FOOD 4 THOUGHT RESTAURANT OPENING
The Official Opening by Mr Russell Broadbent, Member for McMillan of the Food 4 Thought Restaurant situated at Drouin Secondary College, and other training centres situated at CCG & Baw Baw Skills Centre, forming part of the Trade Training Alliance, was held on 30th July. Mr Thorpe and his VET Hospitality students catered for the event providing a tour and Morning Tea at the Restaurant. The hospitality students also catered for the luncheon at the Baw Baw Skills Centre following the official ceremonies at the other sites.

PROGRESS REPORTS
Mid Term Progress Reports have been distributed to parents providing a snap shot of how your child is going in each unit. The reports can be accessed by looking on the parent portal on “Sentral”. I encourage all parents to sit down and go through these results with their children.

CHINESE JIUJIANG DELEGATION STUDENT VISIT
The College and other secondary colleges in Baw Baw Shire hosted students from our sister school in Jiujiang, China last week. The students and staff from China seemed to have a rewarding and enjoyable time with six students being billeted by our College community families over the 16 days of their stay with us. The students had several trips organised by local schools and billeting families as well as experiences in our classrooms. Drouin organised and hosted the final farewell concert which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all families who billeted students and I hope it was a great learning experience for your family as I know it was for the Chinese students. A special thank you to Ms Clapperton and Mr Griffin for their organisation of the trip.

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR
On 13th September our College has three representatives who will perform as part of the State School Spectacular at Hisense Arena. Jessica Monk, Jade Talbot and Gemma Phillips will be part of a program involving 3000 school students from across Victoria. Jessica and Jade will be on stage singing while Gemma will be in the band on the flute. Jessica will also be a lead dancer. The students have been working hard over the past few months preparing for the performance. The College wishes all three students luck and we know they will do us proud.

VARIETY PERFORMANCE
On Friday, 1st August the College’s Performing Arts and Visual Arts Departments put on an entertainment extravaganza which showcased the artistic talents of our students. The combination of art display and variety show was enjoyed by an almost full house of students, parents and staff. Well done to all involved. A big thank you to the staff members led by Ms Brie Brooker who organised the evening.

THANK YOU AND WELL DONE
If members of our community know of excellent performances of students around our community please send us this information so I can acknowledge this in the College’s DSCN.

• Well done to the Year 8H team for their organisation of the recent Footy Fun Day. The weather was not kind but the students persevered and organised a successful day.

Shane Wainwright
Principal
Visiting Chinese Delegation

你好
Ni Hoa is ‘Hello’ in Chinese Mandarin.

For the past two weeks Drouin Secondary College have been hosting 6 students from Jiujiang Province in China. Baw Baw Shire and Jiujiang Provence are host shires to each other. On alternating years, students from Baw Baw Shire Schools visit Jiujiang and vice versa.

This Year DSC hosted six students from Jiujiang No. 3 Middle School and Hukou No. 2 Middle School.

Over the two week duration, our students visited and experienced many of the attractions that Baw Baw Shire and Victoria have to offer. Students visited a local dairy farm, local Gippsland and the Trestle Bridge in Noojee, Healesville Sanctuary, Gumbuya Park and Phillip Island.

The students also spent time in classes with their host sister or brother at DSC to experience what school life is like in Australia.

In total, there were 32 staff and students in the delegation from Jiujiang who stayed with families from the local schools, Drouin Secondary College, Chairo Christian School, St. Paul’s Anglican Grammar School and Warragul Regional College.

Ms Clapperton and Mr Griffin would like to thank the following students and their families for opening up their homes and hosting one of the Jiujiang students and we hope you gained a lot out of the experience:

• Chrissie Walsh – Year 12
• Tamara Loughridge – Year 11
• Janine Wang – Year 11
• Clare Benfell – Year 10
• Joshua Taylor – Year 10
• Peta Smith – Year 10
• Tara Bagnall – Year 9
• Tahlia Gregg – Year 9
• Kayla Marshall – Year 8
• Drew Mclean – Year 8
• Josh McNally – Year 8
• Lachlan Howell – Year 7

In 2015, DSC will send a delegation of students to Jiujiang China. It is a great program to be involved in!
For once the Weather Gods smiled on the VCE group with sunny skies and light winds, which was merited after the storm force winds of sea kayaking and the rain and leaches on the forest excursion. The bonus was the large amount of snow at Mt Hotham. On Sunday afternoon we walked around the Oriental Claims Historic Area at Omeo looking at the history and effect of mining on the terrain before dinner at the caravan park.

After a freezing morning students started with a snow board lesson on the summit and then consolidated skills learnt in the afternoon session on the summit and progressively ventured on to more demanding terrain. Day 2 brought even better weather, though it did start with some mountain cloud on the summit, and continued improvement in skill. After the lesson most of the students ventured over to the orchard region and boarded on nice runs and through the small snow gums in the softer snow. A couple kept to the summit to concentrate on the basic board control.
Year 7 Environmental Representatives

7D - Adrian Christensen
• Age: 12
• Primary school: Lardner & District Primary School
• What I want to do: I want to drive machines or start up a beef farm
• What I have enjoyed so far at DSC: It would have to be woodwork but I would like food works
• How I intend to be a good leader: Well, I think to be a good leader would be to look after people

7A - Paige Ronalds
• Age: 12
• Primary school: Drouin South Primary School
• Hobbies: Hairstyling, long walks, going on adventures outdoors.
• What I want to do when you finish school: be a hairdresser
• What I have enjoyed so far at DSC: making new friends and the Dandenong Market excursion
• How I intend to be a good leader: Get involved in everything that is on offer

7A - Taneesha Bickle
• Age: 12
• Primary school: Drouin Primary School
• Hobbies: Singing, playing football, barrack for St Kilda
• What I have enjoyed so far at DSC: Camp, making new friends and Orientation Day
• How I intend to be a good leader: to get involved in everything I can, and be a good role model as well.

Important Notice To All Parents

Please note that the Government has cancelled the EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) payment to eligible parents in 2015 and beyond.

This allowance to families was a great help in paying your Curriculum material charges for your student/s. If you feel that you will suffer considerable financial hardship in paying College fees and charges please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager, Josie O’Connor, to arrange a payment plan.
DSC Leos - Footy Fun Day

The Drouin Secondary College Leos ran the Footy Fun Day on Friday, 1st August. It was a very cold day, however it didn't dampen the spirits of the boys who were keen to raise money for the Variety Bash 2014 – raising money for disadvantaged children.

The College turned out in their favourite “Footy” colours and lunchtime saw the sausage queue continuous from the start of lunch until the end. The volunteers from the Variety Bash brought their cars for the students to look over and helped cook the hundreds of sausages.

The DSC Leos Club is supported by the Drouin Lions Club; boys from the Year 8 Hands on Learning Program and Year 9 form the membership. The club looks at promoting leadership, teamwork and specifically working for the community. The boys worked really well together towards this event and on the day. The final count was $1260 towards the cause – a great effort!

Gita Walker
8 HOL Coordinator

YR 7 READING & LITERACY-UPDATE

Yr 7 students read over five million words between 26th July and 14th August and the following students successfully completed quizzes:


The target for each semester is to read at least three books and successfully complete quizzes on each.

A special mention goes to Jade Baker for having read over two million words since the beginning of the year and to the following students for having read over one million words since the beginning of the year: Jeremy Stewart, Hannah Foenander, Charlotte Foenander, Krystal Murray, Spencer Phillips, Cayden Deszcz, Corey Taylor and Natasha Cameron.

Progress can be tracked at https:/ /auhosted1.renlearn.com.au/1458054 using the student’s username and password for Moodle.

Thank you for supporting your child’s reading.

DSC English, SURFF and Library Staff
This year’s Victorian State Schools Spectacular features three Drouin Secondary College students: Gemma Phillips, Jessica Monk and Jade Talbot.

The “Spectacular” is a professionally staged production, performed to an audience of over 10,000 people at the Hisense Arena on 13th September with a matinee and evening performance. Highlights will also be broadcast on television later in the year.

The Drouin Secondary College students have been fortunate to train with industry professionals. The girls have travelled to Melbourne most weekends for rehearsals, as well as during the school holidays.

Gemma Phillips plays flute in the orchestra, made up of approximately 80 musicians. Jessica Monk and Jade Talbot are both principal vocalists, in a four member group called “The Royals”. Jessica is also a principal dancer.

As the “Spectacular” performance dates draw close, finishing touches are taking place, including costume fittings, lighting, and the combined rehearsals of vocalists, dancers and orchestra at the Hisense.

Victorian State Schools Spectacular tickets are available from Ticketek.
The DSC Variety Show

The Drouin Secondary College 2014 Variety Show was on Friday 1st August at 7pm. Students performed acts from dance, drama, music and stand-up. The Show included an exhibition of photography, art and technology in the canteen. Drum Crew represented twice, with both the junior and senior crews performing, as did the Year 8/9 Dance class. Over 200 audience members marvelled at the wondrous performances and artwork. Prizes were awarded for photography, art and performance. Chloe Werner of Year 8 and Dayna Tampaline of Year 7 were among the winners for their amazing singing performances.
Year 8 Japanese

The video conference with Shinwa High School was very enjoyable. It was great to see other people from another country speaking English and communicating with us. When they presented their information about their money in Japan they were very detailed and spoke fluent English. I learnt that Japan's notes are made out of paper. Unfortunately if their money goes through the wash it gets ruined. It was a great experience.

Chelsee Anderson

I enjoyed the video conference with the students because they were very good at speaking in English and it was very nice to talk to people from another country and see how their lifestyles compare to ours. Their money is made out of paper and some of their coins have holes in them. They pretty much count their money as cents. They only have yen whereas we have cents and dollars. The best part of the presentation was at the end when they told us they love us.

Bridie Farrar

I enjoyed the exchange with the students from Shinwa High School because of the way that they presented to us and also how clear it was. What I have learnt from the video conference is that the currency over there is called Yen. The best part of our group's presentation was how Ryley had a laugh with them and made a lot of sense, as well as how he gave it a go with speaking in Japanese.

Jake Peacock
Unit 4 Biology Excursion
Gene Technology Access Centre

On Tuesday, 12th August the Unit 4 Biology class went to the Gene Technology Access Centre. It is a world class education centre that delivers programs in cell and molecular biology.

Our students undertook a full day program called Unravelling the mysteries of chromosomes and inheritance.

It was a fantastic learning experience for the students where they were able to perform experiments and use scientific equipment not available in secondary schools. Young qualified scientists, who themselves are studying and researching such things as the early detection of Parkinson’s Disease, led our students through a series of experiments. Amongst the activities performed were gel electrophoresis, used to determine whether or not the baby in our fictional case inherited the disease PKU. The program also provided valuable revision of many elements of Unit 3/4 Biology.

The photos included show Jess and Lily using a micropipette to inject DNA fragments into the gel electrophoresis.
Year 10:
“Romeo and Juliet”
Incursion Review
by Holly Viotto, Yr 10

On 24th July, myself and the rest of Drouin Secondary’s Year 10 students gathered around in the auditorium to watch the play of “Romeo and Juliet”. Jack and Leah from The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company performed the play for us. As we, the Year 10s sat and watched the play, I can speak on behalf of all of us in saying that none of us were uninterested or bored. The language both Leah and Jack used made it interesting and made you intrigued to see what was going to happen next. They used humour, inclusive language, emotive language and voice projection and movement on stage to engage us. I liked the fact that both Jack and Leah made the old English language easier for us to understand. My favourite character was the Nurse, played by Leah, as she was funny and had a very vulgar sense of humour. There were a total of six different scenes in which they told the story. I found this very helpful for me and others as it gave us an understanding of “Romeo and Juliet” and I feel more comfortable studying this unit in English now.

Year 11:

On Thursday, 24th July the Flying Bookworm Theatre Company came to DSC to perform “Macbeth” for the Year 11 VCE English students. Jack and Leah (the stars of the show!) performed an overview of “Macbeth” and its key scenes in both Shakespearean and modern English for students to gain a better understanding of the play and make a connection to themes, ideas and Shakespeare’s confusing language, which can be tricky for students. We even managed to have some fun along the way.

Several students chose to be brave and volunteered as characters throughout the performance in roles such as the doctor, servants, Banquo, witches, Macbeth and so many more in front of all the Year 11 VCE students and English teachers. Volunteers got to dress up, have a laugh and get involved in “Macbeth” and all its crazy twists and turns.

A big thank you to Jack and Leah for their incredible performance and for coming to DSC to show students how much fun Shakespeare can really be.
What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is the use of Information Communications Technology (ICT), particularly mobile phones and the internet, deliberately to upset someone else.

What’s different about cyberbullying?

Bullying is not new, but some features of cyberbullying are different from other forms of bullying:

1. **24/7 and the invasion of home/personal space** Cyberbullying can take place at any time and can intrude into spaces that have previously been regarded as safe or personal.

2. **The audience can be very large and reached rapidly**
   The difficulty in controlling electronically circulated messages means the scale and scope of cyberbullying can be greater than for other forms of bullying. Electronically forwarded content is hard to control, and the worry of content resurfacing can make it difficult for targets to move on.

3. **People who cyberbully may attempt to remain anonymous**
   This can be extremely distressing for those being bullied. The person cyberbullying may never be in the same physical space as their target.

4. **The profile of the bully and target**
   Cyberbullying can take place both between peers and across generations; teachers have also been targets. Age or size are not important. Bystanders can also become accessories to the bullying; for example, by passing on a humiliating image.

5. **Some instances of cyberbullying are known to be unintentional**
   It can be the result of not thinking (something sent as a joke may be deeply upsetting or offensive to the recipient) or a lack of awareness of the consequences – for example saying something negative online about another student, or friend that they don’t expect to be forwarded or viewed outside their immediate group.

6. **Many cyberbullying incidents can themselves act as evidence**
   This is one of the reasons why it’s important to know how to respond!

Cyberbullying and the law

Responsibilities of schools. Bullying is never acceptable. Schools have a responsibility to provide a safe and supportive environment that protects the emotional and physical well-being of students. It is important that schools address all forms of anti-social behaviour, including cyberbullying. A failure to take action may place the wellbeing of students at risk, and could have legal implications for the school.

This responsibility is highlighted in the National Safe Schools Framework (NSSF) endorsed by all Ministers for Education in 2003. The NSSF outlines a nationally agreed set of guiding principles aimed at assisting schools achieve a shared vision of physical and emotional safety and wellbeing for all students in all Australian schools. It is a collaborative effort by the Australian Government and State and Territory government and non-government school authorities to address issues of bullying, harassment, violence, child abuse and neglect.

Civil and criminal law. Although bullying is not a specific criminal offence in Australian law, criminal and civil laws may apply to aspects of bullying behaviour. Some cyberbullying activities could be criminal offences under a range of different Commonwealth, State and Territory laws. For example, using a carriage service (such as a mobile phone) to make a threat, to menace, harass or cause offence could be a criminal offence under the Schedule to the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth).
Army Visits DSC!

On Tuesday 5th August, all of the Year 7 students had the pleasure of attending a free concert by “Army” in the College Auditorium. This concert was kindly organised by David Hobbs, our College Chaplin.

Army is an extremely talented and passionate Hip Hop artist who founded Regime Music Group in 2009. Regime is committed to inspiring youth nationally and internationally while spreading a message of hope and encouragement to all. Army lives by the motto, “When character speaks, the world listens” and enjoys preparing young artists to change the world both through their talent and their character. Army’s message to our students was to remind them that they are important, that they can succeed, to believe in themselves, and always bounce back!

All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the concert and the opportunity to meet Army and his band at the conclusion of the concert and chat about his journey as a musician.

Observational Drawings

The Year 8/9 Art class has a new display in the library. The students looked at black and white photographs or images of their choice, ranging from celebrities to anime characters, and focused on line variation and tone to create the Observational Drawings. Black paper was used as a base for the drawings and true black tones, and white chalk was used to indicate mid tone whites and white highlights on the paper. The students divided their original visual reference into 1 or 2cm sections, and marked out the sections on their black paper as well. This visual marking helped the students deconstruct their original images into smaller parts, so they could be more accurate with their drawings.
Notice to all Schools, Parents & Students
- Drouin School Bus Network: Country Bus Travel

Country buses (this does not include in-town bus services) are provided as a free service to eligible students for the sole purpose of providing transport between home and school. While transport to and from other locations may have been allowed in the past, this situation has become unmanageable and unsafe. The rules governing School Buses are clear in this regard.

Transport such as
- to the home of another student
- to after school employment
- to sporting and other social event
- to another person’s home for the purpose of child minding

are all regarded as private in nature and therefore the responsibility of the parents and students concerned.

Casual travel in the past has caused overcrowding on some buses which creates serious safety concerns. It is also difficult to monitor the safe travel of all passengers when they are not formally enrolled or using the bus as enrolled.

As a result of these issues, and in accord with DEECD and PTV guidelines, no ad-hoc bus use will be permitted for any reason other than to facilitate short term emergency housing.

We will be introducing laminated bus passes from Term 1, 2015. These will detail student name, enrolled route and stop. Students will only be able to travel according to the conditions of pass and will not be allowed to travel without one.

PLEASE NOTE: No bus pass will be issued for any other purpose.

We deeply regret the inconvenience this may cause but we need to follow the guidelines set out by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development closely as possible, which are created in the best interests of safety for all students.

Maureen Hickman
Transport Coordinator

Only Reply to Absence Messages via SMS

When you receive an absence SMS from Drouin Secondary College you are able to reply to it to provide an absence reason. We encourage you to do this. You cannot use this number at other times to send messages to the school though. Only replies to absence messages will get through. If you would like to contact the school at other times, please use the phone number 56251002 or email on drouin.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

The Life of Galileo

Year 12 English students were entertained with a theatrical performance based on the context novel in which they will be studying this term, ‘The Life of Galileo’. The performance was a play about a changing society in which a conflict between religion and science arises. Students were given insights into the writing of Bertolt Brecht, which is very important to our final school assessment and our exams in English. The play was explained in scenes, in a comical and entertaining way. We were also given the opportunity to ask questions to the actors after the play on any areas that we might be confused about in the text. Overall, this was a wonderful opportunity for students of Year 12 to enhance their knowledge in creating and presenting.

Abbey McNally
## COLLEGE DATES

### WEEK 6
- **Friday 22/08**
  - Uniform Committee @ 1:20pm

### WEEK 7
- **Monday 25/08**
  - **Incursion** - Year 10 - Dream and achieve
  - Motivational talk - Period 2
  - **Excursion** - Year 11 VCAL - Holocaust Museum - all day
  - Year 8 & 9 Camp Information Evening in Audo and E6/8 - 7pm
- **Wednesday 27/08**
  - **College Council** - ‘Food for Thought’ - 6:30pm
  - **Excursion** - 8HOL - City - all day
  - **Excursion** - Year 11 History - Phillip Island - all day
  - **Incursion** - HPV Training - 3:45pm
- **Thursday 28/08**
  - **Excursion** - Unit 4 in Ag - all day

### WEEK 8
- **Monday 01/09**
  - **Excursion** - Year 8 & 9 - Textile Fashion - all day
- **Wednesday 03/09**
  - **Incursion** - HPV Training - 3:45pm
  - Building & Grounds Committee Meeting - 7:30pm
  - Education Policy Committee Meeting - 5pm
- **Thursday 04/09**
  - Deb Ball Dance Training
  - Op Shop Casual Clothes Day
- **Friday 05/09**
  - **Excursion** - 8HOL - Hindu Temple - all day
  - **Excursion** - Year 10 Police & Emergency Services Careers - all day
  - Year 11 Formal - Lardner Park - 7pm

### WEEK 9
- **Tuesday 09/09**
  - **Excursion** - Year 10 - Police & Emergency Services Careers - all day
- **Wednesday 10/09**
  - English Unit 4 SAC - after school
  - **Incursion** - HPV Training - 3:45pm
  - Deb Ball Parent Meeting - DSC Staffroom - 7pm
- **Thursday 11/09**
  - Deb Ball Parent Training
- **Friday 12/09**
  - **Excursion** - Year 11 - Unit 2 Biology - Melbourne Aquarium - all day
  - **Excursion** - 8HOL - Queen Vic Market - all day

### WEEK 10
- **Tuesday 16/09**
  - Parents and Friends Committee Meeting - 7:30pm
- **Wednesday 17/09**
  - **Incursion** - HPV Training - 3:45pm
  - Finanace Committee Meeting - 5pm
- **Thursday 18/09**
  - Deb Ball Dance Training
  - Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews - 4pm - 9pm
- **Friday 19/09**
  - Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews - 9am - 12:30pm
  - Last Day of Term 3

### TERM 4
- **Monday 06/10**
  - Term 4 Commences
  - October Performance and Languages
  - Oral Exams Commence