

Harvester Technical College

July Newsletter

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Mock Job Interviews Prepare Students for the Real World

Year 10 students are about to engage in a round of mock job interviews designed to test their skills in the real world!

With external professional service providers attending the 2 day long event, students will be assessed by a panel of potential employers on the quality of their employability skills.

The aim of the mock interviews project is to develop students' overall awareness of the processes involved in securing challenging employment in the trade industries as well as provide a range of authentic learning experiences in the realm of Work Related Skills.

With Dianne Micallef at the helm of the project, we hope the interviews prove to be a great success. For staff at Harvester, developing high quality curriculum content is paramount and this type of project is testament to the level of planning and commitment

that goes on behind the scenes to ensure students are given the best possible opportunities to develop their own professional identities in a range of professional contexts.

The mock interviews will be taking place on Tuesday July 19th and Wednesday July 20th and will take place in the college boardroom.

We invite all Foundation Year 10 students to dress professionally and prepare their resumes and cover letters in class to the best of their ability as this will be a great opportunity to truly experience the hiring and firing process that takes place in the real world.

Good luck to all involved, we look forward to finding out the results!



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Fast Track Students Shine Before they Depart

Harvester Technical College Fast Track students of 2016 finished their course with a bang as they proudly delivered a 15 minute oral presentation reflecting on their own individual journeys.

With some students truly stepping up to the mark and

delivering exceptional oral presentations such as Jacob Tonkinson & Daniella Cvetovic, the project showed just how capable our year 12 graduates are at delivering work of a high standard.

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Harvester Promotional Shoot for 2017 in Motion

A film crew recently captured the atmosphere at Harvester Technical College as they embarked on a 2 day promotional film shoot for 2016-17.

The aim of the shoot was to capture the breadth of the programs the school has to offer while also capturing an insight into the ways staff and students collaborate to produce high quality learning opportunities in a cutting edge trade educational setting.

As Harvester continues to expand and refine its programs, the college

invests a great deal in reaching out to the broader community through its marketing strategies to share the vision of its staff and students.

As the film crew meticulously set their audio and film equipment up over the 2 day shoot, Harvester staff members: Roger Wells, Kristy Simmons, Daniel Monigatti, Nick Maxwell, Janeden Rivers, Maryam Sulaiman, Tamara Zerafa & the college Principal-Amanda Patmore spoke with poise and eloquence as they reflected deeply upon their professional

experiences here at the college as well as the programs they help to shape and deliver.

A special thank you to those who volunteered their time to being part of the project and also to the film crew who worked tirelessly to capture the footage for this year.



Year 10 student Harry Rodgers being interviewed



Janeden Rivers



Maryam Sulaiman



Kristy Simmons



Nick Maxwell



Kami Gillick-Lewis



Tamara Zerafa



Daniel Monigatti

Fast Track Students Reflect on their Journeys Through Schooling

Fast Track students of 2016 recently delivered their 15 minute oral presentations for their subject: Skills for Further Study.

The project required students to design, develop and deliver a detailed and in-depth audio visual presentation showcasing their life experiences and schooling journeys.

As students found themselves challenged by the enormity of the task, they ultimately delivered a range of highly sophisticated and insightful oral presentations.

Well done to those who dressed formally and demonstrated a high level of maturity throughout their talks.

With July marking the end of the Fast Trackers' journey here at Harvester, the college is excited to see what the next step is for students moving into new careers and fields of study.

Congratulations to those who have already landed apprenticeships— Nathan Dent, Courtney Brooks and Jackson Roberts. And all the best to those embarking on their next adventure!

Kami Gillick-Lewis

Literacy Coordinator



Fast Track student Nathan Dent



Fast Track student Kayden Kronk



Fast Track student Jordan Willie



Fast Track student Daniel Linnell

Ballarat Special School Partnership Continues in 2016

As part of the PDS community engagement outcomes, this semester, Carpentry 1 students will be making weekly visits to the Ballarat Specialist School to engage in a 'buddy' program with a class there.

Each week, students will use class time to plan activities for their future visits and reflect on their past visits in order to make the most of each opportunity

Students will take ownership of the planning and create a comprehensive portfolio on their planning, executing and overall

experience, tying in to Literacy outcomes. The class has spent time learning about the school and a range of different disabilities in the lead up, and their first visit will take place on Wednesday the 20th of July!

More to come!

Kristy Simmons

PDS Coordinator



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—Kristy Simmons,

PDS Coordinator



VETiS 3-4 Cubby Project Underway



VETiS students work in progress for the 'Cubby Project'

VETiS 3-4 Carpentry Update:

Thursday afternoon VETiS Carpentry students have been working enthusiastically on their cubby house projects.

They have now completed the floor frames and wall framing components and are beginning work on the roof framing unit.

The use of trade quality materials has encouraged the students to complete work to a very high standard.

Currently there are 2 cubby houses being built simultaneously and one will go on display within the Harvester precinct to showcase to the public. This has created a little bit of healthy competition between the classes to see which team will have the honour of having their work on display.

Considering the cold and wet weather lately, students are working well and experiencing some of the authentic environmental conditions

that construction workers operate in in a number of Australian workplace settings. Ultimately, students are gaining a great understanding of what an apprenticeship in this field might feel like.

Scott Haselden

Technology & VETiS Teacher



VETiS students embarking on their 'Cubby Project'

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*–Nick Maxwell,
Technology Teacher*

Year 10 Workshop

Year 10 students have been working on their soldering skills this term. With Electronics and Plastics forming the next big project, students have embarked on a number of both practical and theoretical based tasks.

In the Electronics Unit, soldering skills have been the main focus for

skills development as students learn to develop strong hand-eye coordination skills as well as an awareness of materials.

At the end of the year students will complete a project that will combine all skills learnt in all areas including: woods, plastics and electronics. With a

strong focus on integrating interdisciplinary knowledge such as numeracy skills, literacy skills as well as workshop theory and practical skills combined, the final project should reflect a high level of higher order thinking as students move into more complex cognitive thinking.

Nick Maxwell,

Technology Teacher

Electrical News: Student Alek Maravic's Success Story Letter

"Hello Roger,

I have the best of news! After a few months of searching and stressing for an apprenticeship I have successfully been employed by no other than NECA! Under the most bizarre circumstances really.

I stuffed my car up around early December and have had to wait 2-3 months for the job to be done. In the mean time I was applying for Electrical Apprenticeships. Downer declined, however I managed to get a call from Matthew Natsis one morning and he invited me for an interview.

I attended the interview and from a personal perspective I walked out of the interview room feeling quite delighted that I managed to show a good amount of confidence and character that almost instantly sold me to Matt and Stacey that afternoon. About a week later I got a call from Stacey and she had arranged for me to attend another interview with another Electrical Company, Stowe. I then attended the Stowe interview and didn't quite feel the confidence that I did when I walked into the NECA interview. There were three men and they approached the interview in a very unorthodox kind of way.

...Today I went for my induction at the NECA campus in Carlton North where I was greeted by Matthew himself. Matthew ran over the basics regarding the course, we filled our paperwork out, we ran over a lot of OHS rules and procedures. We discussed how our apprenticeship would operate further, our pay and benefits, the works. I have received my uniform with all my PPE included which was extremely exciting.

...So, that was my journey since I have left school and I can't be thankful enough that you provided us with such a helpful course. I know you had to really push me as well as the others and you got us all through in the end.

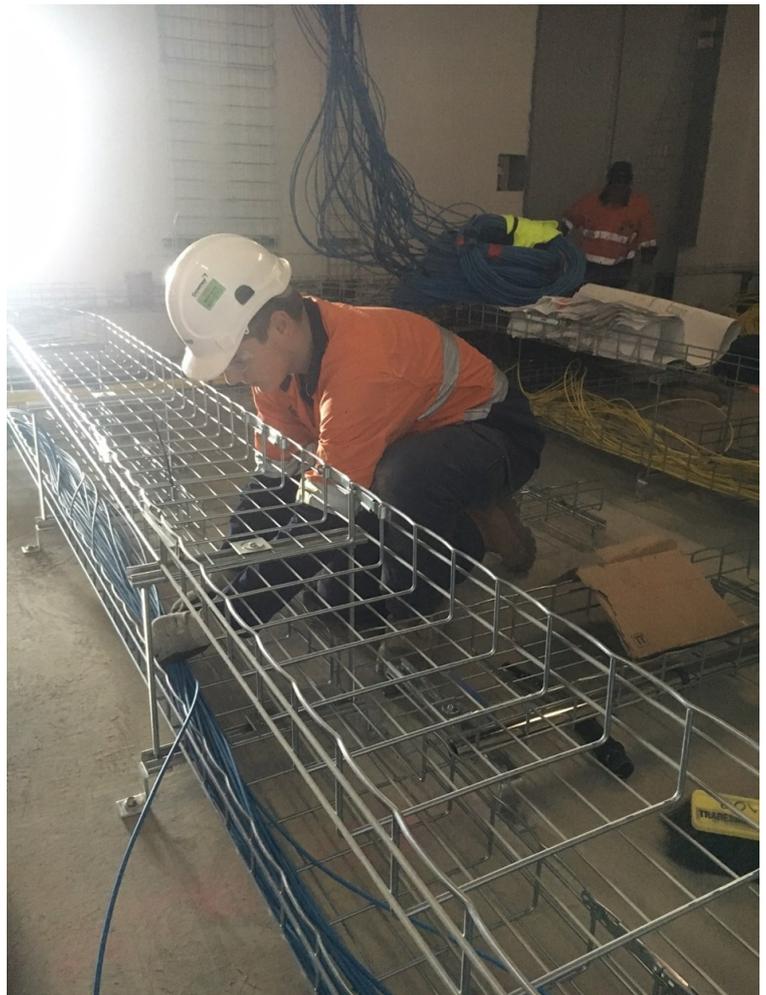
Hopefully you have given us all the opportunity to become future electricians that will carry out work for decades to come. Just thought you would be interested to know the story and how it was that I came to this amazing opportunity. Thank you so much again and I will send you an update of my progress every now and then when I get the chance.

Kind Regards,

Alek Maravic"

"It's very rewarding watching students progress and pave their own way into the Electrical field."

Electro-Tech Teacher Roger Wells



Harvester Technical College graduate
-Alek Maravic.

Numeracy Students Spaghetti Bridge Challenge

Foundation Numeracy students recently showcased their spaghetti bridge challenge to college leadership to demonstrate their understanding of a range of Numeracy outcomes.

As students worked in groups to design, develop and build their bridges the project encouraged students to experiment with

weight and height dimensions as well as aesthetics. Students were judged on strength and aesthetics the task required students to work in pairs and construct their bridges using glue and spaghetti only. Bridges were judged under the following guidelines: maximum weight of 100g; maximum height of 400mm & minimum of 200mm & length a minimum of 170mm

with a maximum of 250mm. Congratulations to the winners: Mitchell Brown & Ethan Attard for aesthetics & Caleb Rayment & Dylan Anastasiou for strength.

A solid effort put in by all, well done!

Tamara Zerafa

Numeracy Teacher



Waubera Wind Farm Field Trip

Integrated Electro Technology visited the Waubra Wind Farm out past Ballarat on the 15th July on a fairly wet and miserable day.

The wind wasn't blowing hard enough at 4 metres per second for the wind farm to be operating at full efficiency. At an air temperature of 11 degrees, it still did feel pretty cold. Many of the wind turbines were still as they were in their maintenance cycle, but

there were a few turning.

Two days earlier, much of the area had a cover of snow and with the air temperature at 4 degrees and wind moving at 11 metres per second, the wind chill was approximately -10 degrees Celsius!!

Students were given a guided tour of the control centre by Leigh who spoke at length about the wind farm, alternative energy and the role played in

Australia by Spanish parent company Acciona and the Waubra wind farm site. Leigh leant a strong OH&S focus to her presentation and displayed and discussed a variety of technologies used at the wind farm. To conclude, the group visited and had a direct encounter with a monstrous wind turbine!!

Terry Coombs

Lit/WRS/PDS Teacher



Calendar of Events

July 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4 <i>Curriculum Day</i>	5 <i>1st Day of Term 3</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <i>2016 Info Session</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Carpentry News

Carpentry 2 Literacy students have been researching high profile union disputes that have occurred throughout Australian history.

With some students exploring the likes of Peter Lalor and his involvement in the Eureka Stockade, the project is enabling

students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of historical facts as well as refine their overall research and writing skills.

In the Workshop, Carpentry 1 & 2 students are hard at work on their bungalow projects.

Students have moved from using basic hand tools to mastering the art of using power tools out on site.

As students continue to work in teams to assemble their bungalows, the final product will resemble an

industry standard construction project.

Keep up the great work Carpentry students!

Paul McLay,

Carpentry Teacher

Sports News

School Sport

On Friday, 15th July, students from Harvester Technical represented the College in a School Sport Victoria Inter School Basketball Tournament, and for the first time, we had the talent to field both a Senior and Foundation team.

The Senior Team got off to a great start by winning a hard fought and close contest against Sunshine College. Trailing 6-12 at the half time break, the boys came out and got their running game going, eventually clawing back the deficit to record a stirring victory. The second game started off in the same fashion, with our boys slow out of the blocks.

Staring at another big margin at the half time break, our boys responded in the second half and by the end of the game, the scores were level. We recorded the first drawn game for the day.

The final game saw our boys lead from the start and record a comfortable 9 point win. Although having gone through the tournament without dropping a game, our boys didn't make the final as it was based on score averages. To make the final, we needed to win the last game by 39 points, and although our boys were disappointed with this, they should be very proud of their performances throughout the day.

The Foundation team also performed well on the day, recording a victory from three games. They were competitive during all games and were

unlucky not to have recorded another win. They were well coached by Scott Haselden and should also be very pleased with their efforts.

Congratulations to the following students for their performance and for representing the school passionately and proudly:

Senior Team: Dylan Tran, Luke Cave, Alex Zissimou, Anguon Othu, Clay Van Sanvoort, James Jerome and Steven Anastasiou. Foundation Team: Mitchell Blackburn, Ryan Hunt, Joel Meaney, Tyson Cook, Johan Barnard, Cameron Spinner and Tamu Matthews.

Sport & Health

In Sport & Health classes, the students are currently playing Lacrosse, a sport that is foreign to most students, however, most students have grasped the concept quite quickly and are performing in high spirits.

Anthony Raffoul

Sport Coordinator



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