Welcome back everyone!

The newsletter aims to keep parents and students aware of what is happening internally and externally, to assist students with career planning. I would encourage students to attend external careers activities to expand their understanding of careers and courses and to experience tertiary institutions first hand. Universities, TAFE institutions, professional associations, training organisations and other community organisations run activities throughout the year, including during holiday periods.

The newsletter is one way I update students and parents about tertiary course information. It is important that students and parents take note of this information as it can sometimes have a direct impact on university/TAFE entrance.

Should you wish to contact me, I am available at school every day.

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What can the Careers Centre help you with?

- Work Experience Program  
- Cadetships & Traineeships  
- Career Assessment - Career Voyage  
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Where are they now?

Suzanne Cory High School has had some fantastic results last year with 73% of students receiving their first or second preference for study in 2015. Our students are spread across the eight large universities in Victoria, studying in all sorts of areas. Science, Engineering, Nursing and Commerce were extremely popular areas and we have many students embarking on these courses this year.

Other offers ranged from Education, Dentistry, Optometry and Audiology to Arts, Law, Fashion and Film! Well done to our Foundation Year students. I hope to have many of them back here this year to present and inspire you all!

University Pathway Program (DOXA)

Over the summer holidays, several of our students attended the University Pathways Program, which is a three day City Camp based in Elizabeth Street in the CBD.

Students were given the chance to experience what life is like at university, as well as what it takes to work in some of Australia’s biggest companies. The UPP provides students with the tools to develop vital skills that will help them thrive in these environments.

Keep watch for more opportunities like this throughout 2015. Some great feedback was provided on our students so there will be another camp on offer!

Overall, the DOXA University Pathways Program was a fun, engaging and educational camp. We were able to talk to university students about what university is like, what to expect in the coming years, tips on organisation and time management and so much more! We were also given the opportunity to learn about how to create a good first impression, how to effectively network and go on a tour of Melbourne University. In addition, we were able to meet people our own age to hang with in free time and have group discussions which were a great opportunity to get out of your comfort zone and share your ideas in a group. Another highlight for me was the trivia night. It got quite competitive, to say the least! We were also given the opportunity to ride on the Melbourne Star, which is a massive Ferris wheel, which was a lot of fun to get to know people, take photos and enjoy the view. In summary, it was a lot of fun, and I would love to go again next year! Charlotte Simons, 10A

At first we were a little bit nervous, we only knew the other people from Cory and didn’t know anybody else. But over the next two and a half days we talked, teased and joked around; we ended up getting to make many new friends and great memories. Starting the camp with people you don’t quite know was a bit hard, but leaving the camp after having a great interactive learning experience was even harder.
After leaving workshops about first impressions, networking, personal grooming we each felt taller and surer of ourselves!

We were exposed to so much inspiration through talking to many people! Sharing the knowledge, experience and personal wisdom was a great way for us to do some self-reflection and thinking our futures ahead of us.

One message I think I’ve gained from the experience, is that it’s okay to be 100% or 0% sure about what you want to do at University and after, but while you are on the path of study you just keep discovering and rediscovering your passions and you should do what you can for your passions to be expressed and grow! **Liang Xue, 10H**

**Work Experience**

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Students are reminded that the work experience program dates for this year are 29th June to 3rd July. All information and forms were given out last year in tutorial and have also been emailed to students.

Paperwork (work experience arrangement forms and safety modules) needs to be submitted to Miss Baker as soon as possible and no later than 3 weeks prior to the work experience start date. This is an optional program for Year 10 students but all students are encouraged to participate.

**New Careers website**

Suzanne Cory High School Careers now has its own website!

http://www.suzannecoryhscareers.com/

Messages will be posted on this website and information regarding post school options, work experience and upcoming careers events will be accessible.

Some very interesting videos will be posted on here and all information adheres to the Department of Education’s policies.

Start exploring!

**Tax File Numbers**

Any student will need a tax file number if he/she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on tertiary education require one when they start.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university without a Tax File Number, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit Apply for a TFN: https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/
Spotlight on... Peter Deng! Year 12 2014

What subjects did you study in Year 12?
I studied English (EAL), Economics, Mathematical Methods, Information Technology, Chinese and Physics.

What are you studying in 2015?
I will be studying the Bachelor of Commerce at Melbourne University.

Why did you choose that institute? Was this a tough choice for you?
I chose Melbourne because of its renowned academic reputation and the breadths of opportunities that students can find there. I always wanted to study the Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne but did run into the dilemma of whether to pursue that or to commence a double degree in Commerce/Law. I chose Melbourne in the end due to the flexibility of the degree and the University's close proximity to where I live. The degree will allow me to explore the broad range of disciplines within the Commerce field, which will enable me to discover where my interests lie. The convenient travel down to the University will also allow me to dedicate my time to other things such as getting involved more in societies/clubs or working a part time job.

What was your biggest lesson through VCE?
My biggest lesson would be to adapt accordingly to what happens in VCE. Circumstances may change as the year goes by and things may not always go as planned – you may feel you are losing track in particular subjects or you may not be getting the results you were hoping for at the start of the year. Don't let that make you forget the bigger picture. Remember this is just two years of schooling where you will be examined academically. But the end results will only matter for you to get into the next stage of your life, whether it is a university course or any other plans. So don't get carried away by minor setbacks, just keep working hard and the year will have ended before you know it.

What advice would you offer to VCE Students?
The first is to focus on the learning process. Given the large workload of VCE subjects, it may be easy for you to memorise a mathematical/physics/chemistry formula or English quote and try to use that to work your way around questions. However, it would be much more helpful if you choose to grasp knowledge that you have learnt in detail so you understand why and how you would use it in certain questions/problems. Having that conceptual understanding of the knowledge also gives you more confidence because you would have more certainty in what you are doing.

The second is to seek continual improvement. It may be easy to focus on that particular letter grade you got for a SAC. However, it would be much more effective if you focus on what that means for you next upcoming SAC or exam. It may be the knowledge gaps you have, how your exam technique could improve, or how you can better manage your time.

The third is to be proactive. One of the key things that will enable you to do well is to be resourceful. You are in a great position to be studying at SCHS. You have teachers dedicated to enrich your learning experience and help you achieve the best academic outcome. They are willing to stay behind after classes or after school to help you fill the gaps you have. So always ask questions on anything you may not understand or are unclear of. You are lucky to also be surrounded by such hardworking peers. That means you would always have people around you willing to help you with your studies.

What is your favourite memory of SCHS?
The Valedictory dinner was definitely my favourite! It was the perfect way for the entire year level to get together for the last time as a cohort and celebrate the wonderful 4 years of schooling we have had at Suzanne Cory High School.

What excites you most about 2015?
Just about everything! I am so looking forward to beginning university and fully immerse myself into the vibrant community and to get involved with all that is on offer.

Tell us...where do you hope your degree takes you? Describe your dream career!
I hope to first of all through the Commerce degree discover where my true passions lie. I know for now that I love Economics but that could all change. My dream career would be to work in the Economics field and to play a part in the policy making process that impacts society broadly. It would be pretty nice if I could work at the RBA!
Year 12 students are to please note that applications to sit the UMAT2015 are now open and registrations close on Friday 5 June 2015 at 5.00pm sharp! The UMAT2015 will be held on Wednesday 29 July 2015, and the results will be available late September 2015. Students should also note that results from UMAT2015 can only be used for undergraduate medicine or health science courses beginning in 2016 but not 2017. Students should not register for UMAT2015 unless they are planning to apply for a course commencing in 2016 and they meet the eligibility criteria specified in the UMAT2015 Information Booklet.

For more information, and/or to apply visit UMAT2015 http://umat.acer.edu.au/ or call (03) 8508 7643.

Year 11 students may not sit the UMAT2015 and should they do so, their results will be cancelled and they may not be allowed to sit the UMAT again.

Students sitting the UMAT should note that candidates who do not possess a current passport, driver’s licence or learner’s permit are strongly recommended to apply for an Australian Keypass or Australian Proof of Age Card as soon as possible as no other forms of ID will be accepted. Candidates without correct identification will not be permitted to sit UMAT2015 and will be turned away.

The UMAT is required for the following courses:

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It's a "One Stop Shop" for everything you need with Career Planning and help.

CHECK IT OUT NOW!

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Careers Practitioner