

# CHS Junior School Update

CHS acknowledges the Wurundjeri People, the traditional custodians of this land on which our school rests.  
We pay our respects to elders both past and present.



Artwork by Nina Lord, Year 8

## Looking ahead!

Has your child recently come home buzzing about plans for the 2017 Camp? The 2016 End of Year Program? Fun things they've been getting up to at CHS?

Keep reading for important information relevant to our junior school families.

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CAMPS 2017

Will you make  
the Leap of  
Faith?



Year 7 Camp 2017  
@ Kinglake Ranges

Learn to surf!



Year 8 Camp 2017  
@ Waratah Bay

Hike some of the  
world's most  
breathtaking  
landscapes!



Year 9 Camp 2017  
@ Tasmania

## Term 4 Week 3 Assembly Guest Speakers

Russ Pirie from Merri Health, and Kieron Byatt from The Push

Russ works for **Merri Health**, a community health provider, dedicated to putting young adults on track for a healthy, connected and fulfilling life. Russ spoke entertainingly about services that are open to our students. These include:

- Free Youth Counselling
- Hearing tests
- Support, respite and advocacy for those who are young carers
- Support for GLBTIQ, same sex attracted and gender diverse people. This includes YGLAM, a performing arts project for young GLBTIQ peoples

Kieron runs the hip hop department at non-profit youth music organisation **The Push**. He came to promote THE LEDGE - an 8 week series of free hip-hop workshops for young people aged 12 to 25 with an interest in creating hip-hop music to develop their skills.

The program runs at Oxygen Youth Space on Thursdays from 4pm - 6pm, and students will learn business and technical skills to assist in



kick-starting a musician profile in hip hope. Recording and performing opportunities exist too.

Know someone who could benefit from either program or service? Further information available: <http://thepush.com.au/the-ledge-hip-hop-school/> and <http://www.merrihealth.org.au/>



## CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

This term, a group of 12 Year 7 & 8 boys are going to Oxygen Youth Centre every Wednesday period 4 to participate in the Champions Program. This program is designed as a skill development and support program for young men who we identified as having the capacity to be real leaders in our community but required further support to accomplish these goals.

The boys involved are Max Fox, Ben Probst, Liam Ryan, Nick Simao, Tav Morton, Christopher Renna and Jai Black of Year 7; and Youie Allouch, Lukas Moris, Saxon Armour, Nathan Efremedis and Adrian Scattolin of Year 8. Well done boys!



# ALPINE SCHOOL 2017

Eight of our year 8 students successfully applied and interviewed for Coburg High School's first ever Alpine School team. The eight students have been selected in two teams (an Alpine team and a Home team) where they will be working together on a community project throughout 2017. The four Alpine team members will spend all of term 1, 2017 at the Alpine School campus in the small Alpine town of Dinner Plain. Here, they will be living, working and learning alongside peers from rural, regional and metropolitan schools. Throughout the process both teams will be working closely to achieve success in their chosen community project, whilst also building strong connections, team work and leadership skills.

Congratulations to all of our Alpine students!

**Alpine Team:** Charlotte Wade, Griffin Simpson-Tuckey, Elijah Darmody-Rengis, Paula Zinn

**Home Team:** Michaela Elouath, Riley Van Rynsbergen, Dieter Grusling, Peppa Poultney



## BOOK WEEK WRITING COMPETITION

Term 3 saw us celebrate Book Week with a Pop Up Book Shop provided at school by Pictures and Pages; a dress up day, library visits and a CHS short story writing Competition. Congratulations to our competition winner Harry, whose short story has been provided below.

**Winner:** Harry Ciantar, Year 7

**Highly Commended:** Aneesa Daghistani, Tea Triantafillou, Celine Fakhoury

*As me brothers and I lay in bed, I thought 'bout escaping. Escaping the wretch'd pit that t'was London and live a free man's life. I drifted off into the stars and fell into the abyss of sleep, where no man worry 'bout sleep nor hunger. Where all is yours and the world is perfect. Where you live in a palace with all your bro'ers en sisters. Where war is a distant memory and conflict frowned upon. Where the poor are the top priority and the rich help the less fortunate.*

*I woke up in the middle of the night to find little Eddie cryin'. I approached his wailing, writhing body and rocked him back'n'forth. I looked into his eyes and I saw the will in his eyes die. Limp, afraid and malnourished, it faded and he stop'd crying. Fo'ever. I knew what I had to do.*

*I collected my tools and tiptoed to the kitchen, grabbing the last apple tha' we would 'ave for tomorrow's dinner. After tonight, we wouldn't need it anymore. I opened the door onto the alley that was our street. A carriage passed, dousing me in a most disgustin' liquid. I was used to the smell of filth. I spied the local govner's estate and began the short walk to end my mother's hunger. I drudged through the mud and dead weeds taken down by the storm. I reached the 'ouse and began to scale it. I had many hours 'o practice so I did not lose my footing on the skippering cobbles of the courtyard wall. At that moment, a cart came by. Red and gold t'was. The soldiers came out, cuffed me and threw me in the back. I knew where they were going to take me. I tried desperately to hold on to the apple but it was no use. I fell into the filth as I was tossed in the cart. I had failed them. I had killed my family with the loss 'o the apple. I was a monster.*





## Visual Arts News @ CHS

### Oxygen Design Competition

Coburg High School is proud to announce Nina Lord as the winner of the Oxygen Design Competition with her work “Open minded” (provided on the front page of the newsletter). Nina’s work will be printed on vinyl and installed on the Oxygen Youth Services building in Gaffney St, near Coburg Lake.

19 students entered the competition in teams and individually and the quality and variety of works submitted was very impressive. An official launch for Nina’s work, accompanied by an exhibition of the 10 best designs submitted to the competition, will be held at Oxygen Youth Services in the next few weeks, and more information about this will follow shortly.

We congratulate and thank all the students and staff and panel members for their work on this project and look forward to linking with local businesses, council and community groups to provide lots of great opportunities for our students in the future.

### Overpass Installation

Leah’s Unit 2 Studio Arts class have completed and installed stage one of the overpass artwork between building B and C. This artwork is the product of a unit of work exploring an Art Movement called Abstract Expressionism. The final work is a riot of colours, brushstrokes and splatters. To complete this work, students explored the qualities of painting materials, and learnt specific techniques and processes using a variety of tools and brushes.

Initiated, planned and taught by Leah Murphy, and facilitated by Emma Fitzpatrick, this work was inspired by Australian artist, Rowena Martinich’s installation at Dandenong Train Station, Via Chroma.

Coburg High School and the visual arts department gratefully acknowledge the support and sponsorship from Bunnings Coburg and in particular, from Activities Organiser Jenny Adams, whose generosity and enthusiasm helped drive this project.

For more information about Rowena Martinich and her work, please click on the link below:  
<http://www.martinich.com.au/portfolio-item/viachroma-dandenong-station/>

# Dance News @ CHS

## State Schools Spectacular

Sixteen Year 7 and 8 students from Coburg High School joined 1000s of other performers as part of the mass dance cast in the Victorian State School Spectacular 2017 at Hisense Arena. The group displayed an excellent amount of dedication, putting 123 hours of rehearsal in over the year. All students had an exhilarating time performing and were wonderful ambassadors for CHS. CHS looks forward to future involvement in the performance.



## Ministry of Dance Workshops with CHS Dutch Exchange Program

Many junior students participated in the 2016 Dutch Exchange program with CHS's sister school in the Netherlands, Maurick College. As a part of this exchange, a group of junior students participated in a 3 hour workshop at Jason Coleman's 'Ministry of Dance' in North Melbourne where they learned a hip-hop and a jazz routine that was performed in front of the whole school. Yasemyn Budak also learnt and performed a contemporary dance work choreographed at Coburg High School.

## Period 5 Dance on Mondays

In term 4 CHS students are invited to participate in a free after school dance class. The class involves building physical skills and learning different dance styles. Currently the year 7 & 8 group are learning a Dance Hall routine which is a style that is influenced by Latin, Hip-Hop and African Dance styles. Any Junior students who would like to participate is encourage to come along, speak to Luke in the Arts office or email him at [luke.hickmott@coburg.vic.edu.au](mailto:luke.hickmott@coburg.vic.edu.au) with any questions.



# CLARIFYING RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

## Uniform

- Hoodies, even under the school shirt, are not uniform.
- Leggings, including sports leggings, are not uniform.
- Tracksuit pants need to be dark blue or black. Grey is not permitted.
- Shorts and skirts have an expected length: they must reach the fingertips when a student is standing with their hands by their sides.
- Should a student need to be out of uniform for any reason, they must bring a note from home and give it to a student manager.



## Attendance

- A student who arrives late to school in the morning must sign in to the Compass kiosk in Building A.
- No absence on Compass should be 'unexplained'. Parents are expected to provide reasons on Compass for their child's absence. Explanations can be forward or backward-dated. If parents are unsure how to do this, see a student manager who can help.
- When absent, students are expected to contact teachers about work missed out on.

## Respect for school grounds and property is expected at all times.



- Chewing gum is not allowed. It is becoming an increasing problem at CHS, and we hope families can support us in our efforts to address this issue, which is having quite an impact on our beautiful grounds. Littering is not acceptable for the same reasons.
- Sports equipment, chairs and other school resources are to be treated with care.
- Students are not permitted in Building B unless there for a class. This is even more important in Term 4, as VCE students sit their exams in Building B.



# END OF YEAR PROGRAM

Friday 02 December marks the last day of formal classes for all students in Years 7-10. The two weeks following, from Monday 05 December to Wednesday 14 December are dedicated to our Junior School End of Year Program.

The End of Year Program (05 Dec - 14 Dec) is compulsory. Not only does it prepare students for their 2017 studies and familiarises students with their new Home Groups, it celebrates the conclusion of a successful year in a dynamic and engaging way.

## Key features of the program

### Step Up Program

- Length: Two days
- Students complete the Step Up Program in their 2017 Home Groups.
- Students are provided with work that will prepare them for their 2017 studies.
- Students become familiar with their new Home Groups, to help provide a smoother start to the 2017 academic school year.

### Cross Curricular Program

- Length: Two days
- Students complete the Cross Curricular Program in their 2016 Home Group blocks i.e. 7ABCD will be working together, and 7EFGH will be working together. The same goes for 8ABCD and 8EFG.
- Students engage in a range of dynamic tasks designed to challenge students critical thinking and creativity.
- There is a focus on ensuring students see real world applications for their learning that isn't simply organised according to subject.

### Combined Year 7/8 excursion to Funfields in Whittlesea

- Length: 1 day
- This excursion has been organised for both Year 7s and 8s, and is a fun way to end the year.
- Students will have the run of the park, and can participate in any of the activities they like. This includes waterslides and water park, go karts, mini golf, tobogganing and much more!
- Students and staff will be travelling via bus to and from the park.
- All students attending will view a safety information video.
- Students can bring a packed lunch or purchase food there.
- This event costs \$30, and payment is via Compass.



### Home Group Days Out

- Length: 1 day
- Home Groups and their teachers have planned a day out just for their class.
- Specific details for each class will be listed on Compass.

### Year 8 Community Service Day

- Length: 1 day
- Year 8s will participate in a Community Service Day, in which they'll give back to the community in some way. This has been planned with their Home Group teachers. Some are helping local primary schools with their arts programs, others are cleaning beaches and so forth.

# END OF YEAR PROGRAM

## continued

### **Grade 6 into Year 7 Transition Day**

- Length: 1 day
- On Tuesday 06 December, all Grade 6 students around the state go to the high school they've chosen to participate in a range of transition activities.
- Year 7 students have a student-free day on this day.
- Approximately 30 current Year 7 students will however be needed on this day to help with transition activities.
- More than 60 Year 7s (approx. 40% of the cohort) nominated to help out on this day rather than have a day off. We think this shows excellent pride in our school and commitment to helping our incoming students experience CHS in the best possible way.

### **End of Year Celebratory Assembly**

- An assembly and BBQ will formally conclude the school year for 2016.
- Awards and performances will be a feature of this assembly, and parents are encouraged to attend.

### **A note about costs**

#### **What does the End of Year Program cost?**

- Considerable effort has gone into minimising costs for CHS families, with very few events involving a cost.
- Funfields is \$30, which covers entry and transportation.
- The Year 7 Home Group Day Out should cost students no more than \$10, and the Year 8 Home Group Day Out + Community Service Day should cost no more than \$20 total.
- That puts the maximum cost for the program to be \$40 for a Year 7 student and \$50 for a Year 8 student.



# HOME GROUPS FOR 2017

## **What is the purpose of a Home Group?**

At CHS, junior students complete their core subjects in a Home Group.

A teacher is allocated to each Home Group, and one period per week is dedicated to the Home Group Program. Within this program, students complete activities designed to develop the skills necessary to become independent, confident and connected learners. Where possible the Home Group teacher has the students for at least one other subject as well.

## **How are 2017 Home Groups formed?**

Home Groups are changed every year. Student management, wellbeing staff and other teachers consider a range of factors in allocating new Home Groups, with the underlying intention being the creation of high performing teams that will support students with their learning.

A student's Home Group has the ability to greatly impact a student's learning, engagement and connection to school, and that is why we carefully consider the dynamics and cohesiveness of these groups.

## **What if I have any concerns about my child's 2017 Home Group. How do I address this?**

Concerns about 2017 Home Groups will only be received once students have completed their Step Up Program on Wednesday 07 December. This is to ensure that all students trial their new Home Group, to account for changes in social dynamics and maturity.

Concerns will only be taken by parents/guardians rather than students, and must be emailed to [coburgjunior@coburg.vic.edu.au](mailto:coburgjunior@coburg.vic.edu.au), along with information in support of the requested change. Requests will also only be taken if the student has participated in the End of Year Program.

Requests will be considered by the student management, wellbeing and principal teams.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the junior school student management office either via [coburgjunior@coburg.vic.edu.au](mailto:coburgjunior@coburg.vic.edu.au), or on 9353 1700.

# CAMP 2017

BREAKING NEWS! We can now confirm there will be both a Year 8 and a Year 9 Camp in 2017! We announced this to students on Wednesday 19 October to much excitement!



## Year 8s:

3 day camp to Waratah Bay at the end of November

Cost: \$385

Transport: Bus

Activities: On the doorstep of Wilson's Prom, this is a spectacular beach camp, where students will participate in a range of fun and challenging activities, including surf school. English/Humanities teacher Lachie also happens to be a passionate surfer, and has challenged our students to show him what they're made of!

## Year 9s

We're going to Tasmania in September! .

Length: This will be a 5 day camp

Expected cost: Approx. \$650

Transport: Ship: Spirit of Tasmania

Activities: The itinerary is yet to be finalised, but we're expecting it will include the following: hiking in some of the most breathtaking landscapes on the planet - Wineglass Bay, for example; a visit to MONA, one of the world's most acclaimed art galleries; a ghost tour of historic Port Arthur and much much more fun as well!



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- We're committed to helping as many students as possible attend camp, regardless of individual financial situations. Please speak to a junior school student manager or Business Manager about accessing support to make this happen.
- Payment plans are available
- If parents have a Health Care Card, they are entitled to \$225 per year for camps, sports and excursions, provided through the CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund) by the government. If you aren't sure if you are eligible or receiving this yet, see the Front Office staff for assistance. Any unused CSEF from this year can also be put towards 2017 needs as well.
- We're hoping to do some fundraising to help minimise costs

