Our Year 12 students are getting closer to the end of their secondary education and this week has seen students complete a series of practice exams before the ‘main event’ starts on the Wednesday 29th October with the three hour English examination. Year 12s finish formal classes on Wednesday 23rd October and as I mentioned to Year 12 students this week, the College community expects that last day celebrations will be conducted sensibly and in good taste, as has been the case in recent years. On Thursday 24th October, Year 12 students will be invited to a breakfast with staff and College Councillors. At the completion of the breakfast students will be accompanied back to school to attend an assembly to wish them good luck with their examinations. After this date, students have six days to prepare for the start of the examination period. The College does not believe that celebrations should take place before the completion of examinations and therefore does not sanction any functions other than the College’s Graduation Dinner held on Thursday 20th November. The Graduation Dinner is a function where students attend with their family and are therefore under the supervision of their parents. On behalf of the College I would like to wish our Year 12 students all the best for the upcoming examination period and we look forward to seeing them and their families at the Graduation Dinner.
Victorian Young Leaders ready for China

Meet our Year 9 students preparing to head to the Alpine School for Leadership on the 25th of October. Students will go the Alpine School for one week and then as a group of 45 students from around the state fly to China for a 31 day immersion experience.

Kyle Melhuish writes; The school for leadership as the perfect opportunity for me to grow more confidence in being in groups and raising my hand for certain things in and out of school. It will build my leadership skills so I would have more skills to help me further in life and in school. My future ambitions and goals are to use my new found skills to help me in my schooling but mostly to build my confidence and my leadership skills. I will use my skills to help friends and others in classes and to help the school in any way possible. I am very excited and grateful for this amazing experience.

Kiriana Eparaima writes; I think that The School for Student Leadership will be a very unique opportunity for me and the other students attending. We will learn more about ourselves, our peers and our community. We are also very privilege to represent our state buy going overseas to China. The amazing experience that we will get by travelling overseas to China and the activity’s we are going to do there will be so amazing, a trip of a lifetime. I am so proud that I have this great opportunity because I know that the six weeks that we will go away will be remarkable. The things I would benefit from this leadership camp is discovering myself, making new friends and to gain new and amazing experiences.

Harriet Nilon writes; I am a self-motivated, conscientious student, I am resourceful and have the ability to stay calm under pressure, a skill, I believe will benefit the School for Student Leadership program. I love to read, write and occasionally, draw. I watch movies and have an abnormally large amount of knowledge on Harry Potter. I have a high sense of social justice, and I can be funny sometimes. I applied for China because I want to develop better leadership skills, and a sense of appreciation for other cultures. I’m hoping to come out of the Alpine School with more friends, a better understanding of another culture and a broader horizon.

The skills I hope to bring back into my normal school life are better communication skills and a culturally enhanced perspective of things to do in both social and academic areas.
Stephanie Chong writes; I want to go to China to experience new things, things I would never thought of doing. I will be out of my comfort zone and I am looking forward to the culturally enriched program that has been planned. I want to experience new things, cultures, food and languages. I want to be challenged on new adventures and the outdoors.

I hope to make many new friends and gain leadership qualities that I can use everyday to help my peers and the community. The School for Student Leadership will enhance my confidence and initiative. This experience will help me become the best person I can be and expand my knowledge and understanding of being an independent person.

Luke Judd writes; I enjoy doing new things, meeting new people and being the best person I can.

The Alpine trip and the China New Horizons program will allow me to do this. We are going to a school campus and staying with 39 other students from around Victoria. Complete strangers, who I cannot wait to meet and befriend. I want to make the most of this experience and hope that it improves me as a person and I gain leadership skills to help others.

Travelling to China is exciting and new. It will be my first overseas trip and I am looking forward to learning and understanding a new culture. Travelling with the other Alpine students, we go together and stay at an international boarding school in Guangzhou. There we do many activities that improve teamwork, leadership and self-esteem. One of my ambitions in life is to become a respected person and leader in life. This great opportunity is giving me the chance to expand all my knowledge and skills. Giving students our age such independence whilst over there is the best way to learn new things.

Calum Pearson writes; I hope that my time in China will allow me to learn other skills and become more confident and comfortable to do things to represent our school further and to do it with new people and even doing community events in Tongala.

I enjoy making friends and sharing interests, I’m not the best at making friends so this opportunity will help me improve this skill and also allow me to keep in contact and communicate with my new friends. Going to China will be an excellent experience. Seeing all the sites and landmarks would be incomparable to any other thing I have done. I am very excited to try all of the food and delicacies that are up for offer in China.
G'Day USA Exchange Program 2016

An opportunity exists for students at school (Year 8-11) to take part in a Cultural Exchange trip to the United States of America for twenty days in the January 2016 school holidays.

Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott’s Berry Farm, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. A feature of the tour is that the students spend ten days living with an American host family and visit an American school.

The cost is currently $5,495.00*. The trip departs from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane international airports, and includes the following: airfares, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance, breakfasts and admissions to attractions.


There will be a no obligation/commitment parent information evening in the Year 7 Neighbourhood on Tues 11 Nov at 6pm.

Toll Free - 1800 337 930 or (03) 9830 4545

Wakakirri State Finals

Echuca College VETis Dance group presented the story of Salem at the 2014 Wakakirri State Finals at Hamer Hall in Melbourne after qualifying in previous rounds. The story depicts 1692 Salem, young girls conjuring witchcraft upon him capture the good Reverend in the forest. He escapes, only to be recaptured and brought into a ring of voodoo. Good triumphs and the witches are sentenced to death.

The group were nominated for a number of awards after a very impressive performance, the awards included Solo Acting, Lighting, Choreography, Storytelling, Concept and Amazing Moment. The team was successful in winning Awards Night Participant, Best Amazing Moment, Best Historical Story and Year 11 student Brenton King won the State award for the Best Lighting.

Echuca College News

Keep up to date with the latest Echuca College news and photos by liking our facebook page. Information about upcoming events, success stories from our students and important information about the College will be frequently posted to the page. Links and reminders will also be posted on the page as well as a link to our newsletter. We look forward to any feedback you would like to share with the College on our communication with our community. [https://www.facebook.com/echucacollege](https://www.facebook.com/echucacollege)
Excitement is mounting for the One and All Inclusion Project Deb Ball to be held on Friday the 17th of October at 6:30pm at the Echuca Paramount.

The group has gotten to know each other over the many trainings and are really looking forward to the presentation on Friday Night. The community support has been outstanding with donations of dresses and other items.

On Friday the 2014 Deb Group will be enjoying lunch together at Konosirs @ Madison Spa. A huge thank you to Madison Spa Resort who will be pampering all of our ladies after lunch. Madison Spa will be making up all of this years girls and the ninjas. What a beautiful way for new friends to spend the afternoon and what a great finish to what has been a truly amazing journey.

This is one of beautiful couples being presented on Friday night - Introducing the beautiful Allanah Hourigan and Jesse Anderson. Allanah is a student leader at Echuca Specialist School. Allanah likes to draw, listen to music and play basketball. In 5 years times Allanah would like to be a billionaire.

Allanah has enjoyed being a part of the 2014 debutante group and feels that this journey has helped bring her confidence back. She thinks it is great that Jesse always has a smile on his face at training. This Friday, Allanah is looking forward to dressing up like a princess when she makes her debut in the 2014 One & All Debutante Ball.

Jesse attends Echuca College and likes the Motor cross - he is still undecided about where he wants to be in 5 years time. Jesse is looking forward to seeing the smiles on everyones faces on Friday at the One & All Deb ball and thinks that Allanah is a really great dancer.

The One & All Debutante Ball is this Friday 17th October - 6:30pm at the Echuca Paramount Theatre. We are looking forward to seeing Allanah & Jesse be presented to the community and welcome you to come along.
Benalla Field and Game Shoot

A team of shooters travelled to Benalla for the Field and Game Shoot, the final event of the year. Our team has been very successful this year with a number of students representing Echuca College at State Level.

Kiara Dean, Year 7, has had a very successful year and won the Junior girls section at the Benalla Field and Game Shoot. She has placed at many events this year and has shown significant improvement over the year. Kiara only started in the sport this year.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting their children in these events and to Mrs Umbers for her ongoing coaching and mentoring of the students.

Year 11 Physics Flight Excursion

Year 11 Physics Students had the opportunity to learn how to fly a plane this week. Physics teacher Mr Sutton organises the excursion each year to extend student understanding of flight and the associated physics. The students had amazing weather conditions with a beautiful clear day.

Students will use the experience to expand on their knowledge and complete their assessment tasks. This is an incredible opportunity for students and by all reports they all learnt allot from the day.

Year 12 Projects

Year 12 students have busily been completing their major pieces of work for assessment tasks. Damian Hanson has been working on this redgum table for a number of months and added the final touch of the glass this week. The table looks amazing and is a credit to Damian and his Product Design and Technology teacher Mr Ted Down. The table and many of other pieces of work from our Art and Technology department will be on display at our Art Show later this term.
Great Results at LMR Athletics

Incredible achievements from our Athletics Team at the LMR Athletics this week. Our results have ensured a number of athletes have qualified for the State Athletics.

Siobhan Thompson: 1st in javelin
Cooper Arkinstall: 2nd in triple jump
Asher Jones: 1st in 100, 200, 2nd in 400 and 1st in discus
Adam Southwell: 2nd in high jump

Jade Allen: 1st in hurdles
Max Ogilvie: 1st in 800, 1500, 2nd in long jump
Isaac Warren: 1st in 100, 200, 3rd in triple jump
Oscar Reid: 2nd 400m
Charlie Lowe: 1st in 100, 200, 2nd in discus, 4th in 400
Archie Reid: 1st in 3km, 3rd in 1500, 4th in 800
Erik Holt-Crossman: 3rd in 800 and 1500
Sarah Taylor: 4th in 1500
Dan Gretgrix: 3rd in 1500
Boys relay team: 1st
Students have returned very excited and with lots of stories.
Donation to Echuca Regional Health

Our VCAL students proudly presented a cheque for $1000 to Echuca Regional Health for our new hospital. Students have been working on a variety of projects all year to raise the money.

The students ran a cafe twice a week, selling barista made coffee and hot chocolate developing their skills whilst working towards their Certificate in Hospitality. The students also provided staff with a fabulous High Tea, which showcased the depth of culinary skills they had developed over the two year program. The presentation and customer service skills demonstrated by the students were outstanding.

Dorothy Maughan was delighted to represent the Make Your Mark committee and accept the cheque on behalf of Echuca Regional Health.

Wakakirri 2014

Good Luck to our students competing in the Wakakirri 2014 Secondary School Challenge Award Show at Hamer Hall in Melbourne. Our team qualified for the final earlier this term and were awarded the Story Award - Historical Story Award. The team was also nominated for a number of other awards including - Solo Acting, Lighting, Choreography, Story telling, Concept and Amazing Movement.

The performance is entitled Salem and is set in 1692 Salem, and tells the story of young girls conjuring witchcraft upon him, capturing the good Reverend in the forest. He escapes, only to be recaptured and brought into a ring of voodoo. Good triumphs and the witches are sentenced..to death.

Follow the link to watch the performance - http://www.wakakirri.com/mainsite/wakatv/echuca-college-salem/

Cows Create Careers 2014

The Yr 11 Agriculture and Horticulture class completed the Cows Create Careers project run by Dairy Australia. The competition operates throughout Victoria, with monetary prizes for the winning entries. Echuca College has won the event every year since 2007 and are hopeful of gaining a place this year. The students need to raise 2 calves on the school property for 3 weeks. They take care of feeding, hygiene and health checks. The students enjoy working with the calves and develop an understanding of how demanding calf rearing can be. As part of their studies students research calf rearing, produce a scientific report and create a 3D model depicting one area of the dairy industry. An advocate from Dairy Australia comes and speaks with the students about dairy careers and students are given the opportunity of work experience in this area. This years class has worked very well on the project, completing a comprehensive report and a well constructed model, they also handled the calves well and returned them to the dairy farm in excellent health.
2014 Echuca College Chess Champion Crowned

Throughout term three Echuca College has been running a chess competition. Every Tuesday lunchtime the College’s library was full of students and staff matching their wits on the board of battle. Starting with over 30 players the competition slowly whittled down to the last eight players for the sudden death finals in September.

In round one of the finals Neal Rivera, Joseph Case, Mitchel Crust, Josh Heddle, Isaac Duffy, Haley Barnard, Mitchell Chapman and Lara Rivera played off with the Rivera siblings, Duffy and Heddle making the final four players. These players made a very worthy quartet, with the undefeated Duffy as one of the favourites. The other three players had all suffered a single loss throughout the season – to each other. Lara Rivera had beaten her brother, but had been beaten by Heddle who had in turn been beaten by Neal Rivera.

In the semi-finals Lara Rivera was able to get past Isaac Duffy’s defences to claim the first opening for the grand final. The other game between Josh Heddle and Neal Rivera was very close with Heddle in a dominate position for most of the game only to fall short when Rivera was able to box in his king and take the game.

With the brother and sister facing each other in the final, and their fierce rivalry on the chessboard throughout the rounds, it was always going to be a close final. Neal was able to overcome Lara in a hard fought battle to take out the inaugural Echuca College Chess Championship and gain his place as the first name on the perpetual trophy as the 2014 Champion.

Year 9 Arts Connect Excursion

Group 2 were lucky enough to have the most attractive teachers with them for the day: Mrs Jones and Mr Bessell. We had an enjoyable trip to Melbourne, with only Jasmine Tindal (getting stuck between 2 chairs) and Clayton Thompson (school shirt on inside out) causing havoc. Upon our arrival in Melbourne the students explored the gardens while our awesome teachers sipped coffee and ate muffins. Our morning workshop at the Digital Learning Hub was fantastic – hands on and engaging. We were lucky enough to compose our own music, with our tastes ranging from heavy metal to techno to Spanish. After this we lunched in Federation Square before setting off on our Amazing Race style activity. There were some very competitive groups who were almost running around the city looking for their landmarks. Once all groups became tired they engaged in some ‘retail therapy’ but nobody enjoyed this as much as Mr Bessell, who returned with ANOTHER pair of shoes! We then returned to the bus for the long trip home. We had a few people fall asleep (we have photos to prove Mrs Jones fell asleep too!) before our refuelling stop at Hungry Jacks, which energized many students for the trip home. Overall, it was a great day.
Camp Awakenings

Jacob Baldock, Zeke Penola and Joseph Case attended the Camp Awakenings leadership camp held at Cave Hill Creek near Beaufort from the 5th to the 7th September. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the range of experiences provided as part of the camp and have made numerous friends with whom they wish to maintain contact. The main aim of the camp was to provide strategies for the participants to access and develop in an ongoing basis, Jacob and Zeke both want to participate in a follow up camp in Melbourne. The Bendigo Bank provided full funding for the camp plus a $20 savings account for each student and are to be congratulated on their strong support for this initiative.

Year 10 Photography Excursion

The Echuca College Year 10 Photography students were lucky enough to accompany the VET Music students on an excursion to Melbourne. The photography students attended the Dreamworks exhibition at ACMI in Federation Square where they were shown the design process to obtain moving images. The students enjoyed the large circular screen which gave a 3D effect of motion and tried out their drawing skills on state of the art drawing tablets. Many students used the street art present in Hosier and Rutledge Places as a source of inspiration for their images. We then moved on to PSC, a tertiary provider of photography degree courses in Southbank, where students were able to see the work, facilities and results from students who have worked for several years to perfect their craft. By the time students had taken more photographic opportunities tiredness was setting in and it was time to head back to Echuca

Echuca College Wins Northern Rivers Debating Competition

Echuca College’s senior debating team successfully debated their way through the heats and finals to become the 2014 Northern Rivers Debating senior champions. The Echuca College team had to face Boort Secondary College, the winner of the previous two years, in the final at the Rochester Wine Bar on Tuesday 9th September. The other final of the night saw Rochester’s intermediate (years 9 and 10) defeat St. Joseph’s in a close contest arguing that ‘all parents should have to attend parenting classes’.

The Northern Rivers Debating competition is a long running competition that takes in nine secondary schools from around the region. Kyabram and Boort have been among the winners in recent years but this year there were four different schools involved in the two finals. Organiser of the competition, Sharon Pickering, said ‘The quality of debating from all four schools in the finals was excellent and it was great to see four different schools represented’.

The Echuca College team, made up of VCE students in year 11 and 12, had to argue the affirmative that ‘Real education begins after school’. Georgia Harris, a year 11 student from Echuca College, was the first speaker and set up a very logical and well thought out argument that was further developed and defended by Tegan Milne and Kayla Arkinstall as the second and third speakers respectively. During the heats at Kyabram Echuca College had Jessie Hardess fill in for Kayla Arkinstall and all four girls are thrilled with the win.
The Victorian Young Leaders to China Program gives students, teachers and school leaders the opportunity to be part of a life-changing international education experience and to be Asia-Ready. An initiative of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the China Program will give students the global knowledge and skills to develop intercultural understanding and the capabilities for modern ways of living, thinking and working.

As part of Victoria as a Learning Community and the vision to internationalise our education system, 1500 Victorian Year 9 students will travel to China over a five year period from 2014. Echuca College is very proud to announce that we will have six students participating in the program in 2014. Luke Judd, Harriet Nilon, Kyle Melhuish, Stephanie Chong, Kiriana Eparaima and Calum Pearson will travel to China in term as part of the Alpine Leadership School Program. Our students will spend four weeks in China at the Utahloy International School - ZengCheng. Students will be immersed in Chinese culture and experience school life in China.

At its core, the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program is about students developing capabilities for modern ways of living, thinking and working. Students taking part in the program will benefit from a rich learning program that will improve their Mandarin language proficiency and develop leadership skills, global knowledge and intercultural understanding. These core skills will help students to live and work in a globalised world.

Hats, hats, hats!

As summer is just around the corner, at the start of next term all students will be required to wear a hat during recess and lunch time. If the good weather we have experienced in recent weeks is an example of what is to come, then all aspects of being ‘sun smart’ need to be observed by our students and staff during terms four and of course at the start of next year.
Large number of Lockers for sale.

Price $30 - $50 each

Contact Echuca College Office 03 5482 1133 for more information.
ECHUCA CRICKET CLUB

MISSED THE FIRST JUNIOR REGISTRATION NIGHT?
Echuca Cricket Club will hold follow up registrations
for MILO In2Cricket (5-8 y.o’s), T20 Blast (U/10’s),
U12, U14 and U16 players on Tuesday September
23rd from 5.00-6.00pm at the cricket nets - Victoria
Park. All existing and new players welcome.
Contact: Grant Kemp 0420 926 860
More information, including downloadable
registration forms for Under 12, 14 and 16 levels, is
available on the club website at:
http://echuca.vic.cricket.com.au
(then click Junior Cricket on the top menu)