

Harvester Technical College

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2015

It's a Wrap for the Graduates of 2015!

Year 12 students at Harvester enjoyed an eventful night of celebrations on Thursday 12th as they wrapped up their year with a grand graduation ceremony.

With students receiving an array of accolades including: *Student of the Year* going to Engineering Student Thomas Laus as well as *Student of the Year Runner Up* going to Matthew Suwito.

As the evening progressed, staff, students and families gathered as college Principal Amanda Patmore opened the night's ceremony with warm words of welcome and a heart felt reflection of the year and Mark Natoli the Assistant Principal proceeded to host the official awards for the evening.

Sunshine College Principal Tim Blunt also in attendance to celebrate graduating

Mini Olympics Results 2015

The *Mini Olympics* was an eventful day on Friday the 30th of October as students grouped together to compete in their 4 respective teams: *Red, Blue, Green and Yellow*.

With students competing in Down Ball, Soccer, Basketball and Ping Pong the day was an exciting outcome.

students.

It's been an exciting year at Harvester throughout 2015 and what a great way to wrap up graduation.



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Principal's Report



To our great delight, we gathered together last week to celebrate another successful year at Harvester Technical College. Much has been achieved during 2015. The College has been as busy as ever managing the changing seasons of work, the learning journeys of both students and also staff and maintaining our strong relationships with our families, and the social and working communities who support us.

We celebrate not just the academic growth of our students but also the continued growth of our college as a unique provider of high quality integrated Senior Secondary and pre-apprenticeship vocational certificates. It is wonderful to celebrate both the academic and personal growth of our students and to witness their progress towards a successful transition from school to work.

One of our best assets in growing confident young people is the relationship between students, their families and support people and our teachers. Harvester staff pride themselves in prioritising nurturing the quality of these relationships.

My theme at this year's Awards and Graduation Ceremony was to reflect on how our graduates will make the transition from a positive school culture to learning how to manage different workplace cultures throughout their careers.

TRANSITIONING FROM SCHOOL CULTURE TO WORKPLACE CULTURE:

I invited the students to reflect on some important questions as they finish up with us:

- How would the world describe you as an individual?
- How would the world describe you as a team member?
- What will your workplace trademark/signature be and how will you learn the 'right way' to perform in your role as a worker?
- Will you be known as having:
 - Great work ethic,
 - Attention to detail,
 - Punctuality,
 - Strength,
 - Greatness with numbers
 - Greatness with paperwork
 - Workplace Clown,

Graduation events offer the opportunity for the essential triangle of students/families (and/or support people) and College staff, if we have all done our part well, should feel confident to send the graduates on the next step of their journey into the world of work and or further study.

They should now know how to recognise the right ways:

- Use the skills and knowledge you have learned
- To communicate
- To dress
- To act
- To continue to learn
- To be respected and
- To respect others

Can I take this opportunity to thank all students and families for their part in the College community and now its history and for making us want to work at our very best to best prepare them for their lives beyond school.

Thanks also to all the community and industry partners who have assisted us with out of school learning environments to extend the skills and experiences of the Harvester students and staff.

Although we still have work to do, finally can I acknowledge the amazing efforts of the Harvester staff. In each and every role, the organisation is only as strong as the efforts of each team member in their role. Based on clear goals and strong teamwork, the College is growing from strength to strength in all aspects of its operations.

As always, we look forward to graduates returning with tales of their lives after HTC and for those returning for 2016, we wish you and your families a great summer break.

Amanda Patmore,

College Principal

Engineering Students Lend a Helping Hand

What a fantastic way for the WRS / PDS Engineering students to finish off yet another successful year at Harvester. It was all hands on deck as this energetic class grouped together to complete the very last project in 2015 for the entire school. The task was certainly rewarding and exciting as was the non-stop "tradie like" banter that was full of fun and laughter. The pride and joy of the school being the two original Sunshine Harvester machines which you'll see displayed proudly at the front

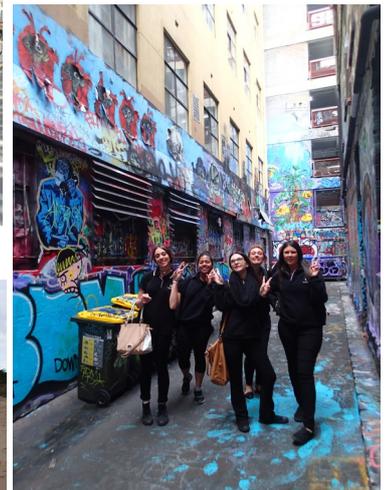
of the school, have now been beautified and rightfully highlighted. Next year after the summer heat several Australian native plants will also be added to really pay tribute to these icons of Sunshine. These students pictured toiled right up until 3pm and didn't want to go home, which to their awesome credit was many hours after the rest of the school was officially dismissed. There were even offers to come back next week for some little touch up's.

What a great group of students, I've said it all year that the Engineering class of 2015 is always operating at an exceptionally high level. Completing this project and having something the students can say they did and sign their names off too, will be the makings of greater achievements to come. Well done guys!

*Bradley Cook
Workshop/PDS Teacher*



Literacy students visit the State Library



Literacy students visit graffiti lane

Highlights of 2015 at Harvester

With the year coming to a rapid end, it's always nice to reflect and look back at all the various events and outings students have engaged in.

With Carpentry students having visited Kinglake for a 3 day camp; Foundation students venturing to the Grampians and Literacy students visiting the Arts Centre in Melbourne during 2015 there have been endless opportunities for students at Harvester to develop a broader perspective on the opportunities that exist in the broader community for

not only future employment but also for personal growth.

Sporting excursions at Harvester are often a huge highlight for students also as they allow students the unique opportunity to traverse new territory outside of the classroom. With Bounce being a popular highlight as well as ice hockey, students can thank PE teacher Anthony Raffoul for organizing such exciting experiences.

Overall, 2015 has been a year filled with fun and excitement and all staff should be very proud of their contributions.



Fast Trackers visit Apollo Bay for 3 days



Carpentry students visit Kinglake for a 3 day camp

College Leadership Proud of Student Achievements in 2015



“It was a nice way to wrap up the year and farewell our graduating students.”

Nick Maxwell

Technology Teacher



Farewell from Departing Staff Member

“I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all staff and students for my past 2 and a half years at HTC.

With my teaching contract nearing completion at Harvester, an opportunity has come in 2016 for me to broaden my technology and physical education skills at Epping Secondary College.

Without doubt I have made many life long friends,

experienced countless funny moments and certainly expanded my teaching knowledge. It is very difficult for me to say farewell to so many great people I've shared quality time with.

kindest regards, and keep being your very best!”

Bradley Cooke



Bradley Cook assisting student Thomas Laus in the Workshop

Awards Night Accolades

Congratulations to the students who received an award at the 2015 Harvester Awards & Graduation Ceremony.

With teachers debating vehemently over who was most deserving of each individual award, the final decisions reached were based on merit and sheer commitment to hard work.

If you were one of the lucky students presented with an award you should be incredibly proud of your achievements this year.

All staff at Harvester were extremely gratified by the experience and are proud to see students truly progressing in their learning here at Harvester.



Principal Amanda Patmore welcomes guests to the 2015 Awards & Graduation Night



Luke Cave: Foundation Excellence Award



Thazin Soe: General Senior Excellence Award



“Many students have really excelled themselves this year at Harvester, so it was a really rewarding experience watching them receive their awards and be recognized for their efforts.”

Kristy Simmons

& Foundation Sports Award



Aydin Hassin: Most Improved Award Fast Track



John Messina: Excellence Award Fast Track



Blake Chakley: Most Improved Award Carpentry



Jared Miller: Excellence Award Carpentry



Students listen to guest speaker Abdi Aden as he puts what it means to achieve into perspective. His experiences as a refugee and as a youth worker have had a profound impact on who is today and we are grateful to have had him share his story with the Harvester community.



Literacy Story of the Month by Long Nguyen

Schooling at Harvester: A Fast Track Perspective



During my 6 years at High School my last 2 years were spent at Harvester. Although at first I missed my old school, Harvester turned out to be one of the greatest memories of my life. Walking pass certain places almost feels nostalgic. That's the kind of memories I get at Harvester. This is a little word piece I've written that goes over the time I spent here. To start I'll explain what Harvester is in general.

Formally known as Harvester Technical College, Harvester is a great school and when it comes to trades, it is probably the best school. Harvester is not a Tafe school; it's a real high school. Harvester was made to give kids who want to slowly move into the trade environment an opportunity to do so, allowing them to obtain their certificates while also still being in high school. Here at Harvester, we have state-of-the-art facilities for each trade that is on offer. It's a very laid back environment with a very nice atmosphere and everyone is treated the same. The people here are also great. There's a huge variety of personalities here and everyone is so easy going. Even in the classroom we have a blast.

The big thing that puts kids off at other schools most of the time are the teachers, stuck up people that don't let you have a say, that think they're right all the time and pretend they care. I'm not saying all the teachers at normal high schools are like that but there's quite a hand full in every school. However you don't get that at Harvester, the teachers care about what you have been through, they really want you to do what you love. You can be here for one thing, change your mind and they will give you the support and guidance you need. Unlike at other schools where they really exaggerate VCE and talk as if you can't do anything afterwards, if you don't do well in VCE and for your ATAR you feel like you have no future.

The teachers here also make your time at Harvester a fun and memorable one, when I say laid back, I don't mean you come to class, put your legs up and do nothing. You can be comfortable and express yourself. You can talk to them like you would talk to anyone else. You really feel comfortable and have heaps of fun when you come to Harvester, it's great.

I believe the main reason you should come to Harvester is because, it's concentrated. You aren't thrown in a bunch of subjects that are irrelevant to your future career because you want to get a high ATAR. High ATARs

don't necessarily mean you'll be successful, it just means you have a higher chance of getting into the course you want. Classes aren't so hard, so you can have heaps of spare time after school to do other things like, work, sports and hang out with friends.

Reasons you may not want to come here is, the school in my opinion only puts out money for trade things, that's what I think. The other facilities we have aren't that great in fact we share some of our facilities with the school next to us and use some of theirs but to be honest. I don't really mind and plus, the school isn't for sports and such, it's for trades. Sports is just on the side to keep our wellbeing up.

The best memory I have here at Harvester was making second round basketball, that was my first time ever and not only that we won our grudge match with Braybrook. Also making the RSCPA projects was so awesome, I remember going out everyday and, I don't know, we all had a good time. Going past the place we did our projects sometimes is just nostalgic, mainly because all those people who were in my class last year are gone now. Last but not least every carpentry class was pretty good, I'll always remember the time I had at Harvester and cherish it dearly.

Long Nguyen, Fast Track student 2015

Plumbing Literacy Update

Students in Plumbing Literacy this year should be extremely proud of themselves.

At the beginning of the year most students in this class felt they were not great at English as they constantly expressed their concerns and anxieties about writing.

As time rolled on however, students began to really invest in their reading and writing skills and have demonstrated a massive improvement as a collective.

With the average exam result in this particular class sitting at 83% it's clear that when students

truly apply a bit of self-confidence, tenacity and hard work the potential for growth is massive.

Well done guys for truly applying yourselves to improving your overall English skills. As a class, you've shown that you are all very capable readers, writers, speakers and listeners. Well done!

Kami Gillick-Lewis

Literacy Teacher



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KEY NOVEMBER DATES

18th November Information Night

23rd-25th November Continuing Student Enrolment Day



Congratulations to the graduates of 2015

To all the graduating students of 2015, well done for committing yourselves to completing your year 12 Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning.

The journey completing your high school years isn't an easy one, but you've made it and you should be extremely proud of yourselves.

May the new year bring new experiences, new opportunities and new beginnings. Well done from the team at Harvester!

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Awards & Graduation of 2015

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