

# LOWANNA NEWS

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## Coming Up...

**26 July**

Job Skills Expo

**27 July**

Middle/Senior School  
Information Evening

**28 July**

Year 11 Outdoor Ed Excursion  
to Mt Baw Baw

**2 August**

VCE Bob Hillman Lecture

**3 August**

Year 10 Outdoor Ed Excursion  
to Mt St Gwinear

**5 August**

Out of Uniform  
(Jeans for Genes Day)

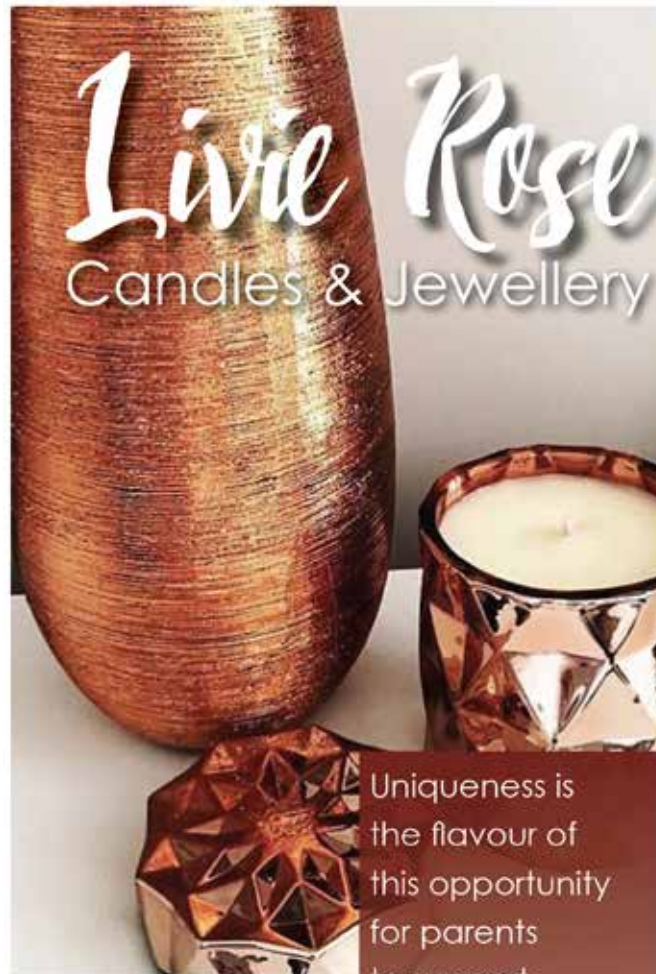
**8 August - 12 August**

Snow Camp

**10 August**

Year 10 - 11 Course  
Counselling

## Chaplaincy Fundraiser



Uniqueness is  
the flavour of  
this opportunity  
for parents  
to support  
Chaplaincy &  
purchase some  
delights.



## Attention Bus Travellers



All but two of the school buses  
now have seat belts installed.  
If you travel on a bus that has  
seat belts installed, it is a legal  
requirement to wear them. Please  
ensure that, whilst traveling, your  
seatbelt is fastened at all times.

Chaplaincy Fundraising Committee has been able to secure a display of products normally available through Party Plan Activity by Janelle Potts. This is an activity to support our fundraising efforts with a percentage of the sales, going straight into the ability to pay for our Chaplain.

- When:** Afternoon Pick-up times 2:30 to 3:30 pm,  
Monday 25th July through to Friday 29nd July, 2016
- Where:** Just inside the front door of the Office Administration Block.
- Pricing:** Candles range from \$15.00 to \$45.00 with Jewellery  
priced between \$20 and \$200.00 for those interested.
- Enquiries:** Please call Grace, our Chaplain, on 5127 9224

# Principal's Report

## Student Free Day

Friday August 19th has been listed as one of our student free days for the year. On this day all staff will be involved in a Professional Learning Day on the power of Professional Learning Communities. This has not only been a priority of our school for the last two-years, it is a strong priority of the State Government as part of their Education State initiative. The day will be delivered by Colin Sloper from Hawker Brownlow. We are hoping this will really embed some of the 'big picture' thinking we have asked teachers to undertake. The concept of Professional Learning Communities is to focus all our attention on student learning and collaborate to improve outcomes for all students. As a concept it is hard to argue against it as a vital way to bring about, not just school improvement, but system-wide improvement. Hopefully everyone will walk away from the day with some deeper understanding of the work we are doing on collaboration and some practical ideas on how to develop our work to get sustained improvement for Lowanna students.

## Staffing Update

I would like to take this opportunity of informing the school community that Russell Hall retired unexpectedly over the holidays. Russell has been a long serving member of the Lowanna community and his work as a Maths teacher and Year Level Coordinator (along with a number of other roles over the years) is greatly appreciated. We wish Russell well in his retirement.

## School Review

As mentioned in the last newsletter, this term we are undertaking a Peer Review to set our Strategic Plan for the next four years. The Leadership team is currently working in small groups to fill in our Self Evaluation form, which enables us to reflect on what we are doing, what we have achieved and the evidence to support this.

Part of the process is to seek and collect feedback from the school community. Dan Swallow has been managing this process and a number of students have been given an opportunity to provide feedback during this week. We have also sought feedback from parents and have already received some feedback already. I strongly encourage our parent community to provide input on how you believe the school is tracking. The link to this survey has been communicated via Compass and our Facebook page.

Staff will also be provided with the opportunity to provide feedback on a range of questions so that we can get a full picture on our school improvement journey. We are under no illusions that our work as a College is complete and we can sit back and rest on our laurels. The College has done a significant amount of work over the last two-years but these changes need constant reinforcing and time to embed in our practice.

Brett Windsor  
College Principal

## ReachOut & Yonder - new digital service for parents of teenagers



Leading online youth mental health organisation, ReachOut Australia, has partnered with Sydney-based creative agency Yonder to develop an innovative campaign to promote the new digital service ReachOut Parents.

Available 24 hours a day, ReachOut Parents provides parents of 12–18 year-olds with free evidence-based practical support and tips on a range of mental health and wellbeing issues like bullying, sex and communication.

Building on ReachOut's 18-year history of supporting young people directly, the new service will help parents support their teenagers through everyday issues and tough times.

Yonder's campaign uses teenagers to capture important, yet often unspoken, emotions between parents and teenagers with a series of contradictory statements like 'I might tell you that I hate you but that doesn't mean I don't love you too.'

<http://about.au.reachout.com/reachout-and-yonder-team-up-to-promote-new-digital-service-for-parents-of-teenagers>

# LOWANNA COLLEGE REVIEW

Lowanna College is currently undergoing a review process to evaluate our progress before developing our strategic plan for the 2017-2020 period. To best inform our review, we are seeking feedback from parents about how they feel the College is performing and what the future priorities are for the College moving forward.

Parents can provide feedback by contacting the College by phone and completing a short phone interview, or by completing a short survey found at the following address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lowanna>

# Chaplaincy Support Committee

Congratulations to the Deb Ball co-ordinating team and our well presented 2016 Debutantes. Our Chaplaincy team particularly wishes to thank all who contributed to our responsibilities towards the Debutante Balls, this includes particularly the staff, relief staff and VCAL students in the Food Tech department and the 14 student table waiters who volunteered. Special thanks Brian MacKenzie for the liaison. So thankyou, Felicity Gray, Austin Matthews, Maddie Frazer, Sean Vandersteen, Brad Graham, Brendan Ferris, Declan Breheny, Chloe Barber, Renee Zealley, Trent Euman, Ethan Detering, Rita Numeroli, Steven Duff Brandon Hibbs and Laetsha Bird. These people worked with our kitchen team of three current parents, Andrea Jelenic, Tracey Kippen and Kathryn Tang and our usual Chaplaincy community support team, Dot Teague, Sandra Parsons, Graeme and Mary Nicholls, Ron Bishop, Rosemarie McCaw, Heather Baillie, Laurie Shearer and Helen Bayes. The Deb Balls are such an opportunity for wide community, school staff and student participation. We appreciate everyone's contributions.

Our smaller team have worked regularly either side of the Deb function with

caterings including, Staff committee luncheon, A number of funeral luncheons and afternoon teas at the Moe Cemetery (to whom we are contracted caterers) and the RSL Newborough. Orana Senior Citizens Monthly lunches, the Gippsland Avicultural Club Sale and the recent Election Day Sausage Sizzle at Lowanna. , Thankyou to our small committee for manning these events and providing supplies, special thanks also to Kathy Mewitt and Deb Richardson for their consistent supply of baked goods. Meanwhile Ron Bishop and Graeme Seccombe can regularly be found at the Moe Football ground doing the ticket selling at the gates.... A valuable fundraiser by the end of the season.

Our committee continues to seek more helpers, particularly from the parent body of the school, passionate about Chaplaincy's role in the well being team for our students and Community, and innovative in creating fundraising options. WE believe we might be able to sustain our \$20,000 income through catering but new options and co-ordination are necessary to reach the annual \$45,000 plus requirements to sustain the program. The Government Grant ( \$20,00) we have received for the last few years cannot

be guaranteed, hence our ""Help"" call. Ideas, talents, baking, all invited.

Upcoming Projects: Maybe you could help:

- Bunnings BBQ Morwell Saturday 30th July (as shift)
- We also have an opportunity to run a cake stall at Bunnings. Is there a co-ordinator available or cooks? A date can be requested.
- Orana Annual Meeting Casserole Luncheon ( servers, dishwashers)
- People to Man our Candle and Jewellery Stall between 18th and 29th July School lunchtime or 2.24 to 3.30pm
- Bakers of cakes, slices, pastry or other finger foods required all the time so think of us as you perhaps have a baking day, a double batch perhaps?
- Team helpers for Football gate Ticket selling.

Please ring Mary Nicholls or Dot Teague if you are at all interested in any of the above 51272929 or 51274977 respectively



LOWANNA COLLEGE

## SENIOR SCHOOL 2017 INFORMATION EVENING Wednesday 27 July 2016

Comencing at 7.00pm in the Year 7 Learning Centre

The Senior School invites parents and current year 10 students to our information evening to learn about VCE senior school pathways, and receive a detailed handbook of subject and pathway information.

72-96 Newark Ave, Newborough  
Tel: 5127 9200  
[www.lowanna.vic.edu.au](http://www.lowanna.vic.edu.au)

*ditch your uniform for the day  
and wear your jeans!*

# JEANS FOR GENES DAY

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST  
OUT OF UNIFORM DAY  
GOLD COIN DONATION



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## CATHOLIC COLLEGE

STRONG MINDS COMPASSIONATE HEARTS



*On behalf of VTAC  
The College invites all Year 12 Students  
and Parents of the Latrobe Valley to attend our*

## VTAC Information Session

**Monday 8th August 2016**

6.00pm - 7.00 pm

**Kildare Hall**  
Kildare Campus  
Kosciusko Street, Traralgon

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RSVP to Kildare Reception  
T: 03 5174 8111  
E: [recpkil1@lavalla.vic.edu.au](mailto:recpkil1@lavalla.vic.edu.au)

[www.lavalla.vic.edu.au](http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au)

# CAREER NEWS

## Reminders:

- 'INSIDE MONASH' UNIVERSITY SEMINARS – Final seminars in the series: Science - August 24; Teaching - September 13; For details, and to book go to: [www.monash.edu/inside-monash](http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash)
- NURSING AT DEAKIN – Info session: Burwood 20 July OR 23 July; Geelong 20 July or 23 July; Warrnambool 22 July; Book: Ph 9244 6032; See: [www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery](http://www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery).
- OPEN DAY REMINDER – University and TAFE Open Days are just around the corner. These are an opportunity to check out campuses and courses which interest you. Year 10 is a great time to commence these visits. Some students will spend more time checking out an \$5,000 used car than checking out an investment in education which may cost \$20,000 or more....

## Some Open Day Dates for 2016:

- Sun 31 July – Swinburne University
- Sat 6 Aug – Monash (Peninsula)
- Sun 7 Aug – Deakin University (Warrnambool); La Trobe University (Bundoora); Monash University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 21 Aug – Box Hill (Lilydale campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Waurm Ponds); University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville)
- Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAY VISITS

Don't wander aimlessly....try these:

- Get an Open Day Guide, eg from [www.deakin.edu.au/opacity](http://www.deakin.edu.au/opacity), [www.opacity.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.opacity.unimelb.edu.au), or [www.monash.edu/opacity](http://www.monash.edu/opacity) and be there when relevant information sessions are on
- Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to staff/students about courses which interest you - note your questions beforehand
- Collect information/brochures
- Ask about industry based-learning (IBL) opportunities; these can assist with gaining employment
- Ask about international study opportunities – a popular option
- Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the facilities/clubs offered at your preferred institution
- Consider a rural campus - ATAR's are often lower at rural campuses and they often offer other advantages.

NOTE: If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/audition as part of the selection process, attendance is A MUST! You might be asked what you learned at Open Day.

## YEAR 12 NEWS – APPLYING FOR COURSES



Applications are usually made on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website, opening on Mon 1 August, with timely applications closing on 29 Sept (see [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)). You will be able to apply for up to eight courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the highest course in your list for which you meet the ATAR/Selection requirements/pre-requisite subjects.

As we know, some circumstances can spoil a student's academic achievement. Tertiary institutions are aware of this and offer alternative entry schemes taking into account short- and long-term disadvantage. While many are offered through the single Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS) application process, others require application to the institution. Note: SEAS applications cannot be completed until you have made a course application through VTAC. See: [www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html)



## MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS

### MONASH GUARANTEE AND SEAS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Monash operates two access schemes, the Monash Guarantee and the SEAS that can help you enter your preferred course, even if your ATAR is below the clearly-in ATAR. It is possible to be eligible for one or both schemes. The Monash Guarantee can get you into a course even if you don't reach the course's clearly-in ATAR. You could be eligible if you have experienced financial disadvantage or if you are an Indigenous Australian (Note: the Monash Guarantee also applies to students who attend a Monash under-represented school). Every course has a Monash Guarantee ATAR. For Info: <http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee/monash-guarantee-atars>.

SEAS adjusts your ATAR in recognition of circumstances that may have affected your education. See: <http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/special-entry-access-scheme>.

### MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

(MADA) is holding workshops which offer a way to get tips on the application process for MADA courses. When: 26 & 27 Sept; Where: MADA (Caulfield campus); For: Year 11 & 12 students; Bookings: [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops).

### NEW VERTICAL DOUBLE ARTS DEGREES

This means that students can gain a Bachelor of Arts degree and relevant Master's degree in four years. The offering will be accessed either commencing directly into a planned vertical course program or electing to move into the double degree structure while undertaking their Bachelor's degree. Students will need to achieve a 75% average in their first two full time years to progress to the Master's course.

## NEW PATHWAYS INTO LAW

For students with the determination to succeed in the B. Laws but just miss out on the clearly-in ATAR, and identify as an Indigenous Australian, live in a low socio-economic area OR have experienced financial hardship. The new courses allow students to study law units from day one so they can try law before committing to the full degree. New courses:

- Bachelor of Arts (Law pathway)
- Bachelor of Commerce (Law pathway)
- Bachelor of Science (Law pathway)

In the first year they will study four first year law subjects along with four Arts, Commerce or Science subjects. Students who pass all eight units with a credit (60%) average in all four law units and a credit (60%) average overall, will be guaranteed a place in either B. Laws/B. Arts, B. Laws/B. Commerce or B. Laws/B. Science OR second year of the B. Laws (Honours) single degree. Info and eligibility: [www.monash.edu/law/future-students/undergraduate/pathways](http://www.monash.edu/law/future-students/undergraduate/pathways).

## MONASH BUSINESS SCHOOL

Monash Business School has a City location at Level 7, 271 Collins St Melbourne. Learn about their B. International Business degree taught there at Open House, 11am-3pm, Sunday 14 August. Register: [www.business.monash.edu/programs/undergraduate-programs/find-out-more/business-open-house](http://www.business.monash.edu/programs/undergraduate-programs/find-out-more/business-open-house)

DEAKIN INFORMATION SESSIONS - Health Sciences: Geelong Wed 20 July; Burwood Sat 27 July; RSVP <http://www.deakin.edu.au/health-social-development/short-courses/short-course-details/school-events>

- Food and Nutrition: Burwood Sat 16 July, <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/deakin-university-food-and-nutrition-science-information-session-tickets-25732782445>
- Exercise and Sports Science: Burwood Sat 23 July; <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/deakin-university-exercise-and-sport-science-information-sessions-tickets-25717693313>

## LA TROBE UNIVERSITY'S ASPIRE PROGRAM

Applications are open. Aspire recognises the positive impact a student has had on their local community. La Trobe has updated the 'How to Apply' page with tips and given a sample application. Frequently asked questions:

- What ATAR must I achieve for the Aspire program? Most courses have a minimum ATAR of 50, although some professional degrees have higher requirements
- Do I have to arrange anything for my school recommendation? No, La Trobe will contact the school so you only need to advise which school you attend
- Do I still have to apply through VTAC if I get an Aspire offer? Yes – your Aspire course should be your highest eligible preference. If you list a different course that you are eligible for above your Aspire offer, you will be made an offer into the different course and your Aspire offer will become void.

More Information and to apply: [www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire)

## AT ACU STUDENTS ARE MORE THAN THEIR ATAR

ACU's new Passion for Business (P4B) and Passion for Law and Commerce (P4law-commerce) programs are not just about your ATAR; they are about providing a unique opportunity for students with a passion for business or law. If you are in Year 12 and you want to get an early competitive edge with a guaranteed entry to ACU see [www.acu.edu.au/P4B](http://www.acu.edu.au/P4B) or [www.acu.edu.au/p4law-commerce](http://www.acu.edu.au/p4law-commerce).

## ARE THERE REGULATIONS WHEN EMPLOYING A CHILD?

Yes! Some people are unaware that employing a child under 15 years of age involves strict regulation, with heavy penalties (up to \$10,000) for breaching them (for the employer or the parent/guardian who allows it). If a child is offered work, it would be wise to be aware of, and follow, these regulations. See: [www.workforce.vic.gov.au](http://www.workforce.vic.gov.au) – go to Hiring and Managing Staff, then to Employing Children, OR call a Child Employment Officer on 1800 287 287.