

LOWANNA NEWS

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Coming Up...

Thursday 19 May

Years 7 - 9 Girls AFL

Friday 20 May

Deb Rehearsal (boys only)

Sunday 22 May

Deb Rehearsal (girls only)

Monday 23 May

Year 10 Work Experience
(Week 2)

Thursday 26 May

Years 10-12 Girls & Boys AFL

Tuesday 31 May

District Cross Country

Friday 3 June

Year 11 & 12 Exams
Commence

Tuesday 7 June

GAT Exam

Thursday 9 June

Year 8 AFL

Senior Formal

Monday 13 June

Queens Birthday Public
Holiday

Tuesday 14 June

Student Free Day (Report
Writing)

Wednesday 15 June

Kool Skools

Middle & Senior School Soccer
& Badminton

Thursday 16 June

Gippsland Cross Country

Commissioning of the Chaplain



On Friday, May 6, the College Chaplain Grace Sharon was formally commissioned into the role in a Ceremony in the Language Centre at 2pm.

There were about 40 invited guests present for this special occasion, including many students, parents, and staff from Lowanna. Garry Tobeck from ACCESS Ministries was a special guest, along with Graeme Nicholls, Chairman of the Lowanna College Chaplaincy support group, other members of his committee; and local community representatives.

It was pleasing to be able to involve a number of students in the Ceremony. Aaron Street, Sara Davey, and Kynan Wood did some great work prior to the ceremony to help set the venue up and make sure that everything was in order. Noah Koschade played keyboards as the guests arrived; Kobie Taylor and Krystal Wolf spoke during the service on behalf of the student body; and Molly Elswyk sang after the ceremony as guests were having afternoon tea.

Thanks to David Williams for his assistance in setting up the audio and music, and the

Chaplaincy Committee for catering and assistance in the planning of the ceremony. Thank you also to those who spoke at the ceremony in addition to the students already mentioned – Gary Tobeck, Graeme Nicholls, Tracey Kippen (Parents Club), and Jennifer Young (Staff). Brian McKenzie was the MC for the event.

It was a delightful occasion and a wonderful way to formally welcome Grace to her role.

Important Reminder to Parents

When picking up your child during school hours, please report to reception. Parents should not go directly to any of the mini schools.

Principal's Report

School Review

This year marks our final year of our current Strategic Plan. As a consequence, 2016 is our designated School Review year. Lowanna College has been selected to undertake a Peer Review which will involve a process of us identifying areas we would like to work on over the next 4-years and having independent reviewers and 'challenge partners' (people we select to assist) helping us to identify areas we may not have otherwise focussed on. They will seek feedback and information from a range of focus groups including parents, students and staff.

Part of the review process will be undertaking a registration process with the states registration board (the VRQA). Specifically, this requires us to ensure that a number of Policies are up to date and ratified by School Council. As this occurs we are putting them on our website under the publications tab. I strongly encourage parents to have a look at our policies as they become available and I will remind you through this forum on a regular basis.

Principal Intern

Our Principal Intern, Dan Swallow from Kurnai College, will visit tomorrow with his Principal Anthony Rodaughan, to have some initial discussions around the role he will undertake whilst he is at Lowanna. Dan will be joining us for 40 days as part of the Bastow Principal Intern Program. This program provides opportunities for aspiring leaders to get an understanding of what the Principalship entails. From our school's point of view, it is an honour to be chosen to provide this opportunity and to share our knowledge with an aspiring leader. WE will also get a fresh set of eyes to assist us with our strategic work, particularly given that we will be undertaking a review during his time with us. Dan will begin with us in July and work though the bulk of term 3. We gladly and warmly welcome him to our College.

Chaplaincy Dinner

A reminder that the Chaplaincy Committee are holding a Dinner to assist in raising funds to support the Chaplaincy program at Lowanna, this Saturday, May 21 at Silks Restaurant.

The evening will commence at 6.30pm (pre-dinner drinks) followed by Dinner at 7pm. The guest speaker for the night is Elida Brereton who worked in Government schools as a teacher and Principal for 43 years. Elida is also famous for playing the role of The principal in the TV series of Summer Heights High. She is a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Centre against Bullying, and comes highly recommended as an engaging speaker.

Tickets are \$30, and they can be purchased from the general office. There is a "flyer" about this event in this Newsletter.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Lowanna College is participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Students from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc.

Students wishing to register for the Challenge should visit Mrs Possart in the Library.

Senior Formal
Thursday 9 June 2016
7.30pm - 11.30pm
Turfside Function Centre, Waterloo Road, Moe
\$35.00 per head
Light supper & soft drinks provided.

LOWANNA COLLEGE
Broader Horizons

Experience Days at FedUni

This year FedUni hosted a series of Experience Days for senior secondary students. The purpose of these days is to provide students with the opportunity to visit different faculties within the University, where they will gain in-depth information on the range of degrees available.

On each Experience Day, Year 10, 11 and 12 students will engage in a full day hands-on activities led by University staff and speak with current university students.

The experience days included the faculties of:

- Outdoor and Environmental Education and Physical Education
- Arts and Education
- Nursing, Health Sciences and Psychology
- Engineering and IT
- Art and Design
- Science

The feedback from the students who attended these days has been very positive. They enjoyed the hands-on activities which gave them an opportunity to experience real life activities which the career may involve.

Below are some of the images of the students who attended the Nursing/Health day and the Art Design Day.



Chaplaincy Dinner

Saturday 21 May 2016

Please join us at 6.30pm for pre dinner refreshments followed by dinner at 7.00pm at Silks Restaurant, George St Moe

Book individual tickets or a group table.

Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased from the College (Tel: 5127 9200).

Please notify us of any special dietary requirements at time of booking.

Book by Tuesday 17th May 2016. (Please note that Silks is a BYO Restaurant)

Adventures as an Eccentric Educator Elida Brereton, Chair ACCESS Ministries

Access Ministries Lowanna College Chaplaincy Support Group invites you to our Chaplaincy Dinner 2016. Elida Brereton, Chair ACCESS Ministries Board, will be sharing her Adventures as an Eccentric Educator.

Elida's illustrious career includes 43 years in the government school system culminating in 15 years as Principal at Camberwell High School. This was followed by mentoring and coaching with the Bastow Institute, being the recipient of many awards including the National Australian College of Educators Medal, writing over seven successful Geography textbooks and becoming an Honorary Life Member of the Geography Teachers Association.

Elida is also an active member of her church and a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Centre Against Bullying. A passionate photographer and storyteller who feels richly blessed in life. She was also head-hunted by the ABC in 2006 to be Miss Margaret Murray, Principal of Summer Heights High in the TV series.

We are honoured to be able to have Elida with us for this event and look forward hearing her speak.



Grace Sharon Chaplain, Lowanna College

Meet Lowanna's new chaplain, Grace Sharon, and hear something of her journey and work at the College and also from some members of the College Community as they tell what chaplaincy means to them.

ACCESS
ministries

This is a fundraising occasion. The Support Group needs to raise \$45,000 per year to maintain the full time chaplaincy position in the College.

On the night a blind auction will be held as part of our fundraising effort.



LOWANNA SPECTACULAR

6TH JUNE 2016
7:30PM

FEATURING:

BANDS
DANCERS
SINGERS

\$10 PER TICKET
LOWANNA COLLEGE
AUDITORIUM



Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Rick Pemberton, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5120 2582 / 0407 567 312
or rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au

*Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Bass Coast and South Gippsland.
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.*

State Schools' Relief

Year 7 uniform package initiative

Fact sheet for parents

The Affordable School Uniform Program

Program background

Each year, State Schools' Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government's affordable school uniform program, every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

What's included in the uniform pack?

The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed for secondary school (approx. value \$225):

For boys:	For girls:
Jumper or Jacket (not blazer) x1	Jumper or Jacket (not blazer) x1
PE shirt x 1 PE shorts x 1	PE shirt x 1 PE shorts x 1
Shorts or trousers x1	Winter OR summer package x1 (as below)
Shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)	

Summer package: A dress x 1 OR shorts x 1 and shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)

Winter package: A skirt OR trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)

How can parents apply for the packs?

Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools. Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools by 29th February 2016, as payments are made from March. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

Once approved, the pack voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?

Yes. Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools

Terms and conditions

- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is \$225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

More information

Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr

CAREER NEWS

Reminders

- VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2016 – 5-8 May, Caulfield Racecourse; www.vceandcareers.com.au
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) – Register by: 3 June; Test date: 27 July (for undergraduate Medicine at Monash)
- 'INSIDE MONASH' SEMINARS Continue in May: 10th – Teaching, 11th – Medicine & Biomedical Science; 12th Engineering; 17th Science; 18th Law; 19th Health Sciences; 25th Biomedical Science, Radiography and Nutrition and Dietetics; Information/Book: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- 'FOCUS ON MELBOURNE' – seminars (6.30-8.00pm) - Engineering Tues 17 May; Veterinary Science Wed 18 May; Biomedicine Thurs 19 May; Agriculture Tues 24 May; Wed 25 May IT; Mon 31 May Science; Information/register: <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus2016>.
- INDIGENOUS ENGINEERING WINTER SCHOOL – Mon 4 - Sat 9 July (apply by 9 May); Info: <http://www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/engage/indigenous/views>; OR eng-views@unimelb.au.
- INDIGENOUS STUDENT EXPERIENCE MONASH DAY – 24 June; Book: Ph 9905 8699, kristel.keleher@monash.edu. See www.monash.edu.au/study/life/indigenous.
- FINDING OUT ABOUT UNIVERSITIES – Universities provide many opportunities for secondary school students to find out about their facilities and courses, such as Open Days and Experience Days. Some of these are detailed below for you diary. Experience Days are a great way to find out more about an institution you are considering for later study.
- EXPERIENCE RMIT – Year 10 – 12 students can attend free events and engage in workshops in a wide range of interest areas, while experiencing life on campus. See: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays for more information about RMIT's Holiday Programs. They occur in the Tern 2 holiday break.
- EXPERIENCE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) – Sample the degree of your choice and get a taste of life at ACU. You will meet staff and students, get a feel for the campus, learn about industries and careers, and enjoy the campus atmosphere. When: Ballarat campus Tues 28 June; Melbourne campus (Fitzroy) Tues 5 July. Register at: www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience.
- EXPERIENCE LA TROBE – This is another opportunity to find out about a university campus, its courses and careers. You'll be able to go to workshops, attend lectures, do lab experiments, talk with staff, try different study area and get advice from experts. You will also be able to tour the campus. When: Bendigo campus – 6 July; Melbourne campus – 7 July. See: www.latrobe.edu.au/study for details and to book.

MORE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS

PREREQUISITE CHANGES AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – The College of Science, Health and Engineering at La Trobe has recently conducted an audit of course prerequisites and have made changes to the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Applied Science/Master of Dietetic Practice
- Bachelor of Applied Science/Master of Occupational Therapy Practice
- Bachelor of Biological Sciences
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-registration)
- Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science (Wildlife and Conservation Biology)

Click on the links above to view details of the courses and the new prerequisites.

RANKINGS

La Trobe has been ranked 58 in the world in the latest 2016 Times Higher Education 150 Under 50 ranking of the world's best young universities. This is a rapid climb of 42 places in two years. This year's result is a jump of 17 places in 2015 when it ranked 75th which in turn was up 25 from a 100 ranking in 2014. Well done!

ELITE ATHLETE BONUS ENTRY SCHEME

La Trobe is one of only three Victorian universities that offer bonus aggregate points for elite athletes. It is available to domestic undergraduate applicants:

- who are classified as an elite athlete
- whose sporting commitments have impacted on their previous studies
- who apply for admission to La Trobe via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

Under the scheme eligible students receive five bonus aggregate points (onto their ATAR) towards their entry score for admission (see: www.latrobe.edu.au/sport/elite-athlete)

NOTE: Other universities offering a similar athletes scheme are ACU (see: www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/elite_athlete_and_performer_program) and Melbourne (Melbourne also has an Artistic Performers Entry Scheme; (see: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/high_achievers_programs/elite-athletes-and-artistic-performers).

WORLD-FIRST BLOOD TEST FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE

La Trobe researchers have developed a diagnostic blood test which could change the lives of people with Parkinson's. Currently no clinical biomarker test exists and the only means of diagnosis is a neurological examination. By the time patients have symptoms, large numbers of brain cells are destroyed. The new test will enable doctors to detect abnormal metabolism of blood cells and allow earlier treatment.

EXPLORING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AS A CAREER

You are invited to an information and demonstration evening to hear from Occupational Therapists experienced in spinal rehabilitation, hand therapy, mental health, neurology and oncology. These evenings have proved to be a great opportunity for students/parents to hear from OT's working in their specialised domains, observe demonstrations, and have questions answered. When: 5.00pm Registration, 5.30-8.00pm Presentation and Questions; Where: Education Precinct, Level 4 Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; Apply: ASAP, but by 24 June to keely.zenner@austin.org.au (successful students will receive a confirmation email – maximum of two attendees per reservation).

AVIATION FOR WOMEN CONFERENCE

Moorabbin Flying Services in conjunction with the Australian Women Pilots Association are holding a conference aimed at encouraging teenage girls to take the first step in pursuing a career in the aviation industry. With a predicted shortage of skilled employees, this is a wonderful opportunity to share your enthusiasm and passion with young women in the industry. Woman Pilots, Air Traffic Controllers, Aviation Fire Fighters and Cabin Crew will be in attendance. When: 10am-3.30pm, Sat 4 June; Where: Ground Theory Centre, 55 Grange Rd, Cheltenham; Bookings (essential): 9580 8822 or markd@mfs.com.au.

SWINBURNE NEWS

- The Graduate Destination Survey ranks Swinburne graduate full-time employment rates ahead of most Victorian universities in the areas of science, communications, psychology and engineering. Swinburne employment outcomes are strong across the board, as revealed when compared with other institutions by the Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching.
- Did you know? Swinburne's specialist industry scholarships, Bachelor of Information Technology and the new Bachelor of Accounting and Information Systems, offer students a tax-free scholarship worth around \$40,000, two work placements and often, a job!
- Over 250 students accepted places in Swinburne's new professional degrees in 2016. These degrees offer students a guaranteed 12-month paid work placement worth \$30,000, and a head start towards their career.
- Final-year product design engineering students collaborate with an industry partner. Combining their skills in mechanical engineering and industrial design, students research and design a market-ready product that responds directly to a social or environmental need. [Read more](#)
- Browse Swinburne graduate destinations; Discover where a Swinburne qualification is taking our graduates
- Creative Industries Forum; Hear from graduates of Swinburne's vocational design courses; [register now](#).

Federation Training are offering the following courses:

Interested in Spray Tanning or Nails, Beauty Therapy and Massage as a career?

Federation Training is offering short courses in these areas in June and September. These short courses of 1-2 sessions will give you a taste of these careers and give you valuable skills.

TRADES:

Are you over 15 and Interested in a career in the Aircraft maintenance industry?

Federation training are offering a Certificate II (Pre-apprenticeship) in Aeroskills Aircraft Mechanic. The course covers an induction to all aspects of the aviation industry, mechanical, structural, avionics, composites and surface finishing, on actual Aircraft Components.

NOT SURE OF WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AS A CAREER?

There are many free quizzes out there to assist you with finding out more about yourself and what you like to do. Here are a few.

1. Myfuture.com.au
2. Explore.deaking.edu.au
3. My Career Match at rmit.edu.au (use access code RMIT 180)- suitable for Year 10 and 11 students.

Come to the Careers office for more information on any of the above courses or with any other careers questions you may have. We are happy to help!

INTERESTED IN THE FASHION INDUSTRY?

A speaker at a recent professional development program for career practitioners at Box Hill Institute pointed out that the industry is looking more closely at the impact it has on the environment. More garments use organic cotton, recyclable synthetics, materials offering more durability and which require less washing, and re-using materials, and more man-made fabrics. Fashion designers work as pattern makers, designers, and in product development. Internships are often available, and these can lead on to employment.



Following on from the 2015 series of Information Evenings, The Gippsland Medical Students Network is partnering with the School of Rural Health, Monash University to provide a '**hands on' clinical exposure opportunity** predominantly for Years 11 & 12 secondary school students interested in studying Medicine.

Students will also have the opportunity to learn more about the pathways into Medicine and most importantly hear from local medical professionals and current medical students about why they choose a medical career.

UMAT: Advice will be available for students who are registered or planning to register to sit the upcoming UMAT in July as part of the selection process to enter Medicine for 2017. (*Registration for the UMAT closes 3 June 2016*).

There will be time during morning tea for informal discussion with the attending Doctors, medical students and staff.

Interested in studying Medicine....

Clinical Skills / UMAT opportunity

10.00am	Welcome—Dr Cathy Haigh
10.10am	Information Session on the pathways to Medicine
10.30am	UMAT advice and tips for enhancing your ATAR score
11.00am	Morning Tea
11.30am	Clinical Skills
12.00pm	Mini Multiple Interviews
12.30pm	Rural Pathways
1.00pm	Finish

DATE: Saturday 28 May 2016
TIME: 10.00am — 1.00pm
LOCATION: School of Rural Health,
Monash University
Latrobe Regional Hospital,
Princes Hwy, Traralgon

For catering purposes, please RSVP prior to the event.

RSVP: Julieanne McLuckie

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