### 2016 DIARY DATES

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### COPING WITH THE STRESS OF VCE

(Jules Haddock presenter)
For Students, Parents and Teachers
7pm to 9pm

**Wednesday, 20th April, 2016**
Berkeley Lodge
258 Pakington St, GEELONG WEST
$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS

**Wednesday, 27th April, 2016**
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
Cnr Bell & St Georges Rd, PRESTON
$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS

**Wednesday, 11th May, 2016**
The Tudor
1101 Whitehorse Rd, BOX HILL
$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS
Secure your place!
Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your name, venue and number of tickets required.
Collect and pay for tickets on the night.

**Year 12 VCE Preparation Lectures** $40
(For VCE Students)
**Sunday, 20th March, 2016**
Deakin University
Burwood and Waurun Ponds (Geelong)
These Year 12 preparation lectures are designed to enable students to enhance a selection of important skills in each subject, to promote a high level of success in both the ongoing assessment tasks and the important end-of-year examinations.

**Deakin University (Burwood Campus)**
**ENGLISH:** 9.00am-11.30am (Lecturer: Ross Huggard)
**MATHS METHODS:** 1.00pm-3.30pm (Lecturer: Craig Browne)
**FURTHER MATHS:** 3.35pm-6.05pm (Lecturer: Craig Browne)

**Deakin University (Geelong - Waurun Ponds Campus)**
**MATHS METHODS:** 9am-11.30am (Lecturer: Craig Browne)
**ENGLISH:** 1.30pm-4.00pm (Lecturer: Ross Huggard)

NB: FURTHER MATHS only offered in Burwood
NEW REPORT FORMAT IN 2016
Welcome to a new way of reporting for Ballarat High School. The changes you will see are part of a long term project to improve the quality and frequency of the communications we deliver to parents. The main change we are implementing is the move towards continuous reporting. In 2016, all subjects will provide feedback at least three times a semester. This feedback is available in the form of ongoing results, assessed directly against the learning tasks performed at the School. These will be published in the Edumate Parent Portal on an ongoing basis as tasks are completed. If you are not already familiar with the Edumate Parent Portal, please refer to the instructions below.

We recommend that parents log into the portal at least once per week, to review their child’s progress. We will send out email communications from time to time, including Semester Reports that provide a summary of results. However, there will always be more detailed and timely information available on the portal. We hope that this new model of reporting creates new opportunities to start conversations with your child/children about their learning, which are better informed and more effective.

HOW TO ACCESS THE PARENT PORTAL
The Parent Portal is now the most accurate and up to date source of information about your child’s attendance and results. If you do not have a parent login to access the parent portal, you need to have provided the school with a secure email address. Please contact the General Office on 5338 9000 if you need to update this address.

This email account can be used to reset your password and access information about your child, so please ensure that no one else is able to send or receive emails from the email address you provide. From the email account you have registered with the school, you need to send an email to support@ballaraths.net with the following information:  
Your Name  
Child Name/s  
Home Address (used along with your email address for verification)  

We will reply with a login and password ASAP – may be a few days in very busy periods. Once you have a login, you can access the portal from the Ballarat High School website at any time www.ballaraths.vic.gov.au

Click on the Parents tab at the top of the page, then select the Edumate Parent Portal. You can either launch the portal or download and review the parent user guide from this link (recommended).

Steve Pompe  
Assessment & Reporting Leader
Year 7 English Humanities
Students in Year 7 have been completing autobiographies for the Growing Up & Discovering Myself Unit and learning about civics and citizenship.

Just a reminder that each student is required to have a folder specifically for English/Humanities. The folder should contain: * loose leaf paper, * a lined book to write in, * plastic pockets.

Each Year 7 student should also have a copy of the Skillworks 1 Student Book. Students are required to complete a worksheet from this book for homework every week.

The pictures below show students in 7F presenting their special boxes from the Growing Up & Discovering Myself Unit.

The Year 7 English Humanities team

NEW OFFER: Start now. Funds available January 2017

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM ANNOUNCEMENTS
It is important that teachers and students are able to concentrate during class times; therefore Ballarat High School has a policy of making no Public Address System announcements during class time.

Only in the event of an emergency (or practice drill) – evacuation or lock down – will sirens be sounded. PA announcements can be made before school, during recess, lunchtime and after school.

We ask that parents support us with these efforts to maximise student learning.
What's been happening in Humanities?

Unit 3 Legal Studies
On 24th February, the two Unit 3 Legal Studies classes were fortunate to have Nick Gadd, Communications Manager at the Victorian Law Reform Commission (VLRC), attend the school as a guest speaker. His presentation covered general information about the VLRC's function and processes. The VLRC is an independent, government-funded organisation that develops, reviews and recommends reform of Victoria's laws. The students were encouraged to consider the reasons why laws may need to be changed and were able to ask Nick questions about the commission. We also looked at a medicinal cannabis case study together, and the role of the VLRC in recommending reform in this area. We found the session to be very informative and useful, particularly as the role of the VLRC is such a tricky part of the course.

Premier’s Spirit of Anzac Prize
The 2016-17 competition is now open! Any Year 9 or 10 student currently enrolled in a Victorian Government, Catholic or Independent School can enter. 22 students will have the opportunity to participate in an overseas study tour to Lemnos, Gallipoli and the Western Front. In addition, regional finalists will tour a significant Australian location and will be invited to attend lunch with the Premier of Victoria. ENTRIES CLOSE Friday, 23rd September, 2016. To enter this competition, students are required to submit an entry on one of two topics. Entries can be in ONE of many formats, including an essay of up to 1000 words, a poem or short story, an audio or video presentation (maximum 10 minutes), musical composition, web page or artwork. Non-essay entries require a supporting statement of up to 500 words. Speak to your Humanities teacher or Mr Richardson if you are interested.

The Simpson Prize
The Simpson Prize is a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students. One winner and one runner-up from each state and territory will attend a briefing program in Canberra in early 2017. In an opportunity of a lifetime, the winning students of the 2017 Simpson Prize then travel to Turkey for a twelve-day exploration of Istanbul and Gallipoli, and take part in the commemorative ANZAC Day ceremonies at various sites on the Peninsula. ENTRIES CLOSE Friday, 11th November, 2016. All students need to do is respond to the question: “The experience of Australian soldiers on the Western Front in 1916 has been largely overlooked in accounts of World War One’. To what extent would you argue that battles such as Fromelles and Pozières should feature more prominently in accounts of World War One?” Students may either write an essay of 1200 to 1500 words or prepare an audio visual presentation of not more than 10 minutes (accompanied by an explanation of up to 400 words). Speak to your Humanities teacher or Mr Richardson if you are interested.

Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans Competition
This is a one-off competition that is open to all Australian Secondary School students who are in Years 9 and 10 during 2015 (Years 10 and 11 in 2016). Unfortunately we can only enter the best individual student entry, as there is a limit of one entry per school. However, we will provide any student who enters at the school level, with a prize. Entries must be submitted by a teacher, with the Principal's authorisation. ENTRIES CLOSE Friday, 8th April, 2016. To enter this competition, students are required to provide a written, multimedia or creative response to the following: “1. Research any two individuals or groups who served in the Vietnam War (eg. RAR, RAN, RAAF, medical, dog handlers, SAS, engineers). What was their role and contribution? 2. Why is it important to honour their service and remember this part of Australia’s wartime history?” The entry formats are a written response, multimedia response or creative response. Speak to your Humanities teacher or Mr Richardson if you are interested.