

MARCH 2018 – ISSUE 2

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 29th March

Last day of Term 1

Monday 16th April

First day of Term 2

Applications for Year 7 2019

Enrolment forms available

Tuesday 17th April

Horse Riding Camp Parent

Evening

5.30pm

19th & 20th March

Chakra - Dance Evening

23rd - 26th April

Horse Riding camp

Wednesday 25th April

Public Holiday - Anzac Day

Thursday 3rd May

Open Day

2pm - 6pm

PRINCIPAL'S SAY

"More important than science is education in the liberal arts, as science cannot tell us how science itself should be used."

*Michael Sandel
Harvard philosopher*

Anyone who has travelled along Pickles Street in recent weeks will have seen our new liberal arts campus taking shape. Every element of the historic Bastow building is being restored as evidenced by the new terracotta tiled roof and the refurbished turrets that draw air through the building.

Internally, the original hardwood floors have been exposed and oiled and the original fireplaces restored. As you enter the building your eyes are drawn to the timber lined vaulted ceilings and stain glass windows. There is also a nostalgic element to the restoration as we have retained some features, like the original blackboards.

There is a real sense as you enter the building that we have honoured both its history and integrity. This is an important first principle in all the work that we do.

The good news is that we will be moving into this building early in Term 2. This will provide much needed additional space in the form of five additional classrooms as well as a purpose-built café and study centre for our most senior students.



It is important to note that while we will have possession of the red brick Bastow building one final stage of the development will still be underway.

Over the coming months, you will see three charred timber pavilions being erected in the grounds. Each pavilion will be linked by timber decks, creating an integrated learning centre for the study of the liberal arts. The pavilions have been orientated to look out into the tree canopies dotted around the site and the landscape will be lovingly restored under the direction of a qualified arborist.

The landscape will feature native grasses with granite boulders inserted into the landscape to give it shape and form. The significant native trees on the site will be the dominant feature of the landscape - honouring the fact that we are fortunate to have established trees in this inner urban landscape.

Our aim is to create a restful and harmonious space, with the built and natural environment interacting and complementing each other. The design intent is to create a sense of serenity and calm as you enter the Pickles Street site.

All of this has been designed to create an exemplary learning environment for our most senior students. The liberal arts campus features a dedicated study space reminiscent of the ornate reading room of the state library. Tutors will be employed to support students in their study, as this will be a mature and studious space to learn.

The Ben Shewry inspired café is the social hub of the site, offering a place for our most senior students to gather and share what they have learnt across the day.

This is the sort of space our senior students have craved for years and many of the ideas of our senior students have been incorporated into the design.

We all know that the final years of study can be a time of anxiety, this space has been designed to alleviate that feeling. The Campus itself will be calming, in order to further this feeling we will also be introducing mindfulness and well-being programs.



Lead Create Inspire

Yoga classes will be run from this campus and a student support team will be based here including our first full-time careers teacher at the College.

This campus will be a celebration of our passion for the liberal arts and the power the liberal arts have in opening up our awareness of the world around us.

Increasingly, we need to be responsive to students needs for timely and ongoing support, not only with their study but also with the challenges that all young adults face as they are transitioning from secondary school.

This is a place where our future philosophers and writers, the deep thinkers of the next generation will find a home. It will be a place of inspiration for future generations of students at Albert Park College.

*Steve Cook
Foundation Principal*



Join us for our annual
festival of the written and
spoken word.



Lit Fest is coming!
15th and 16th June 2018

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STUDENTS' VOICE

Leadership at APC

Albert Park College Student Leadership Day

On Friday the 23rd of March the entirety of the student leadership team of Albert Park College met for the annual Student Leadership Day held at Gatehouse.

We discussed goal setting, teamwork, how to create and participate in a successful leadership group and together with University of Melbourne student teachers, we discussed what effectively makes a 'good' teacher.

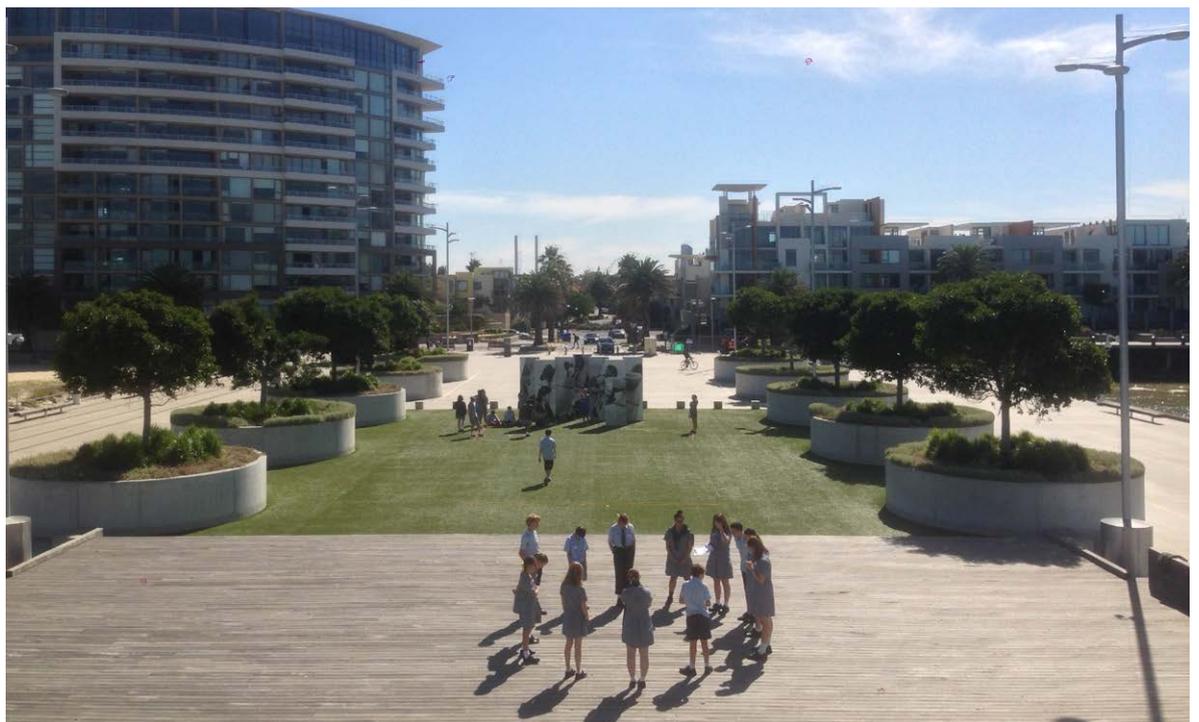
In smaller groups, we completed a range of activities surrounding the ideas of building teamwork, enhancing public speaking abilities and creating plans for the future.

Our main focus was on how we as a small section of the school population can accurately represent the needs of everyone. As a team, we discussed issues that will be addressed in both the near future and throughout the year and are excited to bring these ideas into the APC community.

We look forward to creating a stronger and more powerful student voice.

A message we would like to leave with everyone is to be a leader you do not need a badge or label but merely complete actions that benefit and bring positivity to the wider community.

by Jemima Scott - Year 11 Ambassador



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STUDENTS' VOICE

City of Port Phillip Leadership Forum

On Wednesday the 21st of March, the Year 7 and 8 Ambassadors went on an excursion to the St Kilda Town Hall to choose, and then brainstorm a project that they would carry out through Terms 2 & 3 surrounding 'healthy minds'.

The purpose of the day was to not only decide on issues surrounding 'healthy minds', but to develop better leadership skills and to meet and greet with other students from numerous high schools and primary schools from around Victoria.

Throughout the day, we did several activities to help us decide on an issue and also have a bit of fun.

At the start of the day, we were all split up to sit at tables with people we had never even met before and then we had to draw them! The most helpful activity for me was when we had to come up with twenty ideas on what we could use a shoe for. We had limited time so this made us rush and not think about the logistics of it. It allowed us to come up with some pretty crazy ideas, for example, a necklace or a pot plant! This taught us that even if you have a crazy idea that seems impossible, it can always be the start of something that IS possible.

Towards the end of the day, we had decided that we wanted our main focus to be 'healthy coping strategies'. Our main reason for choosing this issue was that; we had some good ideas on how we were going to tackle this problem and secondly; we thought that this is one of the biggest problems that students encounter at school.

We are looking forward to implementing these ideas throughout Terms 2 & 3 and welcome any feedback from students throughout the school.

by Jaz Howes - Year 8 Ambassador



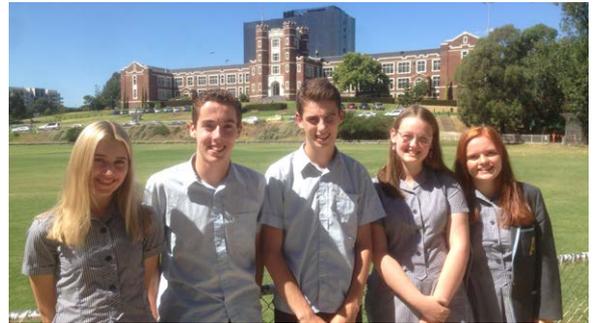
As we continue to improve our communications processes we are pleased to inform parents and carers that from term two we will be using an SMS alert system for attendance. Information about this new process will be provided to parents and carers in the first week of term two. Parents and carers are asked to take this opportunity to ensure that their primary contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, are up to date.

STUDENTS' VOICE

Respectful Relationships at Melbourne High

On Monday 26th February, a group of five Year 11 ambassadors along with Ms Kubiak attended the Respectful Relationships, Rights and Resilience (RRRR) excursion at Melbourne High. We were alongside many other students from various schools, working together to discuss our thoughts and opinions surrounding this topic.

Here, we listened to two speakers, Justice Jennifer Coate, Family Court of Australia judge who spoke to us about respectful relationships at home and the impact that different privileges and identities have on being respected. While Andrew Eklund the Executive Director of Transgender Victoria, spoke about respect in the LGBT+ community and impact gender has on the relationships you acquire. Both were incredibly inspiring and it was a joy to hear both role models discussing their experiences. Throughout the day we did a range of activities to do with privilege, how to create respectful relationships, creating strong leaders, being role models and how we can bring the RRRR ideas into APC. Overall it was an extremely rewarding day and we look forward to bringing everything we discussed into the APC community.



by Jemima Scott - Year 11

Student Leadership Conference (GRIP)

GRIP Leadership is an organisation that focuses on training and developing student leaders within schools through seminars and conferences. Last Tuesday, myself and other students from the student leadership team including Bella, Oscar, Lily, Hunter, Pia, Meagan and Eloisa attended a GRIP leadership conference. The day consisted of talks from different speakers and activities in which we put some leadership skills into practice.

The day began with a session on how leadership groups can contribute change and an activity in which students were able to identify possible areas for change within their school's communities. After a break, we reconvened and listened to a talk on the importance of integrity among leaders. Students then had a choice regarding what talks they would like to listen to, including transforming capacity or transforming event participation, school pride or how to increase team effectiveness. To finish the day students had the opportunity to ask questions which were answered by the GRIP leadership team.



I learnt a lot about how to contribute a positive change to schools and how working as a team is vital for leaders in order to make a difference within the school. I think the conference helped our school's leaders identify problem areas within our school and innovative solutions for how to solve these issues.

by Millie Macwhirter - Year 10 Ambassador

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STUDENTS' VOICE

International Women's Day Breakfast

On Wednesday 7th March, a group six of APC's student leaders, with Ms Kubiak and Ms Jessop, attended a breakfast at the Crown Palladium for International Women's Day. The event was organised by Rotary International, and we were treated to a discussion by a panel of five speakers, moderated by journalist and broadcaster Ali Moore.

The discussion centred around women in the workplace, but also covered the treatment of women in broader society. Deborah Glass OBE, Victoria's first female ombudsman, spoke of her office, where 70% of her employees are female. This balance is tipped due to her offer of flexible hours, which resulted in far more applications from women, who have told her that they were attracted due to the jobs' possibilities for them to balance their work and home lives. Glass

expressed her belief that Australia lags far behind the UK in its attitudes towards sexism and racism, pointing out that unacceptable language in the UK is commonplace in Australian society.

Andy Penn, the CEO of Telstra, spoke of his company's gender balance, which is close to equal overall but has only 22% of senior positions currently held by women. He spoke of Telstra's ongoing aim of achieving gender equal employment, and the resistance encountered to this. Penn was more optimistic about Australian attitudes towards sexism, arguing that Australians are more comfortable than most to talk openly about sensitive issues, and this opens doorways to progress.

ALBERT PARK COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2018

83 Danks St, Albert Park
Thursday 3rd May 2018
2 pm to 6pm

Foundation Principal Presentation 5.00pm

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STUDENTS' VOICE

Adam Fennessy, an ex-governmental partner at Ernst & Young, talked about recruiting and hiring. He demonstrated that jobs do not always require experience and qualifications in a specific area, but recruiting can be broadened so that new perspectives and different ideas are brought to different jobs. This will also help women in the workforce, as areas that are typically male-dominated are opened up to a broader range of applicants.

Emma Welsh, the co-founder of Emma & Tom's food company, also spoke about offering flexible working hours, and thus attracting more female applicants. Welsh also spoke about the traditional roles and stereotypes of men and women. She explained that women are less likely to attempt to take on jobs they feel they are not fully qualified for, and that they are also less likely to ask for pay increases, and this is one of the causes of the pay gap between male and female workers. She also explained that there is still an expectation that women perform traditional domestic duties, creating a further challenge for promotion in the workplace.

The discussion was brought to a close by a disturbing anecdote from Glass, in which she recounted a story from when she became the first female ombudsman of Victoria. She was informed of her salary, and she asked if that was what her male predecessor had been paid, to which no reply was given, until the next day she was informed that her salary had increased by \$40,000. The breakfast was a very memorable event, and all came away from it with fresh ideas about gender equality in all aspects of society.

I would like to thank, on behalf of APC, Rotary International for putting on the breakfast, and all those who spoke, for their wisdom and insights, and for making us more aware of the stereotypes, traditions and practices we all must challenge and overcome on the way to gender equality.

by Oscar Paulke - College Vice Captain



Our APC Rowing Team



We have had another amazing season at the APC boat shed! Our senior crews trained together on the water 3 times a week and Sunday morning saw our junior crews hit the water. Our senior and junior squads then came together once a week for a land training session which saw great improvements across the board in our fitness and strength.

The rowing squads travelled far and wide to regattas including Nagambie Regatta, a weekend away at State Championships at Ballarat and many more regattas on the Barwon River, Geelong. Our biggest regatta was the School Sports Victoria Regatta where the entire squad came together to compete. We had great success here walking away with a swag of medals. These include:

- gold, silver and bronze in the Year 10 girls quad
- gold and silver in the girls Year 10 single
- gold and bronze in the girls Year 9 quad
- gold in the open boys doubles
- gold in the open boys quad



- bronze in the girls Year 10 double
- bronze in the open boys single
- 4th in the open girls quad
- 4th and 6th in the open girls single

Over the course of the season, we also had the U17 girls quad of Sophie Koo, Hannah Magasanik, Lucy de Gleria Cade, Annabelle Sterkenburg, coxed by Nadia Dzaferovic and Yasmin Omar win State Championship GOLD in the U17 quad and Female B Grade quad.

This quad, coxed by Nadia, went on to represent APC in the U17 quad at the National Championships in Sydney. These girls had some very close racing, missing direct progression to the semi-final by just 0.01!

We look forward to next season including our Learn to Row Programme in Term 3.

Virginia / APC Rowing Head Coach



SCHOOL INSURANCE AND LIABILITY INFORMATION

Parents are reminded that the department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport.

Parents and students are also reminded that any private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.

Albert Park College encourages parents and carers to consider obtaining their own accident/ambulance insurance for students.

Year 9 Environmental Q&A Forum



On Thursday the 22nd of March, the Year 9 cohort at the Bay Street campus had a half-day full of environmental activities to inspire them with their big questions for their Da Vinci projects.

One of these activities was a Keynote address by local marine biologist and author of “Melbourne Down Under” Sheree Marris, followed by a Q&A hosted by Year 9 students Pia Martyn and Jean Pierre Tracey. The Q&A panelists were all members of the community who were also passionate about the environment, and who had a job that regularly concerned the Environment. The panelists included Sheree along with the Mayor of the City Port Phillip, Bernadine Voss, The Jane Goodall Foundation PR rep, Michelle Shepherd, Head of the KPMG corporate citizenship committee, Elsie Fulton and Flexicar CEO Tim Watts.

This Q&A was extremely educational for the students, and especially good because they got to take part in it themselves by asking their own pre-written questions for the panelists to reply to. Many questions included inquiries into the effects of the panelists’ jobs and workplaces on the environment, which were strongly and, generally, well answered by the panellists. All in all, the Q&A was both extremely educational and fun for the students to participate in, and APC thanks the panelists for taking their time to help to teach the students of Year 9 even more about their environment and what can be done to both protect and preserve it.

by Pia Martyn



Outdoor & Environmental Studies

Year 11 Outdoor & Environmental Studies

The Year 11 Outdoor & Environmental studies class have been busy exploring numerous different marine environments during the Snorkel Unit this term. Students started the Unit at MSAC where they fine-tuned some underwater skills and then moved onto the local, Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary. Students were able to see numerous marine environment types including rocky sandstone intertidal and subtidal habitats, rock bommies and miles of sandy seagrass beds. Students were lucky to see a diverse variety of fish species including; Banjo Sharks, Stingrays, Pufferfish, Old Wife fish, Wrasse and even some baby Squid.

The Snorkel unit was wrapped up on Friday 23rd with a day trip out to Chinamans hut to swim with some Australian Fur Seals and giant stingrays and a guided Snorkel around the man-made reef Popes Eye.



VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies

The Year 12 Outdoor & Environmental Studies class recently went to Wilsons Promontory National Park for a 3 day camp. Students participated in a surf session at Norman bay, an overnight self sufficient hike to Sealers Cove and attended an education session run by Parks Victoria.



The camp was a fantastic opportunity for students to reinforce and apply all knowledge learnt in Unit 3 OES so far and experience one of Victoria's oldest and most loved National Parks.

Lead Create Inspire

STEM Extra-Curricular: F1 in Schools Albert Park College 2018

It gives us immense pleasure to announce that Albert Park College makes its much-anticipated debut in the F1 in Schools Challenge this year, with sixteen of our extremely talented students dedicating their valuable time to prepare and compete in the State final of this competition held later this year.

Background to the competition

F1 in Schools is the only global multi-disciplinary challenge in which teams of students aged 9 to 19 deploy CAD/CAM software to collaborate, design, analyse, manufacture, test, and then race miniature compressed air powered balsa wood F1 cars.

The students collaborate with many organisations, industry and higher education facilities to source knowledge and resources during their project.

The F1 in Schools program forms one step in the development of a pathway of sustainable interest, not only inspiring students but also developing in them the key vocational skills which will assist in their future careers.

The challenge inspires students to use IT to learn about physics, aerodynamics, design, manufacture, branding, graphics, sponsorship, marketing, leadership/teamwork, media skills and financial strategy; and apply them in a practical, imaginative, competitive and exciting way.



Year 7 Science

Year 7 Science students at APC have had an exciting start to the year. They have been learning about how to conduct experiments scientifically, identifying the various pieces of equipment used in the science laboratory and applying their understanding to a series of practical activities. One of the first things that students learned was how to use the bunsen burner safely and how this could be used to conduct experiments in science classes. It may have seemed a little tricky at first, but now all of the Year 7's are fully qualified bunsen burner users with their own bunsen burner licences! The next Marie Curie and Ernest Rutherford could be studying here at APC!



Debating News

The Public Speaking and Debating Program is in full swing at Albert Park College. We have 10 teams enrolled in the senior Debating Association of Victoria inter-school competition. In the first round students debated the following topics:

- That we should limit the number of government-funded university places
- That we should ban the sale of all cars powered by fossil fuels by 2025
- That the Olympics should expand to include non-sporting events

We were successful against Sandringham College, Star of the Sea College, Brighton Secondary College, Firbank Grammar School and St Bede's College.

All students are to be congratulated for their efforts. It is a fantastic start to the season!

I was recently lucky enough to head to the ABC Studios to record a debate with radio presenter Sami Shah as part of their 'Fight Sami' segment on ABC breakfast radio. The question: Should people be required to get a license before becoming parents?

The debate took some wacky twists and turns; from celebrity baby names, to the mummy and daddy state, to baby licensing privatisation and, unexpectedly, to serial killers. It was a short, sharp and funny experience and a unique opportunity to discuss a topic in a more informal style and for a much wider audience.

-Oscar Pearce, Debating Leader



What Year 9 students have been cooking at 'The Whole Nine Yards' Cafe at Bay St



House Competitions

House Cross Country

On Tuesday 27th March Year 9 - 12 students took part in an optional House Cross Country event. It was a fantastic event and all runners and volunteers had a great time. Students ran 10 laps around the perimeter of the school to reach a 5km distance. This distance is the same distance as inter school cross country. The students wore their house colours with pride and cheered each other on as they ran along. It was great to have Ms Barton representing Winton in the race as well! Well done Ms Barton for achieving your new personal best! The individual winners of the House Cross Country for the Year 9 - 12 students were:

Girls

1st place - Alexandra Arenius
2nd place - Charlie Symons
3rd place - Claudia Lawson and
Harriette Christie

Boys

1st place - Felix Harvey
2nd place - Mack Burdett
3rd place - Paddy Fremantle

The final points for Years 9 - 12:

Freeman: 45
Winton: 65
Flannery: 10

Thank you to all of the staff and student volunteers for helping out with this event!

Year 7s and 8s will be running House Cross Country as a compulsory event in their sport double period lesson in the first week back at school in Term 2. These students are encouraged to wear a coloured sports top and/or shorts in their house colour.

by Miss Jessop



House Football

On Wednesday afternoon, the second last day of term, the annual APC Football competition was held at JL Murphy Reserve for both Year 9 students & a combined competition for Year 10, 11 & 12 students. The matches were played in great spirit and the players showed great skill and commitment to their Houses. In the Senior APC House Football competition, Freeman were the winners, with special mentions going to Archi Manton, Sam McConchie, Kurtis MaCaulay, Johnny Wilson, Oscar Paulke & Toby Arms. Whilst in the Year 9 APC House Football competition, Winton were the winners with special mentions going to Mack Burdett, Neven Apiti-Civcic Jordan Maloney and Jake Austin. Overall, it was a great afternoon of football and a great way to finish up the term at APC!

Well done to everyone involved.

APC Year 9 House Football - Winners = Winton
APC Senior House Football - Winners = Freeman



House Battle of the Bands

On Thursday 15th March at lunchtime 4 bands took part in the final round of the House Battle of the Bands. There was a great crowd and atmosphere in the courtyard with students and teachers cheering and dancing along to the bands' performances. A big thank you to Mr Gourley for organising this event and for the music staff who volunteered on the day.

The winning band was **Lovefish** (Lukas Balnionas - Flannery, Lewis O'Donnell - Freeman, Noah Dalton - Freeman, Ben Martin - Flannery), second place went to **Unnamed** (Will Hurley - Winton, Oscar Burdett - Winton, Sarah Ryan - Flannery, Charlotte Hewitson - Freeman, Nick Thexton - Freeman, Louis shepherd - Freeman, Jarvis Thornley - Freeman) and 3rd place was awarded to **Senior Contemporary** (Julian Bonitz - Winton, Charlotte Hewitson - Freeman, Abby Howes - Winton, Oliver Howes - Winton, Nick Norris - Freeman, Lewis O'Donnell - Freeman, Lily Ward - Flannery).

Overall, Freeman came first with 26 points, Flannery came second with 18 points and Winton came 3rd with 14 points. Well done to all of the participants and thank you for everyone who came along and supported this house event!






SHORT LOCAL RIDES FOR NEWBIES

No cost. All ages. Safe route. Fun & social.



**ONLY
40 mins**

TIME	8am (40 minute ride)
WHEN	Sundays - 8 Apr / 15 Apr / 22 Apr / 29 Apr
WHERE	Back2Bikes, Port Melbourne
ADDRESS	525 Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne, enter via a small drive way located just down from the Port Melbourne Cricket Oval.

[click here for
MORE INFO](#)

neighbourlyride.com

Inspire Club Updates!

Inspire Clubs at APC are a great opportunity to try something new, meet new people or grow an already existing passion. Check out the Inspire portal page for the new club schedule!

Don't forget - if you would like to run a club because it doesn't yet exist at APC, email Ms Chang at cristinachang@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au to get started!

Here are a few of the clubs running at APC this year!

Writer's workshop:

The Writer's Workshop facilitates creative writing and editing activities for budding young writers. Students also have the opportunity to interact with guest authors and gain insight into the writing industry.

Community Foods Clubs:

Students cook various healthy snacks and lunches which are to be donated to primary schools in lower SES areas via EATUP program.

The Maker's Club

The Year 7's in Maker Club are working together to develop our Maker skills and getting comfortable not always knowing the answer but working to find it out. This coming term we are working on two tasks - developing prototypes that help the improve our lives through technology and we are also using the 3D printers and robotics training to print and wire a working hand for a person without one.



Understanding & Supporting Adolescents by Developing their Resilience

Presented by Greg Mitchell



On Wednesday March 14th we were pleased to host Greg Mitchell for a special parent information event focusing on adolescent resilience. The evening provided insights to parents on successful tips and approaches for supporting adolescents through their growth, and the factors that impact on resilience in children as they mature. The evening generated positive conversations amongst parents and its interactive nature meant there was plenty of opportunity for communication, laughs and learning.

APC will continue to host parent information sessions on current topics and issues of relevance to the community. Information on semester two evenings will be forthcoming.

ALBERT PARK COLLEGE PRESENTS

CHAKRA

Thursday 19th April: 7:30pm

Friday 20th April: 1:30pm & 7:30pm

The Lawler Theatre at
Melbourne Theatre Company

Tickets available
through mtc.com.au

CHAKRA is a contemporary dance work that investigates the 7 main energy centres of the body. Cosmic consciousness, compassion, intuition, survival, courage, and vitality are all explored in this exciting work presented by the talented youth of the APC Dance Company.

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APC is holding our second annual Inspire Fun Run! On May 13, 2018, APC students, staff and family members are joining together at the Alexandra Gardens to complete the Mother's Day Classic to support breast cancer research. Any fitness levels are welcome! You can walk, run, frolic or dance the 4km or 8km distance. Meeting points to start the race will be arranged closer to the date so that the APC group can have a big start together!



WOMEN IN SUPER Major Sponsor

Mother's Day Classic

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ONE IN EIGHT

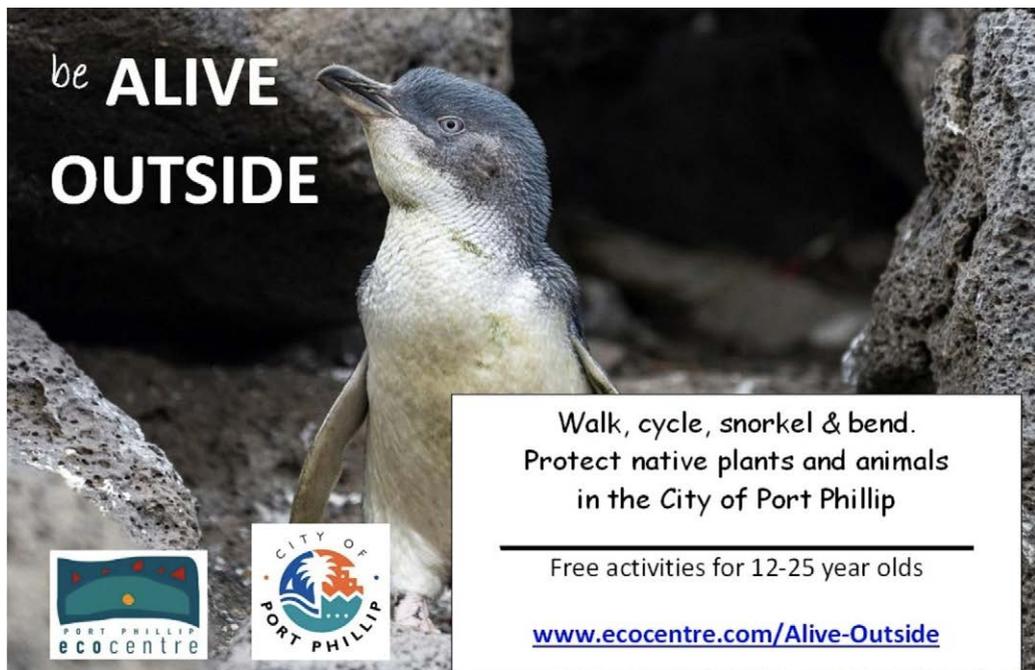
One in eight women in Australia will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. Join us and together we can

WALK ALL OVER BREAST CANCER Sunday 13 May

Who: YOU! (APC students and their families, APC staff)
What: Mother's Day Classic 2018 Walk/Run around the Tan Track. Non walkers/runners can come and cheer us on!
When: May 13, 2018
Where: Alexandra Gardens and the Tan Track. Meeting points will be sent out closer to the date.
Why: To raise money for breast cancer research, hang out with mums and families on Mother's day and get some fresh air and exercise!
How: Sign up on the website and join the team: "APC Inspire" using the password: "inspire"

BE ALIVE OUTSIDE!

OUR FRIENDS AT THE PORT PHILLIP ECO CENTRE ARE OFFERING FREE ACTIVITIES FOR 12-25 YEAR OLDS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! ACTIVITIES INCLUDE WILDLIFE WALKS, PENGUIN 'PAMPERING', TREE PLANTING AND NEST BUILDING!



be **ALIVE**
OUTSIDE

Walk, cycle, snorkel & bend.
Protect native plants and animals
in the City of Port Phillip

Free activities for 12-25 year olds

www.ecocentre.com/Alive-Outside

YOUR ENVIRONMENT LEADERS,
ELOISA MOSES-MCMAHON (SENIOR LEADER) & RUPERT PEARCE (JUNIOR REP)



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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.

CSEF is 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. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is 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 is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

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

NEW FOR 2018!

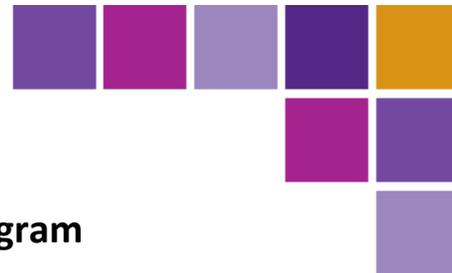
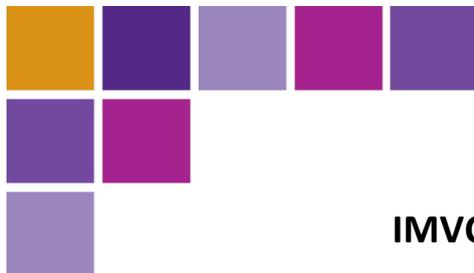
If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





IMVC's Mentor Program

Mentors Needed for 2018



"I enjoyed volunteering for the Mentor Program to offer my guidance and knowledge in the workforce, as well as preparing my mentee for the future to the best of my ability." – Mentor, 2017

After the success of last year's Mentor Program, the IMVC is now on the lookout for new Mentor volunteers. This year, the Mentor Program will be offered to two cohorts, IMVC's VCAL Youth2Industry program in South Melbourne, and to young women of the River Nile School in North Melbourne.

Who can apply?

The IMVC is looking for Mentor volunteers who meet the following criteria:

- Can commit to 8 x 2 hours program sessions between late June to early August
- Are over 25 years old
- Have industry experience and an understanding of developing employability skills
- Have a willingness to share expertise and experiences

Why should I be a Mentor?

- To support students with access and learning needs
- To assist student with their career development conversations
- The opportunity to enhance volunteer work experience
- To receive disability awareness training

How do I apply?

For initial application or more information, contact Molly Linossier on **9686 2354** or email communications@imvc.com.au

