The end of term is almost upon us and semester two classes have started. With so many activities, excursions and focus on students completing their work for the semester assessments the term has gone by very quickly. Teachers are currently finalising semester reports which will be published on Compass shortly. Parents will be notified by email when they are ready. Certificate IV students are undergoing their mid-year interviews reviewing their performance. The last week of term also sees a number of activities and events.

**VET Taster**

ON Monday 22nd June we have the annual VET Taster day for students from other schools who want to have a try at one of the VET programs we run for external students and then do VET with us in 2016. We expect around 180 students to participate in this program.

**School visits**

Because of our reputation for providing outstanding programs and pathways in the Arts & Technologies, we have a number of schools bringing their students to see NCAT and we have also been asked to present at Careers Information evenings for students at other schools. On the 23rd June we have students from Thornbury High visiting the college and on the 25th June, the second last day of term, we have 90 Year 9 students from Princes Hill coming to have a look at the various programs and pathways that the college offers both at Years 10-12 and also post Year 12. Mark Russell and Daniel Knott recently made a presentation about NCAT at Viewbank College and we have been asked to be present at the Northcote High Careers Information evenings for Year 9 and Year 10 students in July.

**Photographic Exhibition BY NCAT Diploma students**

Our Photo Imaging Diploma students are having an exhibition of their first semester’s work at the Good Times Studio in Carlton, from the 15-21 June. I invite you all to go and have a look at their work.

**Dance Excellence**

Dance students have been very active. After their magnificent performance at the Dance Concert held last month at the Darebin Arts Centre, a number of the students competed in the UDO Hip Hop Competition at the Melbourne Aquatic Centre at the end of May. There were dance crews from many dance schools around Melbourne. NCAT dance students performed exceptionally well.

Congratulations to Alex Urbanos from 11B who was awarded Best Male Dancer, Mark Anthony Sutarola who won third place in the Hip Hop Solo and has been invited to compete in Glasgow in August, and the Ice Crew who were awarded the most Inspiring Dance Groups. Well done. The level of talent this year is exceptional and the students work incredibly hard. Congratulations to Lee-Anne Di Stefano on setting such a high bar and getting the students to perform so professionally. Lee-Anne is on maternity leave for the rest of the year and has been replaced by a new Dance teacher, Brianna Metcalf. We welcome her to NCAT.

**Year 10 Arts Mural project for Darebin Council**

As part of an English and Art integrated project, 10A students have been working with renowned illustrator and mural artist Kyle Hughes-Odgers to create a mural which will be placed in the courtyard of Preston Library. Once it is installed we will let you know so you can go along and see their great work.

I want to finish by thanking all the students involved in our Information evening and in hosting student visits for their magnificent contribution and being such passionate ambassadors for the college. They do us all proud. Thank you to all staff and students for making NCAT such a great place. I hope you all have a refreshing break these coming holidays.

Raffaella Galati-Brown

**PRINCIPAL**
On Wednesday 3rd June and Wednesday 10th June, Neville Nash from AFL Victoria facilitated the AFL Umpiring Course that was met with much enthusiasm from our Sport and Recreation students. Twelve students completed their initial Australian Rules football umpiring training and are now looking forward to umpiring young Auskickers on the Melbourne Cricket Ground later this year.

Look out for our NCAT student umpires in action during half-time of the round 22 Collingwood v.s Geelong game and the round 23 Collingwood v.s Essendon game. Last year our student umpires were so well received by the Auskick organisers that they were invited back to umpire during half time of the Hawthorn v.s Geelong Qualifying Final. Let’s hope this trend continues this year but with the Magpies in action deep into September.

Jamie Lyngcoln
SPORT, RECREATION AND FITNESS DEPARTMENT

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NCAT at the VCE Careers Expo

This is the second year that NCAT has been represented at the VCE Careers Expo. There was a united effort from the Arts – Visual, Performing and Photography, as part of a three bay stand. Each of the areas had terrific support and interest from the public. It was the first time that Music and the Performing Arts were represented but there was significant interest in the area, with a mix across Music, Dance, Live Production & Instrument making.

Students and parents were very impressed that a whole suite of subjects can be selected relating to a selected industry sector, whilst completing a VCE or VCAL.

Both Music and Photoimaging took the opportunity to present seminars in the upstairs rooms. NCAT students did us proud, giving mini performances both at the seminar and downstairs at the stand, bringing a lovely welcoming feel. Huge thanks to the students who took part in this promotion.

Thanks to all of the staff who gave up valuable preparation time and slices of their weekend to help put NCAT on the map. There was a great feeling of collegiality and belonging, as well as a sense of fun with all the different departments working together. It is of such great value for staff to become familiar with each other’s areas of expertise and curriculum. Thanks again to all involved.

Mark Russell
MARKETING COORDINATOR

PIC @ NCAT presents: HYPERPARADISE

The Diploma of Photo-Imaging students from the Photographic Imaging College (PIC) at NCAT, currently present a broad selection of their creative photography at exhibition. From the traditional black and white prints to digital colour prints and everything in between, come and see the next generation of young creatives showcase their talents.

The Photo Imaging College Diploma Midyear Exhibition opened on Monday 15th June and runs until 21st June at Good Time Studio, Basement, 746 Swanston Street, Carlton – hours: 10.00am – 6.00pm.

Stuart Murdoch
PHOTO-IMAGING COLLEGE
BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION @ NCAT

Second year building students have been working towards completing two cubby houses which are part of a community project in collaboration with East Brunswick Kindergarten.

Students were asked to complete a site analysis, location plan, build time line and a quote for the overall job. They worked in teams to get the practical work completed on time and will be delivering the cubby houses on site in Term 3.

Students from left to right: Jonah Foleti, Cameron Ataryniw, Zack Pantic, Michael Sampson

Students from left to right: Jake Wheeldon, Daniel Dansey, Matthew Taylor
Some of the second year students (below) have constructed modular seating to be placed within the NCAT outdoor areas.

Students from left to right: Jake Mitsinikos, Brodie Hansen, Zayne Hellmuth-Hassett

Nick DiFabio
BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TEACHER/PRE-APP CO-ORDINATOR

1OT Computer Aided Design

1OT students have been learning Computer Aided Design (CAD) so they can produce items that can be cut from acrylic, using the laser cutting equipment available within the School.

After completing basic tutorials, students are now starting to create intricate patterns and inlays. The objective is to work in teams to create Mouse Trap racers and then race these cars in the next semester. Prior to racing these vehicles, they will need to consider weight, ratios and how they may improve upon existing designs. The students are now producing complex inlays and patterns and have now had the process of producing their work on the Laser cutter demonstrated to them. Some examples of student work are shown below:

Mitchell Wise
Zac Masci

Craig Illman
COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN (CAD) TEACHER
CERTIFICATE II in VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION

On Wednesday 27th May part time Cert II Vis Art students went to see an industry professional that specialises in screen printing and fashion design. The guide, Dale Cornell an ex- RMIT lecturer, provided an informative and visual experience for our students by showcasing his life's work. This included his massive studio setup and New Model Beauty Queen his retail store on Sydney Road Brunswick. Students were very excited about their overall out of class experience and also had the opportunity to view an exhibition titled Synthetica at Counihan Gallery in Brunswick. Students were very impressed by the aesthetics and conceptual themes that had been explored by the artists. Overall this was a very worthwhile experience.

Sonia Baroudi
VIS ART TRAINER & EDUCATOR

NCAT ‘YOUNG GUNS’

Congratulations to Yasin Lefle (voice & guitar), Shannan Vinen (bass) and Michael Maricchiolo (drums) who won the ‘Young Guns Festival’ for their performance at Bridie O'Reilly’s in Brunswick on Saturday 13th June.

Dr Peter Myers
HEAD OF MUSIC/ VCE MUSIC TEACHER
NCAT CREATE PORTFOLIO REVIEWS

As a requirement of their course, the NCAT Create students present their portfolios at mid and final reviews. Portfolio presentations give students an opportunity to display their artwork and look at it as a body of work.

Often a lack of space stifles the ability to look at all the work a student creates and therefore they miss out on seeing an overview of their emerging style, plus identifying strengths and areas for improvement. At the mid and final portfolio review, Create students are able to lay out all their work in an allotted area and examine it as a body of work.

Portfolio review also allows students to be actively involved in group-based critiques. Critiquing each other’s portfolios helps students to explore the creative process and their experience as a developing artist. The process of group critiquing is about finding a balance between compliment & constructive criticism. Students learn that the criticism is never personal – it is about the portfolio of artworks not the artist. Critiquing should always be balanced, neutral and constructive. Group critiques enable students to build skills by being exposed to different styles, options and approaches. It also assists students to push their responses to art beyond the initial “I like it” to questions of why and how, articulated using art based language.

The Portfolio review, whilst initially potentially challenging to some, is an excellent opportunity to build creative confidence. The review process brings together the artworks produced in students’ Studio, Digital and Life Drawing classes. Accompanying their portfolio is a written Artist’s Statement and in the final review, a creative resume.

Ex NCAT FOLIO PREPARATION STUDENT WINS NILLUMBIK PRIZE 2015

Congratulations to ex NCAT Folio Preparation student Jessie Imam who has just won the Nillumbik Prize 2015, for her work ‘Diagram of Sentiment’. The $5,000 first prize was announced by Prize Judge, Melinda Martin, Director of Linden New Art and presented by Nillumbik Shire Council Mayor Cr Helen Coleman at the exhibition opening in the Barn Gallery at Montsalvat.

After finishing at NCAT Folio Preparation, Jessie completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Photomedia) at Monash University in 2009. She has previously exhibited in group shows around Melbourne and in Launceston and has collaborative work showing internationally. Jessie’s work has been included in exhibitions including Aesthetic Positioning (Melb), Ambidextrous (Melb), Suspicious Minds (Launceston), Love, Art School & Death (Melb) and Cafe Nu (Melb).

Jessie has continued to have a strong presence at NCAT, having undertaken several highly informative artist presentations to the Folio Preparation students.

Jessie’s most recent works centre around themes of death, transition and traces. She takes a mythological approach and uses elements in her pieces to spark conversations surrounding truth, reality and a tension between memory, vitality and death. Although from a photographic background, Jessie’s practice also includes sculpture, installation, painting and the moving image.

Check out the exhibition at Montsalvat until 2nd August. In the meantime, check out Jessie’s Facebook art page here: Jessie Imam Fine Art. Further information can be found at http://www.jessie-imam.com/

Barn Gallery, Montsalvat 7 Hillcrest Avenue Eltham Victoria

Phone: (03) 9439 7712 Opening Hours: 7 days, 9am-5pm

Tracy Patterson
NCAT CREATE/FOLIO PREPARATION

Image 1 - Jessie Imam

Jessie Imam with her winning piece ‘Diagram of Sentiment’
Financial Assistance  Information for Parents
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government has established the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity participate in important educational activities.

The fund is provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting and other activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
$125 for primary school students
$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

10A MURAL

On 28th and 29th May, 10A students worked with renowned illustrator and mural artist Kyle Hughes-Odgers to create a mural that will adorn an exciting new development at Preston Library. With his help, along with our energetic Art Teacher Rachel O’Connor, the students planned how they wanted to express their understanding of their environment and community, as well as their place in it, through images, symbols and patterns. The end result is nothing short of stunning. Currently in storage, the mural will soon be installed in the courtyard at Preston Library, and we encourage everyone to stop by and take a look. We will provide more details in the weeks to come.

Robbie Grant
VCE Coordinator

Marcus Newman
Photo Imaging Trainer
VET Interactive Digital Media Trainer