

From the Campus Principals

Welcome back for the last term of 2015 with a quick recap of what was achieved during a very busy Term 3 and a look ahead to what our students will face for the remainder of the year:

Wakakirri Success

Our Wakakirri performing arts students were involved in the Regional Finals at the Clocktower in Moonee Ponds. It was a fantastic night of high calibre of performances with our students being rewarded for their hard work, dedication and cooperation with the Best Teamwork Award. A very special thank you must go to all students involved, as well as to our performing arts staff: Ms Helen Jensen, Ms Daniella Olea, Mr Simon Rabl, Ms Sarah Tunks and Ms Soula Dedes, for their dedication in the lead up to this enormous event.

Year 10 Camp to Tasmania

Three staff (Ms Marama Ketii, Ms Linda Muirhead and Mr Andrew Price) together with thirty year 10 students from Sydenham joined Kings Park Campus teachers and students for our annual Year 10 Camp to Tasmania. The weather was kind, the students well-behaved and a great time was had by all as a result.

Subject Selections

Towards the end of last term students in Years 9 and 10 had the opportunity to choose their subjects for 2016. For our current year 9 students, the process of 're-counselling' is currently taking place for those students whose choices have been affected by low interest or timetabling constraints.

State Athletics Finals

Recently we were fortunate to have a representative from our Campus complete in the State Athletics Finals. The State finals mean the elite of all athletics sportsmen and ladies from all State schools from across Victoria compete having won at several levels of local and regional events.

Congratulations to Lauren Caruso who won two gold medals!

Premiers Reading Challenge Celebration

Once again a large number of our students participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge, celebrated on campus with a pizza party and prizes. This is an amazing program that develops student's love of reading. Special thanks must go to Mr Paul Hiddle and Ms Sally Jeffery for their part in the organisation of this event.

Exams

A busy exam period lies ahead for our Year 9 and 10 students, the latter of which will get their first introduction to the Delahey Senior Campus through this process. It is important that students have begun the process of revising their work in preparation for exams. Remember that your teachers are the best resource you have in meeting this challenge.

As always if you have any queries please feel free to contact us. Check upcoming events.

Phillip Coloca and Mark Nugent Campus Principals

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www.copperfieldcollege.vic.edu.au

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26 October 2015

Dates and Events:

<i>College Council</i>	<i>26 October</i>
<i>Curriculum Day</i>	<i>2 November</i>
<i>Melbourne Cup</i>	<i>3 November</i>
<i>Year 10 Exams</i>	<i>17-26 November</i>
<i>College Council</i>	<i>23 November</i>
<i>Year 9 Exams</i>	<i>24-27 November</i>
<i>Year 10 Formal</i>	<i>26 November</i>
<i>Year 10 to 11 Transition</i>	<i>30 November -4 December</i>
<i>Year 6 to 7 Orientation Evening</i>	<i>3 December</i>
<i>VCE/VCAL Course Confirmation</i>	<i>7-8 December</i>
<i>Year 6 to 7 Transition Day</i>	<i>8 December</i>
<i>Last Day Term 4</i>	<i>18 December</i>
<i>First Day Term 1 2016</i>	<i>28 January</i>

Parent Portal

The College is in the process of changing the software it uses for the Parent Portal. Consequently our Xuno Parent Portal does not contain up-to-date attendance information for your child.

If you have concerns regarding your child's attendance and were using the Parent Portal to monitor this, please contact your Campus Office so that we can assist with this information through other means.

We are hoping that the Compass Parent Portal will be ready very soon and are planning to mail home information about it in a week or so.

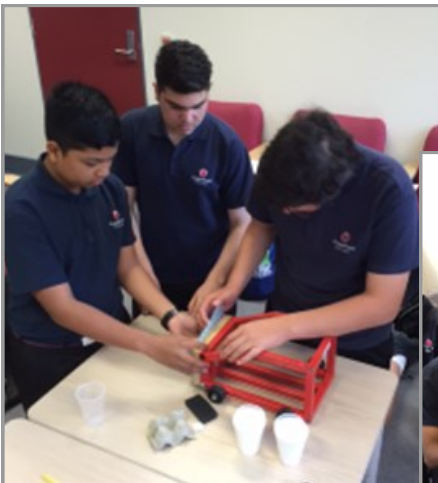
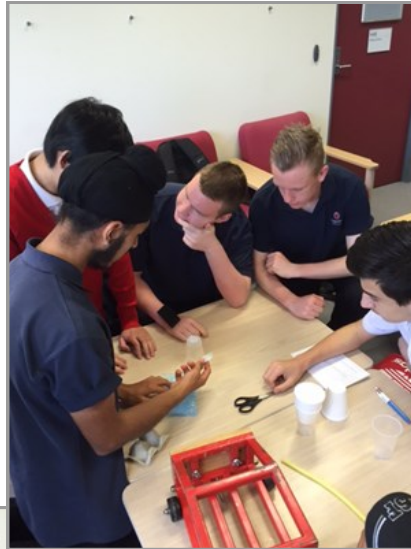
Please contact a Campus Principal if you require any further information.



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Leap Engineering

A group of students from Sydenham and Kings Park participated in an engineering taster program at La Trobe University. Students explored the various areas of engineering, with an emphasis on mechanical engineering. Students worked in teams to construct a solution to a crash test problem. This was a great opportunity for our students to explore their potential careers interests and experience university life for a day.



Palm Oil Campaign

As a team we ask that you read the labels of the products you purchase from your supermarkets. Look for labels such as oil (palm) or palm oil. The less products bought the less forests are cut down. A small step to support environmental change.



Battery World



Battery World offers the only national opportunity to recycle responsibly by disposing dead domestic batteries at our College. The batteries that we are recycling are: A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V and 4V batteries, laptop batteries and camera batteries.

There will be a collection container at the Administration Office near our Mobile Muster box.

Mobile Muster



Round up your old mobile phones, chargers and batteries and bring them into the Administration Office to deposit them into the box for

Year 10 Work Experience

Throughout this year, year 10 students have participated in work experience. Many students have taken the opportunity to explore their career interests and have gained insight into the world of work. Our employer hosts have all been impressed by our students' willingness to learn and take on work tasks. These students have represented the College very well.



Student Illness

A reminder to parents and students that phone calls home regarding student illness at school must come through the General Office. Staff in the General Office are first-aid trained.

Students should not be using mobile phones to contact parents if they need to be picked up from school.

Brimbank Writer's Festival - Winners

Congratulations to Sydenham students Sandra Nguyen of 10K2 and Michael Mares of 10B3, who were awarded first prize and third prize respectively in the poetry section of the Brimbank Writer's Festival.

Both students from Mr Dangerfield's "Introduction to Literature" class submitted poems that explored "Identity" and "Belonging".

Between the Pages

Like a tattered book
I am a glimpse,
Easily misunderstood.
Somewhere smooth and bound.
Elsewhere,
Fragile and coarse.
Discriminated at first glance
Too dark, too small, too,
Different.
It's the inside,
Emotions written within
Making the pages.
Making the book.
Covers don't make books
But between the pages,
We document our struggle

*By Michael Mares 10B3
Third Prize*

Growth

You are but a petty liar
Shattering truths like glass.
You are but a giant burden,
Fleshly shackles
To bind me down.
As I've live my life
You selfishly shred it,
Like the pieces of paper
Torn out of my story.
As my mind develops,
Transgression heaped upon
transgression
You ruin me,
Muddying with your spite.
With an iron clad will
And a broken mind
I have gone through many phases
Because of you.
But I must thank you,
For no injury
Meant no getting stronger.
No damaged mind
Meant no new perspective.
Once my friend
Now my deadliest foe,
I owe you my thanks
For forcing me to grow.

*By Sandra Nguyen 10K2
First Prize*

Numeracy Support Group

The Numeracy Support Group is currently running extension Maths classes after school, for our best Year 9 and 10 Maths students.

Both classes are at Sydenham Campus run by Ms Polovic assisted by other Maths teachers.

There are a significant number of students involved voluntarily and Ms Polovic would like to thank all of them for showing commitment to their education.

The sessions are held during the following times:

- Year 9 extension classes are run every Tuesday for students intending to do Accelerated Maths next year.
- Year 10 extension classes are run every Thursday for students willing to do Maths Methods next year.

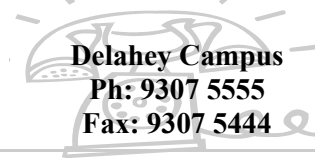
The numeracy support team will continue to support our students in furthering their mathematical ability.



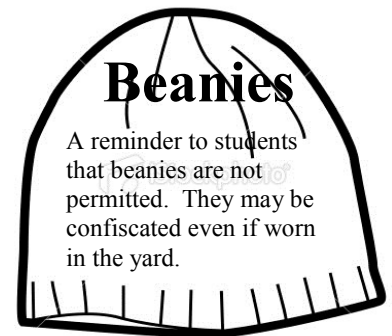
Olga Polovic
Maths Campus Leader

COLLEGE PHONE NUMBERS

Kings Park Campus
Ph: 9365 4111
Fax: 9365 4999



Sydenham Campus
Ph: 9361 3888
Fax: 9361 3899



Student Attendance / Absence

The Sydenham Campus has introduced a Student Attendance/Absence message hot line. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, Parents/Carers should phone *Lorraine* on **9361 3891** and leave a message with your child's name, home group, reason and dates of absence.

Regular attendance is essential to make sure that your child's learning is not disrupted.

Reminder: Picking Up Siblings from Sydenham Primary

Students are reminded that if they are picking up a younger child or siblings from the primary school, they are required to wait on our grounds until the primary school bells goes at 3:30 before entering the grounds. Under no circumstance should Copperfield College students wait outside their siblings' classrooms.

Community West Victoria Learning Link School Partnership Program

– an adult literacy program designed to be run within your school community.

This initiative commenced in January 2015 and we are very pleased that 4 schools have already partnered with Community West Victoria over the last 9 months. The education program has greatly benefitted the parents who have problems with English language and literacy, addressed the challenges schools face engaging with parents because of language or cultural barriers and improved parent participation in school activities.

Details of the information session:

When: **Thursday 5 November 2015**

Time: **4.00pm – 5.00pm**

Where: **Community West, Level 1, Suite 7, 30-32 East Esplanade St Albans 3021**

Light refreshments will be served.

Community West Victoria is a non-profit multi-program agency servicing Melbourne suburbs with a greater focus on the City of Brimbank, City of Melton and Bacchus Marsh.

We deliver a range of early intervention and prevention programs including Adult Education Programs, Family Support Programs, Community Engagement and Development Activities and Legal Programs.

Our adult education program will focus on delivering English as an Additional Language (EAL), a fully accredited course funded by the Victorian Training Guarantee (VTG) Program.

The program is offered to parents within the school premises and can be organised at a convenient time (preferably during school hours). Upon completion of the course, the parents will be able to obtain a fully Accredited Certificate or Statement of Attainment which can be used towards their employability and/or further studies. Parents have to meet the VTG eligibility guidelines before enrolment. These eligibility guidelines will be discussed at the information session.

The outcomes of the “Community West Victoria Learning Link School Partnership Program” include:

- Improved relations with parents who have limited English language skills;
- Parents from emerging communities are supported to integrate into the school community and participate in their children’s education; and
- Support the parents to participate in community activities and address social isolation.

This provides a great opportunity for you to hear from parents currently participating in the program, Community West teachers and other school representatives.

If you have any further inquiries about this forum or our Learning Link School Partnership Program, please contact Vivian Tran, Education Projects Officer, on 8312 2034 or via email vtran@communitywest.org.au

Payments to the College

A reminder if you wish to pay your subject charges or excursion costs, you can phone any of the campus offices and simply provide your credit card details.

Other methods of payment are by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and now BPay Please call any campus office to obtain your reference number.



Bill Code: 87361

Reference No:

Please contact any campus office to obtain your reference number.

Student Accident Insurance

Parents/carers are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

DEECD Rules About Student Attendance At School

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has introduced rules and laws governing student attendance at school. They came into effect on March 1, 2014. We thought it worthwhile to communicate the changes to our community.

Normal parental responsibilities have not changed noticeably and are as per Copperfield College’s Attendance Policy which is in the student diary.

The one exception is that the Principal determines whether the reasons provided for non-attendance are reasonable. And if they are deemed not to be, further referrals take place.

Initially the school will explore ways to support the student to attend school; this may include referrals to outside agencies. Should this not be successful a referral can be made to the newly appointed departmental Student Attendance Officers.

Once a referral has been made to this level a process will be put in place which may involve some or all of the following:

- Sending a School Attendance Notice home, which requires a response.
- Assessing of the parent/carer response

- Deciding whether to issue an Infringement Notice
- Sending an Infringement Notice
- Bringing proceedings in Court.

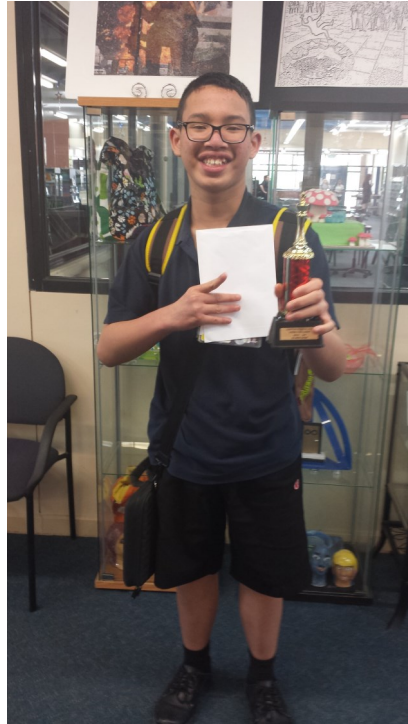
We hope parents/carers can appreciate these rules are being brought in to further maximize your child’s attendance at school.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Chess at Sydenham

We have many keen and talented chess players at Sydenham campus, with the library often buzzing with competitors during recess and lunchtime. In addition we run a Chess Club on a Tuesday lunchtime and involved thirty players in our Chess Challenge this year. Tomorrow the competition heats up even more as five of our best players from year 7 to 9 will represent Copperfield College at the Middle Years State Chess Final. The team won their position at an interschool competition during the year. We are also fortunate to have had Chess Coach, Brennan Garcia, helping Kellie to prepare the team. Best wishes to Ed Win (chess captain pictured here with trophy from Chess Challenge), Ben, Rory, Joshua and Harley.

Kellie Jasper
Wellbeing



E and H Team News

Welcome to Term 4! We are rapidly approaching the end of the year and what a busy time we have ahead!

Shortly our Year 8 students will begin making the very important transition to Year 9 and have chosen their electives for the very first time.

Our Year 7 students will no longer be the youngest students at this school; they will shortly be required to be positive role models for the new Year 7 class for 2016.

Currently our Year 7 students are planning a local area walk as part of their Geography unit for SOSE. During their walk they make observations of the liveability of their local area. These walks are scheduled for the end of October.

Our Year 8 students are involved in the "High Resolves" Program which runs over two sessions. Students work in small groups discussing some of the issues of today's world including global citizenship and the impact we have as individuals towards others. The last session will be on Thursday 5th November for H team and 6th November for E Team.

We would like to congratulate all our students for the effort they made during their Student Led Presentations. It was great to see so many students taking pride in their work and reflecting on their learning throughout the year.

Last week we had an assembly during which Student of the Month certificates were awarded. These students were recognised by their teachers as not only working hard in their classes, but also acknowledging students who reflect the College School Wide Behaviours – respect, responsibility and valuing relationships. Well done and keep up the good work!

Finally, we'd like to thank all parents and caregivers who have supported the college in the Uniform Policy. It is very important that students are wearing the correct uniform and are attending school on time.

The next few weeks of Term 4 will be busy and we encourage all students to keep up to date with all of their Common Assessment Tasks (CATS), classwork, homework and assignments.

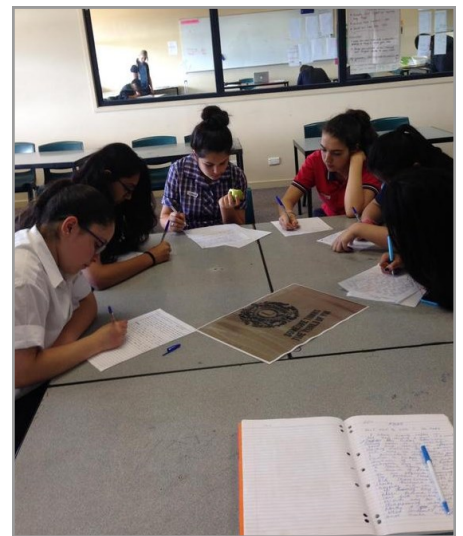
Karen Martin
H Team Leader

Student Writing Workshop

If you are interested in improving your writing in a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere, then come along to the weekly Writing Workshop.

They are held every Thursday in D5 at the start of lunch. All we do is respond to a prompt, complete timed writing and finish with a chat.

For more information please see Miss Bell.





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PSW Retail stores will be closed Tues 26th Jan for the Australia Day Holiday.

Author Visit: Will Kostakis

Australian novelist Will Kostakis, travelled from his hometown in Sydney to inspire all Year 7 students and teachers. Kostakis humorously taught students and staff about the process of writing and told the audience a tale about his journey as a writer. The audience was forever laughing at Kostakis' jokes and stories, ensuring that his audience wasn't left staring out the window and despite the effervescent fun, there was a meaningful moral at the end of every story.

Kostakis' journey began in grade 6 when his teacher recommended Gary Paulsen's novel *Hatchet* to read. His teacher quoted "It will speak to you" however Kostakis didn't fully understand the storyline. Instead, when it was time to read the book in class, Kostakis wrote a short story of his own. This was when Kostakis stated "give your characters a problem but the tools to solve it." After being read by classmates and mistakenly put in the hands of the teacher, a short 300 word story was formed. This was a big achievement for an 11 year old boy which then inspired Kostakis' writing career.

Throughout high school, Kostakis wrote many other novels, some being twice the size of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J.K Rowling. Kostakis posted numerous stories to major publishing companies, however, received rejection letters in return.

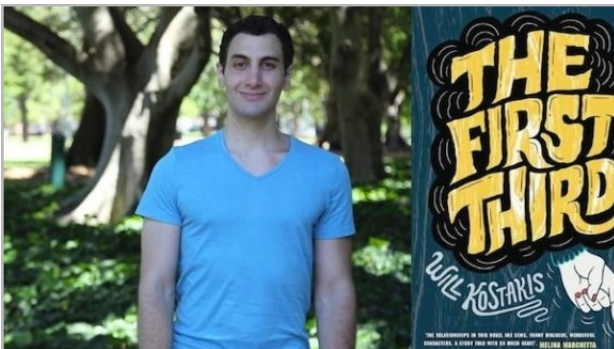


scurried over. After calling him a moron, she helped him with his ordeal. A year later Kostakis completed a one year writing contract and published his first novel.

"The moral of this story is to persevere. Work towards your goals and dreams and let your friends, family and teachers help you on the way." Kostakis stated. In this moment, Kostakis' story inspired and changed the perspective of his speech. The students realised that it was up to them to work hard and to chase their dreams.

Kostakis' career journey speech was inspiring and left the audience not only energised from laughter but with the realisation that we must not let anyone get in the way of our dreams. As students, we must be persistent to get where we want to be. Like Kostakis said, we are never too young to start knocking.

By Rebecca Borg 9B3



Drumbeat Year 8 Boys' Program

Five year 8 boys graduated from our Drumbeat program, facilitated by Katie from Melbourne City Mission and Kellie from our Well-being team.

Our sessions were lots of fun but also full of challenge, both in addressing discussion and learning tricky beats on the djembe drums. The group then performed to an appreciative audience who were impressed by their skills on the drums and teamwork.

Congratulations to Hector, Bobby, Chris, Jesse and Thomas and thank you to Katie for a great program.

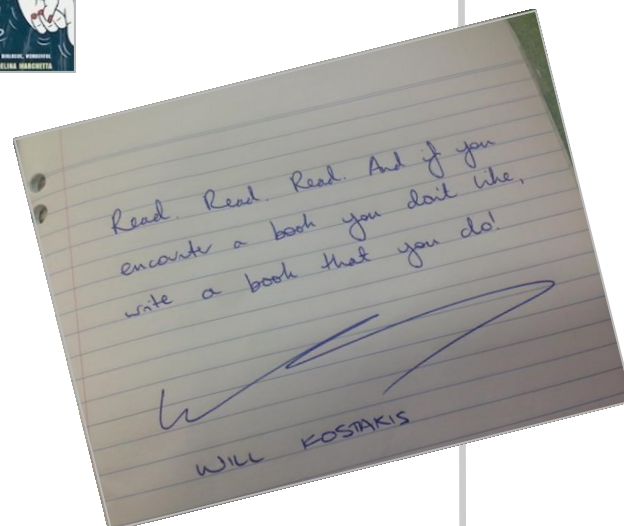
Kellie Jasper
Wellbeing



Kostakis mentioned that these letters gradually became nicer over time and he got feedback and advice to improve his stories.

Kostakis thought that if he told the publishers he had a story ready for them to see, they'd reply to him in 6 months', buying him time to finish the story. However this plan didn't work because the publishers replied to him 6 minutes later asking to see the story.

Kostakis began to panic making whale sounds which brought attention to the librarian who



ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

Kids Teaching Kids Conference

On October 22nd and 23rd, members of the Environmental Leadership Team went to the KTK Conference organised by Kids Teaching Kids and Melbourne Water. We went to Etihad Stadium on Thursday and Collingwood Children's Farm on Friday.



We made a video to present at Etihad. The video was about how water is involved in the manufacturing of fashion. It was a hit with the audience as 3 different speakers mentioned it at different times. This was good because it meant that our video had stuck in their minds and was different to everyone else's.
Kayla 9K5

Eight lucky students from Copperfield College went on the excursion to Etihad Stadium for the KTK Conference. There were 54 schools attending this event. There were also some famous superstars attending. This included Arron Wood, the founder of Kids Teaching Kids, Kayne Tremills the ABC3 superstar, James Merlino who is the Deputy



Premier and Minister for Education, Abraham Nouk the Slam Poet and Mike Larkin from Channel 10 who was the MC. This event began at 9.30 am and finished at 9.00 pm. Everyone had a good time.
Shajana 7L1

We engaged in different workshops, where students from other schools presented us with their chosen topic about 'Water for Life'. My favourite workshop was the Yarra River workshop because it was interesting and fun. The demonstration about the amount of pollution travelling into the Yarra River was awesome and creating the mandala was enjoyable.
Asende 9T3

One of the activities we were fortunate to attend was a building tour. We were privileged to get a tour of the sustainable apartment block, Forte. This was of interest to myself and other students because it showed us how environmentally friendly everyone is trying to be nowadays.
Dunya 9T3

Looking at Lights

Electricity is expensive. To try and cut the cost of electricity at Copperfield College, Environmental Leaders have been completing an audit of the lights at Kings Park and Sydenham Campuses. An audit of lights was completed at the Delahey Campus in 2014 and fluorescent tubes were replaced



by LED light fittings. This has led to a big drop in the cost of electricity at Delahey. As members of the Environmental Leadership Team, we hope that all campuses can soon be switched to LED lights to reduce our use of electricity.
Anna, James & Dennis 8L1

Reduce, Recycle, Re-Use

At school we are reminded about Respect, Responsibility and valuing Relationships. These three R's are important in the environment too. As Environmental Leaders, we ask everyone to use less plastic; recycle glass, paper and aluminium cans and choose re-usable containers for drinks and lunches. These changes will help us to help the environment.
Chelsea & Abby 7L3



International Students Homestay

Copperfield College has an ever increasing number of students participating in the Department of Education International Student Program. We have 21 International Students enrolled from Vietnam, India, China, Bulgaria, Timor, Philippines and Jordan.

Have you considered welcoming a student from another country into your home? Copperfield College is extending our International Students Program to include students staying with families in the local area whilst they are at school with us. You would provide full board accommodation (food and a home) and be paid a weekly amount between \$230 - \$300.

Homestay providers are not responsible for the students overall welfare; this is the responsibility of the school. However, you would be expected to provide a safe and supportive environment at home for the student.

A "working with Children's Check" is required but can be obtained at no cost. Although some students come to us at the beginning of Year 7, more often they come to Australia at the beginning of Year 9 or 10.

The homestay experience is an excellent way for the student from overseas to learn about life in Australia. It is an opportunity for you to learn more about other countries and share experiences.

If you are interested and would like to know more about the program and homestay, please contact Belinda Palladino at Copperfield College, Delahey Campus on 9307 5507. Alternatively, you can fill out our expression of interest form and return to the Administration Office at your child's Campus.

Belinda Palladino
International Student Co-Ordinator

Expression of Interest

International Student Homestay

I am interested in being on a Homestay Register at Copperfield College and I am interested in taking students now or in the future.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of people residing in household: _____

Names and ages of other household members: _____

Please tick the appropriate statement:

- I will only take a female student
- I will only take a male student
- I will take either male or female student

Please circle appropriate response:

I have / do not have a current Working With Children Check.

Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.



Copperfield College Uniform

The Copperfield College uniform is available from the PSW Deer Park store:

58 Westwood Drive, Deer Park
Ph: 9363 8458

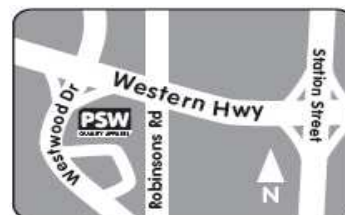
Monday to Friday:
8.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday:
9.00am - 5.00pm

Uniform items can also be purchased online.

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The Certificate III in Clothing Production program is ideal for people who have an interest in sewing and wish to gain a Government accredited certificate.

A special arrangement has been made to deliver the training for this program at the following centre:

<p>Delahey Community Centre 80 Copperfield Drive Delahey 3037 (Melway 13D6)</p>	<p>Commencing on 4 February 2016 Thursdays 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm</p>
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Content of Program:

The program is made up of 21 units which is theory and practical based. Specific things you will learn are: *Fabric Identification, Pattern Making Techniques, Cutting, Sewing Techniques, and Professional Finishing.*

Length of Program:

This is a part-time program which normally takes two years to complete. For the first semester, classes will be held weekly on Thursday afternoons. For the balance of the program, classes will be held fortnightly.

Sewing Machines:

The centre has the sewing machines, but it is also good if you own a sewing machine to practice at home.

A: Government Regulations:

As this is a Government subsidised program, you must be eligible to enrol in the program. Therefore, to be eligible, you would not have an existing certificate III or higher qualification. You can however be currently enrolled in another program (at any level).

B: RMIT Entry Requirement:
You must also have a current Health Care Card.

If you meet conditions **A** and **B**, **there will be no cost to you to undertake this program.**

Places are limited.

For further information and/or to secure a place, please contact:

Liz Debono at RMIT University on:
9925 9102 or email liz.debono@rmit.edu.au



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INFORMATION
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13 October Tuesday 7-9 pm	Canterbury Conochie Hall 2 Rochester Rd
10 November Tuesday 7-9 pm	Canterbury Conochie Hall 2 Rochester Rd

1800 500 501 scceaustr@scce.com.au www.scce.com.au

**Westcare Foster Care
Holiday Care Program**

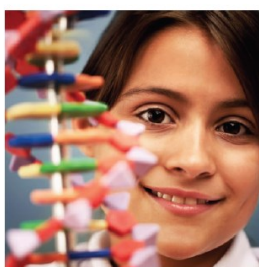
What is the Holiday Care Program?

The Holiday Care Program is a new initiative by Westcare to make Fostering more accessible to people with busy schedules. It takes the pressure off individuals and families who want to make a difference in the lives of Foster Children and Young People and contribute but cannot commit to providing full time care. Careful matching and planning prior to placement ensures relationships are on the right track from the beginning and mentorship from experience carers are always available to make sure things go as smoothly as possible.

Some other benefits include: transferrable skills and sector knowledge, gateway to full time fostering, and expanded professional and social networks.

Why choose the Holiday Care Program?

The Holiday Care Program provides much needed respite and rest to current carers enhancing retention and wellbeing. It provides stability and consistency for children and young people who utilise respite on a regular basis. The relationship between Foster Child and Holiday Care Program carer is nurtured during and between visits with phone calls, visits etc. It also promotes child well-being identifying a community of people who care for them and about their safety.



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- ▶ If you can spare 12 weekends per year or more
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