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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 27th October

APC Families Coffee Morning,
8.30am - College Courtyard

1st - 24th November

Year 12 Exam Period

Wednesday 1st November

Piano Evening 5pm - 6pm
Drama space

Monday 6th November

Staff Curriculum Day

Tuesday 7th November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

9th & 10th November

School Production
On One Condition
40 Bay St - 8pm

13th - 17th November

Year 11 Exams

22nd - 24th November

Year 9 Land & Water Camp

23rd - 24th November

Year 11 Study Camp

25th Nov - 3rd December

Great Victorian Bike Ride

27th Nov - 1st December

Year 10 Exams

1st December

Last day for Y11 students

Thursday 7th December.

APC Families Xmas Party

PRINCIPAL'S SAY

"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity.
Without it, no real success is possible."
- Dwight Eisenhower.

A founding principle in the establishment of Albert Park College was that we would display leadership in all that we do. This commitment is embedded in our motto to 'Lead Create and Inspire' and leadership remains a core value of the College.

This is what makes events like the student leadership forum so important. It is a way to recognize the important contribution that our student leaders make to the college and in turn it further refines and develops their leadership skills.

The student leadership forum provided an opportunity for our student leaders to reflect on what leadership has meant for them at Albert Park College and to explore what it will mean for them for the future.

It enabled our student leaders to reflect on the wisdom of outstanding leaders in the global context and provided support in defining the key leadership skills and beliefs that leaders value most.





The forum highlighted the importance of a leader being guided by moral purpose, a highly developed set of ethics and beliefs that sit at the core of each individual leader.

This was exemplified by a quote from Maya Angelou who said: “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

We also highlighted the importance of a leader having a clear vision. The power of a good idea and the challenge of making it turn into a reality. Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.

We explored the idea of being able to take a risk and to learn and grow from your mistakes, in short, the importance of resilience. As Michael Jordon said: “I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I’ve been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”

The other highlighted key element of leadership was the need to be innovative. Successful leaders embrace the need to be creative and innovative, they recognize the power of a good idea and have the capacity to translate it into reality. “Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.” Steve Jobs.

The student forum served as a powerful reminder that it is the student leaders who drive so much of the culture of Albert Park College, reinforcing our focus on creating a positive culture and an overall culture of excellence.

The student leaders represent the student’s voice and they bring new ideas and new initiatives to the attention of the College.

A good example of this influence is seen in the development of the new Liberal Arts campus at Pickles Street. It was our student leaders who first brought to the leadership team and our School Council the desire to have a dedicated study space and social hub for our most senior students.

We have been advised that the Port Phillip Council will be monitoring the parking around the Bay Street campus. If you park illegally or double park, you may receive a fine either on the spot or in the mail.

This student-driven idea sits at the centre of the new development with both the central study space and the Ben Shewry inspired kitchen designed around our student leaders vision.

It is always inspiring to sit amongst our student leaders, to witness their passion and commitment to people and causes beyond themselves. Their enthusiasm is infectious and we take great pride in knowing that at Albert Park College we are developing future leaders that will make their mark on our society.

“I believe leadership has always been about two main things: imagination and courage.” - Paul Keating

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal



Images by Max Mackenzie

Excellence in Education and Outstanding Secondary Principal

Our Foundation Principal, Steve Cook, has just been awarded the highest honour for a secondary school principal, winning the 2017 Victorian Education Excellence Award for Outstanding Secondary Principal. Separately, Steve was also awarded the overall Lindsay Thompson Award for Excellence in Education, the single highest honour for all school professionals working in the Victorian government education system.

The Victorian Education Excellence Awards recognise inspirational teachers, principals, business managers and support staff in primary and secondary education who go above and beyond the call of duty to deliver outstanding achievements for students and schools overall. They are the leading awards for Victorian school professionals. The Awards have nine categories and nine recipients, one of whom is chosen as the overall winner of the Lindsay Thompson Award for Excellence in Education.

Steve's award recognises his outstanding achievement in leading the re-establishment of Albert Park College after its closure in 2006 due to a collapse in community support. It honours his vision and leadership which has led to sustained academic excellence and soaring community confidence in the new school, and acknowledges the quality of the team recruited to the school.

More detail of Steve's awards can be [found here](#).



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STUDENTS' VOICE

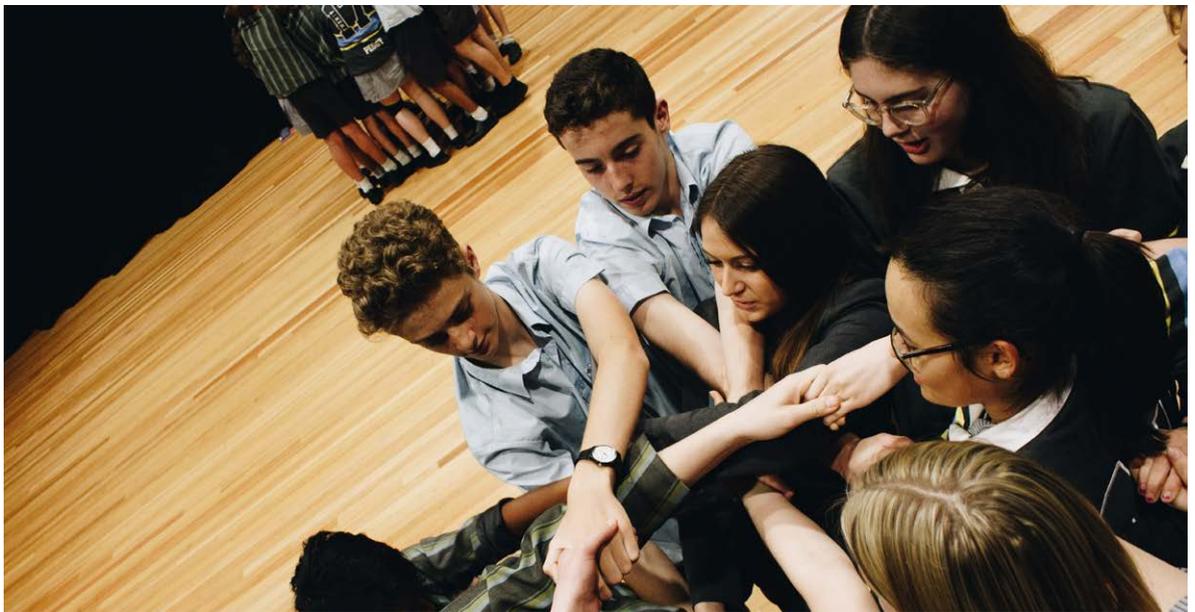
Student Leadership Afternoon

On the 13th of October, the Year 12 students, along with the Leadership Day Committee, organised and ran an event for all the APC Ambassadors, celebrating and acknowledging the work everyone has put in throughout the year, and to help everyone build on their leadership skills.

The afternoon was filled with different activities conducted by our Year 12 Ambassadors. This included team building and communicating activities such as the Giant Human Knot and Cross the Lava. Other skill refining activities included a confidence-building activity, where groups watched a video discussing presentation skills. The group was then partnered up and given a random topic, where each student would improvise and apply their newly found skills.

The afternoon was filled with high energy and positive attitudes, and finished with a reflective activity where our School Captain, Ellen, and one of our Year 12 Ambassadors, Macson, read out a letter to their past selves, explaining what they wish they knew when they were younger and starting high school. Everyone who participated in the afternoon was encouraging, and everyone was involved wholeheartedly in each activity.

Thinking back to the SRC at the beginning of the year, and seeing how everyone had come together in this afternoon really showed how the leadership culture has grown. With us being College Vice Captains, it has been so warming to see how much everyone has grown into strong leaders. It really made us proud of the examples we have set for future leaders.



Leadership has been a huge part throughout our 13 years of schooling, and it has truly been an honour to be a Vice Captain here at Albert Park College. Everyone's emotions are on high alert, with graduation approaching soon after exams. Everyone is excited to finish this chapter of their lives, and on behalf of the Vice Captains, we thank you for sharing this with us.

The leadership program and all the teachers we work with have helped to shape us into the young adults we are today. This is our last little sign off to the Albert Park College community, and we thank you for the experience you have shared with us.

Farewell, good luck to everyone, and good luck to the leaders of the future!

by Stephanie Bakas & Oliver Marks - Vice Captains

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2017 College Captains Farewell



In my experience here the years go by super fast, so to all current students, make the most of it. Whether you're close to completing your first year of high school, a term away from going across into the Bay St campus, closing in on the beginning of VCE or in Year 11 preparing to enter the biggest year of your school life, take everything in, because it won't be too long until you're preparing for exams and graduation and after that no school at all.

To the Year 12's, there is hardly any time to go until the VCE exam period begins; this is going to be one of the toughest periods of your schooling in regards to stress and workload, but I'm sure when it is all over, the work we have put in is going to reap some really worthwhile rewards. On that note, Ellen and I would like to wish all the Year 11's and 12's the best of luck in their 34 exams this coming November. To the rest of you, work hard for the remainder of this term and before you know it, the summer holidays will be upon us.

Finally, if this is to be Ellen and I's last newsletter insert, I'd just like to thank all the teachers, students and parents that have made the final year of our schooling such a memorable one. We both look forward to reminiscing of this year with all of you in the future.

Alexander Scott - 2017 College Captain

2017 has been a year of perseverance and adventure - drama solos, short films, zines and magazines, software programs, experiments, short stories and pages of folio pockets measuring the hard work and passion that has gone into this year.

Holding the role of school captain this year has been an absolute honour and a true pleasure. The number of opportunities I have been lucky enough to be offered have shaped me so much, allowing me to help the student's voice be heard and giving me a unique insight into the running of the school.

For myself and the the rest of the Year 12 cohort this year, 2017 is coming to its end as a poignant summary of 13 years of schooling, with things slowly falling into place as we prepare for life outside of APC. But, this year isn't over yet. Even with a hint of the summer holidays on the horizon, I encourage everyone to stay focused and continue to put your very best into everything. Make yourself proud by how you work for this last part of the year and finish on a high note.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities that I have been given and I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has encouraged and supported me this year. 2017 has been a wonderful year of bittersweet endings and the bright hints of beginnings - I can't wait to see what 2018 holds.

Ellen Waite - 2017 College Captain

Launching the Liberal Arts Precinct



On Wednesday 18th October, our future Senior Years Hub hosted an event to launch our fundraising campaign for the new Liberal Arts Precinct.

The high-ceilinged 'reading room' provided an ideal setting for Principal Steve Cook to outline his vision for the campus, and for Graham Burrows, our award-winning architect, to paint a picture of its design.

Central to APC's success is its focus on an exemplary learning environment, and the Liberal Arts Precinct will be no different. The campus will be centred on a restored heritage building (the historic Pickles Street School) and a rehabilitated landscape. The tranquil reading room and natural setting will provide essential support for the wellbeing of our senior students as they work towards the culmination of their schooling.

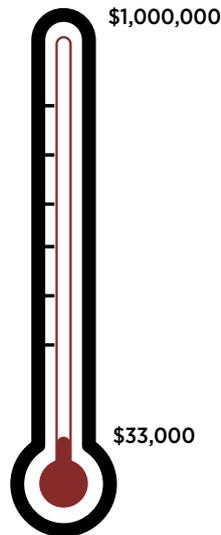
Providing a separate home for senior students' liberal arts studies will ease pressure on our Danks Street campus, ensuring the whole school community benefits from the project. The new campus forms part of our 'education precinct' philosophy, integrating the school within its community.



Work has begun on restoring the main building, which is expected to open early in 2018. This will be followed by the construction of three classroom ‘pavilions’ nestled amongst the trees.

To allow the new campus to reach its full potential, we are seeking your help and the help of our community to reach our fundraising target of \$1,000,000. This will enable us to:

- Build three classroom pavilions, allowing us to lower class sizes
- Fit out the reading room as a dedicated study centre and home for careers counselling
- Fit out the student lounge and cafe
- Create contemplative outdoor study spaces
- Provide cutting-edge learning technology



WE ARE HOPING TO INSPIRE

1,000
DONATIONS
OF \$1,000
(tax deductible)

So far we have raised
\$33,000

If you share our belief that an exemplary learning environment is critical to our students’ education, then please consider making a donation and spread the word about our fundraising campaign.

*If you wish to join our **APC1000 club**, please contact Kim McMahon about making a tax-deductible donation of \$1000 (or more!) - kimmcmahon@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au*

If you know a business, organisation or philanthropist who you think may be interested in being associated with one of Victoria’s leading secondary schools by partnering with us on this project, please contact Mark Sheppard on 0417 591 786.

Year 12 Breakfast

The 25th of October marked the last day of official classes for our Year 12 cohort. We began with a breakfast in our Bay Street Campus, which was transformed into an event space to seat over 300 guests. Students, and their parents, enjoyed an opportunity to reminisce about the last six years and look forward to exams and the experiences that await after Year 12.



Our School Captains, Ellen Waite and Alex Scott spoke beautifully on 'What Has Been' and 'What Is Yet To Come'. Our guest speaker, Elise O'Dea, encouraged our students to work hard, to see every setback as a learning opportunity and to be uniquely themselves. Using her experience as one of the inaugural members of the AFLW, she was able to provide a wonderful perspective on achieving dreams when they may seem impossible; a valuable message for the group at this significant time.



Particular mention must be made of Madeleine Campbell, for her tireless efforts in putting the event together.

With the English paper taking place on November 1st, and examinations continuing until the end of November, we wish all our Year 12 students good luck during this busy time.



Art Show 2017



At APC we value the arts highly. We know the importance of creativity in expressing oneself, in promoting or provoking ideas, and in engaging others in dialogue for thinking, change or progress.

The annual Art Show is a fantastic opportunity for us to celebrate the work of our students and the wider community and we look forward to this event each year.

The format for the Art Show changed a little this year; following our ever popular Gala Night, we set aside time on Saturday specifically to recognise the hard work, skill and talents of our APC arts students. At 3pm we opened our annual film screening of VCE Media work, followed immediately by the announcement of our student awards, and it was great to see so many students, past and present, in attendance. Our inaugural students' Design Market was a great success running across the weekend, with students selling gifts and crafts they created.





For this year's Art Show we were fortunate to again have realestate.com.au visit with us, bringing virtual reality soft and hardware to APC and showcasing how new technologies can enhance the way we create. We were also delighted to welcome BMW Melbourne to work with us; our "i3 Icon", displayed outside the Show, was a joy to create!

The Art Show is a genuine community event which wouldn't be possible without the tremendous support of our staff, students, parents, and community partners.

We sincerely thank them all for giving so generously to support our students' engagement with the arts.



Year 10 Lord Somers Camp



The Year 10's had an amazing opportunity to head down to Lord Somers beach for a four-day stay at Lord Somers Camp. We all had an amazing stay and learnt many new skills and tips. This camp offered a range of different activities such as stand up paddle boarding, learning about different types of plants and an Indigenous talk, kayaking, initiative games, surfing/snorkelling, barista course, screen printing and a bush/beach walk. These activities really got people involved in the camp and allowed us to share and express ourselves and the skills we are proud of. We have learnt teamwork skills and even tried new things in the experience.

Over the course of this camp, there were many memories made and many incredible experiences shared. There was an increased closeness within the year group, which made it a really memorable and fun camp. We could finally take a break from our busy and social lives and enjoy everything around us, nature, people and the place we were in. I loved that I got to know everyone in my year from this trip, and I feel like we are all a lot closer now. I'd have to say my favourite part was the simple times where we just got to have fun and laugh and spread jokes, having a water fight and a sunset beach walk and really just embracing camp without social media. We all really just had fun and forgot about everything back home and just embodied where we were.

by Sammy Kingdom

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The Albert Restaurant



At the end of Term 3, the Year 10 Food and Technology students ran their third annual Albert Restaurant nights. The kitchens were bustling with adrenaline and the dining rooms were filled with the sound of glasses clinking, great conversation and the beautiful sound of silence when good food hits the table.

There were two classes involved this year. Throughout the term, students designed menus, trialled recipes and taste-tested until they finalised two 3-course menus that they were proud to serve to family and friends. The final menus were a Seasonal Vegetarian menu and a Twist on Australian Pub Classics.

The Year 10's researched restaurant roles, applied and interviewed for the roles that they desired.

Well done to everyone who was involved and thanks to all of our guests for coming and supporting us!



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Images by Andrew Yerondais

APC Dance at the NGV Art Party



On Saturday, 7th of October, 21 of our Dance students performed at the NGV Art Party celebrating the House of Dior and Hokusai exhibitions. With over 900 audience members in attendance, there was a huge amount of pressure on the dancers, but they rose to the challenge and performed with poise and flair.

Congratulations everyone!



APC Families - Events

APC Families Coffee Mornings

Enjoy a coffee/tea/muffin and chat with fellow APC parents & carers. In the courtyard, outside the school cafe, the last Friday of the warmer months, Feb-Apr, Oct-Dec 8.30am to 9.30am.

The next one will be the 27th October and then the 24th November.

APC Families Xmas Party

Come and celebrate 2017, Thursday 7th December at the Gatehouse, Princes Pier. BYO drinks and a plate of food to share. Hopefully, the weather will be warm, the kids can enjoy the beach whilst parents catch up on the top level with fabulous views across the water. Looking forward to another enjoyable end-of-year evening. All families welcome.

Debating News

On Sunday 22nd of October, 15 select students from Year 9 participated in a full day of British Parliamentary Debates. This is the same style of debating used at international university-level competitions. Within this style students are allowed to ask questions of their opposition during their speeches, much like question time in parliament.

Students were given detailed training and watched a demonstration debate by experienced debaters before participating in three secret topic rounds. These rounds meant that students only had half an hour to prepare for each debate. Furthermore, they could not access any technology to help build their case.

All Albert Park College students rose to the challenge and successfully debated the following topics: *“This house believes that all public transport should be free”* / *“This house believes that we should ban violent video games”* / *“This house believes that we should have a curfew for people under 18 years of age”*. Numerous teams placed first throughout the day. All students are to be congratulated for their wonderful performances.

At the Junior Debating Competition students have now completed their second round of debating and are training on the topic *“That Hollywood movies should be true to history.”* Many students debated for the first time and received fantastic feedback from the adjudicators.



**On the 9th and 10th of
November**

**APC will be presenting the
Annual Drama Production**

‘On One Condition’

at 40 Bay Street.

Tickets are \$10, [click here to purchase your ticket.](#)

The show starts at 8pm!

40 Bay Street, Port Melbourne

It's 1973 and the monarch of a wealthy family has died, leaving each of his estranged children an inheritance. However, his will states that his final wish is for his family to reconcile their differences or they will not be granted their inheritance. As the siblings sort through their old family home, in the old coastal town of Portarlinton, they uncover clues that reveal a side to their father that they never knew. What was the secret that tore his family apart?

French News

French Exchange Opportunities: Seeking expressions of interest

Albert Park College offers a number of opportunities to students of French to immerse themselves in French language and culture. To help with long-term planning, we are calling for Expressions of Interest for the next two immersion experiences, one for middle years and one for senior French students.

New Caledonia: September 15 - 27 2018

This one-week study tour for middle school French students (Years 7-9) will take place in the last week of Term 3, September 15 - 23.

The study tour is designed to give students an opportunity to improve their ability to understand and communicate in French and experience daily life in a French-speaking Pacific community. Students will have the opportunity to study at a French language school and may elect to stay with a host family if they choose.

Parents are welcome to join their child on this study tour. In 2016, the cost was approximately \$3000 all inclusive.

To express interest, please ask your child to open this newsletter, and fill out [this Google form together.](#)

2016 New Caledonia trip: Amédée Island



Lycée Sainte Marie du Port: 7-week exchange (Years 10 and 11)

Senior students will be invited to apply to participate in this 7-week exchange over the 2018-2019 summer holidays, including a short stay in Paris seeing the historical and cultural highlights, then a 6-week school exchange at our French sister school in Les Sables d'Olonne, staying with a host family. Ideally the APC student would reciprocate hosting for 6-7 weeks during the French summer holidays of July and August 2018.

To express interest in the full exchange experience, please ask your child to open this newsletter [and fill in this Google form with you](#)

If you are interested in hosting but not going on exchange, we would still love to hear from you.

Please ask your child to open this newsletter [and fill out this Google form together.](#)



Berthe Mouchette Competition

Congratulations (*Félicitations*) to Leon Fricker, who was a finalist in the Berthe Mouchette Competition, and was given a Special Mention by the judges for his outstanding performance, placing him in the top 10 of Victoria's VCE French students.

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Basketball Academy News

U15 State Champions!

On the first Sunday of last holidays, our U15 boys Basketball Academy team competed in the State Championship game. In order to qualify for the State Championship, the boys made it through to the Elite 8 (the top 8 teams in the state), in the Champions Cup Basketball Tournament. The Champions Cup is a basketball tournament for Victoria's elite school teams and the boys played against school teams from both independent and government schools across two days of competition.

The state game was a tough contest with the scores being within 6 points for nearly the entire game. They competed against St Josephs who are a very experienced basketball school with some very talented players. Our boys ended up winning, meaning that they were officially crowned the best U15 basketball team in the state!

This is a HUGE achievement and something that each and every one of them should be incredibly proud of. As a spectator it was hard not to be in awe of all of the talent that was on display, I would like to give a special mention to Kobe Shewry in Year 7 who hit something like 7 3 pointers in a row to give the boys a handy lead in the final few minutes. Each of the boys has worked incredibly hard at training to get to this point, so well done boys on what is nothing short of an AMAZING achievement.

Please take the time to congratulate the following students if you see them around the school!

- Kobe Shewry
- Seth Burriss
- Ben Warszewski
- Harrison Raynor
- Patrick Twigg
- Kam McCutcheon
- Mitch Geraerts
- Jonatan Moren-Proudlove
- Liam Ashbrook-Haley
- Campbell McNabb



Phillip Basketball Association Competition

On Monday 30th October the Southport Tropics won the Grade 7 Division 1 grand final in the Port Phillip Basketball Association Competition, being undefeated all season! All except two are APC boys and many are APC Academy. Congratulations!



Youth in Chambers Excursion

On Tuesday the 17 of October myself and a few other members of the Junior SRC went to the 2017 Youth in Chambers excursion at the St Kilda Town Hall.

Every year schools from within the City of Port Phillip come together to present what they have accomplished over the year to the mayor and councillors. We each presented one significant thing that the student leadership program organised around the theme of community belonging. We were presenting our Winter Sleep Out. The other schools were Port Melbourne Primary School, St Kilda Park Primary, Albert Park Primary School, St Kilda Primary School, Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School,

Mac Robertson Girls High School and Wesley College. Each of the schools had amazing ideas, including organising care packages for the homeless, feminism awareness, postcards spreading positivity within the school and a scavenger hunt activity.

The Mayor loved our presentation and thought that the Winter Sleep Out was a great idea to raise awareness for homelessness. The whole day was a great opportunity for young leaders and it was lots of fun.

by Rupert Pearce - Year 7



Youth Advisory Committee - City of Port Phillip

The City of Port Phillip Youth Services Team is re-launching its Youth Advisory Committee. This will be open to young people aged 16 to 25 years that live, work or study in Port Phillip with a desire to be involved and contribute to their local community on issues affecting young people.

What is the purpose of the (Youth Advisory Committee) YAC?

To act as an advisory committee to Council on issues that are important to young people in the City of Port Phillip

1. To provide information to Council about young people's involvement and representation in Council planning and decision making processes
2. To assist with and advise Council on consultation processes with young people
3. To raise awareness and advocate in the community of youth issues, needs and interests
4. To consider issues of importance, (which could involve the development of working groups), and develop recommendations to be presented to Council
5. To promote and encourage the involvement of young people in the planning, development, coordination and provision of Council services
6. To ensure the views and concerns of the young people in Port Phillip are put forward, represented and considered

As one of the main aims of the YAC is to provide information to Council about young people's involvement and representation in Council planning and decision-making processes, Council will be invited to attend meetings and speak with the YAC about key initiatives as is outlined in the Council Plan initiatives. We will be offering development opportunities for young people and access to specialist guest speakers. Participants are involved in all decision making in regards to the YAC, they provide direct input into the community projects they will carry out as a part of their involvement. The voice of young people has a direct impact on local government decision-making.

The Youth Advisory Committee will hold meetings scheduled on pre - determined dates at the St Kilda Town Hall on Tuesday evenings every three weeks except for school holidays.

For your students who are interested in opportunities to shows leadership qualities or an interest in local government, please distribute this information to them. We currently have students from local schools including St. Michael's Grammar, Albert Park College and The Mac.Robertson Girls' High School participating in the committee.

For students interested, please email Lisa Lorenz on Lisa.lorenz@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Thanks for your time and attention on this.

Lisa Lorenz

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