Principal's Message

Information on: celebrating NAIDOC week and the Global Experience Program cultural and service trips and student exchange

Assembly message – celebrating NAIDOC week

For our Term 3 Commencement service this week, attended by girls from Years 1-11, we thought about celebrations observed in all cultures. We considered the National Aboriginal & Islander Day of Celebration (NAIDOC) celebrations, held around Australia in the first week of July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The National NAIDOC theme for 2015 was: We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate.

I suggested three things the girls could do to learn more about the achievements of Australian Aboriginal and Islander people and promised links to information about these:


3. On Monday 6 July, Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten hosted a joint summit with representatives of Indigenous communities. The PM said that people will be invited later this year to have their say on constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians in community conferences.

Find out more about the national discussion taking place about reform to our Australian Constitution: Recognise Campaign – the website is a good place to start: [http://www.recognise.org.au/](http://www.recognise.org.au/).

Global Experience Program

Ravenswood’s Global Experience program has two facets. The first is our student exchange program with sister schools in Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, the UK and the USA. The second is a variety of trips for students for cultural understanding, service learning and curriculum-related purposes.

Over the term break, Ravenswood students participated in two trips with a cultural and service focus, to Fiji and Cambodia, and to the USA to learn more about Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The trips were a great success and I thank all staff and students involved.

We have started the term welcoming 17 girls from our sister schools who are residing with Ravenswood families. We hope that the experience is richly rewarding for each girl and her Ravenswood host family.

Ms Vicki Steer
Chaplain's Message

Welcome to a new term. Each new term is a continuation from the previous but it is also a new beginning. Beginnings are interesting and curious things. They can happen at any time - any moment, at a point in a day or at times like changes in seasons or periods in a calendar.

They are decision points that mark a virtual point in our lives but do so in ways that can have very real consequences in the way that we live. We can choose a positive or a negative attitude. We can be unrealistically hopeful, we can have realistic hopefulness or we can decide in the negative.

Beginnings are also always the flipside of endings. The past is the past. It can't be changed or undone. However, as a person of faith, I believe that the present and future can help redeem the past. Grace, hope, love and forgiveness are all real tools with which we can shape our lives. They are tools of the mind and of the spirit and require choice and will. I believe that God is present with us and God can assist us and resource us in our choosing. We have the support available in terms of communities and families. We have the wisdom of Scripture and other sources such as our culture and traditions.

At a time of new beginnings, let us be hopeful and positive. Let us draw from the wisdom and support that are available to us. Let us make good choices. Have a wonderful term. God bless.

Rev Jon Humphries

Whole School

Temporary Classrooms - Facilitating Our Development

We are excited that construction on the second phase of the Science and Technology Centre has commenced, with great progress being made over the winter vacation.
To allow our builders to continue their work during our busy term time, additional temporary classrooms have been provided on the edge of the oval for our Secondary School students. These classrooms are fully equipped, air-conditioned learning spaces and will be used from the beginning of Term 3.

Mr Simon Jarrett, Director Property and Facilities

Tour de Nouméa 2016

This French immersion tour is still going ahead but due to some late expressions of interest, we have had to extend our due date for the $300 deposit to this Friday 17 July. No deposits will be accepted after this date.

Parental Polyglots 2015

We have two enthusiastic groups of parents and staff who have enrolled in our free adult evening classes for either Chinese or Japanese for 2015. These classes commence this week and will run once a week for the duration of Term 3 (10 weeks in total). Chinese classes will be held in Room 207 (the Confucius Classroom) on Wednesdays from 7.00pm-8.30pm and Japanese will run on Thursdays from 7.00pm-8.30pm in Casa Lingua (the Senior Languages Centre) on the corner of Cecil Street and the Pacific Highway. Entry into school for these classes can be via Gate 8 (Cecil Street) or Gate 1 (Henry Street). For more information, please contact Shoko Fukunaga sfukunaga@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au (Japanese) or Yan Bai ybai@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au (Chinese).

After School Language Conversation Classes – Semester 2

A friendly reminder to all parents that your daughter must re-register for these classes (offered in French, German, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese) should she wish to continue this semester. If you have not already done so, please complete a registration form and return it to Student Reception as soon as possible, Attn: Accounts Department. You can access this information via the following link: https://myravo.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/igloo/portal/.

Vivent les langues!

Mrs Bronwen Calcraft, Languages Coordinator

Ravenswen Buses - Lane Cove and Harbord

Payment is now due for Term 3 for the Ravenswood Lane Cove/Castle Cove morning bus and Harbord/Mona Vale bus. Please pay via the Parent Portal, Online Payments option at https://myravo.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/igloo/portal/.

Semester 2 Curriculum-Related Extra Subjects

Please inform the course coordinator if you have any queries regarding class times this term. Also please note that a withdrawal notice is required in writing with four weeks’ notice, to be sent to the course coordinator. The contact details can be found on https://myravo.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/igloo/portal/ under Co-curricular Booklets for Languages, Performing Arts (including Speech), Sport or Visual Arts.

Junior School

From the Head of Junior School

Information on: student academic goals and social goals for Term 3, dates for your diary

I would like to welcome you to Term 3 and hope that your holiday break with your daughter was a restful and happy one. It is always wonderful as a teacher, to hear the chatter on the first day and see the joy in the girls, as
they head into class excited about commencing a new term. The Term Letter, with a snapshot of Term 3 events, has been emailed this week.

A focus for Junior School this semester will be increasing the girls’ expectations of their learning and achievements. At the Staff Development Day on Monday, K-12 staff reflected on the 12 touchstones of good teaching, with a focus on striving for excellence, providing a path for improving outcomes and achievement, and how to be an effective learner. Our goal as educators is to continue to provide the best opportunities and outcomes in a secure and safe environment.

Student academic goals for Term 3 are to:
- apply the feedback from the teacher and use this to improve my learning
- improve my skills in Mathematics
- work to the best of my ability for all of Term 3
- raise my expectations when I learn.

Social goals are to:
- engage in a conversation with someone in another class
- try to play a new game you haven’t tried before
- sit in a new place in the playground and with someone new.

This week, teachers have been conducting interviews linked to the reports sent out at the end of Term 2.

Dates for your diary

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*Mrs Cheryl Bailey, Head of Junior School*

Peer Support begins in the Junior School

Term 3 is an exciting time for all Junior School students as *Peer Support* returns to Ravenswood. This year, our focus is ‘Promoting Harmony’, a program highlighting values, building positive relationships, assertiveness, respect and decision making.
Over the coming weeks, information will be presented in the Newsletter that will enable parents to help their daughter/s engage and extend their thinking related to the activities and learning experiences contained in this important program.

The Peer Support program is also an important step in the development of the leadership skills of each Year 6 student. The ‘Promoting Harmony’ sessions will be collaboratively organised and delivered by all Year 6 students in small groups of girls, from Kindergarten to Year 5. Peer Support sessions will occur each Thursday during our Activities lesson. Our first session is entitled ‘Valuing Each Other’ and involves students getting to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how the group will work together and interact cooperatively with each other. Students will also begin to think about what is a value and something they value in themselves. We encourage all families to discuss this important program with their daughter/s throughout Term 3.

Mr David Freeman

RPA Junior School Year Group News

Year 6: Casual Coffee Morning, Wednesday 22 July at 8.30am
Please join us for our Term 3 coffee morning at Tea Monkey in Gordon. Hope you can make it.

Secondary School

Year 10 Father/Daughter Breakfast

The Year 10 Father/Daughter Breakfast is being held on Tuesday 21 July in the Assembly Hall at 7.00am. Reservations are essential and RSVPs are now closed. Please contact Mrs Emma Jago at Student Reception on 9498 9894 if you have any questions.

Year 9 Father/Daughter Breakfast

Invitations have been sent out for the Year 9 Father/Daughter Breakfast that will be held on Wednesday 12 August in the Assembly Hall at 7.00am. Reservations are essential. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by Wednesday 29 July via http://www.trybooking.com/118606.

Year 12 Trial HSC/IB Diploma Examinations

Whilst most girls were enjoying rest and relaxation during the three week break, the Year 12 girls spent time preparing for their forthcoming Trial HSC and IB Diploma examinations. These exams take place from Monday 27 July through to Monday 10 August. We wish all Year 12 students the best in their upcoming examinations.

Student Leadership

Voting has commenced for the 2015/2016 student leadership positions, with girls in Years 10-12 having the opportunity this week to vote for our next School Prefects. Once the Prefect body has been decided, the next stage of the process will be the election of the School Captain and Vice Captains. This will take place after the Trial examinations and a complete list of the student leaders for 2015/2016 will be published later this term, when all positions have been finalised.
Year 12 Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) will be held on Wednesday 29 July. On-time registrations closed on Friday 5 June.

Year 12 University Open Days and University Applications in Term 3

The dates for NSW and ACT University Open Days in August and September this year, are available on the UAC (Universities Admissions Centre) website at [http://www.uac.edu.au/documents/undergraduate/opendays.pdf](http://www.uac.edu.au/documents/undergraduate/opendays.pdf). Applications to the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will open in early August. The school’s Tertiary Information Evening, to be held this term on Tuesday 11 August, will explain the university application process and related matters to Year 12 students and parents, and is compulsory for all Year 12 girls expecting an ATAR.

Year 10 Australian Business Week (ABW)

Year 10 will have the opportunity to participate in ABW in partnership with students from Knox Grammar School, this term. The program will run from Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 September, commencing at 8.25am and concluding at 3.25pm (2.50pm on Friday). Further details about the program will be available later this term.

**Careers**

Information on: International Civil Engineer visit to Ravenswood, Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening for HSC and IB Diploma Student, Knox Grammar School Careers Night, Cambridge University Information Evening and the mhs careers newsletter

**International Civil Engineer visits Ravenswood**

All students in Years 10-12 are invited to hear from Professor Susan Tighe from the University of Waterloo, Canada, at lunchtime on Thursday 23 July, in the LRC. Professor Tighe is an internationally renowned civil engineer and academic, currently on sabbatical who has kindly offered to speak to any students interested in Engineering. She is a brilliant speaker who is passionate about her work and keen to engage more young women into the profession. What a rare and fantastic opportunity for our students. Parents, please encourage your daughters to attend if they enjoy science and mathematics and want to find out more about what engineers really do.

Students interested in attending just need to send me an email to reserve a seat. They may bring their lunch.

**Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening for HSC and IB Diploma Students**

All Year 12 students and parents are invited to attend the Tertiary Information Evening in the Lorraine Smith Auditorium from 6.30-8.00pm on Tuesday 11 August. Students will receive their copy of the UAC Guide 2016 as well as information about the university application process, bonus points, scholarship applications and there will be a Q&A session.

**Knox Grammar School Careers Night** - Thursday 23 July 5.30pm-8.30pm, Knox Great Hall. Bookings are not required. All students and parents from Ravenswood are welcome. For further information, go to [www.knox.nsw.edu.au](http://www.knox.nsw.edu.au).

**Cambridge University Information Evening - Queenwood School**, Tuesday 18 August 6.00pm-7.00pm. Register at [www.trybooking.com/IBEX](http://www.trybooking.com/IBEX).
**mhs careers**

All students and parents are reminded to check the mhs careers (my high school careers) newsletter, posted each Tuesday on the Careers page of the school Portal. This newsletter contains information about events at universities, TAFE and colleges, as well as other careers news.

*Ms Meg Hall, Careers Counsellor*

mhall@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au

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**English Literary Tour**

**English Literature & Culture Education Tour - UK**

*24 September - 7 October 2016*

The English Department is excited to announce an English Literary Tour, proposed for 24 September–7 October 2016. This tour is closely linked to the programs which are taught to students in Years 7-12.

Students will be immersed in theatre visits including The Globe, plus viewing a live Shakespearean play, visits to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and The Royal Shakespeare Company.

Other highlights include attending a lecture by the current Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, whose poetry is studied in the Year 11 HSC and Year 12 IB Diploma courses. Students will explore the worlds of Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, Geoffrey Chaucer, Virginia Woolf and Henry James, all of whom are taught throughout the Secondary School. The tour will also include trips to famous historical sites. As a special treat, we will visit Warner Bros Studio and the set of Harry Potter.

This tour has been designed to enrich the girls’ experience of literature and to contextualise the lives of famous authors. This is a unique experience that is being offered to students.
See the flyer in the Community Section for more information. The flyer is also on the Parent Portal. There is an information night on Wednesday 29 July at 6.30pm in the Auditorium. Please contact me at sre@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au if you have any queries and to let me know you will be attending the information night. Please include your daughter’s name and current Year Group.

*Mrs Stella Ré, English Coordinator*

### English Support

The English Department is offering English support in Semester 2 in the LRC from 3.30-4.30pm. This is available for all Years 7-12 students.

Miss Bowers will be available **Monday Weeks A & B**

Mrs Sullivan will be available **Wednesday Week A & Tuesday Week B**

Mrs Paulsen will be offering ESL support **Thursday Week A & Wednesday Week B**

### Science Support

For Term 3, the Science Department is trialling support sessions during lunchtimes on Monday, Thursday and Friday in Room 232.

Any student is welcome to attend and a specialist teacher will be available to answer any questions or to provide assistance with routine work. Girls in Years 7-10 are welcome any day. Specialist teachers are available for Years 11-12 students, according to the timetable below:

- **Monday**
  - Senior focus: Physics (week A), Biology (week B)
- **Thursday**
  - Chemistry
- **Friday**
  - Biology

*Mr Toby Duncan, Science Coordinator*
Maths Help 2015

**MATHS HELP 2015**

WEEK A Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
WEEK B Thursday
3.30pm - 4.30pm
LRC foyer Level 2

Ms Blair (Mon Wk A), Ms Hazlehurst (Tues Wk A), Mrs Hurd (Thurs Wk A) and Mrs Allan (Thurs Wk B) will be available for individual help with homework, preparation for testing or review of problem topics. All Years 7-12 Mathematics students are welcome.

Please encourage your daughter to take advantage of this opportunity to consolidate her mathematical understanding in a relaxed & supportive environment.

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**RPA Secondary School Year Group News**

Year 7: Mums Dinner, Thursday 23 July at 7.00pm

Year 7 mums are invited to join us for dinner at Café Lyon, Lindfield. The cost will be $55 for two courses, with drinks extra on the night. RSVP by Friday 17 July at [http://www.trybooking.com/IAJY](http://www.trybooking.com/IAJY).

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**Performing Arts**

**Public Speaking and Speech Communication**

Year 12 students, Henrietta Chui, Jessica Grosbard, Elana Nerwich and Charlotte Owens, have gained their ASCA (Australian Speech Communication Association) teacher of public speaking accreditation and are the first high school students to accomplish this in Australia.

Having completed their Diploma of Communication earlier this year, they decided to continue for a further six months to complete a three-hour written paper on how to teach delivery techniques, radio and media interviews, methods to develop reading aloud skills, effective impromptu speaking skills, and how to overcome functional speech problems, such as lack of resonance, poor breathing techniques, or how to improve an imperfect consonant sound such as 'th' or 'r', as well as how to organise lesson plans and material for a term, including setting the criteria and evaluating performance. The final question was on how they would prepare for the presentation or recitation of poetry and prose extracts. Everyone passed with High Distinction.

Congratulations to our public speaking teachers.

*Mrs Jillian Burgess, Convenor Public Speaking*
Junior School Dance Festival - Solo and group auditions

Junior School dancers are encouraged to audition for a solo or small group for the Junior School Dance Festival, Ravo Can Dance, which will be held at Ravenswood on Sunday 13 September.

Auditions will be held over two Friday afternoons (31 July and 7 August) from 3.30pm-5.30pm. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the Dance noticeboard and girls must select one of the given timeslots.

Dancers are encouraged to develop student choreographed work, along with any other dancer they may want to present at the Festival. To keep audition numbers down, any one dancer can only audition in a maximum of three dances.

Miss Ebony Keys, Dance Convenor

Sports

Term 4 Sport Registrations

Online sport registrations for Term 4 are open for Years 7-12 students. The registrations will close on Tuesday 21 July, so please register your daughter as soon as possible to ensure her place in a team. The sports on offer in Term 4 are:

- Sixers Girls Cricket
- HKDTA Tennis
- IGSSA Touch Football
- IGSSA Water Polo

To find more information about the sports, including playing dates and trial dates, please follow the links on the relevant Sport Portal pages. Feel free to contact the sports office for further information.

Mr Adam Raw

Twilight Athletics Carnivals 2015

Over the next four weeks, students will be competing at the Twilight Athletics carnivals at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre at Homebush.

All the information for these carnivals has been uploaded to the Portal including; the program of events, attendance lists and what events students will be participating in: https://ravonet.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/sports/secondary/at/Pages/Home.aspx.

Girls are to meet outside Gate 3 with their sports bag, on Fridays at 2.50pm. They will have time to get dressed upon arrival at SOPAC. Please ensure your daughter takes many layers of clothing and she should have healthy snack options before and after her event. It becomes extremely cold at SOPAC in the evenings, so we encourage parents to collect their daughter after their event, however, notification of this must be emailed at least one day prior. If you are unable to collect your daughter, a bus will return to Ravenswood at the completion of the carnival. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact kbryson@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

Mrs Kara Bryson, Head Coach Athletics and Fitness
Athletics Camp

Over the course of three days and two nights, 13 ambitious girls experienced the life of an athlete through intense trainings, recovery sessions and expert advice in the areas of hurdles, discus and sports psychology, as well as participating in various activities, at the Narrabeen Academy of Sports and Recreation.

On Monday, after a track and field session, rock climbing and archery, we participated in a strength session and learned how to perform an Olympic lift. That evening, a sports psychology presentation outlined the common mental and physical issues faced by athletes and effective ways to overcome them to further enhance performance.

The following day was considered a rest day. Two professionals, Kat Hunt and Alex Kennedy, taught us skills in the areas of discus and hurdling. Later, we took part in an extreme recovery session, which involved ice baths and showers. We were all hesitant at first but embraced the opportunity and made the most of it. We also participated in stand up paddle boarding where there were many laughs, falls and wet clothes. Our spirits were lifted after hot showers and a movie night.

On Wednesday morning, we headed down to the track for our final training session, where we focused on improving our abilities. We ended with some friendly relays, which put everyone in a happy mind-set for the high ropes course that afternoon.

Fears were faced and laughs were shared, which topped off our whole experience at the 2015 Athletics Camp.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bryson and Mr Raw for organising and accompanying us on this amazing camp. We thank you for creating these experiences that will never be forgotten.

Tamsin and Sally, Year 10
**Community**

**From the Development Office**

*Science is the New Black*  Foundation Dinner - Saturday 1 August Q Station

We are very excited about this event at the elegant (and possibly haunted) Q Station and by the look of the ticket sales, it seems like you are all excited about it too - we only have 35 seats left!

Aside from the two course dinner and popular ghost tours (not compulsory) running on the night, Dr Annie Clarke (Archaeologist and Convenor of Museum and Heritage Studies at The University of Sydney) will be speaking about her work at the Quarantine Station. Annie's latest research project is tracing the stories of the people, ships and quarantine events, as recorded in the inscriptions at the Quarantine Station. Annie will also discuss how advances in science and technology have changed archaeological practices. Annie is an entertaining and engaging speaker (and my lecturer and tutor at Sydney Uni) and we will be hearing about the latest discoveries at the Quarantine Station.

Tickets are $120 per person (including dinner) and can be booked via [www.trybooking.com.au/IDYS](http://www.trybooking.com.au/IDYS).

*Ms Liane Leslie, Development and Relationships Manager*

**From the RPA**

The Trivia Night that was booked for Saturday 22 August, has been cancelled. There will be a trivia night organised for next year. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**Ravo Cooking Dads 2015**

Once again, we have secured the services of our chef Paul Black to run the cooking dads course for 2015.

What do you get?

For four Monday nights in a row, starting on 24 August, you will learn how to cook a three course meal each night in the TAS Kitchen. All food is provided.

On the final night, your daughters are invited for dinner. You can demonstrate your new cooking skill with three courses selected from the previous three weeks menus.

The cost is $360 per person, which is the same price as last year.

Please email Shaun Pitcher at [spitcher@ausgrid.com.au](mailto:spitcher@ausgrid.com.au), if you would like to participate in Ravo Cooking Dads 2015.

**Summer Carnival - Sunday 22 November**

**Year 5 Parents**

Your Year Group stall needs help!

Year 5 is running the High Tea stall. Sophie Lappin, a new parent to the school, has offered to be coordinator but she needs some parents to be part of her committee and help with the planning and coordination. With a good committee, it won’t be a huge commitment.
The High Tea stall has always been popular. It will be run out of the RPA Kitchen, with tables and chairs inside the CC foyer and out in the Old Girls’ Courtyard.

The Carnival needs your help to make it a great event. Please contact me at ravocarnivalyearstalls@gmail.com or Sophie Lappin at lappinfamily@gmail.com.

Year 8 Parents

We still need a team and coordinator to help organise the Year 8 Grannies Attic stall. Items have started arriving and we have a nice selection of goods stored at Ravenswood. The role of the coordinator and team will be to sort through and price items prior to Carnival day and to setup the stall the day before the Carnival. At this stage, the Grannies Attic will be located in one of the demountable classrooms on the oval.

If you are interested, please contact me at ravocarnivalyearstalls@gmail.com.

*Cassandra Gordon, Carnival Year Stall Coordinator
0400 350 046

CONNECT Group

I hope you all had a restful school holiday. The CONNECT group will meet for coffee on Wednesday 29 July after drop-off at Pecorino Café, which is opposite Gordon railway station. Some new families have joined the school so this is a good opportunity to welcome them.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to come to the morning coffee, so I can book a table.

*Please let me know if you do not wish to be kept on the CONNECT list, and I will remove your name.

*Marissa Nerwich
Sports Coaches Required

Ravenswood is a Uniting Church K-12 School for girls located in Gordon on Sydney's North Shore. The school has a record of high academic achievement and offers a choice of the Higher School Certificate or the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme. We are committed to expanding students’ horizons by providing academic challenge, an extensive co-curricular program and community experiences at home and internationally.

SPORTS COACHES REQUIRED

We are seeking enthusiastic, reliable and knowledgeable sports coaches for the following Term 4 sports:

- Sixers Cricket
- IPSHA Kanga Cricket
- IPSHA Basketball
- IGSSA Touch Football
- IGSSA Water Polo

Coaches will be required to attend one training session during the week of two hours duration, including warm-up and warm-down, plus a Saturday morning commitment for two hours that will include a warm-up, one hour game and warm-down.

Preference will be given to coaches with a current coaching accreditation, Senior First Aid and relevant coaching experience. Coaches will be remunerated commensurate with their experience and qualifications.

For further information please contact Michelle Nancarrow, Director Sport, on 9498 9915. Applications should be sent by email with a current CV to mnancarrow@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au or mailed to Director Sport, Ravenswood School for Girls, Henry Street, Gordon NSW 2072.

Applications close Friday 24 July.

Applicants offered a coaching appointment are subject to all statutory checks and inquiries.
AVCAT Commemorative Bursary

The AVCAT COMMEMORATIVE BURSARY

Commemorating 30 years of service to the veteran community.

Valued at $15,000, this special bursary aims to financially assist an Australian veteran’s child as they pursue their university studies.

Bursary Criteria and Conditions

The successful applicant will

* be a child of an Australian veteran with operational service outside of Australia;
* be commencing their tertiary studies in 2016;
* be studying an undergraduate degree of at least three years’ duration, full-time and in face-to-face mode;
* be aged between 17 and 25 years at the time of application;
* eligible on assets and income grounds for continuous, means-tested Commonwealth benefits for tertiary education and
* be the most deserving candidate of merit.

The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate a high level of leadership ability, community service and willingness to be an ambassador for the Trust.

Short listed applicants will be interviewed.

The Bursary will be valued at $15000 ($5000 per year for three years).

Known as the AVCAT Commemorative Bursary, the name of the bursary reflects its purpose, namely to commemorate the organisation’s 30 year history. The recipient will be presented at an appropriate Awards Presentation ceremony in 2016.

APPLICATIONS OPEN 18TH AUGUST 2015

Application form can be downloaded from our website.

For more information please contact AVCAT:

P: 02 9213 7999 E: avcat@dva.gov.au W: www.avcat.org.au
English Literary Tour

English Literature & Culture Education Tour - UK
24 September - 7 October 2016

Overview

14-Day English Literature & Culture Tour 2016

- Educational tour of the UK’s rich literature community
- Tour structure includes links with the NSW English Literature curriculum
- An in depth exploration of the key literary figures of ranging from Chaucer to Shakespeare to Dickens to Duddy
- A first hand experience of integral institutions who contribute to contemporary literature, arts and culture
- An examination of the unique sites which inspired much of English literature

Our tour around England will allow students to immerse themselves in a variety of new and exciting places, where they will explore the very foundations of English literature, and the historical period shaping it, all the way up to the innovative arts and culture world in modern England.

Students will fly into Manchester and head to Manchester Metropolitan University where they will hone their creative writing skills with a special workshop led by the English Department. Moving onto Stratford upon Avon, we will visit Ann Hathaway House, where Shakespeare lived and worked, and enjoy a performance from the Royal Shakespeare Company. From there, students will journey to Warner Bros. Studios in Watford for a tour of the artifacts, costumes and production processes used to make the magical world of Harry Potter possible.

The tour will then move into London where students will have a chance to explore the mix of historic and modern cultural sites, including a tour of Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London and the thriving street culture of Covent Garden and Trafalgar Square. Students will be treated to an exhibition of literary history displayed by the British Library as well as a tour of the Globe Theatre for the full Shakespearean experience. At the theatre, students will further their experience and understanding of Shakespeare in performance by partaking in a scriptwriting class as well as experiencing an evening performance. We will visit RADA before leaving the bustling city for the historic English cathedral city and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Canterbury. Students will be taken on a tour of the Canterbury Cathedral as well as a cruise on the Stour River. Driving onto Rye, we will visit “Lamb House”, the home of the American born novelist Henry James which inspired several of his works.

We will then travel to the Jane Austen Museum in Chawton and to Salisbury, and the ancient site of Stonehenge where students can walk in the footsteps of their Neolithic ancestors. The final leg of our tour leads us onto Windsor Castle, the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world and home to Queen Elizabeth II. Students will emerge from this experience with not only a greater understanding of English literature, but also with an appreciation of the historical foundations upon which the modern world was founded.

Details

Total Price:
Option A: Group 27 + 3: $7480.00*
Option B: Group 18 + 2: $7770.00*
Deposit amount: $1496.00*
Deposit amount: $1554.00*

Included: Flights, accommodation, venue visits, taxes, qualified tour guides, food (breakfast & dinner).

Excluded: Lunch, travel insurance, & EU visa application if required.
*Final price depends on variation in fuel surcharges, taxes, and currency.

Deposit payment will be required before Monday 20 July 2015

Contact: sre@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au
News

Cambodia Immersion

During the holidays, three groups of Ravenswood and Knox Grammar School Year 11 students travelled to Cambodia. Eighteen Ravenswood girls and four staff spent two weeks immersed in the Cambodian culture and teaching and living in slum communities in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap.

Students prepared English lessons which they taught to enthusiastic Cambodian students, including at the school built from funds provided by Ravenswood and Knox in the community of Ark Piwat Mean Chey. We also provided books for their library.

We were able to gain insight into the history of Cambodia by visiting the ancient temples of Angkor Wat but also the recent terrible history including the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. We wondered at their skill as we watched the artisans of Siem Reap produce beautiful silks and artworks. We experienced a ‘day in the life of a villager’, visited the spider and bug markets and even had the opportunity to try deep fried tarantula. Students tried out their bargaining skills at the markets and learned how to cook Cambodian food.

At the end of the Immersion, all students and staff reflected on the impact that the trip had on their understanding of their responsibilities in the global community. Everyone agreed that the trip was the most amazing experience of their lives and many wish to continue their relationship with Cambodia in the future.

*Mrs Melinda Wilson*
Operation Bula!

Travelling to Fiji as a part of Operation Bula is one of the best and most memorable opportunities that I have been offered in my time at Ravenswood.

Our group of 19 girls across Years 11 and 12, as well as Mrs Ré and Mrs Jones, stayed at the Hideaway resort, which is adjacent to one of four villages that are served by the Tagaqe District School, with which Ravenswood has an ongoing, reciprocally beneficial partnership.

During the week at the school, the children and teachers embraced us with generosity, immense kindness and an incredible willingness to learn - even the teachers were keen to learn about Australia and listen to our carefully planned lessons. Each day, the mothers of children from the village cooked us a delicious range of food. Our final day at the school was incredibly emotional, with each class giving their ‘student’ teachers from Ravenswood mementos.

Our trip would not have been successful without the effort and care of Mrs Jones and Mrs Re, who, despite being up at all times of the night to deal with various issues - kept their spirits and humour levels high, and even managed to sing with us each night at the resort. All the girls also appreciate the long-standing efforts of Mr and Mrs Julian, who started and have maintained the relationship between Ravenswood and the Tagaqe Village School for many years.
We would like to thank all of the members of the Ravenswood community who donated toothbrushes, toothpaste and stationery to our various drives, as well as everyone who made donations. The funds we raised are going towards building a safer and more sanitary toilet block for the school.

Belinda, Year 11, on behalf of the students of Operation Bula 2015

Year 8 Languages Day

When we think of the word 'languages', many things come to mind, primarily the language itself, the syntax, the word order, and so on. However, with each language is a culture. The language is a form of communication that enables people to interact in a way that is not only readily understood but that intrinsically reflects a culture, a set of values and traditions.

In the last week of Term 2, the Year 8 girls participated in the Year 8 Languages Day. This was an extravaganza of cultural events that reflected a variety of languages, but also the cultures of China, Germany, France, Italy, Japan and the wonderful classical language of Latin, our introit into the Roman mind.

The girls started the day with some active Martial Arts, learning some gentle intricate moves for self-defence. They were then divided into groups to do a rotation of activities, Roman Costume Design, German Dancing, Italian cooking, Origami and paper cutting, and the experience in a real French café. The day ended with a truly magnificent performance of Japanese drumming by the Taiko group.

It was a wonderful day for girls and teachers alike. The girls are commended on their enthusiasm and their behaviour.

Mlle Karen Goodwin