Term one, being a short term, has gone by very quickly. There have been excursions and incursions and lots of activities around the college. We also have new elected student leaders. I congratulate them and look forward to working with them. On Tuesday in this last week of term we had our Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences providing all students and parents with a report on how students are going and what they can do to improve and be successful. If you were unable to attend and have any concerns, please contact your child’s Form teacher or Coordinator to make an appointment.

The term has ended on a high with a wonderful lunchtime Music concert on Monday by the Jazz ensemble and the Fun Walk/Run/Music event on the last afternoon of term. This has been organised by the Sport & Recreation VCAL class in conjunction with the Music Department with the aim to raise funds for the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal. Students and staff walk around the college perimeter, with Music groups playing at various points along the route.

Safe Schools Coalition
You would have noticed in the media recently, debate over the Safe Schools Program. NCAT is a proud member of the Safe Schools Coalition. As members of this coalition, we work on building safe school communities where all members feel respected, included and supported, diversity is valued, and there is a safe and inclusive school environment for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students. The College runs a “Queer Space” every Tuesday at lunchtime where LGBTI students, friends and supporters can meet. The NCAT School Council commend the Minister for Education, James Merlino and the Premier, Mr Andrews, for coming out strongly in support of this program and for funding the program for all Victorian schools including primary schools.

Information Evening for Prospective 2017 students
The college is holding an information evening for parents of prospective students on Tuesday 10th May from 6pm to 7.45pm. A number of current Year 10-12 students will be involved in showcasing what goes on at NCAT. If you know parents of students who are looking for a college for their child which provides the range of programs and pathways that NCAT offers in the arts, trades and technologies, and sport and recreation, then please make them aware of the event.

Parent Representatives on the College Council
As we had the same number of nominations as there were positions, there was no need for elections.

The following parents have been appointed to the NCAT College Council and I thank them for serving on Council:
2 Year term: Amanda Duke, Samantha Doorbar and Jes White who have children in Year 10
1 Year term: Elizabeth Serpell, Leigh Collins and Robert Webb whose children are in Year 11.

I wish everyone a safe and refreshing break and look forward to a very successful Term 2.

Raffaela Galati-Brown
PRINCIPAL
The VicSRC Conference

Eight NCAT student leaders attended the Victorian Student Representative Council (SRC) Regional Conference on Thursday 17th March. This all day conference was attended by various schools in the North-West Region and was a great opportunity to share ideas.

Social media is a great tool for students to share ideas and connect with other students from all around Victoria. The Vic SRC conference focused on students making pledges to make their voices count. By using #VicSRCpledge on social media students are making promises to create change within their community. They can also support other students from across Victoria.

Our leaders left the conference inspired to take action and make their voices count.

Leanne Peros
Student Support Officer

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Congratulations 2016 NCAT Student Leaders

It is my great pleasure to introduce our new Student Leaders for 2016:

**Year 10 Leaders:**
- 10A Leader: Heath Cosmas
- 10A Vice: Sarsha Lewis
- 10A Form Group Representative: Laura Darling-Filby
- 10T Leader: Lincoln Vella
- 10T Form Group Representative: Sam Redolfi

**VCAL Leaders:**
- VCAL General Leader: Julia Balletta
- VCAL Arts: Chloe Lower
- VCAL Pre-app: Application still being finalised.

**VCE Leaders:**
- Leader: James Howe
- Leader: Geordi McArthur
- Vice: Nicole Rogalsky
- Vice: Kathrynne Nghiem
- 11B Form Group Representative: Jani Krajnc
- 11G Form Group Representative: Tiffany McIntyre
- 12B Form Group Representative: Denis Krajnc
- 12B Form Group Representative: position still to be filled.

Students have been appointed in each of the program areas of expressed interest.

Congratulations to all the NCAT students who ran for leadership positions this year. All of the candidates presented their speeches with professionalism and enthusiasm, doing themselves and the College proud. A few of the form group representative positions including those in the VCAL program areas have not yet been filled and any interested NCAT students are encouraged to see Nadia or Leanne.

Thank you to Leanne for organising our student's annual attendance at the VicSRC Conference on Thursday 17th March 2016 and to all the NCAT staff and Administration that supported the process.

As the College’s Student Leadership Coordinator I look forward to working with such a committed and enthusiastic team of student leaders to further enhance student voice at the College.

Nadia Tomarchio
*NCAT Student Leadership Coordinator*
‘SPOOKY’ Drama!

VCE Drama students are currently devising ensemble pieces on the topic of ‘Lost’. An important part of this process is viewing performances for inspiration. So on Friday 18th of March, students made their way to the Malthouse Theatre to see ‘Picnic at Hanging Rock’.

Echoes of screams were heard whilst students witnessed the Gothic/Horror production. Yet, although students were spooked by the eeriness, the performance provided ideas on how to utilise non-naturalistic techniques in their own work.

Following on from this, on Monday, a small group of Drama students (pictured) attended a showcase of VCE Drama’s Top Acts, which featured exceptional monologues from students in Victoria.

All of this inspiration will be drawn upon throughout the holidays, as students rehearse their ensembles.

We look forward to presenting these next term. Keep an eye out for an evening in May that is sure to leave you spooked!

Laura Bryan
Drama & Media Coordinator

Tickets to the NCAT Dance Concert on Wednesday 15th June from 6.00pm at the Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre will be on sale at the school office from next term until the day of concert.

The cost for all tickets is $18.00. (Children under 2 free and must sit on an adult’s lap).

Year 10, 11 & 12 VCE and VET Dance students will be performing Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical, African, Latin, Cheerleading and Tap; it is sure to be a great night showcasing our talented students.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Lee-Anne Di Stefano
Dance Co-ordinator
The Music department has staged some great performances at the NCAT Café over the past fortnight.

On Tuesday 8th March the Certificate IV in Music students, accompanied by their talented mentor Rebecca Barnard, delighted the audience by performing a mixture of original material and covers. Although the day was over 40 degrees the band played on regardless, like consummate professionals.

The Certificate II Music students performed at the Café the previous week and were cheered on by their fellow students.

The Jazz Band performed in the NCAT Café on Monday 21st of March to celebrate the final week of Term 1.

The lunchtime performances will continue next term.
Maker Space Activity – Extra Curricular Activity

The Maker Space activity has proved very successful and all students are welcome to attend on Thursdays at lunchtime at the CNC room in the TTC building.

Below, Nathan learns how to write and edit programs to upload to Arduino Microcontroller. He began with a simple task, blinking an LED on and off at a programmed frequency, and how to alter that frequency by changing the code.

Sam, Travis, Victor and Max are using the UP Box 3d printer for the first time to bring Travis’ CAD created drawing to life. The students are fascinated by the construction method of the printer.

Formula One Grand Prix

On Friday 18th of March students from 10T attended an excursion to the Formula One Grand Prix school open day at Albert Park.

After getting off to a late start due to poor traffic conditions, we arrived at the venue in time to see the exotic cars during their practice session.

The weather started out a bit wet, but the sun came out in the afternoon in time for the F1 cars to take to the track for their practice. Students were then able to enjoy the experience of the noise and speed of the F1 cars as they prepared for their first race for the season.

Overall a good day was had by all.