From the Principal - Angelique den Brinker

CSEF—Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund

Please read the information below from the Department of Education and Training. You may be eligible for this allowance from the government to assist in paying for excursions, sporting activities or camps.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

Primary students: $125
Secondary students: $225

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
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School Transport

Our students are very fortunate to have free transport to and from school each day. Attending VCD is a wonderful educational opportunity for our students and we know many students come from great distances to get to school. We have taxis and one bus that service our school. It is important for everyone that safety is paramount when travelling on school provided transport. I would like to remind parents that all students need to have the appropriate car seats for their age and height. Students cannot travel if they do not have the correct car seat as it is a requirement of our transport rules. In addition all students must respect others when travelling and the teachers and I will follow up on issues if there are any. A consequence for continued misbehaviour on a taxi or school bus could be removal from the transport for a period of time and the development of an individual transport behaviour plan.
Primary

Senior Years Café Feature

VCD students have been developing loads of new skills in the cafe.... Just to name a few: -

- Tyson and Justine have eagerly started barista training
- Rahela and Cigdem have perfected the art of marbling white and dark chocolate
- Tassos has begun register training and is a natural with customer service
- Emad is reconciling the day's takings on the register and organise the float for the following day.

We welcome Georgia and Brielle to the Cafe program. Both girls are interested in the hospitality industry and are looking forward to developing a wide range of skills. In other exciting news, Tradeblock Cafe was featured in the prestigious Epicure liftout of The Age newspaper, and have gained quite a few new customers as a result.

Central Australia Trip

Students will be given a second letter about the Central Australia Trip this week. We have applied for funding form the Deaf Children Australia Youth Grants so that all Year 10, 11 and 12 students can attend. Please sign the form and send it back to school as soon as possible. We are looking at the end of October, early November for the 6 day trip.

Scienceworks Excursion Year 5/6

The Year 5/6 students planned an excursion to Scienceworks, organising the visit and the transport to and from Spotswood. They managed to get us all there using their transport plans for using public transport. The students completed a Sports Pass activity program testing their strength, agility and height. They are all confident and ready for independent travel in the future.

Middle Years

Wednesday 20th May 2015

With the Mayor of Port Phillip, Councillor Amanda Stevens and Nicholas Fisher Director of Transport and Planning from VicRoads celebrating the extension of the pedestrian crossing lights at the corner of St Kilda Rd and High Street. This long awaited development will ensure people have time to complete the crossing in one go.

Jack, Chelsea, Jessiah and Oliad represented our school well and were commended on their participation at the event.
School Wide Positive Behaviours

PRIDE RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE LEARNING

This week we are highlighting the student matrix regarding learning areas in the schools. This is how we have all agreed to behave at school.

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Respect

- We respect others in the classroom
- We greet the teacher and other students politely
- We respect school property
- We eat and drink outside
- We share books and computers
- We respect and follow the schools ICT contract guidelines
- We follow teachers instructions

Responsibility

- We bring the appropriate equipment and completed homework
- We arrive on time to class- and wait outside for the teacher
- We show patience
- We replace things to where we found them
- We access only safe websites approved by the teacher
- We share the computers   We work cooperatively with staff and other students
- We get permission to print
- We share equipment   We return borrowed items
- We follow OHS rules

Resilience

- We give things a go

Pride

- We look after our classroom equipment and keep the classroom tidy
- We treat the books with care
- We leave the room as we found it
- We aim to be creative and open minded
- We make exciting pieces
- We create the best models we can
- We demonstrate polite table manners

Learning

- We are willing and enthusiastic to learn
- We try reading different types of books
- We read as much as we can!
- We remain focused and vigilant

Student Representative Council

School Formal 2015

We are organising a Formal for our senior years students to be held in last week of term 3. This will be an exciting event. We formed a planning committee and are now working through the logistics of getting the event happening. It will be for all year 11 and 12 students and they can bring a partner if they wish. We will be looking at venues and deciding on one before the end of the term. Tickets will be available for sale in Term 3. Other details will be discussed with students as we finalise our plan.
To all the families and friends who attended our first Parent Morning Tea this year last Friday, thank you for making it such a success. There was over 40 people who attended to hear about how one family raised their Deaf children. Thank to Mai from the School council and Parents Association who organised the event. It was very successful. Look out for more events from the parents Association in future newsletters.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

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