, IF AVAILABLE:**