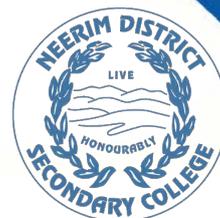


# Neerim District Secondary College

## News and Views



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### THE ENHANCE PROGRAM

The Enhance Program has had a great start to the year. I am amazed at the exciting opportunities available for our students in 2017! So far this fortnight we have:

- Organised for one of our Year 12 students to attend Kick StArt at the National Gallery of Victoria on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February.
- Signed up for Edrolo – Mr Conway explains about Edrolo later in the newsletter.
- Continued Senior Maths tutoring sessions.
- Registered interest in sending a team of two Year 10 or 11 students to the Model United Nations Assembly, organised by Rotary and to be held at Phillip Island in May.
- Distributed information to students about exchange opportunities which would allow them to study overseas for a semester or a year.
- Received an invitation for students to participate in the 2017 Indigenous Engineering Winter School at RMIT in July.
- 'Kicked-off' Mr Biffin's Football Academy.

I have also been sent lots of fun Virtual Learning sessions which would be great for our students.

Interested students should see Mrs Timpano in the Library.



### OUR SPONSORS

We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors for their support throughout this year. With your continued generosity and commitment we have been able to improve the educational opportunities available to students. We strongly encourage our parents and the wider community to please support these wonderful local businesses that sponsor our school so well.

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# THE ENHANCE PROGRAM

## FOOTBALL ACADEMY UPDATE

Students have began the year well in relation to the first uptake of athletes into the NDSC football academy. Sessions have returned to two nights at the moment, Tuesday (3:30-4:30pm) and Wednesday (4:30-5:30pm), with a number of students making regular attendance. It should be noted that students aren't expected to make both nights, it is only to allow students with different schedules make at least one of the sessions.

Emphasis at the beginning of the year has been on education around training types and injury prevention, whilst every squad member has had their kicking technique analysed and feedback administered around how they can improve their kicking efficiency. Students will again receive feedback in 8 weeks giving them time to implement the strategies that will allow them to increase their overall kicking proficiency.

Training tops that were ordered at the end of last year finally arrived with personalised student names and local community supporters the Bendigo Community Bank, Stewy Davis Automotive and Neerim South IGA proudly displayed. Their ongoing support to the college community is greatly appreciated.

Finally the squad of 18 students has already had some success with Tyler Joachim within the level 2 academy being invited to train with an AFL Gippsland Development Squad for his age group. Tyler now joins Chandra Abrahams from the level 1 academy in their involvement with the AFL Gippsland, as Chandra has now been a member of the Gippsland Power setup for a while with her training progressing well. We look forward to seeing our students improvement over the coming weeks and look forward to introducing the program to incoming Year 7s soon.



## NEW TO THE ENHANCE PROGRAM... INTRODUCING Edrolo

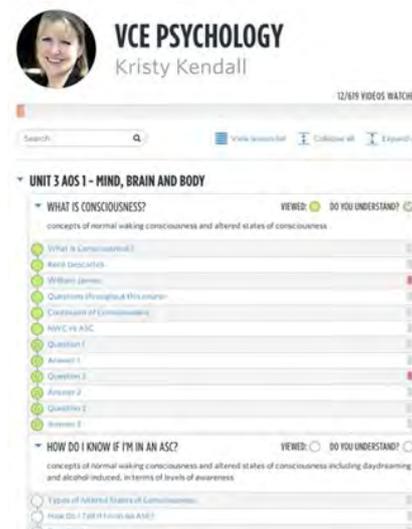
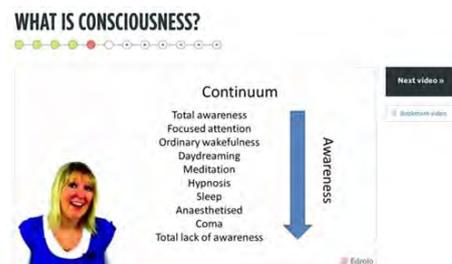
### What is Edrolo?

Edrolo is a video tool used for VCE students to complement and extend their learning in the classroom. Edrolo is a series of videos, summary notes and interactive quizzes delivered by the **best VCE teachers in the state!**

It allows students to **extend** and **enhance** their current learning, not only developing a deeper interest in a particular subject, but also extending their knowledge. Edrolo allows students to work at their own pace, either faster and/or ahead of the class, or easily catch up on any content they may have missed, or not understood the first time.

**Topic Videos** – An engaging and easy to follow video explains all required knowledge in detail

**Quizzes** – A series of quizzes designed to challenge even the most gifted students, with immediate video feedback for each question to clarify any areas of misunderstanding.



Also included are summary PDF notes, and an easy to use study planner. This allows students to see what content they have

If you are a VCE student interested in **ENHANCEing** your time learning a particular subject, please contact either Ms Vaya Dauphin or Ms Jill Timpano for more information about applying to the **Neerim District Secondary College Enhance Program: Edrolo!**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Continuing the conversation about ATTENDANCE

Every day of absence adds up (in primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of Grade 6. This is the ground we have to make up in secondary school).

NDSC, along with three other schools has been successful in securing funding to undertake a project investigating School Refusal. As a part of this project, we have been exploring common problems parents' experience, which make it difficult for parents to get their child/ren to school.

A major challenge parents have identified is in managing their child/ren's screen time. A child who is up till 1am on the internet is extremely reluctant to get out of bed in the morning! Many parents battle with their child/ren every day over internet and screen time.

We recommend that parents manage their child/ren's devices in the following ways:

- No screen time for at least one hour before bed time
- No devices in the bedroom (light disrupts our natural circadian sleep rhythm, which leads to poor sleep); this may mean that mobile devices (that can beep and bleep all night) may need to be locked away
- Parents monitor their child/ren's online behaviours – put in place parental controls so that children cannot access inappropriate material, i.e. pornography, violent clips etc
- Parents monitor their child's social media use – **and** whether they are up late answering texts etc (not an issue if the phone is removed from the bedroom).

*The best cure is prevention – establishing responsible behaviours early is the best approach.*

**Lastly, please note that ALL students are expected to be at school every day – NDSC students are expected to attend the Swimming Carnival even if they are not swimming.**

### Useful sites to help you manage screen time

If you would like some advice regarding these sites, please contact the College.

### Telstra Internet Controls

Parental Controls and Homework Time help you manage your children's safety and exposure online. Parental Controls provide a single set of protection for the entire household, as long as the device they're using is connected to your Telstra home broadband service.

Find out more at: <https://www.telstra.com.au/support/category/broadband/security/how-to-use-parental-controls-and-homework-time#ParentalControls>



EVERY  
DAY  
COUNTS  
Primary school attendance

### Kidslox - Parental Controls App for iOS & Android

Kidslox parental control solution is the perfect way to manage your family's screen time. Our parental controls let you block apps, block internet and filter web content with ease. One account is all you need to add as many iPhones, iPads, iPods, Android phones and tablets and other mobile devices as you have in your family. Prioritise your family time now by placing daily limits on your child's screen time.

### OpenDNS

**PROTECT EVERY DEVICE IN YOUR HOME, INSTANTLY. OPENDNS SETTINGS APPLY TO EVERY DEVICE** – laptops, smartphones, tablets, DVRs, game consoles, TVs, literally anything that connects to the internet. We're the **world's leading DNS service**, meaning you'll see noticeably faster internet speeds as well: <https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/>

### Before school yard duty supervision

Please be aware that the school's hours of supervision are from 8:30am each morning. Parents are discouraged from sending their children to school before this time.

Vaya Dauphin  
College Principal

Tristan Mether  
IT Coordinator

## CALL FOR FURTHER NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Following the close of nominations, the number of nominations received is less than the number of vacancies. I encourage parents to become involved with our School Council. This is a great way to learn more about the school and your child's education, but also is an excellent way to give back to the community.

Self-Nomination forms are available from the school office, or upon request can be posted or emailed and must be lodged by 3.30 pm on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**.

**If you would further information about School Council participation please contact me to discuss on 5628 1455.**

Vaya Dauphin  
College Principal

## GOOD NEWS POSTCARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a good news postcard: Bethany Sayburn, Jacob Findlater, Hannah Rhodes & Charlotte Hoddinott.



### PBS LINK IS HERE!

Don't forget to register details of receiving a postcard by ringing NDSC on 5628 1455 or 5628 1201 after hours to go in the draw to win a community sponsored prize.

***PBS IS A MARATHON. NOT A SPRINT.***

## MISSING TABLE

One of the tables from our road-side shelter has gone missing. It is a single piece, metal table with attached bench seats. If you know anything about this, please contact the College on 56281455.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates to Remember		
<b>February</b>	Monday 27	Swimming Sports
	Tuesday 28	West Gippsland Swimming
<b>March</b>	Monday 6	VCE Information Night - <b>CHANGE OF DATE</b>
	Thursday 9	Year 9 -National Trust & Old Melbourne Gaol
	Monday 13	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 14 - Friday 17	Year 7 Camp

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<p>Thai Restaurant &amp; Take away, 115 Main Rd, Neerim South. 5628 1064</p>	<p><b>Serigraph GALLERY</b></p> <p>157 Main Road Neerim South 5628 1519</p>	<p>CHARTERED AUGUST 30th, 1960</p> <p><b>NEERIM DISTRICT LIONS CLUB</b></p>	<p><b>S.D.A.</b> VICC Stewy Davis Automotive</p> <p>Mechanical and Electrical Repairs Professional and Personal Touch www.stewydavisautomotive.com.au</p> <p>37-39 Queen Street Neerim South 3831 Phone: (03) 5628 1104</p>



## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

**WELCOME TO  
PENINSULA CINEMAS WARRAGUL  
OUR MAJOR SPONSOR FOR 2017**



Cinema Arcade,  
Victoria Street,  
Warragul  
Ph 5622 1399

## CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Contact Stuart Nicolson at the College if you wish to apply for consideration for this program. To be eligible you need to:

- Hold a current Health care card.
- Be attending your nearest school
- Live more than 4.8 km from school and
- Live more than 4.8 km from the nearest available bus service.

## AAA AWARD

The AAA award rewards consistent effort and citizenship in our students and recognizes the contribution that they make to the life of the College.

This week's winner is Kyle Clarke of Year 11. Kyle was nominated by all VCAL staff for his excellent leadership and initiative.

Congratulations Kyle, a reward is on its way to you courtesy of the Walter Haines Foundation.



## UPDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Parents would have received a Student Enrolment Information Form for your child/ren. Please complete and return these to office asap, even if there are no changes so we maintain accurate records for your child/ren. If you did not receive a form please contact the office and an additional form will be sent home.



## PEER SUPPORT

Our Year 11 peer support leaders have started working with the Year 7 students. The Year 11 students help the Year 7s transition into secondary school life, by teaching them about all of the processes involved at NDSC. Peer support leaders will also attend the Year 7 camp in March.



## RELAY FOR LIFE

March 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Warragul Velodrome



Team NDSC is going strong, with over 20 participants signed up and ready to go! We have already raised over \$500 for the Anti-Cancer Council due to participant sign-ups, and we aim to raise more through the Relay for Life raffle, out of uniform day, swimming sports BBQ and donations. Raffle tickets are available from the general office for \$2, and prices include a \$1500 travel voucher, two nights accommodation in Metung and more! It is not too late to join the NDSC team – speak to Ms. Hopkins for more details.

## FREE DRESS DAY

A free dress day will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. A gold coin donation is required, with all proceeds going towards donations from the NDSC Relay for Life team. The theme is wear as much purple as possible!!

## SWIMMING SPORTS BBQ

A reminder that there will be a BBQ at the swimming sports. Sausages in bread and cans of soft drink will be available to purchase.

## VCE WELCOME EVENING

All VCE students and their parents and guardians are invited to attend our VCE Information Evening on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**.



This evening will focus on providing information to help you and your child better understand the requirements and demands of VCE; including helpful tips and advice to support your child through their senior years of schooling.

This year all VCE students are required to attend an afternoon study and skills session, before all parents and guardians are invited to join them for a BBQ with their teachers.

The evening will be structured as follows:

3.30 - 3.45pm – Afternoon tea

3.45 - 4.30pm – Study skills and timetabling

4.30 - 5.00pm - Study/homework session

5.00 - 5.45pm – Meet and greet BBQ

5.45 - 6.30pm – Information and round table session

We strongly encourage all parents and guardians of VCE students to attend. This evening is an important part of our school year, not only to help you understand the demands of VCE, but for you and your child to speak with teachers and discuss your child's individual learning needs.

**Stephanie Clark**

**Later Years Coach**

## YEAR 7 CAMP

Year 7 students will be receiving the paperwork about Year 7 camp this week. The camp will be held at Nayook Outdoor Education Centre from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.



Please return the forms and monies to the office as soon as possible. The cost of the camp will be \$125.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Locklier or Mrs Hopkins.

## PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT WHO ARRIVE LATE

It is very important that the school keeps accurate accountability of student attendance for Emergency Management purposes.



Students who arrive late are required to sign in at the office with either a parent or a note from their parents explaining the reason for being late and collect a **LATE PASS** from office staff as evidence that they have signed in.

Students must present this **LATE PASS** to the classroom teacher. If a student arrives late without a pass teachers will send the student to the office to sign in and collect a pass.

We appreciate the support of parents in the implementation

# IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

## Absences

We are aware that at times your child may be unwell and unable to attend school. If your child will be absent from school parents are requested to ring the school absence line on 5628 1201 and let us know the reason for the absence.

If your child is absent for an extended period of time due to illness, it is recommended that you contact their coordinator to discuss whether it is appropriate to send school work home so that your child does not fall behind in class.

Any students doing a Year 12 subject who are absent due to illness **MUST** get a medical certificate from their doctor to give to Mr Vincent explaining their absence.

We strongly encourage parents to make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours, .

## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Parents and families who have a valid concession card may be eligible to apply for an allowance to use towards the cost of camps, sports and excursions. The annual amount for a secondary school student is \$225. To apply, parents or caregivers will need to complete an application form which they can obtain from the general office, and present their valid concession/health care card.

The money is forwarded to the school in Term 1, and is then credited against your child's account. It can only be used for camps, sports and excursions. Any funds not used this year will carry over to the following year.

**If you have not already submitted an applications for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) for this year please do so as soon as possible, forms can be obtained from the office if you require one.**

## EXCURSION FORMS AND PAYMENT

A reminder to parents that excursion forms and payment must be returned at least the day prior to the excursion to prevent cancellation of that activity. For your convenience you can now provide consent and payment through Compass.

**If you wish to become a school sponsor please contact Mr Stuart Nicolson at the school on 5628 1455 to discuss.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### YOGA

#### **Orana Centre, Neerim South**

Monday:	6.30 – 8.00 pm	General Class – All Levels
Tuesday:	9.30 – 11.00 am	General Class – All Levels
First Wednesday of each month	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Restorative - Rest & Renew (For Everyone)

#### **Bliss in the Bush Studio, Noojee**

Wednesday:	10.30 – 12.00 noon	General Class – All Levels
Wednesday: 8 March 2017	6.00- 8.00 pm	Back to Basics Workshop (Beginners and those with injuries)

For more information contact Gaye on 0458699 580 or [gaye.trean@gmail.com](mailto:gaye.trean@gmail.com)