SMAN 3 Jakarta Students Visit Lara Secondary College
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Preparing for the new year

As we near the end of the school year, it is vital that students at all year levels focus on completing all aspects of their studies to the best of their ability, in preparation for exams and final outcomes. Students have been reminded that it is a privilege, not a right, to progress to the next level and teachers have offered many opportunities to ensure that every student is successful in doing so. In the coming weeks, students in years 9 – 11 will complete exams and in years 7 – 8 final assessments including rich tasks will be underway.

I congratulate our school leaders and teachers for their initiative in ensuring thorough preparation for the new year through the introduction of commencement programs at all year levels. These are a compulsory aspect of the school program to ensure a positive start to the new year.

Celebrating special events at Lara Secondary:

Under Construction has become an annual event to celebrate the work of students in all Arts and Technology subjects across the school including : Wood Technology, Foods, Fabrics, Music, ICT, Media, Art, Studio Art, Visual Communication and Design and Drama. An immense amount of work was put in by the Arts/Tech team under the leadership of Natali Alic to set up our best ever Under Construction evening. The standard of work displayed and presented was exceptional. Well done to all involved – what a magnificent celebration of your achievements.

Year 12 VCAL portfolio presentations last week, saw some excellent results with students having the opportunity to present a range of the years work in an interview scenario. I was fortunate to be on a panel and was very impressed with the effort put into not only presentations, but appropriate dress and manner.

We have been very fortunate to have established strong relationships with schools in both Indonesia and in Japan and we are currently hosting students and teachers from SMAN3, one of the oldest and most highly regarded schools in Jakarta. This is an excellent opportunity for all of our students to broaden their understanding of Indonesia and for our Indonesian language students to develop their language skills.

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School Levy Payment Plans

As the start of year can be a little daunting financially for families, we are offering Payment Plans for 2014 Booklist Levies. If you would like to commence a payment plan now, to ease into the coming year, by making small regular payments over a period of time for the 2014 School Levies, rather than paying them in bulk next year, please contact Karen Wilson or Shirley Niblett in the college office to fill in the Payment Plan Form and commence payments.

Payments options include BPay, Cash, EFTpos, Credit Card, Cheque or Centrepay.

Ph. 5282 8988 for Karen Wilson or Shirley Niblett
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS REPORT

The complex and demanding planning that is essential for a secondary college to move from one year to the next are now well underway. Of course, there are still many assessments and achievements for this year that need to be finalised too. Our first Year 9 Connections Urban camp was a great success with comments from staff indicating that students enjoyed an incident free camp, as a result of their excellent attitude and commitment to supporting their peers. The second camp headed off on Tuesday this week and reports from the campers have indicated that the students have handled the soggy conditions really well.

In preparation for 2014, year level assemblies were held last week with a large number of students interested in nominating for leadership positions on the Student Representative Council in 2014. Lyn was fortunate in being an audience member for the Year 11 presentations and I was impressed by the attentive listening and enthusiastic response of the groups in Years 7 and 8. Students voting for their representatives is the start of the process with interviews following this.

Staff have started detailed planning for some changes in 2014. These are not big changes in the curriculum but do necessitate careful revision and forward planning. For example, throughout this year it became clear that we needed to ensure that students in Year 7 and 8 were having two dedicated Science lessons. To enable this to happen in 2014 Health needs to be taught by the SEPEP teachers. So from 2014, SEPEP will be called HAPE (Health and Physical Education) and at specific times in the year, one of the two HAPE lessons will be Health. The excellent approach to Physical Education developed by our teachers through SEPEP (with teams and coaches) will continue. Science, Humanities teachers have also started planning to ensure that the overarching questions that link subjects in Years 7 and 8 are still meaningful.

Next week senior year teachers will be busy marking Year 11 and 10 exams so they can provide meaningful feedback to students in Commencement Week which in itself requires considerable planning.

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BOOKLISTS 2014

Booklists will be available shortly for all year levels. OfficeMax is the provider for 2014. Ordering from the Booklist processes have changed from previous years in an endeavour to benefit families and Lara Secondary College by reducing costs.

All OfficeMax orders:

- Need to be placed on-line.
- Will be home delivered, or to a place of your convenience eg: your work place, grandparents, etc.
- Will be processed and delivered as they are received by Officemax, which means if you order soon you will have your order prior to the end of the year.
- Are being delivered to families, so there will be no booklist pick up day prior to the commencement of 2014 at the college.

Families still have the option of buying their stationary at other retailers if they prefer.

A second hand book sale will take place later this term. More information will be distributed later this term in our College Times and Family Informer. Levies can be paid during the 2014 school year at the Lara Secondary College Office, if you do not wish to pay them when placing your OfficeMax order. If you would like to place an order with OfficeMax, but do not have the internet, or credit card/debit card facilities please contact the College Office for assistance.
A LIMITED NUMBER OF FRANKIE THE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE DVD’s ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR $25.00. THIS PERFORMANCE WAS PROFESSIONALLY FILMED BY VIDEOWORKS ON THE CLOSING PERFORMANCE NIGHT.

Financial Assistance - Information for Parents

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as: uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16
- A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.

Recollections of 2013

At the commencement of the school year as I was doing forward planning, the issue that was on the top of our list was to work towards embracing and expanding the supportive partnership between Student, Family and Lara Secondary College.

The ethos behind this was so the Families and LSC could work collaboratively with the focus to give your sons and/or daughters, our students the best environment to do the very best they can whilst at school and thereafter.

The more we understand each others perspectives, goals and aspirations the more positive attitude we shall all take into 2014.

In my job both as Community Liaison Coordinator and Restorative Practice Facilitator I talk to parents for a wide variety of reasons and it is through these conversations that I know that as a school Lara Secondary College and parents have respect for the role that each other is playing in the life of your sons and daughters and our students.

Lara Secondary College, under the leadership of Principal Lyn Boyle, is maintaining the highest of professional excellence in all areas so that with your support we can both be confident that your son or daughter will achieve their academic goals and personal growth as they progress from year to year.

This is the reason that we distributed all teachers email addresses to you earlier this year.

This is the reason that you can call to organize a meeting with a relevant staff member.

This is the reason that we welcome your feedback on any issue.

The logo above showing that the school and parents are working together for the benefit of every student says it all, and I think that our school values of Respect, Commitment, Excellence and Teamwork certainly give us the direction of how we can work together to achieve that.

Clive Allen-Paisley
Community Liaison Coordinator
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Mob: 0405959111

**Student/Family/LSC Partnership**

Presented by Lara Secondary College Senior Drama Students
Directed by Michelle Fitzgerald

**SHORTCUTS**

A NIGHT OF SHORT CUTTING-EDGE THEATRE

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 7-9PM @ COURTHOUSE ARTS

Tickets $15 available online from Courthouse ARTS http://courthouse.org.au
VTAC

How to get your results by SMS:

Registrations Open 9am, Monday, 11 November

You will need to pre-register if you would like your results to be sent to you by text message.

19 787 888 SMS cost $1.10 max (incl. GST)

To register to get your results by SMS, send a text message as follows:

- Student number – eight digits only, not the letter
- Space
- PIN (four digits)
- Send to 19 787 888

Salmat Digital – SMS cost $1.10 max (incl. GST).

Obtain bill payer’s permission before using this service.

Call 1800 501 083 for help with SMS registration.

You can register from 9 am Monday 11 November until midnight Sunday 15 December. Requests sent after this may be delayed.

You will receive your results from 7am Monday 16 December

SMS access available until 5pm Friday 20 December

If you have registered with VTAC or are a current VTAC applicant you will need to use your VTAC PIN. If you are not a VTAC registrant your PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth e.g. 21 November = 2111.

To find out more information about this service please check out http://www.vtac.edu.au/sms

Other options - Access your results on the internet

The results and ATAR internet service is located at resultsdata-vic.edu.au. This is a free service and is available 24 hours a day from 7am Monday 16 December until 5pm Friday 20 December. In order to login and view your results you will need your VCAA student number and PIN. If you have registered with VTAC or are a current VTAC applicant you will need to use your VTAC PIN. If you are not a VTAC registrant your PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth e.g. 21 November = 2111.

The resultsdata-vic.edu.au website is optimised for smart phones and other mobile devices with an internet browser. To find out more information about this service please check out the results and ATAR page on the VTAC website.

How to get your results in the mail

A current Year 12 student with a fully paid application submitted through VTAC will receive a hard copy of their ATAR statement through the mail from 17 December.

If you are not a current fully paid VTAC applicant and you wish to obtain a hard copy of your ATAR statement you will need to fill out the ATAR form online and send it to VTAC. These requests incur a processing fee of $15.

Please note: the VCE Results and ATAR service is only for 2013 results.

PRAS (Post Results and ATAR Service)

After you receive your VCE results and ATAR you can also contact the Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS) if you have any questions about your results, ATAR, or scaling. The PRAS is made up of staff from both VTAC and VCAA who will be available from 7am to 5pm the day results are released (Monday 16 December) and 9am to 5pm from Tuesday 17 December to Wednesday 18 December. The PRAS can be contacted on (03) 9032 1717 (metropolitan callers) or 1800 653 080 (free call) and can also be emailed at pras@edumail.vic.gov.au or check out the VCAA/VTAC blog: resultsdata-vic.wordpress.com

You cannot access your results through the PRAS

Reminders

1. YEAR 12

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD – After you obtain your results on Monday 16 December, there is a period when you can change your VTAC preferences. You may have changed your mind, or done better (or not as well) as expected. It is a good idea to review your preferences at this stage, up till 12 noon on Monday 23 December. Universities and TAFEs offer the

- Australian Catholic Uni. – Hotline: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228); Info. Expo: 3-7pm, Tues 17 Dec (Melp), 6-7.30pm, Wed 18 (Ballarat)
- Box Hill Institute – Change of Preference Evening: Wed 18 December; Hotline: 1300 BOX HILL or Andrea on 9286 9553
- Charles Sturt University - Call 1800 334 733
- Chisholm: Call 1300 CHISHOLM
- Deakin University – COP Hotline: 1300 DEGREE; Info evenings: Burwood 5-7pm, 17 Dec; Geelong Waterfront campus, 5-7pm, 18 December; www.deakin.edu.au/ preference
- Holmesglen Institute: Hotline: 9564 2720; COP Event: 4-7pm, Wed 18 December
- Kangan: Hotline: 13 TAFE
- La Trobe University – Change of Preference Advisory Day, 11am-2pm, 18 December (Melbourne and Bendigo); Hotline: 1300 362 203; www.latrobe.edu.au/choices
- Monash University: Change of Preference Expo, 3-7pm, Building H, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield; Hotline: 1800 MONASH (1800 666 874), or see www.monash.edu/cop
- NMIT – Hotline: 9269 1200
- RMIT University/TAFE – Info line: 9925 2260; COP Expo: 11am-3pm, Wed 18 Dec, Swanston Academic Building, Building 80, 445 Swanston St, Melbourne; visit Info Corner, Cnr Swanston and La Trobe Sts, Melbourne; info www.rmit.edu.au/ cop
- Swinburne University/TAFE - Hotline 1300 275 794 (1300 ASK SWIN); 10am-4pm, 18 December: one-on-one interviews in ATC building (no appointment needed); appointments can be made on line for other days
- University of Ballarat (Federation Uni) – Info Day, 11am-3pm, Wed 18, Ballarat and Gippsland
- University of Melbourne: Course Information Day, 10am-2.30pm, Wed 18 December, see www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2013 or Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352) or 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au, or visit the Information Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St, Melbourne
- Victoria University/TAFE – Course advice appointments – 1-6pm, 16-20 Dec; Change of Preference Expo: 3-7pm, Tues 17 Dec (Footscray); Hotline: 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)
- William Angliss Institute – Experience Angliss Day; 2-5pm, 18 December

2. ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIPS – NECA (National Electrical and Communications Association) Victoria has partnered with E-Oz Energy Skills Australia to provide industry with access to quality apprentices. You can undertake the Energise Oz readiness assessment free of charge, and if you meet the requirements, your details will be sent to NECA members in Victoria for employment selection. To sit the Readiness Assessment, select the NECA Pre-selection session at: http://www.energiseoz.com.au/index.php/apprentice/register.

BUILDING DESIGN is a professional qualification which offers similar career pathways to Architecture, but is studied through TAFE. Like Architects, Building Designers work in Building Design or Architectural practices, where they design domestic, commercial and industrial buildings. Students considering Architecture, may also consider Building Design. In 2014, Federation University will be offering the Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) for its 5th year. This course runs over 2 ½ years (2 years full time and 3rd year part time). Applications via VTAC http://programfinder.federation.edu.au/ ProgramFinder/displayProgram.jsp?ID=963 contact Ron Pickford on 03 5327 8368 or at r.pickford@ballarat.edu.au

For current Year 10 and 11 students - a free 2-day summer school for students taking Arts and Humanities subjects. The Forum will be held on 18th – 19th January 2014 at University of Melbourne. The program is free of charge and will give 80 students entering Year 11 and Year 12 the chance to receive career guidance and mentoring from professionals working in the arts and humanities.

The weekend will also include inspiring talks by intellectual leaders such as philosopher Raimond Gaita.

**Free Accommodation** will be provided for up to 20 rural students – we encourage applicants from across the state. Students apply by filling out a short 2-page application form (available on our website) by 29 November. Applications encouraged from students who **enjoy humanities subjects: interest and enthusiasm** matter more in our selection than aptitude, though both are taken into consideration.

5. **McDonalds is opening up 2 new stores** on the ring road at Lovely Banks. Students 15 years plus who wish to apply please contact Kylie Smith on 0429 065 858 - McDonalds manager for Geelong district.

6. **CAMP AMERICA in Melbourne**

**Free info session:**

**Wednesday 20th November 2013**

6:30 – 7.30pm

STA Travel Head Office

Level 3, (Above Ludlow Bar)

6 Riverside Quay

Southbank

Nell Wilson

Career Pathways and Further Education

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**Instrumental Music**

Lara Secondary College offers many opportunities for students to be a part of an exciting Instrumental Program. This program provides students with an enjoyable way of learning new skills, developing confidence and making new friends.

Instrumental lessons take place in small groups, during class time.

Instruments that are on offer include:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Bass Guitar
- Drums
- Piano/Keyboard
- Trombone
- Voice
- Guitar

The cost of music lessons is **only** $50 per term.

Equivalent private lessons usually cost around $100 per term!!! So take up this opportunity while you can!!

Concert Band Instruments can be hired from Lara Secondary School at no extra charge.

Instrumental music students throughout the school participate in a variety of ensemble rehearsals and performances. Ensemble rehearsals will take place during lunch time or after school at no extra charge and all instrumental students are expected to participate in at least one ensemble.

The Ensembles Lara Secondary College have to offer are:

- Wind Ensemble
- Rock Band
- Guitar Ensemble
- Saxophone Ensemble
- Vocal Ensemble
- Drum Circle

If you are interested in enrolling in our instrumental program, please complete the attached enrolment form and return to the LSC front office, with your $50 fee, to secure your spot for 2014.

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**PARKFEST**

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 11.00AM-3.00PM

AUSTIN PARK – WALKERS ROAD, LARA

CHOC FOUNTAIN  BBQ  FAIRY FLOSS  POPCORN

SLUSHIES  CULTURAL FOODS  TEMP TATTS  TAROT LADY

HENNA TATTS  JELLY WRESTLING  SKATE/Scooter Comp

ABSEIL ART  SUMO WRESTLING  HORIZONTAL BUNGEE  ZUMBA WORKSHOP

FACE PAINTING  mini  shred and more...

Need more information? Contact Jane Pope - Youth Development Officer
City Of Greater Geelong on 5272 5272

www.youthcare.vic.gov.au

email: lara.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au  Web Site: www.larasc.vic.edu.au
LARA SECONDARY COLLEGE’S EBOOK LENDING LIBRARY
All registered students can borrow. For details how to register and borrow go to http://larasc.wheelers.co/
Registration requests will be processed within 24 hours. Register now and you can borrow over the Christmas holidays.

New Books (traditional format): in the library and available for borrowing now:

Helping us out in the library
We have been most fortunate to have VU Library Technician student Kirstie doing work placement every Monday in the library this semester. It’s been timely as we have had many new books to process and Kirstie has catalogued and covered many as well as helping students with their research and any other task that pops up. Having Kirstie’s help has enabled Ms McCrae and myself to do other tasks.

Library books due back
Parents and carers it’s that time of the year when students have a lot of overdue books. Could you please remind your child to return any library books that are in their locker or ones that you have spotted at home. Books still being read can be renewed and students can borrow over the holidays. I will email overdue notices home before the end of the year. Hopefully most books will be returned by then as I don’t like bothering you with these notices.

Our New Library Staff Member
This semester on Mondays and Tuesdays we have had the wonderful help of “Library Assistant” Ms Tonkin. Tracy’s literacy knowledge and guidance has been invaluable to both students and teachers and there is hardly a student who comes in that she does not know well. As a newcomer learning to use our Oliver Library System Tracy has settled in really well at the circulation desk and she has come at a time when we are all learning about eBook borrowing and purchasing too.

Spine Crackers Book Club Excursion
On Tuesday the 19th of November, our Spine Cracker students will be accompanied by Tracy, Kirstie and myself to do a “Living Library” guided tour of the State Library and of course whilst we are in Melbourne we will check out some book shops.

Ms Sartori - Librarian