Congratulations Class of 2010!

91% of Northcote’s 2010 VCE cohort who applied for tertiary places received a “first round offer” in January 2011! The breakdown of University and TAFE offers was:

- Offer of University Studies in Victoria 153 (74%)
- Offer of TAFE studies in Victoria 34 (16%)
- Other Tertiary offer in Australia 6 (2%)

The breakdown of tertiary courses has changed only slightly in the last five years. RMIT, La Trobe University, University of Melbourne and RMIT (TAFE) continue to be the top four most popular tertiary providers. The following figures are for first round offers:

- RMIT University 45
- La Trobe University 42
- University of Melbourne 29
- Victoria University 10
- Monash University 9

Total Offers to date 194

These figures do not include all VCE students. A smaller group of students went directly to employment or an apprenticeship. The statistics again illustrate the very strong correlation between student interest and the tertiary course they choose, clearly a result of extensive counselling over the final three years of schooling. We wish all students well for the future. Mr Murphy

Outstanding VCE results!

December 13th saw the release of VCE results for 2010 and many excited students. For our Year 12, the highest ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) achieved was 99.7 by My Hanh Vu. Four other students achieved ATAR scores over 98. For those who like statistics, 37 of our students earned an ATAR of 90 or above, and 116 students earned an ATAR of 70 or above. Those 116 students (54%) were achieving in the top 30% of the state! Over 7% of study scores were 40+ scores and the median study score was 30. This year’s duxes will be My Hanh Vu and John Mitsios, who achieved 99.05 (at right).

In total, 390 students sat for at least one Unit 3/4 subject, although only 215 were completing Year 12.

Congratulations to all our VCE students; another great year for the school!!

My Hanh, the first International student to be a dux, will study at Melbourne University while John will study Biomedicine, also at Melbourne University.

John has been a Kwong Lee Dow Scholar for the past two years.

Mr Murphy
Welcome Back!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all back to school. I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new students and their families. Congratulations on becoming part of the wonderful Northcote High School Community!

This is a very exciting time for our students and their families. A beginning of the school year signals new experiences and the next stage of each students personal and academic journeys. Our students will be looking forward to new experiences and settings, new subjects, new teachers, new (and old) friends and to setting new personal goals.

For our incoming Year 7 students and their families, the start of secondary school marks a significant and exciting beginning. As parents this year you will see your child grow in age, size and maturity. Continuing the developmental process of becoming a young adult, an independent thinker and an individual with a focus on their own future goals and dreams.

Get Involved - Students and families

NHS has a proud and rich tradition of involvement beyond the classroom and we encourage you and our students to get involved. Pursuing passions in music, performance, visual arts, international trips, social justice, environment, science, mathematics and English competitions, sport, debating, magazine production, leadership, public speaking, chess, camps, technology and fashion parades! There really is something for everyone.

Results Class of 2010

For our VCE class of 2010, the past few weeks have brought the first round of tertiary offers that provide another step in the realization of our students’ achieving their goals. It was wonderful to see 91% of our students receive their first round tertiary offer and we look with interest to the second round to see the final few placements.

On behalf of our NHS Community, I want to extend our sincere congratulations to all members of the Class of 2010 with special congratulations to our Duces: Girls Dux – My Hanh Vu, with an ATAR of 99.7 and Boys Dux – John Mitsios, with an ATAR of 99.5. My Hanh and John, like many of the class of 2010, immersed themselves in the NHS experience. They were involved in learning in our classrooms, they were involved in a myriad of school activities beyond the classroom and they were participants in community clubs, activities and events.

We are once again delighted with our students and their results. I would particularly like to mention that this year we had four other students who achieved an ENTER of 98 and above and 53% of students received an ATAR of 70+. Congratulations and best wishes to all of the members of the Class of 2010. (see Tertiary Report front page and NHS website for a full report)

NHS 2011 – Learning, Participating and Connecting with our Community

Northcote High School has a proud tradition of excellence. We strive to create an environment of respect and achievement where ALL students can learn and become confident participants in society. This year we are committed to continuing to develop our learning focus in the classroom - curriculum enrichment at Years 7 & 8 focused on providing high quality learning in every classroom, a Review of the Year 9 Program and Year 1 of the new Year 10 Program - focused on creating greater access to VCE units and the redesign of the core program and electives. NHS has worked hard at developing a culture of high student achievement; which is strongly supported by our teachers, students and their parents. Each year we work to further expand the ways in which we connect and support our students as they grow and develop academically, socially and emotionally. In 2011 our improvement efforts are focused on continuing to expand the ways we support students learning in the classroom. Our teachers will be working in Faculty Teams developing their instructional practices. enquiry based learning activities and broad based assessment strategies that supports and extends all students. We strive to strengthen our environment of respect and achievement and our culture of caring, commitment and contribution.

New Strategic Plan..... 2011 - 2014

This year is the first year of our new strategic plan, during 2010 we have been working with our school reviewer and community (Teachers, Families and Students) seeking input to shape our strategic direction for the next 4 years. Currently we have a draft strategic plan and are seeking final comment from our community. Our new strategic plan will be ratified at our March School Council meeting.

Globally there are calls for schools to be more responsive to the expansive changes that are taking place in our world ensuring that students are better equipped to face the inevitable challenges that rapid change brings.

At NHS we are committed to our students developing a toolbox of knowledge, skills, understanding and learning dispositions that support high levels of literacy, numeracy and curiosity. At each age and stage of schooling our teachers will be working with the students as they ‘live’ each unique year level experience. Our teachers are strongly focused on our students becoming successful learners who are creative, innovative and resourceful. Supporting the development of skills in areas such as, social interaction, cross disciplinary learning and thinking, creativity and integrated use of digital media which is essential in the 21st Century workforce.

•Our Year 8 students will be participating in the High Resolves initiative linked with the University of Melbourne (plus four other schools in Melbourne). The High Resolves initiative seeks to motivate young people to be purposeful global citizens, through students participating in highly engaging activities and experiences. Our World, Our Choice is the key message that underpins the program. It acts as a guidepost for young people to walk a pathway of service in a complex world and to learn the skills necessary for driving constructive social change. The program will also see leadership opportunities for our Year 9s and 10s and will be led by Jeannie Jamieson (Middle Years Leader), Geoff Thomas and Ingrid Mibus. I encourage you to view the High Resolves website www.highresolves.org

•The Year 9 – Global Citizenship Program and Centre continues its dynamic interactive program, linking student learning with our community locally, nationally and globally. In 2011 all our students participated in 5 day camp at Roses Gap and the Cityscape Program. The Duke of Edinburgh Program is also a great way to develop leadership, get involved and link with community At the Year 9 graduation students were awarded with various levels of Global Citizenship Awards reflecting their participation and collaboration in school and community activities.

•Science Programs and Partnerships continue to be a feature of the programs at NHS. The Year 10 STELR Program in partnership with the Australian Academy of Technological Science and Engineering focuses on renewable energy, while teaching the principles of chemistry, physics and biology. Our students and parents can also participate in Bringing Science to the Community and Science in Schools bringing eminent scientist to our school, the Tall Poppies - Science Youth Summit, Free Radicals (VCE Chemistry), and In 2 Science Program focus on engaging our students in cutting edge science learning and research.

•Our Faculties and their teachers are planning and are preparing for the many activities and excursions that will enrich the learning experience and allow our students to be active learners. From Art / Technology and Multi-media events to Music Performances, to LOTE Competitions to our Environment Actions Teams…..our teachers will be working with our students to provide rich and real learning activities that stretch our student thinking and
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understanding and create a myriad opportunities for students to connect, lead and get involved.

-International Links – This year, once again we will be linking globally. Our students will travel on a cultural and language study tour to Italy. Students head to China to link with our sister school in Huabei - for the first time this year we will also be travelling with a group of students and teachers from Clifton Hill Primary School, and we will also be hosting a visit from a school in Ho Chi Minh - Vietnam.

In the Grounds and in the Classrooms at NHS Over the summer our buildings and grounds have been a busy place:

A new portable has been commissioned, the Physical Education Department have a new storeroom and we have upgraded the Gym foyer, the Textiles room has relocated from C block to B block, the Year 7 and 8 Coordinators now have a new office (C Block) with Jeannie Jamieson the new Leader of the Middle School and our Assistant Principals have relocated to new office spaces in the main Building.

Communication and IT Solutions…. Compass, Ultranet, NHS Website and 1:1 Computing. this year we have a strong focus on linking with our community and to support improvements to communication we are commissioning a new intranet (Compass) that will assist us to better manage the complexities of a large and busy school. Later this year we will be sending you your personal log in details that we enable you to view a range of ‘realtime’ information about your child and our school including attendance, calendars, and also pay online for excursion, subject levies etc.

We will also be introducing you to the Ultranet the DEECD new online be available for teachers, students and their families - focused on supporting collaborative work with staff and students though the use of Design Spaces, Collaborative Learning Spaces, xPress Spaces and Landing Pages!

We are also committed to determining our future direction regarding IT access for our community and are investigating 1:1 computing options. Our new website is under development and will be launched midyear.

School Council Elections- We will be holding School Council elections early in the school year. The important key dates for nominations and elections are listed in this Newsletter. Information regarding School Council roles and responsibilities are available from the school.

AN IMPORTANT EVENT Year 7 - Family Picnic

The Year 7 Family Picnic will be on Monday March 7th, at 6 pm. This is a wonderful school and community event and I hope all of you can join us.

Once again I welcome you back to school and to our new students/families welcome to Northcote High School - a vibrant and dynamic place, alive with positive energy and learning. We are delighted you are a part of our community and we greatly appreciate your involvement and support. We look forward to a great year together.

Kate Morris, Principal

New staff at NHS for 2011

Welcome to our new staff for 2011. They are:

(Front row L-R) Ms Tegan Pohl (Maths/Science), Ms Jackie Brogan (Music and Production Director), Ms Danielle Berezdeky (Science/Maths), Ms Louise Puttock (English), Ms Judith Warren (Academic Support Services), Ms Rebecca Grimes (School Nurse), Ms Connie Stewart (Technology), Ms Jeannie Jamieson (Humanities and Leading Teacher-Head of Middle School), Ms Min Lu (Mandarin/ESL), Ms Maria Donnelly (Maths/Science).

(Back row L-R) Mr Barry Drinan (Technology), Mr Patrick Roberts (Intern with Mr Butler), Mr Darren Zilm (Maths), Mr Bruce Coombs (Music), Mr Nick Ford (Social worker), Ms Yali Lu (Mandarin)

Missing from the group photo is Ms Kathy Littlewood, (PE and Leading Teacher Curriculum Innovation)
Meeting the new Minister!

New Minister for Education, The Hon. Martin Dixon, MP, welcomed high achieving International Students from just three schools, to a special celebration last week. Two of our students, Long Nguyen and Eddie Nguyen joined the small group who met the Minister to have lunch and discuss their future.

Well done Long and Eddie!

Ms Kun Qian

China Tour 2011 – Filling fast!

In 2011, Northcote High School has joined a unique partnership with Clifton Hill Primary School to extend our sister school relationship and our experience with Huaibei.

Clifton Hill Primary School has agreed to develop a sister school relationship with Huaibei Model Primary School, and thus when we visit Huaibei, we will be accompanied by a delegation including their staff and students. Not only will this cement our ties with Huaibei and Clifton Hill Primary School, it will also keep costs to a minimum.

The two week trip will depart in the week before the September 2011 holidays. The cost will be around $3,650 and includes all transport, international and domestic airfares, all taxes, visa, insurance, nearly all meals, all hotel accommodation and a 3 day homestay.

(Note—this is significantly cheaper than our 2008 trip!! - But there are only a few spots left!!)

Some Highlights currently planned include:

**Beijing**
- Early Morning visit to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City
- Beihai park & Wangfujing Hawker Food St
- Beijing Pandas
- The Great Wall at Mutianyu.
- Peking Duck Dinner

**Huaibei**
- Arrive in Huaibei, visit High School, meet homestay buddy—go to their home

**Nanjing**
- Yangtze Bridge & Mausoleum in Nanjing

**Xi’an**
- Morning Visit to the Terracotta Warriors
- Afternoon visit to the Steles Library, Craft St
- Traditional Dumpling Dinner
- Wild Goose Pagoda & silk factory.
- Bike ride on the Walls of Xian
- Cultural Show in the Evening

**Shanghai**
- Zhujiajiao river city to explore the alleys Shangh hai Evening Harbour Cruise
- Visit the Peace Hotel & the Bund
- View of the city from the Grand Hyatt Tower
- visit the Old City & Yu Gardan Bazaar
- Evening Acrobatic Show

2011 will mark our 12th trip to China.

Join us for our final Parent Information Night on Monday February 14, 2011, 6.00 pm in Room 1

All NHS students are welcome, including students who do not study Chinese language. Space may also be available for students who have been before.

If you came to our session late November 2010, you do not need to attend this one!

**Deposits to reserve places are due by Friday, February 18—$350**

**Spaces are available on a first paid, first served basis!!**

Enquiries to Mr Murphy
9488 2342
Yr 8 Premiers Reading Challenge Flash

Yr 8’s have an exciting start to the year with rehearsals for their Flash Mob dance. What is a Flash Mob dance I hear you ask? It is a large group of people who suddenly assemble in a public place and progressively begin to dance. It will involve 5 schools from across the state launching the Premiers Reading Challenge on Thursday 24th February. All Yr 8 students will begin rehearsal with specialist choreographers during their sport classes and will be ready to perform in FEDERATION SQUARE with thousands of other students from across the state. We will keep you updated with more details soon. To view a clip of a ‘Flash Mob’ go to the link below.


Ms Ingrid Mibus

Five mates ride from NHS to Byron Bay

On January 3 a group of 5 ex-NHS students began cycling the 1800 kilometres from Melbourne to Byron Bay. The purpose of the ride was to increase awareness of youth mental health issues, the importance of physical activity in maintaining a healthy mind and to raise much needed funds for People Like You, an organisation who provide support to youths affected by mental illness and aim to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues. This was a charity ride aiming to raise funds for an important issue.

The boys were Adrian Codognotto, Jimi Monahan, Isaac Brown, Lyell Durkin, and Alec Deasey (right)

School History—Buy Now!

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THE GREEN, THE PURPLE AND THE GOLD – A HISTORY OF NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL
by Gary Israel, Itiel Bereson, Robert Bridges and Hector Gallagher

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NOTE: If you have donated $100 or more to the NHS History Project you will receive a complimentary copy.
New Staff Profiles

Bruce Coombs (Music): Bruce has been a professional musician for over 25 years, playing in orchestras, jazz bands and rock bands in Australia’s major concert venues. He also runs a successful music studio. Bruce will be teaching Percussion.

Connie Stewart (Art / Technology): Originally from Hong Kong and coming to NHS via rural Victoria and Gladstone Park SC, Connie was a Ceramic artist before becoming an Art teacher.

Danielle Berezdecky (Maths / Science): Danni completed her Bachelor of Science degree and Masters of Teaching at The University of Melbourne. Her passion for teaching was sparked while mentoring young Koori students in Maths, Science and Biology.

Darren Zilm (Maths): Darren completed his Masters of Teaching at the University of Melbourne and also includes Science among his teaching methods. Darren comes to NHS via Adelaide and Perth.

Barry Drinan (Art / Technology): Barry arrived in Melbourne in 1991, having qualified and worked overseas as an industrial designer. Since then his focus has shifted to fine art and commercial art. He lives in the inner north of Melbourne with his wife and two teenage children.

Jackie Brogan (Music / Humanities): Jackie spent term 4 2010 at NHS teaching Music, where she thoroughly enjoyed working in an enthusiastic and passionate team. Jackie has taught across Victoria and in London. This year Jackie will be assisting with the co-ordination of the amazing music department and managing the school production.

Jeannie Jamieson (Humanities / English): Jeannie’s teaching career includes work across the globe (Melbourne, Malaysia, England, Spain). She comes to NHS via Camberwell High School where she was coordinator for Year 9 and then head of the Humanities faculty. Jeannie was appointed to a Leading Teacher role in the “Middle Years” Sub-school (7-9) and is looking forward to working closely with the students, staff and families.

Judith Warren (Teaching and Learning): Internationally and in Australia, Judith has extensive experience as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, curriculum policy manager and consultant. She lectured in education at Deakin University and has been a writer of education policy in Australia, South African and North American jurisdictions and is the author of several publications. Most recently she has worked in New York City. In 2010 she was based at Clifton Hill Primary and worked for the Department of Education in the School Quality Review Program.

Kathy Littlewood (PE): Kathy joins the Northcote community as a Physical Education teacher and as a Leading Teacher in curriculum. Previously, Kathy was a lecturer at RMIT University.

Louise Puttock (English): Louise comes to Northcote High School from work in Manchester, England, where she worked successfully in challenging social environments.

Maria Donnelly (Science / Maths): Maria has very recently relocated from Ireland, where, after graduating from the University of Ulster with a degree in Applied Biochemical Sciences she spent several years working in the pharmaceutical industry. Since her transition to education, Maria has been teaching Biology, Science and Maths. She plays both Gaelic Football and Camogie in her spare time.

Min Lu (LOTE): Min, originally from Wuhan, central China, is an active member of the Chinese Teachers Association in Victoria (CLTAV) and has been elected as their executive member and secretary. She has presented lectures at the Queensland University of Technology. Previously, Min taught Chinese, ESL and Asian Studies at a catholic college where she was also involved in international student coordination and overseas programs.

Nick Ford (Student Wellbeing): Nick will be joining the wellbeing team as our new social worker. Nick is passionate about working with young people, and providing them with the resources necessary to achieve success and happiness, in school, family and social life.

Rebecca Grimes (Student Wellbeing): Bec joins NHS as our new Health Promotion Nurse having come from a position at the Royal Children’s Hospital (where she specialised in paediatric nursing). Bec is passionate about delivering the best and most up to date health information relating to young people and current issues. We share Bec with Thornbury Darebins High School.

Serena Thean: Serena is a Woodwind teacher who will be joining the Northcote Instrumental Music program for 2011.

Tegan Pohl (Science): Tegan has a degree in Marine Biology and comes to Northcote from working for the Melbourne Museum at Scienceworks. She has a Master of Teaching from the University of Melbourne and has a senior role in player support at the Australian Tennis Open.

Yali Shao (LOTE): Yali is a graduate of Beijing University with BA, MA and PhD degrees. Since coming to Australia in 1994 and completing a Bachelor’s Degree in Education she has been involved in teaching Chinese to students at all levels.

Year 9 Roses Gap 2011

Date: 4th – 8th April 2011 (5 Days)
Location: Roses Gap, Grampians
Cost: $425

All year 9 students are expected to attend the Year 9 camp to Roses Gap, a school campsite located in the Grampians. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, such as abseiling, the giant swing, the pamper pole and archery. The camp is designed to build self confidence, team skills and foster positive relationships between students and their teachers.

Students will have received camp information and medical forms in their form group meetings on Monday. Please note that the deposit, permission and medical forms need to be returned to NHS by Friday 4th March. Full payment is to be paid by Friday 25th March.

Any camp queries can be directed Ms Lenthall and Ms Neilson.
Your contact with teachers

Northcote is absolutely committed to developing strong links with parents. To this aim, we are reviewing our communication with teachers, step 1 in our reform being revamped website this year.

We have two parent teacher meetings scheduled for this term:

- Parent surnames A-K on Monday 28 March and
- Parent surnames L-Z on Wednesday 30 March.

If you would like to contact teachers before that time, or at other times, please note the following:

- Telephone messages can be left via the General Office. Phone 9488 2300.
- Coordinators can be rung directly—note the numbers given on page 10
- Staff email addresses are on-line on the Contact Us page.

If you intend to email any staff member please note:

- Emails need to be short and to the point, and generally are expected to request an interview.
- Emails should be written in a neutral tone, and should avoid inflammatory comments about others.
- Generally, the school’s preference is to meet with parents, rather than conduct lengthy email correspondence!
- General advice and ideas for improving the school are always welcome—but firing off a long “stream of consciousness” email is not necessarily the best way of doing this! How about considering joining Council, or our Parent Forum, our Music parents group or just plain old talking to someone!

Mr Murphy

Camps Update 2011

2011 YEAR 8 BOHO SOUTH TERM 1 & 4

The 2011 Year 8 Camps program will start in Term 1 in 2011. This camp forms part of the three core camps the school runs at Years 7, 8 & 9, which are a prerequisite for the school’s elective camps which start in Year 9. Permission forms for the Term 1 from groups will be distributed this week. The dates for form groups in Term 4 will be published later.

The camp will run for 4 days at Camp Boho South which is operated by Northcote High School and is the former Boho South State School. NHS has operated this camp since the late 1970’s. The activities on this camp include: an overnight hike, farm visit, swimming, bowling, horse riding, and a visit to the Freshwater Discovery Centre.

Year 8 Camp Dates 2011

Term 1

8D Tuesday 8th – Friday 11th March
8E Tuesday 15th – Friday 18th March
8B Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th March
8J Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th April

Term 4

Camp 5 Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st October
Camp 6 Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th October
Camp 7 Tuesday 8th – Friday 11th November

Camp 8 Tuesday 15th – Friday 18th November
Camp 9 Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th November
Camp 10 Tuesday 29th November – Friday 2nd December

Reserve date: Tuesday 6th– Friday 9th December

YEAR 10 - 11 GOLD COAST TOUR 2011

4 days, 3 nights

Monday 5th – Thursday 8th September 2011

Forty-four students from Years 10 & 11 (current Year 9 & 10) will travel to the Gold Coast for four days. It will include return flights to the Gold Coast, entry to Dreamworld, Sea World, Movie World & Wet’n’Wild. The expected cost is $740.

Expression of interest forms are available from Mr. Griffiths or Mr. Lasslett in the GCC or Ms. Cappelli staffroom 16.

ONLY 7 PLACES LEFT!!!

Mr. R. Griffiths
Camps Coordinator
Year 7 Camp Update

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Dear Year 7 Parents and Guardians.

The Year 7 Camp is almost upon us!

The cost of the camp is $245. Please ensure the balance of the payment is made in full. Failure to do so may result in a student not being able to attend camp!! Families that have any issues paying by the due date should contact Marie de Rango on 9488 2302 or the year 7 Coordinators on 9488 2343.

Please note, Northcote High School is not responsible for any medical or emergency costs incurred whilst your child is on camp. Any costs incurred will be the responsibility of the child’s guardians. It is recommended that every student attending camp be a member of the ambulance service or have health insurance.

Any student requiring medication whilst on camp must bring double the amount needed. One lot is to be handed to NHS staff prior to departure, the rest is to be kept by the student at all times. Students requiring Ventolin must carry it on them at all times.

Checklist:

1. Please complete all sides of the medical / permission form and return it with payment.
2. Every item on the equipment list is required. Please support your child by ensuring they are well prepared!
3. Students are also required to bring their own lunch and drink for the first day of camp.

Any questions?

If you have any queries regarding the camp, please feel free to contact us at school on 9488 2343 or email at Nhan Do@nhs.vic.edu.au or Sarah Emmanua@nhs.vic.edu.au

School Council Elections 2011

The process of the elections remains unchanged from previous years

There are 2 parent and 2 DEECD positions available.

Monday 14th February: Call for nominations
Monday 21st February: Nominations close.
Wednesday 23rd February: Display a list of candidates, nominators and seconder outside School Office
Monday 7th March: Distribution of ballot papers by mail if necessary
Tuesday 15th March: Close of ballot at 4:00 pm.
Tuesday 15th March: Counting of votes and declaration of the poll
Thursday 17th March: From this date the new council is able to meet

If you are interested in being a member of School Council, please contact the Principal, Ms Morris or Ms Gelevski
Dear Parents / Guardians and students,

RE student with allergy to the UV filter Butyl Methoxy Dibenzoylmethane (BMDM) (labelled Avobenzone in overseas products)

Northcote High School has a sun safety policy.

However this year, one of our students suffers an allergy and chemical sensitivity to butyl methoxy dibenzoylmethane (BMDM), an ingredient in sunscreens, some perfumes and a few sun-protective lip products. It is an issue of access to school for this student, who becomes ill quickly when products with this ingredient are used around them, and is adversely affected by BMDM residue on handled objects.

To enable this student to attend Northcote High School and participate in school life, without compromising our commitment to sun-safe practices for our students, we ask both that you encourage your child to protect his/her skin in the sun with regular use of sunscreen, and also support this student by using a product without BMDM on school days.

Fortunately, many reputable Australian brands have some high protection products in their sunscreen ranges which do not contain BMDM, including the well-known products listed below:

- From the Anti-Cancer Council: Toddler, Classic, Natural, Mineral, & Sport sunscreens (all 4hr water resistant) and Insect Repellent sunscreen (2hr water resistant)
- From Hamilton: Everyday Face (Not water resistant), Sensitive lotion* or cream* (4hr), Toddler (4hr) and Quadblock lotion & cream (both 4hr). *(But Quadblock stick contains BMDM)*
- From Banana Boat: several products including Sensitive (4hr)
- From Coles: Sensitive (only) (up to 4hr water resistant)

BMDM-free moisturisers with SPF 30+ include:
- Ego QV Face Moisturising Day Cream*
- Ego QV Man Moisturise*

Note: There is broad-spectrum Australian Standard SPF 30+ sunscreen available for student use both at the General Office and the PE Department. The product is Ultraprotect (new, improved formula), with active ingredients octyl methoxycinnamate (7.5%) and zinc oxide (non-nano) (7.5%) and preservatives: phenoxyethanol, benzyl alcohol, hydroxybenzoates.

*We thank you for your support. Contact Ms Jocelyn Hill if you have any questions 9 488 2300

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE (EMA) - SEM 1, 2011.**

Applications must be lodged at the School by MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY. The Department of Education, Employment & Training has instructed that late applications will not be accepted.

Letters and application forms will be mailed to all families this week, if you fail to receive this information, forms can be collected from the General Office.

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FORM HAS BEEN LODGED WITH THE OFFICE.

Teena Pavlatos (aka Ms Pav)

Student Support Services Co-ordinator
2011 Swimming carnival

2011 School Swimming Carnival
This is held on Monday Feb 21
Attendance is compulsory for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The event “Program” is also included in this Newsletter on the next page.

1. The carnival is held at Northcote Pool in Victoria Rd Northcote
2. It costs $12.50 if you meet at the pool at 9.15 or $12.50 if you meet at the school gym at 9.00 am and go from school at 9.15am by hired buses. The cost is evened out to make it affordable for everyone coming.
3. Individually named permission forms will be handed out to all Year 7-10 students. Any student who requires a new form must get a new personalized form printed off from the general office. Permission forms must be returned to the general office with the money in the two weeks before the Carnival – Monday 7th – Thursday 17th February
4. All parents/carers are most welcome to attend.
5. Roll call is at 9.15 – 9.30 outside the pool on large boards. After you get your name marked off – just head into the pool via the large side gates
6. In all events you just turn up and enter on the day. Events include:
   * Novelty events are held in a shallow pool (1 metre deep) from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 pm. These include Kickboard race, Wading race, House Table tennis ball collection and a new House water polo competition.
   * A 100m swim and 1200m run Biathlon will be held at 1.20pm
   * Bombing held at the deep end of the main pool at 1.20 pm
   * Diving held at the deep end of the main pool at 1.20 pm.
   * Traditional swimming events are held in the main pool from 10.00 am to 1.20 pm.
   * Students versus the teachers Freestyle Relay races held at 2.00 pm
7. You must dress in loose, baggy clothing preferably in house colours. Sport captains are helping to run the houses and selecting the three best dressed students in their house. The best three students across the 4 Houses can also win prizes.
8. Sunscreen, regularly through the day. No bare chests - all day. SUNBURN can be a problem.
9. Wearing a hat and sunglasses is highly recommended. Bring a drink bottle and food. The canteen will be open.
10. You can win a new Northcote High place ribbon in all events.
11. At the end of the day house points will be added up and the results announced. Houses are used for all students attending. Year 7-12 students can view their house placement in the gym office.
12. At 2.20 we will have a major clean up then all students have to leave the Northcote Pool Site. Buses back to school leave at 2.30. Back at school by 3.00pm
13. Students walking home or being picked up can leave from the pool at 2.30 - 2.40 p. m.

Mr. Price, Ms Young

Da Shan’s Sports News

Mr Price and Ms Young coordinate Sport at Northcote High School. We are both located in the Gym Office. In 2010 we had over 80 teams compete for the school with 12 teams making state finals. 2011 is an exciting year with the continued use of our new Multi Purpose and storeroom attached to the gymnasium and a new Physical Education teacher Ms. Katherine Littlewood joining our team. Meeting and seeing what sporting likes and abilities our new Year 7 students have is always a lot of fun for our Sport teachers and Sporting Captains who help coach and offer new opportunities for all of our new and established students. Term 1, 2011 starts off with Year 7-12 District Cricket from 18th Feb – 9th March and a Swimming Carnival which is held at Northcote Pool all day on Monday 21st Feb. Our Year 7 students will also attend an introduction to swimming on Monday 14th Feb. This will take place during normal Sport Education class time. Our local group of schools who we compete against in 2011 will include Reservoir, Mill Park, Thornbury, William Ruthven, Preston Girls and a new school in St. Johns Orthodox. Term 1 Sports we compete in include Swimming, Cricket, Volleyball, Softball, Baseball and Tennis. More news and dates will follow in the next newsletter.
Students or parents can visit or ring Mr. Price or Ms.Young if they have any queries

Mr Price (Da Shan)
## MAIN POOL EVENTS

All events start with Years 9-12, 8 then 7.

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No finals. Times used to select a school team

| 10.30       | 9 - 12       | Boys 100m Freestyle       | 1.00        | 9 - 12       | Girls/Boys 100M Backstroke|
|             | 9 - 12       | Girls 100m Freestyle      |             | 9 - 12       | Girls/Boys 100M Backstroke|
| 8           | 100m Freestyle|                            | 8           | Girls/Boys   | Girls/Boys 100M Backstroke|
| 8           | Girls 100m   |                             | 7           | Girls/Boys   | Girls/Boys 100M Backstroke|
| 7           | Boys 100m    |                             | 1.20        | 7 – 12       | BIATHLON                  |

| 11.00       | 9 - 12       | Boys 50m Breastroke       | 1.20        | 7           | Girls/Boys Bombing/Diving|
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| 8           | Girls 50m    |                             | 7           | Girls/Boys   | Girls/Boys Bombing/Diving|
| 7           | Boys 50m     |                             | 2.00        | 7-12         | Staff versus students Relay. Any group of students can challenge the teachers|
| 7           | Girls 50m    |                             |             |              |                           |

| 11.30       | 9 - 12       | Boys/Girls 100m Breastroke|             |              |                           |

## NOVELTY POOL EVENTS

All events begin with Year 9-12, 8 and then 7

| 8           | Boys/Girls 100m Breastroke| 10.00am       | Wading Races|
| 7           | Boys/Girls 100m Breastroke| 10.30         | Kick board races|
| 12.00       | 9 - 12       | 50 M Boys Butterfly       | 11.00       | Table tennis ball collection|
|             | 50 M Girls Butterfly | 11.00        | Table tennis ball collection|
| 8           | 50 M Boys Butterfly | 11.30 – 12.30 | House water polo competition|
| 8           | 50 M Girls Butterfly | 12.30 – 1.30 | Free time|
| 7           | 50 M Boys Butterfly | 12.20        | Clean Up - Announce Results|
| 7           | 50 M Girls Butterfly | 2.30         | Dismissal Bus Departures|
| 12.20       | 7-12         | 100 M Boys Butterfly      | 2.10 – 2.20 | Clean Up - Announce Results|
| 7-12        | 100 M Girls Butterfly | 2.30         | Dismissal Bus Departures|
Community Notices

**ARE YOU STUDYING VCE SUBJECTS IN 2011?**
Are you looking for a tutor to help you get the best results you can? My name is Sean Gilmartin. After graduating from Northcote High School in 2008 I am currently studying Chemical Engineering at The University of Melbourne. I have two years experience successfully tutoring VCE students in all Maths subjects, Chemistry, English, ESL and International Studies. I am available for tutoring throughout the school year.

Call or text me on 0438 702 549 or email me at seangilmartin@y7mail.com

**Yarra Jets Football (soccer) club** are community based, run by committee providing friendly player experiences in a competitive team environment. Our home grounds are based in Clifton Hill. We are seeking a few more players for junior teams from U10/11 to U18 boys and girls mostly from the cities of Yarra and Darebin. We are recruiting for new U10 boys, U10/11 girls teams. We also have a few places available in U12-14 Girls, U13 boys, U14 boys, U15 and U16 boys. We also have two senior men’s and women’s teams offering a pathway for junior players. If you are interested, please contact Nick on 0430 164 417 or email to yarrajets@gmail.com

**School Notices**

**Literacy and Numeracy Assessments for Students in Year 7 and 8**
During the next two weeks, all students in Years 7 and 8 will be completing on-line literacy and numeracy assessments. The assessments will be completed during regular class time under normal teacher supervision and will assist in further supporting and extending our students.

For more information, please contact:
Mr. Paul Mameghan  Ms. Rosalie Maidment

**LOST PROPERTY.**
Lost property will be opened Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtime from 12.45 – 1.00pm. It is located in the main building between rooms 1 & 2.

Students who did not clear out their lockers at the end of last year may collect their belongings from lost property. They have a week to claim it and if not, will be put into school resources or taken to the op shop.

Please ensure that all uniforms and equipment are clearly named as it is much easier and quicker to return to the student. Ms Ritchie

**Headphones and Trams DON’T MIX!!!!**

Yarra Trams have again pointed out the dangers of student pedestrians and cyclists wearing headphones! You can’t hear the tram coming!!!!

Please make sure you do not block your ears when riding home or crossing roads and tram tracks!

Parents are asked to discuss this matter with their children. Yarra Trams

**Key Contacts 2011**

At this time of the year, there are always a number of questions. We are here to support you. Some of your key contacts are:

| Yr 7 Coordinators – Mr Nhan Do, Ms Sarah Emmanuel | 9488 2343    |
| Yr 8 Coordinators – Mr Geoff Thomas, Ms Ingrid Mibus | 9488 2320    |
| Yr 9 Coordinators – Ms Jody Neilson, Ms Elisabeth Lenthall | 9488 2382    |

**Head of Middle Years (Years 7-9) – Ms Jeannie Jameson** 9488 2398

| Yr 10 Coordinators – Mr Martin Ramsay, Ms Christine Martin | 9488 2327    |
| Yr 11 Coordinators – Mr David Norman, Ms Sarah Green | 9488 2386    |
| Yr 12 Coordinators – Ms Ms Megan Rolls, Ms Adele Fattore | 9488 2312    |

**Assistant Principal**

| 7/8 Mr Murphy 9488 2342    |
| 9/10 Mr Hoole 9488 2328    |
| 11/12 Ms Hill 9488 2314    |