We have come to the end of Term 3—and what a term it has been! July saw all Year 10 students and General VCAL students out on two weeks of work experience and the college stepping up its marketing campaign with a big presence at the Herald Sun Careers Expo at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre at which a number of Music and Dance students also participated.

Marketing for college courses continued in August with our second information evening, attended by over 200 people. Thank you to Louisa Interligi who spoke eloquently and from the heart about the successful experience of her son, Enzo at NCAT. Enzo has gained an apprenticeship and also spoke as did Yr 12 students Dane Paul and Eva Kourtes.

The month also saw a number of school tours with Antonine College, Brunswick and Strathmore SC all bringing in large groups of students to look at our programs. We have also begun interviews for enrolments of new students for 2016.

A Parent/Student/Teacher afternoon was held in mid-August to review students’ progress reports. We felt it was important to have a meeting with parents and students earlier in the term rather than at the end of term to ensure that any student still behind had time to catch up and be successful.

College Formal
One activity featured in this newsletter is the very successful College Formal. Congratulations to the VCE Year 11 Business Management students for their outstanding work in organising this event. They oversaw every detail and ensured that every contingency was planned for. The enormous success and large attendance is a testament to their planning and organisation. Geordi McArthur and Eimable Manirakiza did a great job as MCs for the evening and Freak and the Fat Cats and the DJ, Paul McWaters, did a great job in getting everyone’s feet tapping. It was the best college formal I have ever attended, with everyone having a great time, dancing and having fun. Well done to the students and Nadia their teacher and all the staff and students who made it such a terrific night.

Couch Fest
This was another highly successful student led event. When the VCAL Music students under Shelley Scown’s leadership presented the proposal to the College Council and myself in Term 1, it seemed a massive task, particularly with the initial proposal to have four areas for Music around the college and to have lots of couches in each area. However, the students worked through the concept, dealing with all the Occupational Health and Safety issues, the logistics of where and how to set up the sites for the musicians and working with the CREATE students to turn a limited number of couches into works of art around the college. The VCAL Visual Arts students also became involved setting up pop-up shops selling some of the t-shirts, stickers and other works they had created.

We were lucky to have a beautiful day for the event on Saturday 5th September. The couches looked very festive and were a great hit especially with children. We had a great turn up and over 20 bands playing in the various venues around the college. The Live Production and the Tech Production students helped out with the technical aspects of the program. It was great fun and given the feedback from students and staff it is sure to become an annual event and be even bigger and better next year. Well done to all the students and staff involved.

Other events
There was so much activity happening inside and outside the classroom. The Sport & Rec students umpired Auskickers at the MCG. Art, Product Design and PIC students had a number of excursions and workshops, Yr 10-VCE students had Elevate workshops to help them with their studies and this week all our VET Technology students are out on work placement.

With term four approaching, it is vital students use the coming holiday periods to catch up on any work if they need to. In the meantime, I hope everyone has a great break – we have all well and truly earned it!

Raffaela Galati-Brown
Principal
Department of Health & Human Services Award for Karly

Congratulations to Karly Lunt who was awarded the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Kids Under Cover Student Scholarship for 2016.

The presentation ceremony was held at Storey Hall in Melbourne's city centre and Karly received the award from Kids Under Cover CEO Jo Swift. A total of 280 student scholarships were awarded to students from across Victoria.

Well done, Karly!

Karly Lunt and Jo Swift

Leanne Peros
Youth Worker

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

18 September  End of Term 3  
5 October  Term 4 Begins  
10-11 October  NCAT VET Music exams  
13 October  VET Enrolment Evening  
15-17 October  Certificate IV Music Tour  
21 October  School Council Meeting  
22 October  Year 12 VCE last day  
22 October  Year 12 Graduation at Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre  
28 October  VCE Exams start  
28 October  First Year External VET students last day  
29 October  Second Year External VET students last day  
29 October  Furnishing Industry Day  
29 October  Proposed Integrated Visual Art Exhibition

FORTHCOMING DATES

2 November  Exam students only day  
3 November  Melbourne Cup Day public holiday - No students attend  
10 November  Year 12 VCAL last day  
11 November  School Council Meeting  
12-17 November  Year 10 & 11 Exams  
13 November  Pre-Apps last day  
13 November  Post Year 12 Graduation at Deakin Edge, Federation Square  
17 November  Photographic Imaging Centre EXHIBITION, ‘524 Flinders Street’, 6-8.00pm  
18 November  AWARDS NIGHT  
23-24 November  Early Commencement Classes  
24 November  Years 10 & 11 last day
On Friday 28 August and Sunday 6 September, NCAT Sport, Recreation and Fitness students umpired Auskickers at the MCG. The Auskick games lasted 14 minutes during the half-time break of the Round 22 Collingwood versus Geelong match and the Round 23 Collingwood versus Essendon match. Prior to this experience, students completed the AFL basic umpiring course as part of NCAT’s continued partnership with AFL Victoria. Moving forward, students are now able to gain casual employment as field, boundary or goal umpires in local football leagues Australia wide.

As part our VCAL Sport class, students were encouraged to apply their numeracy knowledge to install a set of Australian Rules goal posts for the benefit of the wider school community. Students were provided with the assessment task instructions of digging four holes of 0.8m in depth, mixing 2.5 litres of water per 20 kilogram bag of quick set concrete, installing the posts approximately 6.4 metres apart and ensuring that all posts were evenly set in a plumb line and were vertically level. The students used personal protective equipment including dust masks, gloves and safety glasses when using the crow-bars, shovels and mixing the quick set concrete.

The Fitness students journeyed to La Trobe University to prepare for the practical components of their upcoming pool lifeguard course. The students will be required to undertake a deep water retrieval test, a fitness test including a 200 metre swim in less than 6 minutes, some spinal injury management, rescue response initiatives including a 25 metre swim and 25 metre non-contact tow in less than 1 minute and 45 seconds and lifting a swimmer out of the water using appropriate manual handling procedures. Thank you to La Trobe University Sports Centre for hosting our upcoming course in Term 4 and to Life Saving Victoria (LSV) for providing a trainer to deliver the program. NCAT continues to be one of only five schools in the state to be a licensee training partner of Life Saving Victoria. This enables NCAT to provide such courses in partnership with LSV with all trainers endorsed and appropriately accredited by LSV.

Kerry Zhang is to be congratulated for securing employment as an aquatic educator (swim teacher) at WaterMarc, Greensborough. Kerry completed his Austswim Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety training this year at Aquarena, Doncaster and completed several days of mentoring training at Watermarc under qualified swim teachers. Further, Kerry demonstrated that he swims a superfast 50 metre freestyle and is also a tennis ace. He is soon to complete his Certificate III in Fitness at NCAT and is setting himself up nicely for a career in the sport and recreation industry.
It’s hard to believe we got there: two periods a week of Work Related and Personal Development Skills crammed together, last thing on Friday, with 22 Intermediate and Senior Music VCAL students. It’s a teaching experience I have frequently been known to refer to as ‘herding cats’. But every juicy, mad, ambitious, resourceful and colourful idea for the festival came from them.

First and foremost they are musicians; creating the opportunity to play their music and be heard by more than their mates was the goal. And they did it. They planned, decorated and set up 4 stages, populated them with bands and then performed, stage managed, mixed, MC’d, grated garlic/chopped tomatoes and cheered on other bands, according to their various skills and/or motivation.
However, what made this more than our annual VET gig was the extraordinary participation from other departments:

- Peter Anstee’s Live Production crew made it work by running the entrances and cash, doing ALL the OH&S, planning most of the logistics, painting walls and creating signage. Most particularly, Morgan Beck kept us from going off the rails on many occasions – somebody employ that boy!

- Tech students Michael, Yasin, Hayden, Nathan, Riley and Morgan who virtually mixed every stage;

- Tracy Paterson’s Create group knocked our socks off by turning a bunch of old ‘road-kill’ couches into wonderful, topical and luminous sculptures, and thereby turning our corridor into a glorious gallery;

- Various art students were encouraged by their teachers to run ‘pop-up’ shops, selling stickers, totes, T-shirts and wrist-bands, and creating a brilliant buzz in the corridor. These were hugely successful and have inspired Kylie to focus more on developing the student’s entrepreneurial skills next year;

A huge thanks also to the staff who turned up to help (and enjoy!), James Savvas’s dad John for the mouth-watering Gyros, and the ‘ex-Northie’s’ students who came and played and cheered as a tribute to how much this school has meant to them!

The VCALs are now going to write up the definitive manual, “Getting to Couch...”, so we can do it all again next year, ONLY BETTER!

Shelley and the Mighty Music Department
On behalf of the Year 11 VCE Business Management class I would like to thank everyone who attended the NCAT Senior School Formal on Friday 28th August. With dedicated planning from the students and staff who helped organise it, the night was fabulous with a wonderful turn out of over 145 attendees.

Over the past four months my wonderful Year 11 Business Management class has dedicated time and effort into completing a SAC of which we chose to organise a school formal as part of a mock events and leadership consultancy business. We took the time to find out what the students and teachers wanted and created an amazing Senior School Formal.

With an entertaining performance by Freak and the Fat Cats and groovy tunes from DJ Paul McWaters, it was fantastic to see students and teachers up and dancing.
I would like to thank Nadia and other staff members who took the time to help and support us. Thanks Nadia, you somehow managed to survive our class and help us manage the stress of running a mock small business. I am so proud of what we achieved and of the feedback we received from the students.

I would also like to congratulate the Royalty of NCAT, and wish the Year 12s all the best for their upcoming exams and for their contribution to the college. Thanks to all who came and to Raffaela for her patience, time and for approving the school formal. She also had fantastic moves on the dance floor!

I am so proud to be at NCAT and I hope next year there will be a student run formal as good as this year.

Geordi McArthur
Year 11 VCE Business Management student

Photography by Ally Barlow & Jo Stevens
Photographic Imaging Centre (PIC) Student Nick Chiarizia was a finalist for the 2015 Olive Cotton Portraiture Award. Nick Chiarizia is currently studying a Diploma of Photo Imaging at PIC. “My photograph of Victor Rubin was captured on medium format black and white film during a sunny afternoon (late spring 2015) in his Collingwood studio while surrounded by a selection of his paintings and assemblages”.

His image “Victor Rubin” was selected to be a part of the Olive Cotton Award exhibition. His portrait was of artist Victor Rubin in his studio, below is the Artist statement submitted alongside the portrait: **Victor Rubin: Australian Artist Painter**

Victor Rubin, a visual artist, studied at John Olsen’s Bakery Art School at age 17 before moving on to the National Art School, NSW and later, became Artist in Residence, *Cite Internationale Des Arts, Paris*. His early, influences were German *expressionism* and artists like Van Gogh as well as echoes of Soutine and Picasso through his association with the *Yellow House* in Sydney. By the early 1970s the influences of Olsen, John Perceval, Sidney Nolan, Arthur Boyd and others associated with *Heide Park* were embraced by Rubin, as he developed his own inventive and distinctive style.

Rubin has had over 50 solo, and many more group exhibitions. He is represented in all major regional, state and federal galleries, and many private collections. Rubin, has earned his place amongst Australia’s most distinguished and revered artist painters.

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