

“Coburg High School acknowledges the Wurundjeri People, upon whose land the school rests. We pay our respects to elders both past and present.”

Principal's Report

SCHOOL REVIEW

In weeks 5 and 6 this term, two external school reviewers visited the school for four days to assist us in evaluating our progress and our strengths and areas for improvement as a school. They have investigated the extent to which we have created an engaging environment for learning, a culture of collaboration and communication with a clear whole-school vision, a comprehensive set of policies, processes and systems, and the level of engagement with parents and the wider community to build positive relationships and enhance student learning and wellbeing. This review is an important opportunity to examine our programs and approaches in depth and to establish the major priorities for the school for the next four years.

Based on the review findings, and our own comprehensive school self-evaluation, we will then develop our next four year School Strategic Plan (2017-2020) which will outline our vision, values, goals, targets and improvement strategies for the future. This will then be published on the school website for the community and will underpin our work as a school for the next four years.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Each year the Department of Education conduct a Parent Opinion Survey across all schools. Information from these surveys is confidential and anonymous and enables schools to continue to improve. Each year the Department allocates a random sample of parents (about 60 parents from Coburg High School were randomly selected and contacted this year) to complete the survey—thank you to those parents who received the surveys and returned them in their sealed envelopes.



UNIFORM

Many thanks to parents and students who responded to the school council survey about uniform. The responses give a clear indication that quality, affordability, functionality and presentation are all high priorities for our uniform. We will continue to explore options for additional items—particular jumpers—for next year and continue to consult with parents and students throughout.

STAFF COLLABORATION

There is a high level of expertise, professionalism and commitment among the teachers at Coburg High School. This year, our teaching staff have been working collaboratively in teams to plan and develop a robust curriculum for our inaugural Year 9 program in 2017 as well as continuously refining and improving curriculum programs at Years 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12. In week 5 of this term students and parents in Year 8 received a handbook of information about the various subjects that will be on offer in Year 9 next year, including a wide range of electives.

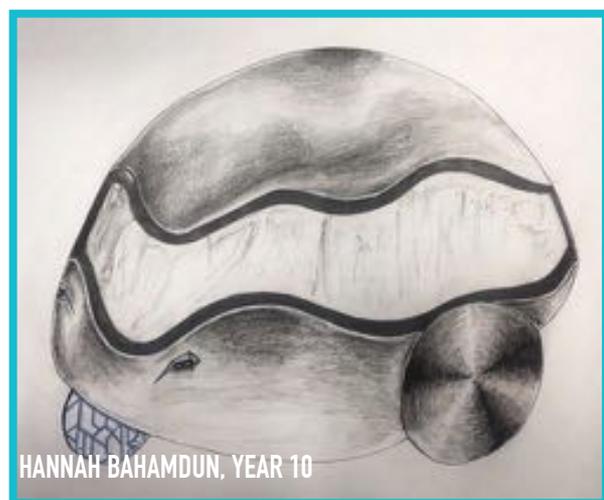
Staff have also been working together in Professional Learning Teams (PLTs) to thoroughly investigate and apply effective teaching strategies based on research and evidence in order to enhance the learning of all students. Recently, teams of teachers presented their professional learning and research to all staff. The action research of staff into effective teaching and assessment practices contributes to the knowledge and expertise both within the PLTs and in the wider school community.

SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

The senior school information evening for parents and students (currently in Years 10 and 11) was held on Wednesday 10 August from 6.00pm here at the school. The evening focussed on subject choices in Years 11 and 12 and pathways beyond. To assist students in making choices for next year, Deb Platanas and Rebecca Wright provided details about the purpose and nature of the VCE program in 2017. The enrolment coordinator and Leading Teacher from Distance Education Victoria—Matthew Trotter—was also in attendance to provide information and advice about possible distance education subjects to supplement the senior program next year at Coburg High School.

CENTENARY OF COBURG HIGH SCHOOL

On Wednesday August 17 we opened a time-capsule from the old Coburg High School here at school. This marked the occasion of the sealing of the capsule and will be the first step in our celebrations of the centenary which will culminate in the Centenary Open Day in October. Among other activities, we will create a new time capsule to seal at the Centenary Day—students, parents and staff are encouraged to think of items and ideas that can be contributed to the time capsule. In the lead up to the event, we will invite students to contribute to the time capsule with letters, blog entries and emails that reflect their current experiences and life at school in 2016.



The time capsule opening was covered by the Moreland Leader: <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/north-west/coburg-high-school-unlocks-the-past-with-a-time-capsule-from-1980s/news-story/05f3983549f095b030bac5e60f945e99>

The school's website is currently being updated and improved—there is now a section on the website about upcoming centenary celebrations. www.coburg.vic.edu.au

SCHOOL GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS

We have done considerable work this term repairing heating and air-conditioning—we are quite fortunate to have air-conditioning here at Coburg High School as it is not normally provided in government secondary schools in Melbourne—and repairs have been made to the gymnasium roof to prevent water leakage and the gym floor has been re-polished. We are about to commence some elemental landscaping with a pathway in front of Building B. Additional picnic tables have also been installed for students throughout the grounds.

SEMESTER REPORTS

Parents and students would have received access to the semester one reports on Friday 22 July via the Compass portal (on our website). These reports provide summative feedback to students on their learning progress which complements the feedback comments provided by our Learning Tasks and continuous reporting. If you have a query about your child's reports or if you would like help accessing Compass, please contact reception on 9353 1700 between 8.30am and 4.00pm any school day. Note that the semester two end-of-semester reports will be published through Compass to parents on Friday, 16 December 2016. Interim progress reports will be completed for term 3 and published to parents on Compass soon.

CAMPS AND TOURS

Planning is underway for 2017 camps. Although there will be no Year 8 camp this year, there will be a Year 9 camp offered to our current Year 8 students next year. We are also exploring a range of camp opportunities and special programs for our senior students.

PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES SEMESTER 2: TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 12NOON—8PM

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences will be held for all year levels at Coburg High School in the final week of term, on Tuesday 13 September. As in semester 1, the conferences will be held from 12 noon until 8.00pm, to enable as many families as possible to attend, and there will be no classes in the morning. Compass will open for conference bookings from Monday 5 September (4pm) to Monday 12 September (12 noon). To making bookings (from 4pm on Monday 5 September onwards), families should use the Community link on Compass, and from there, go to the page 'Parent Student Teacher Conferences'.

Following this term's Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences Day, there will be a comprehensive review of our conferences and the Student-Led Conferences earlier this year, involving feedback from parents, students and staff, to ensure that we are providing the best possible systems and structures for parent involvement in student learning.

If you have questions, or if you need an interpreter / translator, please make contact with reception on 9353 1700. More details about the Parent-Student-Teacher conference are available on Compass.

Stewart Milner,
Principal

Senior Student Update

The Senior Leadership Team have been busy working on the focus of their Term 3 Program **“Pay it Forward”**. This program focuses on civic responsibility and the notion that giving back is an important part of being an active citizen. As such students have begun a “rainbow” bake sale. Each week on a Wednesday at Recess the students sell baked goods for a gold coin donation in order to raise money for a particular charity that relates to the weeks colour theme. For the first two weeks we celebrated white and orange. Raising money for the White ribbon foundation and the guide dogs. So far we have raised \$380. Upcoming colours include **Green and Headspace** and **Red for the MS foundation**.



The Arts



VISUAL ART

The year 8 Visual Art class had a fantastic time mixing batches of salt dough which they will use in upcoming classes to construct their planned pop art inspired sculpture.

DANCE/DRAMA

Year 8 Dance/ Drama class have performed a contemporary dance piece at the whole school assembly. They learnt a new dance in 3 weeks to the song 'Run Boy Run' which explores concepts of victory, bravery and identity. They begin their drama unit soon with just as many performance opportunities! Well done dancers!



MUSIC

At our recent assembly the Music Department was represented by performances from the Show Choir, Concert Band and the VCE Music class. The Show Choir sang 'Seasons of Love' by Jonathan Larson which was taken from the Broadway Musical 'Rent'. This was led by Anne Wood, Instrumental Music Coordinator, and assisted by Sarah Kate Hanley. The Concert band, led by Heather Allan, performed a version of the main theme from 'Star Wars' with the VCE Music class performing their arrangement of 'Take a Bow' by Rhianna. All performances were fantastic, showing everyone the hard work and dedication from the students in each ensemble. We would like to say thank you to all the students who performed at assembly, the Instrumental Staff and the teachers who were involved in running and supporting of these groups. If any student would like to join these groups, the other ensembles currently running at Coburg High School, or indeed suggest a new one they would like to start, please speak to your Music Teacher. Finally please mark your diaries in order for you to attend a showcase of our talented students at our Instrumental Music Concert which will be held in The Space on Wednesday 31st August at 5pm.

HOW CAN THEATRE BE USED TO HELP SOLVE SOCIAL PROBLEMS?

The year 10 Performance class has been investigating this big idea as they learn about Brazilian theatre practitioner Augusto Boal and his 'Forum Theatre'. The year 10 students have surveyed some year 7 classes to find out what issues or challenges they currently face. From this they have created small theatre pieces that were performed during week 5 to three year 7 classes. The year 10 students will then engage their audience in a discussion about how the challenges can be overcome, and improvise these solutions to test if they work. The year 10 class hope that the year 7's were able to explore some of these strategies in the real world as well.



SHOW CHOIR

Students in the 'Show Choir' have been busy learning new numbers to perform. They performed a beautiful rendition of 'Seasons of Love' from the musical RENT at the whole school assembly after only rehearsing for 3 weeks. We are going to start learning a new song and dance. Anyone interested in joining Show Choir please come along to rehearsals on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime in the Space.

Year 7 PE

This term, year 7s students have been learning and playing each net sport. During this time they learnt about the different trajectories and techniques, things like how different balls fly and spin. They also learnt some techniques including drop-shots, serving, backhands and forehands. The aspect of this program I've enjoyed the most so far would probably have to be badminton!

Nicole Dandas (7H)



Literacy

The Children's Book Council 'Book Week' runs from 20-26 August and we have a number of exciting events for students.

We are thrilled to announce the Coburg High School Writing Competition! Following the Children's Book Council of Australia theme of "Australia! Story Country", all CHS students are invited to enter an original short story or poem. The entries will be judged by a panel and there will be prizes for the winning entries.

Our wonderful local bookshop [Picture and Pages](#) is running a pop-up shop in our new book room in Building C. The pop-up shop will be open at recess, lunchtime and after school on [Wednesday 24 August](#), [Thursday 25 August](#) and [Friday 26 August](#). There will be a wide range of books to suit all readers for sale; please note, this will be cash only. Picture and Pages have generously offered to donate 10% of all sales to the CHS book fund and to supply the prize for our writing competition.

Our Year 10 and 11 students have been invited to attend a talk by renowned Australian author Maureen McCarthy at Coburg Library on Tuesday 23 August. Maureen McCarthy is well known for her tales of teens and young adults finding their way in the world; her books include *Queen Kat*, *Carmel* and *St. Jude Get a Life*; *When You Wake* and *Find Me Gone*; and her most recent novel, *Stay with Me*.

Finally, to celebrate the end of Book Week there will be a whole school dress up day where students and teachers are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character. A gold coin donation is requested and will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.



Book Room

The new "book room" is upstairs in Building C and houses our small collection of books (reference, fiction & non-fiction), an amazing collection of National Geographic magazines and a number of board games. This space will be used by classes and will also be open for quiet reading during some lunch times. At present, books may only be used at school, but we hope to set up a borrowing system in the near future. Donations of suitable books are welcome.



YEAR 12 BIOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE EXCURSION

As part of the Yr 12 Biology course students had the opportunity to attend The University of Melbourne's School of Biosciences for their Unit 4 studies. This occurred on Friday 22nd July. Students participated in two workshops; a genetic cross of a plant, and the running of gel electrophoresis on a recombinant plasmid.

YEAR 8 HOME GROUP: CAREERS BOOKLET

Throughout the first few weeks of Term 3, the year 8 classes have been focusing on our future and what we want to be when we grow up. It is a question we all get asked when we're young but don't really know what to do. In class we have been completing our Careers Action Plan and working through an online booklet to find out about jobs. That is why this program is in place, so we can be what we want to be when we're older. We have been focusing on different types of jobs, getting an idea of what work is and how studying can get you a career worth waiting for. We have also looked at our interests to divide our options and think about what we really want to do.



Junior Debating Team

The Coburg Junior Debating Team has been preparing for their upcoming inter-school program. The first challenge? No saying 'um', 'er' or 'like'! This term, the team has been preparing for more formal debates, remembering the roles of the separate speakers and working on matter, manner and mode. Across Years 7 and 8, 15 students will be attending 3 rounds up against other schools in the Northern Region, debating topics like 'That the government should increase funding in the arts' and 'That parents should have access to their children's social media accounts'. We are all looking forward to seeing our articulate young team debating at Brunswick Secondary College with strong arguments!



Students in photos (not full debating team): Dieter Grusling, Jack Pritchard, Nicole Dandas, Nikoletta Vokolos, Michaela Pam and Georgia Floros

YEAR 7 HOME GROUP: BEST FRIEND BRAIN

This term in home group for the first three weeks we learnt about the brain. This unit was really fun and it was also really interesting. We learnt all about the amygdala, hippocampus and the pre-frontal cortex. The amygdala processes the information and then decides whether to go into fight or flight mode. The hippocampus is for all of your memories and to process your learning and if you have any threats or fears. An interesting fact about the hippocampus is you might first imagine a smiley hippopotamus when you hear the word hippocampus, but this region of the brain gets its name from its shape - a seahorse. Hippocampus is the Greek word for "seahorse." The pre-frontal cortex controls your learning, thinking, reasoning, decision making, focus and attention. While working on this subject we watched a few videos and there was one I liked in particular that was a video where they get professional table tennis players that show the presenter how to play with hand eye coordination. These three weeks were really fun and very informative!



By Ella Dennis, 7F

COBURG HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERS WITH FUTURE ESTATE TO DELIVER GRASSROOTS ARTS PROGRAM

We are proud to announce the launch of a pop up gallery space located on Stockade Avenue, Coburg Quarter.

A few of our Year 10 students are showcasing their artwork in a dedicated creative space made available by the site's developer Future Estate. There is a display of student work offering a unique perspective on the landscape.

At last week's preview, Future Estate's Founder & Managing Director, Ben Anderson, said "We have been genuinely overwhelmed by the calibre of the artwork produced by these budding artists."



We are grateful to Ben and his team helping repair the mural at Bell Street underpass. We appreciate Future Estate's generosity and commitment to both the school and our students. For those of you who haven't yet had the opportunity to get down there, we recommend paying a visit to 43 Stockade Avenue, where the artwork will be on view in the window fronts for the rest of this week.



Wellbeing

SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION AND STANDOUT YOUTH (S.O.Y.) GROUP



In term 2 Coburg High School proudly joined the **Safe Schools Coalition**, a national partnership of schools and allied organisations committed to making schools safer and more inclusive environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, staff and families.

By joining the Safe Schools Coalition, Coburg High School is provided with free support to build our school's capacity to respond to homophobic and transphobic behaviour and create more inclusive school policies and practices.

One of the initiatives promoted by the Safe Schools Coalition is to support schools in starting a **Stand Out group**. Stand Out is the term used for a group of students and staff who want to make their school a safer and more inclusive space for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse young people.

Presently, a group of 12 year 8 students have been meeting fortnightly (every second Wednesday at the bottom of building C at lunchtime) to discuss and develop ideas about how Coburg High School can be safer and more inclusive. Senior school student leaders have been invited to join and inform their peers about our Stand Out Youth (S.O.Y.) group. The group is also fortunate to have support from staff members Benita Champion (currently on maternity leave) and Luke Hickmott from the Performing arts faculty. **Our next meeting is on Wednesday 17 August.**

As part of the year 7 Home Group program, 25 students have elected to do the Stand Out

elective, which will run every Friday period 3 in August. Once this elective program has finished, the year 7 students involved in the Standout elective will be invited to join the S.O.Y. group.



Students from the S.O.Y. have been very proactive in furthering the group's aims. Students have spoken at whole school assemblies about the importance of our school being safer and more inclusive. A number of the year 8 students have also volunteered to support the year 7 Standout elective.

The group is also proud to making links with others in our broader community. At our last meeting, two health promotion officers from Merri Health (with whom the school has a three year partnership) attended to discuss with students what community based activities, supports and resources were on offer, such as the community youth arts project known as Y-GLAM. It was also discussed about the possibility of students from Coburg High School visiting Brunswick Secondary College, to offer advice and support in that school's efforts to start a Stand Out group.

For more information, refer to the links below, or contact David Snaddon (Student Wellbeing team) on 9353 1700.

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au/>

<http://www.merrihealth.org.au/services/young-adults/youth-performing-arts-project/>



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN WELLBEING AT COBURG HIGH SCHOOL?

The question really is, what hasn't been happening in wellbeing at Coburg High. The Wellbeing Team (WBT) of Bree Campbell and David Snaddon are pleased to outline just some of the initiatives that are designed to promote student wellbeing at the school.

Bringing out the 'awe' in AWETISM: The S.H.E.I.L.D. (Smart Happy Initiative Entrepreneurial Legends Determined) program is a mentoring project for young people on the Autism Spectrum. This project is provided by the I CAN Network, whereby young adults who themselves are diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum, facilitate fortnightly mentoring sessions with students in schools also diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum.

THE I CAN NETWORK IS COMMITTED TO:

'driving a rethink of Autism, from 'I Can't' to 'I CAN'. We mentor young people on the Autism Spectrum to live life with an 'I CAN' attitude. We bring out the 'awe' in AWETism through education, advocacy and providing opportunities.'

<http://icannetwork.com.au/about/>

Coburg High School is pleased to be one of the pilot schools for this program, which commenced in term 2 and runs until early term 4.



THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE LUNCH!

Through community support, students are able to get lunch when the need arises. A selection of sandwiches and museli bars are available for those students in need, be it through family circumstances or simply if they have forgotten to bring something to eat. Students just need to ask at the front office.

WINNING OVER 'ARTS' AND MINDS

Bree Campbell (WBT), Emma Fitzpatrick and Leah Murphy from the Arts faculty, collaborated to display student art work in the wellbeing office (located next to the café in building A). This initiative was designed to celebrate student work and make the wellbeing office a more welcoming space. Students are always welcome to drop into the wellbeing office when the need arises.

Students and families are always welcome to contact the WBT as the need arises, be in relation to individual needs and support or discuss programs and initiatives.

Bree Campbell and David Snaddon



Coburg High School Parents' Association

The year is moving so fast....and the Parents' Association is gearing up to organise some events in the next few months. Our meeting on Monday 15th August was very productive - with several working parties created to organise and conduct upcoming events, with the Trivia Night planned for October 15th being our biggest to date. We still need plenty of volunteers to offer time/donations/skills and talents to make it all happen. Please consider contacting the Parents' Association if you would like to be a part of improving your child's school.

Our Facebook group has passed the 100 member milestone! There have been some vibrant and informative discussions between the parent/guardian members and it's worthwhile realising that before the Facebook group was created, there was very little opportunity to connect with other parents. It's also a place for teacher requests to be posted enabling parents to contribute to Emma Fitzpatrick's "Rock God" project and Katherine Ryan's Knitting elective. Look out for more opportunities to actively be a part of your child's education.

Another discussion on the Facebook page recently provided feedback from parents interested in a re-screening of the documentary "Most Likely to Succeed". Parents who attended the first screening were very enthusiastic about this inspiring and thought provoking documentary. There is an opportunity to see this film on 28th August at 3.00pm. Join us at 2.00pm for a Sunday afternoon tea and the movie screening at 3.00pm.

The Coburg High Historical Society has asked for support from the parent and student community to help with the setting up, running and clean up for the 100th Anniversary Reunion on 23rd October. A volunteer schedule will be available to help coordinate helpers. Please consider offering some time to make this event run smoothly.

Great news! The Parents' Association has received a very generous donation from Browns Corner Hotel of \$1500. This provides us with more freedom to plan and fund activities and events.

So don't forget to join us on Facebook or email!



Community Notices

MELBOURNE YOUTH MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2017

The week long Summer School, which is supported by the Victorian Department of Education, offers many opportunities for young musicians aged 6 to 30, from beginner to advanced levels. During the week, students will take part in an intensive program of full and sectional rehearsals, voice and rhythm workshops, and formal and informal concerts in front of family, friends and peers.

Held at the Victoria College of the Arts, University of Melbourne, the MYM Summer School caters for all ensemble instruments, with symphony orchestra, bands, string and jazz ensembles as well as conducting and arts administration programs.

Over 650 students come together with some of Australia's best conductors and tutors, for a stimulating range of musical and social activities in a fun and collaborative atmosphere.

Summer School isn't just about developing technique and expanding repertoire, it's about opening minds to a whole different sphere of music-making, creating musical experiences that are exciting, emotional and passionate.

There are daily opportunities for students to extend themselves through workshops and group activities, and advance their performance skills in their informal lunchtime concerts.

Summer School culminates with Showcase Concerts at the glorious Melbourne Town Hall, highlighting the week's achievements for participants' families and friends, as well as the wider community.

Please see the website below for more information and apply online by 5pm Friday 16th September 2016.

<http://www.mym.org.au/2017-summer-school/>

OXYGEN YOUTH SPACE

Young people outside the Oxygen Centre. Oxygen Youth Space is Moreland's first youth centre and is a place for young people to hang out, meet friends, learn new skills and participate in a range of activities.

The centre was built as part the Moreland City Council Oxygen Project. This project is looking at ways to improve and create spaces and services for young people in Moreland.

The centre is run by Moreland Youth Services and some of the Moreland Youth Services team have offices at Oxygen Youth Space.

LOCATION AND OPENING HOURS

Oxygen Youth Space is located at 4 - 8 Gaffney Street, Coburg North (next to Coburg Lake).

We are a 1 minute walk from the #37 tram stop at Gaffney Street/ Sydney Rd and a 5 minute walk from the Batman train station, Upfield Line.

You are welcome to drop into Oxygen Youth Space Monday - Friday from 3 pm - 6 pm and Monday - Friday 12pm - 6 pm during the school holidays.

The centre is open at other times during the week for organised programs.

OXYGEN YOUTH SPACE CURRENTLY OFFERS THESE FREE PROGRAMS:

Singing workshops - Tuesdays (Registration required)

Amped Up Productions (Freeza) event management program - Wednesdays (Registration required)

Oxygen Committee meetings - Wednesdays (Registration required)

Homework Help - Wednesdays (Drop in)

Open Art Studio - Thursdays (Drop in)

YGLAM Queer Youth Theatre Group - Thursdays (Registration required)

Xbox and pool competitions, prizes, games, laughs and food - Fridays (Drop in)

Accredited training workshops - Saturdays (Registration required)

Band Rehearsal space for hire - Monday through to Sunday

MORELAND YOUTH SERVICES ALSO RUN THE FOLLOWING FREE PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY:

Social Soccer Brunswick - Tuesdays (Drop in)

Social Soccer Glenroy - Thursdays (Drop in)

OUR SPACES

All young people are welcome to use the centre's shared spaces, including free wifi, pool table and Xbox.

These include:

e-lounge

kitchen

meeting space

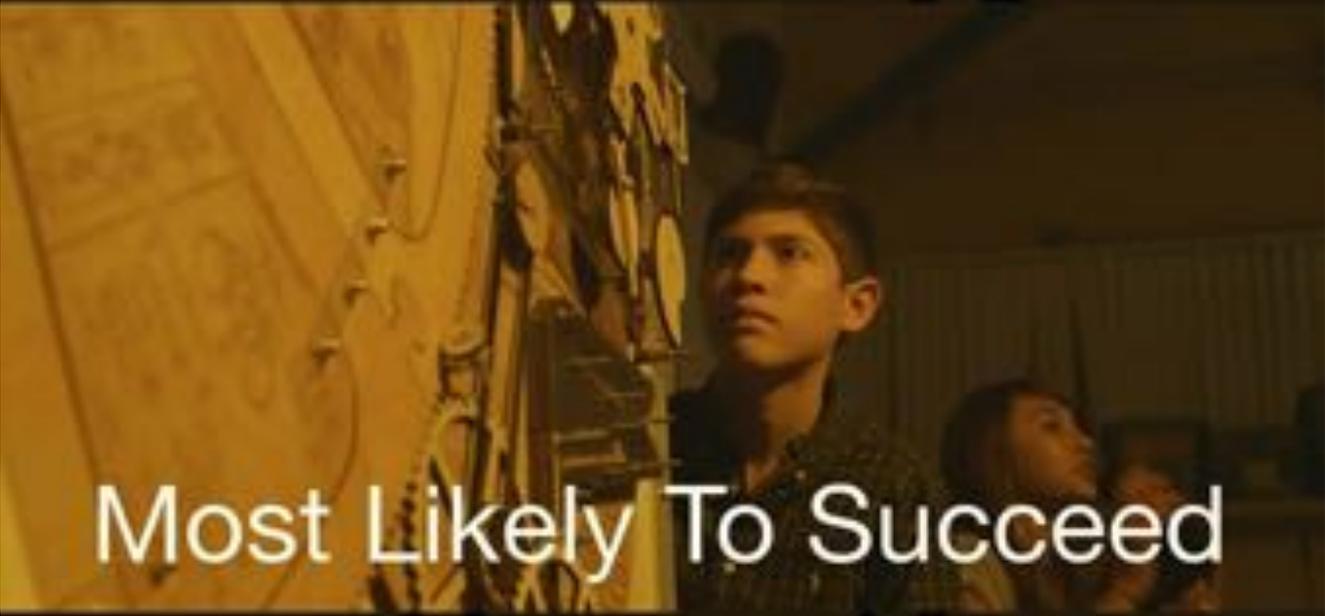
multipurpose activity space, which is also set up at a music rehearsal and DJ room

internal courtyard, and outdoor area with half basketball court



Coburg High Parents' Association Presents

MOVIE MATINEE



Most Likely To Succeed

AUGUST 28TH
THEATRETTE, COBURG HIGH SCHOOL
ALVA GROVE, COBURG

2PM - AFTERNOON TEA
3PM - MOVIE SCREENING
4:30PM - DISCUSSION

TICKETS \$20 ADULT / \$15 CONCESSION (STUDENT)
\$30 FAMILY (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN)

TICKETS VIA TRYBOOKING:
TRYBOOKING.COM/MRYM

"The 21st century is going to be all about building, creating, and innovating. This remarkable film shows a path of how we can empower all of our children to do that."

-Sal Khan, Khan Academy

Coburg High School

100th Anniversary Reunion

Sunday October 23rd 2016

12.30-pm-5.30pm

At Coburg High School

Official welcome 2.30pm.

Community and ex-students welcome.

Food and drinks available to purchase. Displays and
tours available.

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