

Fast Track Students Present at the Sunshine Convention Centre

Graduating Fast Track year 12 students presented their final 15 minute oral presentations on June 15th at the Sunshine Convention Centre. Students spent weeks preparing their 30-slide PowerPoint presentations detailing their journey through schooling and their next steps into an array of different professional career paths.

As guests began to arrive a panel of teachers took their places to witness the culmination of a semester's worth of work. Students were required to plan, draft and deliver a 15 minute oral presentation that showcased a specific career path for their subject Skills for Further Study.

The level of professionalism and prestige this year's year 12 Fast Track students brought to the forefront of VCAL in 2017 was outstanding. Well done Fast Tackers! All the best in 2017.



The Fast Track class of 2017 congregate for the last time at the Sunshine Convention

Mayor Visits HTC

The Mayor of Brimbank City Council— Cr John Hedditch and a number of his councillors visited Harvester Technical College on June 1st to explore our state-of-the-art facilities that promote 21st Century learning here at the College.

As Tim Blunt (Sunshine College Principal), Robert Ward (School Council President) and Mark Natoli (Harvester Technical College Principal) toured the guests around the school, they were able to share some of the valuable and highly innovative equipment, tools and machinery that we use here at Harvester as part of our dynamic VET and VCAL programs. What a great opportunity it was to show our local representatives exactly what HTC is all about.



Tim Blunt & Mark Natoli welcome the Mayor into the HV McKay Building



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Principal's Report

June 2017

As we now approach the end of Term 2 and ultimately the end of Semester 1 all students and staff are busy finalising assessments and reports. Again, over the past month there have been many events worth celebrating and some positive initiatives happening from our student leadership group. In this issue, you will find some great success stories and events we are proud of.

End of Semester Assessments and Exams

As per correspondence distributed to families on Xuno we are currently approaching the end of our mid-year assessment period with all final assessment tasks and exams being completed. Whilst there is always an element of stress or nerves that starts to creep in for some students, overall our students can be proud that they have put in their best effort and show that they are willing and capable learners. Please take the time to recognise the effort your son or daughter has put into these assessment tasks.

Xuno Parent Portal

Increasingly, families have been using the Xuno Parent Portal to login and see student progress, attendance and communications from the school. Further to this, our mid-year reports will be available in the coming weeks on the portal, so parents are asked to login and check student progress. Soon, all communications including permission slips and letters will be made available on the portal for families to access. Additionally, parent teacher interview times are booked using this portal.

Student Leadership

Recently our Student Leadership Group have been selling chocolates and fundraising so that they can replace the student microwaves in the kitchen. Students regularly access a microwave and the leaders made the decision that they would like to raise money to fund the purchase of new microwaves for student use. Further to this, the students have been tasked with collecting and providing feedback on the current canteen offerings and make constructive suggestions as to how it can be improved.

Student Uniform Consultation

In the past week, using the Parent Portal the College distributed a consultation letter to families, students and staff asking for feedback and suggestions for the

revised student uniform. Students have so far done the most work selecting their preferred options. These options have now been presented to the community for consultation. The proposed uniform is on display at College reception, so please feel free to come and have a look and provide your feedback. It is anticipated that we will make a decision on the new uniform and associated roll out logistics in early Term 3.

Finally, on behalf of the College I hope you and your family have a restful and safe mid-year break. We look forward to seeing you again and working together in Term 3.

Mark Natoli

Principal



Principal Mark Natoli congratulating Fast Track student Kyle Borg

"...overall our students can be proud that they have put in their best effort and show that they are willing and capable learners."

Mark Natoli

Farewell to the Fast Track Students of 2017

As the accelerated Fast Track program comes to an end, Harvester Technical College would like to wish the graduating year 12's the best of luck in their pursuit of successful and rewarding careers.

It isn't an easy task completing 12 months of work in just 6 months, but this year's students really raised the bar in terms of the quality of work and the standards they set. Having completed units in 'Community Coaching'; units in 'Learning Styles' and 'Work Priorities' for Skills for Further Study as well as completing very detailed Literacy folios that encompassed myriad analytical thinking tasks and opinion based writing tasks. The Fast Track students this year demonstrated a clear willingness to succeed, and their performances truly reflected this.

As students prepared their final major assessments in public speaking, they were expected to deliver a 15 minute formal oral presentation to their peers. Although students were initially apprehensive and truly believed this task was too challenging for them, they ultimately delivered on the project. They were poised, well spoken and dedicated to getting the job done and the College staff members who attended the day had nothing but praise to offer at the closing of the event. Congratulations to all the Fast Track students who made it the end, your commitment shows future Fast Track students exactly what can be achieved in VCAL.



Graduating Fast Track students of 2017

Sliding Bevel Project

Foundation Workshop students have been hard at work producing their own sliding bevels. As the students continue to refine their use of basic hand tools in the workshop, they are learning to measure, size and cut metal for a range of purposes. Kristian Kovacevic produced the most exemplary sliding bevel and should be congratulated for his efforts.



Foundation Workshop students showcasing their sliding bevels

Fast Track Phillip Island Camp a Seaside Adventure

The Fast Track students of 2017 recently returned from a 3 day seaside camp to Phillip Island. Students enjoyed a jam packed itinerary full of stand-up paddle boarding, surfing, bike riding and touch rugby on the beach.

While the weather was somewhat chilly all students enjoyed 3 days of adventure and fun. A special thank you to the Fast Track Personal Development Skills teacher– Anthony Raffoul for organizing the event and for cooking the in-house cuisine.



College Assembly Celebrates Positive Achievements

The College hosted another whole-school assembly this month and a number of students were awarded certificates for their outstanding efforts. With attendance, sporting achievements of Foundation, Intermediate and Senior football being recognised and a Student of the Month Award being issued, it's clear students across the board have been succeeding. Rawiri Brass, Joel Meany and Ryu Imamura received the 'Attendance Awards'. Congratulations to all students who have contributed to the College's sporting success this month with inter-school sports and football.



Student Representative Council Launches a Fundraising Campaign

Student Representative Council members gathered this month to discuss ways to improve the College facilities for students at lunch time. After much discussion and deliberation students decided on a new fundraising initiative to raise funds through the sale of chocolates and a free dress days in order to purchase a new set of microwaves to be installed in the student kitchen area.

Students have successfully launched their campaign, and funds are accruing quickly. Well done to teachers and students who have been supporting the campaign by purchasing chocolates. We look forward to seeing what the next SRC meeting delivers!



DATTA Vic Conference Draws in a Crowd

The annual DAATA Vic Conference of 2017 drew quite a crowd the Harvester on May 12th and 13th as it celebrated 60, 000 Years of Australian Design and Technologies. As the event showcases some of Australia's most cutting edge design and innovation software in education, the event itself is a great opportunity for educators and designers alike to collaborate and network.

Keynote speakers– Jena Greenaway and Samantha Edwards-Vandenhoeck from Swinburne University's Marnoo Designing Futures Program shared their insights into 21st Century educational developments. The conference itself explored and celebrated the past, present and future of Australia's rich contribution to design and innovation. A special thank you to all Harvester Technical College staff who contributed to the success of the event as well as a huge thank you to key organiser– Laura Murphy from DATTA Vic.



DATTA Vic Conference 2017

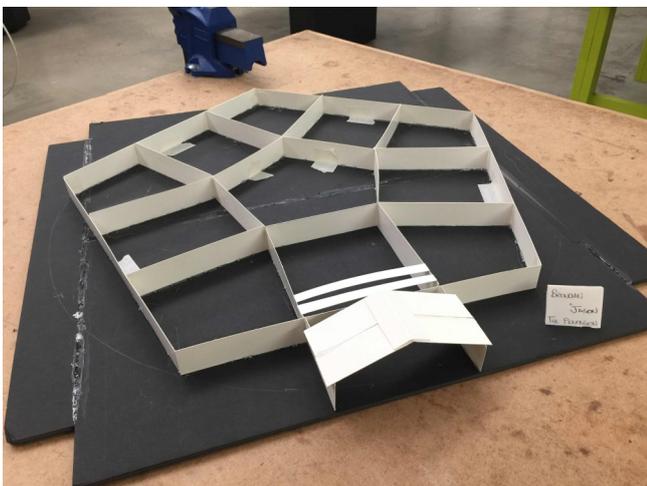


Laura Murphy from DATTA Vic

Numeracy News

Students have now finished their 'Design and Measurement' topics and are now moving onto 'Location'. Examples of 3D scaled models students have been building include 'The Pentagon' and 'The Parthenon' below. Students were able to select the scale they wished to build it at which meant defining the parameters of their conversions. For their 'Location' topic students are focusing on giving directions, calculating distance in terms of scale and measuring bearings and generally developing their skills in reading maps. Students can look forward to a City Dash excursion in the city in August to meet their location outcome.

Tamara Zerafa, Numeracy Teacher



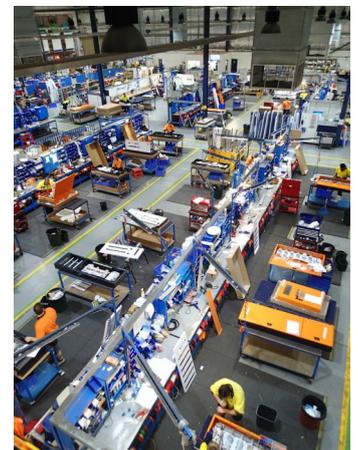
Literacy News: Electro-Technology Literacy Students Visit NHP

On what was near the shortest day of the year for daylight hours Electro Technology students visited the facilities at NHP in Laverton North. During this visit, students were provided with a briefing and presentation before viewing the production line area where workers were developing and building a range of devices used in the industry. NHP has a long history in developing quality solutions to the electro-technology industry and is proudly Australian owned and operated.

The visit to NHP was very informative providing opportunities for students to ask questions during the tour and to explore issues relating to the future of the industry as society moves toward more sustainable power generation methods.

Terry Coombs

Electro-Technology Literacy Teacher



*Student of the Month—
Connor Morgan*

Student of the Month

Congratulations to the recent winner of the 'Student of the Month Award' - Connor Morgan from Fast Track! Connor Morgan was chosen as the June recipient as teachers have commented on his exceptional ability to complete great work in all of his classes. Connor has also contributed to a range of extra-curricular tasks which is high commendable. Harvester's Student of the Month Award acknowledges the outstanding efforts of students in terms of their efforts in class, their attitude, their willingness to contribute to extra-curricular activities and their overall commitment to learning. Well done Connor and keep up the great work.

Sports News: Football

On Monday, 29th May 2017, the Foundation Harvester boys took part in an Inter-School AFL competition at Maribyrnong Park. The boys performed really well on the day and made the Grand Final against Taylors Lakes College but unfortunately we had to forfeit the game as we could not field a team on Friday 2nd June.

A big thanks to Nick Maxwell for coaching the boys so well on the day.

The results included:

Game 1

HTC 17 . 8 . 110 def Keilor Downs College 0.0.0

Game 2

HTC 6 . 7 . 43 def Copperfield Keilor Park 4 . 2 . 26

Game 3

HTC 7 . 6 . 48 def VUSC 2 . 3 . 15

Best players for the day include Michael Schembri, Callum Mawson, Jhye Stevens, Jesse Fletcher-Glass, Booker Johnstone, Jye Veith & Phillip Kantar

Anthony Raffoul,

Sports Team Leader



Key Calendar Dates

30th June: Last Day of Term 2

17th July: Curriculum Day (Student Free)

18th July: First Day of Term 3

21st July: Career Expo Yr 12

2nd August: Waubra Windfarm Excursion Electro

7th-18th August: Work Placement Block 2



HTC students competing in interschool-football

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FOR STUDENTS
COMMENCING IN 2018

Our Information Evenings will
be held on the following dates
throughout 2017:

Thursday 11TH MAY
Tuesday 13TH JUNE
Tuesday 25TH JULY
Tuesday 15TH AUGUST
Tuesday 17TH OCTOBER
Tuesday 21ST NOVEMBER

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to meet the Principal and teachers
and learn more about:

- ▶ Curriculum options and Career Pathways
- ▶ Policies regarding student wellbeing
- ▶ VCAL and VCE programs
- ▶ Scholarship opportunities
- ▶ Frequently asked questions about secondary education and student support

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