

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NCAT winner of The Age 2022 Schools That Excel

We are delighted to be the recipient of the 2022 Age newspaper's *School that Excel Award* for the Northern Melbourne Region. The award recognises 10 schools, 5 government and 5 non-government schools from five regions in Victoria that achieve outstanding improvements in their VCE results. It's wonderful recognition for the college and comes on top of Alex Tsenalidis winning the VCAA Award for Excellence in VCAL Teaching earlier this year. See article and video: [Schools that Excel 2022: Northern College of the Arts and Technology \(NCAT\) offers engineering, dance and more \(theage.com.au.\)](https://theage.com.au/schools-that-excel-2022-northern-college-of-the-arts-and-technology/)



Photo: Jason South

Term 3 events

As you can see from this newsletter, it has been a busy term with lots of events, activities and excursions. Music students have held a number of performances and recitals. The Art Immersion students have produced some amazing creations based on inspirations from nature which have been featured on Facebook and Instagram. The Diploma of Photography students held an exhibition at a gallery in Johnston Street and on Friday 19th August the Tertiary Photography students held a charity auction of their silver gelatin prints at Missing Persons Gallery in the city, raising \$3000 for the Aboriginal Health Service. Currently Year 10-11 students are making their subject sections for next year and Yr 12 students are working with the Careers and level Coordinators on their pathways post Year 12. Look out for the Couch Fest which is happening on the 15th September from 5.30pm-9.00pm.

Your feedback is important to us

As part of the school review, the NCAT College Council is seeking your feedback via a short survey. The survey takes no more than 10-15 minutes and is anonymous. Please click on the following link or paste it into your browser: <https://forms.gle/Tehw9f6iQHVFwVWd9>. Thank you for your support with this.

Annual DET Parent/Guardian/Care Giver's Survey – Please complete

We are always seeking feedback on what is going well at NCAT and any areas for improvement. Students this year had an opportunity to provide individual teachers feedback on what was working well and what could be improved through the PIVOT Survey completed at the end of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2. They have also recently completed the Department of Education, Student Attitude to School Survey.

We are now seeking feedback from parents and carers through the Parent Opinion Survey which is run by DET each year. This is done through a selection of a random sample of the college community. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. If you have been sent an email inviting you to participate, please follow the link and instructions to complete the survey. It should only take about 10-15 minutes.

NCAT Students in the 2022 Victorian Schools Spectacular

Joanna Stavrakis and Mason Fewster have been chosen to participate in this year's *Victorian State Schools Spectacular*. Joanna is performing and Mason is part of the Technical crew. They will be involved in two performances at the John Cain Arena on Saturday 10 September which is followed by a 90-minute broadcast of the show on Channel 7. Congratulations to both students!

Online Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

On the 25th August from 12.00pm -7.30pm, we will be running online Parent/Student/Teacher conferences. Parents/Carers have been sent information on how to book an online conference with teachers through Compass. If you are unable to book a time with your preferred teacher, please email the college so we can make alternative arrangements. With only four weeks left until end of term it is vital that students take note of their Progress Reports and, if they are behind with their work, ensure they see their teachers or Coordinators to get support. We want to see every student succeed.



Joanna Stavrakis

Raffaela Galati-Brown
PRINCIPAL

PAYMENT OF CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

The College would like to remind families that payments for 2022 Curriculum Charges are able to be made in various ways:

- Credit Card over the phone by ringing the General Office
- Cash or cheque at the General Office
- Payment plans via Compass, please contact the General Office to arrange this

Rebecca Ashman // Business Manager

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday 25 th August	Parent/Student/ Teacher Conferences 12.30-7.30pm via Zoom
Wednesday 7 th September	GAT Exam – Morning 9:30–11:45 VCAL+ VCE
Wednesday 7 th September	GAT Exam – Afternoon 1:15–3:00 VCE only
Wednesday 7 th September	VET & Staff PD Day Years 10-12 & VET classes not running
Thursday 15 th September	Couchfest '22 5.30pm-9pm
Friday 16 th September	Term 3 Ends
Monday 3 rd October	Term 4 Begins
Friday 14-Sun 16 th October	Certificate IV Music Great Ocean Road Tour
Tuesday 18 th October	RIJI Interviews
Friday 21 st October	Year 12 Celebration Day
Wednesday 26 th October	VCE written exams start

BRING IT ON!

There is a long and complicated history of women being denied rights to employment in trades and technology across the broad construction and manufacturing sectors in Australia. A group of students from the NCAT *Young Women in Trades and Technology* group together with a number of industry partners have decided to challenge that history. The young women in the group have been going out to local schools and speaking with their counterparts in Years 9-11 about what they are doing at NCAT and encouraging other young women to consider careers in these industry sectors.

On July 26 the NCAT *Young Women in Trades and Technology* group and their industry partners held an activity called *Bring It On!* The evening activity provided an opportunity for students from other schools and their parents/guardians to come into NCAT to tour the facilities, meet and hear from qualified tradeswomen, our students and their parents, local employers, industry associations and unions about the realities of studying and working in construction and manufacturing. The participants heard from a panel of speakers who represented different aspects of womens' journeys in trades and technologies. The Panel members were Lisa Zanatta, Womens Organiser, CFMEU, Laura Beata, HR Specialist, Civil Infrastructure Group, Carmel Locosa, NCAT parent and Raffaella Galati-Brown, NCAT Principal. The evening ended with refreshments and vibrant, informative conversations. There were about 40-50 in attendance and the feed-back was very positive.

The partners in the activity included the Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU), the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce (VACC), the Australian Cabinet and Furniture Association (ACFA), New Plumbing Solutions, A & A Cabinets Impressions and the Civil Infrastructure Group.

The NCAT technology Student hosts were inspiring and included:

- Carly Brown Yr 10 Engineering
- Anastasia Sarikizis Yr 10 Automotive
- Carina Gauci Yr 12 Building & Construction
- Kiana Fiddaman Yr 11 Furniture Making
- Zea-May Trebilcock Yr 12 Electro/Engineering
- Edie Bridgewater - Santa Maria/NCAT Yr 11 Plumbing.

Our young women are determined this will not be the only activity for 2022 and say they are up for the challenge, as the activity firmly declares...*Bring It On!*

Daniel Knott // NCAT Technology Executive Manager



X-Trail Donation

Jesse Edwards is a former NCAT Auto and Engineering student who really enjoyed and appreciated his time at NCAT. Jesse was an accomplished student with well developed work place disciplines and we recommended him to a local dealership (Preston Toyota). He was successful with his application and is now close to completing his apprenticeship to become a qualified mechanic and is still working at Preston Toyota. Jesse is passionate about the Auto industry and also spending time with his family, particularly sharing boating and fishing experiences.

A little earlier this year Jesse was talking with his mother Belinda and grandfather Kenneth about what they might want to do with Kenneths' car (a lovely little Nissan *X-Trail*). Very generously they decided to donate the car to the NCAT Auto Department. We were absolutely thrilled to get the call from Jesse because we are in constant need of older vehicles for our Auto students to work on.



Jesse drove the *X-Trail* to NCAT and handed the vehicle over to the College Principal, Raffaella Galati-Brown and the Auto Teacher, Jarryd McAllen. Many thanks to the Edwards family, your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Daniel Knott // NCAT Technology Executive Manager

RIJI - Real Industry Job Interviews

RIJI is a work readiness program which assists students in developing job search, resume writing and interviewing skills. The program is delivered as part of a school's curriculum through a series of guided lesson plans and concludes with a face-to-face interview with a local volunteer interviewer at a RIJI event.



Daniel Grech from *MAS Experience* came out to visit our students and provide them with an overview of the job application process. He spoke to all our pre-app and performance students. Daniel will remain in contact with the year 12 students to help students connect with employers and apprenticeships.

Alex Tsenalidis // VCAL Learning Specialist / VASS Coordinator



Komatsu Industry Visit

On Wednesday 3rd of August, Tim Roberts, *Technology Solutions* trainer at *Komatsu Australia* visited NCAT to speak to our Integrated Technologies students about intelligent machine control and automation. Our students learnt about how large earthmoving equipment can now be controlled remotely using Virtual Reality (VR) headsets and hand controllers.

Tim spoke about careers, industry, and training pathways. He was impressed with what our students were learning and saw them working on their own automation projects. NCAT and Komatsu have now formed a partnership around the delivery of the Integrated Technologies qualification and this a further example of how NCAT works closely with industry partners to deliver industry relevant training to maximise students' employability skills.

Michael Stewart // Integrated Technologies Teacher



Students listening attentively to Tim speak



VR remote control of a large excavator

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Premier's VCE Awards

Great News!!! Xavier Cohen an Integrated Technologies external student at NCAT in 2020/21 recently won a prestigious Premier Award by achieving a study score of 48 (top in the state). This is the second Premier's award from our course after Joshua Redolfi previously won in 2017. In total we have had twelve students achieve a study score of 40 or higher since we started the course.



Xavier and Natasha Murthy had their projects displayed in this year's *Top Designs* exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. Click on the link below to see their projects:

[VCE VET Integrated Technologies - Top Designs2022 - Melbourne Museum \(museumsvictoria.com.au\)](https://www.museumsvictoria.com.au)

We celebrate their success and encourage you or anyone you know to enrol in our course if you/they have a passion and desire for a career in electronics/computer networking/robotics/automation industries.

Michael Stewart // Integrated Technologies Teacher



Xavier receiving his award from The Hon Natalie Hutchins, Minister of Education

Digital Art and Visual Design Year 10 Arts

Perspective in art usually refers to the representation of three-dimensional objects or spaces in two-dimensional artworks. Perspective can also mean a point of view – the position from which an individual or group of people see and respond to, the world around them. Students have been asked to use *Adobe Illustrator* and *Photoshop* to illustrate a built environment, demonstrating their understanding of perspective. They have also been asked to incorporate a human or animal figure utilising foreshortening. To do this they have followed a design process that includes research, generation of ideas, and development of concepts. There were many technical challenges however all students rose to the challenge. Well done year 10s!

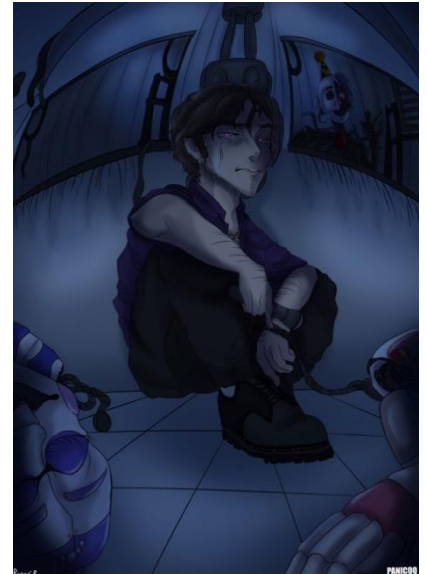
Daniella Tigani // Digital Art and Visual Design Year 10 Arts



Olivia McAndrew



Chloe Condello



Renee Pirdis



Willard Ryan

Auto Car Wash for Blue Tree

The Automotive students researched the *Blue Tree Foundation* and other not for profit organisations as part of their work for Personal Development Studies in VCAL. The students decided to run a fundraiser to help support this organisation in their work regarding mental health awareness. On Tuesday 7th June, the students washed several cars for a modest donation of \$5.00. Because of the generosity of NCAT staff in offering their cars to be washed and supporting the cause, \$100.00 was raised. The students should be congratulated for their fabulous effort.

Kate Dermody // VCAL Personal Development

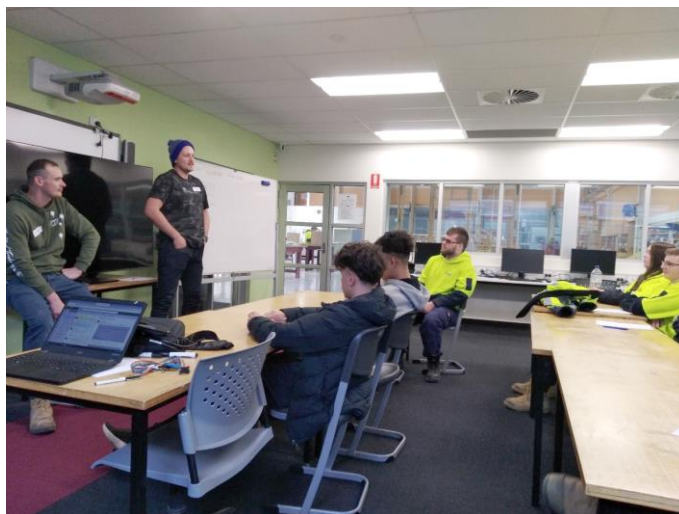


Ara, Athan, Oscar, Leo, Lucas, Lucas and Daniel in the Auto workshop.

Electrical Trades Union Visit

As part of the Personal Development class in VCAL, students need to organise information sessions and fundraisers for non-profit organisations. Riley Veal, a senior electro student, organised for two representatives of the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) to present information about careers for future electricians on Thursday, August 7, 2022. Jimmy and Al discussed various opportunities, wage rates and work conditions with the students and answered questions about their own careers in the trade. At the end of the talk, the students were provided with stickers, face masks and a copy of the EBA for Victorian members. Many thanks to Riley for organising the visit and to the ETU for their help and support.

Kate Dermody // VCAL Personal Development and Riley Veal // Student

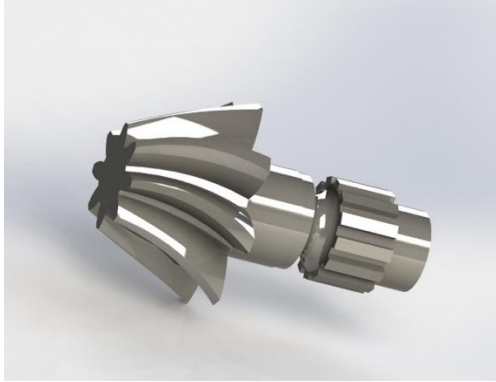


Al and Jimmy from the ETU and the electro students.

10T Design and ICT

Year 10 students have been completing lessons on how to create engineered parts in *Solidworks* computer aided design. They have created some terrific examples and are proud of their efforts.

Craig Illman // 10T Design and ICT



Blake George - Helical Gear



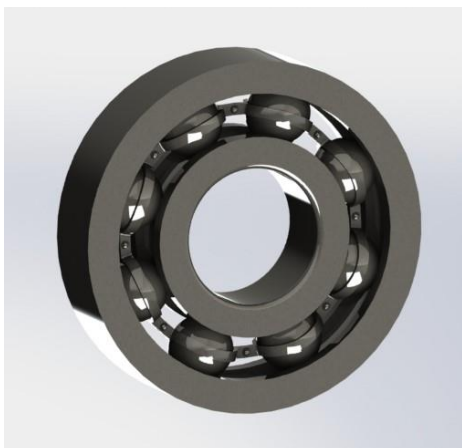
Jack Honey - BMW Rim



Anastasia Sarikizis - Exhaust Manifold



Michael Vadala - Bearing Puller



Kyan Davis Holmes - Ball Bearing



Hamish Lambert - Pressure Plate

Humans of NCAT

Mina from the NCAT café

Alanna Faltis and Angelina Fuentes // Y12

What made you move to NCAT?

I wanted to work in a school. My background was administration, and I was an executive assistant at a lot of the big companies, but I just wanted to work in a school with kids. I decided that's what I wanted to do. One of the school mums whose kid went here said they were looking for somebody and I said, "Hey a foot in the door and I'll see how I go". I've been here for 6 years now.

Have you always wanted to work in the hospitality industry?

No, because my background was administration, but I love cooking. So now that I'm here I thoroughly enjoy cooking and I love it when the kids enjoy the food. It's really cool.

What have you learnt from this job?

I have learnt to be patient with the kids. I have learnt to cook different foods and to multitask.



What is a positive outcome from this job?

The kids! I've made so many friends with the kids and we love seeing the kids grow from year 10-12, it's wonderful. My achievement from being here is the kids!

Have you learnt any new skills?

Yeah, cooking on a grill. I've never cooked on a big industrial grill before because I was always at home.

What is your favourite recipe?

Gnocchi. I love making gnocchi from scratch!

Year 11 Arts Immersion

Creative Enterprise students have been busy learning new skills this term, including how to design for and use the new laser cutter, and learning how to do silk screen printing. Students have collaboratively created their own small businesses based on unique product designs and will showcase these items for sale at the upcoming *Couchfest* music and arts festival at the college on the 15th of September. Expect to see a range of bespoke wares for sale including laser cut earrings, stickers, key chains and more!

Rachel O'Connor // Year 11 Arts Immersion



Gemma Versace, Yusef Shakeri and Ashwin Peach



Alicia Adorna, with Yusef Shakeri, Aaliyah Stewart, Emerson McKenna, Ari Benshemesh, Sienna Sorrentino-Borg and teaching support Matthew McLaughlin.

Year 11 Building and Construction

Students recently completed competencies relating to safe work procedures when erecting and dismantling work platforms at heights below 4m.

Robert Pergolizzi // Year 11 Building and Construction



Nick Bowler, Jaxon Baulch, Archie Nelson, Andre Tona, Sailor Martino, Harrison Gould, Christian Santarpino, Kiana Fiddaman, Nathan Williams, Yusuf Mahomed Osman

10A Multimedia

It's 10As turn to explore digital compositions using Photoshop. Cutting, cropping and pasting images were used to create these exciting digital mash ups. Sean created a landscape for the frog to explore while Henry and Mia made us look deeply into their eyes. Lilli's successful blue portrait composition combined several layers and different techniques.

Marcus Newman // Year 10 Multimedia



Sean Paterson



Henry Driscoll



Lilli Wright



Mira Rowlands

Year 11 Studio Arts Photography

In Studio Arts Photography, the Year 11 students took portraits of others and themselves in a variety of environments that best captured their personalities using analogue and digital mediums. Some students were interested in using the studio, whereas others preferred photographing outdoors and at home, experimenting with masking and adjustment layers in Photoshop.

Gemma Saunders // Studio Arts Photography



Gemma Versace - Model - Grace Davidson



Christian Gallo



Steph Hocking



Dante Fry

NCAT Fashion Week 2022

As part of the Art Immersion program, students from Years 11 and 12 participated in NCAT Fashion Week 2022 as part of the VCAL personal development skills unit. Over two weeks, students worked in groups to collaborate on designing and creating a wearable fashion item inspired by nature. Students used Italian-made crepe paper donated to the college and attended workshops to learn and practice techniques of using the material. Once the garments were complete, each group organised their own hair, makeup, and models to advertise their final works in a photoshoot, photographed by photography teacher Gemma Saunders.



Alicia, Paige, Ashwin, Yusef and Magenta - Model Alicia



Emma, Alice, Ophelia and Mary - Model Emma



Gemma, Aelita, Ari and Hayley - Model Aelita

Year 10 Media

Inspired by their surroundings, Year 10 Media students are creating a film about a group of students stuck in detention together. After not getting along, the group are tasked with creating an anti-bullying campaign. To create this film, Year 10 students have worked together to create characters, storyboards and the script. Throughout the filming process, everyone has chipped in as a director while certain students have been working on their camera skills. They are now in the process of editing it together.

Natasha Stamos // Year 10 Media

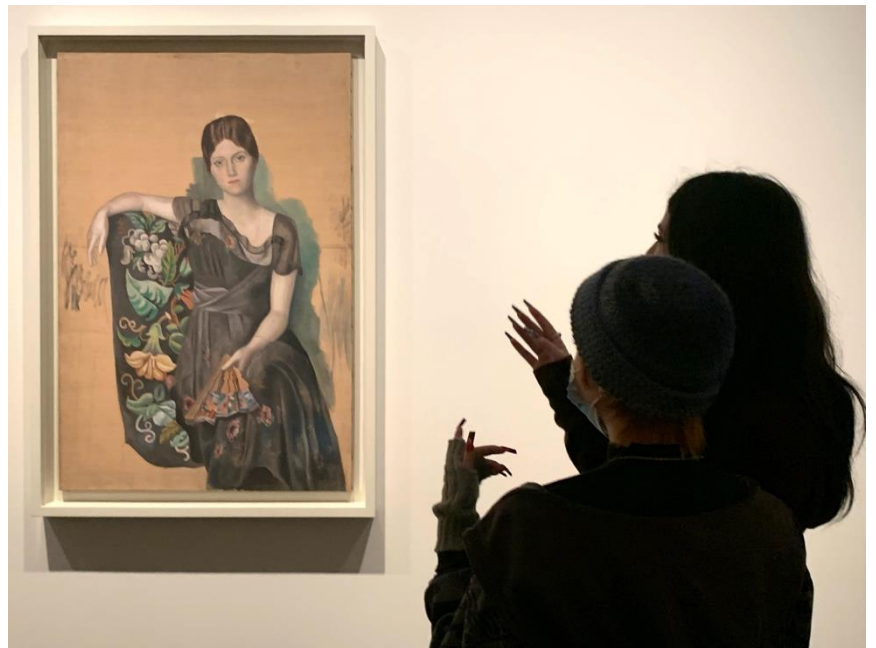


Senior Art Excursion

Students from Art Immersion and VCE Studio Arts recently attended *The Picasso Century*, 2022's Winter Masterpieces exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. It was wonderful to have so many passionate art students in one space, with many heated discussions on the merits and misconduct of Picasso - the man and the artist.

In addition to a pre-viewing lecture at the gallery students from both programs had previously studied Picasso's oeuvre, with Art Immersion students also undertaking a workshop exploring cubist principles through sculptural works using cardboard.

Kylie O'Malley // Arts Immersion



NCAT PHOTOGRAPHY CHARITY AUCTION

Congratulations to the NCAT Photography students who exhibited as part of a group show entitled PENUMBRA at Missing Persons Gallery. Serendipitously held on World Photography Day, PENUMBRA was a gelatin silver print exhibition and silent auction. With all 75 prints sold the students raised over \$3000 with all proceeds to be donated to the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service.

Irene Alessandro // NCAT Photography Program Leader



COUCH FEST '22

THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

5:30PM - 9:00PM

LIVE MUSIC
40+ BANDS!!!
4 STAGES

DANCE PERFORMANCES
& ART PRODUCT STALLS



HYDRATION STATION
(BYO WATER BOTTLE)

FOOD VAN
& CAFE

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\$7 ADULTS
\$5 CONCESSION
\$20 GROUP OF 4
UNDER-12s FREE

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