Principal Report
The 2015 School Year Commences
Welcome back to the start of the 2015 school year, and particularly to those students and parents who are for the first time becoming part of our College community.

It has been another smooth and positive start to the school year. Phoenix P-12 Community College is proudly on display at all levels of both campuses, with over 250 new students gaining a perspective on our strong culture targeted at success and a platform based on our ‘$million student mantra’.

The College motto ‘In Knowledge there is Opportunity’ and the College values of ‘Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Cooperation and Excellence’ continue to underlie all aspects associated with the high expectation agenda across the College. SENSATIONAL!!!

College DUX of VCE and VCAL – Class of 2014
It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge our 2014 VCE and VCAL Dux of the College.

Each year we now recognise the most outstanding student in both Year 12 pathways, that being VCE and VCAL in this process. Congratulations to Kassandra Snibson, the VCE Dux of 2014, who achieved outstanding scores in all her six areas of study. An incredible achievement and we wish her well at Deakin University studying a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy.

Sallyann Matthews was awarded the VCAL Dux of 2014 for exceptional achievement in this pathway of study. Sallyann is working at the Regent Cinemas Ballarat for the year.

Within our 2014 Year 12 group, 60 applied for further study; of these 59 were offered places in the first round offers, above 98% success. All 59 students have since taken up tertiary offers for 2015. Incredible! Well done! This highlights once again the ability of our College staff team to provide highly successful pathway outcomes for our students. What pathway in 2015 have they chosen to take?

Pictured above: Mr Andrew Greed, Assistant Principal Senior School, VCE Dux Kassandra Snibson, VCAL Dux Sallyann Matthews and Mr Scott Dellar - Executive Principal.

Tiana Drever
Bachelor of Exercise Science - Federation University
Jessica Keen
Bachelor of Radiology - RMIT
Savannah Rodgers
Bachelor of International Law – Deakin University
Ashley Evans
Bachelor of Biomedical Science - Deakin University
Maddison Sharp
Bachelor of Business Education - Federation University
Alana Ryan
Bachelor of Criminology - Deakin University
Jack McNab
Bachelor of Commerce – Federation University
Jacob Avietti
Bachelor of Engineering & Mining – Federation University
Claire Blower
Bachelor of Education - Federation University
Aimee Conroy
Bachelor of Nursing - Australian Catholic University (Aquinas)

Phoenix P-12 Community College – College Student Support Structure
The strategic change embedded last year to our College structure continues to evolve in 2015, with the College now broken up into five ‘Learning Villages’, one at the Redan Campus (P-6) and four at the Sebastopol Campus (7-12).
A staff team will be aligned to each group of students and provide a comprehensive Pastoral Care approach across the school, where staff at all levels of the Village will have a strong knowledge and understanding of their students; both as an individual and as a learner in the 21st Century. The concept is based on strong evidence and research and follows the adage ‘it takes a Village to raise a child’, something we know provides high level success for the students of today!!

The ‘Learning Village’ platform has been put in place to further advance and support the school improvement strategies of our current College Strategic Plan (2012 – 2015). 2015 will see a stronger and more individualised learning culture continue to grow as we unpack further the vision that is Phoenix P-12 Community College.

The College Staff Leadership Team involved in all facets of this initiative is as follows:

◊ Ms. Angela Quinn (Assistant Principal) – Student Learning/Special Programs.
◊ Mrs. Karen Snibson (Assistant Principal) – Head of Middle School/Student Engagement & Wellbeing.
◊ Mr. Andrew Greed (Assistant Principal) – Head of Senior School/Pathways & Transitions.
◊ Mr. Michael Benoit (Assistant Principal) – Head of Junior School/Student Learning.
◊ Mr. Wayne Johnston (Acting Assistant Principal) – Teaching & Learning.
◊ Mr. Josh Ebbels (Acting Assistant Principal) – Wellbeing and DOTS Pathway Program.

Phoenix P-12 Community College/Resource Upgrades

A lot has happened in readiness for the 2015 school year as outlined below:

• Stage 2 of the School building program is well underway; we will be definitely taking possession from July of two new Learning wings ...ready for a Term 3 start. This will be fantastic for our students and the community as it completes the facilitation of the five Learning Villages across the College ... ‘State of the Art’ facilities ... Incredible learning and community spaces ... Bring it on!!

• Ballarat Health Services have almost finished construction of the new $8million Dental Health facility and training area with scheduled opening in April / May of this year.

• Painting of classrooms across the Redan and Sebastopol campuses has been finished, and this has included a series of office spaces and student areas as well. This forms part of our ongoing maintenance program which sees all internal walls and learning spaces painted bi-annually.

• The major upgrade to the Primary Campus breezeway area along with a full redevelopment of the Redan Campus Bell Room area is almost complete. This is almost $50,000 of capital works and will offer significant improvement to these student facilities. A finish to this construction contract is scheduled by the end of next week ... Magic stuff ... Renovated areas are looking fantastic.

• All classrooms on the Redan Campus have had new ICT monitor upgrades with the final area, being the Multi-Purpose (BER), scheduled for a completion date of late February.

• You will also note that upgraded laptops and iPads are being reconfigured throughout both campuses to continue our ICT upgrade plan. In addition to this the wireless capacity has been increased throughout classrooms to allow for high eLearning flexibility across the College. Special thanks to Brendan O’Brien for his great work in this Stage 5 installation component of this ICT project.

• The BA@Phoenix is again well underway and about to commence Orientation Days for prospective students later this month, with two classes operating this year. These will occur in the Sebastopol campus Conference Room.

• 120 new laptops and another 60 iPads will be rolled out across both campuses to further improve our access to this ICT domain; final installation of this latest equipment will occur shortly.

New College Staff for 2015

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following staff:

• DOTS - Jacinta Murrihy teaching in our DOTS Alternative Pathway Program.
• Learning Support Area - Annie Maddison, Samantha Hay and Judy Rae.
• Redan Primary Campus - Lisa Treuel and Jessica Symons in our Early Years Prep – 1 Team.
• Jessica Cox, Andrea Hood and Megan Lindus will form part of our Years 2-4 Learning Team.
• Katherine Lee-Clark will support our Literacy Intervention Program and Administration Sebastopol Secondary Campus.
• Alice Vincent and Sarah Stephens will be part of our secondary Maths / Science team.
• Kiya Eberle will be in the learning areas of VCAL/ Food Technology along with Wendy Tangey who has returned from Delacombe Primary School.
• Tahanyth Webster-Otto will add to our Performing Arts Team; Brodie Glen will deliver VET Music and Reuben Morgan Instrumental Music. Exciting!
• As well as this - Kai Nunn has returned from family leave for 2015. Great to have her back.
• Traineeships - Rebecca Meadows - HAPE Trainee, Rachelle Jackson – 2nd Year Administration Trainee, Simone McNeight – 2nd year Food Technology Trainee and Brendon Leeheane - ICT Trainee.

This staff group adds another dimension to our Teaching,
Learning and School Support Teams across P-12; fantastic to have them all on deck. An amazing year ahead. Welcome and enjoy the transition into our Phoenix P-12 Community College family.

**College Student Leadership Teams**

Congratulations again to this group. We look forward to working with them on a series of major school and student initiatives across the year. The 2015 College Student Leadership Team comprises of 68 students. The duly elected 2015 Student Leadership group is as follows:

**College Captains**
Shellby Lonie and Caleb Daly

**College Vice Captains**
Kristopher Keays, Casey Shevlin, Lamourety Folly and Danae Newman.

**House Captains**
Maddison Harris, Aleasha Kelly, Tayla Niblett, Angela O’Neill, Clare Shelton, Sanjay Sebastian, Rachael Keen, Tameka Clinton, Joshua Long, Ally Dennis, Emiley Cody, Daniel McKay, Emma Linahan, Max Eastman, Lunophare Folly, Lochlan Stewart, Lachlan Storey, Amber Dennis, Mariah-Jayne Ford and Shakira Strickland.

**Student Representative Council**

**Primary Mentors**
Tayla Niblett, Angela O’Neill, Johnathon Bui and Joshua Wells.

Finally, it’s been a great beginning to the year across the College. As mentioned a large number of new students have joined the Phoenix P-12 family, in particular 180 of these being at Year 7; 43 at Prep, along with new students entering all year levels from Years 1 => 12. All students have spent their first week being introduced to a lot of new learning and it has been fantastic to see the way in which they have involved themselves in the tasks being undertaken. Congratulations to all Student Leaders for their support and guidance of these groups. Enjoy 2015 ….. as we embark on another incredible year of learning and opportunity.

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**Phil Findlay**

It is with much sadness that I inform the College Community that Phil Findlay, who worked at the College for over 36 years (since 1978), tragically passed away on Monday 19th January 2015. Phil was an exceptional strategic thinker, educationalist and school leader who made an outstanding contribution to students, the school and wider Ballarat community.

Some of his accomplishments are listed below:

- Phil was involved in a number of international staff/student study tours to support youth development.
- He was a major contributor in forming the Dental Health Facility Partnership with Ballarat Heath; was on the development team behind the vision that is the BSCHub; led the ongoing high profile alliance with ‘The Smith Family’ and was part of the Leadership Team who formulated the merger of Redan Primary School and Sebastopol College in 2011, that has created the vision that is Phoenix P-12 Community College.

The Phoenix P-12 Community College Council, staff and students express their deepest sympathy to Jenny (Findlay) and family on the tragic passing of Phil. He will be remembered as a highly regarded colleague and friend who had a visionary impact on so many parts of our College Community.

**Scott Dellar**

Executive Principal - Phoenix P-12 Community College
What is a College Council and what does it do?
All government Colleges in Victoria have a College Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a College within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a College Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the College provides for its students.

Who is on the College Council?
There are three possible categories of membership:
• A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s College as long as they are not employed at the College.
• A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of College Council. The Principal of the College is automatically one of these members.
• An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the Council because of their special skills, interests or experiences.

DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.
The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual College Council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on College Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the College.
Those parents who become active on a College Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:
Standing for election as a member of the College Council. Encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on College Council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s College and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the College’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The Principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All College Council elections must be completed by the end of March.
If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
DET employees whose child is enrolled in a College in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the College Council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.
If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
Ask at the College for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
Consider standing for election to Council this year.
Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the College or Principal for further information.

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phoenix.p12.cc@edumail.vic.gov.au

EVENT | DATE
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a. Notice of election and call for nominations | Wednesday 4th February 2015
b. Closing date for nominations | Thursday 19th February 2015 @ 4.00pm
c. The date by which the list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed. | Friday 20th February 2015
d. The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed | Friday 20th February 2015
e. Close of ballot | Friday 27th February 2015 @ 4.00pm
f. Vote Count | Friday 27th February 2015
g. Declaration of ballot | Friday 27th February 2015
h. Annual General College Council meeting to appoint Community members (the Principal will preside) | Monday 23rd March 2015
i. First College Council meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside) | Monday 23rd March 2015
SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

The start of the school year for Senior Students is a confusing and busy time. For the year to be a successful one the students need to make sure they are organised in all facets of their lives. The following checklist is a guideline as to what has worked in the past. Students will need the help of their Parents/Guardians to assist and remind them of the importance of the following points.

- Students need to ensure they have a timetable that reflects their Career Pathway.
- Students need to plan a school, work and personal life time table.
- Students need to stay healthy by eating well, exercising and getting eight hours sleep a night.
- Students need a quiet and effective study area at home.

The most important thing of all – students need to make themselves aware of the VCAA guidelines for assessment as all schools in Victoria operate under these guidelines. Primarily students need to do the following to successfully complete the year.

- Complete the work in class and hand it in on time.
- Make sure it is their work.
- Keep absences low and ensure if they are absent that they have professional evidence. Eg. Medical Certificate. (Notes from home are NOT acceptable to the VCAA.)

Students who follow these guidelines will have a far greater chance of success in 2015 and we wish each student the best.

Mr Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal - Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

What a sensational start to the year. We have had new students begin in Middle School from Years 7 to 9. We would like to welcome all new students to the College and hope that all will make the most of the learning opportunities on offer at Phoenix P-12 Community College.

There will be a welcome BBQ in the Community Hub for Year 7 students and their families on Tuesday 17th February from 5:30 – 7:00 pm; gold coin donation on entry. We encourage all students and families to attend. Most students have now been allocated lockers. Any issues with timetables and subject allocations need to be sorted out with the appropriate House Manager. House Managers will be calling the parents of all new students and Year 7's in the next week or so to discuss their student’s transition to secondary school.

Uniform Update:

We would like to acknowledge the efforts that students and families have made to ensure that students are in full College uniform. On the whole the students look fantastic. We are aware that both uniform suppliers, Crockers and Lowes, have now run out of College socks. If this affects you then in the interim girls are to wear plain white socks and boys are to wear plain grey socks. The College has a small supply of plain socks to assist those experiencing difficulty. Please note that GLOBE socks are not permitted school wear. Uniform suppliers have let us know that they expect the next consignment of socks to arrive mid-February. From this point it will be possible to buy the socks in a 3 pack. The PE bag is a part of the required PE equipment. Please ensure that you mark the student’s name in the designated space. All uniform items should be clearly named so that any lost items can be returned.

- The period of transition to the Phoenix uniform has lapsed. This will mean that this winter all girls will be expected to be wearing the College skirt, blouse and jumper. Please ensure that you are making plans for the colder weather now.
- The rule regarding facial piercings remains unchanged. The ONLY acceptable facial piercing is a small nose stud.

Korean Cultural Exchange:

On 28th January the first delegation of 15 students and two teachers arrived from Hadan Middle school and Gwangyang Jecheol Middle School. They will stay with us until 17th February. We extend our thanks to the following families for hosting Korean students during the stay – Greed, Crocker, Chan, Humber, Thomson, Ebbs, Snibson, Liston and Clarke. During the visitation the students will experience classes at Phoenix P-12 Community College as well as participate in a number of excursions to key local and Victorian icons, such as Sovereign Hill and the Great Ocean Road. As we are in the process of setting up sister school relationships, we expect that before too long there will be opportunities for Phoenix College students to visit Korea. Both of these Middle Schools are located in the Busan district which is the second largest city in South Korea.

Mrs. Karen Snibson Assistant Principal - Middle School

Mr Scott Dellar - Executive Principal
In late January I had the pleasure of travelling to Bannockburn to see Angela O’Neill, one of our Year 12 Student Leaders, presented with the Golden Plains Young Australian of the Year Award. This is fitting recognition of all the work that Angela puts into her school and the local community. Angela has an impressive CV of leadership activities and awards and is never too busy to give back to the community. We would like to congratulate Angela on this award.

Mrs. Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal

Next Gen Exhibition 2015

Five students from Phoenix P-12 Community College have been successful in exhibiting their art work at the Art Gallery of Ballarat. Next Gen is the Art Gallery of Ballarat annual showcase of VCE artwork. The exhibition opened on Friday night with over 300 attending the official opening. The students were Bianca Eustice, Claire Redmond, Patrick Davey (Studio Arts), Connor Mitchell (Art) and Abigail Sorrell (VCAL Art). The exhibition at the Gallery runs through until 22nd March 2015. A must see exhibition that will have you amazed at the talent of the students involved.

Ms Sonia Kahanoff – Head of Science
Community Challenge students get their hands dirty...

In December 2014 the Community Challenge class began work on the Delacombe Community Garden in conjunction with the YMCA at Doug Dean reserve.

Students worked on the Sensory Garden and planted out a border of Kangaroo Paw and native grasses.

The students also got down and dirty and dug in four tyres as part of the activity space. The garden will continue to be a project for the Community Challenge class in 2015 and we are looking forward to creating the fruit and vegetable patch.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Maintaining Family details

Some families have contacted us to let us know they have relocated or changed their contact numbers, thank you. Please remember if any of your families personal details have changed you need to let the General Office know so our records are correct and we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

If you have a new or recently changed email, please make sure you let us know so the monthly Newsletter and family accounts can be delivered via email.

Family Accounts:

Statements were sent out during early January reflecting outstanding balances for 2014. Payment would be appreciated please.

The 2015 core educational costs have been added to family accounts - as per below. These costs are related to the education of your child and should be paid at your earliest convenience.

Core Charges for 2015

Primary Campus

Years P – 2: $200.00
Years 3 – 6: $230.00

Educational costs include Subject Fee, Amenities Fee, ICT Network and other Core Curriculum costs and include the cost of Swimming and all Curriculum based excursions (non-refundable) for the Primary Campus.

Camps are not included and will be an additional cost which are charged to the Family Account at the time of the activity.

Secondary Campus

Year 07: $330.00  Year 08: $300.00  Year 09: $250.00
Year 10: $250.00  Year 11: $240.00  Year 12: $240.00

Educational costs include Subject Charge, Amenities Fee, Other Core Curriculum costs and include Lockers, ID Cards, various Curriculum activities, ICT Network, Printing, College Magazine and the Student Diary/Handbook according to Year level requirements.

Additional costs:

Senior Elective fees (Years 8 – 12) are incurred when students choose their subjects and are charged to Family Accounts accordingly. Additional fees are incurred for Musical Instrument Hire, Specialist Sports, Years 8-12 (Including VCE) electives and other extra-curricular activities as selected. Elective charges will be processed at the beginning of the year for both Semesters.

Camps and some excursions are NOT included in the above charges and are charged nearer the time of the activity. Family receipt envelopes will be attached to all camp and excursion notices to be used for payment and MUST be returned to the College General Office or dropped in the "slot" for processing. Payment for excursions MUST be made one week prior to the excursion. For secondary students, additional costs for electives will also be added once subject selections are finalised. Excursions and camps will be invoiced near the time of the activity and must be paid prior to the activity.

As excursions are part of the curriculum. The College refund policy only supports refunds under exceptional circumstances.
Secondary School Vaccine Program
Transfer of contact information to local Council

Dear Parent/Carer,

The secondary school vaccine program helps ensure students and communities are protected from diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, human papillomavirus and chicken pox.

Local Councils deliver the program and schools distribute the vaccine consent forms.

Recently the *Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009* were amended to authorise schools to release parent and student information to local Councils so that Councils can follow up with parents after the consent forms have been distributed.

This means that we will provide your local Council with your contact details and a local Council representative may contact you with vaccine program information. If you do not wish for your details to be provided to your local Council, please advise me in writing before close of business 27th February 2015.

If you are unable to contact me by the above date you will need to contact the officer responsible for the vaccine program at your local Council in the event that you have queries about your contact details.

Every day immunisation saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and the disability caused by many infectious diseases. All Victorian secondary students can receive these vaccines for free through the school-based program.

The next step will be to return the student’s vaccine consent forms to the school. Without returning a consent form, a student may miss the opportunity to be vaccinated. It is important the consent forms are completed and returned to the school, regardless of whether you agree that the student will be vaccinated or not as part of the school-based program.

For further information please go to the following links:

- [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/Pages/complainschool.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/Pages/complainschool.aspx)

From your Executive Principal, Mr Scott Dellar
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**SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP**

BUY and SELL
Second-hand Textbooks
Second-hand Uniforms

Simply

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website - www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- An annual subscription to this service has been kindly provided by Phoenix P-12 Community College.

SECOND-HAND TEXTBOOK AND UNIFORM TRADING SYSTEMS

- List Wanted and For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school’s book and uniform lists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you:
  - Exactly the right items to buy
  - Who has the most items you need
  - The cheapest items
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
- Excellent email and telephone helplines are provided: 1300 683 337

If you require assistance:
Mrs. Annette Bedford
Parent Liaison can assist on 5329 3210. 9.30am - 4.00pm daily.

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SET UP REGULAR PAYMENTS - It makes payment of the costs much easier to manage if you are finding it more difficult to meet your obligations due to the changes to support funding.

We are happy to receive regular weekly or fortnightly deposits into your family accounts. Centrepay or BPAY makes it easy; once it is set up the money is deposited directly into your family account and allocated to costs. Any overpayment is held as credit and will be used to pay for excursions or other costs which may arise throughout the year.

Thank you to the many families who have paid their accounts, or commenced Centrepay or BPAY payments directly into their account. This is a great way to get on top of your outstanding fees. If anyone would like to discuss their account, or have questions around setting up regular instalments, please do not hesitate to contact the College. I am available any time if you wish to discuss a payment process. It would be appreciated if you could please try to pay these accounts as soon as you can.

Ms. Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager.

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e.g. medical certificate and/or after discussions with the co-ordinating staff member/Business Manager.
Victoria’s student and concession travel ticketing arrangements for 2015.

Proof of concession entitlement
All students aged 17 years and over, or those requiring a half yearly or yearly Student Pass (regardless of age), are required to obtain a 2015 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement.

2015 Victorian Student Pass
The Victorian Student Pass provides travel for students on all metropolitan trains, trams and buses, all regional bus services and all V/Line train and coach services operating wholly within Victoria. The Student Pass is issued on a Myki.

2015 Regional Transit Student Passes
Regional Transit Student Passes provide travel for students on buses in the Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo Transit Systems and limited V/Line rail services in these transit areas. The Regional Transit Student Pass is issued on a concession Myki. Regional Transit Student Passes for the Southwest Transit, Colac Transit and Portland Transit will continue to be issued as paper passes.

How to apply for a 2015 VPT Student Concession Card and/or a Student Pass
The 2015 VPT Student Concession Card & Student Pass Application Form can be obtained from:

→ Metropolitan premium train stations
→ PTV Hubs (Southern Cross Station and 750 Collins St, Docklands)
→ V/Line staffed stations and ticket agents
→ PTV Call Centre by calling 1800 800 007 (6am—midnight daily)
→ Online at ptv.vic.gov.au

Registration
Registration is optional for students who hold a student pass. It is, however, strongly recommended that students register their Myki online at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007 (6am—Midnight daily). Benefits of registering a Myki include:

• The balance on the Myki is protected if it is reported lost or stolen.
• Option to manage Myki with an online account.
• Option of auto top up for ‘Set and forget’ convenience.

If a Myki is not registered, there is no way for a student to recover the value held on the card in the event it is lost or stolen.

Further information specific to student travel arrangements under Myki can be obtained by visiting ptv.vic.gov.au and going to the student area under the Tickets>Concessions>Students on the website.

For information about non-Myki Regional Transit Student Passes, visit http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/regional-fares/ under the section ‘Student concessions’.

Do YOU have the GUTS?

Debating Club
Will be run in PCG each week in a room assigned by Mrs Browning.
If you can argue your way out of anything and want to represent our school, then this is the Club for you.
But anybody who likes weekly prizes and the occasional pizza or Maccas Thick Shake – you may also be interested!

South Street Debating Committee will be mentoring our Club this year; we have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

If you are interested please write your name and year level on the list at the English Office, inside the Communication Village.

Mrs Browning
Extension Programs Coordinator
English
Students from Years 10–12 visited the National Gallery of Victoria in February to see the Jean Paul Gaultier fashion and 30 years of Mambo exhibitions. Students were fascinated by the vast range of designs created by the fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier and the influence he has had on the world of fashion. In the Mambo exhibitions the students related to the imagery of the surf culture of the 80’s and the impact it had on the advertising industry. All the students have gained a lot of inspiration from the exhibitions they visited.

Ms. Lesley Costley-Gray
HEAD OF VISUAL ARTS
**Rowing News**

The Year 10 Girls rowing crew competed on the weekend in the Wendouree Rowing Regatta. The girls competed in the D Grade Cox Four. The girls then progressed to the B final where a final surge at the end saw them finish fourth.

With a little bit of recovery time their next event was the D grade Cox Eight. The girls rowed with their coaches in this event. It proved to be a great learning experience for them as their coaches are skilled and seasoned rowers. The team finished a creditable fifth. Overall, the crew should be pleased with their efforts even though they found the meet quite challenging. Our next Regatta will be Sunday 22nd February at Lake Wendouree.

A lot of tips were taken away from the day which the girls will be working on in the coming weeks in preparation for the Head of the Lake (Sunday March 1st).

Please come and support our students. Hope to see you there!

It is great that some students have been inquiring about the Rowing Program and showing interest in joining. The 2014/15 season finishes mid-March and the new season will not begin until Term 3 (land based fitness/technique preparation) and Term 4 (Water preparation). As we approach the end of Term 2 an Information Session will take place for those students interested in becoming a part of the program. So stay tuned....

**Telstra “Projections” Competition**

Last year Telstra ran the ‘Projections’ competition to engage Ballarat schools in a project to draw what Ballarat’s Brilliant Connected Future looks like, to educate locals on the benefits of the NBN. Phoenix P-12 Community College was the winning school.

We’re now excited to share the artwork with the community, as the entries will soon be projected onto the Ballarat Town Hall.

The school community are invited to attend the official unveiling on Friday February 20, at 8:30pm.

Please come and support your local talent.

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Dear Parents,

After the success of last year’s program here at Phoenix P-12 Community College, the school has again been offered 20 fully funded places in a Certificate III in Business BSB30112 course. This offer is available to parents and friends of the school community who meet an eligibility criteria.

All participants will be loaned a Toshiba notebook computer to use throughout the duration of the course. Participants take this notebook computer home and it has all programs, course material and resources installed to assist participants to complete their assessment activities between each training session. Upon successful completion of the course participants may purchase the computer.

**Cost:** No charge for participants who meet an eligibility criteria. Government Funding available for eligible participants (conditions apply).

**Delivery Model:** Part-time study

Participants attend a 4 hour training session each fortnight. Assessment activities completed between each training session.

No training during school holidays

Small classes

Day & evening classes

**Location:** Classes are conducted at a convenient location close to Phoenix P-12 Community College.

More information is provided in the attached brochure or on our website www.tiv.com.au.

If you are interested, please complete the expression of interest form and return it to the school office by Friday, 20th February 2015. A member of our staff will contact you, at your preferred time, to discuss this opportunity further.

Kind regards

Brent Barraclough
Sales Manager
0408 307 832
2014 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
16th  Swimming Sports
      Eureka Pool
      All students expected to attend.
17th  Welcome BBQ - Year 7 Families
      5.30pm - 7.00pm
      CHUB Tuppen Drive (Gold Coin Donation)
18th  Year 10 Parent Information Session
      L.R.C 7.00pm—8.30pm
      All parents welcome.
19th  Intermediate and Senior Tennis
23rd  College Council Meeting
24th  Athletics Sports - Redan Campus
      Llanberris Reserve
25th  Intermediate and Senior Cricket
      Intermediate and Senior Volleyball
26th  Music Camp - Stawell
27th  Music Camp - Stawell

MARCH
2nd   Athletics Sports - Sebastopol Campus
      Llanberris Reserve
3rd   Prep/1 Fairy Park Excursion
4th   Grades 4 - 6 Camp
      Aireys Inlet
5th   Grades 4 - 6
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6th   Grades 4 - 6
      Aireys Inlet
      Student Photo Day
      Sebastopol Campus only
9th   Labour Day Weekend
      Public Holiday
10th  2016 Year 7 OPEN NIGHT
      College Tours start @ 5.30pm
      Information Session @ 7.00pm
23rd  AGM College Council
25th  Years 7 & 10 Immunisations
26th  Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
      4.00pm - 7.00pm
27th  Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
      9.00am - 2.30pm
      End of Term 1

SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS
YEARS 7 - 12
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
THIS MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO BE
AT THIS YEAR’S SWIMMING
CARNIVAL IF NOT TO SWIM TO
SUPPORT YOUR HOUSE!!!!

There will be buses taking students
to the Eureka Pool and back to
the College.
Students will need sunscreen,
water bottles, bathers and a towel.
There will be a BBQ for students

Sausages $1.00
Zooper Duper Icy Poles $1.00
Money raised with be donated to a
charity TBC
Come dressed in your house
colours!!!!!

No coloured hairspray or
crepe paper!!!!

There will be a free swim at
the end of the day for all
students.

ALBION  YELLOW
CORNISH  GREEN
BONSHAW  BLUE
PICTON  RED