

Newsletter

Term 2 Issue No. 9

16th June 2017

Dear Mazenod Community,

With exams finished this week most students will be returning to some normality before the end of the term. However our Year 11 students will be participating in Business Week or a Retreat while Year 10's will be on Work Experience. All three events are valuable practical experiences of faith, how the business world works, and what it takes to earn a few dollars. While in the background teachers are madly marking and finalising reports, which will be released to you digitally for the first time on Friday, 30th June at 4 pm via the Parent Portal. Full details and instructions will be sent to you in due course.

On Thursday next week a group of eight students, accompanied by Ms Arlette Pat, Mr David Munro and I will be travelling to Hong Kong and Guangzhou for a Mission Immersion Experience visiting the Oblates and their many Ministries. The China Mission is part of the Australia Province and is supported by Mazenod through Mission Action Day Fundraising. Another way we support the Education Mission in Hong Kong is by hosting two students for a slightly longer immersion experience here at Mazenod College. We are still looking for one more family to host a student from 16th July to 3rd August 2017. Please contact Aylene Robinson if you are able to assist. You can follow the Mazenod Immersion Trip on our [blog](#). During my absence, Mr Tony Coghlan will be Acting Principal.

Pope Francis has dedicated the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be focused on the theme of "Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment." It will be held in October, 2018. The theme, "an expression of the pastoral care of the Church for the young", is consistent with the results of the recent Synod assemblies on the family and with the content of the post-Synod apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. As part of the preparation for the next year's Synod young people are invited to participate in a survey. This survey which is organised by the Australia Bishops Conference will be of help to those representing Australia at the Synod to share the voice of young people in Australia. The College will facilitate a number of Senior students with the opportunity to complete the survey, however, if your son doesn't get a chance or you have a daughter in the target age group you might like to encourage them to complete the survey. There are only a few weeks left of the survey as it will close on Sunday, July 2nd 2017. The survey can be found at <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>

This afternoon the Year 8 Soccer A's are playing a Grand Final against St Bernards and B team against St Bernards. I wish them all the best and hope the results make this newsletter.

Last weekend I attended the Blessings of renovations at St Joseph's Church in Springvale. It was wonderful to see a number of Old Boys, current students and family in the packed Church to celebrate this wonderful and long awaited moment. The process to address the needs of the St Joseph's Parish commenced in 2009, but due to complications with historical overlay, it has only now been completed. It does however put our six-month delay for our own renovations at Mazenod into perspective. Mazenod has a strong relationship with St Joseph's with a large number of students enrolling, but also historically Mazenod commenced its first 18 months in a classroom while the building of our current main building was under construction. I will be meeting with the Principal of St Joseph's Primary School and the Parish Priest to discuss a way to mark our 50th Anniversary with a plaque or a memorial for this occasion.

As I will be away for the last week of term, I hope and pray that you have an enjoyable and safe break and do gently remind, especially our Senior students, to complete the work teachers have asked them to complete during the break.

God Bless
Fr Christian Fini OMI
Rector

Dear Parents,

The Education Framework for the Archdiocese of Melbourne is called Horizons of Hope. The development of this framework has both a curriculum and pastoral context. The skills and knowledge we are providing our students have implications to the opportunities available for them beyond school.

An alarming aspect of our recent report on youth resilience is that too many of our students are struggling with identifying purpose and identity in their lives. Our core business should be to create confidence and optimism for our students. To develop an educative vision that focuses on hope seems to be very relevant for our young people today.

Our future leaders are living in a dynamic world and it is essential that they learn in an equally dynamic community.

The vision of "Horizons of Hope" is that all members of a Catholic school community are learners who:

1. Honour the sacred dignity of each person believing that everyone can experience success and be supported to see their lives as being shaped by the God who is at work in all creation.
2. Embrace difference and diversity as the context for dialogue, engagement and a deeper understanding of self, others and God.
3. Engage with the deep questions of life, constantly opening up spaces of meaning which engage Catholic faith with what matters most in the minds and hearts of the students.
4. Commit to achieving the highest standards possible based on reflective practice, using data, research and evidence to ensure progress and growth in learning.
5. Search for truth, continuously critiquing, questioning, inquiring, imagining and re-imagining themselves and their world in an ongoing engagement with Catholic beliefs and practices.
6. Build a culture of learning together through collaboration, partnerships and life-giving relationships which enable all to flourish.
7. Honour equitable access and opportunity for all, with a particular commitment to those most in need.
8. Make a difference in the world, inspired by the Gospel and led by the Holy Spirit to grow in virtue and act for justice and the common good. (*Catholic Education Melbourne – Horizons of Hope – Vision and Context*)

The new framework challenges us to identify a Whole School Design that ensures every learner is entitled to access a quality curriculum, where they have a feeling of connectedness and belonging. Such a vision articulates the importance of positive relationships for all members of the community if we are to achieve outstanding learning outcomes. It also supports our many co curricular programmes and new initiatives such as Personal Social Learning, Emotional Intelligence and Positive Education.

Horizons of Hope will provide us with many challenges and at times will be very confronting as the style of learning evolves for both our teachers and our students.

Regards,

Mr Tony Coghlan
Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing

REMINDER: MONDAY 26TH JUNE

Just a reminder that Monday, 26th June is a FULL school day for ALL students. It is no longer a Student Free Day.

HONG KONG BILLETING

We would like to make a special request on behalf of our China Oblate Mission. We will be welcoming two students from Hong Kong to spend three weeks with us on a cultural exchange program. We are seeking the assistance of families to accommodate one of the boys.

The students will be placed in Year 10, however, billeting can come from any Year Level. The College will make a financial contribution towards the living expenses of the boys to help alleviate the costs. Ultimately the boys are looking forward to being part of an Australian family, no matter which cultural background we come from.

If you are interested in billeting the boys from Sunday, 16th July - Thursday 3rd August please contact Mrs Aylene Robinson on 8561 1103

CANTEEN

Monday 19th June

Chu Lail

Tuesday 20th June

Ying Chen, Lucy Hong, Simone Dutton

Wednesday 21st June

Jennifer Valadon, Yohani Punyadasa, Martha Baptist

Thursday 22nd June

Natalie Vassiliadis, Teresa Pascuzzi, Narelle Palamara

Friday 23rd June

Brigid Boyce, Trini Perera, Gabrielle Nagy, Rozeta Ambrose

Rosters for Wednesday and Thursday Term 3 have now been emailed out. If you have any clashes or if you know anyone who can fill in on the dates we are short please sms or email me.

If anyone is free to help for a few hours this Monday 19/6 please let me know.

Thanks

Emma Raymond 0423862468

MAZENOD MOTHERS ASSOCIATION

Our next meeting will be next Wednesday 28 June commencing at 7.30. Please RSVP to mothers.mazenodcollege@gmail.com
Minutes from the meeting held on 24 May 2017 (combined Fathers/Mothers Association) [available here](#).

Entertainment Books 2017/18

TOP 5 reasons to love your Entertainment Membership:

1. You will be supporting Mazenod College fundraising! We receive 20% of the purchase price for every Entertainment Membership sold.
2. You can enjoy hundreds of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers from some of the best fine dining restaurants, popular cafés and family restaurants in your area.
3. You'll be 'entertained' all year long with valuable cinema, activities and theme park offers.
4. Treat yourself to discounted eGift Cards from national retailers like David Jones, Woolworths, rebel and much more.
5. Discover new places with more than 2,000 hotels and resorts, with exclusive accommodation offers.

Only \$70! Order your Entertainment Book via the Mazenod College personalized order page: www.entbook.com.au/188765g

Hard copies of the book are available for collection at reception/student counter.

Mother's Day Dinner

Please [click here](#) to see the pictures from the Mother's Day Dinner.

THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on:

Wednesday, 21st June, 2017 2.45pm – 3.30pm

Please note: payment is cash or cheque only on the time of purchase
nancy.mete@optusnet.com.au 0418 553 191

MUSIC

AMEB Exams

Student are encouraged to do one exam a year. The last session is session 5 for which forms and payments are due by 24th June 2017. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Mrs Sharma in the music office 9560 0911.

Mazenod College Flute Ensemble

The College Flute Ensemble rehearses every Thursday from 12:45-1:15pm. It is an opportunity to improve your musical skills. This ensemble performs at various events throughout the year.

If you would like to be involved in the Flute ensemble, please feel free to contact the music office on 8561 1108.

Please note: your son does not have to do lessons through the school in order to be involved in this ensemble.

Thanks and Blessings - Mr. P Sheridan (Flute Teacher)

****All Ensembles return to normal for the last week of term**.**

****Stage Band will rehearse on Monday at 7:45am.**

Please make sure you're there.

DISCONTINUING LESSONS

The closing date to discontinue lessons has not closed. If you would like to discontinue lessons, please notify the music office via email of phone. Please note: You will still be charged for term lessons if you decide to discontinue now.

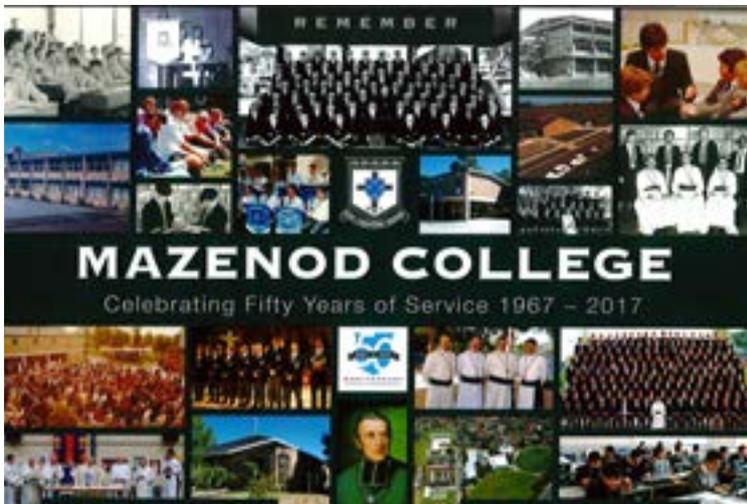
If you have any queries to do with the Music Program, please do not hesitate to contact the Music Department on 8561 1108 or email the music office.

BUYING AN INSTRUMENT? SPEAK TO OUR FRIENDLY STAFF BEFORE PURCHASING.

Before purchasing an instrument, please make sure to speak to one of our friendly music staff. Some instruments are of a substandard quality and are difficult for your son to learn from.

COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY BOOKS

The College Anniversary Books are now available for purchase at Reception for \$15.00.



UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday & Thursday 12.30pm - 4pm, during school terms. Enquiries 0434 742 560.

Please note: The new uniform shop will be open on Saturday 15th July 9.00am – 11.00am (last Saturday of school holidays)

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The Annual Mazenod report to the College Community for 2016 has now been submitted and approved for presenting to the Board this week.

The report will also be loaded onto the My Schools website for the general public to access.

A copy can be found on our website, the parent portal and the staff LMS under College Staff Information.



ACC FINALS

Another week goes by and another great victory to report on. Our Year 10 Soccer Team on Tuesday rounded off what has been a fantastic year with a thrilling 3-1 victory in the ACC Grand Final. This team has been involved in two other Grand Finals at Year 7 and 8 and unfortunately lost both! The disappointment of these two losses certainly helped spur on the team and coach Montoya urged his players to seize the opportunity to taste the victory they deserved. The game started at break neck speed and attack was the flavour of the day with both teams having opportunities to score in the opening 10 minutes. Eventually through the weight of numbers and attacks, Mazenod hit the scoreboard with a great goal to Nicholas Hamakiotis. Parade responded like all good teams do to equalise with minutes and the nerves steadily grew! Just on the half time whistle Alex McEwan sent a magnificent shot [as the keeper and we took the lead 2-1. A nervous opening second half came and both sides had many near misses. With 6 minutes to go Nicholas again sped past the Parade defence and from out wide put in a great shot to take us to an unassailable lead 3-1. The game was played in great spirits and a well-deserved victory to Mazenod Year 10 Soccer team! What an action packed week it was! After our super Year 10 Soccer Team won their Semi-Final on Tuesday and booked a Home Grand Final, on Wednesday we went to support our Senior Soccer teams in their respective Semi-Finals.

MAZENOD ALL STARS VS MAZENOD PANTHERS – JUNE 28th

This annual classic match is almost upon us again and we look forward to maybe one day beating the Panthers!! The game has been set for Wednesday 28th of June at approximately 4:15pm at the College Oval with the game played under the lights. The game will finish at 5:30pm. The game is open to all students in the College. It is a light hearted game that encapsulates why people play Sport and Football for the pure love and enjoyment, regardless of the result. The Mazenod Panthers are an intellectually disabled Football team coached by our own Mr Matthew Johnson. They play every second week in the FIDA Competition all throughout Melbourne. The team trains at Central Reserve every Wednesday night and if any student would like to volunteer their time for an hour after school to help out at training their services would be greatly appreciated.

FOUNDERS DAY MEDALISTS

Over the past two weeks Mazenod ACC teams have been playing for the prestigious Founders Day Medal. The medal is to recognise the student who for that team represents the college's virtues of Community, Daring, Loyalty and Courage the best for the game closest to our Founders Day celebrations. The award is not for the best player and coaches look for students and even team officials who best represent these De Mazenod traits. We would like to congratulate the following students on being selected as the 2017 recipient of this award for their team. Students will be presented with their medal at the next College assembly.

ACC SOCCER

SENIOR SOCCER	Marcelo Rojas
SENIOR SECONDS SOCCER	Jason Pietrosanto
YR 10 SOCCER	Marco Lamberti
YR 9 A SOCCER	Jarrod Conte
YR 9 B SOCCER	Kehan Ranasinghe
YR 8 A SOCCER	Jordi Valadon
YR 8 B SOCCER	Kyle Feldman
YR 7 A SOCCER	Ashton Felix
YR 7 B SOCCER	Jonathan Hendricks

ACC FOOTBALL

SENIOR FOOTBALL	Eamon Trigg
SENIOR SECONDS FOOTBALL	Lachlan Ferdinand
YR 10 FOOTBALL	Johnathon Kokkinias
YR 9 A FOOTBALL	Josh Hall
YR 9 B FOOTBALL	Adrian Di Ciero
YR 8 A FOOTBALL	James Little
YR 8 B FOOTBALL	Willem Saltwell
YR 7 A FOOTBALL	Rhys Dakin
YR 7 B FOOTBALL	Ben Timothy

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS AND TRAINING

Mr Pearson has also begun our weekly training session for Cross Country on a Friday morning! The boys enjoy a magnificent egg and bacon rolls most Friday mornings after clocking up a number of kilometres! All students are invited to attend regardless of ability starting at the Oblate Hall at 7:30am.

TERM 2 ACC RESULTS

Due to the publishing deadlines the results for Junior ACC will be published in next week's newsletter.

TEAM	OPPO	RESULT
YEAR 10 SOCCER- GF	Par	Maz 3 def Par 1
YEAR 8A FOOTBALL	WHTFRS	Maz 9.11.65 def WHTFRS 9.6.60
YEAR 8B FOOTBALL	PAR	Maz 4.7.31 lost 4.9.33
YEAR 8A SOCCER-GF	SBE	Maz 5 def SBE 2
YEAR 8B SOCCER-GF	SBE	Maz 4 lost SBE 5
YEAR 7A FOOTBALL	CBC	Maz 7.7.49 def CBC 4.5.29
YEAR 7B FOOTBALL	DLS	Maz 5.6.31 lost DLS 6.6.
YEAR 7A SOCCER	STJ	Maz 10 def 0
YEAR 7B SOCCER	SAL	Maz 1 lost SAL 3

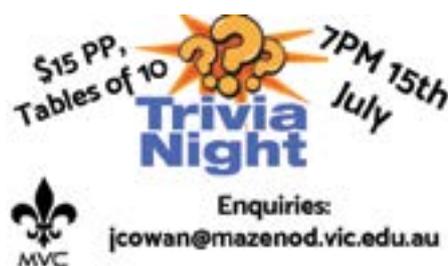
ACC FIXTURE TERM 2

A reminder that the 2 Senior Grand Finals will be played in 2 weeks' time to allow the GAT examination to take place. The Year 10 Soccer Grand final will be played this week at Mazenod. Due to play off finals being organised for Year 7 and 8 teams the fixture is not ready to be published at the time of release of the newsletter. Details can be found on the ACC website:

www.accmelb.com.au

Week 9:

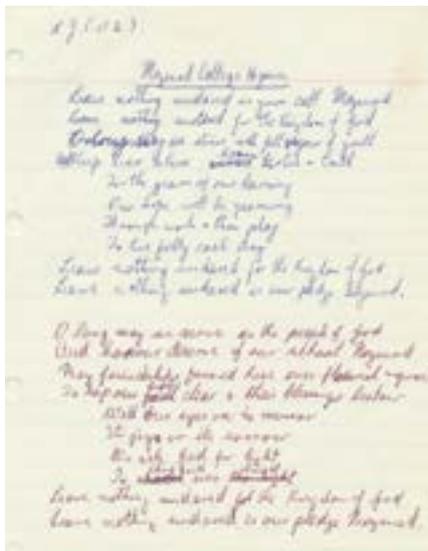
DATE	TEAM			
21st -Jun	SEN XI Soccer- 1:30pm	GF	Venuto Club	4
21-Jun	SEN 2nds Soccer 12 noon	GF	Venuto Club	





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From the Archives...
Mazenod College Anthem



Above is the handwritten original draft of the Mazenod College Anthem composed in July 1967 by Fr. James M FitzPatrick, the first Rector from 1967-1972.

Do you have memories of Mazenod? We would love to hear from you, please contact our School Archivist Marianne O'Hara at archives@mazenod.vic.edu.au or on 9560 0911 or visit us at <https://goo.gl/forms/vO6fjZkerVnHksoz1>

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Fri 16th June	Student Free Day
Fri 16th June	Year 11 Exams Conclude
Mon 19th June	Year 10 Work Experience Commences
Mon 19th June	Year 11 Business Week or Community Retreat
Tues 20th June	Year 8 Music Solo Performances
Fri 23rd June	Year 10 Work Experience Concludes
Mon 26th June	Full school day for students
Mon 26th June	Year 11 Subject Interviews
Tues 27th June	Year 10 Progress Interviews
Tues 27th June	Year 10 Keys Please

CLASSACT 50 TASK CHALLENGE

This week's [ClassAct 50 Task Challenge](#) helps open up a discussion about your son's online friendships.

•Have you ever avoided talking to a person offline even though you are friends online? Why?

Targets:

Sometimes a conversation about online friendships is hard to raise in a family situation. This is an opportunity.



WASTE NOT

ways to reduce food waste

* **Take home leftovers.** If you're not into splitting meals, those portion sizes don't have to be wasted. Just ask to take leftovers home (bonus eco points if you bring your own reusable container!), and you've got yourself a free lunch the next day.

* **Share.** Made a quadruple recipe of a casserole? Gift it to friends, family, or neighbors — they're likely to be grateful for the saved money and time.



CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

La Trobe University Update: 9 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

1. La Trobe is 50 years young, but third oldest
In 2017 La Trobe celebrated their [50 year anniversary](#) – they are the third oldest university in Victoria. Forever a disrupter, La Trobe arrived on the scene at a time when higher education was still very much viewed as a privilege for elite classes. La Trobe turned this idea on its head, making higher education available to a new generation of Australians.
2. La Trobe buildings are Ancient Greek inspired
Many of La Trobe's buildings and spaces are inspired by those of ancient Greece – including the Melbourne Campus' Agora (meeting place), Peribolos (enclosed court around a temple) and Plaka (neighbourhood of Athens). And so, of course, there are the columns, albeit made from brick, a feature of many La Trobe buildings.
3. The Melbourne Campus is seriously huge
Located 14km north of Melbourne and nestled amongst 267 hectares, the La Trobe Melbourne Campus is bigger in land mass than Melbourne's CBD and houses its own post office, restaurants and banks.
4. Protesting is in La Trobe's blood
La Trobe students are renowned for their strong social and political consciousness and aren't afraid to be vocal. There's a long history of protests and movements. In the late '80s students famously occupied the David Myers building for two weeks. They used the kitchen and toilets while staff, including the Vice-Chancellor, had to step over sleeping bodies to get to their offices in the morning!
5. La Trobe have had some pretty great visitors
Nobel Peace Prize-winner, South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu, visited La Trobe in 1987 and again in 1993. His first lecture drew the biggest crowd ever for a University public lecture. Other notable guests include Indira Gandhi, India's first female Prime Minister, along with Cartoonist and artist Michael Leunig and former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam who both have honorary degrees from La Trobe.

Mass Times

- Mass in the Mazenod Chapel – Monday to Friday, 8.10am during Term
- St Leonard's, Glen Waverley, Sat 6pm, Sun 8:00am, 10:00am
- Good Shepherd Wheelers Hill, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 6pm
- St Justin's, Wheelers Hill, Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:30am
- St Joseph's, Springvale, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 3pm(Viet), 5:30pm
- St. John Vianney's, Springvale North, Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:30pm
- St Peter's, Clayton, Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, 10am, 11:15am (Italian)
- St Simon's, Rowville, Sat (Vigil) 6pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- St Gerards's, Dandenong North, Mon-Fri 9:15am, Fri 7pm, Sat 9:15am, 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun 7am (Latin), 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
- St Paul the Apostle, Endeavour Hills, Mon-Tues & Fri 9am, Wed 7pm, Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 11am, 6pm
- Holy Saviour, Vermont South, Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 11am
- St Elizabeth's, Dandenog North, Tues-Thur 9:15am, Sat 6:30pm, Sun 8:30am, 10:30am; 5:30pm
- St Anthony's, Noble Park, Tue-Sat 9:30am, Wed 7pm, Sat (Vigil) 6:30 pm, Sun 8:15am, 9:30am, 11am, 5:30pm

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

6. La Trobe get regional

La Trobe are the largest provider of university education in regional Victoria with more than 8,000 students from rural and remote areas. La Trobe regional campuses are in Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton.

7. La Trobe also get Asia

La Trobe are proud to have pioneered Asian studies in Australia and are now one of only two universities nationally that teach the major Asian languages Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian and Hindi.

8. Anyone say facilities?

La Trobe's world-class facilities include the gait laboratory, nursing simulation room, TV and radio studios, Upstart journalism network, on-campus podiatry clinic, molecular science institute, wildlife sanctuary, one-button studios and a library service which offers students access to more than 2 million print and digital items including books, journals, international newspapers, audio-visual materials and academic journal article databases.

9. Alumni to boast about

Some of La Trobe's most prominent graduates include environmental champion Tim Flannery, Lonely Planet Founder and Director Maureen Wheeler, Physicist Dr Yong Cai, Nurse and Humanitarian Aid-Worker Andrew Cameron OAM and Paralympian Tim Matthews OAM.

If you'd like to get to know even more about La Trobe University, go along to the upcoming [Experience La Trobe](#) and [Open Day](#) events or [browse courses](#) on the website.

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE FOR YOURSELF

La Trobe are excited to announce that [registrations to attend Experience La Trobe](#) at the Melbourne campus on Thursday 6 July are now open! This means high school students (and parents!) can book to attend this exciting, hands-on day.

Experience La Trobe gives students access to interactive workshops, lectures and seminars. They'll have the chance to tour facilities, including rooms and equipment you don't normally see at Open Day. Best of all they can talk to current teachers as well as students already studying in their area of interest to find out what life at La Trobe is really like.

As a parent or carer, you're also invited to attend Experience La Trobe and to participate in information sessions about our courses and general university processes.

Workshops at this free, catered event always fill quickly, so secure your place now.

View the full [2017 Experience La Trobe program](#).

La Trobe University hope to see you at this exciting event soon, designed to empower students with the knowledge and confidence to pursue a career they'll love.

ALL KINDS OF CLEVER

What does clever mean to you?

You might be thinking top results and test scores - and you wouldn't be wrong. But at La Trobe, it's not the only way we define clever. For La Trobe, clever also means well-rounded, experienced and adaptable. It's about graduates who have skills that employers are looking for - not just book smarts, but the ability to communicate effectively, create opportunity and show initiative.

All kinds of clever is the motivation behind La Trobe's bold [new direction](#) and pledge to equip students with what they need to succeed after university.

As part of the La Trobe brand refresh, the university has also updated its [2018 Undergraduate Course Guide](#).

You can download and save the [electronic version](#) now. Look out for printed copies in the College Careers Office over the coming weeks. The latest course guide edition features more about the new brand, as well as updates on the new Cybersecurity undergraduate degree and double degree.

ASPIRE APPLICATIONS OPENING SOON

[Aspire](#) is La Trobe's early admissions program which rewards students who volunteer, lead and make a positive impact on their community. Over the past few years, the program has grown exponentially and is highly regarded in the community for recognising that students are more than their ATAR alone.

Aspire applications for 2017 open on 1 June and will close on 31 August.

Students who successfully apply to La Trobe through the Aspire Program receive an early conditional course offer, minimum ATAR requirements and access to study support throughout Year 12. The benefits of Aspire have also been extended to current students - those who are accepted into La Trobe through Aspire will now receive leadership opportunities over the duration of their course.

To mark another year of Aspire at La Trobe, the university has created a new video featuring real Aspire students. The short production captures the essence of the program and aims to inspire a new generation to reach for excellence.

[Watch the new Aspire video.](#)

LAUNCHED: BACHELOR OF CYBERSECURITY

La Trobe are proud to introduce the Bachelor of Cybersecurity - a brand new course which has been designed to address the global shortage of cybersecurity professionals. It prepares students with skills across IT, business, law, policy and strategic communication.

Also on offer are two double degrees, including Cybersecurity/Commerce and Cybersecurity/Psychological Science allowing students to graduate with an even deeper breadth of skills.

The new Cybersecurity offering has been designed by industry - including the Australian Signals Directorate, Optus, Cisco and Hewlett Packard Enterprise. Working with big names like these has helped ensure that the La Trobe course truly prepares students for the real world.

Learn more about Cybersecurity at La Trobe on pages 20-23 of the latest [undergraduate course guide](#).

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (VET) VS UNIVERSITY – WHAT IS BEST FOR YOUR SON?

Typically in the past, career advice was divided in two conversations. If you were smart, as in passing exams and good academically you went to university. If you were not academic, you learnt a trade. This is not exactly accurate in today's society and a few myths need to be dispelled.

It's therefore disturbing to read that four in five parents would prefer their children go to university after school over pursuing vocational education.

There's a kind of discrimination against VET education that puts the parent first and the child second. And with over 35% of students dropping out of university in their first year, University is not the right choice for everyone.

Last month a report out of China bemoaned the shortage of VET graduates. No matter

how hard the Government promoted VET the number of enrolments declined. China has the largest labour force in the world. However, many enterprises complain about a lack of skilled workers, especially senior technicians. The reason, parent don't want their children to go to vocational schools.

This perception of inferiority compared to university is a travesty. In fact one could argue that VET jobs are more secure, easier to get, pay better and sooner and can't be outsourced.

For example STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). There's a push to get students into STEM subjects, and most would have us think university education, however 500,000 Australians are enrolled in VET STEM education ([NCVER Report, click to read](#)). The majority employed in the IT industry do not have a degree but rather a Certificate or Diploma.

It's time to re-examine VET and stand up for diversity in employment and qualifications!

WANT TO EARN HIGHER WAGES AND HAVE GOOD JOB PROSPECTS?

According to research, you may be better off looking at vocational education than a university degree.

New research from McCrindle, commissioned by the Skilling Australia Foundation which advocates for vocational education and training, finds that much of people's perceptions of the sector has little basis in reality.

"Sandwiched between debates about university deregulation and private vs public school funding, vocational education all too often is relegated to forgotten child status," Skilling Australia's chief executive Nicholas Wyman says.

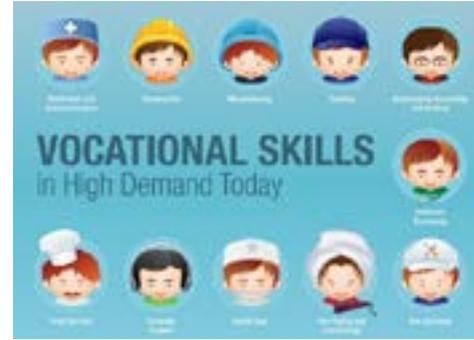
The report finds four in five parents would prefer their children go to university after school over pursuing vocational education. But by sticking to this aspiration, they may be unnecessarily limiting their child's potential.

While nearly half of Australians think VET is no longer as relevant as university, government figures indicate nine of the top 10 occupations predicted to have the most jobs growth are in vocational training areas. [Click to read.](#)

Some interesting articles in the news recently worth a read:

- What are the Growth Occupations for VET to 2020? [Click to read](#)
- Principals and career advisers should reconsider the type of advice they give to students. [Click to read](#)

Vivian Seremetis
Careers Coordinator





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Trivia Night

7PM SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2017

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Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH

MARY POPPINS

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers
and the Walt Disney Film
Original Music and Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by

Julian Fellowes

Co-Created by

Cameron Mackintosh

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by
George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

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The Besen Centre, Burwood

Wed 19th @ 7pm - Sat 22nd @ 2pm

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/282309

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

**Does your child hurt, intimidate or abuse you?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Want to learn how to handle conflict?**



Reclaim respect and calm in your family!

The *Who's in Charge?* group is an **8 week** program for parents or carers of young people (8 to 17 years) who are out of control, violent or defiant. Emily & Libby from City of Monash Family Services will be facilitating this program. The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help you feel more in control and less stressed

**Next program runs from 7pm to 9.30pm and starts on
Thursday 27th July and finishes on 14th September 2017.**

The program runs from
Batesford Community Hub
94 Batesford Rd, Chadstone
This program is FREE.

For enquiries or bookings call Emily or Libby on 9807 2500 or 0411 560 022.
Limited places, bookings essential. More info on the topic of violence to
parents at www.eddiegallagher.com.au