

# 2015 IN REVIEW



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# A PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

## STEVE COOK - FOUNDATION PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2015 version of The Year in Review.

It is a creative and visually stunning way to capture the last twelve months of the life of Albert Park College. This year we have introduced a bolder, more colorful format, featuring images that capture key moments throughout the year.

The images are enhanced by pop up text written by our students. Student input features strongly and it is our students voices that you hear as they tell their stories about what they consider to be the highlights of the year.

What resonated most for me in The Year in Review was the sheer scale of what we have done as a College in 2015. It is a vivid reminder of the wonderful opportunities that students have at Albert Park College.

It is the year that our senior years program was fully embedded at the College with the serious business of large scale exams and VCE study programs driving outstanding academic results. Our emphasis on a high challenge and high demand learning culture is clearly evident as you read about the outstanding work that our students have done this year.

It was also the year that work began on our innovative Year 9 campus at 40 Bay Street. This is a ten million dollar investment which will expand the capacity of the College by over 200 students. Led by the groundbreaking architects 6 Degrees it is a great example of how heritage buildings can be redesigned to support an innovative 21st century learning environment.

Our emphasis on creativity and the arts shines through, perhaps best illustrated through our Annual Art Show which has grown into the single most important artistic event of the year. This has been complemented by performances across the visual, performing and liberal arts.

Music and dance continue to flourish but my personal favorite this year was the school production "At The Cross Roads". I love the fact that this is all original student work and it has been a privilege to watch the growth in creativity and sophistication across the years.

Extension and enrichment activities are also featured. Embedded in our school calendar is the annual ski camp with over one hundred parents and students attending each year. This popular event is complemented by a wide array of camps ranging from year level wilderness based camps to the two week expeditions that are a feature of the Year 9 Da Vinci project.

All of this is driven by the wonderful work of the staff, students and families of Albert Park College. Together, we simply make things happen! The Year in Review is a timely reminder that we really do live by our motto to Lead, Create and Inspire.





# SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## MARK SHEPPARD

2015 has been a landmark year in APC's short life, as we have students completing VCE and VET subjects for the first time, and we prepare for the introduction of our second campus.

At school council, we farewelled councillors Adrian Repka, John Barnes and Lisa Wilson, with heartfelt thanks for their contributions, and welcomed three new councillors: staff representative Madeleine Campbell and parent representatives Livia Bonazzi and Karyn Myers. We also welcomed student representatives to school council for the first time, and have benefitted from the perspective provided by Mary Do and John Yu. While we are always sorry to see councillors depart, we actively seek fresh ideas and viewpoints, and I encourage all parents and carers to consider standing for school council in 2016.

In February this year, school council adopted a new Strategic Plan for 2015-2018. Governing the second phase of the school's growth, the Strategic Plan aims to maintain and enhance our culture of excellence and engagement. It sets high targets for VCE results and aims to improve literacy and numeracy results for Years 7-9. The Strategic Plan also seeks to broaden the choices available to our senior students by offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) from 2017.

A key focus for school council this year has been ensuring the development of our new Year 9 campus in Bay Street, Port Melbourne. This will allow us to accept up to 250 additional students, expanding our ability to serve the local community with high quality public education. We have been fortunate to receive a further \$2.5m in funding for the project from the Victorian Government, to complement nearly \$200,000 in donations from companies in our area. However, the project would not have been possible without generous donations from the school community. Thank you!

Energetically led by Michelle Robin, APC Families continues to find new ways for our parents and carers to be involved in school life. To our regular events such as the Art Show, Vaudeville, Trivia Night, camps, bike rides and hikes, we have added a welcome picnic, second-hand uniform stall, new evening speakers and social evenings.

I look forward to the 'completion' of APC in 2016, with all six years of secondary schooling on offer. And I look forward to continuing to develop all facets of the school as part of our goal to remain at the forefront of education.







## DA VINCI CAMPS - SURF CAMP

In the first weeks of Term 2, a group of Year 9 students set off on an adventure. Their destination: Tathra, NSW. Their mission: surfing. After a gruelling 10 hour journey by train and bus, students set up camp and spent four days life-saving, ocean kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and of course, surfing. The enthusiasm of APC students is to be commended, with students frothing for a wave, even when conditions were gnarly. When some bad weather settled in, we packed up our tents and headed south to Bournda National Park. Perched on a rocky mountaintop, braving the elements in a couple of old A-frame huts. It really was a terrific 8 days with a great bunch. We arrived back at Southern Cross Station with a group of very relaxed, extremely exhausted and proudly accomplished young coast-lovers.







## DA VINCI CAMPS - BORNEO

During the last two weeks of term 3 a group of 15 students travelled to Borneo. The journey started with the group meeting at 6.30am on Thursday the 3rd of September at Melbourne Airport. Our bellies filled with excitement we boarded the flight to Brunei. Six hours later we landed in Brunei, a short flight across the water and we had landed in sweaty, humid Kota Kinabalu, Borneo! For the first few days we explored the streets of this strange, hot country. Then we travelled by bus to zip lining, we then started our three day hike. The hike was tiring and sweaty. After the 3 excruciating hiking days we ended it with white water rafting in the rain. We travelled back to KK, spent a few days there and headed to Sepilok Jungle resort, this was the project phase, this went for 5 days overall. After that we went back to KK, did our last bit of shopping and boarded our flight home! Overall the Borneo trip was an amazing experience for everyone, we all had little bumps during the trip but I feel that we all grew over the trip and came back a little more mature, and definitely more grateful of how lucky we are.





## DA VINCI EVENING

On the 18th of June all the Year 9's that completed the Da Vinci Project put their semester of effort on display for the Da Vinci Exhibition. For the most of the night parents, students, siblings and even teachers from other schools took in the issues and messages raised by the Year 9's. From a wide range of photography, documentaries, short films, paintings, sculpture, prints, mosaics – even dance – to chose from the audience on the night all had something that interested them. Although everyone in the program knew their research back to front they were still nervous to how friends and family would feel about their piece and the issues they raised but the thought of completing the project outweighed their anxieties. I myself found the most enjoyable part of the whole project was after finishing it the sense of achievement and pride you got looking back of the last six months. From the Da Vinci Project and the Exhibition Night others as well as myself gained an insight into the importance of being organised. After the whole project the Year 9's were a little the wiser and better prepared for the years to come.

*Sophie Crandall*





## WINTER SLEEP OUT

On Thursday 10 September, a group of eighteen dedicated year 7 & 8 students slept “rough” overnight in the courtyard at APC for the Winter Sleep Out to raise funds and awareness for homelessness in Victoria. The Winter Sleep Out encouraged us to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be homeless as well as raising awareness of homelessness in the community. The Sleep Out put us in the shoes of a homeless person for just one night to experience first hand how tough it can be sleeping rough. Students reflected the morning after they’d slept rough for the night, here are some of their reflections.

*“I learnt how hard it is because the homeless have to do this with half of the luxuries we had.” - Sen*

*“It was difficult to get to sleep because it was very cold and uncomfortable.” - Kai*

*“We learnt how tough it can be for the homeless and now we are feeling an urge to help out.” - Grace and Devon*

Students managed to raise almost \$2,300 for St. Vincent De Paul to support the work they do with the homeless community in Australia. Well done to all students involved.





# YEAR 10 CAMP

On the 12th October, Year Ten students spent four days at Lord Somers Camp on the Mornington Peninsula. This was the first group of APC students to attend Lord Somers and there was much excitement around the trip. The students were blessed with fantastic weather, great camp staff and engaging activities. The students learnt how to make the perfect coffee, created screen prints on t-shirts, went for bush walks and learnt about the local indigenous cultures and people. By night, students took part in beach walks, night sports, trivia and a bonfire on the final night. The Year Ten students had a great time on the camp and returning to school seemed to be an arduous task after a fantastic time away.







## **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Albert Park College held its biggest annual Athletics Carnival event so far at the Lakeside Stadium Albert Park on Thursday 30th August 2015. This was another fantastic day for the students to get involved in the amazing extra-curricular activities the school offers.

The event presented a great opportunity for students to dress-up and show their house pride, earn house points by participating in a range of track and field events and to embrace being part of the school community.

The house spirit was on full display and the spectators were a sea of colour as they waved and cheered the members of their house to the finish line. Once again, Flannery triumphed in the college's biggest annual carnival to date.





# INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

On Monday the 20th of July at 6 o'clock ten privileged, science-loving students and their families gathered in the APC drama space for the International Space Station (ISS) cross. After waiting for the final sound checks to be completed, watching as the space station crossed the horizon via a tracking program on the big screen, we were connected to an amateur radio enthusiast in Santa Rosa, California, who received radio signal from the ISS at a nearby ground station.

In a cross that lasted approximately ten minutes, each student was able to ask cosmonaut Mikhail Korniyenko two questions. It was fascinating to hear of the crew members' near-evacuation the previous week due to approaching space junk and how absence of gravity provided excellent conditions for growing crystals, though caused the circumference of their heads to increase by 2-3cm!

Thanks to our volunteers from the Victorian Amateur Radio Society for making a once in a lifetime event possible. One small step for APC, one giant leap in encouraging students to love their science!







## MARKET DAY

Wednesday 22nd April marked the date of the annual “APC Market Day” where Students studying VCE Business Management planned and operated small businesses providing an exciting plethora of goods and services to students and teachers. Throughout recess and lunchtime, members of the APC community were delighted with fantastic services such as the ‘TECE’s Mini Carnival’ and numerous stalls offering lots of food options for students, with businesses such as ‘JSM Waffles & Co’ and ‘Sweet Cravings Donuts’. There were also businesses that sold ‘Fairy Floss’, ‘Snow Cones’, ‘French Crepes’ & even ‘Smoothies’. It was a very special event for those with a sweet tooth. The APC Market Day was the true test of how their business would pan out in operation.

Overall, the day was a great success and was well supported by the APC community. All of the businesses were not-for-profit organisations, which meant that all profit made went toward a charity. This year, the market raised over \$1,200 which was a great effort and will be donated to the “Plan Nepal Earthquake Appeal” following the recent devastation in Nepal.

*Eric Loong.*



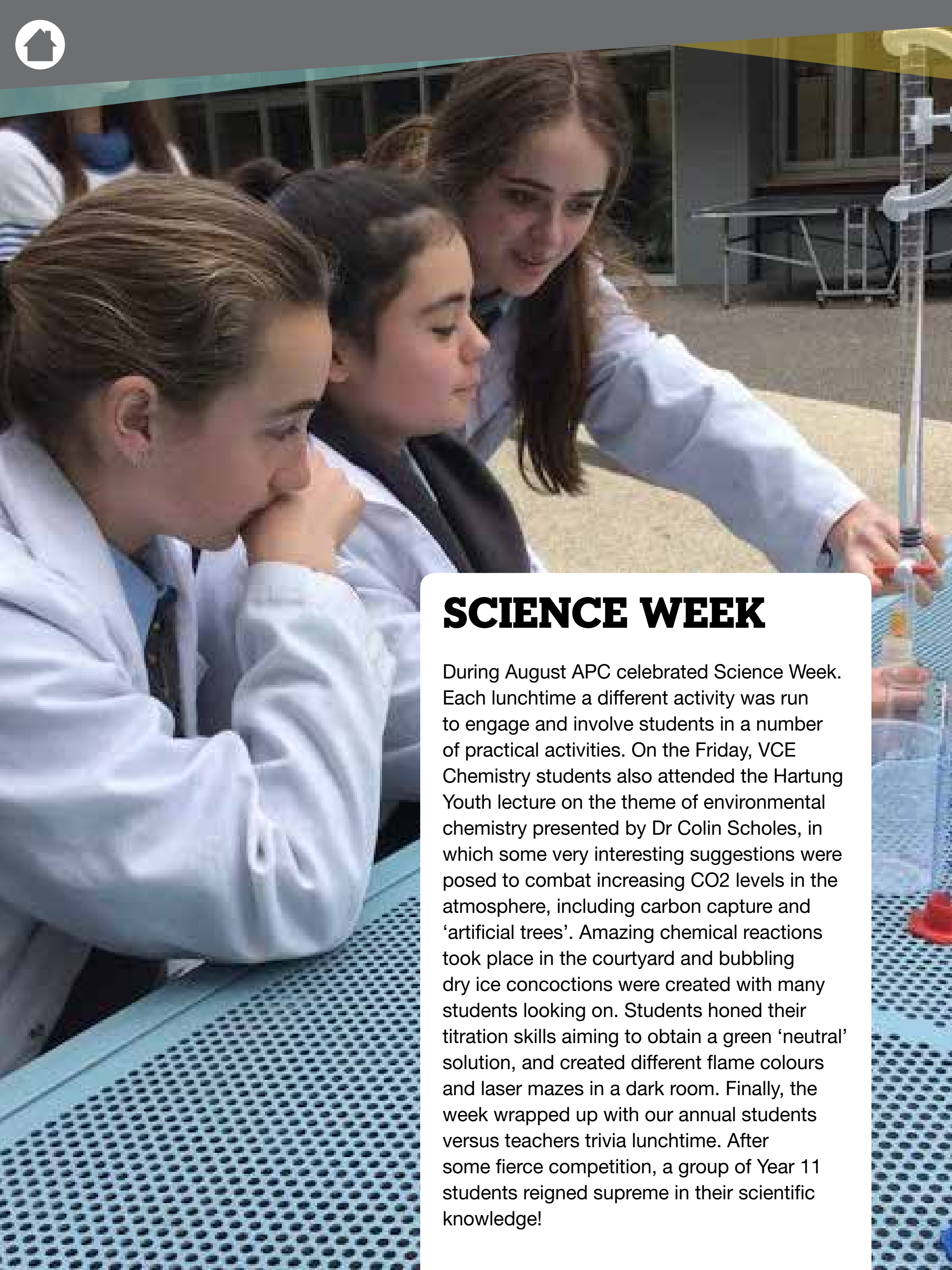


## OPEN MIC NIGHT

The English Department hosted Open Mic Night for Student Writers in Terms One and Four. Albert Park College students were invited to perform and read their original poetry, short stories and essays to teachers, parents and the wider Albert Park Community. Guest speakers introduced the event, sharing their own unique literary backgrounds and experiences. Young adult and Melbourne author Darrell Pitt spoke about his experience of novel writing and gave tips on how to construct stories and novels. Editor Penny Hueston from Text Publishing also shared the perspective of a publisher in the literary industry and inspired our writers to pursue their literary dreams.







## SCIENCE WEEK

During August APC celebrated Science Week. Each lunchtime a different activity was run to engage and involve students in a number of practical activities. On the Friday, VCE Chemistry students also attended the Hartung Youth lecture on the theme of environmental chemistry presented by Dr Colin Scholes, in which some very interesting suggestions were posed to combat increasing CO<sub>2</sub> levels in the atmosphere, including carbon capture and 'artificial trees'. Amazing chemical reactions took place in the courtyard and bubbling dry ice concoctions were created with many students looking on. Students honed their titration skills aiming to obtain a green 'neutral' solution, and created different flame colours and laser mazes in a dark room. Finally, the week wrapped up with our annual students versus teachers trivia lunchtime. After some fierce competition, a group of Year 11 students reigned supreme in their scientific knowledge!



## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual APC Swimming carnival was held at MSAC on another fantastic morning. The sun shone down as the carnival started at the outdoor pool with the exciting 50m freestyle races. With over 70 event races and in electric conditions Freeman succeeded in securing this years title closely followed by Flannery and Winton.

It was a great day with outstanding contributions from pupils. The house spirit was on full display as the colourful students chanted and sang through the events and showcased some impressive costumes for the fashion parade

Congratulations to all Albert Park College students and staff who participated in supporting their house on the day. It was another spectacular Swimming Carnival with the elite students showing off their swimming prowess as well as those just getting in the water to score points in the much anticipated novelty races.

The college would like to thank all staff and parents who attended the day ensuring it was a success.



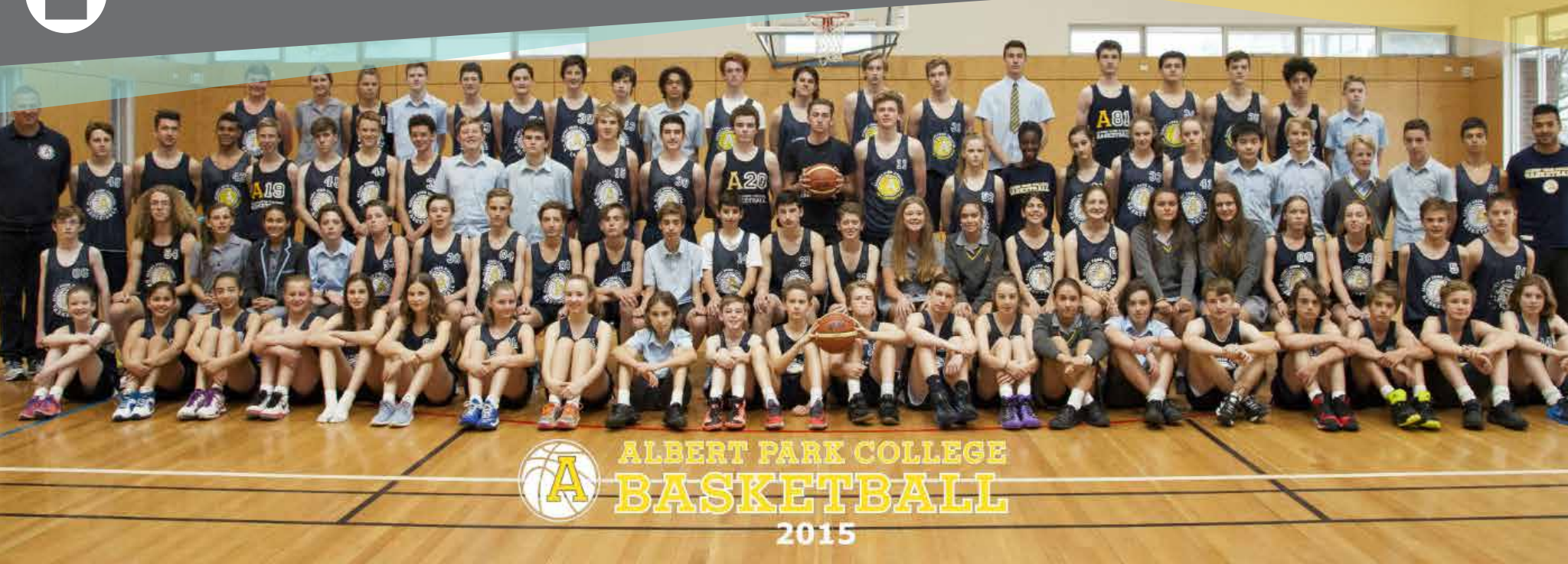


# THE ALBERT RESTAURANT

Congratulations to the Year 10 food technology class for running two extremely successful dinner services for friends and family over the last two weeks of Term 3! Throughout the term, students learned about different types of restaurants, menus and cuisines. They researched the different roles required to run a successful restaurant and the considerations made to starting a new business. After endless recipe testing (some successful, some not!) and job applications, students finalized two 3-course menus; Contemporary Asian and Modern French. The menus were served to friends and family in the drama space, which transformed into an elegant dining room. This was a great opportunity for friends and family to see all their hard work and consistent growth in their studies in food technology!







ALBERT PARK COLLEGE  
**BASKETBALL**  
2015

## BASKETBALL CAMP

On Sunday the 15th of March a group of year 8,9,10 and 11 students went to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. We did some amazing things whilst we were there like watching the opals train, having a training session with the up coming boomers and having two amazing and inspiring talks from Amelie and Cal. Over all I would recommend the AIS camp to anyone in the academy because you learn and experience so many new things!

*Babette Price-Sofronidis 8BR*







# YEAR 10 ENGLISH ADVANCED EKPHRASIS

During the last week of Term 3, Year 10 English Advanced students visited the NGV International where they engaged in an Ekphrastic Poetry Workshop. An ekphrastic poem can be described as “a vivid description of a scene or, more commonly, a work of art”. Students responded to a number of prompts and guiding questions in the gallery space, before crafting their poems upon our return to APC.







## **BAY STREET LAUNCH**

In early March we had a highly successful launch of 40 Bay Street. Close to 200 guests toured the site to gain an insight into our vision for the creation of our new Year 9 campus. 6 Degrees architects brought our sketch designs to life as we painted a picture of a space dedicated to the exploration of the study of the arts and environment. The challenge of restoring two significant heritage buildings and transforming them into a modern 21st century learning environment is not for the fainthearted but 40 Bay Street promises to be one of the most innovative learning spaces in the state. We are on track to open in early 2015 and this was the last opportunity to see the space before we strip out the buildings and redevelop the site.





## DANCE EVENING

This year, APC has introduced the Albert Park College Dance Show. Over the course of a couple of weeks, a group of students from years 7-11 were busy choreographing, rehearsing, and putting together a dance show, based around the theme “waiting for..”. A large part of the choreography came from a 8 hour long choreographic intensive on a Saturday. The students worked in groups, and were encouraged to run freely with their ideas. After, there were weekly rehearsals, and the dance show flourished. The ideas were refined, and everyone practiced extremely hard. The show ran very smoothly, and there was a fantastic turn out. Everyone performed their very best, and had a fantastic time. Participating in the show was not only enjoyable but very rewarding. It gave everyone the amazing opportunity to choreograph a number of different routines from their own ideas. Everyone learnt so much from their peers and teacher, Miss Carracher. The students have improved in both dancing and choreographing skills, and have had the chance to form new friendships. All together it was an incredible experience, and one that will hopefully be continued in the future.

*Bella Tolhurst 9HB*



## **FRENCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

I was involved in the first ever French exchange between Albert Park College and Lycée Sainte Marie du Port. It was an incredible experience, one that I am so glad I participated in. Not only was the exchange a learning experience for the French students, but the host families also learnt a lot about French culture and their day to day lives. They experienced the cultural differences between Australia and France such as our foods, school hours, our uniforms and activities. The two weeks went by so quickly, too quickly as we all really enjoyed sharing our homes, our school and our county with them. We wanted to showcase some of the great attractions in Melbourne and Victoria so of course that meant a trip to the beach! The highlights were a trip to Torquay for a day of surfing, and the farewell party. Although it was very sad to see them leave after the amazing two weeks we had spent together, we did enjoy one last night of fun with speeches, food, drinks and dancing. I am certain that the friendships and bonds that all the students created will continue to grow for many years to come. It was a great success in so many ways and I hope the program continues.

*Laure Petrie 9JH*





## MUSIC CONCERT

This years music concert was full of energy and with many acts to entertain, the night went smoothly and was very enjoyable. The room was full of tuning instrument and chatting students before the doors were open. Once everyone started coming in to get a seat the nerves set in with quiet whispers gossiping for distraction. I was in two performances this year with one at the start and one at the very end. Once the choir was called to stand in the stairwell we could see the amount of parents and friends sitting, waiting for us to start. Once we finished singing you could feel the relief of finishing and the nerves went away. Before the last performance everyone came on the stage for a bow, and thanks was given to the amazing music teachers that organised the night. All together the night ran very successfully and I would like to give a massive thanks to Dean Gourley, Arlene Fletcher and everyone else in the music department who made the night possible. Hopefully everyone enjoyed and we hope to see everyone there again next year.

*Freya O'Donnell 8MB*



# SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S COMMENT

## EMMA ROSSIGNOL

Being school captain was a fantastic opportunity for me to get more heavily involved in the school and to be a part of its growth and development over the year. 2015 saw the realisation of some significant milestones, with the addition of another whole year level and the completion of the first final VCE exams. Being a part of these occasions along with some of the other APC events such as the Open Day and Art Show was an exciting and humbling experience. Witnessing the work that went into running them also gave me a greater appreciation of the involvement and commitment of the members of our school community. More personally, I found that the role allowed me to build my confidence by improving my public speaking and more general communication skills. I learned a lot from the leadership team that I had the chance to work alongside and had the opportunity to meet some influential and inspiring people. As a whole, the experience was extremely positive and I believe that everybody would benefit from being involved in the leadership team.







## **SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S COMMENT**

### **LUKE PATITSAS**

2015 was not only a year filled with achievements for myself, but also Albert Park College as a whole. I am fortunate enough to have been school captain in 2013, and decided that I was ready to take on the responsibility once again. Although I have leadership experience from previous years, in 2015 I was still able to develop new leadership skills as well as refine others. Being a leader is a very special role, as not only are you representing your school, but you are also considered the voice of the students.

Thanks to my leadership role, I also had the privilege to work more closely with staff and the principal team. This is one of the most important values we have at APC, creating close relationships with fellow students, staff and the community. Due to these close connections between staff and students, we are able to have frequent interactions about the college and ideas on how to make it better. Overall, 2015 was a very successful year for Albert Park College, and I am so grateful that I had a part to play in it.



## **SNOW CAMP**

In Term Three a group of Year Seven and Eight students went to Falls Creek for four days at the snow. Throughout the week we had a combination of lessons and free skis. We were very lucky and had some amazing weather for skiing and snowboarding.

The lodges we stayed in were very warm and welcoming and served great food. Skiing pushed our boundaries and provided a huge amount of fun and healthy exercise within a stunning alpine location far away from Albert Park. Overall snow camp was very enjoyable and I would definitely recommend it to Year Seven and Eight students thinking of going next year!

*Molly Robson*





## MIND AND BODY DAY - YEAR 7

On the 12th of November all of Year 7 participated in mind and body day. We all completed a scavenger hunt and participated in some tai chi and yoga.

We met at school at 5:15, ready for a 5:30 departure. It was still dark, and everyone was still sleepy. We caught the first trams running, ready to get to the Queen Victoria Market at 6. We were given time to explore the amazing food and to complete the scavenger hunt. We learnt about the previous use of the market, and where different delicacies were found. We then headed back to school for a breakfast of pancakes and fruit. We all had an hour to do a mix of tai chi and yoga. In yoga we learnt different stretches and poses. The tai chi instructors taught us how to relax ourselves through breathing and motions.

We then met a lady who taught us about healthy eating and nutrition. The session was very informative and interesting, learning how much sugar is in things that are eaten everyday. Overall the day was really fun, and it was a very different experience to a normal school day. It would definitely be worth doing again.

*Lam-Nhi Nguyen 7LH*





# FREE RUN

TERRAIN PARK

## MIND AND BODY DAY - YEAR 8

6am on the 12th of November marked the beginning of APC's annual Year Eight Mind And Body Day. Bright and early students woke up and made their way down to the school. Firstly they all went on to the outdoor basketball court, to participate in an hour of Tai-Chi. Afterwards everyone went inside the school and enjoyed a fruit filled healthy breakfast. Once every had demolished their yummy breakfast they split the students up into two different groups, one group consisting of students going to Bounce trampolining, the other going to Hard Rock rock climbing. Overall the Year Eights students thoroughly enjoyed the day and appreciated the teachers organising such fun activities for them.

*Mariella Servedio 8WH*







## OPEN DAY

Every year we open up our doors to our community in order to celebrate the work that we are doing at Albert Park College. The Annual Open Day is an opportunity to showcase what we stand for. It provides a platform for restating our core values and the sheer scale of the event demonstrates how committed we are to providing high quality educational outcomes for our students.

Unlike a traditional school tour we are able to capture the “whole life” of the College, a spectacular demonstration of the quality and scale of the work that we do. On this day all the disparate parts of a school organization come together for one magnificent display. It is a rare opportunity to see every aspect of school life, a snapshot of what your child will experience at secondary school. Acid Science experiments bubble away, competing with the aromas emerging from the cookery centre. You can experience French culture and enjoy the thrill of hearing our students recite original works of poetry. Puzzles and games abound, particularly in the Mathematics department, whilst siege engines and medieval castles dominate the humanities displays. It is only on a day such as this that you can fully appreciate the range of choice offered to students at Albert Park College.

*Foundation Principal Steve Cook*



## SENIOR EXAMS

In 2015 APC saw some of its senior students sit Unit 3 & 4 exams for the first time in the college's history. All students in Years 10 and 11 sat exams for their respective areas in both semesters with students gaining a greater insight into exam conditions and preparation. All students conducted themselves in a studious, diligent fashion and are to be commended for their approach to these events. This will hold them in good stead for future examinations and helps set the foundation for strong academic results at the college. Well done to all senior students who undertook exams this year.





## **YEAR 10 MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS**

As part of the Year 10 Tutorial program, Year 10 students participated in mock job interviews. Parents, teachers and local business owners were invited to take part and play the role of the interviewer. The Year 10 students gave a good account of themselves, as they presented themselves professionally and responded to the questions in a comprehensive manner. Parents and business owners were impressed with the calibre of students and their responses, which prepared them well for their work experience placements and upcoming job interviews over the holidays. Well done to all Year 10 students who took part in the program.





## **YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

Late in Term 4, Year 10 students participated in a Work Experience Program to get some insights into the world of professional work. Students gained placements at a wide range of workplaces, from hospitals and schools to law firms and television networks. Through the program students were able to make some industry connections, get a feel for the workplace and see what awaits them outside of school when their studies are completed.



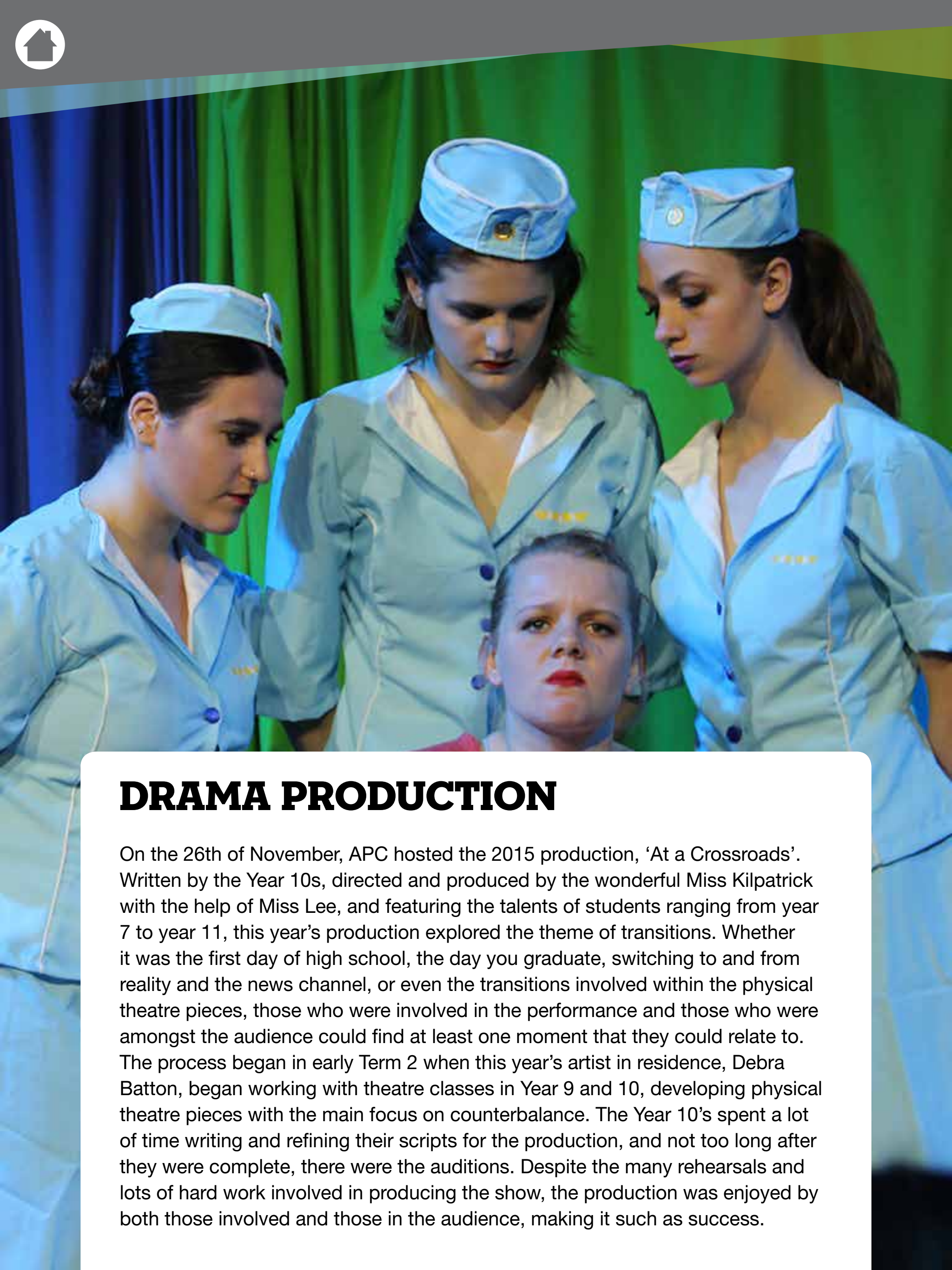


# DEBATING

It has been a successful and busy year in debating as students from year 7 to 11 participated in numerous debating competitions. Senior students took part in the Debating Association of Victoria Inter-school competition and successfully completed 5 debates against other schools in our region. Junior students attended a British Parliamentary Debating Workshop where they learnt the Worlds Style of Debating and participated in three secret topic debates. The junior teams also participated in the Debating Association of Victoria Introductory Competition. They received training from the adjudication team and competed against other schools. Joe Buden in Year 8 also participated in the Rotary Public Speaking Competition. All students involved should be congratulated on their efforts this year and their fantastic representation of the college.







## DRAMA PRODUCTION

On the 26th of November, APC hosted the 2015 production, 'At a Crossroads'. Written by the Year 10s, directed and produced by the wonderful Miss Kilpatrick with the help of Miss Lee, and featuring the talents of students ranging from year 7 to year 11, this year's production explored the theme of transitions. Whether it was the first day of high school, the day you graduate, switching to and from reality and the news channel, or even the transitions involved within the physical theatre pieces, those who were involved in the performance and those who were amongst the audience could find at least one moment that they could relate to. The process began in early Term 2 when this year's artist in residence, Debra Batton, began working with theatre classes in Year 9 and 10, developing physical theatre pieces with the main focus on counterbalance. The Year 10's spent a lot of time writing and refining their scripts for the production, and not too long after they were complete, there were the auditions. Despite the many rehearsals and lots of hard work involved in producing the show, the production was enjoyed by both those involved and those in the audience, making it such a success.





## VAUDEVILLE

Vaudeville 2015 was, in my opinion the best show we have put on yet, due to the amazing teachers involved, the creative ideas that everyone brought forward and the bunch of dedicated APC students. It was a wonderful thrill to look out into the audience and see the rows of seats stretching all the way back. One of the reasons I enjoyed the show so much was because I participated in so many acts on the night which kept me running around backstage. I also enjoyed working with the Principal team to create one of the sketches, I think they very much enjoyed collaborating with the students as well and having an input into the night.

I have now been a part of every Vaudeville show that the school has put on and I, among among other more weathered vaudevillians, have loved seeing the structure of the show progress each year as the school fills with new talent to be snatched up by the school's creative team. I am very excited to see what we can all create next year with a full school of enthusiastic students, in fact I started thinking of ideas the moment we finished this year's show.

*Eric Loong*





## **GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE 2015**

Well done, to all the APC Great Victorian Bike Riders of 2015! From 28 November to 6 December, 60 members of APC attended the GVBR in hopes to complete a challenging 3, 5 and 9 days of cycling, up to 533 km! Students across the year levels took part in this large event hosted by RACV that went from Bendigo to Ballarat via the charming towns of Avoca, Dunolly, Inglewood, Heathcote and Castlemaine.

What started as quite a daunting adventure, eventually became an opportunity for team work, perseverance and learning a few life skills along the way. It did not take long for our APC cyclers to realise that cycling was not going to be the only challenge they on their GVBR journey! All the 5am wake ups, long queues (for everything), banging toilet doors and setting up your own tent, were all part of the experience of the ride.

APC students demonstrated great cycling and road etiquette; always shouting “passing” and “on the right” as they passed their fellow riders, and formed beautiful lines that were even recognised by the event! Although a challenging experience, students, staff and parents, pushed themselves everyday with encouraging words from each other, a pep talk from Andrew Robinson (APC staff who organised the event) or a big meal from the white tent. It was an honour riding along side such positive and determined individuals.

*Cristina Chang, Teacher*





## MULTICULTURAL DAY

On Friday the 4th of December, both students and teachers participated in the annual APC Multicultural Day, which is a day organised by the Humanities Department. The day involves students participating in a range of different 'multicultural activities' such as African and Japanese drumming, Tae Kwon Do and Tai Chi, Bollywood Dancing, Colombian and Indian Cooking, Kite and Mexican Pinyata Making, Indigenous Painting, Yoga and Meditation, Ultimate Frisbee and Origami and numerous other activities. One group even got to go to DOC pizza, which was a big success; whilst others participated in an Indigenous music, culture and dance sessions. It's a day designed to celebrate our cultural diversity and expose students to the wonderful benefits of living in a multicultural society. At lunchtime, we had an incredible Indian Feast and there was also lots of singing and dancing, dress-ups, face-painting, henna-art, badminton and table-tennis!

*James Wallace Smith & The Humanities Department*





A group of approximately ten Year 7 students posing on a rocky beach. They are wearing various outdoor gear like hats, sunglasses, and athletic clothing. The background shows the ocean and a clear blue sky. One student in the foreground is sitting on the rocks, while others are standing or crouching behind them.

## YEAR 7 CAMP

In late Term Four most of the year sevens participated in the Year 7 camp. There were three locations; Great Dividing Trail, Wilsons Prom and the Great Ocean walk. In all of these iconic Australian locations we all participated in hiking and one extra activity which was either mountain bike riding or surfing.

I went to the Great Ocean walk, although the hiking was hard at times what I enjoyed most was the scenery. Something that many of us learnt was how to surf. Surfing was definitely one of the highlights of trip.

Our goal throughout our camp was to show personal leadership, I think everyone showed this when cooking our own meals and having self-motivation when hiking. On behalf of the Year Sevens I would like to thank all of the teachers and bBindaree for making our trip so much fun.

*Edie Milner Year 7*





## YEAR 8 CAMP

In Term Four, most Year 8's went onto a camp: either to Lake Eildon, 3 hours away or Lake Tyers, 6 hours away. There, we separated into different groups. Throughout the camp, we had lots of fun and had made many amazing memories.

On camp we did lots of different activities such as canoeing, mountain biking and hiking. This was how we would travel to our next campsite. These activities were challenging at times but also very rewarding in the end. Looking back on camp, we realise that our camp group was a team and we learned to work and communicate with one another so no one was left out.

In this camp we learnt many things, not just how to set up tents and cook in Trangiers but also stuff that is just as important. We learnt about independence and how much we rely on our parents and carers without realising. We also realised that the environment is a pretty cool thing that we should begin to protect from our own reckless behaviour and that meeting people outside of your friendship group is not as annoying as one would think.

In the end we would like to thank all staff who made the trip possible and would definitely recommend the camp to future year 8s.

*Ingrid and Sanjana, Year 8*