Term three is drawing to a close. Parent/Teacher/Student conferences held in mid-August should have left students with a clear idea of where they stand and what they need to do to succeed this year. A number of VCE teachers have been providing additional classes and support for Year 12 students and it is important that students take advantage of this. Year 10 and 11 students are finalising their subject choices for next year and all Pre-app students will be out on their final round of work placement last week of term. Many gained apprenticeships in the previous round and we wish them all the best with this round.

Couch Fest
The VCAL Music students working with the Business Studies students are in the final stages of organising the Couch Fest which will be on Saturday 10th September. Running from 12pm-5pm it will be a fantastic Music and Arts showcase with over forty student bands playing across four venues in the college, Visual Arts students selling a range of beautiful artworks they have created and student work from across the college on show. There will be various other items on sale and range of food stalls. At $20 per family, I invite all families to come along, bring their friends and have a great day.

New college master plan
We are currently having discussions with Bruce Baade, from BHA, the architects appointed to complete a new master plan for the Arts and administration building. The master plan includes a new large performing arts centre and will replace the current Admin/Arts building. The master plan is expected to be completed by the beginning of November. We will circulate information to the college community as it becomes available.

Introduction of Edrolo for VCE Year 11 and 12 students in 2017
After a trial this year with our Year 12s, next year we will be introducing Edrolo for all Year 11 and 12 VCE students. Edrolo is an online program which provides support for students in a number of VCE subjects with curriculum focused video lessons, exam practice, and study planning tools. It is a great support for students and is used by many private schools and top state schools to support students in gaining a deeper understanding of the course work and getting better ATAR scores. It is fantastic value at $25 per subject for the year.

Very Successful Information Evening
We had a great turn out for the Information Evening for prospective students on Tuesday 9th August with over 250 people. The student speakers - Brandon Smith, Kaan Karakan, Katherine Nghiem, Heath Comas- were excellent. Jean Dunkley-Smith, moved us all with her speech about how NCAT has been the perfect fit for her daughter, Jesse Polites, fostering her creative talents in a supportive environment. Many Year 10 -12 students were involved in setting up the event, helping out with parking, speaking to parents and showing parents around the school. A big thank you to them and to all the staff involved.

NCAT at Careers Expo 26-28th August
NCAT had a key presence at the Careers Expo at the Melbourne Convention Centre which ran for 3 days. The College had a large stand promoting our courses. A number of teachers were involved in providing advice and information to hundreds of visitors and Mark Russell ran a workshop for students and teachers. The College was well-represented on the centre stage with a number of Music students performing and getting great reviews and feedback. Congratulations and a big thank you to the many staff and students involved in making the event such a great success.
#LaceItUp

General VCAL have been raising money for Father Chris Riley’s ‘Youth Off the Streets’ organisation.

The fundraiser which ends on 31st August, aimed to raise awareness of youth homelessness and encourage the school community to buy a pair of bright blue laces for $5, to #laceitup for homeless youth.

Why shoelaces? Such an everyday action was a gesture of solidarity for the young people who must often sleep with their shoes on, given the unpredictable events of their lives.

The General VCAL students set themselves a modest target of 2 boxes of laces. To date almost all the laces have been purchased and the class has raised more than our target amount of $230, because some supporters generously donated their $5.

Thanks to everyone for your support of this General VCAL initiative, especially Rachel O’Connor and the 10A students who feature on this great poster!

Cate Button 
Literacy Coordinator

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Couch Fest is fast approaching and we need your help!

If you have any old arm chairs that you need to re-home, we would be happy to have them for ‘The Lounge’ stage. We MAY be able to do a pick up if you are unable to deliver them yourself. Contact Shelley 9478 1333.

The General VCAL class are contributing to our Couch Fest event by running second-hand clothing and book stalls on Saturday 10th September. We need your support and would greatly appreciate clothing and book donations by TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER. Donations of clean, appropriate and sellable items should be placed in the bins provided at the front office. All profits will go toward the purchase of recycling bins for the college.

**But most importantly TURN UP ON THE DAY! It is going to be beyond amazing!!**

Ticket sales are at the door or can be pre-paid at the office
(For all details see back page of this newsletter)

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Car Renewal at NCAT

Steve Beckwith, Auto teacher at NCAT and owner of Remake Garage in Fairfield knew that a client’s little Toyota Camry Station Wagon would make a great project for the NCAT Auto students.

It hit the “sweet spot” in terms of being not too complex and yet complex enough to be challenging. It was an early example of an electronically fuel injected engine, it needed repainting and some significant engine repairs, and it had air conditioning. It also had potential to be a vehicle to be used by Les Titterton, Technology Technician, and Martin De Boerr, College Maintenance.

Under the careful tutelage of NCAT Auto teachers Steve Lewis and Steve Beckwith, part-time and full-time NCAT Auto students have renewed the life of the little Camry. Steve Lewis oversaw major engine repairs, including a new timing belt and seals. The car was sanded back and became the first vehicle to be completely repainted in the NCAT Spray Booth. The car is now roadworthy and ready for work!

Students and teachers alike have every right to feel proud of the quality of the work invested in the repair and renewal of a car that will provide for many years of work for the College.

Daniel Knott
TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE MANAGER

NCAT Pre Apprenticeship Student Fights for a Cause

Dave Serpell is a Year 11 PreApp Student at NCAT who is studying Engineering and Electrotechnology. Dave started at NCAT in Year 10T and is a former elected student representative at the College.

Dave is concerned a significant number of employers across a wide range of trades require applicants for apprenticeships have a driving licence. By its nature this requirement excludes applicants under eighteen years of age.

Dave decided to take action on his concerns and recently prepared a petition, collected more than 1000 signatures and presented a submission to a parliamentary inquiry into the lowering of the driving age to seventeen years in Victoria.

The submission was spoken to and presented by Dave to the State Government Law Reform, Road and Community Safety Committee. The Committee will make recommendations to the State Government in November 2016.

Daniel Knott
TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE MANAGER
NCAT Sport and Recreation Students Umpire on the MCG

The round 23 Hawthorn versus Collingwood game was a heart stopper for the fifty thousand strong crowd in attendance as the Hawks narrowly beat the Magpies by the smallest of margins. Six NCAT students reported that they were nervous for reasons other than the close score line, namely, they were about to run onto the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the very first time to umpire twelve enthusiastic eight and nine year old Auskick players during the half-time break.

The NCAT Sport and Recreation students did an amazing job, allowing all the players to get a kick, feel included and leave the field with a smile on their face. The feedback from AFL Auskick officials was that Chloe Oakley, Rebecca Press, Bianca Bell, Andrew Christaki, William Carrolan and Nathan Thorneycroft were to be commended for displaying great care and respect in their role as field umpires on the day.

I would like to thank these students for representing NCAT with the utmost professionalism and pride in their work. Well done team!

Lunch-Time Drama

Want to de-stress from Term-Three-Itis? Why not pop into the Drama room at lunchtime on Tuesday 6th, Thursday 8th and Friday the 9th September for some entertaining performances from the VCE Drama class, who will be developing and rehearsing their solos through open-rehearsals.

Bring your lunch, pull up a mat and watch our students at work.

Laura Bryan
Head of Drama & Media
Visual Art Students Visit Industry Specialist

On Wednesday 24\textsuperscript{th} August, part-time 'Visual Arts' students had an opportunity to visit an inspiring studio and retail store named \textit{New Model Beauty Queen}, Sydney Road, Brunswick.

The focus of the excursion was to provide students with a connection to an industry specialist in the area of printmaking (screen-printing). Students viewed the artworks, screens and facilities then saw how the printed materials are translated via the design process to produce fashion garments.

Back in the NCAT studio, students are currently making varied hand, printed bespoke pieces with a focus on selling the items to a specific clientele. In retrospect, the excursion was arranged to give a perspective on the realities of running a successful business where printmaking, creativity, passions and uniqueness are the business values.

\textbf{Sonia Baroudi-Bellistri}
\textbf{VISUAL ART SPECIALIST}
Visual Arts: 2-Dimensional Studies

In Term 2, full-time Visual Arts students investigated painting and other two-dimensional media through lectures, workshops and an independent design process.

Having completed their three-dimensional design processes in term one, our students were very clear on what was required of them.

We were thrilled at the range of ideas and objectives in the class: students are very much in control of their own work and learning and it has been fascinating to see each student identifying and building on their strengths in order to produce their best work.

Students have been supported through a series of painting workshops aimed at extending their ability to apply art elements and materials. They have worked with successful Melbourne artists including Michael Fikaris and Emma Leonard and have attended a range of exhibitions including Degas, Del Kathryn Barton and Warhol/Weiwei. In addition, they have been conducting independent research into artists of inspiration and applying this new knowledge to their own artistic studies.
We are so lucky to have a super-talented group of students this year, who have developed a common love of paint in all its forms.

Most of our students have really embraced the sketchbook as a way to develop ideas and document processes and their visual diaries are a real pleasure to read. As a result, their work is going from strength to strength and the atmosphere in the studio is one of creative excitement and productivity.

Stay tuned for information on our exhibition later in the year! It’s going to be wonderful.

Kylie O’Malley
Visual Arts Program Coordinator
NCAT CLICK Photographic Exhibition

This year NCAT Photo Imaging Centre (PIC) delivered a new course designed for post-secondary mature age students. The one year, two day a week course is called CLICK. This group have an inaugural photographic exhibition at Magnet Gallery Level 2, 640 Bourke Street City until Sunday 4th September.

The exhibition highlights the fine work and creative achievements of some very talented and enthusiastic students.

On show is a wide selection of photographic genre demonstrating the diversity of each student’s unique individual interpretation of subject matter through the camera lens.

PIC also delivers the Certificate IV and the Diploma in Photo Imaging.
Year 10 Work Experience

As part of the preparation for joining the work place, students are encouraged to complete work experience in Year 10 at NCAT. This year many of the Year 10s received outstanding feedback from the employers who had hosted them during placement. Students from both the Arts and Technology streams were interviewed about their experiences during their productive and fulfilling work experience.

Tahlia Walker – Coles, Northland
Tahlia did two different placements in retail with the second one at a supermarket. The supervisor, Leon, was extremely impressed with Tahlia’s positive attitude and ability to get work completed. At the end of the week Leon offered Tahlia a job when a position becomes available.

Daniel Millar - Builder, South Yarra
Daniel endured long work days commuting by public transport across town to his work site. His work involved physical labour digging trenches all day which makes a day at school seem easy by comparison. Daniel’s employer spoke highly of his punctuality, hard work and good attitude towards the work he was asked to complete.

Patrick Thompson – Kiss FM, Brunswick
Patrick undertook work experience at an independent radio station where his talents as a DJ getting paid gigs around Melbourne were most admired. Patrick even presented a show on the last Friday of his placement with his own selection of music.

Many thanks must go to the wonderful efforts of Ian McKey, co-ordinator of employers, students, staff and mountains of paperwork, for a successful work experience for Year 10 at NCAT this year.

Kate Dermody
ENGLISH/LITERACY TEACHER

Music@NCAT

NCAT was well represented on the main stage of the Spotjobs Career Expo held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank from Friday 26th August until Sunday 28th August.

Our Certificate IV Music students performed on Friday with their mentor, Rebecca Barnard; Year 11 VCE Music students, Rachel Faulkner and Andrea Magill (pictured), performed on Saturday morning demonstrating faultless harmony; and Nicky Rogalsky, James Smith and Nick Harris performed an eclectic selection of acoustic works on the Sunday. The Ukulele Ensemble was also featured with performances on both the Friday and Sunday.

Thanks to all the performers and staff who gave generously of their time to represent NCAT at this significant event.

Dr Peter Myers
Head of MUSIC
VET Taster at NCAT

The Northcote VET Taster Course runs here at NCAT each week for a semester.

Pictured here are some of the Northcote Year 9 students displaying their work on the last day of Semester 1.

This is a day for students to show off the artwork they have applied using the laser cutter/engraver to the skateboard decks they made during the course of the program.

A great semester was had by all.

Anthony Gasson
Technology Programs Manager
Guitar Making and Repair

August was a big month for trialling new 3D software for our Guitar Making and Repair course. We had Andrew and Dan from ‘G Zero Five’ demonstrating the benefits of Edgecam 3D software for our NC Multicam Machine, showing the guitar making staff the best way to code our machine. Job #1 pictured right is cutting an electric guitar neck in 3D.

Dominic Parsonson from Fuji Xerox Australia invited Bon Nardella, Daniel Knott and Craig Illman plus five of our guitar making students, Lachlan, Patrick, Jake, Ryan, Phil, to the Melbourne Head Office to demonstrate the capabilities of their large 3D printers. NCAT Guitar Making & Repair and Fuji Xerox Australia are embarking on a unique project, to 3D print an acoustic guitar, hoping to find new and exciting materials to use as acoustic material.

The future of manufacturing is taking us into the new and exciting field of 3D printed components, maybe replacing some of the wood components with specialised printable materials.

Also thank you to all the staff & students who gave up their weekend to attend, perform and help at the NCAT stand at 2016 ‘Melbourne Guitar Show’. It was a loud and fantastic weekend.

Bon Nardella
MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MAKING & REPAIR COORDINATOR
Couch Fest 2016

Over 40 Bands Across 4 Stages

Couch Fest

Saturday 10 September
Noon – 4.30 pm

NCAT (North Melbourne College of the Arts)