

Bryce VCE Newsletter

July 2009

Dear parents /guardians and students.

Term 2 was a very busy time for all students as they had to complete many SACs, exams and other class and homework. We in the VCE Office have been very appreciative of the cooperation we have received from all students and wish to congratulate them on their positive attitude and encouraging results.

All students should have received their report on the last day of Term 2. Early in Term 3, coordinators will be asking to see the parents of any students that they identified as having difficulty. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the report please contact the VCE office or ask at the VCE Parent Teacher Night that is to be held on Wednesday 12th of August.

Dates for Term 3

Thursday 16th July Year 11 Health and Wellbeing Seminar.

On this day students had a guest speaker Craig Harper who spoke on the topic, Mind-Body-Health. In 2009 we are running a series of seminars for year 11 students, including Sexual Health and issues involved in safe partying.

Students will be having a second seminar on Monday 31st August. A third seminar will be held in term 4.

July 20th -27th Year 11 Tertiary Focus Week.

Students will attend a series of sessions with speakers from various tertiary institutes. This will be organized by Ms Gray/Ms Moylan They will be held during period 4 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in this week.

Students will have an opportunity to attend two sessions on each day and should investigate as wide a range of options as possible.

Thursday 6th August Year 12, 2010 Subject Selection.

An assembly of year 11 students will be held to hand out selection sheets for students to choose year 12 subjects they wish to do in 2009. Selection sheets are to be handed in on Thursday 20th August. If students have any queries please contact either Ms Gray/Ms Moylan or the VCE office. Students will be given details about how they can consult class teachers and Learning Area Coordinators about each subject and its appropriateness for them.

Year 12 Results

Results for the Unit 3 subjects that had June exams and Studio Art will be distributed to students at the end of the school day on Monday August 3rd.

Subjects that receive an exam grade are Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology. Studio Art students also receive their first assessment grade.

If you have any questions about these results please contact the VCE Office.

VCE/Year 10 Parent Teacher Evening Wednesday 12th August.

Appointment sheets will be distributed closer to the event.

Times are 2.00pm- 4.30pm and 5.30pm- 8.00pm.

This night will be for year 10, 11, and 12 students.

I encourage all parents to meet with your student's teacher to discuss their progress and the best methods of preparation for the final exams.

School will start at 10.50am (Period 3) on Thursday 13th of August.

Tertiary Open days.

During August all tertiary institutes are holding open days. We believe it is essential for Year 12 students to visit the institutes they are interested in applying for in 2010. We also think that it is a great opportunity for Year 11 students to investigate the courses that are available to them without having to make any firm decisions. To find times and dates students can go to the VTAC website. www.vtac.edu.au

Last Day Term 3. Friday 18th September. 2.30 pm dismissal.

Exams and Timetable for the end of the Year.

Many parents have inquired about timelines for the end of the year.

Year 12 Exams. Each student will be given an individual timetable in the middle of September. Please check all venues carefully.

LOTE Oral Starts Oct 5th -- October 29th

Performance Exams Oct 5th – October 29th.

Written Exams Oct 30th (English/ESL) – Nov 19th

Year 11 Exams November 4th –13th

Orientation Classes for Year 12 2010. November 16th -20th

All year 11 students are expected to attend these classes.

Enrolment into Year 12 2010 Friday 20th November.

This is compulsory and includes, the issuing of reports, the returning of forms, taking of Student Card Photos and the confirmation of the student's Year 12 course. We require all year 11 students to attend school until this date.

Year 12 Valedictory Assembly

All parents, friends and families of year 12 students are invited to our annual Valedictory Assembly on Wednesday 28th of October at 7.30 pm in the Sharman Hall. This includes a guest speaker, musical items, presentation of awards and a presentation to all students of a UHS Graduation Certificate. An invitation will be sent to all families nearer to the event.

Formals

Year 11 and 12 students are in the process of organizing Formals for August or September. These are not school functions and are organized by a group of students. Teachers will not be attending these functions. In past years we have found that the venues organizing these functions have done so in a responsible manner and the functions have proceeded smoothly and have been a success.

Absence Notes.

If a student is away could parents either ring the coordinator on the day or please provide a note for the coordinator the next day. If a student misses any Year 12 SAC we ask that a Medical Certificate be provided.

Special Provision and Special Consideration.

If any student is ill or has other circumstances that will, or has already affected their performance on SACs then they should contact their coordinator to apply for Special Provision. For Year 12 SACs students are required to provide a Medical Certificate to substantiate illness.

If your student is experiencing any difficulty through illness or other factors please contact the VCE Office and we can help you with either Special Provision or Consideration of Disadvantage applications.

Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS)

This is a program run in conjunction with VTAC for all Special Entry schemes conducted by tertiary institutions in Victoria. Many institutions set aside a proportion of their annual intake for students who have not reached their full potential due to circumstances beyond their control. For further information regarding eligibility criteria or the application process, contact Ms Moylan/Ms Gray at UHS or visit www.vtac.edu.au.

Concerns about progress in VCE

If you have any worries about any aspect of their schooling or other issues that you would like to discuss, I encourage you to contact either their particular coordinator or me at UHS on 93472022

Yours Sincerely,
Mr. K. Campbell.
Head of Bryce VCE Sub School

