

# Bryce VCE Newsletter

## Term 2 2008

### **Dear parents /guardians and students,**

As we start Term 2, students will need to be preparing themselves for many SACs and exams, as most Year 11 and some year 12 subjects will have formal half-year exams. A timetable for Year 12 half-year exams is given below. Year 11 students will be issued with an exam timetable early in the term.

### **Awards for University High School Students**

Students of University High School in 2007 have been awarded 6 of the prestigious Premier's Awards for subjects completed in 2007.

The names are embargoed until the 22<sup>nd</sup>

of May. We will publish the names and their awards after this date.

### **Dates for Term 2**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** Athletics Sports (VCE .competitors only)

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** Year 7 to 10 Parent/Teacher Evening

**VCE Photographs.** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Wednesday 21st May** Mid Year Concert. Hamer Hall

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June** **Queen's Birthday Holiday**

**Wednesday 11th- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** **Year 12 exams and GAT**

Please note there are no year 12 classes on these days

There are no classes for any student on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> as this day is a designated Pupil Free Day for report writing.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** **GAT.** For all year 12 students and all year 11 Students attempting a Unit 3&4 subject.10.00 am till 1.15 pm. No classes.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June** Start of Unit 4

**Tuesday 10th– Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 11 Exams.**

Students need only attend when they have a timetabled exam. If they are ill or have any difficulty please contact Mr Batters in the VCE office.

A medical certificate must be provided for any exam that is missed.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.**

Start of Unit 2.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Last day of term. 2.30pm dismissal.

VCE reports will be sent home with students.

**Time table for Year 12 exams**

June 11th	9.00-10.45	Biology
	11.45-1.30	Physics
	2.45-4.30	Accounting
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00- 10.45	Psychology
	11.45-1.30	Chemistry

June 13th 10.00 –1.15pm GAT

For all exams students should arrive at school at least half an hour early. There is no special provision for misreading the timetable or for late arrival.

**GAT**

The General Achievement Test is to be completed by all students attempting a Unit 3&4 subject. Students will receive a brochure explaining the make up of the GAT. It is a test of general knowledge and skills in

- written communication
- .mathematics, science and technology
- .humanities, the arts and social sciences

The GAT is a general test and it is not recommended that students do any special study for it. Students should take the test seriously and complete all sections conscientiously.

The GAT is used for the following purposes:

- . contributing to the statistical moderation of SACs
- . reviewing school assessments in SATs
- . checking the accuracy of exam marking.
- .obtaining a derived exam score in special circumstances.

Sample questions and previous GAT papers are available on the website

[www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au).

### **Tertiary Information Service**

Year 12 students will be attending this program on Wednesday May 21st, from 11.30-1.00pm, at the Wilson Hall Melbourne University. Representatives from all Victorian Universities (plus some interstate), local TAFEs, and other education providers will be available to provide course information to students.

An expert panel will cover topics such as VTAC Applications, Scholarships, Special Admissions, Fees, Finances, Open Days, and also be available to answer student questions.

### **Tutoring.**

From time to time parents ask if the VCE office has any recommendations on the use of tutors. We always recommend that students in the first instance approach their own class teacher for extra assistance.

Apart from this, there are many commercially available programs and also private tutors. As a service, we place the material available on the notice board in the 700 corridor. We do not endorse any of the programs or tutors but do this as a service to students and parents.

### **Absence Notes.**

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

Year 11 students will not be permitted to complete missed SACs unless their absences are satisfactorily explained. This can be by either a note or telephone call to the student's coordinator.

### **Special Provision and Special Consideration.**

VCAA has a revised set of policies in this area. If you require a copy of these statements please consult the Web Site : [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the VCE Office. If you have any questions or concerns in this area please contact your student's coordinator or me in the VCE office.

### **A message from our Student Welfare Coordinator.**

We have a Student Welfare Coordinator, Ms Kim Patterson, who is available to students for personal counseling and advice. All matters are confidential.

To make an appointment students should see their coordinator or go directly to room 905.

### **Problems with Lockers.**

Unfortunately in recent weeks we have had a number of thefts from lockers. Lockers that have a combination type lock are vulnerable and it appears that they can be opened. We recommend that all combination type locks be replaced by a high quality key lock.

If any student notices any suspicious activities or has any knowledge of these thefts please see your coordinator.

### **Year 11 Students and rules on leaving the school grounds.**

Year 11 students must not leave the school grounds at any time including recess and lunchtimes.

The following exceptions apply.

1. Wednesday pm if they have no classes.
2. Period 6 and their teacher is absent. In other periods of the day Year 11 students will be allocated a replacement teacher and they are to attend class. If a student's teacher is away on periods 3 and 4 on Wednesday and these are the last classes for the day for these students, then they will also be dismissed.
3. If students do not have a time tabled class period 1 they may arrive by 9.25 to start period 2.

When students do not have a timetabled class they are expected to use the library or the VCE Study Centre.

### **Concerns about progress in VCE**

If you as a parent or guardian have any concerns about the progress of your student at VCE or have any worries about any aspect of their schooling or other issues that you would like to discuss I encourage you to contact either your students particular coordinator or me at UHS on 93472022

### **Reports.**

All Year 11 and 12 students will receive a written report to take home on the last day of term. If you have any queries about these reports or questions after you have received them please contact your student's coordinator.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. K. Campbell.  
Head of Bryce VCE Sub School