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## Grad Camp

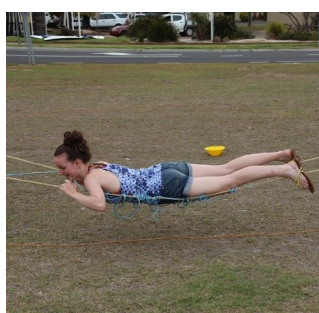
Earlier this term, from the 22nd to the 24th of February, the graduating class of 2016 set off to Anglesea for three days of surfing, team building and a bit of studying! We were lucky enough to have some really good weather and set off to the beach for the first afternoon for swimming and beach games.

On the second day, after a few study sessions, the group split up for some recreational activities: surfing and horse riding. The surfers were glad to get out of the heat and the conditions were good. The horse riders sweltered through the heat and were relieved to get to the beach. In the afternoon the group did team building activities that included, filling up a massive container with water which had holes in it, holding up a basketball on a container with only strings, and balancing a tennis ball in a tube.

After a long day we returned to the campsite. After dinner we went on a night walk and had a great time bonding as a group late into the night and playing games, the best one: gang up tiggy!

For the last day we relaxed at the camp site, making use of many of their facilities, including a ropes course and beach volleyball. All up we had a great experience on camp, and enjoyed more bonding as a group. A massive thank you has to be given to Kaitlyn Soterales for organising the camp, with the help of Donna. Everyone really appreciated the effort and time that went into making this a great grad camp! :)

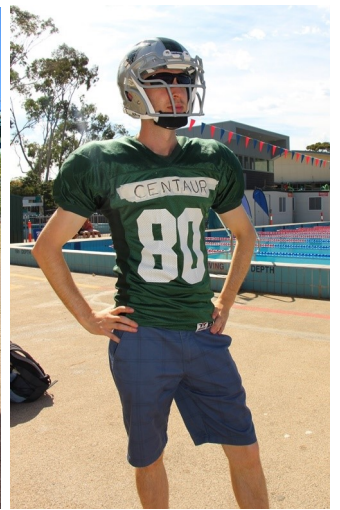
By Sophie Parthenides and Kaitlyn Soterales



# Swimming Carnival

Last week we enjoyed our time at the swimming carnival at Aquarena. There were lots of events to participate in. This included the usual freestyle, backstroke, butterfly etc. But novelty events were also available, such as dolphin racing and Staff vs student relays. The best part of the day was the dolphin race. Both staff and students got involved and gave it their best shot. During the day Dorado were a consistent competitor, always participating and giving all the events their all. Because of this consistency, Dorado won the house cup with a total almost doubling second place. Great job Dorado, keep up the team spirit!

By Lauren Downes



## Government House Welcome for International Students

On March 2nd, I had the pleasure of taking four students to Government House for the International Student Welcome Event. The students were proud to represent TC at this event and their countries. Nhan Pham (Vietnam), Momono Tajima (Japan) Vicky Qiu (China) and Henry Yue (Macau) all enjoyed the experience. Here are the students' reflections on the day:

I'm still feeling so proud to have been in Government House. The ceremony was awesome with good performances, delicious foods and I also got some good advice from other successful students.

We had the chance to see the most incredible building in the state of Victoria, we got to see all the inside rooms and even visit the Queen's dining room. All the time there were plates of delicious food all around us.

We went to government house on March 2nd, and had a ceremony for international students. We listened to some speeches and an amazing String Ensemble. After that we had a wonderful morning tea and looked around inside the house. We've got some nice photos! We were so lucky to be there.

By Angela Hoptroff

International Student Coordinator



## Legal Studies Excursion

On the 2nd of March, Legal Studies Units 1 and 3 visited Parliament House on Spring Street. After successfully making it through the security screening, we were guided through to the Legislative Council, where we learnt about the history of Parliament House and the process of passing a bill through Parliament. Whilst in the chamber, students dressed up and were assigned roles, such as the Premier, Speaker, Sergeant at Arms, as well as other Members of Parliament. This was followed by a mock passing of a bill, based on the recent changes to sexting laws. This allowed students to not only see where a law is made, but to experience the steps involved in changing the law.... whilst looking dashing in parliamentary robes. Once the role play was finished, we took a tour of the Parliamentary library, Queens Hall and Legislative Assembly, which demonstrated the vast infrastructure in place to support the legislative process. The excursion was a great way to see the legal system in action.

By Hannah Galloway



# House Spelling

House spelling was an exhilarating experience. We had a huge turn out and the vibes were great. The best house won, go Aquila!!!

With the highly energetic Sando supporting us, we knew we had won from the get go. The competition was fierce and although I didn't do too much — mostly just stood there and looked pretty while blocking the view of other teams — our number one speller Shar, did an amazing job making Aquila a winning house once again. Seeing that blue on the house cup was the icing on the cake to a great day!

By Harrison Pontonio with help from Lulu Robertson ;)



# House Community Nights @ TC

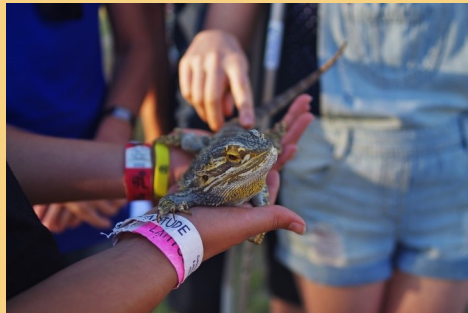
## Dorado Night

The Dorado Night was a huge success, there were between 130 and 150 members of the Dorado community present, students, parents, friends and staff.

We set up on the nice grass at the back of the oval, where we had an excellent view of the sun setting over the evening. The night was full of student and staff musical performances. Over a dozen different groups and individuals played a wide range of music. We also had lots of snakes and lizards available for handling, thanks to Alec and Tahlia. The sport captains Tess and Jack did a great job organising the quidditch and tug of war. It was lovely to see all the families reclining on their picnic rugs listening to the students. The night wrapped up with two sets of students fire twirling; Pablo, Beren, Jack, Tahlia and Tamika.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the night a huge success.

By Duncan Sadler



## Pegasus Night

The second year of the Pegasus House night was a great success, with a few extra animals joining the celebration—15 snakes to be exact! This was an exciting event as they were all Josh and Lauren’s personal snakes, so Pegasus families got a treat getting to hold some and learning a bit about where these snakes were from. We had a Thai food truck provide yummy food—a green curry and sticky chicken with coleslaw. Daniel, Maddie and Alyssa had a basketball shoot out comp, and a successful dodgeball comp that saw students against their parents! We finished the night with a kahoot’s quiz by Jess, completely focused on purple questions! It was harder than it sounds! It was great to see the development of the event, with more families getting involved and higher participation in activities! We are already thinking ahead to next year—with a Mexican theme in mind so we can have a taco truck!

Thank you to everyone that came and we look forward to an exciting house year! GO PEGASUS!

By Lauren Moolman and Sophie Parthenides



## Phoenix Night

On Wednesday the 24th Phoenix house came together to raise money and have a good night. Everyone was comfortable and snuggled watching ‘Inside Out’. We had a little candy bar, offering hot dogs, lollies, popcorn, cupcakes and drinks. It was awesome to see Phoenix come together and help one another through the preparation of the night. All proceeds from the night will be donated to Sids of Kids, the House Charity for Phoenix. A big thank you those who came to support and the student leaders for organising this event.

By Sammy Taing-Johns

## Orion Night

The successful and pizza filled Orion House Night, took place on Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Over 60 people gathered out on the basketball courts, meeting both new and familiar staff members and other parents, all while watching their children take part in games of tug of war, dodgeball and basketball. I have to give special thanks to a bunch of students who helped to make it all happen. Afrika Roach and Claire Flora for providing the musical entertainment (you should hire them for any upcoming event you might have! Highly recommended!), Melissa Martini who ran a bunch of games for those who attended, Sofija Karosaite who helped cut fruit for the platters and Rod Yazdanfar for organising much of the sports equipment and table and chairs for the night.

By Matthew Bon



## Centaur Night

The Centaur house night on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February (yes, a special day) was lots of fun. It was a chilled out evening and whilst the families chatted on picnic blankets, the Centaurs galloped, playing volleyball and soccer whilst blending in with the green AstroTurf. It was a fantastic way to welcome the new families joining the TC community. Thank you to everyone who rocked up, you’re awesome and I hope you had fun!

By Tanika Schumann

## Division Swimming

On Friday 11th March, the TC swimming team went to compete in the Mullum division school championships, everyone was excited as we pulled into the car park of Aquanation swimming centre in Ringwood. The day was jam packed with events and everyone competed in relays and individual events, with many people placing in the top three in their races and making it through to the eastern metropolitan regional championships. These division championships were a great success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. TC finished second overall for the day. Bring on regionals!

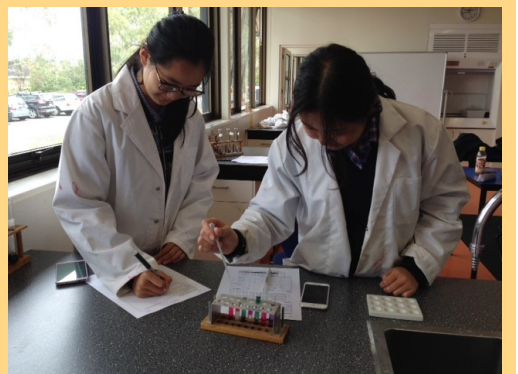
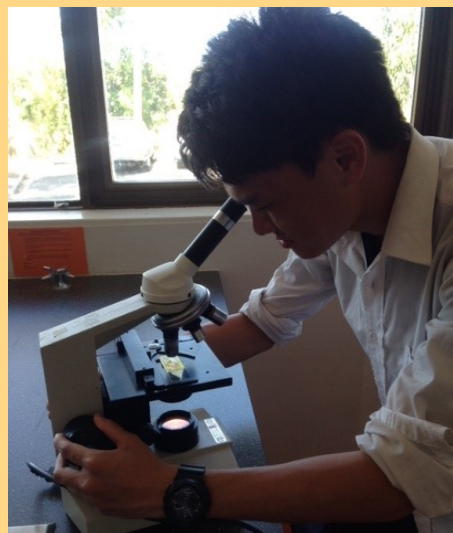
By Cam Owens



## Language Centre Science

In Science, our Language Centre students are learning about acids and bases. They made their own indicator from cabbage juice to test the pH of various solutions. In Biology unit we have been looking at classification and living things. Students have learned about water quality and what plants need, and will incorporate this into their 'Asian Garden' design project.

By Meg Bailey



# Mark Lasky-Davison Top Arts Opening

I was lucky enough to have my artwork selected for this year's StartUp: Top Arts exhibition held in the National Gallery of Victoria. Getting to see behind the scenes, getting to work closely with exhibition designers and curators has been a great experience. I was pleased to be accompanied by Demi Nicolaides and Lian Davies for the official opening. The diverse range of art in the exhibition is amazing and well worth a look. I particularly liked Alexandra Trethewey's artwork 'Forecast Deprivation'. I would recommend anyone studying art, media, dance, vcd etc. to aim for the VCE Season of Excellence, it is well worth the effort and would look great on a CV!

By Mark Lasky-Davison

On 10 March, Lian Davies and I attended the opening night of Start Up-Top Arts at the National Gallery of Victoria to see the best art work from students across Victoria. Amongst the work selected this year was that of TC student Mark Lasky-Davison. 'Doll' is a video installation that aims to create reactions within the viewer as they question the way they and others are forced to think and act. We congratulate Mark on this achievement and wish him every success for his graduating year at TC and for his artistic endeavours in 2017 and beyond.

Demi Nicolaides  
Studio Art teacher

Visit the NGV website for more information:

"For more than twenty two years, this popular exhibition has presented outstanding work by students who have completed Art or Studio Arts studies in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). StArt Up: Top Arts 2016 presents work from forty-two inspiring young artists in a diversity of media, including painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, video and sound. The exhibition provides insight into young people's ideas and concerns, thinking and creative practices, and features a selection of folios and developmental material. StArt Up: Top Arts 2016 is a celebration of the quality and diversity of the creative talents of the next generation."

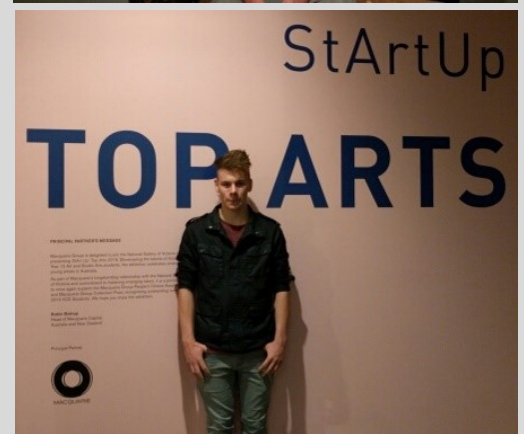
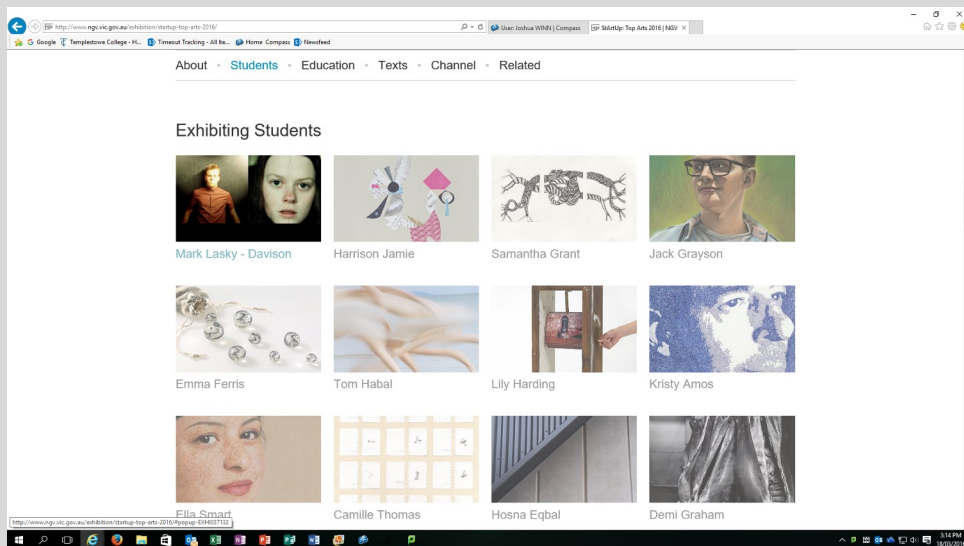
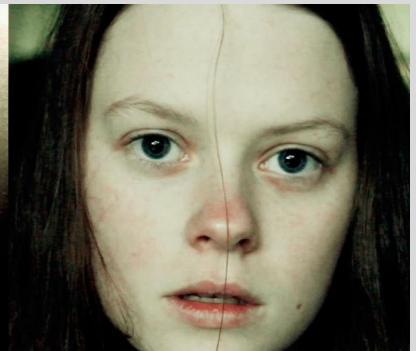
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**Mark Lasky-Davison**

**Doll**  
2015  
colour video transferred to smart phone, sound, headphones, viewing headset, 8 min 11 sec (looped)

Templestone College, Lower Templestone

The intention of my work is to create a strong emotional response in the viewer as they question the way they and others are forced to think and act. *Doll* takes quotes from children's movies out of context and provides an intense environment for the viewer to reconsider their perceptions of the modern world. I put my models under extreme conditions to create pure, real emotion in the footage. The work is as endless or as short as the viewer wants; it is as long as they need it to be in order to feel changed.



## Baseball

The team played extremely well all day making the most of all the presented opportunities.

The partnership between Blake as pitcher and Rylie as catcher started strong and improved consistently throughout the day. We had a convincing win in the first game against Forest Hill, with a great display of batting from Kyle and Ben, followed by a beautiful catch in the out field by Erik. The team worked hard in the second game, although Mullauna's pitching was too strong for TC to bring home a flag.

Overall it was a fantastic day, filled with teamwork, leadership and everyone represented TC with pride.

By Libby Nicol



## Volleyball

Our INTER TC Volleyball competitors came to this competition raring to go. Our teams were aggressive and played some very good Volleyball. The females worked very well as teams, encouraging and supporting one another and displaying good sportspersonship during the entire competition. Whilst they were very competitive throughout, they unfortunately did not make finals despite some good wins across the day. The athleticism of the boys team was excellent to watch. They made it through to the semi-finals which was a very tight contest between Forest Hill. One set apiece, 7 points all in the final set it was down to the next point winning the match and advancement into the finals. Unfortunately they missed out, losing the point after a very long contested rally. The girls were great in supporting the boys as they played probably their best match all day. Well done to all involved. Bring on next year!

By Tony DiFalco



## Softball

On Tuesday 15th March, the under 14 girls Softball Team visited Gilbert Park for the Mullum Division Softball competition. It was heaps of fun! We played two matches, against different schools; Heathmont and Ashwood College, and won both. The whole team enjoyed the experience and worked together to achieve a well-deserved victory! Thanks to our amazing coach Saf, for making this happen. We had a blast!

By Kaytee Winn & Sophie Lewis.



## Intermediate Interschool Sport

### Tennis

Leaving TC sports centre on Monday there was a faint smell in the air and that smell was of victory. The intermediate boys and girls teams entered the Eildon Park arena confident that a title could be claimed. The boys team consisting of Perrin Broszczyk, Matt Broome, Kyle Merridith-Peck and Gianni Lacota won the final in a thriller. The girls also took out the title in a nail biter but with great performances from Jasmine Millar, Shar Uys, Chloe Goring and Mikayla Peterson, the title was ours. This sees both the boys and girls teams advance to the next stage of tennis.

By Shaun Turner





## Music Update @ TC

### Eltham Jazz Festival – Eira Café

A few weeks ago Ryan invited me to perform at Eira Café in Eltham as part of the Eltham Jazz Festival.

This was a really fun experience and I'm really grateful for the opportunity to perform alongside Ryan.

By Luke Barson

### Jazz Ensemble

Since the beginning of the term, TC's new jazz ensemble has been rehearsing on a Monday lunchtime. The ensemble is run by music teacher Ryan Griffith alongside new Woodwind teacher Gideon Brazil, It's an extremely fun group to be part of led by two professional jazz musicians.

By Luke Barson

### Strings Ensemble

String ensemble is off to an exciting start this year, with many new faces. In an ensemble, bigger really is better and we are sounding much more powerful, although the cellos and violas are having to play louder to be heard over all the violins. We have been focusing on Summer from The Four Seasons and are all ready to perform it in a lunchtime concert this Thursday. We are also in the early stages of The Swan. It has been nice to have a go in different roles in ensemble, and hearing the tune and harmonies float around on different instruments.

By Tanika Schumann

### Lunchtime Music Concert

Music elective is a very good subject that teaches many things and allows you to improve with your instrument.

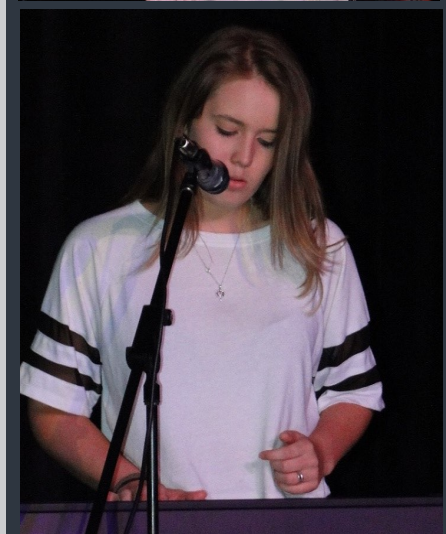
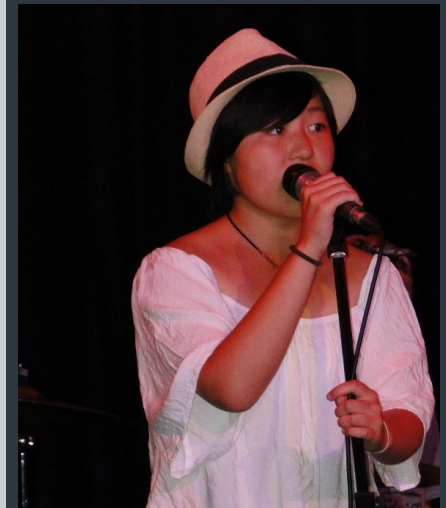
Every Friday you get to show off what you've been learning with your band to the class, and that really builds up confidence. It also teaches you how to collaborate with other students to create or cover new songs. Students can help and teach each other, whilst still learning from the teachers in the 15 minute workshops at the start of the first two lessons for the week.

It was a little scary at the start of the lunchtime performance. We were nervous standing in front of so many people, but the experience to perform in front of so many people was great. The applause was fantastic.

By Maddie, Ruby and Bow

At the start when we came on stage it was really scary. When we didn't look at the crowd and started to get into it, then it was awesome.

By Jaden and Eraskus



## U14 Interschool Volleyball

Our U14 teams were very excited about competing in the Mullum Interschool comp. this year. The boys assisted each other to create some fantastic points, particularly at the front of the net slamming down some huge unrecoverable spikes over the other side of the net. Despite playing some good volleyball and making it to the semi-finals they unfortunately could not advance despite some great effort. The girls had a lot to prove being the Division Champions last year. With great communication, teamwork and support the females went on to become Division Champions again, for the second year running, winning all their matches undefeated and in straight sets! They again qualify for Regionals which will be played later on in the year. Good luck to the U14 Female volleyballers! Lastly, congratulations to all involved and for representing TC Volleyball with excellence!

By Tony Di Falco



## U14 Interschool Softball

The intermediate softball girl's team played an awesome day at Knox Park, considering that all our team players were from year 8. As we played to fill in for the intermediate girls, who didn't have a team, so we made a team up from year 8 and went into the day strong. We lost the 1st game against a really challenging and experienced school and won our 2nd game. We played awesome as a team, and throughout the whole day. We look forward to doing it again next year. Thankyou to Saff for coaching us, she did an amazing job.

By Alana Bird



## Sport @ TC

### ESDP Basketball Update

Junior, Intermediate and Senior boys and girls teams have completed a clean sweep of our games against St Monica's.

Senior boys and girls competed in a one day tournament at Rowville Secondary College. Results as follows Boys - L v Box Hill, L v Rowville & W v Hallam Girls - W v Box Hill, L v Rowville & L v Maribyrnong

We also had some of our junior basketballers referee the Doncaster District Primary School Sports Basketball Tournaments on 18th of Feb and 3rd March.

Good work by all, and it is looking like an exciting year ahead of ESDP Basketball

By Ian Stacker



### U14 Interschool Tennis

On Tuesday 15th of March, the girls Tennis team- Zali, Alyssa, Meg and I, went down to Wantirna tennis courts. We played 3 matches of first to four games. Meg and I were a team and Alyssa and Zali were a team, but after the first match we changed teams. Both of the first matches we lost 4 sets to none. The second round, Alyssa and I, the 1 and 2 doubles team, won our match 4-2 and Zali and Meg lost 4-1. The third and final round, Alyssa and I had a close match, but won 4-3 and Zali and Meg forfeited after they were losing 3-1. All up it was a great day and a fun experience.

By Aisha Meredith-Peck



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