



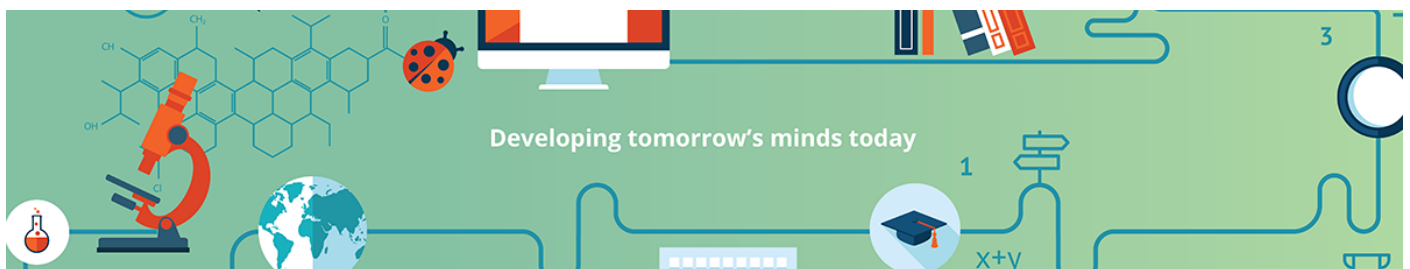
Blackburn High School

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Principal's Report

The Semester 1 school program concluded on Friday, 14th June and we congratulate all students from Years 7-12 who have worked diligently to prepare well for the intense examination period that has just passed. Well done to the students who sat the state-wide General Achievement Test on Wednesday, 12th June. We thank and acknowledge the dedicated teachers who prepared and corrected the examinations as well as provided important feedback to their students. We had a very positive start to the Semester 2 school program that began on Monday, 17th June.

During Term 2, our students have continued to be engaged in the rich academic classroom program, out of class activities and in student leadership opportunities. Student effort and achievement were celebrated and acknowledged at the special year level assemblies throughout the term. The new covered outdoor PE/Sport facility has been welcomed by the students and teachers and we thank the School Council for their support in providing this high-quality learning facility.

NEVR Concert

On Tuesday, 28th May we were very proud of the Blackburn High School students who participated in the North East Victorian Regional Music Concert to a packed audience in Hamer Hall. Over 700 primary and secondary students were involved in this spectacular musical event that showcased the exceptional student musicianship. We also acknowledge the music staff from the 61 schools who volunteered their time to support the students.

VCE Student Progress Conferences

The VCE Student Progress Conferences will be held from 5pm-7pm on Thursday, 25th July. Bookings will be open on Monday, 15th July at 4.30 pm for these conferences. They will be conducted between teachers, parents and students studying Units 2 and 4 subjects, focusing on VCE student progress. We strongly encourage parents to use these conferences to collaborate with teachers and students to support student learning. If we have concerns about student learning, we will communicate with parents to book conferences to support their child's learning.

Year 12 Formal

Last Thursday, 13th June about 150 Year 12 students, the Principal Team and teachers participated in the Year 12 Formal at the Manningham Grand Ballroom. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening and the students are to be commended for their fantastic behaviour throughout the evening. We acknowledge the hard work of Ms Christina Kodak and Ms Marina Crescia in organising this event.





Principal's Report

Connections Excursion

As part of the Connections Program, the Year 9 students were provided with an opportunity to work in a new educational setting, the CBD of Melbourne last week. They went into the city to visit the Big Issue offices and conduct a street art tour. The 270 Year 9 students and their teachers had an enjoyable excursion that further developed their intercultural and ethical thinking. We are very proud of the way the students conducted themselves in the city and on the public transport.

Pathways Program

The Subject Selection Expo will be conducted from 4.30pm-6.30pm on Wednesday, 17th July. Parents and students will have an opportunity to ask questions about courses offered in Years 9-12 in 2020.

Interviews for checking of courses for students going into Year 11 in 2020 will take place on Wednesday, 24th July during periods 3 & 4.

The Department has introduced a new initiative from 2019 as part of its review of Careers Education. This involves a professional career planning service for Year 9 students

All Year 9 students will be given:

- a career diagnostic tool
- analysis of their diagnostic assessment by an external accredited career practitioner
- Follow-up one-on-one career counselling.

These interviews will take place during Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 3

Emergency Training

In Term 2, as part of the process for preparing our school community for the event of an emergency that may arise, the students and staff of Blackburn High School participated in an emergency drill involving a lockdown. Thank you to Mr Geoff Vezey for his work around the OHS.

School Gates

Shortly, our external single-entry gates will be locked to people trying to enter the school between 8.40 am-3.15 pm. People will enter through the front entrance on Springfield Road. Staff and students will be able to exit through the single gates during the day. Importantly, people will have to enter through the front of the school. This is a safety measure to further protect our school community.

On behalf of the Assistant Principals, Ms Jane Richards and Mr Geoff Vezey, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable term break and look forward to the start of Term 3, which begins on Monday 15 July.

Joanna Alexander
Principal

Excellence Awards

Congratulation to our Year 8 students who have received awards for their Term 1 learning:

Year 8 Excellent Learning Norms

Raegan Carter
Aaliyah Christou
Kristy Gangur
Beatrix Hiep
Jade Maea
Grace McMahon
Vaishnavi Munukutla
Karlo Daniel Rivera



Year 8 Academic Excellence

Tamanna Bharaneedharan
Tara Bu
Raegan Carter
Angus Collins
Ethan Hewitt
Beatrix Hiep
Amber Holt
Evelyn Mealings
Vaishnavi Munukutla
Karlo Daniel Rivera
Sharon Wang





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Dunlop House

SIR EDWARD 'WEARY' DUNLOP

Lieutenant-Colonel E.E. 'Weary' Dunlop is an iconic figure in Australian memory of the Thai–Burma railway. Although only one of 106 Australian doctors captured by the Japanese and of 44 on the railway, Dunlop came to represent the self-sacrifice, courage and compassion which doctors and Australians more generally are remembered as displaying in captivity.



Born in Wangaratta, Victoria, in 1907 Dunlop studied pharmacy and medicine at the University of Melbourne and played rugby union for Australia in 1932. His nickname, 'Weary', was a play on the well-known brand of Dunlop Tyres which, according to their makers, 'never wear out'. In November 1939 Dunlop enlisted in the Australian Army Medical Corps and served with the 2nd Australian Imperial Force in Greece, Crete and North Africa. When Australian troops landed in Java in February 1942 in a futile effort to stop the Japanese advance Dunlop took command of No.1 Allied General Hospital at Bandung. When Java fell to the Japanese, he became a prisoner. Dunlop was renowned for his untiring efforts to care for the sick. Many times he put his own health at risk, earning himself physical punishment when he protested to the Japanese. At other times his sheer physical presence—he was nearly two metres tall—seemed to intimidate his captors. Dunlop was also a strong administrator and leader. He kept meticulous notes on the men under his command and his leadership and courage earned him the lasting loyalty of the men who served under him.

In 1985 his drive led to the creation of the Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation, to encourage emerging medical researchers to study health conditions of Veterans, serving personnel, and their families. The health and well-being of those who have served and sacrificed remains vitally important today, and the Weary Dunlop Foundation continues to pursue the vision inherited from this truly great Australian.

(Source: Department of veteran affairs and Weary Dunlop Foundation)

DUNLOP FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

This Friday, 28th July the Dunlop Student Leadership Team will be hosting our annual fundraiser day. All students are invited to contribute by bringing a \$2 donation for being 'out of uniform' and purchasing either a sausage, veggie burger or drink for \$2 each at our lunchtime BBQ. We are looking forward to a terrific day and raising money to support the Dunlop Foundation.

DUNLOP FOUNDATION COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Thank you to Annaliese Hughes, Emma Ferrier and Grace Philips for giving up time during the holidays to attend the Annual Dunlop Foundation Commemorative Service with House Leader Miss Greve on Friday, 12th July 2019.



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Dunlop House

James Grubb Dunlop Rotary Youth Citizenship Award

Each year Blackburn High School nominates students who have displayed commitment to both the school and the wider community, for the Rotary Youth Citizenship Awards, . This year Dunlop House nominated James Grubb from 8DB for this award. James is a strong all-round academic achiever with a mature, curious and creative personality. His teachers describe him as polite, hardworking and someone who sets an example to other students by modelling a great work ethic in class. At lunchtimes he enjoys attending the different clubs on offer at Blackburn High School, and he is a keen member of the local Scout group. Recently, James undertook the position of Assistant Patrol Leader at Scouts, and he has been involved in Clean Up Australia Day and tree planting activities. Dunlop would like to congratulate James on his embodiment of the school value of Citizenship. Well done James!



House Citizenship Awards

Mentor Group Leaders led their Mentor Groups last Monday to launch this year's House Citizenship Awards. Mentor Teachers and Mentor Group Leaders nominate students from their Mentor Group who consistently demonstrate our school values of Respect, Citizenship and Pursuit of Excellence in their everyday school life. Nominees are recognized at house assembly in Term 3, as well as go into the Raffle draw to win a prize.

Keeping Warm in the Winter Uniform

As winter sets in, we remind students of the importance of wearing both their school jumper and blazer for warmth. Students can also wear black scarfs and black gloves to help keep their heads and hands toasty. We recommend students to also wear fitted skin-coloured or white thermal singlets, t-shirts or fitted long-sleeve tops underneath their white school shirts. For PE/Sports uniform we recommend students wear both of the polo jumper and sports jacket for added warmth. All students are reminded that hoodies and other jumpers are not permitted. This includes wearing the PE jacket with the academic uniform during school.

Ms Claire Greve, Dunlop House Leader



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Freeman House

We said farewell to Ms Tameka Carter last Friday as she started her Family Leave, an exciting time for her. She will be so missed by all of us in Freeman, especially in F1 for the amazing work she has always done as a Mentor Teacher. We thanked her for always providing such care and concern for her students, and being so invested in the Mentor Program. The way in which she was valued was exemplified by her F1 Year 12 students who came looking for her in their free period to make sure they bid her farewell. And thank you to Kurtis, Kiara and Matt too for making that special effort.

Happily, we have welcomed Ms Georgia Helm to Freeman as the new F1 Mentor Teacher.

Cathy Freeman Foundation

At our House Assembly on 27th June, we will be presenting a cheque to the Cathy Freeman Foundation for \$3,900 from our fundraiser in March. The Foundation's focus is on improving educational outcomes for Indigenous students through programs that aim to increase attendance. The Foundation works with more than 1600 children in some of the most remote areas of Australia.





Freeman House

HOUSE VALUES AWARDS

At the start of this week, students and staff were invited to nominate students for House Value Awards. These nominations will be open until Week 1 of Term 3. The criteria are as follows:

Respect

Respect of oneself, others and of learning are displayed through honesty, integrity, consideration and the celebration of diversity in a safe and inclusive environment.

Citizenship

Students are encouraged to become active and informed citizens through their participation at a local, national and global level. This is demonstrated through involvement in the rich opportunities within the school and wider communities. Students are supported to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, their relationships with others and their participation in all aspects of their school life.

Pursuit of Excellence

Students are supported to reach their full potential by developing wide-ranging skills and capabilities and show growth academically, personally and socially. We value and celebrate effort and achievement.

Nominations close on Wednesday 17th July (Term 3, week 1) and can be left at the Freeman House Office.

In line with these awards, at our joint Dunlop-Freeman assembly in May, we also acknowledged students who volunteer their time as part of Volunteers Week. It was wonderful to see just how many students are involved in their community, helping others. Some of them are quiet achievers and do not make a fuss about themselves, but we would like to! So if parents would like to let us know about any voluntary work their child does, please email me.



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Hollows House

It's been another incredibly busy Term 2 which has flown by. The term has been filled with some great achievements. Students have completed exams, concerts, sporting events, formals and excursions. I would like to make mention of a couple of particular things that we have had to speak to a number of students about. I will also mention these points to students at our final assembly on Monday.

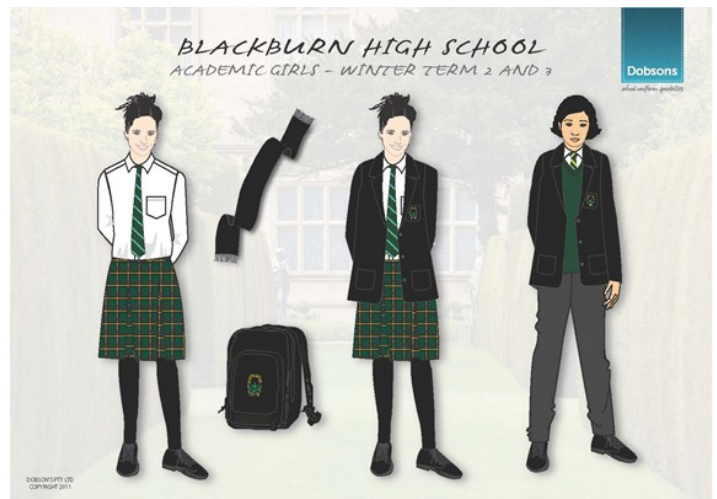
UNIFORM

As we know Blackburn High School is a uniform school and our uniform is very clearly outlined on Compass, on our website and in student planners. The Uniform Policy has been developed by School Council which is a body made up of parent, student and staff representatives.

Students wearing incorrect uniform will be held accountable with consequences. We also expect parent support on this. If there is an issue with uniform parents are to give their child a note which needs to be processed by the Mentor Teacher that morning. The note must say what the issue is and when it will be resolved.

At times students give the reason such as *I've lost it or I haven't got it*. Unfortunately, that is not an acceptable excuse. We are trying to teach students accountability which will be a valuable skill in their adult lives.

Please see the images showing the correct uniform for Term 3.





Hollows House

TELEPHONES

There is overwhelming research that using mobile phones can provide major distractions to learning. Once again, the school policy on phones is very clear. Phones are not to be used at all in classrooms unless there is express permission from a teacher (these times will be very rare). Many class teachers are now providing a box at the front of the room where students place their phones at the start of lesson. This has been working well. If a student chooses to flaunt this policy their mobile phone will be taken from them and returned at the end of the day.

Most parents ask for clarification of the school's Phone Policy and are very appreciative when enforced. Once again please support our policies around phone use.

As of next term there will be no phone use in Mentor Group any more. Once again we are teaching the students accountability and responsibility.

Please have a wonderful and safe winter holiday.

*Mr Mark Pasquali
Hollows House Leader*

YEAR 7 HOLLOWS COUNCIL REPORT

Hello! We are the Year Seven Hollows Student Council.

This idea was only introduced this year, in response to extremely positive leader applications. So far, we have helped to run the Hollows bake sale and Open Night. We are currently discussing Orientation Day and a Year 7 day. We meet every second Tuesday to talk about upcoming events and share ideas. If you have any ideas that you would like us to consider, you can come find one of us. Thanks!

Lauren Baker, Yannik Nathan, Hannah Strandgard, Mia Glass-McGuire, Sayuri Hioki-Walker and Ashley Spowart.



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Melba House



MELBA—JUNE NEWS

Semester 1 ended on Friday 14th June - hard to believe it came around so quickly. I have really enjoyed watching our students seek out challenges, participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and embrace their new semester subjects. We look forward to students maintaining and building on their commitment to their academics, sport, music and more in the coming semester.

Vale Judith Davis

Melba staff and students fondly remember Mrs Judith Davis, stalwart of the English Faculty and kind, caring and calming Mentor Teacher of M3. Staff have particularly enjoyed sharing fond lunch table memories of her since her passing. We will not forget her contribution to Melba, English and Blackburn High School.



Exams

Term 2 always sees us traverse a busy exam period. Students are to be commended for the way they approached this period and the way they conducted themselves throughout the school. We hope that the exams were a chance to not only demonstrate the semester's learning, but also gave students the practice of how VCE exams run.

General Achievement Test

On 12th of June all Year 12 students, and Year 11 students doing a Unit 3/4 subject, sat the General Achievement Test. Students were on time and ready to tackle the marathon test! Similarly the younger year levels were respectful of the students sitting the test, being careful to be quiet, stay out of test areas and most were highly organised when they knew they could not access their lockers for the day. Well done to everyone involved.

Year 12 Formal

Year 12 students enjoyed their *event of the year*- the formal on Thursday 13th of June. It was hard to recognize some of the students and it was wonderful to see the students' individuality shine on the night. Well done to Ms Marina Crescia, Mrs Christina Kodak and the Formal Committee for putting together the evening. Now we look forward to the next semester and before we know it, it will be time for the Valedictory Dinner.



Melba House

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Pursuit of Excellence

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Criteria for Nomination:

Nominees are students who consistently demonstrates one or more of our school values. These values can be demonstrated through student contributions to the house in a number of ways:

Mentor Group, house activities, house assembly presentations, civic duty around the house, lunchtime activities & clubs, whole-school activities, house music, open day.

Wishing all of our Melba families a wonderful, safe and warm break when it gets here.

*Mrs Jacinta Marcus
Melba House Leader*



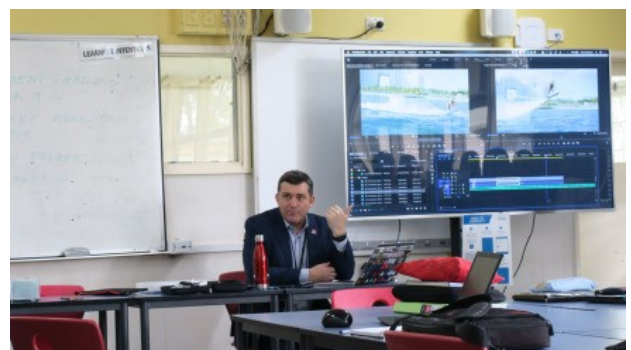
Art & Technology

VIDEO PRODUCTION WITH TIM KITCHEN AND ADOBE PREMIERE PRO

We recently had the pleasure of having a representative from Adobe, Mr Tim Kitchen, visit the school and run a practical work shop on how to edit video using Premier Pro. Tim introduced two Year 9 classes (Photography and Multimedia) to the wonders of Adobe Premiere Pro for their future video productions. Premiere Pro is the standard technology in the world of video, TV production and it has also been the cutting tool of choice for Marvel Studios over the past few years. Tim reported that he enjoyed introducing this tool to film makers and video producers of the future such as our keen Blackburn High School students.

The Victorian Department of Education and Training have had an agreement with Adobe in recent years to allow secondary students access to this incredible industry standard software to help them construct their learning and prepare for the next step when they leave school and enter the workplace. Blackburn High implement the use of this program in Photography, Multimedia, Media and Studio Art and have entered a number of videos into past Adobe Have a Voice projects over the years using this software. Refer to this link to read Tim Kitchen's blog regarding the workshop and to view some samples of the work our students have previously produced for the Adobe Have a Voice Project: <https://timkitchen.net/2019/05/20/blackburn-high/>

Ms P Hsu & Ms T Carter



Student Leadership & Community Links



SORRY DAY

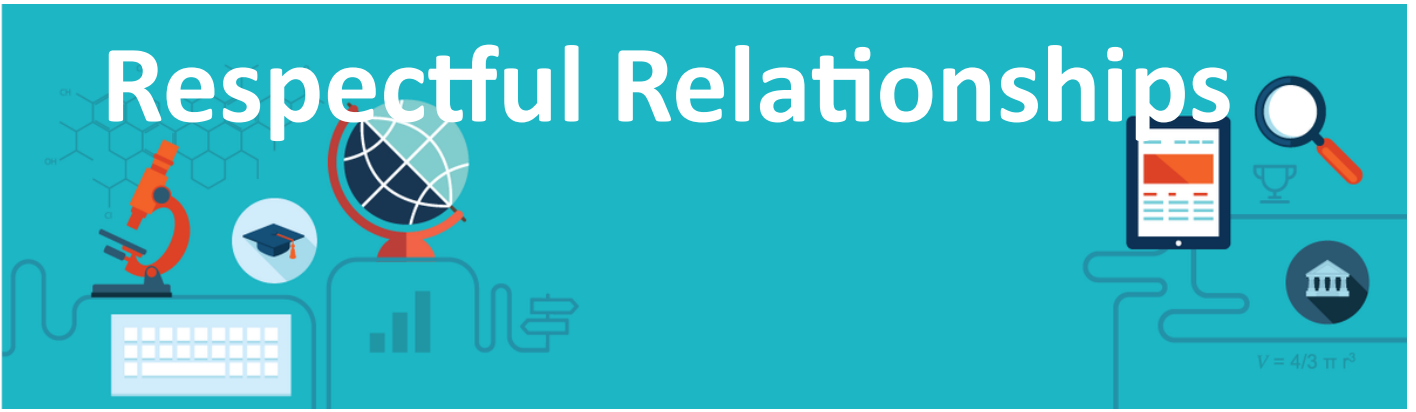
On Friday 24th May a group of Year 8 students joined other local schools and dignitaries at the City of Whitehorse Sorry Day Ceremony. This event took place ahead of National Reconciliation Week and included speeches and a flag raising ceremony by the Mayor of Whitehorse, Cr Bill Bennett and Wurundjeri Elder, Uncle Dave Wandin, who spoke about the importance of all Australians working together to care for country. Uncle Dave also performed a smoking ceremony and students were invited to place gumleaves on the fire. This was a great opportunity for the students to be involved in a meaningful local event which enhanced their recent studies in English of Aboriginal culture and texts. The students did an outstanding job of representing the school.

ROTARY AWARD

Year 8 Dunlop student James Grubb was this year's recipient of the Rotary Youth Citizenship award. The Award celebrates a Year 8 student who is perhaps a quiet achiever. James was nominated by his teachers as an outstanding student who always helps others and gets involved. Well done James.



Respectful Relationships



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Dainika Morgan, Jennifer Yi, Roan Nair and James Howlett presented at the Respectful Relationships Forum last week. The forum was conducted at Doncaster Secondary College and there were approximately fifty students from local schools. Throughout the day these students demonstrated amazing leadership and attention to the Forum activities. They took on the leadership role without hesitation, along with a real sense of purpose and understanding of the issues relating to the relationships that exist in and around our school communities. The students presented with a strong knowledge base that was matched with their natural ability for public speaking.

There were a number of other Blackburn High students who took part as members of the Forum who also worked very diligently through the activities and were able to provide ideas and initiate discussions.





Sport

Term 2 has been a big one! The second half of this term has seen Blackburn High School field teams in netball, soccer, badminton and Australian Rules Football. There has been a number of Year 7 and Year 8 competitions to round out the term, in many of which Blackburn High School has entered multiple teams.

The Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Netball entered three teams each in the Whitehorse Division competitions, with both the A Teams winning their round robin tournaments. They will now compete in the Eastern Metropolitan Finals at Waverley Netball Centre on 7th August. Good luck girls!

The Year 7 Boys, the Junior Girls and the Year 8 Boys Australian Rules Football teams were also successful in their Whitehorse Division competitions, winning their way through to Eastern Metropolitan Quarter Finals. The Year 8 Boys team finished on top of their pool at the Quarter Final and will now be playing off for EMR Premiership flag on 30th July at East Burwood. Best of luck to the Year 8 Boys! We also wish our Junior Girls and Year 7 Boys teams the best of luck at their Quarter Final round robin competitions taking place in the last week of term on 24th June and 25th June at Springfield Reserve.

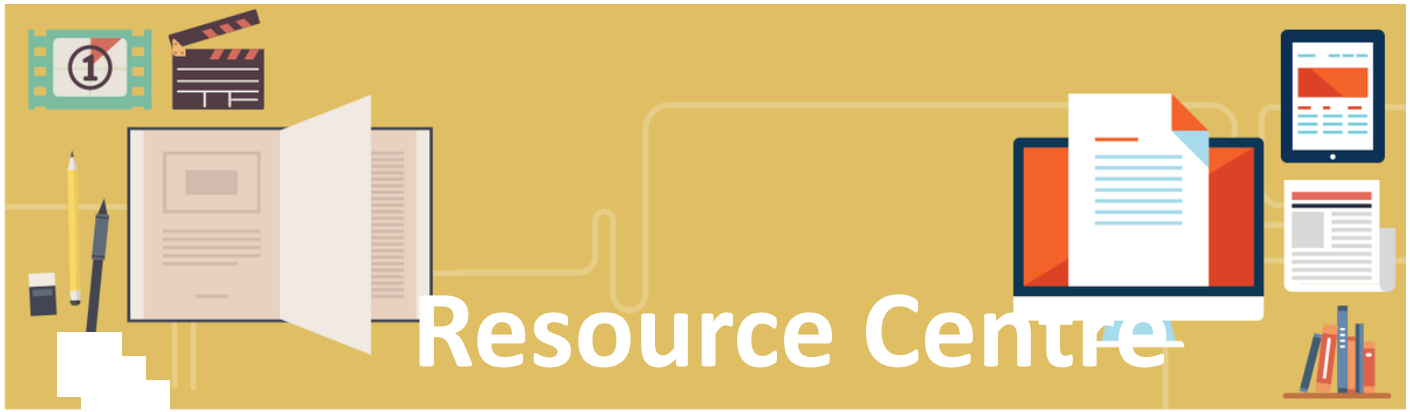
This term has also seen a record number of students representing Blackburn High School at Whitehorse Division with 21 sports on offer across the age groups and more than 40 teams being entered. It is fantastic to see our school entering teams in every competition on offer, and often multiple teams, when other schools fail to enter one. In addition, our students are to be commended on their behaviour and desire to participate and have fun.

Term 3 begins with a number of Eastern Metropolitan Finals – Senior Boys Soccer, Intermediate Boys Netball and Intermediate Girls Netball. Good luck to all the students who are representing BHS! Week 3 of Term 3 also sees the last of the Whitehorse Division round robin competitions for the intermediate age group, participating in basketball, table tennis and hockey. Enjoy your last interschool sport days for the year.

Once again, congratulations to all the students who represent Blackburn High School and good luck with future sport competitions!

*Ms Ashleigh Hosier
Sports Leader*



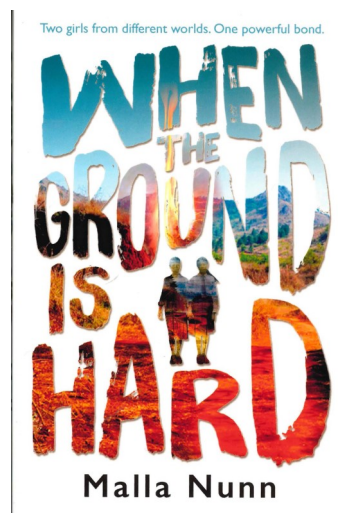
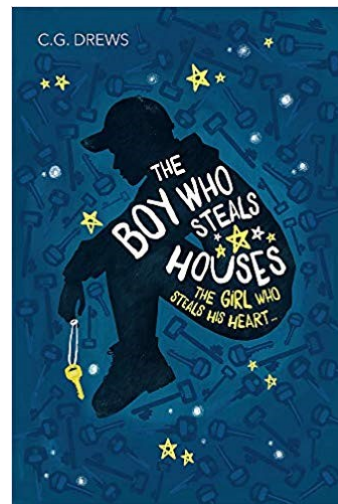


Highly recommended new books

From time to time we get great feedback from staff and students on the books that they have read. If you are looking for something new to read, the following are highly recommended—take a look!

The Boy Who Steals Houses, C.G.Drew

When the Ground is Hard, Malla Nunn



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