Dear Westall Secondary College Community,

Welcome back for 2017!

I hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday period and have returned ready for the year ahead. A special welcome to all of our new students joining us this year and of course our new Year 7 cohort as you commence your secondary education at Westall.

As always, there are many things happening:

**New Subjects and Timetable** – We now have a 4 x 75 minute period day at Westall. Period 1 still commences at 9am (students should arrive at school by 8.45am) and we still finish at 3.15pm. However during the day there are changes with one of the bigger impacts being that recess/morning tea is now not until 11.30am. I again remind everyone of the importance of a healthy breakfast and bringing clear water bottles to class. We have new electives at Years 9 and 10 and our new I-Create block for all students on a Wednesday afternoon. All of our new and continuing subjects are assessed against the Victorian Curriculum which is mandated across all Victorian schools this year.

**Compass and BYOD** – The digital age is well and truly with us. We have a school Facebook page, a new website and Compass is our Student Management Portal and our main vehicle for information between school and home. Please ensure we have a current and accurate mobile number and email address to ensure you are receiving important information. For example, if we have a current mobile number, you would have received an SMS the day prior to school commencing via Compass. Please ensure you can login to Compass via the tab on the school website. If you have a password or login issue please contact the school. For student computer access between school and home we now have our BYO device program. All students should have some type of iPad, laptop or notebook they are bringing to and from school. Mrs Simadri and Mr Baker can support you with any questions around this program. There are still other computers available to use whilst at school but they are not devices you can take home.

**Literacy and EAL focus and resources** – This is our biggest focus in ensuring all students improve and develop their literacy skills and that our EAL learners get the extra support they need. We have employed 2 fulltime EAL Coaches in addition to our Literacy Coach and Mrs Kesidis will lead this team throughout the year.

**Community Hub** – The hub is now taking shape and getting much closer to completion. It is a very attractive and contemporary building that Kingston Council will manage and govern. A library, childcare facility and a range of health and other professional services will operate out of there. The hub is due to open mid-year and will provide our students with many resources and opportunities.

**Master Plan Redevelopment** – I am meeting with Department of Education representatives on Friday 10th February to hopefully finalise and endorse the plan you see included with this newsletter. We then sit with our fingers crossed hoping to hear a funding announcement in the May State Budget. Watch this space!
School Council – Our first meeting for 2017 will be Wednesday February 22nd at 4.30pm. The meeting will take place in the conference room adjacent to our front reception. I would like to invite any interested parents to come along to this meeting with a view to possibly joining our Council as an official member. There is a nomination form attached to this newsletter with new members officially commencing at our March meeting. Please feel free to simply turn up and attend the meeting on 22nd February or to contact me if you are interested. Being a member of school council is a very rewarding and informative group to join and provides you with an opportunity to guide and influence our school direction. This is a very exciting time at Westall and I know you won’t be disappointed if you decide to join us. The time commitment is only 2 meetings per term for just over an hour on Wednesday afternoons commencing at 4.30pm.

Swimming Sports – A huge well done to all students and staff for braving the cold conditions on Monday 6th February at our Annual Swimming Sports. The event provides an opportunity for our swimmers to display their talent and qualify to represent our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival. However, the event is much more than that as it provides all involved whether swimming or not, to work as a team and develop house and community spirit. The conduct of all students on the day was outstanding as always and big thanks to Mr Roberts for leading the day.

Outstanding Results – In case you missed it late last year, Ilia Kucherov achieved an ATAR score of 99.85 and Matt Yang, 99.75 from our 2016 Year 12 cohort. We had a number of other students achieve ATARS in the 80’s and 90’s along with some outstanding VCAL achievements and awards. This demonstrates the outstanding culture we have at Westall and that with hard work and dedication, anything is possible!

Until next time.
Tristan Lanarus
Principal

Assistant Principal — Mrs. Eva Kesidis

Welcome back and Happy Lunar New Year to ALL members of our College community. I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing break and the “Year of the Rooster” will be productive and rewarding in every possible way. I would also like to extend my very warm welcome to our new students and their families, as well as to our new teaching and non-teaching staff who have commenced this Term at the College.

Literacy and EAL Focus in 2017
To enhance the learning achievements of our students and to extend our focus on Literacy, as well as support for students of English as an Additional Language (EAL) background, in 2017 our staffing profile at the College will include the following professionals: Ms Williamson (Literacy Coach, across all year levels), Mrs Rigopoulos (EAL Coach for the Junior and Middle sub schools) and Miss Premier (EAL Coach for the Senior sub school). Our Coaches will be working strategically on literacy improvement programs and strategies, as well as mentoring staff who are not trained in EAL methodology. Data will be used to monitor progress made and students will participate in identified programs for Literacy and Language improvement. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the learning needs or progress of your student, please do not hesitate to contact us at the College.

College Photo Day
On Tuesday the 21st of February we will be having our College Photos taken. Envelopes with further information have been distributed to all students. Please note that the College will not be handling any money for the purchase of student photos and the envelopes must be given directly to the photographers on photo day. Orders and payments can also be made on line. Further details of how to order your photos are also included in this newsletter.

All students will be expected to have their individual photo taken for the Student ID cards, regardless of whether they wish to purchase photos or not. All students are expected to be in School Uniform.

If ordering and paying for Group school photos, please note that the Group photo will be in a Composite style, not the classic style illustrated on the envelopes.

International Program
Welcome back to all International students who returned to their home country over the summer period to see parents and family. We understand how difficult it is to leave loved ones behind, after a few weeks of family life, and return to study abroad. At Westall SC we are committed to assisting our students in every way possible and we are looking forward to having outstanding results from everyone who chose to study in Australia! A very warm welcome to all our new International students who came to our College and English Language Centre this year.
Welcome to 2017!

We warmly welcome our Year 7 cohort, and the many new students who joined us across the school this year. We trust that your time at Westall will be rewarding and enjoyable.

Parent Orientation Program

In order to assist families, who are new to Westall SC, become familiar with school personnel, processes and procedures, we are offering a Parent Orientation Program. A weekly one-hour session will occur on Mondays at 6pm, with the first session next Monday, 13th February. The program will include the opportunity to raise any issues that you are experiencing with your child attending school this year, as well as, provide you with strategies to better support your child with their schooling.

We expect the POP to run for 3 to 4 weeks, depending on the needs of the participating parent group. We would love to have you participate in the program. Parents/guardians of Year 7 students should have received an invitation to take advantage of this opportunity. However, if your child is in another year level, and, he/she is new to Westall, you too are very welcome to come along and join in the sessions. We look forward to meeting you on Monday, 13th February, at 6pm in the Balook Learning Centre.

Support for uniform and textbooks

We understand that the start of a new school year can be financially quite challenging for families, and even more so when you have more than one child attending school. As much as we can, we want to support students to be in school uniform and to have access to learning materials in the classroom. Several teachers have expressed concern regarding students who do not have textbooks as yet, and are providing photocopies, where possible. It is really important that your child has the necessary books to complete work in the classroom as well as to keep up with the set homework.

If your child does not have textbooks, please contact your child’s year level coordinator to discuss your individual circumstances. You may be eligible for funding to support you with the purchase of uniform through the State Schools Relief Program. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is available to families that have a healthcare or pensioner card. Through this program, the school will receive $225 for every student, who qualifies, to pay for them to attend camps and school excursions. A further program, Saver Plus, is available through the Brotherhood of St Lawrence, ANZ and Berry Street. Again, eligibility is based on a few criteria, including a health care/pensioner card. Details of this program can be found towards the end of this newsletter.

Open channels of communication

In order to ensure your child’s continued growth and success at Westall SC, it is important to keep the channels of communication open between home and school. Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their education tend to achieve greater success than those whose parents are isolated from their child’s education. At Westall, we encourage parental involvement and value your role as your child’s first educator; no one knows your child better than you do. Simply showing interest in what your child is completing at school, is being involved, as is, ensuring that they have a suitable study space at home. You may even be in a position to help your child with their homework. Any small part that you can play in your child’s education is going to be extremely valuable to their success at school. For your information, Parent-Teacher Interviews is scheduled for Thursday, 30th March, from 4pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers and to have an understanding of what’s happening in the classroom. Please mark this very important date on your calendar. Details will be made available closer to the day.

Aviation Class- I CREATE program

I am very excited to be the facilitator of our Aviation class, in the I Create Program, which commenced at the College this year.

All students in the Aviation class used the Simulators that have been purposefully purchased by the College, for the first time on Wednesday of this week.

The I Create Program offers a fantastic opportunity for our students to select an area of study that they are really passionate about.
Westall Swimming Carnival

On Monday 6th February, the whole College participated in the 2017 House Swimming Carnival at Noble Park Aquatic Centre. Although we did not get the traditional weather that we are used to at this time of year, we still saw some amazing feats in the pool. It was a great battle all day with lots of students giving their all with repeat performances in the pool. The year 7’s and year 12’s lead the way with great numbers participating and there was also great leadership shown by certain individuals from the other age groups.

All students had the opportunity to go on the waterslide which again was a great hit. We also saw for the first time a couple of great initiatives from our SRC and student leaders. The SRC worked hard on the BBQ all day, selling out of everything they had. Also a few staff were brave enough to take on the students this year in a staff vs student’s race. This was a great race with the students just being overpowered in the end, however fatigue may have been a telling factor with all students having already participated in plenty of events earlier in the day. The Staff look forward to this becoming a tradition and great challenge for the future.

Overall we saw some great efforts in the pool and real willingness for students not participating to help out with the running of the day and supporting their fellow team mates. The final scores for the swimming were, 4th Place Paterson on 152 points. 3rd Place Gordon on 183. 2nd Place Dennis on 402 points and the winner was Lawson on 640 points. Lawson have now claimed back off Dennis who have won the last 3 Swimming Carnivals.

We wish all the winning students all the best for competing in the Kingston Division Swimming Carnival on Thursday March 9th.
Welcome back to the Year 7 and 8 students, parents and guardians to the new school year at Westall Secondary College. We hope you have all had a safe, refreshing and relaxing holiday!

A very big welcome to our new Year 7 students and their parents and guardians. We endeavour to make your child’s transition into secondary schooling a smooth and positive experience! What an exciting year ahead it will be with some new core subjects, including: Global Literacy, Digital Technology, Dance/Drama and Woodwork, as well as our new I-create subject every Wednesday afternoon.

Your involvement in your child’s education can have a great impact on their schooling. Please support the junior school team by staying informed through checking your child’s diary and the ongoing use of Compass. Ensure you have bought all the required textbooks, exercise books and stationary to ensure your child has the best learning opportunities.

The junior school team would like to wish everyone a successful year ahead!

**Semester 1 Subjects**

In the junior years at Westall Secondary College students study a broad range of subjects to assist them in working out their passions and interest. Most subjects are studies for the entire year, however those with an asterix are studied for just one semester. When students get to Year 9 they will be able to choose one additional elective, as well as an I-create subject.

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**Upcoming event: Year 7 Celebration Night**

On Monday the 20th March we will celebrate the learning and achievements of our new Year 7 students at the College. Parents, guardians and primary school teachers are invited to celebrate with the students and junior school team. Please join us for some light refreshments at 5.30pm.

**Code of Cooperation**

Year 7 and 8 students and teachers have each developed a Code of Cooperation, taking into consideration how they can work cooperatively with each other to ensure that everyone has the best learning opportunities. It has helped the students provide clarity around the behaviours that they feel are important to ensure everyone can achieve their potential.

Alice Paget
Director of Learning (Junior School)
Junior School Team Leaders

We are very excited to welcome a new team into the Junior School for 2017.

Director of Learning (Junior School): Alice Paget
I’m Alice Paget and I am the Director of Learning of the Junior Sub-School Team. I will oversee a core group of teachers in the junior school who will be responsible for your child’s learning, wellbeing and future pathways. I am a Physical Education, Health and Mathematics teacher in the junior school and also teach I-CREATE Sport. I have enjoyed welcoming our Year 7’s into the College and making their transition a smooth, positive and exciting experience.

Year 7 Coordinator / Transition Coordinator: Susan Blias
I’m Susan Blias and I will be looking after all the concerns of all year 7 students. I’m also a teacher of Science and Mathematics. I love trying food from different countries. I also like spending time with family and friends.

Year 8 Coordinator: Charles Tran
I’m Mr Tran, I am currently teaching Mathematics and Science in the Junior School. I am also the Year 8 Coordinator and Numeracy Coordinator. In the I-CREATE Program I am teaching Martial Arts (Tae Kwon Do). I love reading Harry Potter and listening to K-POP. My motto is, “once you start something, you’ve got to finish it”.

We have a team of skilled and dedicated teachers, who we will introduce over the upcoming year, who are all looking forward to learning with your children.

Junior School Captains 2017

We are very excited to announce our Junior School Captains for 2017, Krista Puia and Nicholas Rusmin. Krista and Nick went through an interview process and delivered an impressive speech to the year level on why they should be chosen as the leaders of the junior school.

A message from Krista and Nick:
We are very honoured to be your Junior Leaders for 2017. We are both open to new ideas and suggestions, to improve this school. We both believe it is important that all students have a voice and get the chance to be heard. You are all more than welcome to approach us, or the teachers, for any concerns or suggestions for the school. We will try our hardest to incorporate any ideas or improvements in this school and hopefully the changes that you have requested can be seen in the near future.

We would both like to wish you all the best for the year and hoped you will achieve your goals.

Thank you, Nicholas and Krista.

Year 7’s First Day

It was a great start to the year for year 7’s as they begin at a new school.

There was a lot to know, organise and do in the first week, with classes in different buildings, a different teacher for most subjects, remembering all the equipment required for each class and the stimulating I-CREATE subjects as well as developing the Code of Cooperation.

Congratulations to all the year 7 students for accomplishing so much in their first week.

Take Care
Ms. Susan Blias
Year 7 Coordinator
Message from Director of Learning - Middle School, Mr. Tom Tahos

I would like to congratulate you on a great start to 2017. Staff and students have made the often very hectic first couple of weeks as smooth as possible.

A big thank you needs to go to your Middle School Year Level Coordinators, Mrs. Wagenfeld (year 9) and Miss Kerwick (year 10). Both have put in an enormous effort to make your transition into 2017 an easy one.

We have a lot of new people joining our middle school family, students from other schools, all our year nines who were part of the junior school in 2016 and all the new staff. If the first two weeks are any indication of how the year will go I am very happy with how things are going and how we are supporting and caring for each other (Pride in creating a culture that promotes learning-building positive climate and relationships).

Remember that we have a shared responsibility when it comes to achieving best results and we can always keep improving how we do things, keep this in mind when you are in class and at home.

Also a timely reminder about our "Code of Cooperation' that we all developed. These set of behaviours are what we have agreed to that will support us all in achieving best results.

A few other ground rules and expectations to keep in mind:
* You must be in the correct School Uniform
* Westall SC logo caps are only allowed at school but not during class time.
* No Mobile phones in class
* No Headphones or ear phones in class
* If you are late or absent- bring a note from home
* You can bring a bottle of water to class
* The Year 9 & 10 Reading Program occurs for the first 15 minutes after Lunch (not Wednesdays and at the teachers discretion) so come prepared with reading material that interests you and is appropriate for a school setting. The reading material must be a hard copy, that means no reading from a digital device.

Have a great term
Mr Tahos

Respectful Relationships Workshops
All Middle School students will be involved in a 'Respectful Relationships' workshop. These will occur during the following times and dates:

- 10C - 16/2 period 1
- 10A- 16/2 period 4
- 9C - 17/2 period 2
- 9B - 17/2 period 4
- 9A - 24/2 period 2
- 10B- 24/2 period 4

Year 10 Work Experience
A reminder to the year 10s that you need to have completed the workbook in your work experience folder, this will have given you a clearer understanding of what type of work you are interested in. You should have also emailed Miss Geraldine Borghona (gbo@westallsc.vic.edu.au) or Miss Dewhurst (sde@westallsc.vic.edu.au) letting them know what type of work you are interested in. Please make time with Miss Borghona and Miss Dewhurst to discuss who you can start contacting.

Middle School Captains
Congratulations to Steph Hollyfield and Sally Maele who were successful in becoming your 2017 Middle School Captains. Their applications and interviews were of very high standard and they will make excellent middle school leaders.

If you have any questions or suggestions for Westall Secondary College please talk with your captains.

Introducing our New Staff Member to our Middle School
My name is Helena Clements and I am a new face at Westall Secondary College. In just my second week here I feel welcomed and already quite at home. Being an English teacher is a great joy and I am so pleased to be working with students right across Years 7–10 this year. When I’m not at school I enjoy spending time at home with my young family, catching up with the books and movies I keep meaning to see but haven’t yet got to, and trying to play piano (badly). I’m very much looking forward to getting to know everyone and being a part of the Westall community.

From the ICT Services Office
The 2017 School Year is now upon us, with lots of eager students connecting their BYOD devices to our services. I just wanted to remind parents that we can only assist in connecting the following devices:

- Apple iPads, iPods and iPhones running iOS 9 or higher
- Apple Macbook, Macbook Air and Macbook Pro devices running OSX 10.9 or higher and
- IBM PC’s (including Intel based Macbook Products) running Microsoft Windows 7 or higher.

Android and Linux devices are not supported.

Please understand that due to the diverse nature of devices, that we cannot assist with repairs to hardware or software outside of what is required to access our services. It is also important that students are administrators of their devices so they can install the settings and software that they may require at school, and that they have up to date antivirus software.

For all of our new families, and those that haven’t logged into Compass Student Manager, we will be sending out your usernames and initial passwords over the next week or so. To ensure your security, we will send your username home with your child, and either email or SMS your password to you. It is very important that you keep your Compass details secure, as they can be used to provide details and give permissions regarding your child’s time at the College. If we don’t have your contact details, please update them by contacting the front office.

Thanks,
Mr. Stephen Baker — ICT Services Manager, Westall Secondary College
Senior School Report

Message from Director of Learning - Senior School, Ms. Hari Nikolaou

Welcome and it’s hard to believe that we are at the end of week 2 already. There has been a lot of activity going on in the senior school and it’s important that we highlight some areas.

At the end of last year, we were busy sorting through the class of 2016’s transition to further education/careers and now there is a new year 12 group “The class of 2017”. They will begin their journey of self-discovery this year and we wish them well. Our senior students will be working with all their teachers and specialist staff to ensure that this is a successful and memorable year. Their coordinator for 2017 is Ms Nguyen who will continue to be their first port of call for any issues or concerns.

In relation to the year 11 students, it’s a big step up from year 10 and the middle school. We welcome our year 11 students to senior school. It is a year that you get to learn more about who you are and where your strengths lie. It’s a time to lay down the study skills and strategies that you will take into your final year of secondary school education. We have a large number of students who are new to the school and for many of them it is a time of change. Please make them welcome. The year 11’s new coordinator is Ms Chomiak. She is keen to work with the students and she a fantastic addition to the coordination role in the senior school.

Mr Bandara continues as the VCAL coordinator in 2017. He and the VCAL team of teachers have a huge number of projects in the pipeline for the students to participate in. Look out for future newsletter articles.

We would like to welcome Mr. Ralph Richardson. He will be based in the senior school and teaches Physics as well as ICT to the junior students. Mr Richardson is new to Victoria, having worked in both South Australia and Victoria over the last few years. He is looking forward to having a great year with the students and looking forward to teaching Physics and science which is his first passion.

Another new member to the team is Ms. Jessica Premier. She will be providing EAL Coaching support to the senior school team. We welcome her and the support she will be providing teachers in this new role. Last year Ms Premier was teaching at Monash University Language Centre and completing her PhD. We will be drawing on her expertise as her field of study for her PhD was “EAL in the mainstream school setting”. Ms Premier loves to travel and write, which is a fantastic base from which to understand and share EAL strategies.

The senior school has a number of events scheduled please ensure that you add these to your diary:

Monday 13th February to 15th February—all senior school students will be involved in alternative programs. Year 11 students and VCAL students will be away on a residential camp. Year 12 VCE students will be attending university and TAFE as well as a visit to the city.
Tuesday 21st February – Information evening beginning at 6:30 pm
Tuesday 28th February – reunion for the Class of 2016 beginning at 4:45 pm

In relation to the Class of 2016, they have been busy enrolling into their new courses, working etc. After the reunion I hope to have some stories to share about their journey. We have made contact with most of the students and they have a pathway planned for 2017. If any member of our school community is aware of a student needing assistance could they please encourage them to contact the school.

As always the senior school team welcomes all students and their families back for the 2017 academic year.

Ms. Haritini (Hari) Nikolaou
Director of Learning Senior School
Welcome to our new students and welcome back to our returning students!

The Language Centre has been busy with new enrolments and it is amazing to see how students, who have come from many different countries, have connected and demonstrated a keen interest in learning about each other and their new environment. The classrooms are busy places, with students demonstrating their keen interest in learning English. Teachers too are working very hard to create safe, happy and productive learning environments.

With such a positive start to the year, I would like to wish everyone a fun, challenging and rewarding learning experience for 2017.

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News from the Library
How to order School Photos

Aussie School Photos take multiple images of each student on photo day to provide you with more choice and greater value.

Order forms / envelopes will come home to you usually 2 weeks prior to day.

1. Place your order ON-LINE PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed on your pre payment order form. Tick “order on line” box at top of order form and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

2. You can complete the pre payment order form. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

3. You can choose to wait for 5 working days to go on-line to VIEW THE IMAGES and place your order. You can create a package to suit which includes choice of graphic presentation designs. (You have 14 days to do this)

If you do not wish to purchase photos please tick the box printed at top of order form to say “am not buying photos today” and have your child hand the envelope to our photographer on photo day.

All queries should be directed to photos@schoolphoto.com.au or go to our website at www.schoolphoto.com.au www.schoolphoto.com.au

Customer Service:  Tel  97076655   07076653.
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Information

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
  
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of
  Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession
  Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by
Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veteran Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Westall Secondary College

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb  State  Postcode
Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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*Foster Parents must provide a copy of an order from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw this consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ___________________________ Date ___________
1 February 2017

Westall Secondary College
88-128 Rosebank Avenue
CLAYTON SOUTH VIC 3169

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA

DEAR PRINCIPAL

We're writing to let you know of changes we're making to student travel this year.

- From 1 January 2017, we renamed the Victorian Public Transport Concession Card (VPTCC) to PTV School Student ID.
- From 30 January 2017, we increased the age limit for a Child myki concession to 18 years.

PTV SCHOOL STUDENT ID

From 1 January 2017, the VPTCC was renamed to PTV School Student ID. This is how it looks:

The application process and purpose of the ID haven't changed. We've enclosed the 2017 PTV School Student ID and Student Pass application form for reference, this includes new fares for Victorian and Regional Student Passes. You can download this form at ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/fares/concession/students or call 1800 800 007 to place an order.

As you're aware, we can't accept school issued student ID cards for travel on public transport. This is because many ID cards issued by schools have varying information and no expiry date.

CHILD MYKI

From 30 January 2017, the child age range will change to 5 to 18 years inclusive.

This means students can use a Child myki until they're 18, up from 16. If a student has a Concession myki they can continue to use this, it gives them the same concession fare as a Child myki.

When in school uniform students won't be asked proof of age. However, when not in school uniform, 17 and 18 year olds may be asked to verify their eligibility to travel on a Child myki.
Important News from Public Transport Victoria (PTV) continued...

Authorised Officers will accept the following proof of age IDs:

- PTV School Student ID (previously the VPT Concession Card)
- Driver Licence
- Learners Permit
- Proof of Age card [www.vcglr.vic.gov.au/utility/community/young+people/proof+of+age/]
- Passport

**myki** Registration

We strongly recommended that students register their myki online at [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) or by calling 1800 800 007. These are the benefits:

- The myki's balance is protected if it's reported lost or stolen. If a myki isn't registered, students can't recover the remaining value of their card.
- Students can manage their myki online and set Auto Top Up.

For more information on student concessions and passes go to [ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/fares/concession/students](http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/fares/concession/students)

Please share this information with your staff and students.

Yours sincerely

Bill Kanellis
General Manager, Customer Services
Public Transport Victoria

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**MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**

**CARD MAKING CLASSES**

Basic card making techniques will be taught, progressing to more advanced techniques and mini projects. All materials supplied and you take home the beautiful cards you create, a box for storing your cards and a mini scrapbook album.

**TUESDAY: 10.00am – 12.00pm**

**TERM 1: FEB 21 – MARCH 28**

**COST: $60**

For further information or to enrol, please phone:
Mordialloc Neighbourhood House – 9587 4534
# Westall Secondary College—Canteen Menu

## Hot Food

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Homemade Pasta</td>
<td>$ 5.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nachos (Sour Cream .50c extra)</td>
<td>3.50</td>
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<td>Beef Rolls</td>
<td>5.00</td>
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<td>Pizza Slabs</td>
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<td>Sweet Chili Chicken Wrap</td>
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<td>Chicken Burger</td>
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<td>Hamburgers</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<td>Spinach &amp; Ricotta Rolls V</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<td>Beef Pie H</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<td>Chilli Beef &amp; Cheese Pie H</td>
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<td>Lamb Rolls</td>
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<td>Giant Sausage Roll H</td>
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<td>Hot Dogs</td>
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<td>Vegie Pasty V</td>
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<td>Vegie Burger V</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spring Rolls</td>
<td>2.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wedges (S/cream or Cheese .50 extra V)</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<td>Potato Cakes V</td>
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<td>Hot Noodles</td>
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<td>Dim Sims H</td>
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**WINTER ONLY**

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<tr>
<td>Baked Potato (with Bacon)</td>
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<td>(with Tasty Cheese &amp; Sour Cream)</td>
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## Cold Food

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<th>S/W</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cheese</td>
<td>$ 2.30</td>
<td>2.70</td>
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<td>Cheese &amp; Tomato</td>
<td>2.80</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ham, Cheese &amp; Tomato</td>
<td>3.20</td>
<td>3.60</td>
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<td>Chick, Lett &amp; Mayo H</td>
<td>3.70</td>
<td>4.10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tuna &amp; Tomato</td>
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<td>Egg &amp; Lettuce</td>
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<td>Tuna &amp; Cheese</td>
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## Any Sandwich by Request

## Snacks

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<td>Texan Muffin</td>
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<td>Red Rock Deli Chips</td>
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<td>Assorted Slices/Cakes</td>
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<td>Chocolate Mousse</td>
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<td>Donuts</td>
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<td>Jelly</td>
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<td>Assorted Confectionery</td>
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## Drinks

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<td>Up &amp; Go</td>
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<td>Quench Drinks 600ml</td>
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<td>Flavoured Milk 375ml</td>
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<td>Spring Water 600ml</td>
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<td>Apple Juice</td>
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<td>Assorted Ice Creams &amp; Icy Poles</td>
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## Winter Specials

- Pasta of the Month (Homemade)
- Hot Food Specials of the Month (Winter Warmers)

## Summer Specials

- Summer Specials & other Goodies of the Month

## Meal Deal Special with Water

- Bolognese Pasta
- Tuna Pasta
- Beef Rolls
- Souvlaki

V Denotes vegetarian options
H Denotes Halal

Effective Term 1 2017
Proudly Operated by Bellbrook Catering
Wanted: Homestay Providers

Do you have a spare bedroom?

Are you able to provide a caring, safe and supportive environment for an international student?

Westall Secondary College's International Program is looking for English speaking families to accommodate for secondary aged international students who require homestay provision.

Our students are predominantly from China, Vietnam and Cambodia. Families receive weekly payment for providing this valuable service.

For further information, contact Mrs Po Sim Ngiem on 9546333 during school hours, mobile: 0457369361 or email: png@westall.vc.vic.edu.au

College Blazer—$110.00—buy direct from the General Office

LOOK GREAT IN 2016!
The College Blazer can be purchased from the College for only $110.
Students are encouraged to wear their Blazer to and from School

Community News

DANCE STRUCK
We love to dance!

1st CLASS FREE!

Dance Programs in:
- R.A.D Classical Ballet
- Contemporary & Lyrical
- S.F.D Tap & Jazz
- Hip Hop, Urban and Funk
- Tutu & Tiara Preschool Ballet
- Move & Groove Preschool Tap & Jazz

Plus Speciality Programs:
- Acrobatic Arts Australia Acrobatics
- Progressive Technique Ballet Program

www.dancestruck.com

NOT JUST A BOYS’ CLUB!
Mazenod United FC invites all potential girls team players aged 13-16 to register their interest for FFV Junior teams for Season 2017

Mazenod United FC is committed to Womens and Girls Football. Come and train with us at our Mazenod College facilities. We look forward to meeting you!

Enquiries:
David Bortoli 0412 657 046 or dbortoli@huntingtower.vic.edu.au
Would an extra $500 help with Education costs for your children?

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program that has assisted more than 32,000 Australian families with education costs.

Join the program, save regularly for 10 months, and receive $1 dollar from ANZ for every $1 you save, up to $500. Matched savings can be used to pay for items such as uniforms, books, computers and iPads and extra curricular activities such as swimming lessons, dance, music lessons, clubs and sports.

Andreas said that Saver Plus helped her buy an iPad for her daughters.

“I always thought I could only ever make ends meet, so to be able give my girls the iPad they had been dreaming of is such a wonderful feeling. Now they feel like everyone else. The Saver Plus program taught me to save and budget with tools that I will use forever.”

To be eligible you need to:
- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be 18 years or over
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part-time, full time or seasonal work, and
- have a child at school, or study yourself.

Saver Plus was developed by the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ in 2003 and is delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

For more information:

Call or text Henry Frenkel on 0488 069 627

Email: saverplus@bsl.org.au
Visit: www.bsl.org.au/saver-plus

FREE TENNIS DAY

Clarinda Tennis Club (Crawford Road, Clarinda) is holding a Free Tennis Day on Sunday 19th February between 9am and 12 noon.

Come along and have some fun!
TUNING INTO KIDS™

What is it?

Tuning in to Kids (TIK) is an evidence-based parenting program developed by the University of Melbourne that focuses on the emotional connection between parents and children.

In particular, the program teaches parents skills in emotion coaching, to recognize, understand and respond to children’s emotions in an accepting, supportive way which, in turn, helps the child to understand and manage their emotions.

Bunimko has been proudly running the Tuning Into Kids program every school term for more than 5 years!

Why should I do it?

At the end of each program we ask the participants whether they have noticed any changes in their children or family as a result of participating in the program? Here’s what some of them had to say:

- “calmer, less reactive”
- “We are all more calm at home”
- “Yes, less anger and lashing”
- “Definitely good outcomes”
- “Calm and quieter”
- “Problems are resolved more easily”

TIK can help you to help your child make friends, manage their emotions appropriately, stay calm and focused in class, manage behavioural challenges and deal with conflict.

When and where does it run?

Tuning in to Kids is a 6-week program that runs on Thursday nights (7pm to 9pm) from our premises at 407 Haughton Street, Hampton.

The next program commences on Thursday 9 February 2017

How much is it and how do I book?

The program fee is $996 (inc. GST) and there is a 10% discount for each additional family member. You can reserve a place by paying the fee to the following account:

Account name: Bunimko
BSB: 030 002
Account: 95 5112

(Include your surname in the ‘Description’ field so we know the payment is from you.)

What if I want more information?

Further details about the TIK program and about Bunimko are available on our website: www.bunimko.com.au or you can call us on 9590 6661.

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING FOR KIDS

What is it?

The SEL program comprises two programs, one for kids in primary and one for kids in secondary school. Both help children to develop a range of competencies that align to the social and emotional learning component of the school curriculum.

The Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth notes that schools that include SEL as part of their teaching and learning can give students the opportunity to build the resilience to deal with change and unpredictability, an essential skill for positive mental health.

Bunimko has been proudly running the SEL program every school term for more than 5 years!

How would my child benefit from doing SEL?

By helping your child to develop the five core competencies of social and emotional learning – self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making – the SEL program can assist your child to:

- Improve their social skills
- Stay calm and focused in school
- Understand and manage their emotions
- Make friends and interact with other kids confidently
- Build resilience
- Know the difference between ‘cool’ and ‘not cool’ choices
- Calmer

When and where does it run?

SEL is a 6-week program that runs on Saturday afternoons (1.30pm to 3pm) from our premises at 407 Haughton Street, Hampton.

The next program commences on Saturday 11 February

(The first week is an introduction session for parents only)

It is strongly recommended that Parents do the TIK program before placing their child on the SEL program

How much is it?

The program fee is $996 (inc. GST) and there is a 10% discount for each additional child and for children whose parents have completed the TIK program with Bunimko.

So, what do I do now?

Further details are available on our website (www.bunimko.com.au) and you can call us on 9590 6661.

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